

Most of the buckles are well designed, often depicting the company logo or some mining scene and are thus aesthetically pleasing to display on your person or in your collection. Brass is the metal of choice, sometimes with black finish for contrast. Other metals such as pewter have been used and some limited edition buckles are silver or gold plated.

Obtaining mining related belt buckles may be somewhat difficult because of their popularity and limited production. The author received his through contacts in the mining industry. However, correspondence with mining companies or attending mining conventions would also be productive.



Collector's Talk



Found In An Abandoned Mine

Lane Griffin of Reno, Nevada, sent us this photocopy of a paper box he found underground in a mine in Nevada. The box held 50 single strength Star Fuzes (electric blasting caps). Electric blasting caps were not used to much in underground mining in the West, regular caps and fuse were the norm.

Lane is an avid and experienced explorer of abandoned underground mines. He, along with Martin Jensen, myself and a few other abandoned mine explorers will be writing about some of our adventures exploring old underground mines. If you have any ideas, or would like to be a part of this new project, please write or give me a call.

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