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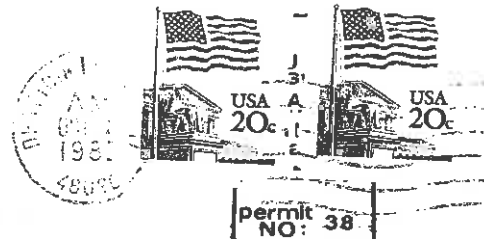
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you attended the NIA convention in Rochester, N.Y. July 8-10, you know what a Super Show it was and you are still feeling the glow. Show Hosts Dick and Ev Bowman simply could not have done a better job. If circumstances prevented you from being there, we missed you and hope to see you at our next National Show in Tacoma, WA July 22-24. Vi and Andy Brown will be putting it all together and are already hard at work attending to the many details that such an assignment requires.

For those members who missed the Awards Banquet at the Show, I'd like to make you aware of some very special honors that were bestowed. Congratulations go to one of our favorite couples, Pat and Shirley Patocka (Penryn, CA) for claiming the NIA Outstanding Service Award this year. Lifetime memberships were given to Jack and Caroline Tod (Phoenix, AZ) and to John and Caroline McDougald (Olmsted Township, OH). Mr. N.R. Woodward (Houston, TX) the originator of our C.D.. Numbering System, was also honored with a special recognition plaque. A great big thank-you to all of these fine people who have contributed so much to our hobby.

Following are a few words from Jack Tod that I'd like to share with you. Jack and Caroline were not able to come to the Show.

Dear Marilyn,

Caroline and I were elated and quite surprised at being bestowed Honorary Lifetime memberships in the NIA at the recent convention. It would have been nice to have been at Rochester to receive the awards in person, but that just was not in the cards. We have only a few summer months annually to enjoy our second home in the COOL mountains, so we rarely travel to any shows or conventions any more during the summer.

As many members know, I have not actually collected insulators for several years, but I continue to enjoy even more any contributions I can make to the Association and the hobby through my activities in insulator research, writing and publication.

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Caroline never collected insulators herself, but we are very supportive and tolerant to each others hobbies. She enjoyed traveling to insulator shows with me in past years.

Sincerely Yours,
Jack H Tod NIA #13

And from Mr. N R Woodward, also absent from the show:

"The beautiful bronze placque, presented in Rochester in recognition of my research efforts, came as a complete surprize. Since I was not there in person to receive it, I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks!"

N R Woodward

Now to bring you up to date on what's happening:

Your Board of Directors did approve the changes and additions to our NIA Show Rules and Judging Guidelines (as suggested by the three person committee appointed to work on this and present a proposal to the Board). Committee Chairman Grant Salzman explained these in detail to the membership at the Friday night business meeting. However, in deference to Dick Bowman, who had already sent out show packets at the time these changes were being made, they did not go into effect until after the Rochester National, but they will be used from here on in.

Another subject is under discussion by the NIA Board: To enable National Show hosts to put on larger shows; should we allow other collectibles besides insulators and related items, to become a part of our National Insulator Convention? Regional shows have been allowed this privilege for quite some time, and with good results. Several members have asked that we consider this and so I have set up a special committee to study the pros and cons and come up with a recommendation to the Board. Chairman of the committee is Dick Bowman

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(1983 Show Host) who will work with John McDougald (1976 Show Host) and Vi Brown (1984 Show Host). Obviously a decision must be reached soon We'll let you know in the Winter issue of Drip Points.

Since our NIA Handbook (containing bylaws and show rules) was last revised in November of 1978, there have been several changes and additions. The Board has decided to update and reprint the Handbook, having it available for mailing out to all new members and membership renewals for the fiscal year 84-85. Editing will be done by By-laws Chairman Jack Tod, past president Pat Patocka and myself. Jack will do it through the typing up, printing and binding. I'm proud to say that some of the money the NIA has realized from the sale of Commemorative Mickey-mouse insulators will be used for this project..

One last point: The NIA has joined the Federation of Historical Bottle Clubs as an affiliate member. We hope for many mutual benefits in the future- sharing of news items, show dates announced, exposure to new members, etc. . Remember last spring we became an affiliate member of the National Bottle Museum for the same reasons.

Lets all support our local shows

Happy collecting, Marilyn Albers NIA# 541

FROM THE TREASURER

The August 31st count of voting members stands at 679 with a total membership including all family members of 1130. The Board certainly appreciates your support and this is a record membership. The latest membership number assigned as of this writing is # 3185.

Someone inquired as to why their membership card had a small hole punched in the lower left hand corner. For a \$6.00 family membership only one person is entitled to a ballot and receives a

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membership card without a hole. For an extra \$1.00 per family member, additional ballots are received and the membership card doesn't get punched. Simple, eh?

Our treasury now stands at \$1,770.77 for operating funds and an additional \$1,562.00 in the educational fund acquired from the sale of the NIA 10th Anniversary commemorative insulators. Principal expenditures during the past six months were \$100.00 each for paid advertising to the hosts of the Western and Central Regional shows. Also, \$250.00 was reimbursed to the National Show host for a portion of the paid advertising costs. These reimbursements are an incentive to show hosts to publicize their events.

Bill Albers NIA# 1276

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I'm happy to say that the Rochester National was a great success and all of you who attended helped to do it! I got to meet a great many wonderful people and the attendance at the Friday general meeting and Saturday banquet was outstanding! Also, I'd like to add my personal thanks to Dick and Ev Bowman for the tremendous job they did.

I'm pleased to announce the locations for the 1984 National and Central Regional Shows.

The 1984 National Show will be held in Tacoma, Washington on July 20, 21st and 22nd and will be hosted by Andy and Vi Brown.

The 1984 Central Regional will be held in Omaha, Nebraska on March 31st and April 1st and will be hosted by Paul Ickes.

We do not have a location for the 1984 Eastern Regional as yet, but I hope to be able to announce the location in the next Drip Points.

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I am now accepting bids for the 1985 shows, as well. The National will be in the Central Region and must be held on a Friday - Saturday - Sunday in June, July or August, with space for a minimum of 70 sales tables, plus displays. Preliminary information is printed in the NIA handbook and bid forms can be obtained by writing or phoning me (see inside front cover). The Eastern and Western Regionals may be held any time of year and must be at least two-day shows, with the intent of these shows to be on a similar scope as a National. I will be happy to offer any and all prospective bidders whatever help that is needed.

If you are in the neighborhood of the Albany-Schenectady-Troy area on the weekend of November 12-13, please keep the Capitol District Insulator Club Show in mind. The show will be held on Sunday, Nov. 13th at the Hellenic Center, 510 Liberty St., Schenectady, NY. I'll see all of you collectors there!

Kevin Lawless NIA# 1679

FROM THE EASTERN REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

Can you believe that it's fall again? September thru November from New England to Florida each club will be hosting their fall shows. I urge every one of you to support your hobby and attend your local shows.

The 1984 Eastern Regional is still up for 'grabs'. Kevin and I will be glad to help you with your needs to host the show. 1984 is just around the corner and time is getting short!

I want to thank you all for re-electing me as your Eastern Region V.P.. Please feel free to call or write for any info or with any suggestions you may have to improve and promote the hobby.

John de Sousa NIA# 419

FROM THE CENTRAL REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

It would appear the hobby has been fairly quiet in the Central Region following a good National out East. And in regard to Nationals, after Tacoma next summer, our region has its turn again. Anyone interested in hosting the National in 1985 should submit your bid.

At long last - a book on telephone advertising (signs, blue bells, etc.) has finally been published. Bob Alexander of Arvada, CO, has produced "Volume One" - a real gem for those who collect the 'vanishing Bell'.

A couple of up-coming perennial Fall shows in our area:

Ann Arbor, MI, October 23. Contact Mike Bruner (see NIA Directory)

London, OH, November 5th & 6th. Contact Steve Blair (see NIA Directory)

Help your show hosts out and get your sales table and display space reservations in early - it will be appreciated.

Mike Sovereign NIA# 1548

FROM THE SHOW STANDARDS CHAIRMAN

Not many NIA ribbons are being sent to the various shows across the country and even fewer show sponsors are asking for NIA sanctioning. Remember if you are hosting a show or know of a show featuring insulator displays, all you have to do is write and ask for an NIA ribbon. I'm sure one of the displayers would be happy to receive this award.

In case some of you don't already know, Andy and I will be hosting the 15th annual NIA Convention in Tacoma, WA. This will be held on July 20, 21, and 22 1984 at The Bicentennial Pavilion, a beautiful new building located near the city center. There's so much to do and see here in the Pacific Northwest: Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Rainier, the Pacific Ocean, deep sea fishing, aquariums, museums,

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Seattle Space Needle, Wineries, just to mention a few. We hope you will start planning your vacation now and join us in July for what we hope will be a really great show.

Violet Brown NIA# 652

FROM THE INFORMATION DIRECTOR

HELLO AGAIN! Well, this begins my 5th year as NIA Information Director. Don't hesitate to contribute any suggestions you might have to make Drip Points a little better.

As many of you know, ESTA BROWN died July 10, 1983. She was 81. She was married to Gerald Brown for 66 years, and collected glass and porcelain insulators. Both Gerald and Esta had a large collection - some of which can be seen in the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.. Esta was awarded (along with Gerald) Life Membership in the NIA in 1980. Both Gerald and Esta were pioneers in the hobby and Esta will be missed by all of us.

Our Nomination Committee Chairman wants me to remind you members that it's time to nominate a Western Region VP and an NIA President soon. Both of these offices will be expired by the 1984 National.

The NIA would like to thank PAUL HOUPT of Upper Sandusky, OH, who most graciously donated a hand painted sign to be used at the front table of future NIA Conventions. Thanks! We love it!

The following is a nice letter I received from John & Carol Mc Dougald of Olmsted Township, OH. It Reads as follows.....

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TO THE NIA,

Thank you for the honor we received at the National Show in Rochester. We are very proud of the life membership cards presented to us. We will strive to promote the insulator hobby as it continues to grow.

Yours in collecting,
John and Carol McDougald

In closing I'd like to add a personal note for all collectors in my vicinity to try and make it up to the Huron Valley Club's show on October 23rd. We had record attendance last year and this year we hope to set a new record. I'll see you all at the show!

Mike Bruner NIA# 1482

ETHICS COMMITTEE ALERT

This is to advise all NIA members that we are recommending that they exercise extreme caution in dealing with JOHN WILLIAMS, of Spokane, WA. Several members have reported and it has been confirmed that Mr Williams has not carried thru on purchases that he makes.

Signed, Bill Brandon NIA#1011

During the past year, your Ethics Committee has attempted to follow up on various concerns and reports made by various members. As of this time, there is nothing of a factual nature to report. While the rumor mill has been working overtime, people somehow don't want their names used, and this makes it tough, if not impossible, to pin things down.

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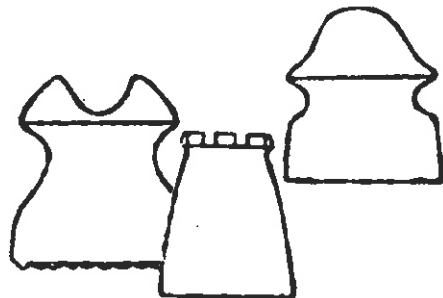
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