

and lastly, a horizontal Grier with a base identical to that of the Hardscog Premier cap lamp pictured in the first issue of the MAC newsletter, having three oblong bumps around the base.

The museum's hand lamps include:

- 4 early Wolf lamps (European style)
- 3 ITP
- 2 Dew-R-Lites

One of the museum's Dew-R-Lites has been extensively modified, with a right angle burner tube mounted on the top, and a reflector that has to be seen to be believed.

The same could be said of the collection as a whole: it should be seen and appreciated by collectors and historians. I am hoping this review will motivate others to make a trip to the Smithsonian and arrange a visit with Mr. Gadsen and the lamps under his care. If you live too damn far away, find a local museum that deserves attention, and submit a review for this column. I know there are many find museum collections in Colorado, Michigan, California, and other states for local collectors to visit. Explain the purpose of your visit and don't be surprised if it opens some doors for you!



Exploder Tokens by Len Gaska

Exploder tokens were issued by coal companies for the controlled distribution of explosives and related items such as fuse, detonators, and squibs. The number of known varieties of exploder tokens is probably less than 300 and many of them are fairly common.

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