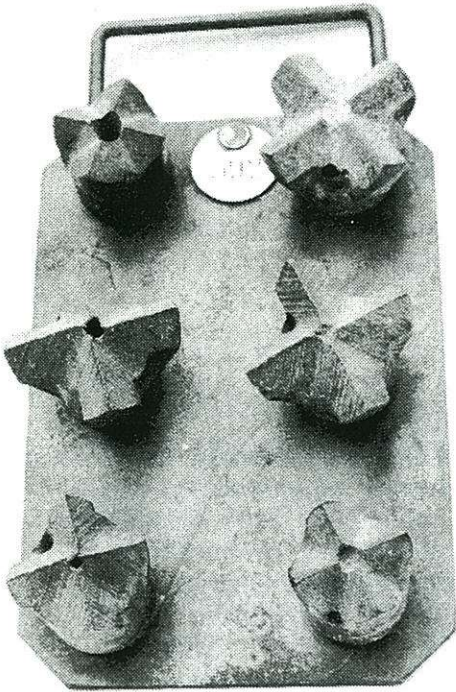


Collector's Talk



Drill Bit Carrier

Steve Eady, of Stafford, Arizona, picked up one of these drill bit carriers complete with the drills and brass check-out tag. I wonder how often the miners had to change bits on a shift? Does anyone else have any drill related items in their collections that they would like to share with the MAC readers?

Surveyor's Spads

Bob Schroth, of Twin Peaks, California, sent in this photo of a bag of surveyor's spads made by the Howells Mining Drill Company. Anyone who likes to climb around in old mines will recall seeing these sticking in a wooden wedge in the middle of the roof of a drift or tunnel. A round brass numbered tag usually accompanied one of these spads to indicate a certain location in the mine during a survey. How about someone sending in a nice description all about how these tags were used?



An Unique Candle Box

We have all heard the saying, "It's the squeaky wheel that gets the grease." Well, that's how Mark Bohannon ended up with this great candle box. For about the last five years, just about every mining artifact collector in Southern California has been trying to buy this candle box setting on a display shelf in a small General Store in Randsburg, California. Now we all know that Mark can tell either the biggest lie or the saddest story, as he is now the proud owner of this box. Congratulations Mark!

