



## Obituary

This may be of interest to some of your readers. The collecting fraternity has lost another member with the death of John Johnson. John died at the age of 73 in his home in West Sacramento, CA. He served in Europe in WWII and was twice wounded in battle. He returned to the US and married Margaret in 1949 and graduated from the Rolla School of Mines in Missouri in 1950. They moved to Mexico in 1950 and worked for ASARCO at the Delores Silver Mine at Angangueo. He later worked for Anaconda at Darwin, CA and The California Department of Transportation and Water Resources Board. John was a kind, gentle unassuming man and a good friend. He had a large fine collection of minerals, sticks, carbides, and other mining memorabilia. His wife Margaret followed him in death a week later at the age of 68. They will both be missed very much.  
Herb Dick

## Tucson Show

February 5, Saturday, Smugglers Inn. Contacts are Don Dalton 520-297-3001 or Carol McNulty 520-529-3355

## Louisville Show

For those who are new to miningcollect and may have missed this before, the 9th Annual Eastern Mining Artifact Show and Collectors Reunion will be held in Louisville, KY on Saturday Oct. 16, 1999 at the Ramamda Inn at 1041 Zorn Ave. (I-71 exit 2) just east of downtown Louisville on the Ohio River. For room reservations call the Ramada Inn at (502)897-5101 and tell them you are with the Mining Artifact Collectors in order to receive the group room rate. We have a block of rooms reserved on the first floor. On Friday evening we will have the ever popular room crawl, as opposed

to a pub crawl , even though some cannot tell the difference judging by their inebriated state by the wee hours of the morning. We will spend the evening going from room to room trading, buying and selling mining goodies. This is an opportunity to visit with old friends and hopefully make some new ones. The show will open at 10am in the ballroom and go until 3pm when we will hold an auction for anything mining related that you care to put up for auction. We would have started the show earlier but Captin Bob always complains that he doesn't get enough sleep after spending half the night in other collectors' rooms and he needs his beauty sleep. Bob this is just for you buddy. Some collectors have said they will be arriving on Thursday so I will be having people over to see my collection on Thursday and Friday rather than just one day. We have collectors coming from Germany and France, as well as from States in the North, South, East and West. How about our friends in Canada, I haven't heard of any of them committing yet? If you have any questions or suggestions contact me: Dave Johnson.

## Ore Car Tags

The latest article submitted is a real landmark. First, it covers a topic previously unreported. Secondly, it covers not only a historically collectible artifact, but spans the collecting history of the author himself...collecting in the purest environment: underground. Finally, this article marks the comeback from a long hiatus for reknowned author: Ted Bobrink. Ted is best known as the co-author of the definitive book of miner's candlesticks, as well as prime-mover of the magazine: Mining Artifact Collector (no longer in print). Lately he has become a regular corespondent on MiningCollect, offering invaluable advice from years of collecting artifacts from the mines themselves.