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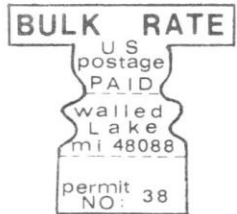
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TO:

It's been almost a year since you elected me your NIA President, and as I look back over the past few months I can honestly say that it has been a very rewarding experience, punctuated with laughs and fun, several triumphs, lots of work, a bit of insomnia, a few tears, getting to know you all better and some ghastly phone bills (but worth every penny!). I have certainly been fortunate to have such a good team to work with- my Board Members and Committee Chairmen. They have all been super! But don't ever lose sight of the fact that we need the support and encouragement of every one of you members out there - and thank you for letting us know we have it - we appreciate these notes you write, and we look forward to another year of working together.

The Show date for the National Convention in Rochester is coming on like a freight train! Show Host Dick Bowman has kept me up to date on all plans as they materialized. He's got to be the most organized person there ever was! I guarantee you this will not be any Ho-Hum National Show, with the tremendous amount of advertizing he has done, the added attraction of tours through two porcelain insulator plants, plus the idea of wearing special costumes or hats on Saturday of the Show, and the welcome repeat of our Show and Tell session following the Friday night General Business Meeting.

My husband Bill (your NIA Treasurer) And I and our daughter Mary will be chaperoning a group of High school students touring Europe during the month of June. During our absence Eastern Region (Senior) Vice-President John de Sousa will be " Chief in charge ". Please direct any NIA related questions you may have to him. By the way, congradulations go to John for conducting an NIA Membership drive during the Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club Show on April 17th. Thanks to his efforts we added 14 new members and 10 renewals that weekend.

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On to another very important subject: In the last issue of 'Drip Points' I told you that a three man committee made up of the three Regional Vice-Presidents had been appointed to study our existing judging rules and guidelines and to come up with an improved system that would encourage better displays and insure happier displayers, Grant Salzman, who Chaired this Committee, has now submitted this in finalized form to the Board of Directors for their approval. This has been a long time goal for many concerned members and it is a good feeling to know that it is being accomplished, and hopefully will be in effect for our National Show in Rochester. Thanks to Grant , Mike , and John!

Displayers, don't let this scare you! What we've got here is a lot simpler, it's certainly more fair and you'll be happy with it. It's not just the combined efforts of this Committee, but it incorporates suggestions from several knowledgeable collectors and displayers who were consulted. But don't just take my word for it, read what Grant Salzman has to say in this issue.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the National Show!

Marilyn Albers NIA#541

FROM THE TREASURER

The March 31st year end for Memberships has passed and we have 470 renewals and 161 new members. These figures include Family members, Junior members and clubs. In spite of this good showing there remains many previous members who have not renewed. This will be the last issue of "Drip Points" for the collectors who do not renew prior to

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September. A form for renewal is included in this issue. But please send in your dues prior to the National to avoid standing in line while the current members are inside enjoying the show. And please use the Houston, TX address for your renewals.

George Foss NIA #3040 a new member from Welland, Ontario won the drawing for the CD 135 at Enumclaw Washington for joining or renewing prior to April 15th. Congradulations!

W F "Bill" Albers
N I A # 1 2 7 6

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FROM THE EASTERN REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

In spite of Florida's wet and cold weather, The M T Bottle Club's Show and Sale in March was well supported by insulator collectors. Plenty of good glass exchanged hands and a large percentage of displays were insulator related.

Further North, The Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club held its show in April and was also well attended with many new faces and displays. Dick Bowman attended and gave highlights of the upcoming National Show. We had an NIA recruting table that brought many new members into the Club.

Monroe County Fairgrounds in Rochester, New York, sight of the '83 National, produced a bottle show in April consisting of 164 tables and 16 were insulator displays. 1400 plus through the door! High-lights of the East were two new threadless finds. First was a 12 sided Bennington which could possibly tie the U-982 to the Elliots. Jack Tod numbered the new threadless as U-983 and it will be in the May issue of 'Crown Jewels'. Second was a beautiful cobalt blue threadless

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which resembles a CD 736.4, but certainly deserves its own CD number.

We'll soon be in Rochester. Don't forget to bring your special favorite for the 'Bragg Table'.

John de Sousa NIA#419

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear fellow insulatorphiles,

Here it is one year already and things have gone very well for the NIA, as far as Regional shows go. We have had a very successful Western Regional in Enumclaw, Washington; by the time you read this, we will have had a very successful Central Regional in a new area for an NIA show, Austin, Texas. And very shortly we will all meet (or, hopefully, most of us) in Rochester, New York for the 1983 National, which I know will be a smashing success!

This has been a big year for insulator shows in the Northeast: the Yankee Polecat Insulator Club had a show on April 17 in Glastonbury, Connecticut and, despite a beautiful snowstorm that dumped up to 18 inches in parts of New Yprk and Massachusetts, 20+ sales tables and 7 nice displays were present. The following weekend was the Genesee Valley Bottle Collectors Association show in Rochester and this was a huge success, with 165 sales tables (including 16 different insulator dealers), 20 displays and a very nice banquet. ALL of this was held at the same location that the Rochester National will be at!

Moving on to more pressing business, the NIA Board of Directors have approved bids for the 1984 National (Western) and Central Regional Shows and the results of those decisions will be announced at the National meeting on July 8 in Rochester. We have not received a bid

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for the Eastern Regional, yet, and I will be happy to assist any prospective bidder with whatever questions he or she may have. In fact, if we get a bid before the National, I PROMISE not to mention a word about the 1985 shows until the next issue of Drip Points !

Good Collecting

Kevin Lawless

NIA # 1 6 7 9

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FROM THE WESTERN REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

The NIA Board of Directors decided this year to make improvements in the judging guidelines, in response to complaints and instances of erratic judging in the past. The Board really felt that the problem was caused by judging criteria that was incomplete or unclear. A committee was then appointed consisting of the three regional vice-presidents to improve the judging rules.

Basically the changes to the existing rules are not substantial. However, a section has been added which gives judges some specific guidelines, and which discusses appropriate display standards.

The display scoring system has been changed slightly to give an incentive to displayers to develop fresh, NEW and creative displays, and to discourage unsightly displays and variances from established categories.

In addition to the above there are some other changes or additions that will require that judges at Nationals have previous judging experience, that more women be used as judges, that judges are selected from each of the three regions, and that prior to judging, the show host or judging chairman must meet with the judges to review and discuss the judging criteria and rules.

Hopefully the new changes will mean fewer judging problems and an improved award quality in the future.

Grant Salzman NIA#1785

FROM THE SHOW STANDARDS CHAIRMAN

Only a few ribbons have been mailed since my last report although I wrote to many show hosts asking if they would like one. Perhaps one reason is that not all shows have insulator displays. Displays, whether they are insulators, bottles or whatever certainly add a lot to a show and it's too bad more people are not willing to put one together. I might add that our Western Region Show was held April 30th and May 1st and I am pleased to report we had 19 displays this year. Also, 106 sales tables and a good turnout of the public.

Remember if you would like a NIA ribbon for your show just let me know.

Violet Brown NIA#652

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FROM THE 1983 NATIONAL SHOW HOST

As a last minute request, I will need some volunteers to work on security and admissions. If you are willing to devote an hour or two, please drop me a line and indicate which you would be willing to do. Knowing who is available prior to the show would really be a big help.

As promised, My wife, Ev, has a section on some suggestions for non-insulator type things to do while in Rochester - so here she is...

Last summer at Cedar Rapids I promised to give some suggestions on area activities for the patient-but-bored who accompany all those insulator fanatics. NIA shows are great, but a little diversion can make the whole trip something special for the entire family.

If you have children along, Lollypop Farm is a great place to visit. It's an animal shelter operated by the Humane Society where the kids can mingle with friendly animals of all kinds. We also have Seneca Park Zoo, which includes kiddie rides.

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The Genesee Country Museum is a village of homes and shops moved from their original locations in the upstate area. A blacksmiths shop, a print shop, and a tinsmith and country store are in daily operation by authentically dressed villagers.

The Rochester Museum and Science Center draws visitors of all ages. Of particular interest is the section on Indian culture of the area. Next door is the Strasenburgh Planetarium, the largest marketer of original shows to planetariums everywhere. Public shows are daily.

The Corn Hill Arts Festival is one of Rochester's largest festivals. Held in an area of restored 19th Century homes, it features art, crafts, entertainment and foods. It is scheduled for the weekend of July 9 - 10th. It's also fun for all ages.

For an absolutley fascinating experience, try to see the newly-opened Margaret Strong Museum which houses the largest collections anywhere of the period 1820 to 1930. Exhibits include furnishings, furniture, toys, dolls, and miniatures. (special rates for NIA mem.)

Eastman Kodak offers tours of film manufacturing facilities, but not on the weekend. It would be good to hold over until Monday, or come a couple of days early, if you can afford the vacation time.

There are many excellent shopping areas, but the recently- opened Marketplace Mall is billed as the largest covered mall between New York City and Cleveland. It's certainly worth seeing. Also close by is Southtown Plaza which has a variety of factory outlets and discount stores.

If antiques and collectables have more appeal, get up very early on Sunday morning and go to the Avon Flea Market, about 15 minutes from the Quality Inn. If you're really an early riser, jump on the thruway and visit Antique World, a large Sunday indoor/outdoor flea market in Clarence, N.Y., and usually worth the trip. Peddlar's Village in the City is also open Thur-Sun; a variety of dealers there.

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We're hoping that many of you will have the time to take advantage of the tours of the insulator plants - either coming or going. I would be remiss if I didn't urge you to visit The National Bottle Museum in Ballston Spa, N.Y. (the NIA is an affiliate member) The exhibits are beautiful. The Corning Glass Center is another 'must' if you have the time. Covering 3500 years of glassmaking, the tours are superb.

Have a safe trip

Dick & Ev Bowman

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FROM THE INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Congratulations goes out to Timothy Lance, of Troy, N.Y. Timothy has become NIA # 3000. I think we all do a great job of getting the insulator hobby's enthusiasm spread around. For example, we have new members signed up all the way from HAWAII to AUSTRALIA. Keep up the good work. New collectors are the life-blood of any hobby.

I'd like to just say thanks for another year as your NIA Information Director. - It's been great fun, as always. As Editor of this little publication, I need to hear some input every now and then. If you feel anything in content or format could stand a little room for improvement, then I'm game. I personally would like to see this newsletter use more artwork and graphics, but that would be cost prohibitive at this time. But, maybe in the future. Lets hear from YOU!

Word has just arrived that the Board of Directors has approved the changes to the judgeing guidelines, and they will become effective July 11, 1983. That all for now - see you in Rochester.

Mike Bruner NIA# 1482

NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION
INFORMATION ON N.I.A. MEMBERSHIP



The Fiscal year for membership dues starts and ends on March 31. The current dues amounts for various membership classes are:

- \$6.00 Adult (Regular individual membership)
- \$6.00 Family (This type of membership is for one voting adult and other family members at the same address. Enclose an additional \$1.00 for each family member who wishes voting privileges).
- \$1.00 Junior (Under 18 years of age)

Make checks payable to "National Insulator Association" and send to: National Insulator Association c/o Treasurer
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Each member, if not a subscriber to the magazine "Insulators-- Crown Jewels of the Wire", will receive a copy of the March issue of that publication which serves as the name-and-address directory of all NIA members. Subject to the availability of March copies, new members may have to await the succeeding March directory issue.

New members are entitled to all membership privileges immediately upon payment of current dues. Regular and Junior members receive all NIA mailings including the quarterly newsletter, membership directory and membership handbook. Family members do not receive duplicates of these mailings to the same address, but do receive the membership card.

A current membership allows a member to display and purchase a sales table at NIA National Conventions and assures admittance to the show on the first day, Friday, which is limited to NIA members only.

I (we) apply for () New Membership () Renewal Membership in the National Insulator Association.

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On this page you will find a form for NIA membership renewal. Please fill it out and mail it to Bill Albers, whos address can be found on the inside cover. Also, you can see the map below. clip it out and take it with you to the National. And remember- all roads lead to Rochester, NY.

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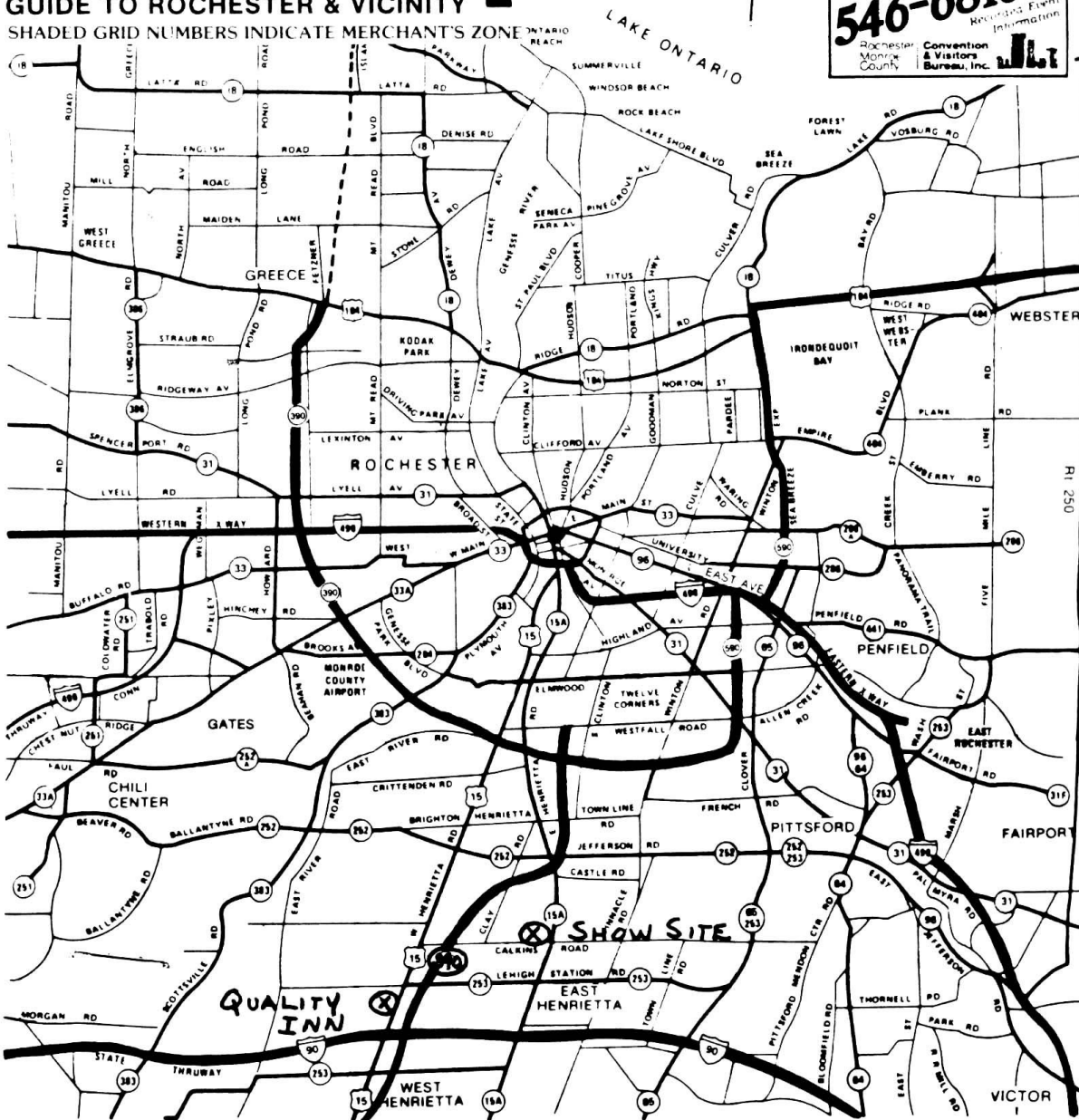
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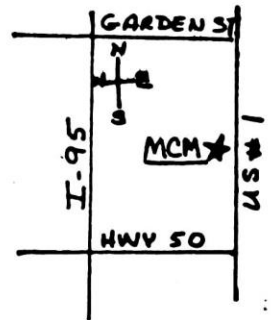
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