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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear NIA Members,

It seems that we have just recovered from that big Thanksgiving dinner, and here it is almost Christmas time. You are all probably too busy to do anything besides skim through this issue right now - but please put it in a safe place and read it again when the dust settles, following the excitement of the Holiday Season. There are several things that we need to be thinking about!

First of all, we have such a good year ahead, with plans for three great Regional Shows underway: The Western Regional in Enumclaw, Washinton - April 30- May 1., hosted by Vi and Andy Brown; the Central Regional in Austin, Texas, May 21, 22, hosted by Bill and Donna Brandon; and our NIA National Show and Convention (actually a Regional too) in Rochester, New York, July 8 - 10, hosted by Dick and Ev Bowman. Dick tells me that the Show packets will be available in early January, including Sales Table contracts and Exhibit info. It's a big job to host a National Show, so make it easy on the Bowmans and reserve your tables early. The area in and around Rochester is loaded with interesting things to see and do, so why not plan your vacation around the show? Your non-collector spouse will love you for it! We hope to see you all at the National Show, and urge you to also support the local and regional shows in your area.

Guess what it's time for? Bids for the National Show (Western Region) as well as the Central and Eastern Shows for 1984! We have all three of our major shows for 1983, but it was by the skin of our teeth, and it would sure be nice this year if we could have all three bids in by April 1st, '83 as there supposed to be. This is so they can be approved by the Board and announced at the NIA General Business meeting in Rochester for the coming year. Do some honest soul searching, please, and then turn those show bids in to Kevin Lawless, our Executive director.

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On to another subject: John de Sousa's term as Eastern Region V.P. will be up in July, '83, and we need to start thinking about possible candidates to fill that position. Remember that to be a candidate you must live in that Region, and that a ballot will be sent to only those NIA Members also residing in the Eastern Region, and it will be attached to the March issue of Drip Points. If you would like to serve in this position or know of anyone who would, names may be turned in to me or Mel Shootman, our Nominating Committee Chairman.

As a point of interest, were you aware that the Senior (or first V.P. as he is sometimes called) V.P. is the one who steps in to take over in case anything should happen to the President or if he must be absent for any reason?

These are a couple of announcements: The list of insulator references, books and publications that is normally mailed to each new NIA Member, has now been completely updated, new books added, books deleted (if no longer available), new book prices and postage rates, etc. These make good handouts at local shows too and would be such a help to a new collector who may have come to the show, but isn't yet an NIA member. Let me know if you need some. Also don't forget that you may include your show fliers in Drip Points - just send them to Mike Bruner, our Information Director.

One more thing: Some suggestions for a couple of changes in our NIA Show Rules have been sent in by members, and after the Board has acted on these, we will let you know what they are in the next issue of Drip Points - due to come out in Mid March.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everybody!

Marilyn Albers NIA#541

FROM THE TREASURER

Will try to fill you in on a few facts and some figures as to our membership, and our financial condition. In this department it is still hurry - hurry, but as of this writing, we now have 1034 NIA members --- that is, voting members as well as family members. They keep coming in day by day, and many times the renewals come in because an active member reminds a friend to get those dues in. Just a friendly nudge or reminder is all it sometimes takes, so lets all try to help.

Money wise- our bank balance is standing at \$1,609.13, with about \$45.00 waiting to get to the bank. We just came back from our annual Bakersfield Show, and while there I placed our NIA Patch out on my sales table, and walked around the room, and in just a few minutes I sold six of them. So if you didn't know, I have a good supply of them at \$2.00 each, and we will pay the postage. Getting back to money matters, our biggest expense is Drip Points, and all the postage it takes to get them to you. It took about \$435.00 for our first issue, and it will be about \$250.00 for this one, but it is well worth the cost. I'll try to have a more complete financial report in the next issue , and if you have any questions or comments regarding our NIA finances, please drop me a line.

Ross E Huth NIA# 901

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Fellow NIA Members and Insulatorphiles,

Congradulations to Bill Brandon, who, I am happy to announce, will host the 1983 Central Regional Show in Austin, Texas on May 21st and 22nd. To recap, the Three NIA Shows for 1983 will be:

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Enumclaw, WA (Western Region) April 30 - May 1

Austin, TX (Central Region) May 21 - 22

Rochester, NY (National- Eastern) July 8 - 10

I am now waiting for bid requesters for the 1984 shows; the Eastern and Central Regionals, and the National which will be held in the Western Region. If you have any questions about submitting a bid, I will be happy to assist you; just write or call.

Have a very happy and healthy Holiday Season, and good collecting.

Kevin Lawless NIA# 1679

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FROM THE EASTERN REGION VP

With a BIG BANG! - The Capitol District Insulator Club introduced a fall show with great success. The Yankee Pole-Cat Insulator Club sacrificed their fall show to support CDIC's - hoping to have a bigger, better, and well supported show. New faces were seen throughout the show, and, collectors displaying their goodies for the first time. By attending shows, displaying at shows, you can support your hobby

The Eastern Regional and the Space Shuttle are blasting off together during this writing, I only wish I could have been there for the two greatest events of our region in '82.

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Just a reminder, the National, JULY 8-9-10, is in New York's finest vacation area. NIAGARA Falls, Finger Lakes, Watkins Glen Grand Prix Race Course, Lake Ontario, Corning Glass Center, to name a few. Don't forget to write to Dick Bowman for your Show Package and plan your vacation early in New York.

Happy Holidays,

John de Sousa NIA#419

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FROM THE ETHICS CHAIRMAN

As the Chairman of the Ethics Committee, it is my role to help you, the Members of the NIA, with any question concerning appropriate dealings with other NIA Members. So far, it appears as if all of us are continuing to behave in a most ethical manner, and therefore I have not had an occasion to perform any duties. Keep up the good work!

We have accepted the challenge by Kevin Lawless and will be hosting the Central Regional Show here in Austin, Texas, May 21st and 22nd at the Municipal Auditorium on beautiful Town Lake in downtown Austin. We can accomodate up to 150 tables, and are planning on having the best show during 1983. If you have never been to Texas in May and seen all the bluebonnets and wild flowers, then you just haven't lived. Hope to see all of you at our show. YA'LL COME!

Bill Brandon NIA#1011

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FROM THE INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Hi again everyone! Well winter is here in Michigan which means

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that the insulator shows have dried up for the next few months 'till about May or so. But that doesn't mean I take a powder from it all - I almost feel that I'm more involved when I'm snowbound than any other time of the year. I think winter gives me a little time to re-organize my thoughts as to where I've come from, and where I'm going to be heading. (some of you have already let me know where you'd like me to go) I also get a chance to write some of those letters that I've been putting aside for a snowy day. And this is the time of year when my pocketbook gets a little breather from the usual spendings. So- don't let winter get you down, It can be a great time to activate all those put-offs that have been accumulating.

It is with regret that I must pass along the information that ADRIAN RIES passed away on October 22, 1982. Adrian was highly active in Lightning Rod Balls, with a prized collection. He was known by many of us in the insulator field, and his enthusiasm set an example for all of us to follow.

Please have a safe and Happy Holiday Season, and keep in touch.

Michael Bruner NIA #1482

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Don't forget that we need people to run for the position of Eastern Region Vice-President. Please let me know if interested.

Mel Shootman NIA# 1172

FROM THE SHOW STANDARDS CHAIRMAN

In the past three months 1 NIA Regional trophy and 4 ribbons

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for class C NIA Sanctioned local shows were mailed. I would think all you Show Hosts would like to award a ribbon - just ask and I will be happy to put one in the mail.

If you are Hosting a local show, why not make it a Regional one (or even a National)? Adding NIA _____ Regional Show to your advertising gives the show a big boost. Don't wait to see if someone else in your area is going to sponsor the show. Write for an application now while it's on your mind.

We will be sponsoring the Western Regional Show next Spring on April 30th and May 1st. Several tables have been sold and quite a few collectors who have not been here before plan to attend. So it pays to make plans and advertise early.

Let me hear from you so I can get those ribbons mailed.

Violet Brown NIA# 652

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UPDATE ON THE 1983 NATIONAL - By Dick Bowman

Since the last issue of Drip Points, I've set up at one bottle show and two insulator shows. If the interest, enthusiasm and offers of help I found there are any barometer of the 1983 National, we're going to have a full house. As this is being written, I am about to bless Evelyn with the draft of the Show Packets for typing, and by the time you read this they should be ready for mailing. Please let me know if you want a Show Packet and particularly if you want a dealer or exhibitor spot. When you receive it, don't delay sending in the contract(s), banquet reservations and motel reservation cards.

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The banquet menu looks great: a buffet with 4 hot entrees, plus hot vegetable, salads, rolls, beverage and dessert. All you care to eat and for \$10.00 per person. Plus - the Awards, both the formal ones and let's just say, the informal ones.

A word of encouragement for anyone who might be trying to organize a charter flight (there have been rumors): The Quality Inn, our Show Headquarters, will provide free shuttle service to and from the airport.

Prior to your receiving the Show Packets with the information about Rochester, I'd like to outline a few of the features of the area. In addition to our proximity to Niagara Falls and Toronto and the accessibility of New York City, The Adirondacks and the New England States we can offer:

FISHING: good fishing exists in Lake Ontario, The St. Lawrence River and the Finger Lakes.

WATER SPORTS and BOATING

CORNING GLASS MUSEUM (90 miles South)

GEORGE EASTMAN HOUSE OF PHOTOGRAPHY

STRASENBURGH PLANETARIUM

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For a complete array of information, please write to:

Rochester Monroe County Convention and

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120 East Main Street

Rochester, N.Y. 14604

(mention the NIA Show and Sale)

Or for Show Packets write: Dick Bowman NIA # 597
1253 LaBaron Circle
Webster, N.Y. 14580

FROM THE WESTERN REGION V.P.

When things begin to freeze in the North and East, that's when lots of things start happening in the West!

November 13th & 14th saw the 1982 edition of the Bakersfield, CA Show and it was really a good one again this year. It was well attended, as usual, and seems to be the only show these days that brings together the Northern Cal & Southern Cal collectors. NIA Prexy Marilyn Albers attended, and everyone did a brisk bussiness.

Let me give you a little speech about advertising and table fees! PAID advertising is a real good way to bring a lot of customers into a show. Customers with \$\$\$ to spend! However, the poor Show Host is really up the creek if sellers don't purchase their tables early. So if you plan to have a sales table at a show, you can show your support to that show by paying for your table well in advance.

Now I feel so inspired by that little lecture, that I'll have to send Dick Bowman my check right away to pay for my table at the '83 National. I guess I better put up or shut up!

I hear by the grapevine that atleast one bid is being developed for the 1984 National. It seems that time really flys by. It's hard to beleive that it's been a year and a half since we had the Sacramento National. Time waits for no man. And it certainly doesn't wait for me! On December 11th I will hit the half century mark, and become the oldest living insulator collector (EXCEPT for Jerry Turner- who is OLD) !

So as I look back on 50 years of experience, and as I look at all of the youngsters out there, I ask myself: "How come I got old so soon and smart so late?"

It has been like Christmas- early at our house when the six boxes of NIA history arrived from retired Historian, Carolyn Theesen. You can be proud of the collection of memorabilia from our hobby! It will take a while to sort through it all, but I hope to have a large display at the National show in Rochester in July.

From the mailbag: Thanks goes to Kevin Lawless for the fine Newspaper article that was sent. The Schenectady Gazette, October 20, 1982, ran the story about Kevin's hobby. To quote Kevin, "It was an interview with several outstanding misquotes and some nice editorial license - all-in-all I was happy for the show of publicity." Share our hobby with your local paper and send me a copy!

New ideas: John deSousa, East Granby, CT, suggested that the NIA should have as a part of their history the patches made to wear by the different clubs throughout the country. John has sent us our first patch to incorporate into NIA History. It is a beautiful sewn patch worn by the members of THE YANKEE POLE-CAT INSULATOR CLUB. Why not send in your club patch or button to have it placed in our history?

Merry Christmas to you all.

Carol McDougald NIA # 1076

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FROM THE CENTRAL REGION VP

Nothing much new to report via the Central Reg. We recently had good shows in WHEATON, ANN ARBOR, and SUN PRAIRIE. Now with winter setting in, outside of the reliable CROWN JEWELS and CROWN POINT news, it's time to plan on attending next Spring's shows.

First on the calendar is the annual early bird of the mid-west, Omaha, NE. Our support should go out to Paul Ickes, Dennis Weber, and Ken Stobbe. Times are tough, but there is always a good deal to be had at the show March 26th and 27th. While making plans to travel, Don't forget the Central Regional this year. Contact Bill Brandon in Texas.

I would like to solicit any comments regarding anything "insulators" from all of you.

Mike Sovereign NIA# 1548

10th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE TO BENEFIT ORGANIZATION

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the NIA, a glass insulator commemorative, the actual size of a CD 257 (Mickey Mouse) with a smooth pin hole and having the following rim embossing: " NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION 10th ANNIVERSARY 1983" is being offered for sale.

During 1983 five different runs will be made with approximately 250-400 in each color, depending upon glass manufacturing variables. Anticipated colors for production are: BLUE, RED, EMERALD, AMBER, and WHITE MILK GLASS. Color order will be determined by the glass maker.

This project is fully sanctioned by the Board of Directors of the NIA. As members of the NIA, you are receiving the first notification of the project. \$2.00 for each commemorative sold is being given to the NIA to further the hobby.

Please use the order form below

Enclosed is my check (or money order) for _____ BLUE NIA 10th Anniversary Commemoratives at \$18.00 each plus \$1.95 each for postage.

(Ohio residents add 6½% sales tax)

AMOUNT OF CHECK \$ _____

Please check if applicable:

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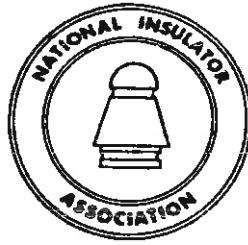
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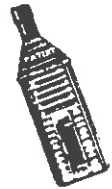


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SUNDAY, JULY 10, 1983: 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

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