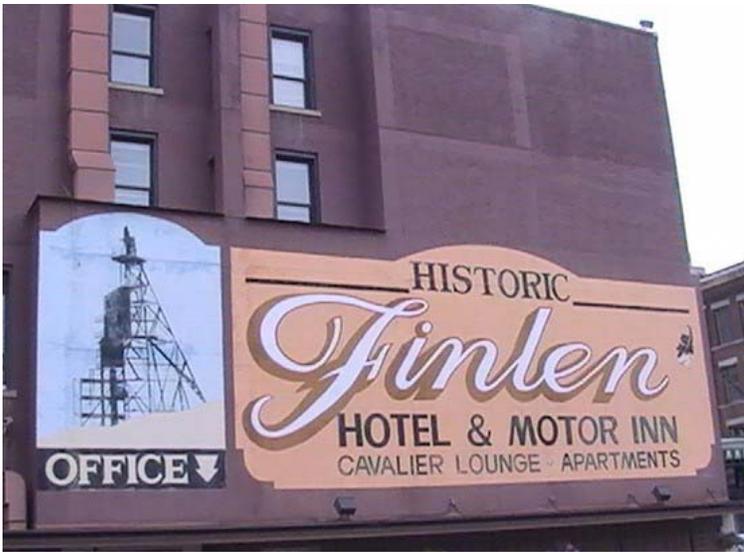




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OUR HOST HOTEL, THE FINLEN IN UPTOWN BUTTE.
(O'Brien)

REGISTRATION ON FRIDAY NIGHT.
(O'Brien)





LOADING THE COACHES FOR OUR TOUR ON SATURDAY MORNING.
(O'Brien)

FIRST STOP, THE WORLD FAMOUS DUMAS BROTHEL, THAT OPERATED UNTIL 1982.
(Brynes)



CHRIS FISK, A HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY TEACHER, IS OUR GUIDE, WHO, ALONG WITH THE OWNER OF THE DUMAS, RELATES THE HISTORY OF THE BUILDING AND ITS OCCUPANTS.
(Halden)



WE NEXT WENT TO THE MONUMENT COMMEMORATING THE WORST MINING DISASTER IN BUTTE'S HISTORY. (Halden)

OUR KNOWLEDGABLE GUIDE, CHRIS FISK, TELLS A RAPT AUDIENCE THE STORY OF HOW 168 MINERS LOST THEIR LIVES IN AN UNDERGROUND FIRE ON JUNE 8, 1917. (Halden photos)





THE VIEW OF BUTTE FROM THE MONUMENT.

(Hardin)



WE LEAVE THE
LONELY MONUMENT
(O'Brien)

WE HEAD FOR THE MOUNTAIN-
CON MINE. (Hardin)



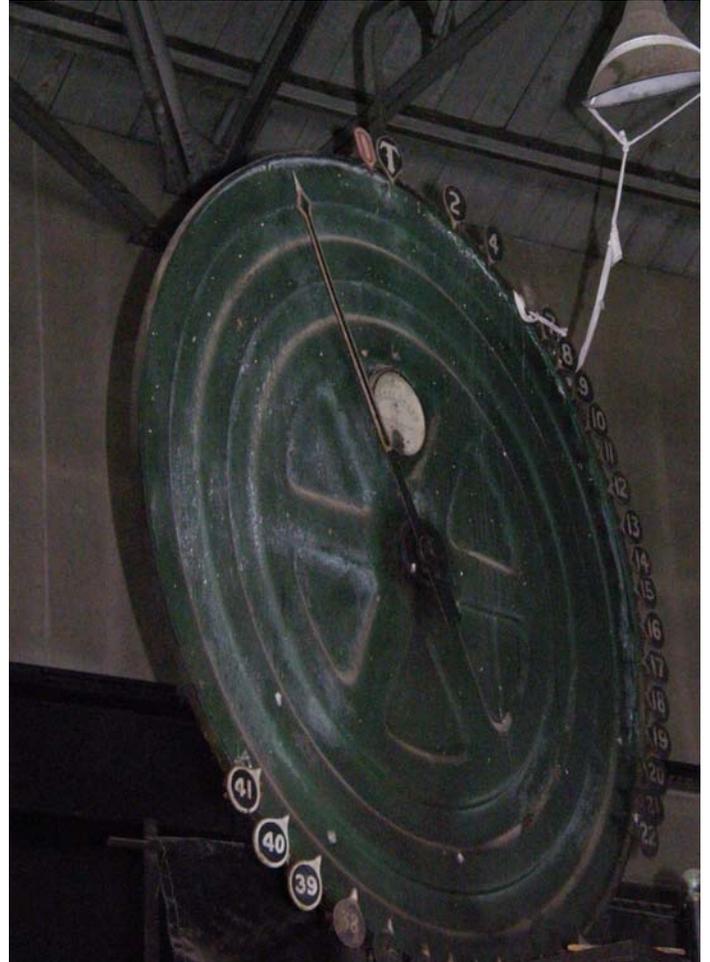
WHERE OUR OTHER GUIDE, MIKE BYRNES, UNLOCKS THE DOOR
TO THE ENGINEER'S BUILDING, (O'Brien)

AND WE GO WHERE NO TOURIST HAS GONE BEFORE. (Hardin)





THE MASSIVE CABLE WHEELS AND ON THE LEFT, THE ENGINEER'S BOX. (O'Brien)



THE INDICATOR WHEEL - THE ARROW TELLS THE ENGINEER WHERE THE CAGES ARE. (Halden)



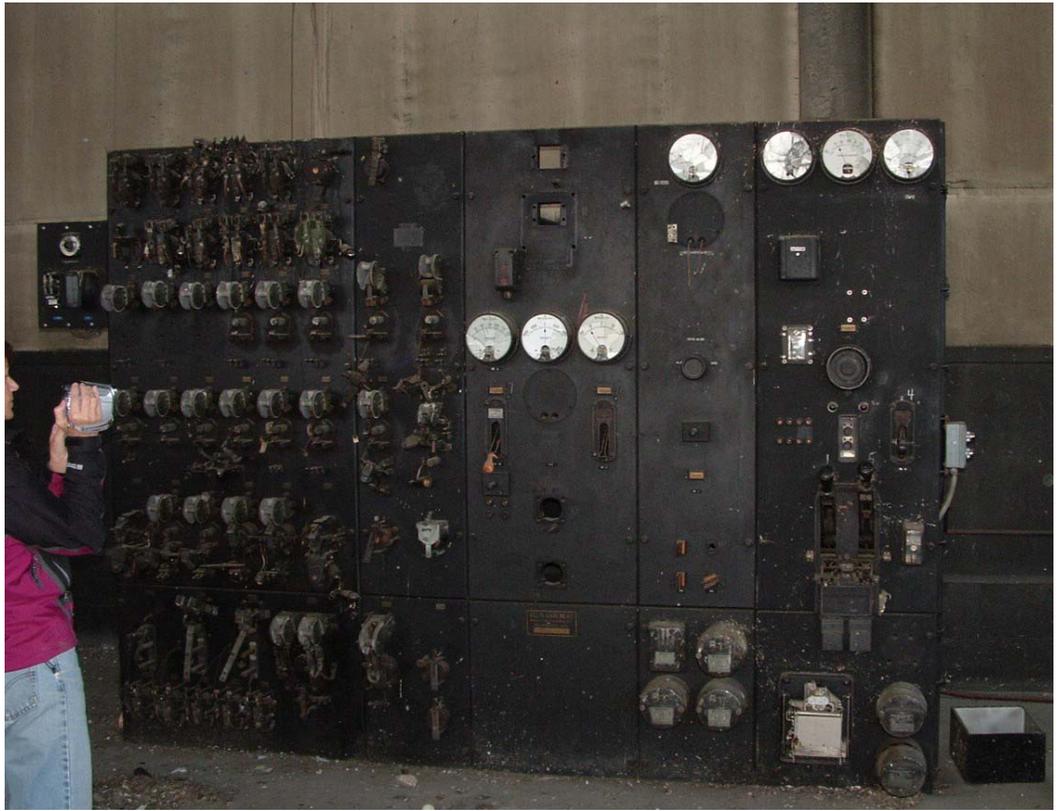
THE ENGINEER'S STATION, COMPLETE WITH BELLS, LEVERS ETC. (Halden)



THE TWO GIANT STEEL CABLE WHEELS HOLDING THE TWO SKIPS. THEY ARE COUNTER BALANCED SO THAT WHILST ONE IS DECENDING THE OTHER IS COMING UP. THE SKIPS TRANSPORT SUPPLIES DOWN INTO THE MINE AND ORE TO THE SURFACE. (Halden)



(Halden)



THE ELECTRICAL
PANEL, FRONT AND
REAR.
(Hardin)



THE ENGINEER'S STATION THAT
CONTROLS THE TWO CHIPPY HOISTS.
THE CHIPPYS TRANSPORT MEN
BELOW AND TO THE SURFACE.
(Hardin)





THE TWO HOIST TOWERS, THE ONE ON THE LEFT IS THE CHIPPY AND THE DOUBLE ON THE RIGHT ARE THE SKIPS.
(Halden)



WE LEAVE THE MOUNTAIN-CON.....
(Hardin)



.....FOR THE ANSELMO MINE.
(Hardin)

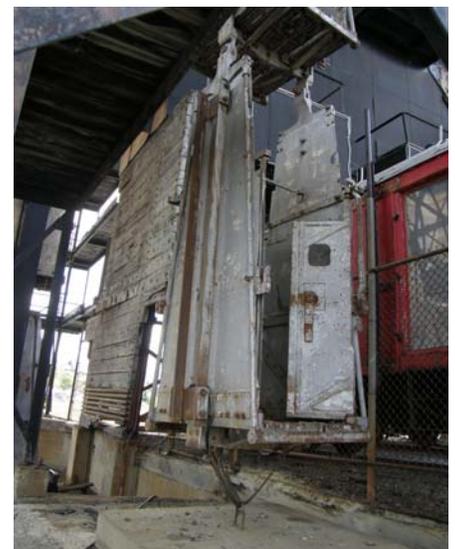
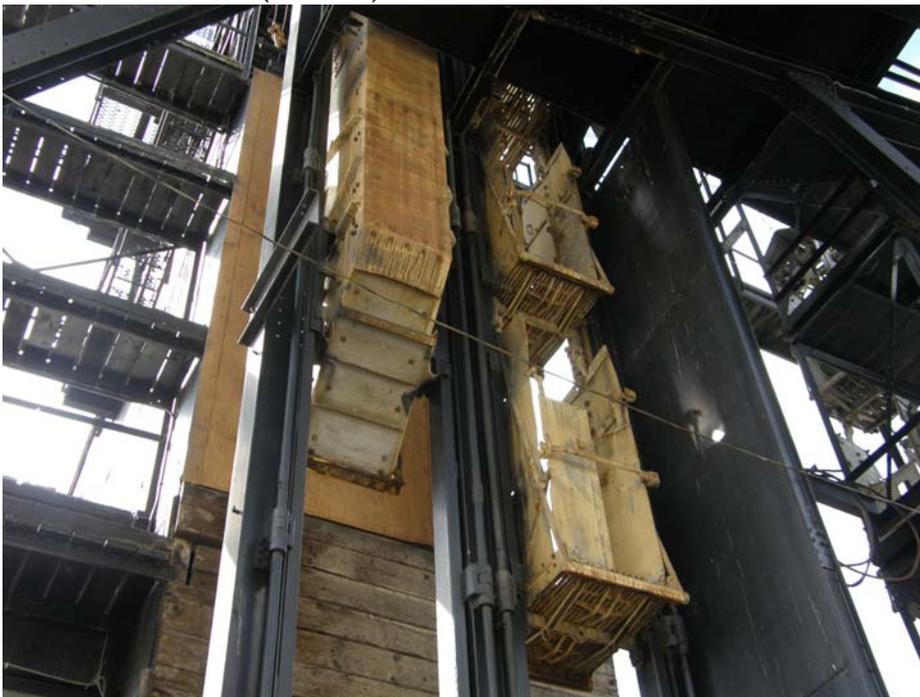
OUR GUIDE, MIKE BYRNES, WHO ONCE WORKED UNDERGROUND AT THE ANSELMO IS ABLE TO TELL US SOME PERSONAL STORIES OF THE MINE. (Halden)

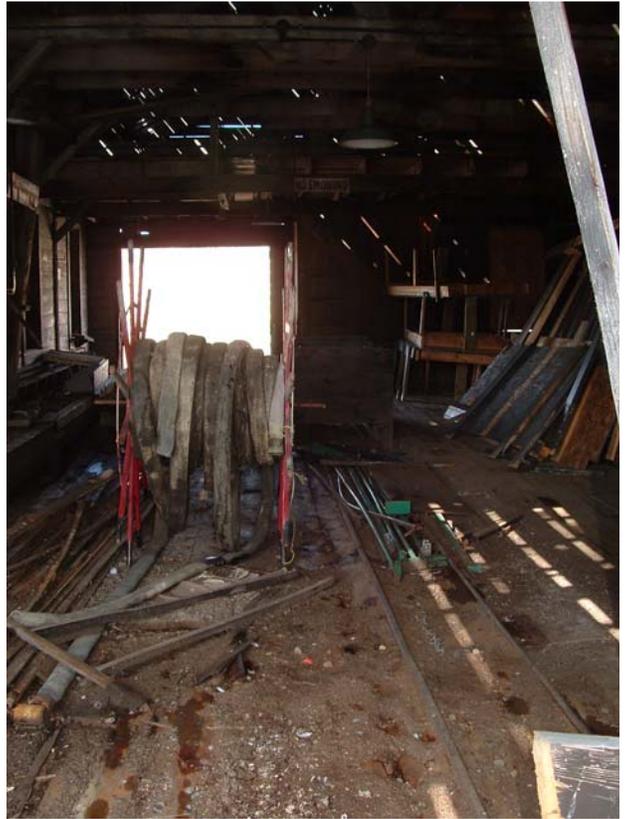


HIS AUDIENCE APPRECIATES THE INSIDE INFORMATION. (O'Brien)



(Right & Far Right) THE HOIST TOWERS AT THE ANSELMO (Hardin)
(Below & Below Right) TWO CHIPPYS AND A SKIP AT THE ANSELMO. (Halden)





(Top Left) EQUIPMENT SHEDS. (Hardin)
(Top Right) FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT (Hardin)
(Below) ANOTHER VIEW (O'Brien)



THE MINERS' LOCKER ROOM (Hardin)

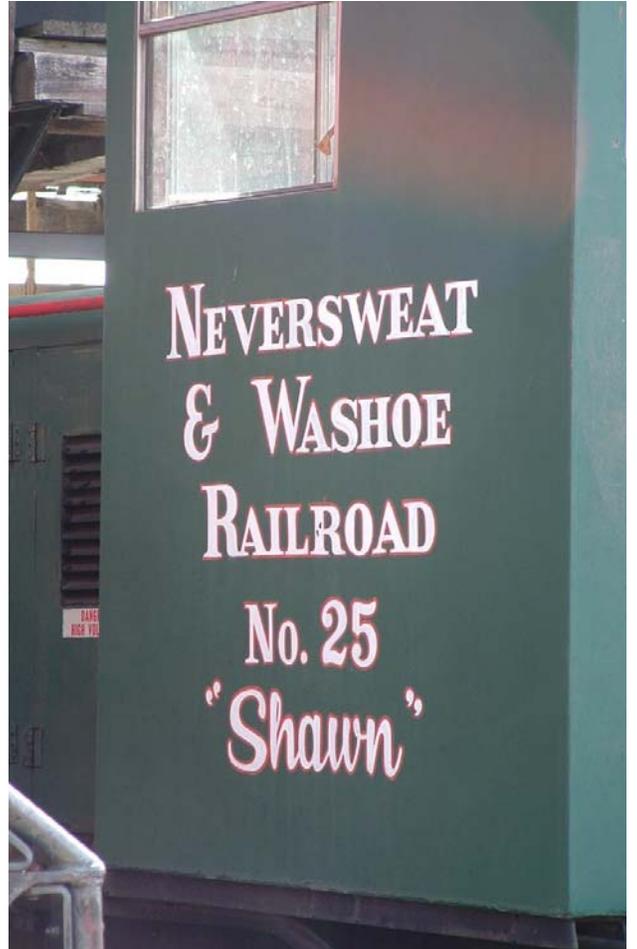


ROLLING STOCK AT THE ANSELMO. (Hardin)



THE ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE THAT HAULED THE ORE CARS FROM THE ANSELMO TO THE SMELTERS IN ANACONDA. (Left O'Brien) (Above Hardin)

ORE CARS AND A CUTE NAME TAG ON A LOCO.
(Hardin)





OUR COACH AWAITS..... (Hardin)



.....TO TAKE US TO THE BERKELY PIT. (Hardin photos)

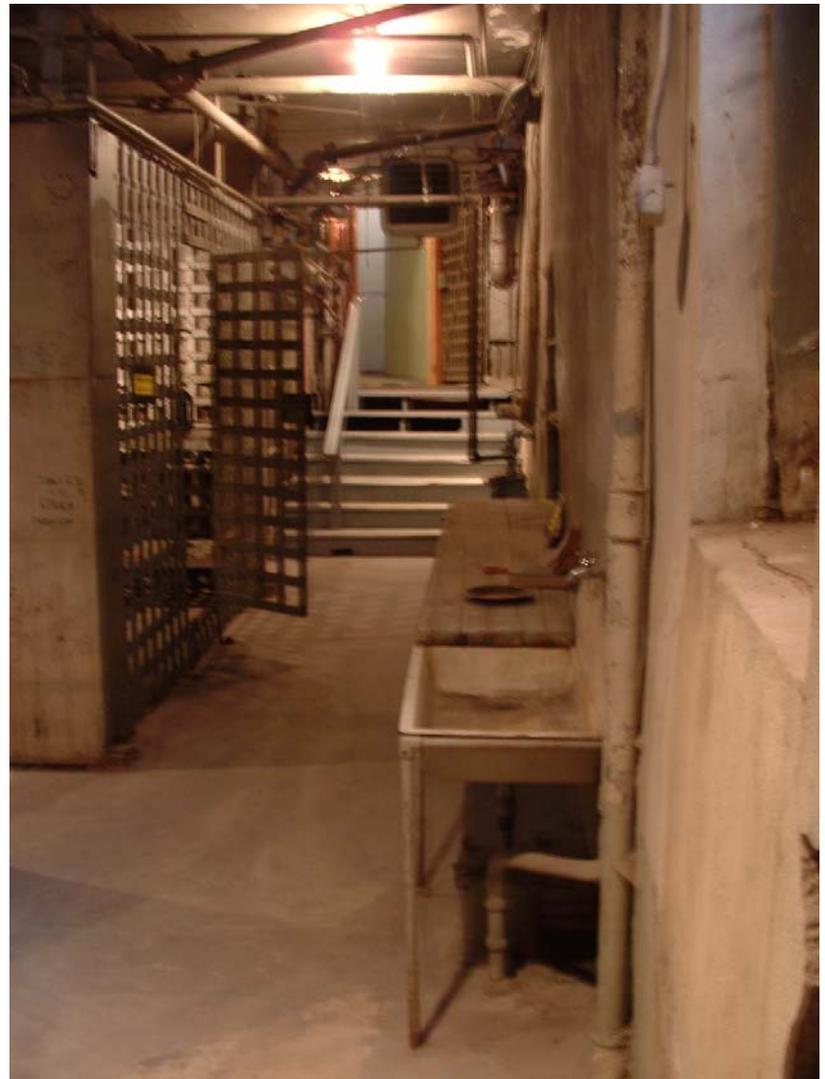




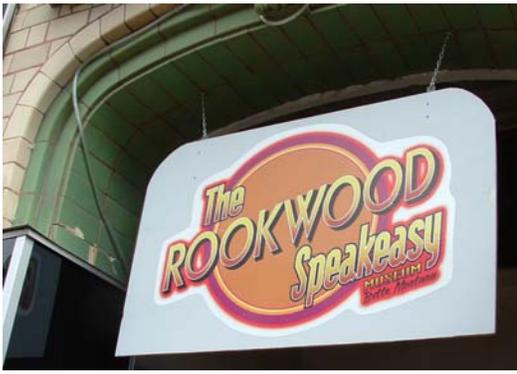
SATURDAY AFTERNOON, THE WALKING TOUR BEGAN AT THE OLD CITY HALL. (Halden)



AT THE REAR OF THE BUILDING IS THE OLD POLICE DEPARTMENT. (Hardin)



AND IN THE BASEMENT, THE NOTORIOUS JAIL CELLS. (Hardin photos)



THE ROOKWOOD SPEAK-EASY THAT IS LOCATED UNDER THE MAIN ROAD IN UPTOWN BUTTE. IT WAS A FAVORITE DRINKING HOLE FOR BUTTE'S ELITE, INCLUDING TOWN COUNCIL, JUDGES, LAWYERS AND POLICE OFFICERS.
(All photos Hardin, except above, Halden)



AN UNWELCOME GUEST AT THE SPEAK-EASY.





THE HIRBOUR BARBER SHOP, WHERE BUTTE MEN CAME TO GET A HAIRCUT OR SHAVE, SOMETIMES EVERY DAY.
(O'Brien photos)

THE REAL REASON FOR THE DAILY VISITS, WAS THE SECRET BACK-ROOM.
(Halden)



THE M & M BUILDING AND THE CURTIS MUSIC HALL.
(O'Brien photos)





THE BUILDING WITH THE SUPRISE UPSTAIRS - TWO ORIGINAL LAWYERS' OFFICES, A COLLECTION AGENCY, & AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, ALL WITH ORIGINAL 1920's FURNITURE AND PAPERS.



(Immediately above photo, Halden, all others, Hardin)

A CURIOUS ROUND RADIATOR (Hardin) AND A HAND CARVED OFFICE DECORATION (Halden)





ABOVE, THE CLARK CHATEAU MANSION
RIGHT, THE OLD LEXINGTON GARDENS
BELOW, A STAMP MILL IN THE GARDENS



(All photos, O'Brien)

Saturday Evening Banquet



(O'Brien)



(Halden)



AWAITING OUR GUEST SPEAKER (Halden)



OUR GUEST SPEAKER, BRIAN SHOVERS
(O'Brien)



OUR GUIDES, TOM HOLTER, JOHN SHEA, AND ED DRABANT



(both photos, O'Brien)



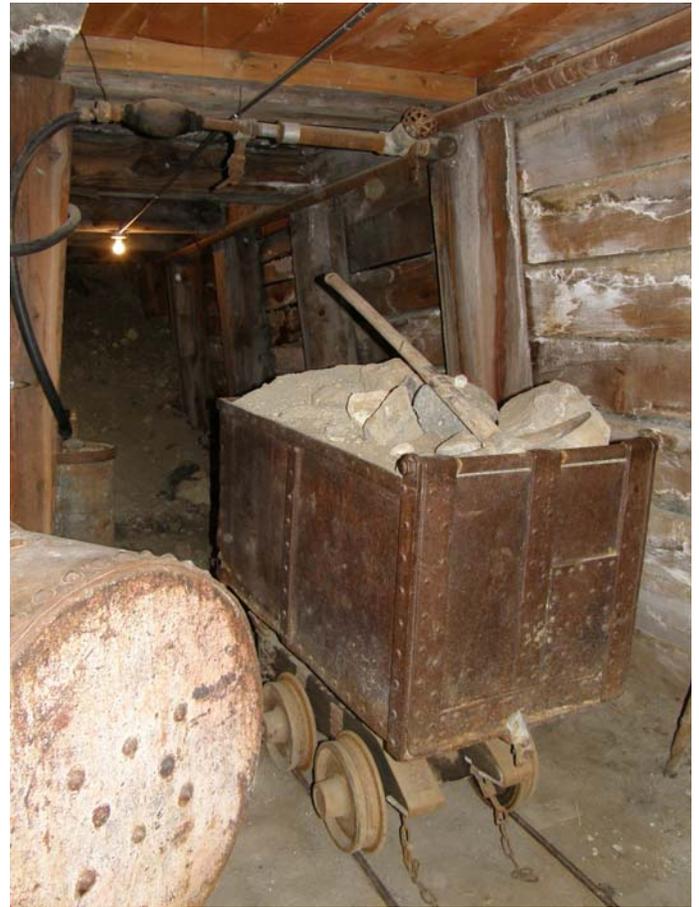
AIR DRILLS, COMMONLY CALLED WIDOW MAKERS. (Hardin)



TOM HOLTER'S GROUP GET THE LOW-DOWN ON THE ORPHAN GIRL MINE (O'Brien)



WE LEARN THE BASICS OF MINING (O'Brien)



INSIDE THE ADIT (Halden)



THE LESSONS CONTINUE UNDER THE KNOWLEDGEABLE JOHN SHEA. (O'Brien)



HELL ROARIN' GULCH (Hardin)



IS HIS LAST NAME JONES? (O'Brien)



ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR GUIDES, AFTER THE TOURS (O'Brien)

ORE WAGONS (O'Brien)



*The Samie Keith Dollhouse
Collection at the
World Museum of Mining*



(All photos, Halden)



ROCK SAMPLES THAT GLOW IN THE DARK (O'Brien)

WE ALL ENJOY A CORNISH PASTIE LUNCH (Halden)



BEFORE WE HEAD OFF INTO THE SUNSET (WELL NOT EXACTLY - IT WAS RAINING)
(Hardin)

