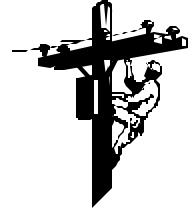




Drip Points



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Fall is in the air, even here in hot and sunny Phoenix. I am really looking forward to some fall insulator hunting and I am sure many of you are already out doing this. I have plans for 2-3 short hunts this fall when the temperatures here in the Desert Southwest finally drop below 100 degrees or so. The temperatures are still in the 105-

110 range even in September. It's late October before we start to enjoy the 85-90 highs that make great glass hunting weather around here.

Before I forget, I want to make a special plea to you all to consider a bid to host a 2006 regional show or for the 2007 National. We need bids (at least one) for these shows and it seems everyone thinks someone else will do it. If you, or your club, are interested in hosting one of these events and have questions concerning the guidelines and NIA expectations you may Call Glenn Drummond at (334-257-3100 or glenn@patent-1871.com).

Also, for those of you in the western region, we have a new Western Region VP, Mike Green. Mike replaces Howard Banks who did a

superb job (Thanks Howard). Please see Mikes contribution on pages 5 & 6 to learn more.

Finally, My apologies that the DP is a little late this month. I had unavoidable commitments for work that took me to Munich Germany for nearly 2 weeks at the end of August. This is when the DP would normally be printed and mailed.

I will be attending the 18th Enchantment Insulator Club shows to be held in Albuquerque on the 1st of October as well as the 35th Mid-Ohio Insulator Show, November 5 & 6. Maybe I will see you at one of these shows.

Take care and good hunting.

**Kevin Jacobson, NIA #6720
Information Director**



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702



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728.2

List of Suspicious offerings

Please note that the CD numbers listed were provided by the seller, many of which are not currently recognized as officially assigned CD numbers.

701 electric blue	737 lime green
702 aqua	738 aqua
715 aqua	738 light aqua
718 amethyst	738 dark forest green
719 aqua	738 light aqua
719 blue	743.2 aqua
719 aqua	743.2 cobalt
719 amethyst w/milk	743.2 amber
719 olive	743.2 olive green
719 amethyst	743.2 blue aqua
719 amber	743.3 olive green
719 aqua	
719 aqua	
719 aqua milk glass	
719 green	
719 ice blue aqua	
719 cobalt	
719 dark amber	
719 aqua	
719 aqua	
719 slag glass (red brown)	
719 amethyst	
719.1 cornflower blue	
720 green	
720 green	
728.2 light aqua	
731 dark forest green	
731 emerald green	
731 white milk glass	
731 amethyst	
731 aqua,	
731 cobalt	
731 aqua	
731 cobalt	
731 olive black glass	
736 aqua	
736 aqua	
737 cobalt	
737 cobalt,	
737 light amethyst	
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FROM THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE and Historian



Museum Committee Report

1. During the Spring of 2005, as part of a project in a class at the College of Lake County in Grayslake, Illinois, Gary Boots, a student, created several pages for the NIA web site including a statement of purpose, a clickable map showing locations of museums with insulators, a list of activities of the committee, a description of the assistance offered to museums, and a list of members/participants.

2. On June 17, 2005, the NIA Museum Committee hosted a gathering in Clermont, Iowa to catalog the collection of the local historical society and tour the power house in the city. Bill Snell, Rick Soller, and Jim Hamlyn participated in the activity. A cataloging system was tested at this site and the inventory will be available on the NIA web site. This information will also be provided to the historical society.

This project began a year ago with a visit by Rick Soller and Russ Frank to introduce the idea followed by a year of planning. A date was established to correspond with a swap meet in Toledo, Iowa the following day. Calls were made to local collectors seeking volunteers and a general posting was sent to the internet. Next year, the project will involve creating a display for the insulators,

donating some insulators that were used in the area, and continuing cataloging. The main contact person also has quite a bit of historical information about the local power plant and she is being encouraged to publish the information, with the help of the NIA if she wants. The local newspaper sent a reporter to cover the event and an article about insulators, the NIA, and the cataloging trip was published.

3. Robert Winkler is coordinating donations of porcelain insulators for the Michigan City, Indiana trolley project. This will be an operating trolley line that seeks insulators from the early part of the 20th century. I'll staff an NIA table at the November Springfield, Ohio show so if you have insulators for this project or the Cleremont, Iowa museum that you would like to donate, you can bring them there.

Historian Report

1. The most interesting addition to the archives is a booklet by Jean-Pierre Volatron of France on a machine used to make glass insulators. With the help of Maria Mantorola, a French teacher at the College of Lake County, the book is being translated. Once translated, perhaps the author will make the translation available to English speaking members.

2. A new page has been added to the NIA web site listing significant events in the hobby such as the publication of Woodward's CD chart (1967), the date the first Crown Jewels was published (1969), the formation of the NIA (1973), and the creation of the NIA's web site (1998). Forty-one events are listed to date with related photographs and links to more details included.

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3. The obituary of Kevin Lawless plus numerous testimonials by collectors left on an internet site have been printed and placed into the archives. Photo albums formerly owned by Kevin are in the process of being added to the archives.

4. In December 2004, news reports from around the nation told the story of an Oregon couple who bought an insulator at a garage sale for a couple dollars and sold it on eBay for over \$10,000. These variations on a theme about the CD 180 Fluid Insulator sale make interesting reading about how different news organizations headline and highlight such stories. Copies of the reports were added to the archives due to the outpouring of people with insulators it produced.

**Rick Soller, NIA # 2958
Museum Committee Chair**



From the Treasurer

Jack Roach, NIA #4156 Treasurer

**2005 - 2006 FINANCIAL REPORT
NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005**

Beginning Balance-General Fund 7/1/04	10977.54
Museum Exploratory Committee	972.01
Authentication/Ethics Account	2296.75

Revenues

Donations		
Membership Dues	10397	
Miscellaneous Income	700	
Product Sales	3199.85	
Total Revenues		14296.85

General Fund Expenses

Advertising	315	
Bank Charges, Taxes Fees & Ins.	978.66	
Marketing Products	2717.06	
Misc. Postage	1037.46	
Misc. Printing	1038.72	
Misc. Supplies	656.57	
Misc. Professional Services	70.31	
Crown Jewels Rebates	577	
Drip Points Printing	3042.93	
Drip Points Postage	564.71	
Show Advertising Subsidy	500	
Show Awards	698.53	
Stationery Supplies	0	
Telephone	0	
Special Projects	664.05	
Educational Disp Postage	0	
Total Expenses		12861

Closing Balance, General Fund	12413.39
Museum Exploratory Committee Expenditures	0
Museum Exploratory Committee Balance	972.01
Authentication/Ethics Account Expenditures	0
Authentication/Ethics Account Balance	<u>2296.75</u>
Total Balance on Hand June 30, 2005	15682.15

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PRODUCT MARKETING
THE 'FALL' SCOOP



NIA Product Marketing sold well in July. ...thanks to the San Jose National!

New colors just in for women's polo's !!!

Hint, Hint....great gift for the ladies!!

Badges and Club bars continue to be a great avenue for conversation and interaction amongst collectors. These are the BIGGEST sellers!!!

Clothing styles, sizes &/or colors, not represented on the order form, are always available by special order. Give me a call or an email.

See the NIA website for photos / printable order form and more details on the items offered:
www.nia.org

Thanks to all who supported the NIA with their purchases in our last fiscal year. We had a record sales year!

Your purchases help support the endeavors of the hobby, including sanctioned local, regional and National shows.



As always I appreciate your ideas and feedback!



In Support of our Insulator Hobby,
Carolyn Berry

2005 NIA MEMBERSHIP NEW/RENEWAL FORM

Submit: **(In U.S.funds) To:**
(Payable to the NIA)

Joe J. Beres
NIA Membership Director
1315 Old Mill Path
Broadview Hts., Ohio 44147-3276
E-MAIL: JJJB@AOL.COM



Note New Dues Schedule!

Regular Membership----- \$ 12.00
 Family Membership----- \$ 12.00
 Junior Membership (under 18)---- \$ 5.00
 Club or Organization----- \$ 12.00

=====
 (Check appropriate Class) Regular_____ Family_____ Junior_____ Club/Org._____

(Check Years of Payment) Single year_____ Multi-year_____

Please Print

Name _____

NIA # (If Renewal) _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ (+4) _____

Country (If Non U.S.) _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please include me in the Annual NIA/Crown Jewels Directory **Yes**_____ **No**_____

Please include my Telephone Number **Yes**_____ **No**_____

Please include my E-Mail Address **Yes**_____ **No**_____

Note: I Would like to Receive Drip Points in the Following Format. **Paper**_____ **Electronic**_____

(Check Only One Choice) (Need E-Mail Address for Electronic)

Additional Family Members

Name _____ **Nia# (If Renewal)** _____

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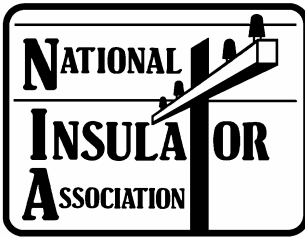
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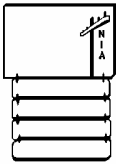
Signed _____

Date _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____



Fall 2005

www.nia.org/products



Men's Golf / Polo Shirts* embroidered logo; some with pockets

**Please call or email me for NEW color/sizes/styles available: \$32 - \$41*

Golf/Polo – putty / black with pocket (\$41)

Ladies' shirts – embroidered logo; **NEW sizes/colors/styles!**

Golf/Polo – white with navy/white collar/sleeve. (\$38)

Denim Shirt – (*ladies order comparable men's size, see below)

Heavy-wt., pre-shrunk cotton -- stonewash blue -- left-side pocket

Embroidered logo S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ \$32.00

*S/Sleeve ___ *L/Sleeve ___ 2X ___ 3X ___ \$35.00

T-Shirt -- Hanes Beefy 'T' - Ash gray - Screen-printed logo (front & back)

SPECIAL PRICE!! 2X ___ (\$12)

Hanes Beefy 'T' - Heavy weight - Ash Gray; embroidered logo on left front, only!

M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ (\$20) L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ (\$22 w/-pocket)

NEW COLORS!! Sea foam Green/ **Cardinal Red/ Lt. Steel**; embroidered –

M ___ L ___ XL ___ (\$20) 2X ___ (\$22)

Sweatshirts – Heavy weight – Ash gray – screen-printed logo (front/back)

NEW PRICE!! S ___ M ___ (\$10) L ___ (\$15.00)

NEW!! Cardinal Red or Ash Gray -- Embroidered logo–

M ___ L ___ XL ___ (\$25) 2X ___ 3X ___ (\$30)

Hooded Sweatshirt w/ full front zipper -Embroidered logo - ash gray

L / XL (\$35) ___ 2X (\$40) ___

Embroidered Cap – Stone/ Navy or Khaki / Green, low-rise, embroidered logo (\$16)

Embroidered Denim Cap – blue denim, low-rise, embroidered logo \$16.00

13 oz. Clear Glass Mug with etched NIA Logo \$8.00

Ceramic Mug – 10 oz. - white ceramic coffee mug w/ screen-printed logo \$7.00

Patch -- embroidered logo / red embroidered edge \$4.00

Koozie™ -- The original **Koozie™** fits any standard beer / soda can !!

Silver screened NIA logo on: NIA blue ___ red ___ green ___ \$2.25

NIA Hat/Lapel Pin – enamel tack pin with NIA logo \$5.00

NIA Decal – logo- red border; for inside car window \$1.00

NIA Name Badge -- white badge engraved w/ blue letters - screen-printed logo

epoxy pin back, beveled edges (**fill in form below**) \$12.00

Badge Bar – white w/ engraved blue letters (ie. NIA position or Local Club) \$4.00

Subtotal _____

U.S. Postage _____

Total Enclosed _____

Thanks for your support!

****U.S. Postage: \$5.50** for the first item & **\$1.50** for each additional item ordered. Postage for Patches, Decals, Pins or Name Badges/Bars are \$0.50 per item. ****for non-US postage, AK & HI and Koozies, please contact**

Men's Size Chart:
S (32-34) **M** (36-38)
L (40-42) **XL** (44-46)
2X (48-50) **3X** (52-54)

Women's Size Chart:
S (28-30) **M** (32-34)
L (36-38) **XL** (40-42)

All sizes/colors of shirts are orderable

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Telephone _____
 Email address _____

*Please make check or money order in U.S. funds payable to: **National Insulator Association or NIA***

Name Badge Engraving Information (*must be a current NIA member!*)

Name _____ NIA # _____ City _____ State _____
 Name _____ NIA # _____ City _____ State _____
 Club Bar: _____ Use the back of this order form for add'l badge/bar orders



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S MACHINE

By Mike Gay: EIC President

The next EIC meeting will be held at the Davenport residence on Saturday, August 21 starting at 11 AM. Bring your interesting items for show & tell. Be sure and RSVP to Davenports if you plan to attend - 281-9036

The 2004 Western Regional Show in Denver, CO is 3 weeks away...August 27-29! Check out the website at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~n2glass/NIA2004.htm> Mike Green & Galen Howard have done an outstanding job in promoting this event, and it is expected to be a "Mini National". Volunteers are still needed for this show & sale, and I have attached a **Volunteer Form in this issue**. [Ed.- see page 7] Help is needed with **security, set-up & knock-down, front-table assistance, etc.** If you plan to attend & can help please contact Mike through the website listed. Also, I have been placed in charge of judging for this show...if you are interested in judging displays at this event, please contact me at cdn102@comcast.net.

I will be driving to the show and can transport one other EIC member from the Albuquerque/Santa Fe/Las Vegas NM area in my truck...if you are willing to share gas expenses etc & would like to attend just let me know.

And of course...the **Seventeenth Annual EIC-NMHBS Show** will be held September 24-25 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 9500 Constitution Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM. Dealer setup & trading will be Friday, 4-8 PM and we open to the public on Saturday from 8:30AM-4PM (Public). Tom Katonak has the show packets out & we have advertising in CJ, various bottle magazines, and in the show directory for last month's National Show in New Kensington, PA. Tom is still looking for help with the show so contact him if you can assist.

I wish to welcome new member Arthur McConnachie from Alamosa, CO, EIC#48. Also, thanks to all of you for getting your dues in this year!

Upcoming Events in chronological order:

- **National Insulator Association Western Regional Show and Sale, August 27-29, Denver CO.** Marriott Southeast, 6363 E. Hampden Ave., Denver, CO 80222. For room reservations at the Marriott call (303) 758-7000. Mention the NIA Western Regional Show for a special \$59.00 room rate good from August 23 to August 29, 2004! Special NIA group trip on the Georgetown Loop Narrow Gauge Railroad on Friday, August 27. The weekend will include a Raffle, Treasure hunt, seldom seen display, banquet and more. For information and show packets contact: MIKE GREEN, NIA 3175, (303) 763-9924, Email: n2glass@earthlink.net or GALEN HOWARD, NIA 7396, (719)-592-9404, ghconsulting@adelphia.net. Visit the website at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~n2glass/NIA2004.htm>
- **Enchantment Insulator Club - Seventeenth Annual Show, Fri-Sat September 24-25, Albuquerque, NM.** St. Paul's United Methodist Church (Venue Tentative), 9500 Constitution Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM, Friday, 4-8 PM (Dealer setup & trading), Saturday, 8:30AM-4PM (Public), Info: TOM KATONAK, 1024 Camino de Lucia, Corrales, New Mexico 87048. (505) 898-5592. Email: tkatonak@comcast.net; or MIKE GAY (505) 899-8755. Email: cdn102@comcast.net.
- **Annual OK SWAP MEET Saturday October 9, Oklahoma City:** Warwick Estates Club House The Club House is located next to a lake and park area. Set up time is from 8:30 AM to 9:30AM, Swap Meet from 9:30 AM to 2PM. Tables are free and provided ONLY to those who reserve in advance. The location is far northwest OKC. From the intersection of N.W. 122nd and MacArthur drive south .25 mile to Woodbridge, turn right. Go west .2 mile and turn left at Warwick Club House sign. Address is 6060 Woodbridge, OKC, OK 73162 INFO: SANDY ELLISON, 11825 Lancashire Cir, OKC, OK 73162. Phone (405) 721-6578. E-Mail:

EDITOR'S NOTES

By Rick Bentley: Editor

Greetings everyone.

The time has gone by much too quickly for me, and I have to start another newsletter. Tom Katonak has contributed several articles with a lot of great photos, and I hope you enjoy them.

The national is over, and while I did not attend, I heard from feedback on ICON [Insulator Collectors On the Net] that it was a great time.

The EIC fall show is coming up soon, I hope you are all ready for it!

In the meantime, plan to meet at Dwayne Davenports home for our next meeting. See map on opposite page for directions.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hello Insulator Collector Friends:

I have enjoyed the newsletters from your club even though I am too far away to attend any of the club events. The *EIC ECHO* is an excellent publication and I hope that you will keep up the good work in the club and in providing all the interesting information.

Enclosed is US 10 dollars to renew my membership for another year. Please up-date your records and send the next newsletter when issued.

The use of colour pictures in the newsletter certainly makes it all more interesting and it is good to hear of the members locating various insulators for their collections. Although I collect a few insulators, my main hobby is collecting telephones and related material. After 35 years, I am still collecting a few items now and then. Insulators do turn up from yard/garage sales and junk shops, but as usual, many are over-priced even if they are common types or in damaged condition. A few open wire lines are still in use in this region, but they only have common glass or porcelain on them.

All the best to all in the club and it is good to be a member. Keep up the good work and I look forward to the next newsletter.

Kind regards,

Wayne Junop
Ontario Canada

Ed Note; Hello Wayne, thanks for your kind words. It's great to hear from our most distant member! If you ever get down this way, we'd like to take you on one of our field trips – and mebbe show you where some old telephones are stashed! RJB

RATON TAILGATER

By Tom Katonak

A 4 AM wake-up and a beautiful drive across the eastern plains of New Mexico brought us to the city park in the north side of the historic town of Raton New Mexico – and the site for our almost annual joint EIC/Triple Ridge Tailgater.

Lynda and I were the first to arrive, but it wasn't long before stalwart Ross Thompson showed up and started unloading tons of great glass on this overcast and cool morning of 15 May. And shortly, the others began to arrive.

First Mike Gay showed up, and just behind came Mike Miller, Eddie and Savannah Lewis, Russ Hughes, Bob and Judy Bunker, Rob Gilkerson, Scott Utash, Arthur McConnachie, Ray Curiel, Matt Poage and Duane Davenport. It seemed like each had some new find or show-'n-tell to draw the groups interest. All told, we had eight EIC members present!



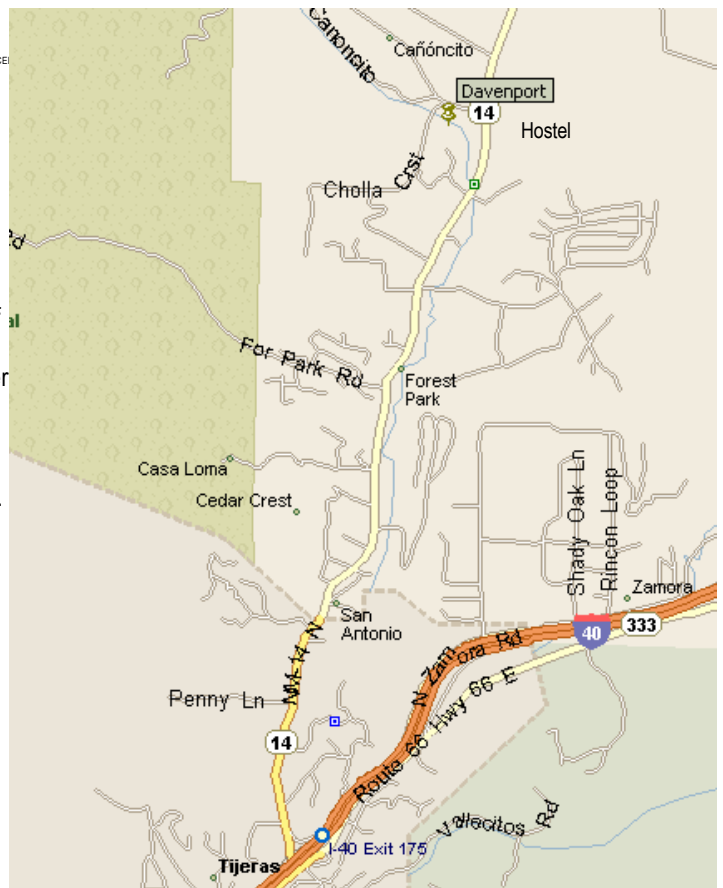
Bob and Judy Bunker Shop for Bargains

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Directions to Davenports

1. Take I-40 to the NORTH Hwy 14 exit & go NORTH, not south, on Hwy 14. Turnoff to Canoncito Drive is 3.6 miles north of this point.
2. You'll pass a Texaco station on the right. Keep going.
3. Cedar Crest Post Office on your right...you're now a few blocks away
4. On your LEFT, look for a road called only "Canoncito"; take it left off Hwy 14.
5. Since you're an insulator collector, immediately look up at the power line on the right (north) side. Notice about two blocks ahead it crosses diagonally over the road to a power pole on the LEFT side. That power pole marks the entrance to our driveway. It's also the first PAVED road on the LEFT side of Canoncito you will encounter.
7. Once on the driveway you'll see old metal farm wheels along our fence line. Turn in the first entrance to the right....you made it!

Call us if you get lost....281-9036.



Besides lots of great glass, Ross Thompson showed up with an old telephone line choke and it took Mike Miller's in-depth knowledge to explain how it was used to protect phone lines from lightning damage.



Mike Miller Explains Use of Electrical Choke

Duane displayed a new Piano Insulator find in a brilliant uranium glass green and Bob bunker showed up with a strange purple glass container which we still haven't figured out. Matt Poage had a large blue McLaughlin bottle that got everyone's attention.

There wasn't a lot of walk-through traffic as the sun came out and the clouds gave way to a gorgeous day, but there was great buying and selling among the "in-group"! A number of "locals" dropped in and we checked out a couple of "collections" stashed in various Raton backyards – and as might be predicted, these turned out to be piles of "trash-alators"! But – you just never know!

By 2 PM, we called it a success and began to pack things leaving the park as quiet as we had found it.



King of the Amber Brookfields



Stained CanPac Donated to the NIA Fake's Collection



A Sampling of Great Color



Duane's Uranium Glass Piano Insulator



Bob Bunker's Mystery Piece



Savannah Lewis Finds a Good One



Ross Thompson Unpacks Super Glass

EIC/TRIPLE RIDGE FIELD TRIPS

By Tom Katonak

As if the Tailgater wasn't enough, there were two field trips tagged on to make the entire weekend an insulator feast – thanks to the advanced planning of insulator historian Mike Miller!

It started Saturday afternoon at the close of the tailgater. Mike took the group of veteran searchers on a hunt in the Raton Pass corridor where the early 1900's Denver to El Paso Phone line lies in close proximity to the A.T.& S.F. telegraph line. We had permission from the owners of the Valentine Ranch to search along the scenic section on the south side of Raton Pass for the turn-of-the-century telephone insulators and the older telegraph lines of the railway.

This is a very beautiful area of deep gorges and conifer forests populated by miles of open wire loaded with insulators.



Group Converges with Finds of the Day

We trekked several miles up the grade checking out both lines and marveling at the variety of insulators still in the air. The old phone line had mostly newer glass on the poles, but searching the ground turned up lots of early tolls – mostly Am-Tels. The railway lines were populated with early beehives, Hemingray and Brookfield 152s, and a number of old H.G.Co. 151s.



Arthur McConnachie Checking Out Denver-El Paso Line

We didn't find a lot of insulators for the collection, but the scenery and associated "photo-ops" were extraordinary! And you can't walk along old railroad grades without finding something interesting. In this case, we found several pieces of porcelain battery jar lids, all embossed "Edison".

We ended the day with a fine dinner in Raton and bedded down for the night.



Toll Line Crossing Over the AT&SF Rail Line

Sunday morning broke sunny and clear as we continued the venture, this time starting in Trinidad Colorado.

Mike took us to an old ranch northeast of town and we were all amazed to see Mickey Mice and mine insulators still in the air! Apparently the mine insulators had seen prior use in the coal mines which dot the region.

Traveling north, we got on the old grade of the Denver and Rio Grand RR east of Aguilar and spent several hours walking the old line looking for artifacts. This section of the line had been dismantled in the 1930s and there were no rails, ties or poles left. But there was plenty of stuff on the ground. At the site of an old stage station, we found old pottery, a broken millstone, and other relics of a bygone age. Lots of old insulators were to be found, including blob-tops, 133s, 145s and 152s.



Mickey Mice Still in the Air!



Mike Miller Surveys Relics of an Earlier Day



: Mine Insulator in Use!



Scott Utash with Old AM-TEL Toll



Spanish Peaks Keep Watch Over the Territory



Old Things Along the D&RG Railway



A Great Horned Owl Keeps Watch Over the Proceedings!



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EXPLORING MADRID

By Tom Katonak

On a warm sunny day in the latter part of April, several of us went on an exploratory field trip to the old mining town of Madrid New Mexico. The idea was to look at the potential for a club trip to the area and also to scope out the starting point of the power line that ran from Madrid to the old mining camps of Bland and Albermarl in the Jemez Mountains to the west.

Club member and local historian of the Turquoise Trail and environs, Todd Brown, was our guide.

We first visited the old power plant that generated the power for both the town of Madrid and the mining camps some 30 miles distant. Madrid came to be as the result of coal in the area and the need for this resource by the A.T. & S. F. railroad when it came through in the 1890s. Interestingly, the power lines used the large glass CD 283 Converse insulators and many of these were in a beautiful Hemingray blue color. The only thing left of the plant is the foundation walls and the old steam piping. But throughout the area are the littered remnants of the operation: Old equipment, power panels, electrical apparatus, wires, insulators....

A short distance to the north of the plant proper are the other old buildings which were part of the operation; repair shops, storage buildings and the like. These are now part of the local museum. (It was in this area that Jim Garcia found half of a Boston Bottle several years ago!) This was a weekday morning and no one else was around, so we had the "run of the place" – and it was fascinating looking at all the historical items scattered about and poking through the old buildings.

Stay tuned for a full-scale upcoming trip to this fascinating area!



Large Power Frame at Power Plant Site



Mike Prokopenko Climbs for a Pony!



Old Steam Pipe Network in Power Plant



The Area Poles Show Heavy Use!



A Turbine Blade from the Steam Generator



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Scattered Remnants of the Power Plant



Todd Brown and the Spool of Mud



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