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Over 140 from America's largest telephone retirees group gathered at Dover Downs for 2015 annual convention

Over 140 attendees from 10 different states traveled to Dover Downs Hotel & Casino on April 21, 2015 as part of the 19th annual member meeting of the Association of BellTel Retirees (BellTel). BellTel is a non-profit advocacy group composed of telephone company retirees.

The meeting included discussions about retiree pension and benefit protection issues and current legal and legislative activities taking place across the United States. Attendees and their spouses also had the chance to meet up with old friends and organization leaders of the Association's board.

Each year, since its founding, the Association has chosen different locations across the U.S. to host its membership meetings to give its members a chance to meet with and share their concerns about their retirement and the security of their healthcare. Thousands have participated in BellTel events.

The 130,000 member non-profit advocacy group works for the protection of Verizon retirees' pensions and benefits. Verizon is the largest telecommunications firm in the world and its more than a quarter million retirees hail from the old *Bell System* including *NYNEX, New York Telephone, New Jersey Bell and Bell Atlantic, Bell of Pennsylvania, Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone, Diamond State Telephone, New England Telephone, MCI* and *GTE*, as well as the Verizon spin-off *DexMedia*.

More information about the Association can be found at www.BellTelRetirees.Org