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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

It hardly seems possible that this will be the last time I'll be at the NIA membership in an official capacity. The past year has gone quickly and, as usual, some of the things we had planned were completed and others will have to wait for the next group of officers to tackle and solve. Among the things accomplished were:

1. consolidation of the NIA/Crown Jewels Directory,
2. conversion to bulk rate mailing of Drip Points as a cost cutting technique, and
3. availability of ribbons for NIA sanctioned Class C shows.

Just a word about the last item. Len Linscott did a great job and very handsome ribbons for any Class C (local) show sanctioned by the NIA. Sanctioning is merely a matter of the show host writing to the Executive Director and requesting NIA sanctioning. Thus far, we have not been successful in getting show hosts to write in, in spite of the availability of the NIA ribbon. This publicity would be good for the NIA and should add status to the show. So let me encourage all of the potential show hosts out there to take advantage of this opportunity.

One of the many things I learned this year is that working with an organization that is spread all across the country tends to slow things down a bit. I've had a number of discussions with the officers regarding this problem, and I think one of the possible causes is changing the President and Executive Director each year through the elective process. As a lame duck, I can safely recommend that the membership consider a number of alternatives to this method to take advantage of the efforts of those who are willing and able to serve over an extended period. I will be introducing this topic at the meeting in Reno, and I hope you who plan to be there will take time to think about this problem and help the NIA come to the best solution.

While I'm thinking about the officers, I would like to take this time to publicly acknowledge the efforts of all of the officers who have served this past year. Much of the work that is done and the time expended is unnoticed by the general membership and you should all know that you have been served by a hard working bunch this year.

I want to share with you a few thoughts about the direction our hobby is taking, now that I have a year's experience serving you as President. When I came into office, I expressed some concern about the direction we were headed and many of those concerns remain. In our part of the country the number of shows has dwindled and the number of dealers and wall pieces for sale has dropped dramatically. On the plus side, there are a lot of good pieces for sale, action is lively for those who do attend, and as a result it is a tremendous opportunity to make and renew friendships. The NIA is most grateful to the show hosts who have worked hard in behalf of the local, three regional shows and the upcoming National show. We have signed up nearly 200 new members since the National at Lakeland, but alas, our active membership to date (renewals are still coming in) is well below the more than 900 active members we had in March. We are either losing a lot of the "old guard" or we are not providing enough incentive for the new member to maintain his interest in the hobby or the club. There are some solutions:

1. We need to activate local clubs to keep the hobby alive, especially in the populous areas. In Cleveland, we have a

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- local club ( no dues, no official membership) that meets every two months and stays in contact via an informal te chain.
2. We need to encourage more collectors to sponsor shows. don't have to be big shows, but every collector should h chance to attend three or four shows a year within a res drive. Free swaps are great and collectors don't feel l need a whole table full of insulators in order to set up
  3. We need to explore some alternative ways to introduce ou to larger numbers of people; for example:
    - a. mall shows
    - b. joint insulator shows with other hobbies and/or
    - c. publicity through the antique or suburban edito local newspaper.

Those of us who have been in the hobby a while may feel very comf with our collections and our status in the hobby; but, if we expe a hobby of a few years from now, we each must share part of the responsibility for perpetuating it.

I hope that the NIA has been able to contribute to your enjoyment knowledge of insulator collecting in the past year. Thanks to Ga Orr and his parents for their location and research on the VTS Industrial ruby red and cobalt insulators. This to me exemplifie function of the NIA; to provide information to the membership, to allow them to make knowledgeable decisions about their collection learn the history of our great hobby.

Good collecting to you and hope to see you all in RENO.

John McDougald - Presid

BALLOT ISSUE

The following pages contain biographical data submitted by one Presidential Candidate and one Western Region Vice-Presidential Candidate for the NIA.

The ballot page lists all those running for office including addi spaces for write-in votes.

Also, two new amendments to the NIA By-Laws are on the ballot. P read them carefully and vote on them.

Your help in completing your ballot and sending it quickly to Kei Ornbaum (see bottom of ballot page) will be greatly appreciated.

Rick Jones - Information Director

LEN LINSCOTT

Hello....My name is Len Linscott and I have been nominated from the Eastern Region to run for President of the National Insulator Assoc. I consider this in itself quite an honor. So in order for all National Insulator Association members that don't know me and all future men that read this, let me tell y'all something about myself, family and my hobby.

I am 39 years old and was reared the first 18 years in a little farming and mining community of Yerington, Nevada which is only about 80 miles southwest of Reno, Nevada. For the next 6 years I traveled with an oil drilling company throughout most of the western part of the United States. Then Uncle Sam needed me for the next two years with the 11th Air Force at Fort Benning, Ga. I also met my wife, Jackie, from Franklin, North Carolina, at this time. In 1964 I was discharged from the U.S. Army. Jackie received her B.S. in Education degree. We were married and moved to Titusville, Florida, she to teach and me to work for Security at the Kennedy Space Center (M.A.S.A.)...which we both are still doing after 14 years. We have lived at 3557 Nicklaus Drive for the past 12 years. We have one daughter, Laura Leigh, who is 10 years old and very keen. I, myself, collect porcelain insulator collectibles. The whole family collects something. Jackie, I, myself, collect coins, space badges, space cacheted envelopes, etc. (for the past year), antique furniture and a host of other things. My main thing is glass insulators, especially CD # 250-270 Cables. Jackie collects small glass and metal bells, depression glass and jars. Laura collects porcelain insulators of all types from the United States and all foreign countries possible. I would have to say that I have the most in my collection, because I started in 1969 to collect insulators and I started the same way as about all insulator collectors start. by hauling home every one I could get. I had to stop that practice a while as I ran out of room in the two-car garage. So for the last 3 or 4 years I only buy rare cables for my collection.

In 1977 Bob Alexander, Jackie and I hosted the 8th National Insulator Association's Convention, Show and Sale in Lakeland, Florida. I was also instrumental in forming the Central Florida Insulator Club in 1976. I was Executive Director of the National Insulator Association in 1976-77 and at present I am the Show Chairman for NIA.

As for improving NIA, we have come a long way already.. We have had successful National shows and Regional shows. I have been instrumental in acquiring trophies for the 5 divisions for the National shows and a trophy for each regional show. I have also acquired ribbons for Class "C" shows which are available just for the asking as long as the show host advertises that his show includes insulators.

I will not go into detail about what I would like to see changed or improvements could be made, as I know there are a few....some are important, for the advancement of the hobby.

I will always be available for any comments, positive or negative, anyone.



**\*\* INSULATOR COLLECTOR ALERT \*\***

Ruby Red Pony Insulators-Found

Ruby Red pony glass insulators have appeared at the Morro Bay show held on March 18 & 19, 1978.

They are embossed "VTS" Industrial Co. Number 8. The ruby red color is throughout the glass and is not flashed or painted.

Reportedly there have been 500 ruby red and cobalt blue of this style make, which are of recent vintage.

The insulators' heritage has been traced to a United States Manufacturer.

So far, only about a dozen of the ruby red insulators have been traded or sold.

A few reliable collectors state that they look "real good".

Because of the extreme rarity of this color in an insulator, and being established as a reproduction, a collector would be wise to be cautious about its purchase - Caveat Emptor.

In the meantime, the Ethics Committee or Crown Jewels would like to be advised of any further factual information concerning this insulator or records of transactions.

This alert is advisory in nature and not intended to impinge on the character or ethics of reputable dealers or collectors who have not knowingly misrepresented the rarity or value of these insulators they have offered for sale or trade.

Don Fabbi  
NIA Ethics Committee Chairman  
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ATTENTION, ATTENTION!

A notice from our faithful Crown Jewels Editor: Dora is having problems with the postal service at Chicago, Illinois.

Any NIA member or Crown Jewels subscriber that did not receive the March issue please write and she will see that you get one.

Also, any members or subscribers in Ontario, Canada that failed to receive their copy of the March issue just drop her a line and she will see it sent out right away.

Rick Jones - Information

DORA, DEAR DORA

As Information Director the past year I have gained a much more than appreciation of Dora Harned's task of publishing Crown Jewels Magazine. The production of this small Drip Points newsletter with a circulation only around 700 is a sizeable job. Crown Jewels, with a circulation nearly 2000, is a massive operation. She needs your support. Thank you, Dora, for one terrific job.

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REPORT FROM RENO

As you know it has been over a year in the planning stage. Don and Dora Harned, the Galloways, and Ann and I have put in a lot of long hours, but I feel now that it is all going to be worth it.

We have a real beautiful building, the lighting is excellent. It is carpeted, has good parking, is close to town. We will also have a catering company in and they will have both hot and cold food.

We have one hundred and thirty five sales tables and forty display tables. To date we are near the one hundred mark on sales tables we have only about eight display tables left. If the response continues the way it has been I think we may have a sell out show.

We have reserved one hundred and fifty rooms at the Nugget in Sparks. This is about three miles from where the show is located so this will be our headquarters away from the show. Don and Dora have their rooms in the Nugget Motor Lodge, Ann and I also have reserved a room there. And we have reserved a third room located between our rooms for a hospitality room. We will have refreshments there and we would like everyone to stop in and say hi and have a drink with us. We intend to keep this room open as much as possible while we are away from the show.

The dinner on Saturday night will be held in the Nugget Convention Center which is located directly across the street from the Motor Lodge. I have lived in Reno now for seven years and I have had dinner in many of the good restaurants and I can honestly say I believe the food at the Nugget is some of the best. I think that anyone that misses a dinner will really miss a gourmet's treat.

I would also like to mention that other than a fantastic show, there is a lot to offer in the line of a good vacation. It is just a one hour drive to Virginia City home of the Comstock Mines. It has been kept original and it is like walking back into history. Also Lake Tahoe is just an hour away and really worth a visit. Of course the Reno Sparks area is a real open town with big name shows and fun twenty four hours a day.

I could go on and on, but I will stop for now with an open invitation to everyone to attend the 9th National.

I have just moved if there are any questions my new address is: 17725 Cold Springs Dr., Reno, Nevada 89506. Phone: (702) 972-1360

Keith and Ann Ornbaum

A SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my faithful, hard-working wife, Chris, for her diligent efforts in typing and layout suggestions (not to mention sorting for Bulk Rate mailing) in publishing the Drip Points newsletter.



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NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION BALLOT

PRESIDENT (1978-1979)                      Len Linscott                     

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WESTERN REGION V.P. (1978-1979) (Vote only if you live in Western  
CA., OR., WA., NV., ID., MT., WY., UT., AZ., ND., SD., ALBERTA, BRIT  
COLUMBIA, MEXICO)

Bill Hungate                     

Pat Patocka                     

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The following amendments to the NIA By-laws have been proposed by  
of Directors for consideration of the membership by vote at the  
Meeting, including proxy ballots, and this advance notice is given  
pursuant to Article VII to the By-laws.

Article VII - Amendment  
(add the following paragraph.)  
Paragraph 2.

These By-laws may also be amended by the membership at any  
meeting and without advance notice to the entire membership through  
official publication, provided that the amendment is subsequently  
ratified by the membership as a whole. Upon publication in the  
of the official publication, the amendment is ratified if fewer  
5% of the active members mail a written objection to the NIA office  
90 days from the publication mailing date.

IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT                       YES

NOT IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT                       NO

ARTICLE VI, PARAGRAPH 2

Change FROM (old wording):

2. The NIA Board of Directors, following due process of fact-finding  
and hearings, may suspend or revoke the membership or expell a member  
upon his failure to abide by and utilize the code of ethics or the  
standards for describing insulators.

TO (new wording):

2. The NIA Board of Directors, following due process of fact-finding  
and hearings, may suspend or revoke the membership or expell a member  
upon his failure to abide by the code of ethics.

EXPLANATION: It is proper that the NIA encourage use of a standard  
system, but not make it mandatory for membership in the NIA.

IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT                       YES

NOT IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT                       NO

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