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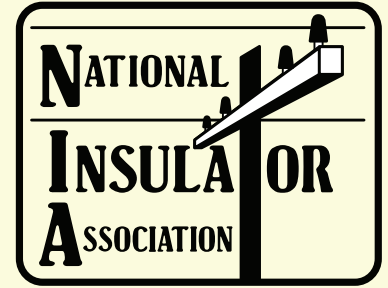
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Cover photo submitted by Stephen Brown, NIA #10042, featuring a rather wet CD 154 McLaughlin, one of many insulators pictured in Stephen's article "Spotting Insulators" on page 22.

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What's in a Name?

"Drip Points" is named after the feature seen on many insulators produced from the 1890s through the 1950s. Drip points are the bumpy protrusions around the base of an insulator. They were patented by Ralph G. Hemingray and James C. Gill on May 2, 1893 (Patent #496,652) and were originally marketed as "teats". Their purpose was to help draw water off of the insulator.

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NIA PRESIDENT

STEVE ROBERTS * NIA #7935



Greetings Fellow Collectors,

A year ago, I wrote an article to the Membership with the announcement that Christian Willis would be our new Drip Points Editor. Looking back over the last year we can all see what an incredible job he has done. So, when you get a chance, please pass on your appreciation to Christian. Also, please send him any articles, announcements or other hobby related information that you can. This is your magazine. Please help Christian and contribute content to the magazine.

While we are talking about magazines, all of you are aware of the recent transfer of ownership of Crown Jewels from Howard and Linda Banks to Shaun Kotlarsky. Howard and Linda were great editors of Crown Jewels, and I am confident that Shaun will also do a terrific job as the new Crown Jewels owner and editor. We are fortunate in our hobby to have two publications which are committed to the betterment and growth of the hobby that we love. As in the past, I'm confident that our hobby publications will continue to support each other and work together to add value to the enjoyment of insulator collecting.

Spring is just around the corner and the insulator show schedule is getting active again. The third weekend of February there was a Dixie Jewels swap meet. As usual there were people from several states, including a couple from Texas! I'm going to steal a phrase from everyone's friend Gene Hawkins. Gene has always encouraged us to get out there and "go to a show". They are hosted for you, the collector. Take advantage of the opportunity and meet some fellow insulator enthusiasts. Every time I go to an insulator show I meet someone new. The universe of insulator friends just continues to delightfully grow. So, get up and go! You'll be glad you did!

Speaking of Gene, it's time for you to submit your nominations for the NIA Hall of Fame Award, the Outstanding Service Award, and the Lifetime Membership Award. Please send your nominations to:

Gene Hawkins
NIA Awards Chairman
3847 North Prairie St.
Warsaw, IN. 46582

Spring is also the time for the NIA to elect officers to the Board of Directors. Our Nomination Committee Chairman, Gus Stafford, recently submitted a request on ICON for people to submit their names to be placed on a ballot for the membership to consider. Additionally, members of the Nomination Committee have also spoken with individuals and asked them to consider running for one or more of the Board positions. Unfortunately, we did not receive any volunteers. The Treasurer and Eastern VP positions are to be voted on this year. Fortunately, the current Treasurer, Bill Rohde, and current Eastern VP, Gus Stafford, have agreed to serve another term. Due to there being a single candidate for each of these positions, the Board of Directors will act according to the following excerpt from the Membership Handbook, and the NIA Bylaws. Following is a quote from those documents: "When the Nominating Committee is unable to present a slate of candidates to the membership because only one candidate is willing to be nominated and elected by ballot, pursuant to Article 11, Sections 11.3 and 11.4 of the By-Laws, new officers will take office by acclamation upon a duly adopted resolution of the Board of Directors." The outcome of the Board's decision will be announced at the General Membership Meeting in Orlando, Florida, on June 14th, 2019.

Speaking of Orlando, the 50th NIA National Convention will be June 14th through the 16th, in Orlando, Florida. The Show Organizers, Clay Bledsoe, Graham Barnes and Jacqueline Linscott-Barnes have planned a great National that I'm sure everyone will enjoy. Try to make every effort to attend. If you need information concerning the National, please contact Jacqueline at bluebellwt@aol.com or 321-480-1800. I hope to see you there! 🐼

Best Regards,

Steve Roberts



FIRST PAST PRESIDENT & EVENTS COMMITTEE CHAIR

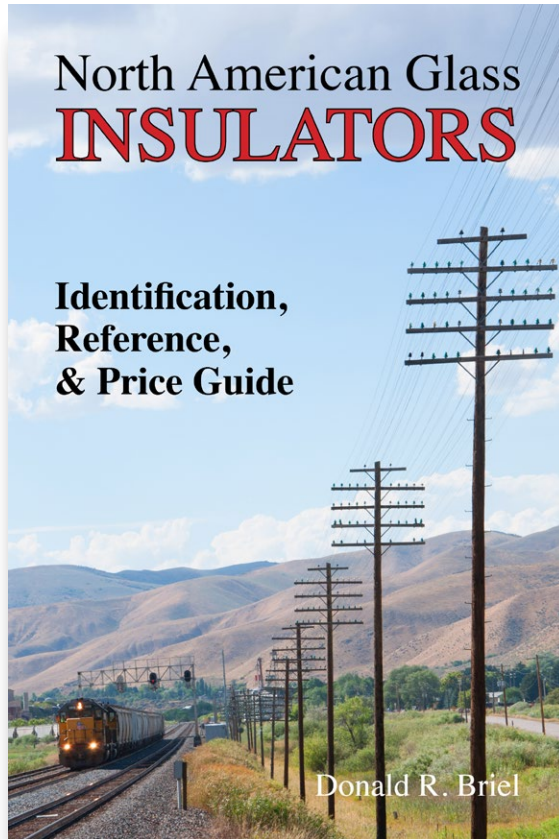
DON BRIEL * NIA #7218



As I write this article, Jeanne and I just returned to the 15° daytime temperature in Utah and 2' of snow in our yard. That was after a day of warmth in Quartzsite, AZ and attendance at the Yuma swap meet. Quartzsite was 75° and sunny. Yuma was overcast and windy, but the joy of meeting other collectors at the swap meet overcame any chilly weather issues. There were many collectors setup, lunch was great as usual, and the visiting was continual. Our thanks go out to Roger and Terry for their hard work and hospitality. Oh yea – I even bought and sold a few insulators.

As you read this article, the due date for 2021 National show proposals for the Central Region will have passed. At the time of writing this article no proposals have been submitted and none are expected. While the NIA Board of Directors may choose to accept proposals for the 2021 National from all regions, any proposal from the Central Region will still be considered. It's sad to skip a region on their year for a National show so I encourage all collectors in the Central Region to quickly consider hosting the 2021 National and submit a proposal. Don't miss this opportunity!

On a personal note, the 2019 edition of "North American Glass Insulators – Identification, Reference, & Price Guide" is well under way and should be available sometime in March. By the time you read this article the final review should be nearly complete and the book about ready to be sent to press.



Work on the 2020 National show in Logan, Utah is coming right along. There are some fun things being lined up for attendees. You'll not want to miss the first NIA National show ever in Utah. If you have the time, you will want to turn your trip into a vacation. There are so many diverse things to do and beautiful things to see in Utah. Our web page will go online at the start of this year's National in Orlando. It will have a long list of things to do in nearby destinations before and after the show, including two optional pre-show excursions. Come join us in Logan Utah located in the heart of the Rocky Mountains!

Jeanne and I look forward to seeing many of you this year as we travel to various shows throughout the country.

Happy collecting!!! 🐿

Don Briel



See more photos from the Yuma Arizona Tailgater on pages 24-25.



INFORMATION DIRECTOR & DRIP POINTS EDITOR

CHRISTIAN WILLIS * NIA #5185



With the first year of being the Editor for Drip Points Magazine under my belt, I hope that everyone is enjoying the new format and content! I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has helped keep this magazine successful by providing me with their content. My goal is to maintain a high standard for this publication, as you deserve it for being a loyal NIA member.

Occasionally, I receive a question about overlap between Crown Jewels of the Wire Magazine and Drip Points Magazine. Over the years, as Drip Points has evolved from a club newsletter to a full-fledged magazine, this has caused some inevitable duplication of articles. Our great hobby is a "small world", so to speak, so it's easy to receive the same information from multiple sources (Facebook, ICON, NIA/Drip Points, Crown Jewels of the Wire, club newsletters, etc.) And to me, that's okay! Not everyone subscribes to the same publications, and as an insulator collector with knowledge to share, naturally you would want to deliver your article to as much of the hobby as possible.

As most of you are aware, Crown Jewels is an independent, privately-owned magazine not produced by the National Insulator Association. That said, we do frequently collaborate to encourage greater involvement in the hobby, such as sharing upcoming events, swapping advertisements, publishing the member directory, and providing a \$3 off coupon. Now that Crown Jewels is under the capable editorship of Shaun Kotlarsky, we are entering a new era of that magazine, and I've invited Shaun to tell us about it (read more on page 26). I hope you'll join me in wishing Shaun and Crown Jewels of the Wire continued success as the longest running periodical in the hobby!

Ultimately, whether you read it online or in print, we all have the same goal of providing valuable content to benefit the hobby as a whole. I will continue striving to provide our members with unique content in Drip Points, and I need your help to do so! Whether through articles, photos, new finds, show reports, or advertisements, I'm always open to sharing your submissions. Please see my contact information at the end of this article.

Speaking of advertisements—I'm happy to report an uptick in advertisers in Drip Points! My hope is our members are seeing the value of quality advertising space in a publication that reaches over 1,000 insulator collectors worldwide. To help encourage this trend, I've decided to extend the 20% ad rates discount through 2019. Ad space is also now available in the Upcoming Events section for those of you looking to make your event stand out even more.

I've also made a slight change in how we handle members' free

25-word ads in Drip Points.

Beginning with this issue, as long as you remain an active NIA member and have submitted your free ad to me, it will automatically roll over to each following year. For example, if your free ad first appeared in the Spring 2018 issue, it will automatically appear in Spring 2019, Spring 2020, etc. If you would like to change your ad at any time, just contact me. I think this will help keep building momentum behind members' free ads. Yes, it's free!

As the NIA Information Director, I've also been working with additional related hobby publications to create new ads publicizing the National Insulator Association. In fact, just this past month our President Steve Roberts contacted me about an ad opportunity in the Journal of Antiques & Collectibles Glass Issue. Our ad will appear in the publication for the next year, and will hopefully open the door to more advertising opportunities.

Lastly, on the collecting front I was excited to add a CD 1080 S.S. & Co. to my modest spool collection. This is the first one I've seen. I wonder if it was manufactured by Hemingray, as they manufactured the CD 160 & CD 162 S.S. & Co. insulators. Speaking of spools, be sure to check out Gus Stafford's excellent article on US & foreign glass spools in this issue! See page 8.



I wish everyone the best in 2019, and I'm looking forward to seeing what you want to share with the hobby! ▲

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Sincerely,

Christian Willis



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

ANDREW GIBSON ✱ NIA #2422

Winter has us in its grip here in the north east. I came home from work early to avoid bad weather predicted for later, but seem to have driven through the worst of it. Once home, I had to go downstairs and relax in front of my insulators for a while. The ones I have outside are all buried in the snow, but I'm beginning to hope that eventually I will get to see them again.

February is the time for me to send out final reminders for those who have not renewed their membership in the NIA. As of a couple of minutes ago when I updated all our info, we are at 1298 members. Normally by year-end we are at 1650 to 1700, so we are shy of that by almost 300 folks. But we are also actually a little ahead of where we were last year at this time, so it's quite likely we are on track for a normal year, numbers-wise.

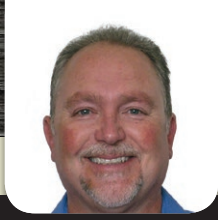
Keeping track of all the members, their addresses and phone numbers and years of service and all the rest, is made simpler by a computer system written by Don Briel a number of years ago. This system prints out renewal reminders and membership cards, records payments and expenses, and keeps track of years of service and contact information for everyone. Occasionally we have some situations that the system doesn't handle, and one of those in particular has been giving me a bit of grief of late. More and more, we have situations where people have seasonal addresses, or where one address is used for billing, but another

for receiving Drip Points and other mailings. All that has had to be handled manually by the membership director. Well, I finally decided that enough was enough, and I have modified our system. We now support multiple addresses for all member families, without my having to intervene and change addresses manually. If you have one of these situations and would like to take advantage of this, please get in touch with me! Just let me know your different addresses, and the date ranges that you are at each, and I can make the appropriate changes. Or you can let me know your billing address as different from your mailing address. Either way, it's all good now!

I hope you are all gearing up to get to an insulator show. I'm going to be trying to get to New Oxford, PA on March 9; West Leechburg, PA on April 6; and Enfield, CT on April 7. And maybe I can get to Perth, ON on April 20! This time of year I always have fun trying to figure out all the shows going on and which ones I think I can get to. I just picked up my airplane tickets to Orlando, FL for June 14-16, so that's at least one show I know I'm going to get to. Hope to see you at a show! 🐻

Andrew Gibson





CENTRAL REGION VP & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIR * DARRYL WAGNER * NIA #8671

Central Region VP Report

Is anyone ready for Spring? In the Midwest, I think you will hear a resounding "YES"!!!

As the year gets started, Regional shows are gearing up. March will see the 17th NW Missouri Insulator & Bottle Show in Platte City, MO, along with the North Suburban Insulator Show and Swap Meet in Coon Rapids, MN. April will bring the Dupage Collectors Expo in Wheaton, IL and May will have the Columbia City, Indiana Insulator, Fruit Jar, Bottle & Collectibles Show in Columbia City, IN. June will have the 22nd Annual Hawkeye State Insulator Swap Meet in Tama, IA. The Central Region has a wide variety of shows and locations. If you can, get out and support your local shows and meet other collectors.

June will also bring our 50th National Meet in Orlando Florida. I know that it is a long ways away for a lot of collectors, but there is also a lot to do in Orlando, or along the way to and from. The show hosts are doing a lot of work and preparing a great show. You may have been to Orlando shows before, but it is my hope that the hobby and the NIA as a whole will support and participate in the achievement of our Hobby reaching our 50th National Show. There should be some great displays, 50th mementos and some great entertainment from a fellow hobbyist. If you have ever been a National Show Host, you understand how difficult it can be, at times, to meet your goals and budget. Supporting National shows is also supporting the National Insulator Association as well as the hobby as a whole. So, if possible, don't miss this event. It is a milestone for our hobby, so come and be part of our Hobby history.

I would like to encourage all Central Region Show Hosts to get your shows listed so that collectors can know what show options are available for the year. Show attendance has been strong and the use of Facebook pages, in my opinion, have increased the participation in our hobby. This will help sustain us in the years to come, so even though a lot of people still don't like Facebook, Show Hosts should use this tool to assist in notifying new & old collectors of their show and to increase the attendance which will ultimately bring in new collectors.

To close, if you have any suggestions or questions about the NIA or shows, feel free to reach out to me and ask your question(s) or let me know your suggestions for the hobby.

Hope to see you at a show somewhere! 🐻

Development Committee Report

The new year brings the need for financial support for the NIA, its projects, Drip Points, National Show, etc. There are many ways that you can support the NIA and here is a list of some options:

- Sponsor something at the National Show. This could be awards, hospitality room, banquet, directory, advertising in the directory or a cash donation.
- Send in something extra with your membership renewal. Donate to the scholarship fund.
- Donate a collection of insulators.
- Simple cash donation to the organization.
- If there is a project that you would like to see done, contact me and we can talk about sponsorship.

Bottom line is, our organization has grown, but our membership fee's alone, will not sustain our financial needs. We continue to promote the hobby, record and make available historical books and of course the Virtual Museum that we would like to build and make available to our members. All of this is to sustain and develop more interest in our hobby. So in any way that you can, join in, participate and donate to the NIA and the insulator collecting hobby.

If you have any fundraising ideas or donations, please contact any of the following on the Development Committee:

Eastern Rep.: Dario DiMare – dario@dariodesigns.com
 Central Rep.: John Weber – weberincorporated@gmail.com
 Western Rep.: Tom Katonak – junkfortom@mac.com
 NIA Treasurer: Bill Rohde – norcalmud@yahoo.com
 Chairman: Darryl Wagner – darryl@dwagnerkc.com

Thank you for your time and support of the National Insulator Association.

Thank you, have a great day & Happy Collecting! 🐻

Darryl Wagner





EASTERN REGION VP

GUS STAFFORD * NIA #8871

Well, Puxatawny Phil here in Pennsylvania says we are going to have an early Spring, which means its time to go insulator hunting and attend local shows. Dixie Jewels have already hosted their Winter Swap Meet, and The Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club hosts its annual show on Saturday, 9 March in Oxford, PA.

SPOOLS!

In the last issue of Drip Points I posted some pictures of do-it-yourself insulator shelves. One of the pictures generated some interest, not from the shelves, but from the insulators displayed. I'd like to present pictures of one of my sub-specialties: Glass Spool Insulators. Not unlike my stars, I started collecting spools because they were inexpensive, easy to store, and they came in quite a few variations.

Spools are primarily electrical insulators from rack spools on the street, to power lines inside mines, and for everyday wiring around the home or business. They are one of the primary power distribution lines insulators in many European cities. So here goes. I've include a quarter in each picture to give you an idea of scale.

This first group hails from Europe, and includes the smallest glass spools I own. They were used for low voltage wiring inside homes. I believe these are all grouped under CD 1080.4.



Slightly larger, and also used for low voltage wiring, this collection of foreign spools are available in many more colors than I have in my collection CD's : UNK, CD 1084, CD 1096, CD 1085.2, CD 1082, CD1082, CD1096:



SPOOLS!

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CD 1049 is a communication insulator and are found on four way transposition brackets, suspended between, or attached to communication lines along many railroad right of ways. The odd colored one in the photo is actually from Columbia.



CD 1050 is a common design between America and Columbia. The Hemingray examples on the right show an intact glass plug (broken out prior to installation) and help explain why so many spools have roughness around the pinhole:



The Colombian CD 1050 can be found in almost as many colors as the CD 162 Hemingray 19:



The CD 1052 is the primary rack spool shape for power distribution. Whether glass or porcelain, this is probably the most common shape available in the hobby today. The majority of these spools were made by Hemingray, making the Brookfield (I don't have one) and Whitall Tatum (Far right below) much more desirable.





SPOOLS!

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The Hemingray spools also come in wide range of colors. The Yellow Amber spool is a St. Louis Malleable Casting from the Hemingray Dump:



The CD 1070 is often used as a deadend tie-off on railroad and factory lines:



I wish the CD 1071 came in the same colors as the other Hemingray spools!

The CD 1080 comes in varying heights, colors, and skirt styles.



CD 1085 was used for internal wiring, and also comes in a huge number of height and color variations:



SPOOLS!

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CD 1087 is larger than the CD 1085, and was a small rack spool made by both Brookfield and Hemingray:



CD1090 spools are much larger, commonly found in mines, and are impressive pieces of glass:



CD1094 and CD 1095 are believed to be some of the older spools, and have been found on both the interior and exterior of homes from the 1800s. Green examples are very difficult to come by:





SPOOLS!

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CD 1104 is another common spool available at most insulator shows. Both Brookfield and Hemingray made these, with clear and ice versions being less common:



CD 1104.1 rack spools are distinguished by flat tops and bottoms, but otherwise are very similar to CD 1104. Green versions are difficult to find and can drive a higher price.:



CD 1106 (on the right) is the “sleeper” spool. They are very hard to find and much less common than CD 1110 (on the left):



SPOOLS!

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Finally, my last American Spool is the CD 1110. This spool saw varied installations in mines, electrical distribution, and as a duplex insulator in communications applications. The threaded version (I don't have one) is actually a separate CD, CD 185.2:

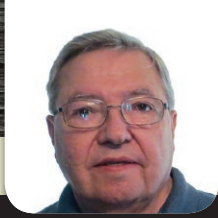


It appears the foreign spools are too numerous to catalog. So let me finish by providing some representative samples of the variety that awaits:

In order to provide equal time, I promise to do an article on porcelain spools later this year. ▲

Gus Stafford





NIA SECRETARY

WALT BAUMGARDT * NIA #8007



Here we are, in what we hope are the latter stages of winter. For some of us it has been a tough one. This is the time of year my Cabin Fever intensifies and I start to look forward to getting to shows. For many years the show I've used to cure my Cabin Fever is the Shrewsbury, now New Oxford Show. Fortunately the weather has never forced us to miss the show, and hopefully this year will be the same.

My wife and I make as many shows as we can and we're never disappointed. If you go to shows, you know what I mean. If you don't, I can only encourage you to do so. Find some great Glass (or Mud), but more importantly, meet the other collectors in the Hobby. They are the backbone of the hobby. Many have years of experience; to answer your questions. But more importantly they are a Great bunch of people. You'll never be sorry you met them.

If you haven't visited the NIA website recently, I encourage you to do that as well. You will find all kinds of new and exciting information about insulators.

CREBB Update

I want to take this opportunity to update you as to what is happening in the world of CREBBs (Crown Embossed Brookfield Beehives). When I assumed the task of tracking and cataloging CREBBs, after Lee published his book in 2015, I think I thought the task was pretty much done. In actuality, nothing could be farther from the truth. Since then I have reported on the finds of approximately 40 new CREBBs. These discoveries include:

1. An SN 11c series has been found: SN11, SN11c.1 and SN11c.2.
2. Found new SNVs, expanding the SNA and SNB series to six variants each. The same was also done with SN00, which now stands at 6 SNVs.
3. The finding of a totally new SN 12(12) variant.
4. In the early stages of investigation is a finding of F10 variants with the SN on the RC rather than the FC. More

will be forthcoming as the investigation continues.

5. Also in the early stages of investigation is a finding of F11 variants with two-line arced embossing, rather than straight line embossing on the RC. More will be forthcoming on this as well.
6. The formerly elusive SN19/16 variant has been found.
7. A small cache of 12&As has been found in Nova Scotia.

These are just a few of the new finds and ongoing studies, all of which necessitate updating the CREEL and SN pictures. As new variants are found they need to be factored into the mix. For example, in the case of SNA and SNB the number of variants to be compared has doubled. Many other SNs need to be updated as new information has been added.

Something that the Crebheads have asked for is updated pictures of all SNs, where all variants of a given SN are on the same page. That is being worked on.

I'm still looking at the No# CREBBs. To date I have approximately 40 distinct No# variants, under 5 distinct embossing variations. There is one particular embossing variation that has so far eluded me. The embossing is as follows: FC (arc) W. BROOKFIELD / NEW YORK RC (arc) PAT. NOV. 13 1883 / FEB. 12 1884. (Note: The absence of TH's following 13 and 12).



Slowly, the mysteries of Brookfield CREBBs are being revealed. If you have, or find what you think might be something new or unusual, please let me know. Nothing is un-important. Only together we can pull back the curtain and reveal Brookfield. Please let me know if you have or find anything. I can be reached at glassman_43@hotmail.com or 716-860-2524. 🐼

Regards,

Walt Baumgardt

PHOTO BY LEE BREWER



NIA AWARDS & RECOGNITION

CHAIR * GENE HAWKINS * NIA #421

Now is the time to submit an NIA award nomination for the unsung hobby heroes you know! Chances are, someone you know hosts local shows every year, or unselfishly promotes the insulator hobby & encourages new members. Please consider sending in a nomination!

The highest NIA award is Lifetime Membership, for those who have major contributions to the hobby. In addition to that is Outstanding Service. The nomination forms for both awards are here: <http://www.nia.org/archives/index.htm>

The NIA Hall of Fame nomination is for anyone, member or not, living or deceased, who has made a lasting contribution to the hobby. All that is required is for you to write a paragraph or two describing what they have contributed to the hobby. If you

would like to see who has been inducted into the NIA Hall of Fame, it is here: http://www.nia.org/hall_of_fame/index.htm

The more documentation presented to the NIA Board, the more successful the submission.

I need ALL NOMINATIONS including the documents described above to me before midnight Monday, APRIL 1st for submission to the NIA Board.

PLEASE nominate someone today! 🐿

Gene Hawkins



NIA PRODUCTS MANAGER

MARGARET WAGNER * NIA #8711

We have some updates on the NIA Products. Many people have asked to see what is available, so we hope you like the new layout with pictures (see page 46). The newest item we have is an addition to our Hat line, the structured mesh back hats. These were well received at last year's National and at Springfield. The Tote Bags are also a little different, not embroidered, but in multiple colors and at a great price. These can make great conversation opportunities if you use them to carry your groceries out of the store, where someone might notice the logo and name and start asking questions.

Since postage costs have changed several times since we have updated our shipping charges, you will see a little more detailed chart on same.

We are always open to suggestions for new additions to our product line up, so if you see something at an event, show, in an advertisement or think of an item that might be of interest to other members, notify us so that we can look into it.

If you have a need for a special color of shirt, custom badge bars, etc., contact us for the availability and cost.

Thank you for your patronage and support! 🐿

Margaret Wagner



SEE THE NEW NIA PRODUCTS ORDER FORM ON PAGE 46!



WESTERN REGION VP & SPECIAL PROJECTS ADVISOR

MIKE DOYLE * NIA #5932



CONGRATULATIONS

Show co-hosts Doug Rusher, Ron Yuhas and Jay Bernasek

2019 Western Regional — July 26-28, 2019 in Helena, Montana
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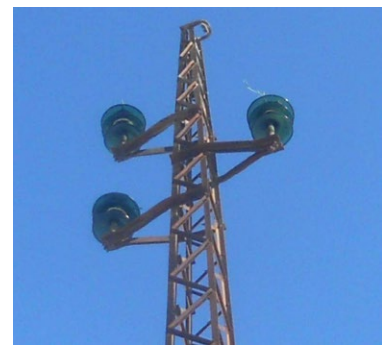
Best In Collecting to all you folks out there who make our hobby So Much Fun! The holidays flashed by so quickly that I hardly remember what I was doing. The winter is chilling many of us to the bone, but the great shows still keep happening! So much news about shows and new discoveries is being shared on line these days that you can really get a great feel for the hobby by participating in social media. There are so many collector groups on-line where you can read about the fun and cool insulators that are being found and shared and traded all around the world. You can also participate in domestic and international conversations and learn all kinds of new and exciting hobby information. I have included photos of a recent find by our hobby brothers and sisters in Italy. We look forward to the continued success of Crown Jewels in the capable and proven hands of Shaun Kotlarsky. Visit <https://allinsulators.com/magazine/> for more information.

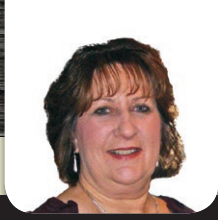
Western Region shows this year. See the ICON show finder <https://www.insulators.info/shows/> and the Crown Jewels show calendar <https://allinsulators.com/hobby/shows/> for all the information you need to get to a show near you! Support your local shows and help get the kids involved. Here's one more picture as I plan to see y'all soon in South Lake Tahoe for the George and Judy show! It'll be a bit warmer up there by then (I hope.) 🐾

Mike Doyle

Special Projects is exploring ways to bring you hobby news, education and information through NIA.ORG and other forms of social media. I have been working on App Development with a local vendor. It is an exciting new dimension of the NIA's on-line web property. Bob Berry is working on pictorial foreign insulator indices and continues to build the NIA's Digital Publications virtual library <http://nia.org/publications/index.htm>. I have been in contact with the owner of Cross Arms magazine. He and I have a tentative agreement and I am in search of a complete set of Cross Arms magazines. If you would like to donate your complete set of Cross Arms magazines to the NIA, please contact Projects@NIA.ORG.

I really enjoyed the 20th annual Yuma show and look forward to quite a few more





NIA COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE

COORDINATOR * CAROLYN BERRY * NIA #4336

Update on the 50th NIA commemorative for 2019



The mold has been updated for the 2019 Orlando, FL National and we are excited to let you know the color will be “50th Gold”!. We are leaving the intrigue factor until announcement in May when we have a sample in hand!

We will be in receipt of the commemoratives from Mosser Glass in late April.

We will be sending emails to those that have ordered before. However, if you do not get email, or have changed your email since last March 2018, please contact me so I can send you information on the 2019 commemorative.

We still have a few 2015, 2016, 2017 (both colors)& 2018 regular commemoratives available. There is a handful of solid pours for 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018.

Please call or email me for details.

Full details of the 2019 commemorative will be posted to ICON and in the June issue of Drip Points & Crown Jewels.

Carolyn Berry

NIA Commemorative Committee Coordinator

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I was born into a “collector” family. My father, Jim, collected milk bottles, my mother, Laura, collected porcelain insulators, my “Papa”, Leonard Linscott, collected glass insulators and my “Mimi”, Jacqueline Linscott, collected telephone blue bell paperweights. I attended my first “National” when I was only two months old, the 25th National in Houston, TX.

My grandparents were very active in the NIA, each holding several offices and serving on various committees. Insulators and the NIA were often the topic of conversation. Early on I helped “wash insulators”, “pack insulators”, and “buy, sell and trade” insulators. I learned about insulator shapes or styles, embossings, colors and identifying the insulators by a CD#. I listened to my grandfather talk about “ponies” and CD#102s. I decided I wanted to collect the CD#102s. They weren’t too big for small hands to handle and I liked the style.

My grandfather passed away in 1998 and I inherited his collection. I continued to collect “ponies” even though my most favorite insulator was and still is the CD# 723.3, the “Overcoat”. I attended the 1998 National in Williamsburg, VA. When I was five years old, Mimi and I flew to the 1999 National in Scottsdale, AZ. In 2000 I entered the NIA competitive world with an exhibit of my CD# 102s at the show in Bloomington, MN. At that time Junior exhibitors were required to set up their exhibit with no assistance. My Mom videoed the process and we still have that video. Several other Nationals that I attended were the 2001- Atlanta, GA, New Kensington, PA in 2004, San Jose, CA in 2005 and Austin, TX in 2006 where I exhibited my “Insulator Nicknames”. Then in 2007, Mimi along with Graham and myself hosted the National in Orlando, FL where I exhibited my “NIA Commemoratives”. I assisted Mimi with preparations for the show but was only able to attend on Thursday and Friday. I had been selected to go with “People to People”, a group of students that were networking with students in Europe to promote friendship and goodwill. I continued adding to my collection, one insulator at a time.

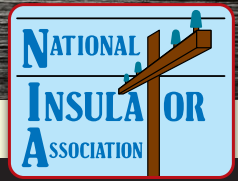
After graduating from the University of South Florida with degrees in Psychology, Sociology and American Sign Language I find I have more time to focus on my collection. And now 25 years later I am one of the show hosts for the 50th National Convention and Show. I hope as you read this you will plan to attend the show in Orlando, FL in June 14-16, 2019. I look forward to meeting new collectors. 🐾

EDITOR’S NOTE: A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO CLAY FOR CO-HOSTING THE UPCOMING 2019 NATIONAL AND FOR SHARING WITH US! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE FEATURED IN A FUTURE ISSUE OF DRIP POINTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITOR.



MEMBER HAPPENINGS

BY CHRISTIAN WILLIS * NIA #5185



Over the past few months, I've received a few notes from various collectors about new and returning members, and I wanted to share them here with you. I just love getting news like this from our members, because it just goes to show that our hobby and the NIA are alive and well!

Last year, the NIA assigned its 10,000th membership number to Gabrielle Kallin. Welcome to the NIA Gabrielle! If you're planning on attending the 2019 National in Orlando (I hope you are, because it's going to be a great show!) please be sure to say Hi.



GABRIELLE KALLIN, NIA# 10,000, AND CLAY BLEDSOE CHECK THE INSULATOR PRICE GUIDE FOR A CD 123 EC&M.

Also in this issue, we have our first submission to Drip Points from one of our newest members, Stephen Brown, NIA #10042. Stephen shared an article and photos for inclusion in this issue, entitled "Spotting Insulators" (see page 22.) A couple of photos were really striking to me, including one I chose to use for this issue's cover. I felt it really embodied "Spring" and is a perfect example of Drip Points at work! Welcome to the NIA Stephen, and thank you for the articles and great photos!

Membership Director Andrew Gibson also contacted me to let me know about one of the NIA's charter members, Dale Vincent, NIA #360. Dale joined in 1973 and remained a member until 1982. He just recently renewed after finding a couple of insulators that were packed away and "got the bug again". I think it's fair to say that most of us know what that's like! I hope you'll join me in welcoming Dale back to the NIA and the hobby!

Lastly, I received an email from Michelle Armand, NIA #9757: "I have gotten permission from Matthew and Erin Willett, his wife, to submit this for possible publication... I wanted to submit a pic of what is possibly the youngest collector, to my knowledge. Her name is Heidi and she is 5 months old and lives in Hillard, Ohio. She is starting her collection, befitting someone of her age, with baby signals."

Thanks for sharing with us, Michelle, and thank you to Matthew & Erin Willett for the photo. She is absolutely adorable!



HEIDI WILLETT IS ALL SMILES WITH HER FIRST INSULATOR, A CD 160 BABY SIGNAL.

I know I've said it before, but it bears repeating: this great hobby isn't just about the insulators—it's about the people, the friendships, the stories and the experiences. Go to a show, introduce yourself, make new friends and new memories! 🐻

Christian Willis

HOW A SOUTH DAKOTA VACATION EARNED ONE KID THE FIND OF THE CENTURY

BY JAMISON NICHOLLS * NIA #9926

My name is Jamison Nicholls. I'm a 13 year old kid living in the country town of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Every year, family tradition is that we'll spend 4 days in scenic Deadwood, South Dakota and the surrounding areas to see the amazing views and admire the avid history, although I never realized that near the area that gold was found, I would find "gold" too.

Hill City, South Dakota 7/16/2018

Just after leaving Keystone to record an 1880s era steam locomotive, we hit a gas station just out of town to get some gas and to buy some condiments, but while walking in, I noticed a tiny antique portion of the gas station, and in the window I noticed a few common Hemingray CD 122s in aqua. Not thinking much, we walked in, bought our items, and I walked into the antique "store" to see what else I could find. That's when I spotted it. A Yellow Olive Green CD 125.

The Find:

Upon closer examination it was in amazing condition other than a chip in the base, and the price was \$8.50! Just like that I ran up to the cashier and payed for my items using the remaining vacation money I had. Later, I posted the item to the Facebook community "Insulator Friends" while still driving back into Hill City. At the time since I was not familiar with CD 125s or any 1871 Patent insulator, I assumed it was maybe an \$200 piece, but while walking through the city's rail history museum, the comment section blew up with comments on it being a \$1,500-\$2,000 piece. I picked up my phone to see what the commotion was about, and seeing the community astonished made me realize how lucky I just got. Later that night, we got 3 more insulators consisting of a SDP Brookfield CD 102 in dark green with a lot of amber, a CD 121 W. Good, and a special Hemingray CD 115 we found on a mining track in the hills above Deadwood.



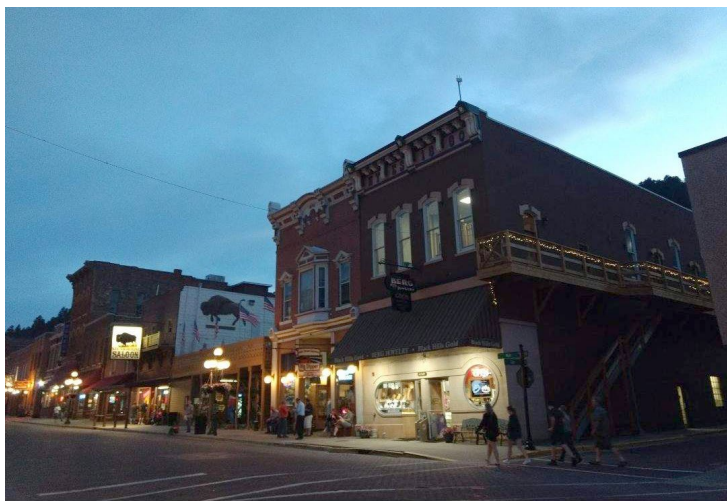
HOW A SOUTH DAKOTA VACATION EARNED ONE KID THE FIND OF THE CENTURY

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The Turnout:

The turnout of the vacation was amazing!
Finding 18 insulators total,
CD 102 Brookfield w/ amber
CD 106 McLaughlin
CD 106 Lynchburg
CD 112 Lynchburg
CD 115 Hemingray (Wild find)
CD 121 B.T.C. Of Canada
CD 121 W. Good
CD 122 Hemingray (Wild Find)
CD 125 1871 W.U. 5 in Olive yellow green
CD 145 Petticoat H mold
CD 145 CREB
CD 153 Gayner (more blue)
CD 153 Gayner (more green)
CD 154 Hemingray (Wild Find)
CD 154 Diamond w/ tin skirt
CD 155 Armstrong (Wild Find)
CD 213 Hemingray
U-1131 C.N.R.

Forever the trip will be unforgettable, not just because of the insulators, but the fact that I now know someone my age has the opportunity to find rare and exotic pieces. I hope my story inspires other young collectors to find character insulators, and to never give up. Thank you for reading. 🐱



SPOTTING INSULATORS

BY STEPHEN BROWN * NIA #10042

After catching 'insulator-itis', I thought I would start taking walks through my neighborhood to see if I could spot any glass insulators still on the job. And to my surprise there still was a lot of glass to be seen. So I grabbed my old digital camera, headed out and started shooting pics. Not only was it fun seeking out the old glass, but it was also fun explaining to people walking by what I was trying to get a picture of. Most raised their eyebrow and kept walking. On one of my walks, I came across one person's house that had them lined up along the fence! How cool is that?! What a fun hobby! And who knows what I may see out on my next walk? So what's around your neighborhood? 🐾



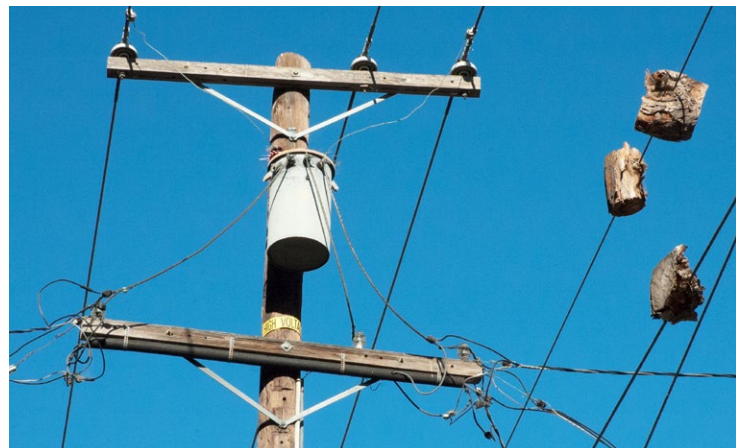
Here was a nice surprise, three aqua insulators still on duty.



These three insulators are still working and looking good.



Here is a mix of color.



These three insulators have some buddies to hang out with.

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This insulator was one of many along a neighbor's fence.



This one on my porch is clearly demonstrating the 'Drip'.



And lastly, just one bit of glass still on duty.

20th ANNUAL YUMA TAILGATER

SHOW REPORT BY DARYL STAHLER * NIA #8843

As the excitement has finally wore off from the 20th annual Grand Canyon State Insulator Club (GCIC) Tailgater this past February 2nd, I thought it was time to give credit where it's due for the real efforts behind this great event!

First, a little information about the event. In case you haven't heard, it's held every year at Riverside Park in Yuma Arizona. The weather is always great, with chilly morning temps and incredible afternoon sunshine, and this year was no exception! Rain was in the forecast, but the insulator gods shined on us, and other than a little breezy mid-day, the weather was great.

Friday evening has also become quite the event. Over the course of the last several years, a small group of collectors get together to share some great food, drink, and swap stories. This year we had 26 people confirm for dinner, and a few others showed up but there was no room at the restaurant. Historically we have been meeting at Mi Rancho Mexican restaurant, which every year they tell us that don't accept reservations, and can't accommodate large groups. However, each time they fit us in and take great care of us. Next year I've promised to find a different venue where we can arrange ahead of time and accommodate the swelling numbers!

The event officially starts at 9 am Saturday morning, but as of late, has found sellers/buyers showing up as early as 5:30 am! This year was no exception, I arrived at 7 am and there was already a dozen or more tables set up. This year was no disappointment, with 29 seller and 36 tables of wares to choose from!! We had folks from all over the country, and a few from our Northern neighbors!! Collectors from California, Colorado, New Mexico, Montana, Utah, Ohio, Michigan, Texas, Arizona, and New York made the trek this year. I apologize if I forgot to mention other travelers that also made the journey.

If I had to guess, over 50 people attended this year's tailgater! There were many familiar faces and a few new ones. It was great to see new collectors getting into the hobby. Like it or not, social media has had a positive effect on the hobby, as 3 individuals that I know got into the hobby and made the event due to social media. There was a wide assortment of glass, porcelain insulators and go-withs. Some rare and valuable pieces showed up for sale, trade and bragging rights! Ones that come to mind are two Electric Mickeys, two CD 181 Plutos, and a True Yellow Green Columbia CD 263 Patent Other! As always, there was way too much to soak up in such a short period of time.

Lunch is always served free with a donation requested to help offset costs. Roger Nagel & Theresa Taylor are the force behind the event. Ron & Lori Jenkins whipped up some delicious burger and hot dogs and all of the fixins were there for a gourmet picnic style lunch!

Speaking of Roger & Theresa, for as long as I can remember (10+ years) they have quietly taken a back seat and given GCSIC the credit for the tailgater. The fact of the matter is, GCSIC has been pretty much defunct for a number of years, and the Nagels have been funding and organizing the event for numerous years! Last year during a resurgent GCSIC club meet in Tucson at our home, Roger mention that he is considering retirement and possibly moving out of state. Not wanting the Yuma shindig to fall to the wayside since it has gained so much notoriety over the years, Diane & myself have offered to take over the event, as well as attempting to get GCSIC back on its feet so to speak.

So, officially this was the last year that the Nagels "unofficially" hosted the Grand Canyon State Insulator Club Annual Yuma tailgater and the reigns were handed over to Diane and I to carry on the 20 year tradition. The Nagels have quietly and painstakingly poured their time and love into the tailgater, keeping this as one of the "must attend" events in the southwest. Let's not forget to give kudos where they are deserved! Next time you see one of the Nagels, thank them for their years of service to this great event!! Heck, drop them a line, or give them a call and let them know you appreciate them!!

Watch for upcoming news regarding the GCSIC club and future events! 🍷





CROWN JEWELS OF THE WIRE

BY SHAUN KOTLARSKY ✨ NIA #4993

Christian reached out to me asking if I was interested in doing an article on the changes made to Crown Jewels of the Wire Magazine. I think this is a great way to talk about some of the frequently asked questions and how the NIA and Crown Jewels of the Wire serve insulator collectors.

A Brief History of Crown Jewels of the Wire

Timeline:

- Dora Harned created Crown Jewels of the Wire in March of 1969. Dora served as editor until May 1985.
- Carol McDougald edited the publication from June 1985 through December 2002.
- Howard Banks became the magazine's third editor for the period of January 2003 through December 2018.
- Shaun Kotlarsky became the 4th editor of the magazine in January of 2019, the 50th anniversary of the magazine.

For 50 years Crown Jewels of the Wire has been the leading publication for glass and porcelain insulator hobby news, history, articles about insulators found worldwide, show reports, in-depth research articles, meeting announcements, photos, and other insulator information. There is something for everyone who enjoys insulators!

Why the magazine is changing:

Starting with the Spring 2019 edition, Crown Jewels has become a standard-sized, 8.5" x 11," full color magazine that will be published quarterly.

There are more in-depth articles in the Spring 2019 50th anniversary edition, but I will focus this article on why quarterly is a natural fit for a modern hobby magazine.

A lot has changed in the way we communicate since Dora published that first issue back in March of 1969. As an organized hobby, collecting insulators was fairly new and the only real way to communicate with a group of collectors was via postal mail.

Because insulator collecting was fairly new, not much information was out there on the hobby or the items being collected. It made sense to start a monthly magazine that could keep up with the rapid changes! Over the next several decades more and more people found out about the hobby and Crown Jewels of the Wire Magazine. Lists for trading insulators started to appear in the magazine, shows were popping up across the country, and some of the hobby books were being created. The hobby was maturing!

In the mid-1990s the Internet became something that appealed to more than computer geeks. It was something consumers were finding value in. It further opened up the world for the insulator hobby and over the next decade things progressed rapidly. We could now contact a group of insulator collectors via email, AOL groups, or at the time, the new ICON mailing list, and we could buy insulators online. Ebay was born and that really changed how we "find" insulators. By the mid 2000's it was clear the Internet was more than a fad and had changed the world, including our hobby, forever.

The next major event that affected our hobby was in 2007. This is when Steve Jobs unveiled the iPhone. We could now have all the amazing things the Internet provided in our pocket. Fast forward to today and our phones have become, for many of us, our primary way to communicate, bid on items on eBay, "digitally hunt" for insulators on other websites, communicate with collectors on Facebook etc. We take pictures during our insulator hunts and at shows, mostly with our mobile phones. We now have the ability to document our insulator-collecting lives with this amazing device we carry in our pocket. In recent years Facebook groups have become an even more important way for us all to communicate online.

What does all that have to do with Crown Jewels of the Wire Magazine? Well the hobby is mature and communications have advanced. The crossroads of these two events have brought us to where we are now. Having a dedicated magazine is still valuable to the hobby, it documents hunts and finds, gets some amazing research out to the collecting community, etc. Now that the hobby is mature and the Internet exists for constant updates to our knowledge of insulators, it makes sense for the magazine to go quarterly and focus on longer form content. My goal is to have regular quarterly articles on each of the major collecting areas of interest (porcelain, world wide insulators, LRI, threadless, Fred Locke etc). If you would like to cover an area not currently served by a quarterly article, please reach out to me! If you can commit to at least a four page article every issue, you will get a free subscription. Other topics the magazine will cover are show reviews and in-depth research articles (hunts and finds, manufacturing history; anything collectors may find interesting). Most of the content in the magazine is subscriber generated, so please send me your articles and stories!

Publishing Dates and Advertising Costs:

- All Insulators: Crown Jewels of the Wire will be published (Quarterly)
- Spring issue covers March April May - Ships March 1st

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(Deadline for Articles is February 10th)

- Summer issue covers June, July, August Ships June 1st (Deadline for Articles is May 10th)
- Fall issue covers September, October, November Ships July 1st (Deadline for Articles is August 10th)
- Winter issue covers December January February Ships December 1st (Deadline for Articles is November 10th)

One year subscription options are:

Print:

- US - \$40
- Canada - \$45
- Overseas - \$60
- Electronic - \$30

Print & Electronic (USA) - \$60

Print & Electronic (Canada) - \$65

Print & Electronic (Overseas) - \$80

\$3 off coupon for Crown Jewels of the Wire when you join or renew your NIA membership!

Plans for Crown Jewels of the Wire:

Members that get the electronic or print & electronic editions, will, in the future, have access to scans of all 50 years of Crown Jewels the Wire Magazine. This is a long-term project, but I plan on making the full range available for viewing in the members area of the website.

The very popular Crown Jewels The Wire searchable archives will remain as is for now. In the future an updated version of this will be announced, but I'm still researching technologies and the best way to implement this.

The future is bright for the magazine and the hobby. As noted above, we now have many ways to learn about insulators. Think of Crown Jewels of the Wire as a curated archive of the hobby.

I plan on making All Insulators: Crown Jewels of the Wire more of a platform. What I mean by this is the magazine will be one component of it but there will be other resources available to collectors (many for free), such as my All Insulators identification site. I plan on re-designing the directory and adding more value to it. More on that soon! There are many more things I am not yet ready to announce, but I wanted people to know this is the genesis of the next generation of insulator hobby reference and information!

The NIA has been a long term supporter of Crown Jewels of the Wire over the years and continues to be. We will work together on things that make sense for our mutual members/subscribers, such as the very popular \$3 off coupon for Crown Jewels of the Wire when you join or renew your NIA membership.

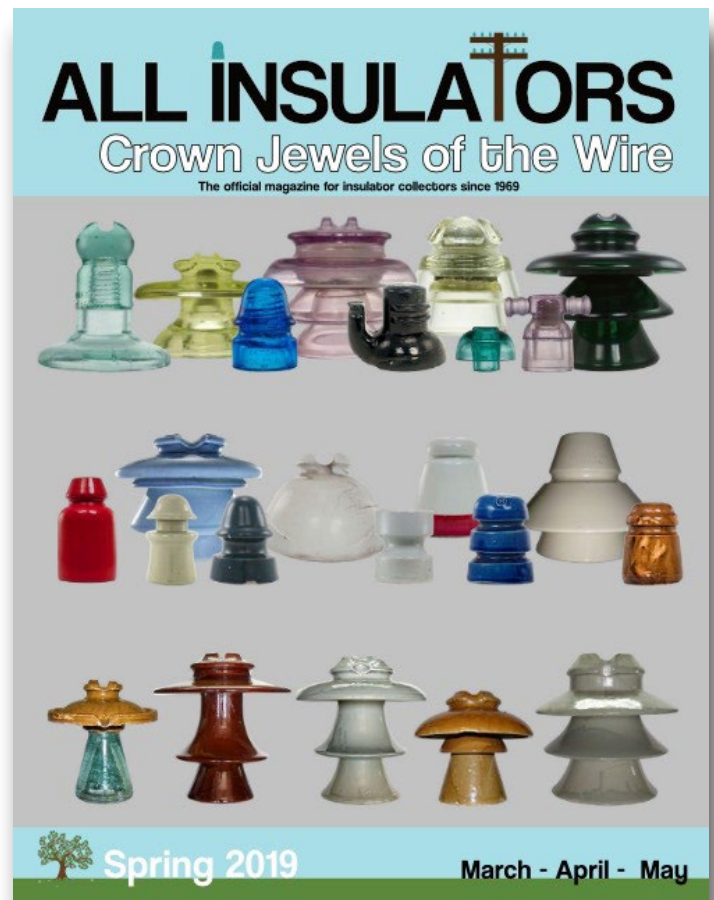
I hope you see the value in the new All Insulators: Crown Jewels of the Wire Magazine and understand how the quarterly larger format makes sense!

For more info on the magazine and info on subscribing go to:

<https://allinsulators.com/magazine/>

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BY CHRISTIAN WILLIS ✱ NIA #5185

Attached are some pictures of the stackable insulators. I have pictures of them in service, in the dumpster, and in my yard. They were in service holding up some 500KV aluminum buss. They were manufactured by Canadian General Electric Co. in 1965. What is neat about them is not only is each section tapered but the skirting is one continuous spiral. You can actually place a marble on the inner groove and it will slowly roll all the way down each section. On top is mounted the corona ring which helps control magnetic flux which envelops the energized buss at higher voltages.

It only took a weekend to dig the hole, place the granular base, pour concrete and place the insulators together. It stands about 15ft high but was about 10ft higher when it was in service as it was on a steel base.

Cheers,

Brian & Suzanne Yanchuk
NIA #9555 & 9556
Whitefish, Ontario, Canada



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Hi Christian,

We received the latest issue of Drip Points and loved the articles in it. My father was especially interested in the Cd 185 article you wrote. I agree that this CD is one of the underrated pieces in the insulator hobby and definitely needs a bio on it.

Years ago, my father purchased a Hemi Blue CD 185 from a dealer that he said was the Low Wire Groove variety. Since you didn't have a picture or mentioned it in your article I thought I'd send you some pictures. I'm not sure if it was ever submitted for the value guide but I will send some pictures to Dario to see if it could be added.

In the pictures, the first one shows the fronts. The one on the left is an aqua F-skirt Hemingray R-skirt No 95. The one on the right is the low wire groove in Hemi Blue F-skirt Hemingray-95 R-skirt Made In U.S.A. There are no blot outs that I can see on either piece. Both are sharp drip points.

I'd like to hear your comments on this piece and you are free to use the pictures if you can and want to use them. Thanks for the great articles and taking over the Drip Points magazine. Take Care, Jim.

James A. Lindsey, Jr. N.I.A. #3750

James A. Lindsey, Sr. N.I.A. #3749

Hello Jim, thank you so much for contacting me. I really love the low wire groove variety! I don't have one in my collection or I would have pictured one for sure. I know that Hemingray's molds "floated" a bit which accounts for some variety in the mold height, but I would argue that the short mold variety was intentional because it's so dramatic. - Christian



In response to Rick Soller's article in the Winter 2018 issue of Drip Points, entitled "A Primer on Fuse Cutouts", I received the following email and photo from NIA Members Sharyn & Don McLean of Northland, New Zealand:

"These are still in use in NZ, I have only 5 as not easy to display. Found in a power company depot in central North Island in 2011. They have no real \$\$\$\$ value. Our collection of insulators is not huge but quite international. All really started riding trains collecting Spikes / Dogs and of course in many parts of the world the power lines are by the tracks We live in Northland, New Zealand, attending Orlando to meet likeminded people and extend our American knowledge. 'Collecting Insulators in NZ' is a great reference book and Geoff and John always eager to help."

Sharyn & Don McLean

NIA #s 10024 & 10025

Feedback and comments about the articles or the magazine in general are always welcome! Please contact the editor at publications@nia.org or write to: Christian Willis • P.O.Box2797 • Parker, CO 80134.

IN MEMORIAM: GRANT ORMSBY BARNES

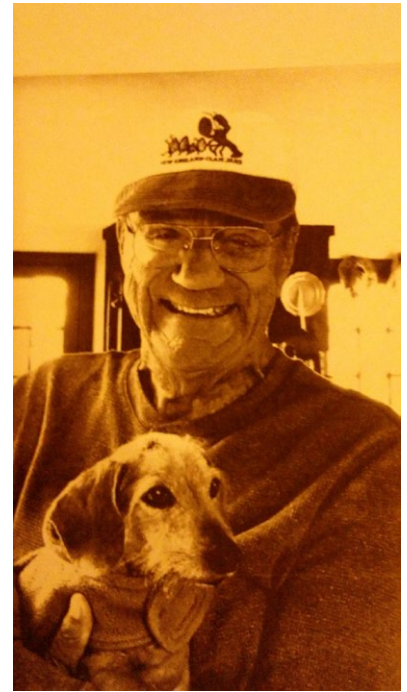
1934–2018 ✨ NIA CHARTER MEMBER #219

Grant Ormsby Barnes passed away December 23, 2018 at the age of 84. He was born in Arkport, NY on July 17, 1934. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert John Barnes and Dorothy Ormsby Barnes, his older brother, Charles Herbert Barnes, and more recently his wife of 52 years, Ann MacVicar Barnes. He is survived by his twin brother, Graham Burdick Barnes and many nieces and nephews.

Grant was very active and competitive in high school sports. As a teenager, he worked with his brothers on the muckland vegetable farm with their father. He loved the outdoors and in his spare time he enjoyed hunting and fishing with his family. Upon graduation from Arkport High School, he joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Thule, Greenland, located north of the Arctic Circle.

In 1957, he went to work for the New York Telephone Company as a lineman and later as an installer technician. After being employed by the telephone company for 21 years, he became eligible to join the volunteer organization, Telephone Pioneers of America (TPA) and served as president of the Capital Adirondack District. He retired from Verizon in 1991. He was also very active in preserving artifacts related to his employment and a charter member (#219) of the National Insulator Association where he hosted the organization's "National Convention and Show" in Herkimer, NY in 1980. He was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Punta Gorda Elks Lodge # 2606 and a 62-year member of The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, Hornellsville Lodge # 44.

Upon retirement to Burnt Store Colony in Punta Gorda, Grant was quickly surrounded by new friends. As a member of the community he volunteered with the Woodpeckers and at community meals. He was never happier (or short of partners) on the dance floor and tennis court or making up a fourth at bridge, He became quite the competitive tennis player competing and most times winning in the senior tournaments in Florida. He was a member of a sailing crew that competed on the west coast of Florida. People who knew Grant would describe him as a nice guy and he will be missed by all. ▲



EDITOR'S NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF A PASSED NIA MEMBER, PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITOR.



PHOTO BY BRIAN RIECKER

EARLY TELEGRAPH IN ALASKA AND THE KLONDIKE

BY JOHN BARBER * NIA #1623



CD 102 Pennycuick (No Embossing): This piece came from the telegraph line running from Valdez to Eagle, Alaska as part of the WAMCATS network.

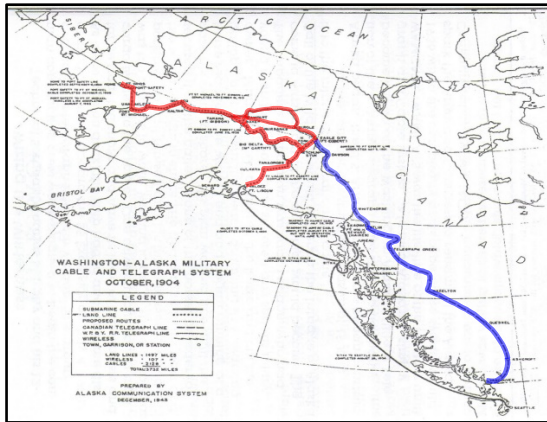
WAMCATS - On May 26, 1900, Congress gave its approval to build an extensive network of telegraph and cable lines that would link Alaska to the rest of the world. The Washington-Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System (WAMCATS) would connect Fort Lisicum in Valdez to other forts along the Yukon River: Fort Egbert at Eagle City, Fort Gibbon at Tanana, and St. Michael on the Bering Sea coast. A submarine cable would connect Seattle with Valdez. Captain Charles S. Farnsworth spearheaded the WAMCATS project with Fort Egbert as construction headquarters. It was left to Lt. William Mitchell to complete the 1,497-mile-long line. While wire communication was possible in Fort Egbert by 1900, the route had formerly traveled through Canada. The telegraph line was completed on June 29, 1903. Only a decade earlier, it had taken nearly a year to send a message to the Interior from Washington, D.C., and receive a reply.



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Telegraph Station



1904 Telegraph Map showing Alaska lines (red) and Canadian Yukon Telegraph Trail lines (blue)



CD 127 Brookfield once used on an early Klondike telegraph line.



CD 102 Brookfield found on an abandoned telegraph line in the Yukon.



CD 133 E R Pennycuick style insulator found buried in the area near Dawson City where the Klondike Mine's Railroad started its run up Bonanza Creek to King Solomon's Dome.

Yukon Telegraph Trail - Almost 3,000 kilometres in length, the Yukon Telegraph line linked Dawson City to southern Canada. The line branched north from the Canadian Pacific Railway telegraph line at Ashcroft; along much of its length was a trail used for servicing the line. Within the Kitimat-Stikine region, the Yukon Telegraph Trail is valued for its historical association with the Collins Overland and Yukon Telegraph lines, its role in communications and transportation, its scientific association with the changes in communications technology, its cultural association with First Nations, telegraph operators and others, its current use by guide outfitters, its potential as a recreational resource, and its location within the pristine natural environment of the Kitimat-Stikine region. The 500 kilometre portion of the Yukon Telegraph Trail that extends from Moricetown to Telegraph Creek is valued as a physical reminder of the history of the Yukon Telegraph line. Begun during the Yukon Gold Rush and constructed between 1897 and 1901 by the Dominion Government Telegraph Service, the trail along with the Teslin trail was promoted as an All-Canadian Route to the Yukon gold fields. The trail is also valued for the critical role it played in maintaining communications and opening up settlement in the remote Kitimat-Stikine region. The trail highlights the transportation challenges in the region, as pack trains were the only possible means for transporting goods along the line.



CD 126.4 W.E. Mfg. Co. insulator found buried near the remains of an old Klondike town that once stood at the turn of the century.



Telegraph along rugged terrain

Hemingray Corner is a new feature where I answer questions and talk about one of my favorite topics: the Hemingray Glass Company! Have a Hemingray question? Contact me!

For the first issue, I'm going to focus on the granddaddy of the 510-series power insulators manufactured by Hemingray: the CD 301.5 Hemingray-515.

Manufactured between 1939 and 1940, the Hemingray-515 was an experimental style that likely never saw service. Hemingray catalogs of that time period feature the Hemingray 510 (CD 168), 511 (CD 231.2), 512 (CD 230/230.1), 513 (CD 232/232.2), and 514 (CD 238/238.1). But it stops there—no 515 to be found. Yet, over the years (most in the 1970's) several specimens have been dug from the Hemingray Dump in Muncie, Indiana.



[010] (F-Skirt) HEMINGRAY-515 (R-Skirt) MADE IN U.S.A. / 1-9. {1 3/8" pinhole} SB - Clear

[020] (F-Skirt) HEMINGRAY-515 / 9 (R-Skirt) MADE IN U.S.A. / 1 {1 3/8" pinhole} SB - Honey Amber

[030] (F-Skirt) HEMINGRAY-515 / 9 (R-Skirt) MADE IN U.S.A. / 1 {1" pinhole} SB - Honey Amber

Note that all of the 3 known embossings above, only have one mold number ("1"), and come in two distinct molds. Clear specimens have a "1-9."

date code on the rear skirt (indicating a 1940 manufacturing date), and honey amber specimens all have a "9" date code on the front skirt, indicating a manufacturing date of 1939, and a "1" on the rear skirt.

I first found out about the CD 301.5 while perusing the McDougald's Insulator book as a fledgling Hemingray collector in 1991. I thought it was so cool, and knew I wanted one some day. Back then the price guide value was a very modest \$300-350, but still way too much for a 10 year old to afford.

In 1998, I received my first CD 301.5 from Bill Meier. It's a [020] in specimen condition reglued from two pieces and missing the back third, but it's cool to see a cross section of the triple petticoat. Then, in 2017 I was fortunate to pick up the [010] in Clear, which as it turns out happens to be the exact insulator pictured in the McDougald book I used to admire as a kid. It definitely has the look of a dug piece, and does not show any signs of use.

This prompted me to start a "census", trying to determine exactly how many of these are known to the hobby. Based on responses from several collectors, I believe there are around 10 known: 3-4 clear and 5-6 amber. Of the amber pieces, the [030] 1" pinhole variety is the least common—I know of one specimen to date. The value has risen considerably since the



ABOVE: A CLEAR CD 301.5 SHARD DUG FROM THE HEMINGRAY DUMP IN 2006. PHOTO CREDIT: DARIN COCHRAN

Sporting a triple petticoat, measuring 7 1/4" wide (slightly bigger than a 7" CD 301 Muncie Type), and weighing in at 4 lbs. 4 oz., the 515 was clearly meant for primary power distribution.

Why was this an experimental style and not produced in more numbers? We may never know. It's possible that Hemingray was experimenting with a replacement for the Muncie Type which

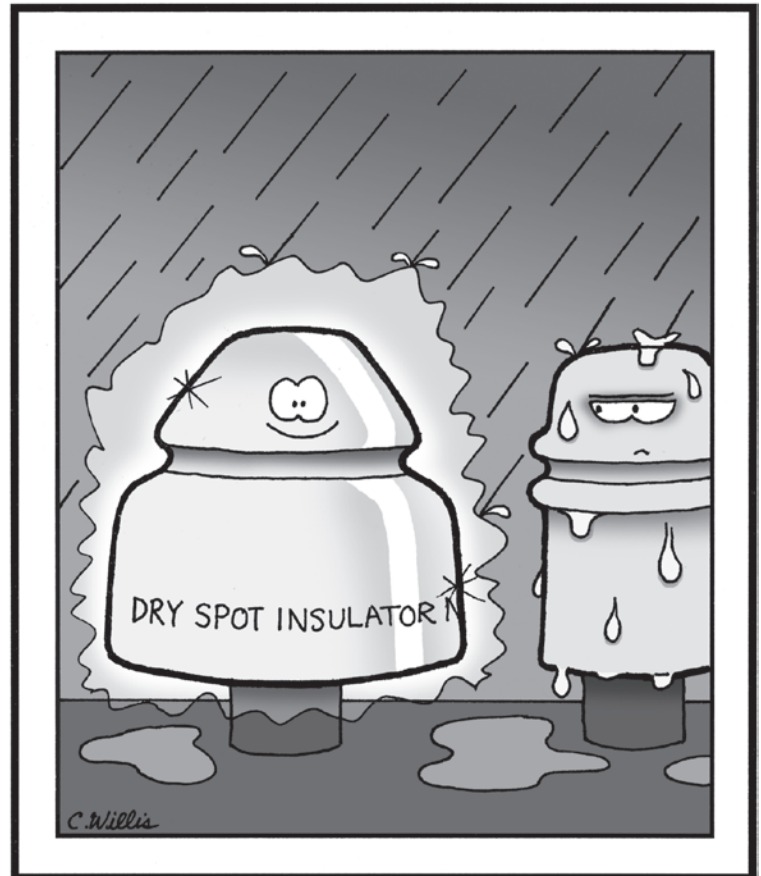


1991 price guide value of \$300-350, and over the past 8 years or so the value has leveled off at \$2500-3000. Only time will tell if more are unearthed from the Hemingray Dump, but until then the few that are circulating in the hobby will remain sought after by CD, power and Hemingray specialists alike. ▲

OPPOSITE PAGE, CENTER: [010] EMBOSSING IN HONEY AMBER. PHOTO CREDIT: BILL MEIER

LEFT: [030] EMBOSSING WITH 1" PINHOLE. NOTE THE DARKER AMBER COLORING. PHOTO CREDIT: RON YUHAS

LEFT, BELOW: [020] EMBOSSING, REUNITED WITH ITS PICTURE IN THE MCDUGALD'S INSULATOR BOOK.



2019 National Insulator Show and Convention

Orlando, Florida June 14-16 2019

Celebrating 50 Years of Meets & Shows

For additional information:
Jacqueline Linscott-Barnes
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2019 NATIONAL SPRING UPDATE!



Dear Insulator Collectors,

Your show hosts Clay, Graham, and Jacqueline, welcome you to Orlando, Florida, June 14-16, 2019 to the "Celebration of 50 Years of Meets/Shows". It all began in New Castle, Indiana almost 50 years ago when a group of insulator collectors came together to buy, sell and trade insulators. On the last day of the gathering they agreed to do it again the next year but this time in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This began the yearly meeting and the developing of friendships. They would meet in a different part of the USA each year. Here we are today coming together in Florida for the 50th year and to greet our "extended family" along with sharing our insulators. *We have some very special events planned for those who attend. On your check list:*

1. You should have all your reservations made: *Hotel, Sales Tables, Exhibit Table, your Ad for the Souvenir Program and Directory*
2. New or Renewal of your *NIA Membership*. *NIA Day is Friday for YOU!*
3. Save time on Friday night for the *Free "MAGIC BUS" concert*. Your *"gold" wristband* will be in your Convention Tote along with your *Banquet tickets* (If you have made your reservations).
4. Arrive early or stay after and visit the *ICON (Eye of Orlando), Kennedy Space Center, Sea World, Discovery Cove, Aquatica, Universal and Disney*.
5. *Perks for members on Friday will be coffee and donuts* during set-up (donated by the hotel and a club member).
6. Another planned event for you on Friday evening will be the seminar, *"Over the Hill Erie RR"* presented by Jeff Katchko immediately following the *General Membership Meeting*.
7. Complimentary refreshments (donated by a club member) in the Hospitality Room on both Thursday and Friday evenings. Check your schedule of events in the *Souvenir Program/Directory* for the times.
8. If you need to make *reservations* or if you have questions: *www.nia.org* (for the convention packet) or *bluebellwt@aol.com* or *321-480-1800*.
9. Remember your donation to the *Silent Auction* to assist with show host expenses. *Let Dudley Ellis know what you plan to donate*.
10. *Clay, Graham and Jacqueline* await your arrival. See y'all June 14-16, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2019 – MAY 2019



APRIL 6, 2019 (Saturday) WHEATON, ILLINOIS

The Dupage Collectors Expo will be held Saturday, April 6th, at the Dupage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton, Illinois. Hours are 9:00 to 3:00. Items for sale & trade include: Insulators, Lightning Rod items & Weather-vanes, Telephone & Telegraph items, Bottles, Jars, etc. Info: BOB STAHR: bob@heminggray.com (630) 793-5345 and RICK SOLLER: com574@clcillinois.edu (847) 782-8602.

APRIL 6, 2019 (Saturday) WEST LEECHBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Western Reserve Insulator Club's 19th Annual Allegheny Valley Insulator Show & Sale. W. Leechburg Fireman's Recreation Hall, 1116 Gosser St. W. Leechburg PA 15656. Show Hours 9:00am - 3:00pm Dealer setup 7:30am. 8' table \$20. Info: RON BARTH 724-845-8439 rktbarth@windstream.net

APRIL 7, 2019 (Sunday) ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT

Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club Annual Spring Insulator, Bottle, and Tabletop Collectibles Show and Sale. American Legion Hall, 566 Enfield Street (US Route 5), Enfield, Connecticut 06082. Show hall is 1 mile from Exit 49 of I-91 on the Connecticut/Massachusetts border. 20 minutes north of Hartford; 20 minutes south of the Mass Pike. Show Hours 8AM to 2PM. Dealer Setup 6AM to 8AM. Free Admission. 30+ sales tables as well as several displays. Free display space available. For dealer contracts, display information, or just general show questions - please contact JOHN RAJPOLT (203) 261-1190. E-Mail: rajpolt@earthlink.net

APRIL 12-13, 2019 (Friday-Saturday) ANTIOCH, CALIFORNIA

Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society 53rd Annual Antiques and Collectibles Show will be held at the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, Sunset Hall, 1201 West 10th Street, Antioch, CA on April 12th. Hours: 12 noon - 5 p.m for dealer setup and early buyers' admission (\$10). April 13th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free admission. INFO: Contact GARY or DARLA ANTONE 925-373-6758 or email packrat49er@netscape.net

APRIL 20, 2019 (Saturday) PERTH, ONTARIO, CANADA

Ottawa Valley Insulator Collector's (OVIC) 21st annual show and sale, Saturday, April 20th in the Perth Lions Hall at the Perth Fairgrounds, 60 Arthur St., Perth, Ontario, Canada. Featuring coloured glass and porcelain, threaded and threadless insulators, foreign insulators, go-withs including signs, lightning rod balls, telephone related items and railroadians. Setup begins at 7:00 A.M with dealer trading starting at 9:00 A.M. sharp. The hall will open to the public at 10:00 A.M. and tear-down will begin around 2:00 P.M. Coffee and chili will be available by donation. Info: DARCY

LAFRAMBOISE 613-545-2423 or dlarasperry@hotmail.com
Show link www.insulators.info/clubs/OVIC

APRIL 27, 2019 (Saturday) FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

23rd Annual Rhode Ranch Barbeque & Tailgater will be held Saturday, April 27th at 12441 North Friant Rd, Fresno, CA from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. You'll enjoy free-of-charge the famous Deep-Pit BBQ feast. Numerous tables are provided, or you may bring your own, or just open your tailgate and sell & trade. Swapping stores and bringing your recent finds are strongly encouraged. Info: BILL at 530-701-4377 or KAT at 559-434-2162.

23RD ANNUAL RHODE RANCH BARBEQUE & TAILGATER

Saturday, April 27
12441 North Friant Rd.
GPS: 2000 Birkhead Ave.
Fresno, California
7:00AM-4:00PM

Join us at Rhode Ranch for some fun, plenty of insulators, and Bill & Kat's famous Deep-Pit BBQ feast, free of charge! Tables provided and tailgates welcome. Bring your insulators, bottles, antiques, you name it... the more the better! Hope to see you there!
BILL: 530-701-4377 or
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MAY 3-4, 2019 (Friday-Saturday) COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA

Free Admission, Free appraisals, Free air too! at the annual Columbia City, Indiana Insulator, Fruit Jar, Bottle & Collectibles show to be held at the Whitley County 4H Center, 581 Squawbuck Road, Columbia City, IN on May 3 & 4th. Plenty of parking, RVs welcome (no hookups) Friday dealer setup noon -3 PM, Public 3-5 PM, Pizza 5PM, BRING SOMETHING FOR THE SHOW & TELL at 5:30 PM, Saturday Dealer setup 6AM - 8AM, Public 8 AM until the last dealer leaves. First dealer table \$28, 2/\$48, 3/\$60, 4/\$75, 5/\$80, 6/\$85. For discounts on local hotels or for more info email Gene Hawkins at: gene.hawkins@mchsi.com or call 574-377-0171.

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MAY 4, 2019 (Saturday) AUSTIN, MINNESOTA

The North Western Insulator Club invites all to our Welcome to Spring Sale and Swap Meet in beautiful Austin MN. The venue is the American Legion at 809 12th St SW, the hours are 9 to 3, tables are free and there is plenty of indoor and outdoor space to display your wares. An auction to benefit the club will be held at noon and donations are welcome. Breakfast and lunch are available for purchase all day. For questions or to reserve a table, contact Gordy Cassidy at 507-433-9650.

MAY 17-18, 2019 (Friday-Saturday) KENT, WASHINGTON

Washington Bottle Collectors Association 6th Annual Spring Insulator, Bottle and Collectible Show. Largest combined bottle and insulator show in Northwest Washington. Join us at the Kent Commons Event Center, 525 Fourth Ave N, Kent, WA. Dealer set up and early admission (\$5) Friday, May 17, 11-5 PM and free general admission Saturday, May 18, 9 - 3 . Close to the population centers in NW Washington and we always have plenty of full tables of insulators. For more information and table reservations contact: NIEL SMITH (360) 485-8343 wbcaweb@gmail.com or PETE HENDRICKS (253) 335-1732. Insulator related questions: ROBIN HARRISON (206) 522-2135 robin3250@comcast.net

MAY 18, 2019 (Saturday) CAYUCOS, CALIFORNIA

The 27th Annual Golden State Insulator Club's Spring Insulator & Collectibles Show will be held Saturday, May 18th, under the Big White Tent behind the Lions Veterans Hall, 10 Cayucos Drive (at the pier and inches from the beach). Hours are 8:00 to 3:00. Free admission. Free appraisals and evaluations. There will be a barbecue Saturday after the show. RV Park, motels and restaurants are in town and nearby. Please bring recent finds for show & tell. Info: BOB MERZOIAN: bobmerzoian@mac.com or 559-359-2826.

May 24-25, 2019 (Friday-Saturday) SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

The Umpteenth Annual Spudfest show will be held: 24-25 May, Friday-Saturday. Friday is 1200 to whenever, the usual BS and storytelling session. Saturday is 900 to whenever, as the usual show, swap, and sale. Location is: the Burger Compound 8925 S. Cheney Road Spokane WA. Best to look for the buried school buses and turn up the hill, following the old openwire phone line. If all else fails, telephonic communication is encouraged. POC's include 509 . 981 . 1747 and 509 . 953 . 4150 No charge for tables, but we do ask that you call and reserve on, so we have enough on hand. If people have their own, that's great too. The Spudmeister also likes a rough head count to ensure enough brisket is smoked, so no one goes without. The cooking process is 4 days, so last minute surprises will result in much sadness. This year's featured artist is Buck Futz, performing 3 shows daily on the main stage. The audience is invited to bring their kazoo's.

JUNE 1, 2019 (Saturday) PERKIOMENVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

45th Annual Pennsylvania Insulator Show & Sale will be Saturday, June 1st, at 1837 Perkiomenville Road, Perkiomenville, PA 18074. Come & enjoy a day with your collector friends. Buy, sell & trade insulators and related items. Please bring a food item for the insulator picnic. 9:00 AM until the last person leaves. Info: STEVE BOBB 610-539-6533 or email: sbobb1@verizon.net or CLAUDE WAMBOLD 215-234-8413 or email: acwambold2@verizon.net



2019 Canyonville Oregon Jefferson State Antique Bottle, Insulator & Collectible Show

👉 Saturday June 1, 2019 👈

Free Admission 9 AM – 5 PM
Seven Feathers Casino Resort
15—Exit 99

Dealer Set-up / \$10~ early admission Saturday 7-9 AM

Free Walk-in Appraisals!
Onsite live auction action!

Info

Bruce Silva
P. O. Box 1565
Jacksonville, Or. 97530
541-821-8949
jsglass@q.com



JUNE 1, 2019 (Saturday) TAMA, IOWA

The 22nd Annual Hawkeye State Insulator Swap Meet is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st at the Tama Civic Center from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM. The Civic Center is located at 305 Siegel St. in downtown Tama, IA. Those attending can plan on setting up at 7:00 AM. There is no cost to set up at this event and lunch will be provided for those attending. This annual event tends to draw dealers from Iowa and surrounding states and is a very relaxed atmosphere enjoyed by all. We are again looking forward to hosting you and provide some good Midwest hospitality in the Hawkeye State. For additional information and table reservation, please contact DAVE SHAW at (641) 484-5463 or e-mail at dashaw@mchsi.com

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JUNE 8, 2019 (Saturday) SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

San Diego Antique Bottle & Collectibles Show and Sale. Expect everything from insulators to antiques at this event. Raffles and historic and educational displays. Free parking and free admission from 9 AM to 3 PM. Held at the Courtyard Marriott/Liberty Station 2592 Laning Rd San Diego, CA 92109. For more information contact, Jim Walker 858-490-9019 or jfw@internetter.com Club site: www.sdbottleclub.org



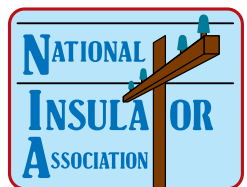
JUNE 14-16, 2019 (Friday-Sunday) ORLANDO, FLORIDA

2019 National Insulator Association's Annual Convention and Show, Oceans Convention Center at the DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at Sea World, 10100 International Drive, Orlando, Florida

32821. 15,000+ sq. ft of Glass and Porcelain Insulators, Hardware, Signs, Lightning Rod Balls, Battery Jars and Rests, Lamps, Bottles, Jars, Telephone and related items and MUCH, MUCH more! 175+ Dealer and Display tables. Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (NIA only). Open to the public Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. and Sunday 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. WANTED: DEALERS!! Additional show info available now: Jacqueline Linscott-Barnes (bluebellwt@aol.com).

JULY 13, 2019 (Saturday) SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

Fourth annual back yard show and sale in beautiful South Lake Tahoe, CA. Saturday July 13, 2019 9AM - 4PM with light breakfast and coffee served in the morning and full carnitas and the fixins for lunch. Friday setup is encouraged with a nice bbq for the sellers Friday night. Tables are available, sellers can reserve one in advance or bring their own. For information, contact George or Judy Klingler 530-541-3254, 530-416-1631 or email judyklingler@charter.net The show is at 1173 Tata Lane, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. We look forward to seeing you all and having an awesome day!



JULY 26-28, 2019 (Friday-Sunday) HELENA, MONTANA

Announcing the 2019 NIA Western Regional show to be held July 26th-28th, 2019 at the Radisson Colonial Inn in Helena Mt. Show host Doug Rusher along with co-hosts Ron Yuhas and Jay Bernasek welcome

all insulator collectors to this historic show. This is the first time an NIA Regional or National show has been held in Montana and is the first Regional show in 15 years. We will have 74+ sales tables and 20 display tables. Show information is available on the NIA Website: www.nia.org/shows/westernregional. Close to Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks, Community Display of Insulators of Montana, Banquet Saturday evening. So Plan your summer vacation and attend a fantastic Insulator show as well. For more

information please Contact Doug Rusher 406-461-7341 ddrusher@aol.com or Jay Bernasek 406-223-1969 jayb@mtopticom.net

AUGUST 10, 2019 (Saturday) MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

The 20th Annual Shenandoah Valley Insulator Show and Sale sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club will be held Saturday, August 10th from 9 AM to 1 PM, once again, by popular demand, at the B&O Roundhouse in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Dealer setup from 7-9 AM. 8-foot tables are \$25 for the first table and \$20 each additional. There is no admission charge. For more info or directions, contact JEFF HOLLIS at 304-671-5359 or email: redoak1953@gmail.com

AUGUST 23-24, 2019 (Friday-Saturday) BEND, OREGON

The annual Jefferson State Insulator Club's Tres-Amigos Insulator Show & Sale in Central Oregon will be held August 23 - 24 starting with dinner Friday evening followed by our traditional bonfire and story-telling time. On Saturday the show will begin early. Tables will be provided. If you would like a table, please let us know beforehand so the correct number can be ordered. There will be a BBQ lunch at 11:35. Side dishes are welcome. Be sure to bring your "Go-Withs" and any other treasures along with your hunting and adventure stories for the Friday evening bonfire. Please RSVP. Lodging and camping available at nearby Tumalo State Park or camp on site. Our location is 64420 Research Road, Bend, OR 97703. Info: JIM SINASEK 541-383-8067 or oregonjim@q.com. ERNIE CARLSON 503-622-3573 or ecarlson6@frontier.com or MID NORRIS 541-281-2715 or mudhen@gmail.com

AUGUST 24, 2019 (Saturday) NISSWA, MINNESOTA

Join the fun with the North Western Insulator Club Summer Swap Meet in Minnesota lake country. The Yennies' will host at their home at Nisswa Minnesota for a day of insulators, go-withs, food and friends. We will spread out in the yard and, if necessary, the garage. There will be plenty of canopies available in case of rain. Set up starts at 9 and goes until 3:30. Bring your tables and a chair. Colin will be grilling brats, burgers, and hot dogs for lunch, please bring a dish to pass. Bring items to donate for the club-sponsored auction and plan to bid often-there are always unexpected treasures to be had! For questions or more info, contact Colin Yennie at 507-289-1095 (land line) or 507-271-3457 (call or text). Or email: cryennie@hotmail.com

SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2019 (Saturday-Sunday) ABBOTSFORD, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

The Abbotsford Insulator Show will be hosted at the home of Mark and Laura Schultz on September 7th and 8th 2019 Saturday and Sunday. Guests are welcome to arrive earlier in the week. Tables are provided but limited and a lunch will also be provided at 12:00 R.V.

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space is available but limited to around 5 or 6 units. Hope to see you and bring lots of insulators. Mark Schultz 33911 Farmer Rd. Abbotsford British Columbia, Canada V2S7M3

SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 (Saturday) HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Lone Star Insulator Club will host their 28th annual Houston Insulator & Collectibles show at the Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport from 9 am to 4 pm on September 21, 2019. Free parking and admission! Contact show hosts Chris Renaudo (713-826-5923 or crenaudo@aol.com), Keith Brooking (979-245-2558 or keithbrooking@sbcglobal.net), or John Hall (281-851-6585 or jhall@ix.netcom.com) for more information or to reserve a table.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 (Saturday) BATH, ONTARIO, CANADA

Bath Antique Bottle and Insulator Show will be held Saturday September 28th from 9:30am to 2:00pm at 428 Main Street, in Bath Ontario Canada. Vendor costs are \$10 to set up, and tables are limited so reach out to loyalistcollectibles@gmail.com to secure your spot. Last year's event was a great success with great deals to be found!

NOVEMBER 1-3, 2019 (Friday-Sunday) SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

The 49th Mid-Ohio Insulator Show will be held November 1-3 at the Clark County Fairgrounds, 4401 South Charleston Pike, Springfield, Ohio. Exit 59 off I-70. Show hours are Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Saturday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Sunday from 9:00 AM to closing. Info: CURT BOSTER email: cboster530@att.net or 614-301-5125 or LOIS BLAIR 740-852-3148. Additional info at: www.insulators.info/shows/springfield

NOVEMBER 16, 2019 (Saturday) TOCCOA, GEORGIA

The Dixie Jewels Insulator Club's Fall swap meet, hosted by Tom, Mike and Casey Herron, will be held Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 8:00-4:00 in Toccoa, Georgia. The swap will be held at Mitchell Allen Memorial Hall, located at the historic Toccoa Depot and next door to the Currahee Military Museum. The Toccoa Depot was built in 1915 and is located beside the Southern Railroad which remains active to this day. The Toccoa Depot has been restored to its original appearance in 1940 and showcases the history of Toccoa and Stephens County, Georgia, along with many artifacts detailing the lives and experiences of the men in the 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment who trained for combat missions at nearby Camp Toccoa, made famous by the hit HBO miniseries, "Band of Brothers". Tours of the museum can be arranged for those interested at minimal cost. Around 15 tables will be available, so please contact Mike Herron before the swap to reserve your sales table. If all those tables are spoken for, plan to bring your own table. There is lots of room in the meeting hall and there will

be a great assortment of insulators for sale. Admission is free and there is no charge to set up a sales table. Lunch will be provided and others are asked to bring a covered dish, dessert or drinks to complement the meal. Mark your calendars now for a terrific day of awesome insulators and fellowship in the beautiful mountains of Northeast Georgia. For more information contact MIKE HERRON at (706) 599-4705 or e-mail hern@truvista.net.

DECEMBER 8, 2019 (Sunday) ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT

Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club Annual "Beat the Snow" Insulator, Bottle, and Tabletop Collectibles Show and Sale. American Legion Hall, 566 Enfield Street (US Route 5), Enfield, Connecticut 06082. Show hall is 1 mile from Exit 49 of I-91 on the Connecticut/Massachusetts border. 20 minutes north of Hartford; 20 minutes south of the Mass Pike. Show Hours 8AM to 2PM. Dealer Setup 6AM to 8AM. Free Admission. 30+ sales tables as well as several displays. Free display space available. For dealer contracts, display information, or just general show questions - please contact JOHN RAJPOLT (203) 261-1190. E-Mail: rajpolt@earthlink.net



JUNE 12-14, 2020 (Friday-Sunday) LOGAN, UTAH

The National Insulator Association's 51st Annual Show and Convention will be held at the Cache County Fairgrounds in Logan, Utah. The fairgrounds is located at 450 South 500 West, Logan, UT 84321. There will be plenty of dealer space and exhibit space plus a multitude of things to do in the area. Complete show information will be available in 2019 at the Orlando National and subsequently online. Show Hosts are: DON & JEANNE BRIEL, (435) 753-5786, Don.Briel@comcast.net and ARNOLD & LINDA SMITH, (801) 829-3383, smithlrh@hotmail.com

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2019 Western Regional Show

July 26th-28th 2019

Helena Montana



<http://www.nia.org/shows/westernregional>



We are so pleased to announce the first Regional Show in 15 years. The Western Regional Show will be held in Helena MT and will have 74+ sales tables, 20 Display tables, a community display of insulators used in Montana, Banquet on Saturday evening with a special guest speaker, and exhibitor and club awards following dinner. The event will be held at the Radisson Colonial Inn. Helena offers lots of History and there are many sites to see and do. And we are half way from Glacier National Park and Yellowstone Park so plan your summer vacation and attend a super show. For more information please check out the link above or just scan the QR code and it will take you right to the webpage.



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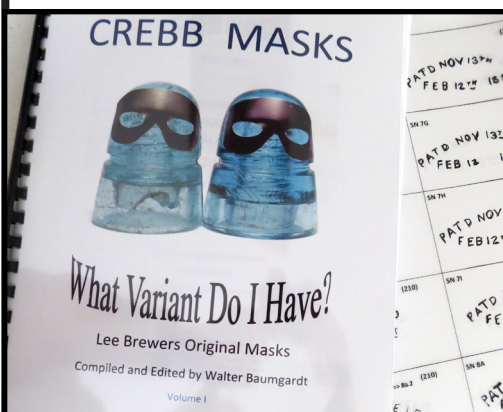
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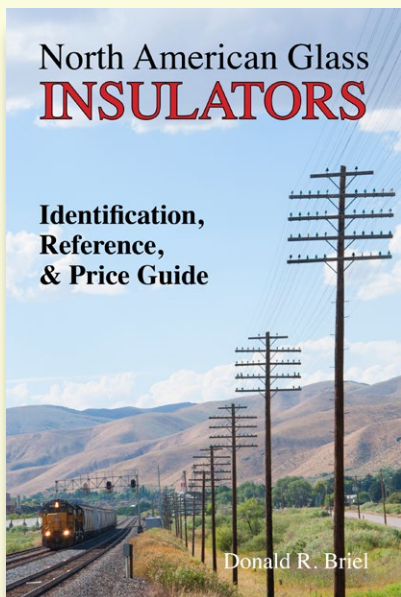
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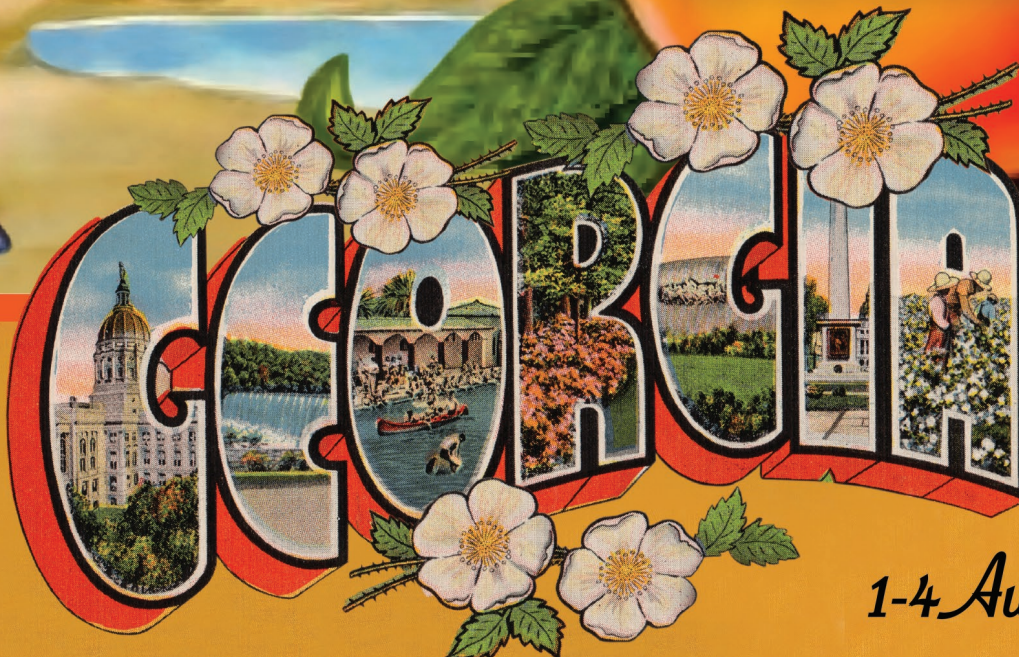


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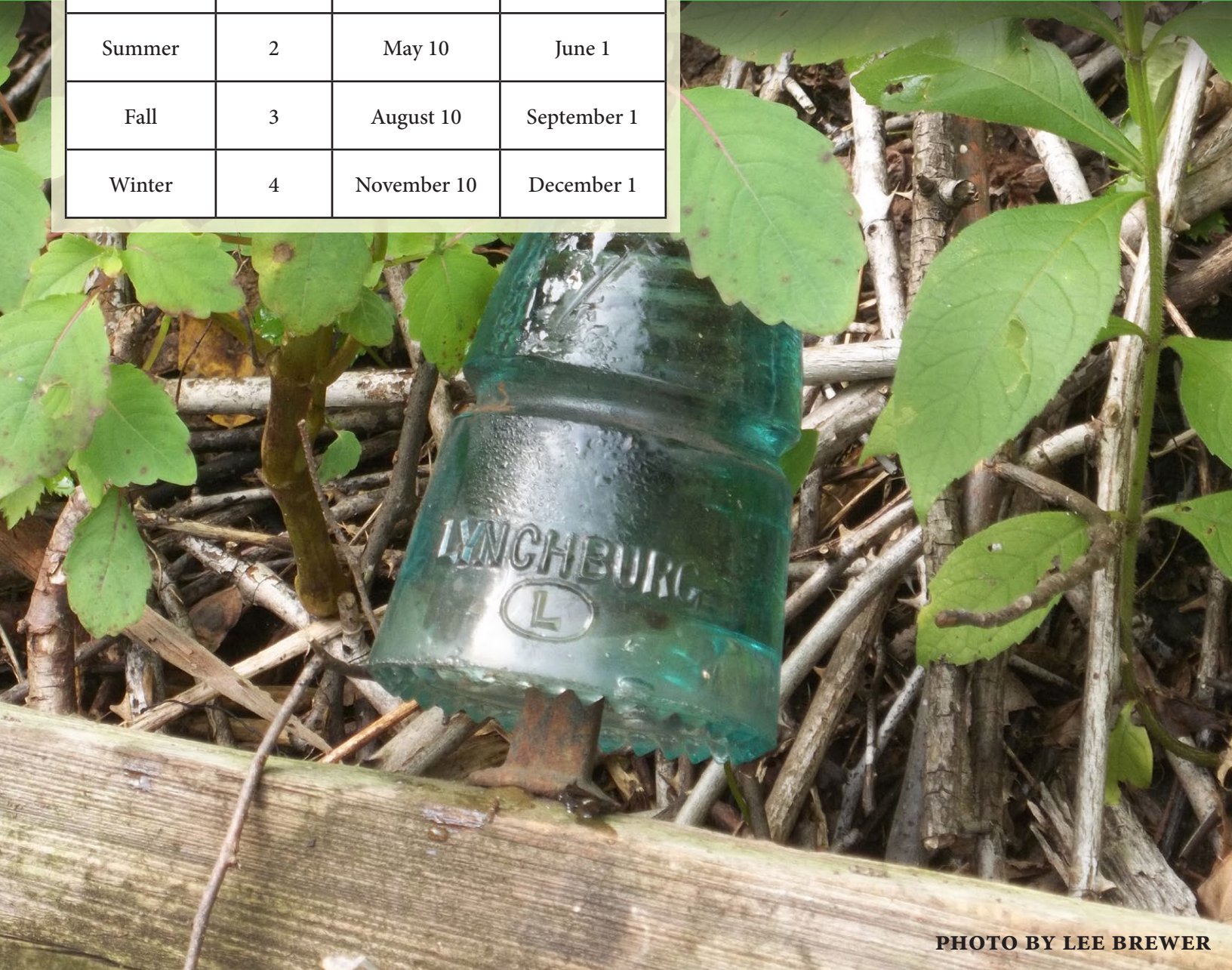


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