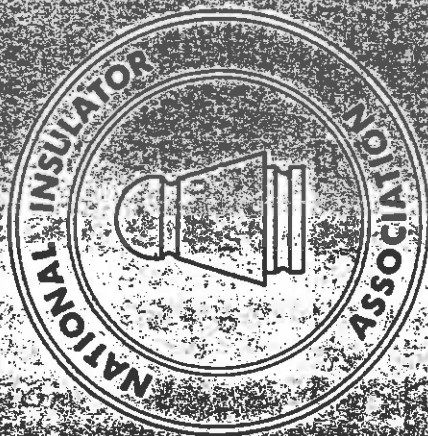


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NIA PRESIDENT

Dear NIA Members ... Thanks for the inquiry concerning join NIA to trade or sell at a National Show. Let me explain the tho behind this. (1) If a person is good enough to collect insulators then he or she should be good enough to spend \$3.00 for an adult membership or \$1.00 for those under 18 years old to receive bene No place except a national show or the two regionals can they fi so many insulators under one roof plus all the advice and all th history of almost any insulator that is known. A non-member wou have to spend a lot of postage or a lot of gas and miles to get information or sell an insulator. (2) The NIA shows almost alw guarantee that you will get a fair deal from an NIA dealer (Ethi Committee). (3) You get DRIP POINTS four times a year. At pre that adds up to 60¢ and a copy of the Handbook (By-Laws, rules, costs 28¢ to mail plus a bulletin on any insulators that hit the market that are phoney. (4) A free copy of the last directory (March of every year, \$1.50) for new members. A show that has s of the best trophies that money can buy which I might say I woul compare to any bottle trophy or ribbon, and on and on.

As for a new collector walking into a show just to trade a insulators, this is fine. But how many times can he come to a s and still be considered "new" to insulator collecting. It is th host of the show that is losing money. Be it a small show (10-1 tables,) or a regional show (100 or more tables,) or a national with 100-150 tables. The host is paying for the building, the lights, A/C or heat, the ribbons, the name tags, and all the res that go with a show (hotel reservations, food, advertising, cont time and effort). The person that rents a table and the show hc all pay for this...not the person that walks in off the street t just wants to trade a few insulators (and usually at every table

This is why at the Ohio National, Lakeland National, Reno National, and a lot of other shows that tables are not selling a they should. Why join NIA for the \$3.00 when a person can displ next to a person that belongs to NIA and also have a sales table next to an NIA member, when you can get the same benefits by not joining NIA? This has got to stop. The hosts of shows are not ting a fair deal, if they and NIA members have to put out the mc for shows and half of the show is people that don't want to belc NIA has expanded to ten categories for displays with a first, se and third place in each...which should give everyone a chance fr the small collector with very little money, to the collector th money is no object. (All these people should display their ware as often as possible.) A lot of collectors could display more c then they do, to let the rest of the insulator collectors see wh can be collected and what some of the rare colors and insulators and look like.

I will not comment on comparing bottle clubs to insulator c I belong to both and have good friends in both hobbies and no m what is said or written, each individual will go his or her own on that subject. I am glad that we have both around.

Len Linscott NIA #255

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

In the next issue of DRIP POINTS we hope to have a map of United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, showing the number active NIA members in each state. Will your name be among them?

It is felt that it will be very interesting to observe the growth (or lack of it!) of our fine hobby in the different areas. For example, is California gaining more members than New York? California is forging on ahead, what are they doing to create interest in the NIA? Are they having more shows, swap meets, trade etc.? Do they have more active clubs? The rest of us should look to the leaders as shown on our membership map and take some notes and do some serious thinking!

Every now and then we see reprints of newspaper, magazine newsletter articles portraying certain collectors and their fine insulator collections. However, with almost one thousand members in fifty different states and some foreign countries, shouldn't there be more interest in collecting and exhibiting glass, porcelain, threadless, foreign, etc. insulators?

The NIA has done its part in expanding show categories to encourage more exhibits. Now it's up to us to show our officers that they made the right choice!

Bob & Phoebe Adams NIA #380-3

SHOW CHAIRMAN

The Hemingray 54-A & B is one of Hemingray's mystery insulators. They were found on one pair of wires on U.S. # 1 between Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Florida. From their records we know that this line was used for experimental insulators (The E-14-B Vase toll insulators were found primarily on this line.) They were in 1944-45 so why was manganese used in the glass? They were from almost clear to a deep lavender indicating that the amount of manganese varied in each batch. The tops were all the same size but the bottoms came in seven different heights.

There are many more bottoms than tops, the reason being that as the wire was pulled out, it unscrewed a lot of the tops. Local lapidarists picked them up and cracked them up for jewelry. They were evidently too much trouble to use or broke too easily and were replaced by the Hemingray # 53, a one piece clear transposition.

This is the one insulator that Florida can claim as its own.

Bill Dreggors NIA #64

HISTORIAN

Recently, my son Stanley Kindblade, who lives on a farm in southern Idaho, called me and told me of his new find. Nearby a public dumping grounds where the farmers and townspeople in that area haul off their trash. When Stanley arrived at the dump he eyed the insulators, which had been discarded by some utility company. Approximately 150 glass and porcelain jewels. Many were still in the original boxes, never been used and in mint condition. A number of the porcelains were the early day Thomas with a few whites in the assortment. This may be of some interest to John Cothern and other collectors in Idaho State. Stanley is an NIA member, however, as yet he hasn't had the pleasure of attending a big insulator show. He is most interested in belonging to a club there is a local club in Idaho.

WESTERN REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT REPORTS:

Dee Willett's Bakersfield Show was again a huge success, even though the building (only one he could get) left a little to be desired from a layout and food facility viewpoint. Biggest disappointment to me, however, was only having six exhibit displays. The attendance was real good and most dealers did great on sales. The show was covered by the TV and News media and a local university doctor of psychology interviewed people and passed out multiple choice questionnaires for a study he's conducting on "Why People Collect". It was all real interesting. Already Dee is making plans for next year's show and has been promised a total refurbished building which will be one large room, have lowered ceilings, good lighting and outlets, carpeted floors, and a kitchen facility. All this will make his show better than ever.

Another item of interest was the establishment in May of this year of the "49'er Historical Bottle Association" in Auburn, Ca. This organization has grown to over 75 members, including several NIA members; has held two club digs, and will hold it's first slide Dec. 2, 1978. Although it only meets once a month, attendance and membership is growing so rapidly, a 3rd new facility must be found for the meetings. Last meeting, 2-\$50.00 bottles were raffled off and a \$125.00 flask the meeting before. Informative talks and slide programs are generating enthusiasm like I haven't seen in a long time. Already there is some interest shown in insulators by Shirley and I hope to increase this with talk-exhibits in the near future. From this we hope to recruit new insulator collectors and NIA members. The Junior membership of this club is good and they will be our main targets for increasing and perpetuating our insulator hobby. The reason I discuss bottle digging is because without good diggers, many of the beautiful recent finds would not occur. Within the past eighteen months, I have been fortunate to obtain some of the rarest and hardest to find insulators in existence. First was a mint CD 130.1 Aqua Cal Elec Works..far rarer than the cobalt example. Next came a mint CD 130.1 Seilers Patent (complete with original wire and dug 20ft. deep in sand) and a beautiful mint CD 785 No Name Cross-Top in dark black amber and full of "snow" flakes.

I obtained both these within an hour at a Cow Palace Show in San Francisco this early summer. Needless to say, the bank account suffered terribly and I spent a few nights by myself in the backyard. The latest "find" is a beautiful mint, dark sparkling 7-11 green, E.C. & M. with upside-down embossing. This makes 4 1/2 specimens known and Fritz Kettenburg, foremost E.C. & M. specialist says this is the best of all.

This beauty was dug three months ago under the gas storage tanks of a station that was being replaced, between 3rd & 4th St and two blocks south of Market Street in S.F. Due to gas fumes, diggers had to give up and could still feel additional glass with their probes. The site has since been occupied by a new gas station and sad to say, has been black-topped over. Who knows what other gems are lost forever. The main point I'm trying to emphasize is, it's the bottle diggers who constantly come up with the prize insulators...at least out here on the West coast. That's why I feel we should all befriend and support the bottle club diggers. They have and are doing great things for the insulator hobby.

MORE ON THE BAKERSFIELD SHOW - From Dee Willett

I want to thank all for their comments in the questionnaire that I passed out to everyone. Seems as though most everyone was pleased with the show except that the only building available to us was the three rooms that we used, and the poor catering service. Ninety-seven percent of the people chose October for the month which to stage this event annually. So October it will be. I nailed down a building for next year and future years that will accommodate 200 plus sales tables, with ample room, not crowding anyone as we were this time.

We had some mighty fine displays. Bill Winn of Bakersfield with his Insulbug display, was an eye catcher. Thanks Bill! Other award winners were: Clarice Gordon, San Diego, won the NIA award for her most complete collection of H.G. beehives. Clay Salzman, a junior, displayed a SUPER!! collection of two-piece transpositions and won the Crown Jewels ribbon. Jerry Gibby, nails and telephone and power company signs. Joan Lang, from Arkansas won the long distance award (1,902 miles). Runner-up long distance award to John Williams of Spokane (1,300 miles). Both long distance awards were compliments of Evelyn Milholland Jack Tod, Arizona, I want to thank for setting up the tables and I sure could not have done it alone.

I will be at the next National in Denver with information packets regarding our 3rd Annual October Show.

Until then, God Bless all of you - Dee Willett NIA # 258

Remember that first jewel you got? Whether you got it on a pole, or dug it from a hole, obtained it at the local junk yard do you remember the excitement that you felt holding that piece of glass? I remember mine and although my CD 126 Brookfield had had the dome missing, it was most exciting.

As months passed, I combed the surrounding area for line jewels, until there were no more. My next and most regretful act was to climb some poles next to a railroad. There were no lines so I would not be bothering any communication and not endangering myself. Not True. With my pack full of jewels, I headed to my car and as I was leaving, the local sheriff joined me and searched my car. Well no explanation of no wires on the poles could help. A week later a local judge found me guilty of trespassing. For this I paid a large fine and faced probation for a year.

My point is: Don't forget the law, trespassing is not legal and don't forget that not a single insulator is worth the risk of electrocution. Let the lineman or one similarly trained to work with removing insulators. Even those trained have losted their life through small mistakes. So from one collector, lets be safe and be able to continue our wonderful hobby.

Hope to see you all at upcoming shows - Dave Moffatt # 1610

The National Insulator Association and its members wish to express their sympathy for the family of Sheridan E. Farin who passed on May 2, 1978. Mr. Farin was a charter member of the NIA. (#163)

INFORMATION DIRECTOR

I thank both Dave for his letter, and also Grant Salzman, Sacramento. Grant has written to me with many ideas. Of most sible interest to all at this time was having to do with new st numbers, not only on threadless. Grant mentioned in his letter how "new Finds" (variations on existing CD's), have at times be come "lost". "Lost" I took meaning uncatalogued for reference the new collector or completely forgotten after it had been rep ed. To compile a yearly report, for example, would require a p son with an infinite amount of hours to do a task of this magni Aside from cost, and however badly needed this reference is, a unteer has not come forward.

New ideas are really welcome by the NIA but quite often in mentation does take time. So at least for the present anyone v ing to find out more about a new style chart for threadless, ta with the fellow who has volunteered for that job - Ray Klingens

I received a letter from Kevin Lawless & Ron Gavin of R & coins and Insulators, wanting to obtain Bob Alexander's Color C After talking to Bob he informed me that he is presently out of stock, but the guide will be available again after Jan. 1, 1979. Bob's address is: 350 24th St. N.W. #207-G, Winterhaven, Fla.

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I wish to commend Fred Esher of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, wh was the host to what I feel was quite a sucessful show. It was North Central Wisconsin Clubs 3rd show and from what I understa the best one yet. I wish I could have attended the first two! was especially enjoyable because it was less than a three hour for me and the nearest show to the Chicago area since 1974.

I must say though, that not only "locals" attended. Mike Sabatos from Arvada Colorado, set up with some very good glass, cluding a vented Cal Electric, cobalt Tillotson and an amber 7. among other threadless.

Other dealers in attendance (I hope that I have not left a one out) were: From Ill.; Jack Bateman, Richard Case, Jay Cu. Tom McGill, Dick Schroeder and Larry Veneziano. From Ind.; Dic Combs and Mike McLaughlin. From Wisc.; Fred Esher, Sue Rupper Mike Kuhlinski, Jim & Nancy Skowlaund, Rodger Peters and Isador Lopez. Iowa; Paul Ickes & Dennis McHenry and from Ohio, Paul Mike Bruner was in from Mich. and had a super display, which b me to the display ribbons.

First place N.C.W.I.C. ribbon, NIA ribbon and Crown Jewels award went to Mike Bruner. First place N.C.W.I.C. ribbon to M. Sabatos for his striking display of 162 Hemi's and HG's. Secor place N.C.W.I.C. ribbons went to John Brabender, of Madison and to Otto Boll for his display of "Power Glass". Third place awa to Dennis McHenry; "Illinois Porecelains" and another to Sue R "Communications Across a Century".

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A little bit of what ensued at the show: Jay Cullen sold entire table of over 250 insulators to Paul Houpt. Cutters, un-eared Oakman Jumbo, purple 162 H.G.'s, #4 cables, #2 Columbia, clear S.S. Chicago's and many other desirable pieces changed hands during the one day show.

Michael Sovereign NIA #1548

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225 Buckaneer Ave. Bldg C2
Merritt Island, Fl. 32952 | 1867 | Charles F. Smith
125 W. Graceland Hgt. E
Hagerstown, Ind. 47346 |
| 1854 | Bob Ingersoll | 1868 | Sharon Skaggs
811 Main
Kansas City, MO. 64141 |
| 1855 | Nonie Ingersoll
482 - 27th Ave. N.
St. Petersburg, Fl. 33704 | 1869 | Mike Spadafora
508 Todd Drive
Goldsboro, N.C. 27530 |
| 1856 | Glen Connolly
50 Beers Drive
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165 Arnold St.
Braintree, MA. 02184 |
| 1857 | William C. Ogden
206 Fourth Ave. Apt. 307
Virginia, Minn. 55792 | 1871 | W.J. Mountz |
| 1858 | LaVonne Borucki
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Naselle, Wash. 98638 | 1872 | Edith Mountz
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| 1860 | Katherine Clark | 127 | Floyd M. Barnes |
| 1861 | Clyde W. Clark
351 Georgia Road
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776 Sparks
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234 Edith Apt. #4
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Santa Rosa, Cal. 95404 | 1612 | Evelyn A. Loper
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Jacksonville, Fl. 32211 | 565 | Bill Hungate
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