



# DRIP POINTS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK....

To those of you I have not yet had the opportunity of meeting, let me introduce myself. My name is Jerry Turner. I am 38 years old, have had 20 years of marriage with a very understanding and lovely wife by the name of Marilyn. We have four children-Tiger 18 years old, a carpenter-David, 17 years, the athlete-Gary, 14 years, the eagle-eyed dump digger-and Jeanne, 12 years, the animal collector. Until recently I was employed for 15 years by a vending company. Presently I drive a taxi in Cincinnati until I land a better job.

Insulator collecting began with a chance encounter of a ditch filled with telephone insulators in 1970. As I dug them out I noticed the different designs and markings and became interested in collecting them. We now have one room in the house loaded to the ceiling with glass and porcelain insulators and a wall in the living room loaded with weathervanes.

The biggest thrill for our family is going to a company dump and digging for insulators. I recommend this form of obtaining insulators as not only inexpensive but also as legal since most people owning land where old plant sites were located will give you permission to dig.

If I had to choose a special interest in the collecting field, it would have to be porcelain. There were many porcelain companies located in Ohio who were very prolific in number of designs and colors so these are readily available to me. My favorite insulator would have to be the porcelain JUMBO U-407.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the officers who have served last year, to thank the show hosts, the Tasems for a wonderful show, and the Harneds and Garritys for their co-operation with advertising and promotion of N.I.A. affairs. And to all the others who helped make our organization and hobby a success, many thanks.

To Marion Milholland best wishes for a speedy recovery. We hope to see you again at many shows soon. (Editor's note: Marion had a heart attack mid June and is doing well.)

In the observation and comment department. Again as at our last National we have a few individuals who insist on ripping off the general public with fake insulators. We have decided by our by-laws that these items have no place in our hobby for obvious reasons the most outstanding one is the beginning collector who may get stuck with a fake after paying an inflated price and thereby being discouraged and dropping out of the hobby. Remember if you are in doubt about the authenticity of an item, that in itself is a pretty good indication of its not being genuine. It is embarrassing to ask friends and fellow collectors to remove fake or altered items at N.I.A. shows, but your officers WILL DO JUST THAT. Also please don't give our hobby a bad name by theft. We all know there is no legal way to remove insulators from operating lines even if you are

one of the few who replace them, (most just leave the wires dangling).

As your president I want to know what direction you want our association to go. This is not my club-this is ours. Don't write and ask me "what are you going to do", write me and offer suggestions or criticisms. I want to know what is going on inside your head.

We have a lot of qualified people on our executive board and committee chairmen. Lets use them. Don't waste their talents by apathy, friction, and "Let George do it" attitude. Lets all pull together and make our next year the best of all!

CENTRAL VICE PRESIDENT PAUL HOUPPT....

I am employed by the Penn. Central R.R. as a Communication and Signal Maintainer with 36 years service. I started collecting insulators in 1968, and I try to attend as many shows as possible. My wife's name is Mildred and we have 2 grown daughters. I belong to B.P.O.E., Masonic Bodies, American Legion, Forty & Eight, V.F.W., a life member of the 37th Division Veterans Association, and a charter member of the Ohio Valley Insulator Club.

TREASURER DENNIS McHENRY....

I've been collecting insulators for six or seven years now. I keep trying to specialize in everything. I have a pretty good set of the baby signals. I only need a couple of Hemingrays to have a complete set of all the styles and colors. I like the Brookfields with style numbers and/or drip points. I think my Denver set is complete as far as styles go, and I guess my little collection of Hemingray 9 has gotten a few others started on them. I've been the Treasurer of the NIA since the beginning and feel the efforts put into the organization add greatly to the enjoyment I receive from the hobby. I'm a Physical Scientist at Rodman Laboratory, Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois where I'm in charge of the Analytical Section. Married to Bobbie 25 years. No children. Plan to retire to the Rocky Mountains in the not too distant future.

INFORMATION DIRECTOR ADDIE TASEM....

Hi! I'm Addie Tasem the newly appointed Information Director. I've been married for 12 years to Maury and we have 3 very active sons, David 9½ years old, Michael 8½ years and Scott 4 years. I am a Cub Scout Den Leader for six boys, and attend college. I am a charter member of the N.I.A. and Insulator Collectors Club-San Diego County Inc. which I'm co-founder and present club Editor of the monthly newsletter, Singing Lines.

I have been collecting insulators for about 7 years and have only a few insulators I NEVER part with. I collect insulators and canning jars that strike my fancy.

I enjoy writing articles of all kinds and have had many published in Cross Arms, Crown Jewels, OBX, ABW, and others. My goal is for the Drip Points to come to current N.I.A. members on or about January 5th, April 5th, and June 30th with an information deadline of the 20th the month prior. The Directory is scheduled for April and the Ballots in June. Drip Points is a newsletter about the N.I.A. to keep all N.I.A. members up to date. I would like to publish items that are NEW and fresh. I highly recommend that every insulator collector take the Crown Jewels and any other magazines featuring insulator information. Keeping up with our hobby requires us to be informed.

ATTENTION ALL....

For many of you, this will be your final newsletter because you have not renewed your membership. You can correct this by sending your \$2 to Dennis McHenry today.

## COMMITTEES....

The following committees have been formed and some need volunteers to lend their knowledge. They are:

1. Show Standards-chairmen Fred Griffin
2. Historian-cochairmen Ruby Bryant and Allen Rodgers
3. Membership-chairman Marion Milholland
4. Ethics-chairman Tom Moulton with Grant O. Barnes and Joe Maurath, Jr.
5. By-laws-chairman Dick Alumbaugh

The chairman and the officers addresses and phone numbers are listed on the back page.

## HELP!!!!

From Ruby Bryant: need pictures of past Nationals especially from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd. If you have any, your pictures will be most welcome. Send to Ruby.

Need 2 Canadians to represent Canada, West and East. Contact Jerry if you'd like to help out.

Need volunteers for CD information clearing centers. Contact Jerry.  
Need National Insulator Association approved, sanctioned, Regional, and future National shows. Persons interested in submitting a bid should contact their regional V.P. or N.I.A. office (Glenn Drummond) as far in advance as possible.

## N.I.A. SHOWS....

The Central Regional will be September 27-28 at the Ramada Inn-South in St. Louis, Mo. Times are 9-5 and 9-4PM with admission of \$.50 (12 yrs. and above) and with table rental of \$15.00 both days. Information write to: SLICC, Box 492, Ballwin, Mo. 63011.

The Eastern Regional information can be obtained from Bob Alexander, 205 Whitman Rd., Winterhaven, Fl. 33880.

## 6th N.I.A. CONVENTION REPORT....

At the business meeting, while the ballots were being counted, Ernie Rostock conducted a question and answer period. Discussed were questions on the show rules, the NIA day, and rotation of the Nationals. It appears from the discussion that our show rules need to be evaluated. The NIA day was set aside for all dealers and NIA members only. We had about 50 new memberships as a result. The idea was accepted by a majority of those attending. Should the Nationals rotate from districts to districts as it does now or should it be held in the central point possibly the same place year after year? These questions are of great importance to all members. Write your feelings to your V.P. and/or Jerry.

The new officers were announced. President is Jerry Turner and Western V.P. is Bill Galloway. At the banquet dinner, Jerry announced his appointments to the Executive Board.

## FROM THE HOSTS OF THE 6th N.I.A. CONVENTION....

Here is a statement of our Income and Expenses from this show. It is being published to show where your money went and to what.

INCOME

Table rentals	\$3147.00
Dinner reservations	1143.00
Directory sales	5.00
Total:	\$4295.00

EXPENSES

Room rental	\$1200.00
Dinner Banquet	1011.62
Promotion	532.21
Guard service	375.00
Advertising	287.38
Band	225.00
Mailing	193.34
Printing	174.82
Awards	149.37
Misc. office supplies	109.40
City&State permits & fees	61.13
Refund	36.00
Total	\$4355.27

CLEVELAND HERE WE COME....

Thinking of attending Cleveland but want to travel via public transportation? Contact your local Airlines, train, bus-try a Charter! For those in the Los Angeles area, there can be a charter flight to Cleveland if you want! \$150<sup>00</sup> round trip must have 173 persons on board for this low price! American Airlines 707. If you are interested, drop M. Tasem or J. McDougald a line telling how many in your party and when you would like to leave and return. HURRY and start planning to attend by getting on the list early. Will let you know the progress in the next issue.

BY-LAWS EDITORIAL

The beginning of any organization needs a format to operate from. As the organization grows, the by-laws need to be revised and up dated. Dick Alumbaugh will be doing just that. However, your help is greatly needed. Send your opinions, omissions, additions and ideas to him. The N.I.A. is your organization and should have rules and guidelines that the majority feel are liveable. To start off, how do you feel about this? The shaded area is the present Central District. Well?

