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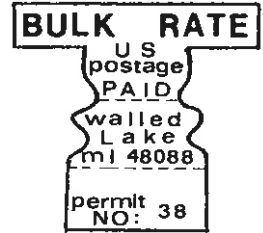
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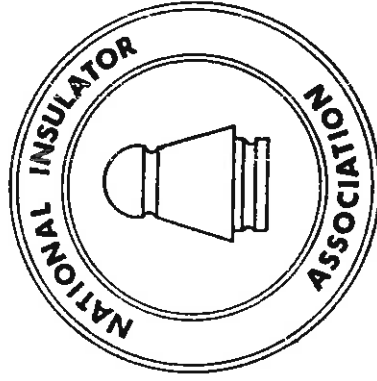
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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Since the last "CROSSTALK", there have been some real nice shows. I couldn't make it to the Bakersfield Show, but Marilyn Albers says it went real nice, with over 100 sales tables in TWO rooms! I'm going to try to make it to next year's show for sure. The Huron Valley Bottle and Insulator Club had it's annual Fall show in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and it's attendance was down a bit, but our DETROIT TIGERS won the World Series that day, so that might account for a few hobbyists changing priorities. The London, Ohio Show went real swell, lots of glass and lots of buyers. It's getting to the point that I'm a bit scared to go to that show, every year I keep spending more and more! Oh well, what's a hobby for anyway!!? And speaking of the London Show...

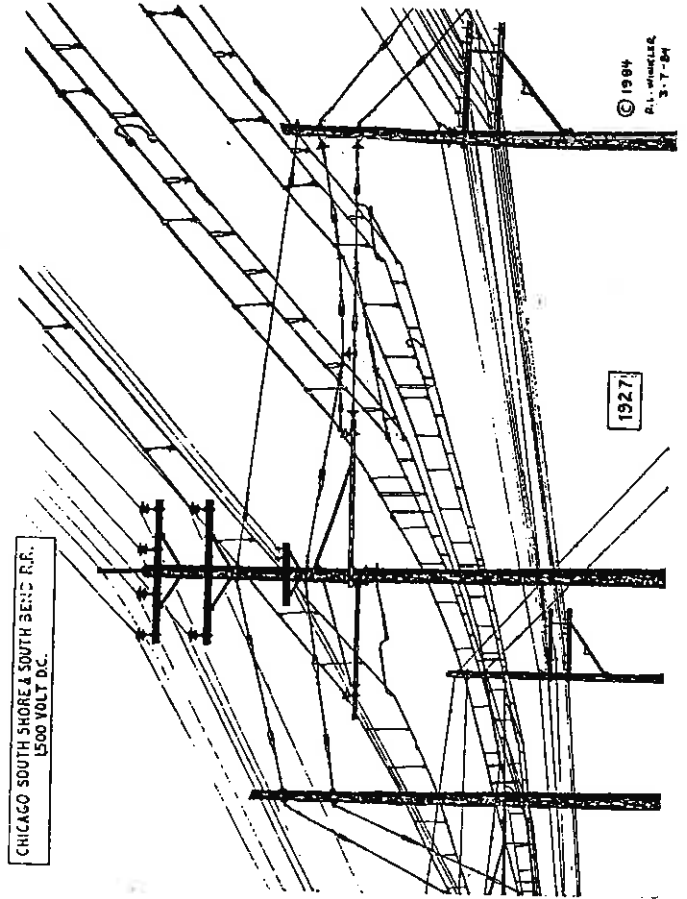
I got a chance to talk with Ray Klingensmith while at the London Show. Ray is about ready to activate the Authentication Committee, so I'd appreciate it if you would keep your eyes open for any information that would be helpful to him. Any new discoveries that you might have or know of, or any changes you think should be made in how glass is cataloged, or any new information you might have will all be helpful to Ray. Ray and I both firmly believe that there is a need for our organization to update and add new information as it comes to light. This is why we need to keep

this committee active. Your help is critical to our success. If you have suggestions or anything that may be of interest, send it to Ray in care of the address on the inside cover.

I hope everyone has a safe Holiday Season. I wish all of you the best of luck in your pursuit of that special insulator in the year ahead!

Michael Bruner

NIA # 1482



FROM THE TREASURER:

Not much new to report. The shows in this area are done for this year, leaving a long winter and the doldrums. Mabey Santa will liven things up for all of us. Till then, I'll be Scrooge, spending my time saving and counting the NIA's money.

New memberships keep rolling in, about twelve since our last issue of Drip Points. Welcome aboard new members, we're very pleased that you've joined us. Don't hesitate to write or call any of the NIA officers. (or other NIA members for that matter, we're a pretty friendly bunch), if you have hobby related questions, concerns or complaints. We generally know at least some of the answers, and we can help you find the rest.

My thanks, and the NIA's thanks to members who have pointed prospective new members in my direction. It takes a little effort, but it's worth it. We are a good organization, and new members make us look better.

Our bank account remains in good shape, though at this time of the year, we have many more bills than income. Our chief expenditures remain postage and printing.



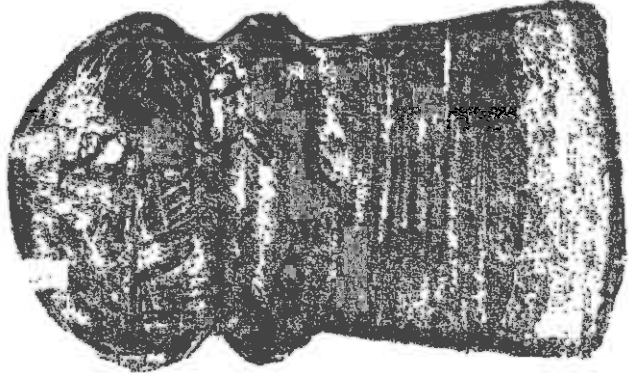
It's not too soon to think about renewing memberships. Remember the NIA membership year ends March 31, 1985. A couple of early birds have already gotten their checks in. Has anyone considered giving NIA memberships as gifts during the Holiday Season?

My best wishes for a happy and satisfying holiday season to you all.

Keep looking up,

Roderick H. Kuylen

NIA # 1308



R. Kuylen

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dear Fellow Insulatorphiles,

The latest news from the NIA is... The 1985 Eastern Regional Show. It will be held on September 28 and 29, 1985 in Kulpville, Pennsylvania (North of Philadelphia) and show hosts are Claude Wambold and Steve Bobb - Congratulations, Claude and Steve!

I received a brief note of thanks from Dee Willett for publicizing his earlier letter to me (see Fall 84 Drip Points). He reported that both table sales and walk-through were very heavy and several West Coast people reported record sales. This is extremely encouraging to hear. Let's see that kind of support from other areas in the insulator community, too.

I am, of course, now accepting proposals for the 1986 National and Regional Shows. (You really didn't think I'd miss a Drip Points without bringing that up, did you?) I've received THREE inquiries into the Central Regional, Already! I'd also like some inquiries about the Eastern National and Western Regional, too. Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me and I'll do my best to bring you up to speed. The Earliest I'll send any of these proposals to the NIA board for action is April 1, 1985 (I'd like to send all

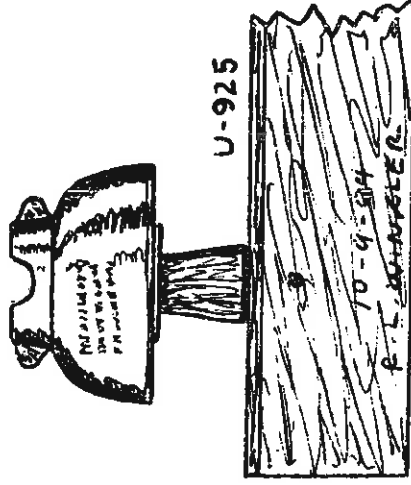
three shows' proposals on that date and announce them in St. Charles), so NOW'S THE TIME to get your legwork started!

Finally, I'd like to extend my warmest wishes for good health and prosperity in this Holiday Season to you all.

Good Collecting,

Kenneth F. Lambert

NIA # 1679



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FROM THE INFORMATION DIRECTOR:

Hi again and welcome to the Fall 84 DRIP POINTS.

Many thanks for all the comments about last season's issue. And to the nice school teacher who wrote me and asked me if I knew what a dictionary was for - yes I do, but I had to get rid of something to make room for my multi-part insulators! But seriously - excuse me, unfortunately, a Dora Harned I am not.

Well, I could go on and tell you about all the nice insulators that I saw but could not afford at the London Insulator Show, or The Fred Locke multi that I just missed out on. I could also tell you about how on the way back from the London show, that vegetable soup was forced upon my buddy Robert Winkler at a hamburger restaurant in Central Indiana. Instead, I would like to lay a new idea on you.

As you know, The March issue of Crown Jewels is a directory of NIA members and subscribers of CJ. When this issue of CJ hits the post office, the Spring 85 DRIP POINTS shouldn't be far behind it.

Here is the idea: In the Spring 85 DRIP POINTS, I would like to publish a list of specialty collectors. The purpose of this list would be to get collectors in touch with other

collectors who have the same interests, yet who are too far apart to know of each other by "word of mouth". Dealers would also benefit by this as they could send reduced lists to people who they know collect the items that they are selling.

Specialty topics would include, but are not limited to, bee hives, CD-162 signals, power glass, multi-part insulators, mickey mouses and foreign styles, just to name a few. Listings will be in groups, with just the name and town/state printed of the collectors involved. To correspond with someone, you would just have to look up the person's name in the CJ directory. As space is limited, please do not send any more than two or three specialties.

To participate in this listing, drop me a post card by February 1st with your name and specialty. Feel free to include categories which I have not listed.

Have a good one!



Kenneth J. Steh

NIA # 2413



FROM THE EASTERN REGION VICE-PRESIDENT:

The Yankee Antique Bottle and Insulator Show in Keene, New Hampshire was well attended by Northeastern Collectors. Some super finds were found; large cork screw, cobalt MT threadless, CD-700 green egg, several mint freshly dug olive green mercury lightning rod balls, and more.

The 84' Eastern Regional Show in Titusville, Florida is being held during this writing. I'm sure plenty of action is going on. I'm only sorry that I was unable to attend.

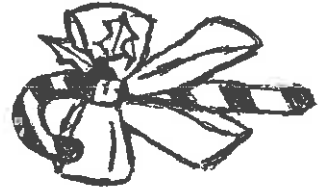
The 1985 Eastern Regional Show will be held in Kulpsville, Pennsylvania on September 28th and 29th. Hosted by Steve Bobb and Claude Wambold, who have always had an excellent reputation for hosting shows. Put this date on your calendar today.

Wish you all a Happy Holiday.

Good Collecting,

John de Snow

NIA # 419

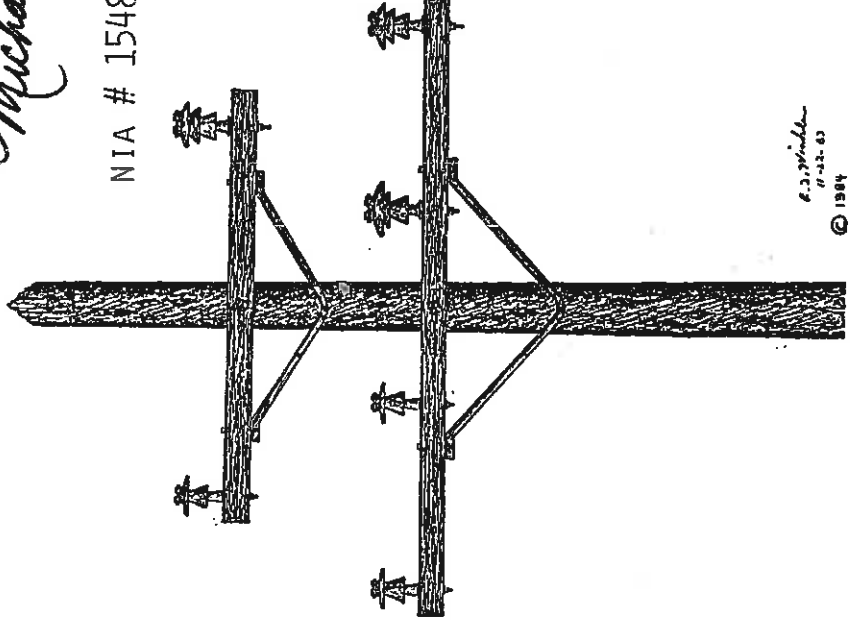


FROM THE CENTRAL REGION VICE-PRESIDENT:

Just a short note to all in regards to next year's National in St. Charles, Illinois. We have been able to include in this issue of Drip Points, the show flyer and some general information. I know that many of you have requested show packets and dealer contracts. These will be out to those that have asked just as soon as they are completed. Hope to hear from each one of you in the weeks to come. Thanks for the strong initial support.

Michael Jones

NIA # 1548



FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

Hello to everyone from down Texas way! You knew I couldn't be quiet for long, didn't you? After two rewarding years of helping run the NIA machinery, Bill and I are enjoying time to do some other things. I just have to tell you about one of them.

We were invited to come stay with Keith Neal and his wife, Jane, who live on the island of Guernsey. Guernsey is one of the Channel Islands, it's a British protectorate, and is just ten miles off the coast of France. Keith is the author of the book, SEARCHING FOR RAILWAY TELEGRAPH INSULATORS, published in 1982.

So on Saturday, October 27, Bill and I left Houston, headed for England, on Peoplexpress Airlines. We arrived at Gatwick Airport, near London, early the next morning. Two of our NIA members, Dominick Allen (London), and David Hibbert (Herts) met us there and we spent some enjoyable time getting acquainted and swapping insulators.

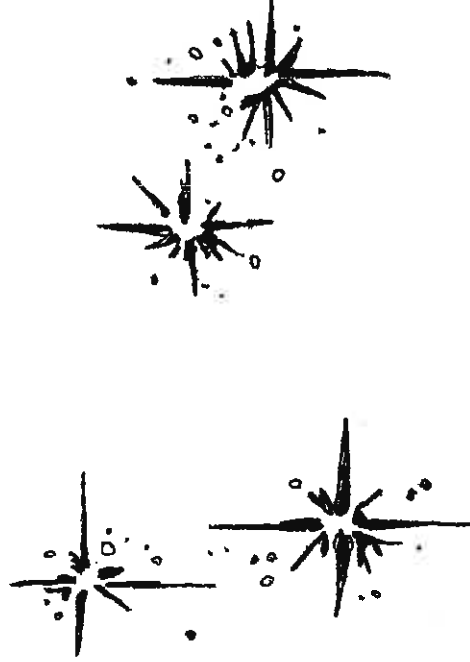
A short time later, we left Gatwick and flew to Guernsey, where we met Keith Neal and his family. The next 2½ days were spent there with them in their beautiful home, a large 16th century farmhouse built of native granite, which has been renovated, modernized and very well kept up

through the years by it's various owners. One of the highlights, of course, was the opportunity to see Keith's collection of rare telegraph insulators from England, and to hear him tell about them. Keith is also an NIA member now, and it is quite a thrill to find that our hobby is very much alive and well over there across the globe. He and his lovely wife Jane are neat people and they were certainly great hosts to us. That time went by far too quickly.

Please give Mike Bruner and his Board and Committee members your support. They are doing a real good job.

Marvin Taylor Alberta

NIA # 541



FROM THE SHOW STANDARDS CHAIRMAN:

Hello to all NIA members,

First of all, I want to wish everyone, and their families a very fine Holiday Season, and best wishes for the coming new year.

Next, let me tell you about my new job as NIA Show Standards Chairman. My transition into this job seems to be going very smoothly, but I can tell you one thing: It's going to be difficult following a class act such as Vi Brown, but I want to thank her, and also Marilyn Albers for their assistance and cooperation.

Finally, I would like to suggest we use the upcoming winter months to consider sponsoring a local show in 1985. These are slack months for all of us, and it might be the perfect time to make plans for that insulator show you have been considering for so many years. I have a good supply of show ribbons, and I would love to send you one for presentation at your show.

Thanks very much, take care of yourselves, and I hope each and every one of you obtains that insulator that is #1 on your want list this year.

Best of luck,

E. L. Allen

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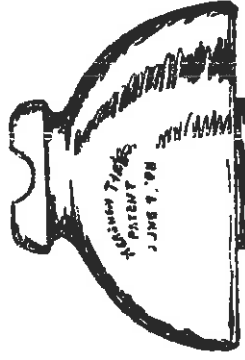
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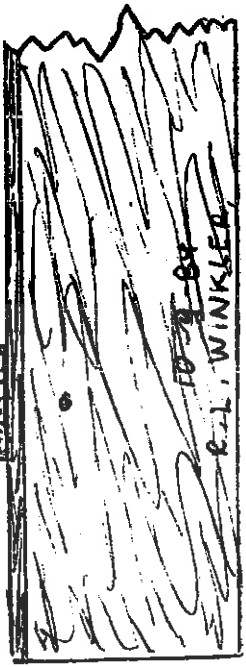
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Welcome to all of you!!



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INFORMATION ON N.I.A. MEMBERSHIP



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

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

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

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

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

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