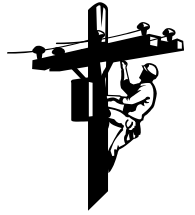


# Drip Points



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION

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## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



As our hobby comes of age, some of our founding members are now

well into their eighties. As Bob Stahr points out in his article, each issue seems to mention someone's passing. It is up to you to inform the NIA of these individuals so that we can pay tribute to them. Consider taking the time to write the tribute yourself and make sure that you locate a good photo for posterity.

Two items of note ... be sure to read Paul Greaves' article on EC&M mold progression. If you are a CD 123 enthusiast, compare your research with his and give him some useful feedback. Also take time to read the self-introduction of our new By-Laws

Chair, Rick Jones.

Since the holidays are approaching, check out the various items for sale that Carolyn has put together to promote and support the NIA. There is something for everyone.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Arthur McConnachie**, NIA #6934  
**Information Director**

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**



As this hobby continues to age and change, so do the collectors who are part of it. Too often lately I have had the misfortune of learning of yet another long time collector passing on. This report will be no exception.

The hobby lost long time west coast collector Pat Patocka on August 2, 2008 at the age of 86. He was a fixture at many insulator shows from the late 1960's through last year, including the NorCal Auburn show in Northern California. Pat likely started many new collectors from that part of the country, and I am sure many will remember him. Pat was NIA President from 1980-1982 and he and his wife, Shirley, served various other NIA capacities over the years. Pat and Shirley were honored with the NIA Outstanding Service award in 1983 and NIA Lifetime Membership in 1988.

The hobby also lost Don Wentzel September 26, 2008. Don was 82 years old. He died peacefully at his home on his 55th wedding anniversary. Don was married to his wife Barbara, and their son, Richard Wentzel is also a well known collector of Whitall-Tatum/Armstrong/Kerr products. Don started collecting in the early 1960's and with his late partner Calvin Cobb Sr., introduced the miniature commemorative glass

insulators bearing the embossings "Holly City" and "Wentzel~Cobb."

In addition to the loss of fellow collectors noted above, a significant loss of insulators has also recently occurred. Collector/Dealer Butch Haltman, while staying at his hotel for the Albuquerque, NM show, had his pickup truck stolen from the hotel parking lot. Included in the truck was his entire sales stock, as well as some pieces from his collection. One of a kind losses are the CD 181.5 "Spaceman" and the CD 303.5 Hemingray No. 4 Provo. Other, replaceable losses (albeit expensive ones) include a CD 141.5 "Slim Pin", CD 140.5 "Cobalt Blob", CD 109.5 Harloe, CD 165 Fisher and some CD 206 Castles. It is likely this truck was stolen and taken to Mexico. The insulators may never be recovered.

**The Haltman theft brings up another reason why you should have your insulators insured against loss and breakage.**

The Haltman theft brings up another reason why you should have your insulators insured against loss and breakage. If the insulators ever are recovered, they may have been severely damaged by the haste of the criminals. It's a shame that this has happened, but it could have happened to any of us.

On a happier note, next year's National in Coralville, IA on July 10-12, 2009 is shaping up to be quite good. Hosts Larry & Pat Whitlock, Dennis & Jeanne Weber, and Bill & Linda Connell along with members of the Missouri Valley Insulator Club are promoting this show well. In fact, Larry, Pat, Dennis & Jeanne were going table to table at the Springfield, OH show to

make sure they talked to everyone about the show. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Speaking of Springfield, how about the 70 degree November weather for the show? There was a good crowd, despite a few of the regular dealers not attending this year. I know I picked up some nice pieces for my collection, as did about everyone I talked to.

In addition, the NIA was instrumental in securing artifacts for a display at the Springfield show on the Cadiz Glass Company from Cadiz, OH. After some convincing done on my part, the Harrison County, OH Historical Society allowed

NIA member Tom Nelson to bring shards and glass cullet for a display and comparison to actual insulators. Tom put together a wonderful display board including

old patents, advertisements and articles from newspapers and trade journals of the time mentioning Cadiz and insulator production. I coordinated several collectors to bring various examples of CD 126 dome embossed PATD, No Name CD 126, and the base embossed CD 102, 132, & 133.4 PATD pieces. I want to thank Tom and all who brought their pieces for the display. You should keep an eye out for an upcoming article on the company in Crown Jewels.

We are still actively looking for hosts for the 2010 NIA National to be located in the Eastern Region. If you have any desire to host a National, please contact me as

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**1st PAST PRESIDENT**



Hello everybody, I hope you are all doing well and having a great time collecting. Hopefully all of you had a nice Thanksgiving and maybe even had some time off for insulator hunting.

This past few months have been a blur for me and unfortunately I am a day past the submission deadline for this very article as I sit here writing it. Fortunately, our dedicated Information director Arthur McConnachie is somewhat forgiving about this.

Since I last wrote I have been to the Enchantment Insulator Show and to the Springfield Ohio show. I really didn't have the time, but some things you just must make time for. It was well worth going to both of these shows. The Enchantment show is fairly close and I was able to drive. Springfield is a three day drive each way for me, so flying was in order.

I rarely miss either of these shows and I had a great time at both. I would highly encourage anyone who can attend any insulator show to do so. It's just not the same sitting behind the keyboard all the time on eBay or ICON. Get out and meet a few fellow collectors if you can.

Springfield was well attended this year despite spanning Halloween

night and ending only a couple of days before the election. I believe the number of sales tables was a little below normal, but the show hall was very busy, full of tables, and there were many folks in attendance. Kudos again to Steve and Lois Blair and Glenn Drummond for another great show.

These guys have basically been hosting a national every year. This was the 38th year for the show!

Speaking of shows, another show that has been going on now for 9 years and will hold it's 10th annual show is the YUMA show. This is February 7, 2009 (Saturday) in Yuma, AZ. The weather has always been great and is generally 70 degrees or higher and sunny (in February) Hopefully some of you will be able to make it. We generally have at least 75-100 folks show up.

The details are: Grand Canyon State Insulator Club 10th annual insulator show/tailgater in Yuma, Arizona on Saturday, February 7, 2009, from 9:00 AM until late afternoon. Tailgater will be at the Riverside Park which is located next to the Yuma Territorial Prison. Specific Directions: Exit Interstate 8 at the Giss Parkway exit (exit #1, Yuma Territorial Prison exit). Follow the signs to the Yuma Territorial Prison. There will be signs posted saying 'GCSIC Picnic'. If selling insulators please bring tables or set up in the back of your truck, no reservations required. Questions? Contact Roger Nagel at 623-566-0121.

Regarding NIA business, I am still working on trying to get 501(c)(3) tax exempt status for the NIA. This

would be beneficial for both the NIA and those who wish to support it. I belong to another club that is also an Arizona non-profit corporation that behaves very similarly to the NIA and they were able to get this status. The NIA articles of incorporation, bylaws, and some information with regard

to our educational and research activities are now in the hands of some business and tax attorneys to have the l's dotted and "T"s

crossed. It will submitted to the IRS soon to await a determination.

One benefit of this status would be the ability of members and non-members to make tax deductible donations of money or property to the NIA. Even one small collection donated would double or triple our present account balance and allow for more education and research projects. I know some folks seem frustrated sometimes at what appears like very little activity on the part of the NIA. Sometimes this is just perception and other times it is a reality because there simply is not enough in the NIA coffers to perform research or tests.

Well I can't believe that Christmas and Hanukkah are only 6 weeks or less away as I write this. These holidays will only be a few weeks after you receive this. So Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or just happy holidays.

Best of luck collecting,

Kevin

**Kevin Jacobson, NIA #6720  
1st Past President**

**Regarding NIA business, I am still working on trying to get 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.**

**2nd PAST PRESIDENT**

Dog gone, if my health hasn't caused me to miss my second large insulator show of the year. This time it was a 7mm kidney stone that kept me from attending the Mid-Ohio Show in Springfield, Ohio. Ouch!! I believe it is Mike Guthrie who has been credited with saying that you can't get old and be a sissy. I made mention in the fall DJIC newsletter that, that may be correct, but those of you who have had a kidney stone know that the old saying should also apply to anyone who has, or will have, a kidney stone.

We are very fortunate in our hobby to have educational Internet websites to keep up with events and the history of insulators and our hobby. Even though I missed the National in Portland, Oregon, and the Mid-Ohio Show in Springfield, Ohio, I was able to visit insulator hobby related websites to read about the show events and see pictures of the attendees, insulators and displays. It was not exactly like being there but you have to take what you can get sometime. What I missed most by not being at the shows was the camaraderie with my fel-

low collectors.

If you are not making use of your hobby websites to enhance your collecting experience you are really missing out on a valuable aspect of the hobby. The NIA's website is [www.nia.org](http://www.nia.org). The site is updated regularly by its webmaster Bob Berry who is the chairman of the NIA Research and Education Committee. The site is chocked full of information on NIA history, past and current NIA show events, insulator identification and insulator history. My favorites on this site are the "Insulator Historical Timeline" and the most recent addition to the site, "Quick CD and "U" Number Reference". A big thanks goes to Ben Caldwell for this neat application for quick references. When you use this page be sure you click on the current insulator picture for more pictures. Thanks Bob, for the great strides you have made to grow and improve this website.

Probably the most widely used web site for our hobby is [www.insulators.info](http://www.insulators.info). The site is privately owned by its webmaster Bill Meyer who continually updates the pages. This site is a one stop shop for most anything related to insulators. The site is also the home of Insulator Collectors On the Net (ICON). The ICON members share information about themselves with other collectors. There is an optional daily mailing list where the collectors can communicate among themselves. My favorites on the site are everything in the Picture Album, especially the Picture Poster Gallery

where I find the show pictures submitted by collectors. You need to take some time and explore this site. You'll be glad you did. Thanks Bill for all the time and effort you put into your site.

In addition to these two sites we have the Crown Jewels of the Wire website at [www.cjow.com](http://www.cjow.com). Here you can learn about the hobby's magazine and spend some time looking back through the archives and reading old articles that you may have missed. Not to be overlooked are the many collectors' websites which contain information about the collector, their collection and many times advanced information on their insulator specialty. A link to many of these can be found in "The People Connection" section of [www.insulators.info](http://www.insulators.info). If you are not making use of the Internet segment of our hobby you are really missing out. You owe it to yourself to schedule some time to visit these insulator related websites. They are a very important part of our hobby. The Internet will help you become more informed about the hobby and the insulators you collect.

Don't forget to take a child to the next swap, local show or insulator hunt. They are the future of our great hobby.

As we approach the holiday season please remember this is a time for sharing with and enjoying your family. I wish each of you a joyous holiday season.

**Dudley Ellis, NIA #5085  
2nd Past President**

**Butch Haltman Theft:**

<http://www.nia.org/special/special1.htm>





**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**



What a wonderful autumn season this has been. We had an early October snow here in Utah, but it has cleared up and been unseasonably warm since that time. Our home addition is going well and the nice weather has really helped. The upstairs room is nearly finished and the insulator room is well under way. The last few weeks have been very fruitful in finding go-withs for decorating the new insulator room. The excitement is building, but it will still be a few months to completion.

Just after the last newsletter went out, Jeanne and I drove up to Helena, Montana for Ron & Peggy Yuhas' and Monte McDowell's insulator swap meet. It was a fairly small gathering, but with some outstanding glass being offered for sale. I picked up a few very nice additions for my collection. Ron, Peggy and Monte were really great hosts. Ron's collection offered some great eye candy and a look at some very rare pieces. The food was excellent, and as always, the renewing of friendships was the highlight of the trip. Jeanne and I also found time to look around the area and just enjoy ourselves for a couple of days.

This year's NIA membership renewal is going very well. After last year's record membership level we have quite the challenge to match it this year. As of this writing we have 952 members that



are paid up and active for 2009 with a small pile of newly arrived renewals to process. That is a great response for this time of year.

Remember, this will be the last Drip Points for anyone that doesn't have their 2009 dues paid prior to the next mailing. Your support of the NIA and the insulator collecting hobby is much appreci-

ated.

I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas a prosperous New Year full of great collecting!

**Donald Briel, NIA #7218  
Membership Director**





**From the Treasurer**

**Jack Roach, NIA #4156, Treasurer**

**NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION  
2008-2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
THREE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

<b>Beginning Balance – General Funds</b>		<b>\$13,574</b>
<b>Museum Exploratory Committee</b>		<b>972</b>
<b>Authentication/Ethics Account</b>		<b>2,297</b>

**Revenues**

<b>Donations</b>		
<b>Membership Dues</b>	<b>\$1,042</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>150</b>	
<b>Product Sales</b>	<b>3,492</b>	
<b>Galen Howard Donations</b>	<b>275</b>	
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>4,959</b>

**General Fund Expenses**

<b>Advertising</b>	<b>191</b>	
<b>Taxes and Fees</b>		
<b>Marketing Product</b>	<b>1,014</b>	
<b>Postage</b>	<b>749</b>	
<b>Printing</b>	<b>498</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>		
<b>Educational Expense</b>	<b>54</b>	
<b>Crown Jewels Rebate</b>		
<b>Drip Points</b>	<b>1,357</b>	
<b>Show Advertising Rebate</b>	<b>478</b>	
<b>National Show Awards</b>		
<b>Telephone Expense</b>		
<b>Special Projects</b>		
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>4,341</b>

<b>Closing Balance – General Fund</b>		<b>\$13,917</b>
<b>Museum Exploratory Committee</b>		<b>972</b>
<b>Authentication/Ethics Account</b>		<b>2,297</b>
<b>Galen Howard Fund</b>		<b>275</b>

<b>Total Balance on Hand September 30, 2008</b>		<b>\$17,461</b>
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## AUTHENTICATION & CLASSIFICATION



I have two things worthy of mention for this issue ... the first just goes to show that something new can just show up "out of the blue" when you least expect it. This one even happened to me personally! I happened to notice an insulator that I did not recognize on an on-line auction site. It was clearly a large power insulator, similar to a CD 333 but nine inches in diameter, and with six braces under the skirt rather than four. It was severely damaged, but I was sufficiently interested that I bid on it and won.

Unfortunately, the top crown was popped off on this example, probably from water getting in it while it was upside down and freezing. But there is enough of it present to identify it. Turns out that it is a Knowles version of a CD 319! As far as I have been able to determine, this is the first example to show up.

The embossing includes the Knowles prism and the "PATENTED JUNE 17 1890" often seen on Knowles products. Color is a very pretty blue. The picture shows the new insulator on the left, compared to a CD 333

prism. So, surely they didn't make just one of these... there must be more out there somewhere. Unfortunately I don't have much to go on other than the fact that it came from a source in the north-eastern US. And if anyone out there happens to have a broken crown of something like a CD 333 but bigger, please let me know!

The second item to report on relates to my ongoing research into EC&M production. Over the past six months or more I have taken the opportunity to closely examine every EC&M I can, looking for mold details and learning as much as I can. Shows present a great opportunity to do stuff like this, with the Portland show being especially good. (I want to thank everyone that has let me examine and sometimes photograph their table or display items!)

heard (and come up with) a few possible ideas, but nothing seems very satisfying. If you have an idea, I'd love to hear it! In any case, I have made a few interesting observations concerning the dot.

The "A" mold has no dot. The mold was re-worked into the "C" mold, and when the re-work was done the dot was added to the front of the insulator. It appears to be made by removing some material from the mold in a way that resembles the tip of a drill bit, and perhaps that is how it was done. It is somewhat "cone shaped" when viewed from the side. The dot tends to be slightly oval in the horizontal dimension, and upon careful examination has concentric rings around the center. This dot shows little or no change as the mold was used, even as the



One thing that has always been a bit mysterious to me is the presence of the large glass dot (or button) on the skirt of most EC&M insulators. This dot is present on all mold styles except the "A" mold. I still have not heard of a good solid explanation of why the dot was put there, or what function it might have served. I have

mold was re-worked to the "D" mold and on to the end of its use. The "E" mold had the dot on the front also. The mold was re-worked to the "F" mold (when the upside down embossing was corrected) which left the dot on the now rear side of the insulator. This dot is more rounded in cross section and slightly irregular in

appearance. When the mold was further re-worked to create what we call the "G" mold, the overall diameter of the insulator was increased enough to significantly reduce the height of the dot. But the dot was re-engraved so as to appear very similar to the "F" mold. It is somewhat more round though, with a little of the "concentric circular" lines seen on the "C" mold sometimes being visible. This stays substantially unchanged as the mold aged to what we call the "G" mold.

The "B" molds are interesting. The dot is relatively rounded to irregu-

and as the mold was used this material gradually wore down making the dot appear "higher" and on a pedestal as the mold aged. I have found examples with very tight mold lines and crisp embossing (and very well formed bases) that have the outer circular "pedestal" barely visible and flush with the overall skirt surface. Extremely worn molds show a tall pedestal (or "squared off") dot in cross section, and always show mold wear in other ways such as heavy raised mold lines and cruder bases. The two photos show an early and late example made in the same "B" mold.

possibly on other very late lines). Examples from the "Ridge line" are raised fairly high, but not as high as the Aurora line examples. But although I have located nice examples of the low profile dot (non-pedestal) "B" molds at shows, I don't know where they came from! So if anyone has experience of finding examples of the "B" molds with the low profile dot style, I'd be very interested to know when the line they were used on was built!

The point of all this of course, is to learn as much as we can and then apply that knowledge to the



lar, but has a larger diameter circle surrounding it. This area between the outer circle and the inner dot is sometimes raised to various degrees, causing the dot to sometimes appear on a "pedestal". After examining many examples of "B" molds looking at other indicators of mold wear, I have come to the conclusion that the pedestal height is related to the age of the mold. The dot was seemingly created in a different way for these molds, as if a deep hole was drilled out and then filled in with a softer material. The dot was formed in the softer metal,

I bring all this up partly because I am very interested to know if anyone has any other evidence to support or contradict what I am saying here. If this holds up to analysis, I think the wear features of the "B" molds in particular can be used to approximately date a given specimen in relation to the lifetime of the mold. If we can establish the date of the first "B" mold usage, it would be useful in approximately dating other "B" mold examples. I have established that the most extreme "raised dot" examples were used on the Aurora, Nevada line (and

evaluation of the other more controversial mold styles.

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**BY-LAWS CHAIR**



Bob has appointed me as new Chair of the By-Laws Committee. I live in Hamilton, Ohio, about half way between Dayton and Cincinnati. Let me begin by saying that I love this hobby and I am glad to be back. My first entry into the hobby was in 1972. I had just finished graduate school and I was married in December 1971. The summer of '71 I had gone to a flea market in Dayton where I was living at the time and saw several insulators on someone's table. I

struck up a conversation and learned that people actually collected them.

Although I was intrigued, and my summer income came from driving a junk battery truck, with some prices as high as \$20 on this fella's table, I thought I'd never be able to start collecting. In the summer of '72 with encouragement from my new and very supportive wife, Chris, we dove in. We both got jobs in a hospital and finally could afford buying a few here and there. But then we discovered two things - accessible poles along railroad tracks and the Hemingray dump at Muncie. Now THAT was a lot of fun. We lived about an hour and a half from Muncie. I have several Muncie stories, but maybe another time. About that same time we discovered the London Show and met some great folks over the years.

Anyway, we bought, found, dug, traded our way to about a thousand pieces. Then in about 1975 we decided to bite the bullet and specialize in our favorite colors---cobalt and peacock. In those days there was quite a range of blues under just those two names. We

ended up with a nice collection that we called Exotic Blues - a name we stole from a 1975 cover article in Old Bottle Magazine by Joe Maurath, Jr. (the guy who puts the great old photos on ICON). The article was entitled Exotic Blue Glass Insulators. We had that collection until 1978 when I sold it and got out of the hobby for financial reasons.

I came back in 2004, just missing the Springfield National. I specialize in 731s now.

In 1972 I was Information Director for the NIA. Fred Griffin was president. As new By-Laws Chair, I'll do whatever Bob directs. My experience with By-Laws is pretty vast since I've been directing non-profit arts organizations and working with boards for almost 30 years.

Please look me up if you come to the Mid-Ohio in November or at the Iowa National in July.

**Rick Jones, NIA #201  
By-Laws Chair**

**The National Insulator Association's  
40th Annual Show & Convention**

**Coralville, Iowa  
July 10-12th, 2009**

**Coralville Marriott Hotel & Conference Center  
300 East 9th St., Coralville, Iowa 97232**

**Hosts: Larry & Pat Whitlock, Bill & Linda Connell,  
and Dennis & Jeanne Weber**



## HISTORIAN CHAIR



### What's Normal?

Two collectors were out hunting insulators one weekend. One of them was up an abandoned pole near a road when a funeral procession drove by and bowed his head and said a silent prayer. The other collector on the ground remarked, "I didn't know you were a religious man?" to which the collector on the pole replied, "Well, she was a good wife."

Although this joke was originally written about two golfers who found nothing could beat a round of golf, hard core insulator collectors will testify that they see everything through the rose-colored glasses of insulator collecting including how a joke written one way could be rewritten about insulators. For some, this altered vision even extends to when their eyes are closed as dreams about finding insulators are common. In fact, I had a dream about an idea for this column only to find upon waking how silly it was.

I have insulators inside my house and outside my house. I've heard of houses made of insulators. I have insulators at my office and there always seem to be stray insulators in my truck. Just recently I read a story about a collector who had an insulator as a hood ornament and remarked about how a lot of people tried to pick it.

As a teacher of public speaking, I show insulators as a sample speech using a visual aid. Outlines of speeches on the web page for my course use insulators to show how to organize the subject chronologically (with main points of glass blocks, threadless, and threaded insulators), by space (crown, wire groove, skirt of the insulator), by topic (glass, porcelain, plastic materials used to make insulators), and a variety of others.

Every day as I drive to work, I look at the same poles that have insulators I'm just waiting to come down. On old buildings, I look up the side in the hopes of seeing a side pin with a threadless on it. If I see a rack of spools instead, I'm still happy.

Most of my email is about insulators and I spend a lot of time at work reading it or searching eBay for insulators. I look forward to the Insulator of the Week and save about half of the emails.

I look forward to the monthly Crown Jewels of the Wire and have a subscription for both my

home and office so I can read it anywhere. I have 5 price guides: One upstairs in my house, one in the basement, one at work, one in the truck, and one in my backpack that I take to shows. I have three directors (home, work, truck) so I can call other collectors easily.

Half of the tee shirts I wear have insulator insignia on them. When it gets colder, I'm likely to wear a long-sleeved NIA shirt or a sweat-shirt from the Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club.

Watching TV, I spot insulators on shelves and poles in the background. The only show I'll record a show tells of linemen using helicopters to get onto high voltage lines.

Several years ago I owned a cat name Tillotson. Just recently, I had one named Hemingray (Hemi for short). Currently, one of my cats is named New Lexington (Lexi for short).

The last wedding I went to was Bob Stahr's. I plan visits to my parents to coincide with the Mid-Ohio show. Thus, the last time I visited my parents was November 1. Of course, I consider that a vacation. When I go outside the country, it is to go to an insulator swap meet.

And I consider myself to be normal.

**Rick Soller, NIA #2958  
Historian**

## When was the last time you visited?

[www.nia.org](http://www.nia.org)

## Tribute to Pat Patocka

It comes with great sadness to report that Pat Patocka passed away August 2, 2008 at the age of 86. He was a long time collector specializing in western insulators. He was an icon at insulator shows in Northern California from the late 1960's through last year. He is survived by his wife Shirley, son Mike and daughter Susi. Send any well-wishes to Shirley Patocka, c/o Mike Patocka, 5428 Kingswood Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. The following is my tribute to Pat:

An old white van tooling down the road with a bumper sticker that reads: are we having fun yet? They were having fun. That was Pat and Shirley Patocka on their way to a street fair, swap meet or an insulator show. They were always having fun, practically every weekend as long as I can remember. They would be set up one place on Saturday and at a different place Sunday. I think it was what kept them so healthy.

Pat and Shirley enjoyed collecting, I think they lived for it, it kept them alive. Along with insulators Pat collected fishing stuff, signs, nipper bottles, coins, yard art ... His greatest pleasure was buying something for Shirley at every show. He would disappear from his table for a while and come back with something. "Do you think Shirley would like this?" or "Shirley is going to love this" They were inseparable. They were high school sweethearts, together for seventy years.

When giant winged lizards ruled the earth, Pat was out hunting insulators, he collected forever. If you went to a show in 1969, Pat was there, a

show last year he was still there, did he ever leave? Looking at old photos when he was NIA president from 1980-82 compared to pictures from last year it's almost like he never aged.

Pat was in the right place at the right time. Many of the early California insulators were found within 100 miles of his house in Penryn. He collected many of the good insulators back when they were

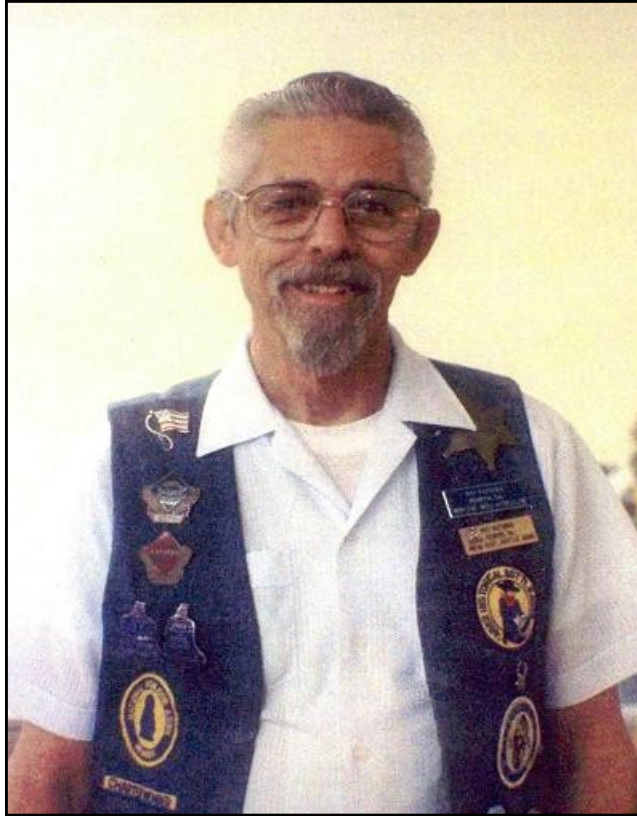
first found, insulators you don't see anymore. He especially liked western glass, California Electric Works, EC&M's, and California insulators. Not only was he at the right place at the right time but he actively collected the good stuff, instead of just looking at it like I did. He knew everybody and was always wheeling and dealing.

For the last fifteen years or so Pat and I attended shows together. He was always fun to travel with. You might say I learned how a person lives to be healthy in his 80's. One morning I picked him up to go to a show. He met me with a Bloody Mary, later he ate an apple fritter

and then smoked a cigar, a poster child for healthy living. My brother and I shared a room with him at the San Jose National. It was a long action packed show; about eleven o'clock at night I am getting ready to go to bed when Pat is calling me a sissy, "come on, lets go down and have another drink, their might be some cute gals there." This from an eighty year old, he had more energy than me. He knew how to have fun.

He was one of the true pioneers of the hobby. He will surely be missed. Especially out west, shows will always be missing a little something with him not there.

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# 2008 \* Holiday NIA Gift Ideas \* 2008

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- Patch
- Car Decal
- Embroidered T-shirt
- Glass / Ceramic Mugs
- Enameled Hat / Lapel Pin
- Embroidered Baseball Cap
- Embroidered Polo/Golf Shirt
- Screen-printed Beefy-T t-shirt
- Foam Drink Koozie (green,red,blue)
- Button-front sport shirt (cream or taupe)
- Screen-printed & Embroidered Sweatshirt
- Denim Long/Short Sleeved Shirt (blue or ecru)
- NEW** shirt style – Henley “t-shirt” with 3 buttons

See the last page of this Drip Points for latest order form!

Please visit the NIA website: [WWW.NIA.ORG/products](http://WWW.NIA.ORG/products) for complete listing of items for sale /color photos and an order form.

**ORDERS NEED TO BE REC'D by DEC. 19<sup>th</sup> for Christmas delivery!**

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**If there is an item you don't find, please give me a call with your request.**

**I can order any item/size /color preference, for most items.**



Carolyn Berry  
Product Marketing Committee  
NIA #4336

**Happy Holidays to all .....**





**Membership Application/Renewal Form**

**Submit (Payable to the NIA in U.S. funds) To:**

**Donald R. Briel  
NIA Membership Director  
P. O. Box 188  
Providence, UT 84332  
don.briel@comcast.net**

**Dues Schedule:**

Regular Membership . . . . . \$ 12.00  
 Family Membership . . . . . \$ 12.00  
 Junior Membership (under 18) . . . . . \$ 5.00  
 Club or Organization . . . . . \$ 12.00

Check appropriate class: Regular \_\_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Org. \_\_\_\_\_

Check years of payment: Single year \_\_\_\_\_ Multi-year \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print Legibly**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**NIA # (if renewal)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State/Province** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip/Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **(+4)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country (if non U.S.)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

Please include me in the Annual NIA/Crown Jewels Directory **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

Please include my Telephone Number **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

Please include my E-Mail Address **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive Drip Points in the following format **Paper** \_\_\_\_\_ **Electronic** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Check only one choice) (An E-Mail address is required for electronic)

**Additional Family Members Residing in the Same Household**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **NIA # (if renewal)** \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# Winter 2008-2009

## www.nia.org/products



**Men's Golf / Polo Shirts or Button-front Sport Shirt**      **Price    Quantity    Total**

**NEW COLOR!** Lt. Steel gray with navy/gray herringbone trim on collar and cuffs

Color Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Please call or email me for available colors! All with embroidered logo; some with pockets

(Size chart on back)      \$38.00      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_



**Ladies' Polo/Golf style shirts - NEW COLOR!** - Bimini Blue (nice sky blue!)

Please call or email me for available colors! All with embroidered logo (no pockets)

\$38.00      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

(Size chart on back) Color choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**Denim Shirt** - (\*ladies order comparable men's size, see chart)

Nicely weighted denim, pre-shrunk cotton -- stonewash blue or ecru; left-side pocket

Embroidered logo    S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_    \$35.00      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

\*S/Sleeve \_\_\_ \*L/Sleeve \_\_\_    2X \_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_    \$38.00      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_



**T-Shirts** - Hanes Heavyweight - 6.1 oz .cotton - Pre-shrunk

**Screen-printed logo (front & back)** S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ (\$20)      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

2X \_\_\_ (\$22)      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Colors: Stonewash Green, Stonewash Med. Blue, Pebble (sand), Lt. Steel Gray



**Embroidered logo (front only!)** (\*\*NOTE: I have a limited number of t-shirts with pockets, call for details)

S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ (\$20)      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

(\*note: pockets, \$2.00 additional on all sizes)      2X \_\_\_ (\$22)      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Colors: Sand, Golden Yellow, Ecru, Ash Gray, White, Royal, Red, Burgundy, Lt. Blue, Lt. Steel Gray, Stonewash Green



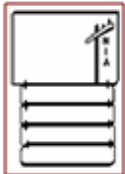
**Crewneck Sweatshirts** -- Heavy weight - 100 % Cotton/polyester blend - Pre-shrunk

Colors: Burgundy or Lt. Steel Gray -- **Embroidered logo**

M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ (\$25)    2X \_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_ (\$30)      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

**Hooded Sweatshirt** w/ full front zipper/muff pocket/drawstring hood -embroidered logo-

Color: Lt. Steel Gray    M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ (\$35)    2X \_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_ (\$40)      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_



**Embroidered Cap** -- low-rise, embroidered logo (\$16.00)

Circle color choice: Stone/Navy bill, Khaki / Green bill, or all Denim      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

**13 oz. Clear Glass Mug** with etched NIA Logo      \$2.50      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

**Ceramic Mug** - 10 oz. white mug with logo      \$7.00      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

**Patch** -- embroidered logo / red embroidered edge      \$4.00      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

**Koozie™** -- The original beverage Koozie™ fits any standard beer / soda can / 12 oz. water bottle !!

Silver screened NIA logo on: NIA blue \_\_\_ red \_\_\_ green \_\_\_      \$1.50      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

**NIA Hat/Lapel Pin** - enamel tack pin with NIA logo      \$4.00      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

**NIA Decal** -- for inside car window      \$0.50      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

**NIA Name Badge** -- engraved; epoxy pin back; beveled edges (fill in form on page 2)      \$13.00      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

**Badge Bar** -- (ie. NIA position or Local Club)      \$4.00      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:**  
All sizes, styles & colors of shirts are available by special order

**Subtotal** \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Postage (see back)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult / Men's Size Chart:**

S (32-34) M (36-38) L (40-42)  
XL (44-46) 2X (48-50) 3X (52-54)

**\*Ladies Size Chart:**

S (28-30) M (32-34) L (36-38) XL (40-42)

**\*Ladies order comparable adult/men's size for most shirts, unless specifically noted as a ladies shirt**

**\*\*U.S. Postage: \$6.00 for the first item & \$1.25 for each additional item ordered. Postage for Patches, Decals is \$0.42. Pins or Name Badges/Bars are \$0.80 per item. *\*\*for non-US postage, AK & HI and Koozies, or an exact postage quote, please contact me.***

*Please make check or money order in U.S. funds payable to:*

**National Insulator Association or NIA**

## Order / Shipping Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Name Badge Engraving Information** *(must be a current NIA member!)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NIA # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ NIA # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ NIA # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ NIA # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Club Bar: \_\_\_\_\_ (# requested) \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Bar: \_\_\_\_\_ (# requested) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Club Bar: \_\_\_\_\_ (# requested) \_\_\_\_\_

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