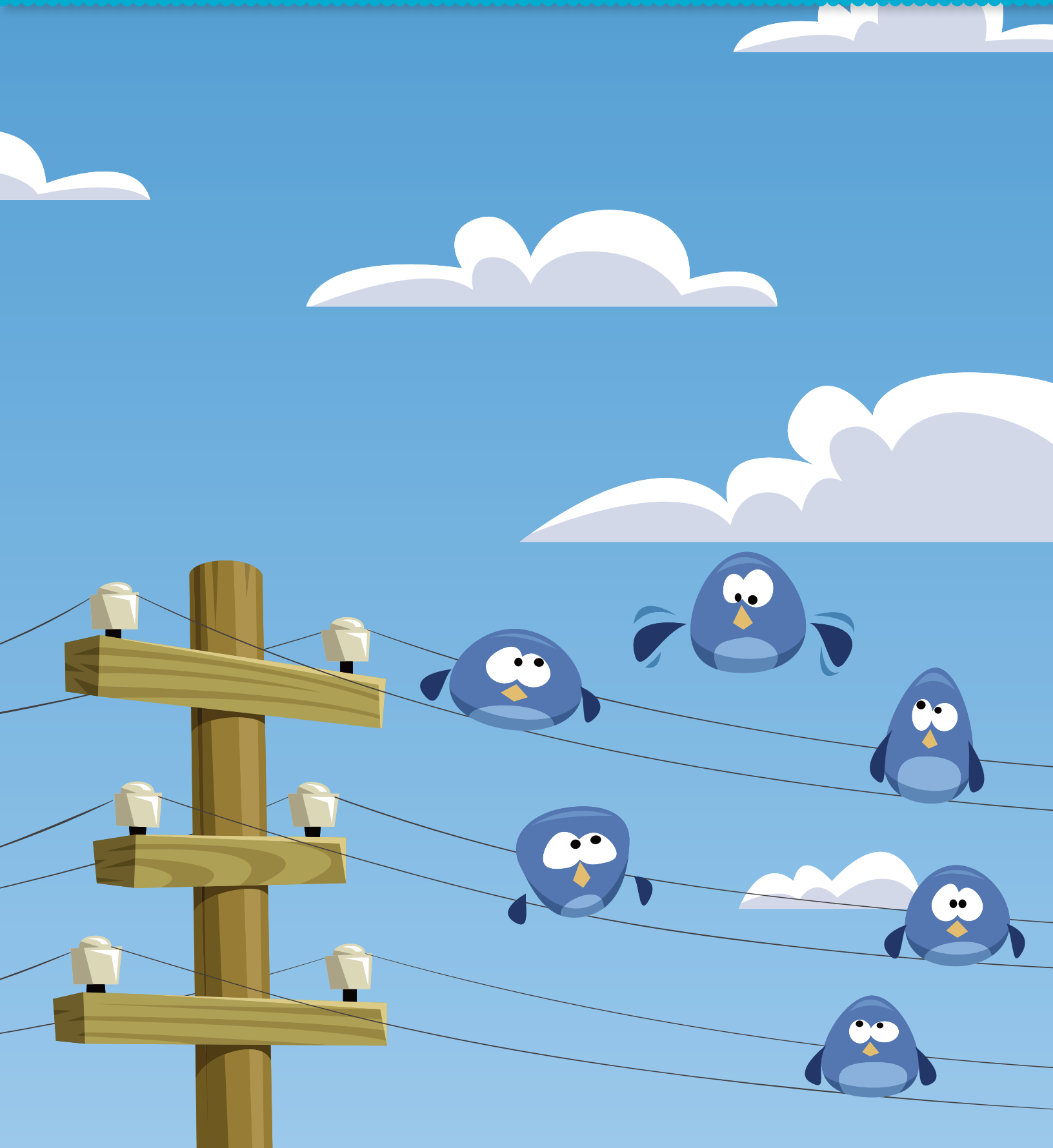


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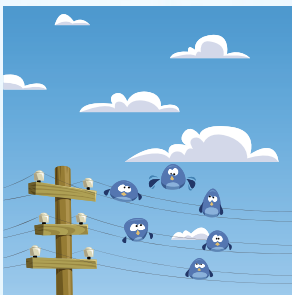
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Editor



Shaun Kotlarsky - NIA# 4993

Spring is in the air! It was 65°F (18°C) here in Michigan in February. Warm weather brings the beginning of the 2017 Insulator hunting and show season!

Remember to share those hunts and finds with me and you may see them in a future edition of Drip Points Magazine.

There were some neat discoveries over the winter months that you will see on the following pages.

My first insulator of 2017 is a killer one. It is a clear CD 114 Hemingray 11! I got this in a trade for an Ink Mark Fred Locke U-4 that I had. Being a Hemingray specialist the clear 114 fits my collection better than the U-4. A Fred Locke collector got the U-4 everything went to where it was meant to be. Clear 1893 SDP Hemingray insulators are some of my favorite ones so quite excited to score this one.

I also bought some never before seen paperwork talking about the construction of the famous Niagara line. In that paperwork were some photos of a very special Hemingray insulator under testing! More on that some other time.

Shaun Kotlarsky





President



Steve Roberts - NIA# 7935

Greetings Fellow Collectors,

I trust that each of you had a Joyous Christmas and are looking forward to a Prosperous New Year! And speaking of the New Year, it appears that Spring is just around the corner. One of the indicators that we are exiting Winter and approaching Spring is the number of Insulator shows that are on the horizon. In a recent issue of Crown Jewels there were 41 Insulator shows listed. That is a great sign that the hobby is very healthy and that there are many opportunities for our members to participate. Please make every effort to get out and support as many shows as you can. These shows will only continue if we are there to support them.

Speaking of shows, the Colorado Springs National is only a few months away. The Show Hosts, Dan Gauron, Mike Green and David Baron are working very hard to make this one of the best Nationals that we have ever had. Based upon what I have seen and heard, it is going to be fantastic. I hope to see many of you there!

While we are talking about the 2017 National, let me remind everyone that if you are so inclined, it is time for you to send your nominations for the Outstanding Service Award, Lifetime Membership Award and NIA Hall of Fame Award. The nomination forms for each of these can be found on the NIA website at <http://www.nia.org/archives/>, and must be submitted by April 1st. Please send your nominations to our Awards and Recognition Chairman, Gene Hawkins. His address is located on the inside of the back cover of your Drip Points Magazine.

In a recent Drip Points article I made reference to Elton Gish's donation to the NIA concerning his extensive research. When Elton informed us of his desire to donate his materials, he requested that we make the information only available to the NIA membership. In an effort to accomplish Elton's request, I have asked

our Webmaster and our Immediate Past President to work together to develop a means to achieve this goal. While that may seem simple, it is more complicated than it sounds. However, I am pleased to report that our Webmaster, Bob Berry, has made a couple of suggestions as to how that may be accomplished. The final decision has not been made as to how we will make the materials available to the membership, and there is additional work that needs to be done before we are finished. With all of that said, please know that we are working toward making these documents available to you and will advise you as additional progress is made toward that end.

Changing the subject yet again, I want to congratulate the Development Committee, Mike Green, Lou Hall and Bill Rohde for the spectacular job they have done relative to soliciting and collecting donations. Through their efforts, and your support, 2016 donations were more than doubled over the preceding year. (The Development Chairman, Mike Green, has provided additional details in his article.) I am delighted with the prospects of what can be accomplished in 2017.

As you might imagine, there are many things that are going on behind the scenes. One of those is our effort to update the Membership Handbook. The day prior to writing this article I had a conversation with our attorney to determine what we can and can not do relative to this project. With his council, we now know how to properly approach this work. I have given the various updates to our Rules and Procedures Advisor, Mike Funderburk, and he is in the process of making the corrections to the document so it can be presented to the Board of Directors for their approval. Assuming the updates are approved by the Board, the revised Membership Handbook will be sent to our Webmaster so it can be placed on the NIA website. Please know that the revisions that are being made to the Handbook are primarily the decisions made by the Board of Directors since

the last time that the Handbook has been updated. The purpose for updating the Handbook is simply an effort to keep it current.

Finally, with this issue of the Drip Points Magazine we are required to submit candidates for Board of Directors' positions that will be up for election in 2017. Those positions are the Western Vice President and the Treasurer. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Ron Yuhas, has informed me that we have one candidate for each of these positions. Our Membership Handbook states that "When the Nominating Committee is unable to present a slate of candidates to the membership because only one candidate is willing to be nominated and elected by ballot, the new officers will take office by acclamation upon a duly adopted resolution of the Board of Directors." However, like last year, I would prefer to give the membership the opportunity to vote. Therefore, in your Drip Points Magazine you will find a ballot for you to cast your vote. When you vote please

note that all primary members may cast a vote for the Treasurer position; however, only primary members in the Western Region may cast a vote for the Western VP position. Also, please note that all votes cast must be received by the NIA Secretary, Walt Baumgardt, on or before May 1st, 2017. So, please don't delay. Please send your votes to him as soon as you receive your ballot. The Secretary's address is located on the inside of the back cover of your Drip Points Magazine.

In closing let me encourage you to get out and go to a show, exercise your right as an NIA member and cast your vote, and to borrow a quote from Tim Baggett, "collect what you enjoy and enjoy what you collect".

Until the next time, My Best Regards to All of You,

Steve Roberts

5 PURPLE H.G.CO. CD 162 FOUND IN ARIZONA

Daniel Berke found these wonderful CD 162 H.G.Co. purple signals in Arizona. Good stuff is still out there waiting to be found.



Following are the candidates and a brief comment from each of them.

Bill Rohde has agreed to place his name on the ballot as the candidate for the **Treasurer** position. Here are his comments:

Hello everyone,

Bill Rohde here, current NIA Treasurer. I've been collecting insulators since 1973, and have been an NIA member since 1976. I certainly enjoy my job as Treasurer. The NIA has a great crew in its Officers, the Board and its Committee Members. The camaraderie that is forged working with everyone is priceless. We are having a good year, and we have many new ideas that we are working on. Hopefully in the next two years, we will have some new projects going and some new and fun ways for members to get involved with the progress of the NIA. I sure enjoy being part of the NIA, and am really looking forward to the next few years.

See you all at Colorado Springs. That's going to be sooooo much fun.

Take care everyone.

Bill Rohde

Michael Doyle has agreed to place his name on the ballot as the candidate for the **Western VP** position. Here are his comments

I was introduced to insulator collecting by my grandfather and my uncle in the early seventies in North Carolina. With the constant support of my parents, Rosemary and Stephen, I obtained and used Tibbitts' books for reference. I actually had the opportunity to meet John Tibbitts some years later at his "Little Glass Shack" near Sacramento, California. Early on, I traded bottles that I dug for insulators that I liked. Later, I hunted insulators at every opportunity across the eastern United States, Prince Edward Island, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Turkey. I attended many eastern and western region shows including Holyoke, Kulpville, Perkiomenville, Enumclaw, Merritt, Cache Valley, Auburn, Cayucos, Moro Bay, Three Amigos, Porterville, D&D, Albuquerque, Medford, Seven Feathers, Spudfest, Big Sky, Yuma, Chico, Roseville, Anderson, Victorville, Rhode Ranch, Reno/Sparks, and a few club swaps as a member of the Chesapeake Bay, Jefferson State, Norcal, and Grand Canyon State Insulator Clubs. I served the NIA as co-host for the Williamsburg, VA. National. I served as the awards coordinator for a San Jose, CA. regional and show committee member for two San Jose Nationals. I co-hosted the Tulare, CA. show and still serve as catering host for the Tulare show. I served as the western region correspondent for the hobby journal CJOW for a number of years under the Left Coast Lines masterhead and I am still a frequent contributor to the hobby press through both Drip Points and CJOW. I have served the NIA for the past eight years as an Advisor to the Board of Directors and am interested in serving the hobby as the Western Region Vice-President.

During my forty some years in the hobby I have been blessed by many friendships that will continue throughout my lifetime. I have developed a keen interest in the history of both the hobby and the development of the telegraph in the desert regions of the western United States during the period 1855 to 1867. Discovering the remnants of the Old Overland Telegraph through Nevada and working to understand the impact of the telegraph on the industry, politics, and economics of the period are of special interest to me. I created a permanent telegraph exhibit in Fallon, Nevada, with my partner Lou Hall and can't wait to get back out on the Overland Trail! My collection has always comprised an eclectic assortment of insulators and their related hardware. I enjoy hosting visitors from around the world and am always available to offer appraisals, answer calls and respond to emails about any hobby related subject you might have. I hope to hear from many of you in the weeks and months to come.

Michael Doyle





First Past President



Don Briel - NIA# 7218

As I sit here writing this article it is snowing outside with snow predicted each day for the next week. After being spoiled last week with 60° weather in Las Vegas on Thursday, 70° weather in Quartzsite on Friday, and 75° weather in Yuma for the swap meet on Saturday, it was hard to return home. Anyway, a very special THANK YOU goes out to Roger Nagel and Terri Taylor for hosting another wonderful swap meet in Yuma. As always, it was a real treat to attend. The turnout was good, the variety of insulators was good, the food was great, and most importantly, the interaction with other collectors is what this hobby is all about.

The photo is what our mine train in the backyard looked like prior to adding another 1' of snow just before leaving on our Yuma trip. The sidewalks were starting to look like tunnels through the snow. We were over 3' of snow before it finally started to melt and compact some.

Preparations for our Cache Valley swap meet and open house on June 10th are underway. We're hoping for a great turnout once again. If you are planning to attend be sure to let us know so we can plan the food and reserve your table. See: <http://www.insulators.info/shows/detail/?id=4281> for details.

About my only NIA duties are to answer an occasional question and continue to promote our hobby. I really appreciate the smooth transition to our new officers and thank them for the wonderful job they are doing. Our organization is in good hands.

I hope to see many of you in Colorado Springs in just a few months.

Don Briel





Western Region VP



Ron Yuhas - NIA# 1993

The 2017 National Show at Colorado Springs CO in the Western Region is shaping up to be a super show. A large number of sales tables and display tables have been spoken for and I believe there is a waiting list for spaces. If you have not been to a National and are considering going I highly recommend it. This one may blow your socks off! Sure it is months away but now is the time to start making your plans.

I have seen that there are a number of shows coming up this Spring in the Western Region including; Seattle WA, Rhode Ranch in Fresno CA, Central Point OR, Spokane WA and Logan UT. The old timers know how much fun these shows are but you that are new to the hobby will be surprised how friendly

and helpful people are at these shows. Oh and did I mention the great food? What a deal!

I have had a lot of family business to attend to so I am not thinking as well as usual and am going to cut this short. Enjoy the hobby in the many possible ways out there.

Ron Yuhas

ESTATE AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS, CD 162 HEMINGRAY JACKPOT.

Robert Morawitz hit the jackpot at a recent estate auction. Among the insulators found were these 3 Hemingray CD 162 signals.





Membership Director

Andrew Gibson - NIA# 2422



As of the end of last year, we had 1637 National Insulator Association members. As of right now, we have 1372. That's down 235 members from last year, or almost 15%. Never fear, though, as it's just the start of the year and I'm sure a fair number of folks have yet to renew. The last round of reminders will be going out shortly.

But that does bring up an interesting point. This year, the cutoff date for joining the NIA prior to the National is going to be June 18, 2017. That's a rather unusual length of time before the show, but necessary due to my circumstances. I am not, unfortunately, going to be able to make the National show this year in Colorado Spring, CO, on July 20-23. And I'm not going to be able to update the NIA membership information for about a month before the show. What that means is that if your renewal gets to me after June 18, I won't be able to get you added to the list of members, used at the door to verify your membership. Which in turn means that you would have to pay (again) at the door to become a member. We certainly don't intend to charge you twice -- if that happens, we will credit your extra payment to your 2018 membership. It would be far better, though, if we don't run into that situation. So don't wait -- be sure to renew your membership early! I will be reminding folks of this on a monthly basis on ICON and Facebook, but please don't put it off. If you know anyone who hasn't renewed, please pass along the reminder so that they don't get surprised.

In spite of knowing I'll miss the National show (or maybe also because I know I'm not going to be there), now is a good time to turn my thoughts to the new year's insulator season. Being in the north of the Eastern Region, I'm looking forward to the CBIC show in Shrewsbury, PA on March 11; the YPCIC show in Enfield, CT on April 2; maybe I can find my way to the OVIC show in Perth, ON on April 15; the WRIC show in West Leechburg, PA on April 29; the GVBCA Bottle Show in Rochester, NY on April 30; Claude Wambold's backyard show in Perkomenville,

PA on June 10; and the ICA Expo in Washington, PA on June 23 and 24. I always do my best to get to as many shows as I can, and knowing I'm going to miss "the big one" is good incentive to try to get to as many of the others as possible. It's always enjoyable to get the opportunity to see friends old and new, while maybe picking up something for the collection. If you are going to any of the above shows and have some baby signals to sell, be sure to bring them along!

Turning to some fun with numbers, I was thinking a bit about member retention. Every year, we have new members who join the NIA, but who never join again after that first and only year. The numbers bounce around a bit over the years, with a high of 114 members who joined in 1991 who haven't been members since. The low was in 2007, when only 31 members joined who haven't come back. It would be interesting to hear from folks if anyone has any ideas on why these "one-time members" never joined again. Any thoughts?

Year	Number of "one-time" members
2007.....	31
2008.....	56
2009.....	32
2010.....	37
2011.....	36
2012.....	68
2013.....	38
2014.....	63
2015.....	37
2016.....	63

On the other end of the spectrum, there were 885 charter members of the NIA (Charter Member numbers 1 - 620 were assigned in 1973, and numbers 621 to 886 were assigned in 1974). Of those, 114 are known to have passed away over the years. The number is likely higher than that, unfortunately, but there is no official mechanism to keep track of this. Over time, the number of charter members who have

kept up their membership has gradually declined. In 1980, there were 257 charter members still active. In 1990 there were 141, in 2000 there were 120, and in 2010 there were 105. As of 2017, there are currently 75 active Charter Members. Of the Charter Members who have renewed for 2017, it is interesting to note how many years of membership they have.

Years of NIA Membership	Years Active
5 or less years	2
10 or less	5
20 or less	12
30 or less	13
40 or less	14
41 years	2
42 years	3
43 years	2
44 years	11
45 years	11

The question I would ask is, what drives you to re-new (or not renew) your NIA membership? I would love to hear your response to this question. Please let me know at membership@nia.org!

Andrew Gibson



COMMITTEE POSITION AVAILABLE



The NIA Development Committee would like to add two additional people, one from the Central Region and one from the Eastern Region. Someone having a background or experience with fundraising would be a plus. If you are interested and excited to be part of the NIA Development team, please contact NIA President Steve Roberts by email: president@nia.org and Development Committee Chairman, Mike Green by email: donations@nia.org no later than Friday, May 5, 2017.



Awards and Recognition Chairperson

Gene Hawkins - NIA# 421



Who do you know that has worked hard promoting the hobby in your area? Is there someone who hosts a show every year who needs some recognition? Is there someone who always has your club rallying to attend shows & encourage new members? Is it time for you to submit a nomination for an NIA award for those yet unsung hobby heroes?

The highest NIA award is Lifetime Membership, for those who have major contributions to the hobby. In addition to that is Outstanding Service. The nomination forms for them are here: <http://www.nia.org/archives/index.htm>

The NIA Hall of Fame nomination is for anyone, member or not, living or deceased, who has made a lasting contribution to the hobby. All that is required is for you to write a paragraph or two describing what

they have contributed to the hobby. If you would like to see who has been inducted into the NIA Hall of Fame, it is here: http://www.nia.org/hall_of_fame/index.htm

I need ALL NOMINATIONS to me by APRIL 1st for submission to the NIA Board. The 2017 Awards will be presented at the Colorado Springs National in July.

Please nominate someone today!

Gene Hawkins
NIA Awards & Recognition Chair

Gene Hawkins

WHITE ST-6800 FOUND IN ITALY!



Italian insulator collector, Enrico Stella has recently discovered white JD made ST-6800 suspension discs. He also reports there is a line of them still up! This is a rare sight. Typically these discs come in light blue and occasionally brown. The white unit is an exciting new discovery. They have the blue ink markings found on the standard blue discs.





Information Director



Christian Willis - NIA# 5185

So far 2017 is flying by, and it's hard to believe we're already approaching March! Hopefully everyone had a great Christmas and New Years. As we continue to gear up for the Colorado Springs National in July, I'm continually impressed by the efforts and ideas from Dan Gauron, Mike Green and David Baron. It's going to be great!

I received word that Membership Director Andrew Gibson will not be able to attend the National. We will miss him at the show, but as his backup I will be happy to help out with membership duties leading up to and at the National.

NIA online advertisement through Google AdWords is still performing well; since August 2015 we are now up to 10,905 click-throughs (what Google terms "interactions") and 2.67 million views. "Telegraph Glass Insulators" remains the top searched for term, followed closely by "insulator(s)". "Antique porcelain insulators" and "glass insulators" trail slightly, but are still strong performers.

NIA Historian Rick Soller has been looking through his many boxes of historical archives but so far has not had any luck finding old issues of Cross Talk. As you may recall from my previous articles, I've been trying to get more history behind our beloved NIA logo in preparation for registering it as a trademark. The search continues! If any long-time members out there recall the history behind the logo or have any pictures from before the redesign, I'd love to see them. A sincere thank you to Rick for his efforts on this.

On the collecting front, not a whole lot has been going on. I have added a few long-time wanted pieces to my collection, but I'm actually starting to thin down some of the 850+ pieces I've collected over the past 25 years. I'm starting to narrow my focus on some areas I've always loved, like mine insulators and spools, glass wall/floor tubes, and Hemingray embossing errors. I also have other collections (not insulators) that have taken a back seat over the years, but I'm starting to focus more on those as well.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Howard and Linda Banks for always providing me with the list of upcoming shows for inclusion in Drip Points. We have a record year ahead of us in terms of show listings, so get out there and attend a show or three! This is also a good time to plug our Drip Points advertising section; have you considered placing a graphical advertisement in Drip Points? Please contact me at admanager@nia.org or give me a call at (949) 338-1404 to discuss. We'd love to see your ad here!

Also, just to remind our members: please send me your yearly free 25-word ad! NIA members are entitled to a FREE ad in Drip Points.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in July!

Sincerely,

Christian Willis

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Development Committee Chairperson

Michael Green - NIA# 3175



Greetings Fellow Collectors,
I hope that the new year has brought with it a happy and healthy start for each of you. I am pleased to report that the Development Committee more than doubled the NIA donations from the previous year. Most of the contributions came at the Muncie National and during membership renewal. In total \$4860.00 was raised for the NIA. Of that total \$2620.00 was general NIA donation, \$920.00 toward the scholarship fund, \$370.00 toward National shows, \$245.00 to the education fund, and \$705.00 for Internet development. I can't begin to express the thanks and appreciation I feel for your generosity. Our future is made brighter by your kindness and support. Our hobby deals with such unique and beautiful collectible items that were key in the development of communication and power throughout the world. The National Insulator Association works to preserve and enrich the hobby through education, shows, marketing, and research. Without your help all these efforts would be much more difficult.

I wish to sincerely thank my committee members Bill Rhode and Lou Hall for the hard work they put forth in making 2016 such a successful year. Both are long time veterans of the hobby who have contributed so much. Also a big thank you to Andrew Gibson who helped a great deal in implementing our fundraising efforts during the membership renewal process.

In 2017 we would once again like to make a fundraising effort at the National and during membership renewal. Both proved to be highly successful endeavors in 2016. In addition the Development Committee is working on ways to secure grants, sponsorships, and donations from outside the hobby. This is an area that is pretty much untapped and could

prove very beneficial for the hobby. Within the hobby we would like to do more to recognize our biggest supporters. We are looking at a tiered program that might have a cobalt level, emerald level, carnival level, etc. Individuals who contribute enough to reach one of the levels would be recognized through Crown Jewels, Drip Points, etc. We are also looking into creating new marketing and promotional materials such as a brochure or video that could be used by anyone who is out promoting the hobby.

If I could also give a quick National update. As most of you know we are sold out on sales tables and have a record number of displays. We are also filling up the Cog Railway and Cripple Creek bus tour very quickly. If you would like a spot on either of those excursions I wouldn't delay much longer. We are also starting to get a lot of great pieces lined up for the seldom seen and "junkie" display. Dan and I are both excited and humbled by the tremendous support we are receiving thus far. We are making every effort to make sure that support is met with a National Show that will be memorable and fun. Very soon we will need to start getting volunteers lined up for various National needs. If you have a specific area you would like to help with please feel free to contact Dan or myself. It's going to be great time!

Once again I would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated in 2016. Because of your generosity we can work to make our hobby better than ever!
Sincerely,

Michael Green



Executive Secretary

Walt Baumgardt - NIA# 8007



Greetings to all!!

The days are getting noticeably longer renewing hope that Spring is coming. In spite of what the news may have reported, Tonawanda has had a mild winter, so far. You have to understand lake effect storms in order to understand how we have had inches of snow and people 15 miles south have had feet of snow. This has certainly been a classic year for lake effect storms.

As usual life has been dynamic. We were blessed on January 2 when our daughter gave birth to twin boys. Last year at this time we had three grandchildren and now, a year later we have 7 grandchildren, four of which are under one year. Anne and I are babysitting a few days a week, amazed at how tiring

it is. We don't remember it being that tiring when we raised our five.

As Spring approaches, I'm marking the calendar and making itineraries for the Insulator Shows and other events we plan to attend this year. It's amazing how quickly you can fill up a calendar. I look forward to seeing you at some of the shows this year.

Happy Collecting

Walt Baumgardt

RARE CD 1025 HEMINGRAY MINE INSULATOR FOUND



I ran down to the local auction after work. There was a small basket of nicer but relatively common stuff pictured in the listing. As usual, I forgot to bring my price guide with me. When I looked at the basket before the auction started, I pulled out this weird spool thing. I've seen lots of porcelain spools that look like this, but never a glass one. Didn't know what it was until I got home and could look it up. Wow!

Mary Ann Pike

CONTRIBUTE ARTICLES TO DRIP POINTS!



I always welcome interesting insulator related articles. It can be anything from a general re-search paper or to something very specific (Like a CD, M, U or ST Number study). I also want stories about hunts and finds!

If you want to submit an article or have questions about doing an article contact me.

Shaun Kotlarsky | Drip Points Editor publications@nia.org



Commemorative Coordinator

Carolyn Berry - NIA# 4336



Update on the NIA commemorative for 2017



2010



2011



2012



2013



2014



2015



2016



2017

We still have a few 2010, 2012, 2015 & 2016 regular commemoratives available. There is a limited number of solid pours for 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015 & 2016. Please call or email me for details.

Full details of the 2017 commemorative will be posted to ICON, Crown Jewels and in the June issue of Drip Points.

The mold has been updated for the 2017 Colorado Springs, CO National and we are excited to let you know the color will be a first time ever done. We are leaving the intrigue factor until announcement in May when we have a sample in hand!

Carolyn Berry

NIA Commemorative Committee Coordinator
NIA # 4336

We generally pour in late March, and the commemoratives shipped to us by late April.

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✉ commemorative@nia.org

We will be sending emails to those that have ordered before. However, if you do not get email, or have changed your email since last March 2016, please contact me so I can send you information on the 2017 commemorative.



Founded in 1894, the Akron Insulator and Marble Company operated until early 1904 when it joined with the Colonial Sign Company to become Colonial Sign and Insulator Company. However, in that less than a decade span, Akron Insulator and Marble Company produced a number of stoneware house wiring insulators which range from uncommon to very rare. Embossed either A.I. & M. CO. or STANDARD, these cleats and tubes are unusual relics from a bygone era in house wiring. While Standard marked tubes can be found from time to time, A.I. &

M. Co. tubes seem to be much scarcer, while Standard marked cleats are all but impossible to find. The come with large or small font embossing, and other than a set of each in Elton Gish's collection, there are one or two other Standard marked cleats running around, making them one of the rarest insulators in the hobby. If you come across any insulators with Standard, or A. I. & M. CO. embossing, they should be considered important early relics of the porcelain insulator industry from the dawn of early home electrification.



Standard embossed cleat. Extremely rare, this may be the only other large font variant outside of Elton Gish's collection. The fragile stoneware construction probably has ensured very few of these survive.



Blotchy glazed off white color tube embossed A.I. & M. CO.

Embossing detail



“Standard” Electrical Wiring Tubes.

Insulators, Cleats and Electrical Specialties of all kinds. Cheapest and best on the market.

The Akron Insulator & Marble Co.,
Manufacturers. AKRON, OHIO. Write for Prices.

The ad speaks for itself. Mid to late 1890's advertising for Akron Insulator and Marble Company



Two A.I. & M. CO. embossed tubes. Note the glaze matches Standard marked tubes



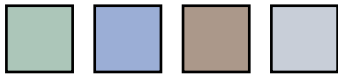
Detail of Standard embossing on tube

Typical Standard embossing on an Akron Insulator and Marble Co. tube. The brown color is typical of their production.

Spring 2017 NIA Products

T-SHIRT

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



Info: Hanes Heavyweight, 6.1 oz. cotton pre-shrunk. Screen-printed logo (front & back)

Price: \$17 (S-XL) \$20 (2X-3X)

Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____
2X _____ 3X _____

Color: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

CREW NECK SWEATSHIRTS SCREEN-PRINTED

Colors: Hunter Green, Cardinal Red, Lt. Steel Gray



Info: Heavy weight 100 % cotton/polyester blend, pre-shrunk, embroidered logo

Price: \$29 (S-XL) \$33 (2X)

Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____
2X _____

Color: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

HOODED SWEATSHIRT

Colors: Lt. Steel Gray



Info: With full front zipper/muff pocket & drawstring hood, embroidered logo

Price: \$32 (S-XL) \$36 (2X)

Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____
2XL _____ 3X _____

Color: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

BUTTON DOWN SPORT SHIRT

Colors: White, Red, Blue, Brown, Tan



Info: All with embroidered logo (no pockets)

Price:

Short sleeve: \$32 (S-XL) \$34 (2X-3X)

Long sleeve: \$34 (S-XL) \$36 (2X-3X)

Short sleeve:

Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____
2X _____ 3X _____

Long sleeve:

Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____
2X _____ 3X _____

Color: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

HENLEY T-SHIRT

Colors: Black and Lt. Steel Gray



Info: Only come with embroidered logo. three button placket

Price: \$10 (While in stock)

Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____
2XL _____ 3X _____

Color: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

DENIM BUTTON DOWN SHIRTS

Colors: Stonewash Blue or Natural



Info: Nicely weighted denim, pre-shrunk cotton, left-side pocket

*ladies order comparable men's size, see chart

Price:

Short sleeve: \$33 (S-XL) \$36 (2X-3X)

Long sleeve: \$36 (S-XL) \$39 (2X-3X)

Short sleeve:

Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____
2X _____ 3X _____

Long sleeve:

Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____
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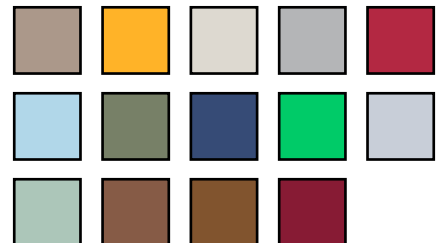
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EMBROIDERED LOGO T-SHIRT

Colors: Sand, Gold, Ecru, Ash Gray, White, Cardinal Red, Lt. Blue, Army Green, Navy, Bright Green, Lt. Steel Gray, Stonewash Green, Chestnut Brown, Maroon



Info: I have a limited number of t-shirts with pockets, call for details

Pockets, \$2.00 additional on all regular t-shirts

Price: \$17 & \$20 for 2XL or 3XL

Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____
2XL _____ 3X _____

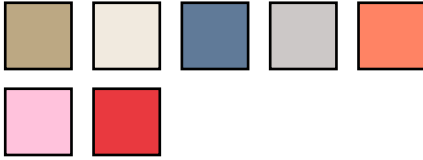
Color: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

EMBROIDERED CAP

Colors: Khaki, Stone, Blue, Gray, Orange, and Pink, Red
(Circle color choice)



Price: \$15

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

NIA NAME BADGE

Info: Engraved; beveled edges | pin back OR Magnetic back (Circle type You would like)

Price: \$12

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

COLLECTORS PATCH

Price: \$4

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

BADGE BAR

Info: For NIA position or local club

Price: \$4

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

20 OZ COPPER LINED STAIN-LESS STEEL TUMBLER

Info: Steel Tumbler Keeps drinks cold or hot for hours! One color imprint (blue)

Price: \$25

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

NIA WINDOW DECAL

Info: for outside car window.

White: 5 1/2 x 6 3/4 Color: 4 1/4 x 5 3/4

Price: \$10 (White) \$7 (Color)

Color: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

TOTE BAG

Info: "Big Thunder" Tote bag - sturdy with NIA logo

Price: \$15

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

16 OZ TRAVEL TUMBLER

Info: 4 color imprint

Price: \$14

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

Name Badge Engraving Information:

Name _____	NIA# _____	City _____	State _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pin	<input type="checkbox"/> Magnet
Name _____	NIA# _____	City _____	State _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pin	<input type="checkbox"/> Magnet
Name _____	NIA# _____	City _____	State _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pin	<input type="checkbox"/> Magnet

Club Bar _____	Quantity Needed _____
Club Bar _____	Quantity Needed _____
Club Bar _____	Quantity Needed _____



Thank you for supporting the NIA!

U.S. Postage:

\$6.75 for the first item & \$1.50 for each additional item ordered.

Postage for Patches, Badge Bars are \$0.60 each. Decals, \$1.95

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Shirt Sizing Chart:

Adult/ Mens

S 32-34 | M 36-38 | L 40-42 | XL 44-46

2X 48-50 | 3X 52-54

Ladies

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

Please make check or money order in U.S. funds payable to National Insulator Association or NIA

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Email Address: _____

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Margaret Wagner | 14615 Skyview Avenue | Smithville, MO 64089 | 816-719-0802 | niaproducts@nia.org



NIA Fund Raising Info.

Dear Fellow Collector,

As the year 2016 draws to an end, it is time to join other members in making a financial contribution to the Association. The NIA is a 501(c)3 non-profit and as such gifts may be tax deductible. Gifts of support will help the Association improve existing benefits and services as well as create new benefits and services for members and those collectors who are yet to become members. Your gift will allow the NIA to continue its mission to encourage growth and public awareness of the insulator hobby through collecting, dealing, and educational endeavors. The NIA has identified four areas where donations will help create and enhance programs directed to that mission.



SCHOLARSHIP FUND: This past year the NIA received over 200 applications for scholarships. Currently the NIA grants two scholarships totaling \$2,000.00 each year. Additional funding would guarantee sufficient funds for future years; scholarship grants could be increased; or additional scholarships could be granted each year.



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT: There are projects that have been suggested but haven't been implemented for lack of funding such as the production of classroom video presentations, NIA traveling displays for use by learning facilities such as libraries, schools, and museums, and a Speakers Bureau. These are just a few of the new ideas for greater community awareness of our hobby. The current Oral History recording program and an enlarged supply of Classroom teaching units and materials will be possible with your continued support.



NATIONAL & REGIONAL SHOW SUPPORT: The NIA has assumed a financial supportive role intended to assist national show hosts/organizers in reducing their financial risk. With your donations the NIA could increase advertising and promotional reimbursements, could provide all awards at national / regional shows, and could provide financial assistance for regional shows.



INTERNET TECHNOLOGY: The desire for instant communication and information retrieval is with us and cannot be denied. For the association and the hobby to continue to grow it must have a strong presence on the Internet and social media. Donations in this area can help redesign the NIA web site, create videos for posting on social media, develop and present "live" shows including interviews, auctions and sales.

Please indicate on the remittance form the area that you would like your donation to be applied. If you choose to apply you donation to more than one area please indicate the dollar amount for each area. Each donation of \$10.00 or more will receive an acknowledgment and thank you letter from the NIA President. Additionally, each donation of \$100.00 or more will receive a NIA Name Badge Bar thanking you and recognizing your financial support of the NIA in 2016. AND, for a donation of \$250.00 or more you can choose to receive a THANK YOU gift of a NIA Tee-Shirt. Just select the shirt size and color on the remittance form. No selection will indicate that you chose not to receive a shirt. Please copy or scan the remittance form found at the bottom of the Treasurer's Report and return the form along with you check payable to the NIA.

Mail to: NIA Treasurer, Bill Rohde, P. O. Box 28, Colusa, CA 95932.

NIA Development Committee

Mike Green, Chairman
Bill Rohde, NIA Treasurer
Lou Hall, Committee member

Please help grow the hobby. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!



P. S. If you would like to honor someone with your gift, please add that name on the remittance form.



NIA Fund Raising Pledge & Gift Form



Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

- I / we would like to make a gift of \$_____ and my payment is enclosed (see payment section below).
- I / we would like to make a pledge of \$_____ and I would like to pay this on _____(date).
- I / we would like to make a pledge of \$_____ to be paid annually for _____ years.
- I / we would like to make a pledge of \$_____ to be paid quarterly / monthly (circle one), starting on _____ (date) until pledge is fulfilled.
- I / we would like to make an in-kind donation. Please contact me / us regarding my idea.

Note: NIA Development Committee will send reminders prior to pledge payment date(s).

My/our gift/pledge should be directed to the following areas:

- \$_____ Scholarship Fund
- \$_____ Educational Resource Development
- \$_____ National & Regional Show Support
- \$_____ Internet Technology
- \$_____ Undesignated or Other _____

My/our gift is in memory of: _____

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Please send acknowledgment to: _____

_____ My / our contribution is eligible for a matching gift. Please contact me.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Payment Information

Please mail this form and payment by Check (payable to NIA) or Money Order to:
NIA Treasurer, Bill Rohde, P. O. Box 28, Colusa, CA 95932

For additional information regarding gifts to the National Insulator Association, Inc, please contact the NIA Development Committee, E-mail address: donations@nia.org The National Insulator Association, www.nia.org, is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Your gift is deductible to the fullest extent of the law.



Membership Application & Renewal Form



Prospective members may join the NIA at any time; however, the "membership year" begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st. New memberships issued within three months of the beginning of the new membership year (October – December) will be good for the following calendar year. New members are entitled to all membership privileges immediately upon acceptance by the NIA.

If you are joining the NIA during the months of January through September your membership will expire on December 31st of this calendar year.

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

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Dansville, NY 14437-9772

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membership@nia.org

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<http://nia.org/membership/>

Check appropriate class: Regular Family Junior Club/Org.

Check years of Payment: Single year Multi-year

Please Print Legibly

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NIA # (If renewal) _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ (+4) _____

Country (if not U.S.) _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Include me in the Annual NIA/Crown Jewels Directory..... Yes No

Include my Telephone Number..... Yes No

Include my E-Mail Address Yes No

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(Check only one, an e-mail address is required for electronic)

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Name	NIA # (If renewal)
1 _____	_____
2 _____	_____
3 _____	_____
4 _____	_____

Signed _____

Date _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____



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Upcoming Shows

MARCH 10-11, 2017 (Friday-Saturday)

CHICO, CALIFORNIA

51st Annual Antique Bottle, Jar, Insulator & Collectable Show & Sale. Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair Street, Chico, California 95928. Dealer unloading and early bird admission (\$5.00) on Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. Free admission on Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. FOR SHOW INFO: Contact: RANDY TAYLOR, P.O. Box 1065, Chico, CA 95927, telephone: 530-518-7369, email: rtjarguy@aol.com

MARCH 11, 2017 (Saturday)

SHREWSBURY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club hosts the 29th Annual Shrewsbury Insulator Show and Sale, Saturday March 11, 2017 at the Shrewsbury Fire Hall, 21 W. Forrest Ave, Shrewsbury, PA 17361. Show runs from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Admission is FREE. For more info, contact: GUS STAFFORD at 717-790-9183 or email: gus.stafford@gmail.com

MARCH 18, 2017 (Saturday)

PLATTE CITY, MISSOURI

The 15th Annual NW Missouri Insulator & Bottle Show will be held at the Platte County Fairgrounds, 15730 Fairgrounds Rd., Platte City, MO 64079. Between Kansas City & St. Joseph, off of I-29. Will be the same weekend as another local antique show, which allows both shows to have more visitors. Last year the show was sold out at 85 sales tables, so don't delay, contact me as soon as possible for a table. There will be a food vendor on-site. Set up time will be 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM, then open to the public from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Sales tables are \$25 each and admission is FREE. Host hotel is Quality Inn & Suites, 1201 Branch St., Platte City, MO 64079 (about 1 mile from the fairgrounds). Special room rate available until February 15th, mention "Insulator & Bottle Show" for discount. After that date, ask for Divya Patel for possible discount. Contact DARRYL WAGNER at 816-719-0801 or email at nwmoshow@dwagnerkc.com for information and/or show packet.

MARCH 24-25, 2017 (Friday-Saturday)

DELAND, FLORIDA

The Deland M-T Bottle Collectors Club presents their 47th Antique Bottle and Insulator Show at the Volusia County Fairgrounds in Deland Florida on March 24th & 25th. Dealer set up is 1:00 to 6:00 PM on Friday. The fee for early buyers Friday from 3:00 to 7:00 PM and before 8:00 AM Saturday is \$20. Regular show admission and parking for all buyers on Saturday from 8:00 to 3:00 is free. 160 sales tables are available for the show. Info: BRIAN HOBCLICK 386-804-9635 or email: hoblick@aol.com

MARCH 25, 2017 (Saturday)

COON RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

The North Western Insulator Club invites you all to the first ever "North Suburban Insulator Show" at the Coon Rapids VFW Post 9625, 1919 Coon Rapids Boulevard in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. Hours are 9-3 and admission is free! Contact Daryl Lawrence at 763-300-4071 or at (dlaw116@msn.com) or klyennie@hotmail.com for more info. Bring some food if you like (optional), the kitchen should be open. Also bring your auction items, there will be an auction at noon. This will be the first show in Coon Rapids so come one come all and let's make this show a good, no-a GREAT show.

MARCH 25, 2017 (Saturday)

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

28th Annual Emerald City Insulator / Bottle Collectors Get Together and Potluck Show will be held Saturday, March 25 from 8:30 to ???. Dealer set up at 7:30. Location: Northwest African American Museum, 2300 S. Massachusetts Street, Seattle, WA 98144. A \$35 donation is requested for a table space. There will be a raffle to help with putting on the show. Collectors: please email if you are attending the show and need or bringing a table. Also, please bring a main or salad dish to share. Free admission. Info: GIL HEDGES-BLANQUEZ 206-218-7936 or ROBIN HARRISON 206-522-2135 or BONNIE & WIN TRUEBLOOD 360-491-1285.

APRIL 2, 2017 (Sunday)

ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT

Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club Annual Spring Insulator, Bottle, and Tabletop Collectibles Show and Sale. American Legion Hall, 566 Enfield Street (US Route 5), Enfield, Connecticut 06082. Show hall is 1 mile from Exit 49 of I-91 (20 minutes from Hartford as well as the Mass Pike). Show Hours 8AM to 2PM. Dealer Setup 6AM to 8AM. Free Admission. 30+ sales tables as well as several displays. Free display space available. For dealer contracts, display information, or any other details - please contact JOHN RAJPOLT (203) 261-1190. E-Mail: rajpolt@earthlink.net

APRIL 2, 2017 (Sunday)

WILMINGTON, OHIO

The 3rd Annual Wilmington, Ohio Antique Bottle, Fruit Jar & Insulator Show will be held Sunday, April 2nd from 9:00 to 3:00 at the Roberts Centre, I-71 & US Rt. 68 - Exit 50. Admission is \$4. No Early Buyers. Info: JOE HARDIN 937-728-9930 or jkcollections@gmail.com

APRIL 7-8, 2017 (Friday-Saturday)

YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS

Antique Insulators, Lightning Rods & Bottle Show at the Kendall County Fairgrounds in Yorkville, IL will be held Friday, April 7th and Saturday, April 8th. Friday from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Early buyers: \$50. Saturday from 8:00 to 2:00. Free admission all day. Info: JASON TOWNSEND 630-667-3357 or jtins76@gmail.com. This is a huge facility in a great location! 115 tables are available @ \$20 each. No rules.

APRIL 7-8, 2017 (Friday-Saturday)

ANTIOCH, CALIFORNIA

Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society 51st Annual Antiques and Collectibles Show. Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, Sunset Hall, 1201 West 10th Street, Antioch, CA 94509. Dealer setup and early buyers (\$10.00 Admission Fee) on Friday, April 7 from noon to 5:00 pm. Free admission on Saturday, April 8, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. FOR SHOW INFO: Contact GARY or DARLA ANTONE by calling 925-373-6758 or email: packrat49er@netscape.net

APRIL 8, 2017 (Saturday)

HELOTES, TEXAS

The One Alamo Insulator Potluck will be held Saturday, April 8th from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM at 9211 Putnam Drive, Helotes, Texas 78023. Bring a table and chair. Lunch will be provided. Bring a side dish. For information contact JIM FIELDING; 210-684-7679 or email at jfielding@satx.rr.com

APRIL 15, 2017 (Saturday)

PERTH, ONTARIO, CANADA

Ottawa Valley Insulator Collector's (OVIC) 19TH annual show and sale, Saturday, April 15th in the Perth Lions Hall at the Perth Fairgrounds, 60 Arthur St., Perth, Ontario, Canada. Featuring coloured glass and porcelain, threaded and threadless insulators, foreign insulators, go-withs including signs, lightning rod balls, telephone related items and railroadiana. Setup begins at 7:00 A.M with dealer trading starting at 9:00 A.M. sharp. The hall will open to the public at 10:00 A.M. and tear-down will begin around 2:00 P.M. Coffee and Lunch will be available for purchase from the canteen. Info: DARCY LAFRAMBOISE 613-545-2423 or djaraspberry@hotmail.com Show link www.insulators.info/clubs/ovic ... or, mailing address: 2686 Kepler Rd. RR1, Elginburg, ON K0H 1M0

APRIL 22, 2017 (Saturday)

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

21ST Annual Rohde Ranch Barbeque & Tailgater will be held Saturday, April 22nd, at the Rohde Ranch, 12441 North Friant Road, Fresno, CA from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. You'll enjoy free of charge the famous Deep-Pit BBQ feast. Numerous tables are provided, or you may bring your own, or just open your tailgate and sell & trade. Swapping stories and bringing your recent finds are strongly encouraged. Bill's extensive porcelain insulator collection will be open for public viewing. Info: BILL at 530-701-4377 or KAT at 559-434-2162.

APRIL 29, 2017 (Saturday)

WEST LEECHBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Western Reserve Insulator Club's 17th Annual Allegheny Valley Insulator Show & Sale. W. Leechburg Fireman's Recreation Hall, 1116 Gosser St. W. Leechburg PA 15656. Show Hours 9:00am - 3:00pm Dealer setup 7:30am. 8' table \$20. Info: RON BARTH 724-845-8439 rktbarth@windstream.net (Note: This is a new location; this was previously the Natrona Hts. Show.)

APRIL 30, 2017 (Sunday)

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

48th Annual Genesee Valley Bottle Collectors Association's Bottle, Paper, Postcard & Table Top Antiques Show & Sale will be held Sunday, April 30th from 9:00 to 3:00 at the Roberts Wesleyan College, Voller Athletic Center, 2301 Westside Drive, Rochester, NY 14624. Admission: \$5. 17 and under FREE. Info: AARON & PAMELA WEBER. Phone: 585-226-6345 or email gvbca@frontiernet.net Website: www.gvbca.org

MAY 5-6, 2017 (Friday-Saturday)

CENTRAL POINT, OREGON

2017 Jefferson State Antique Bottle & Insulator Expo will be held May 5-6 in the Olsrud Pavilion at the Jackson County Expo in Central Point, OR. Dealer set-up Friday is from 9:00 to 10:00 AM with early admission \$10. General admission is \$3 (or two for \$5) with show hours Friday from 10:00 to 7:00 and Saturday from 10:00 to 3:00. The show is held in conjunction with the regional Rogue Valley Antique Show. Info: BRUCE SILVA 541-821-8949 or email: jsglass@q.com

MAY 5-6, 2017 (Friday-Saturday)

COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA

One of the bigger little shows! Columbia City Insulator and Collectibles Show, Whitley County 4H Center, 581 West Squawbuck Road, Columbia City, Indiana. Dealer setup Friday noon to 3:00; public from 3-5 PM. Pizza @5PM. Show & Tell 6:00 PM-Bring something awesome to share! Saturday dealer setup 6:00 to 8:00 AM and open to public from 8:00 to 3:00. First 8-foot table is \$28. Two tables for \$48; 3/\$60; 4/\$75; 5/\$80; 6/\$85. Info: GENE WAWKINS gene.hawkins@mchsi.com

MAY 6, 2017 (Saturday)

AUSTIN, MINNESOTA

The North Western Insulator Club will host a Spring Swap Meet at the American Legion, 809 12th St SW IN Austin, Minnesota. Hours are 9-3 and the kitchen will be open for breakfast, coffee and lunch. This is a roomy hall with lots of tables available for all and easy loading and unloading. There is space outside for display if the weather cooperates and we will plan to have an auction at noon. Gordy Cassidy is our host and if you would like more info, contact COLIN YENNIE at cryennie@hotmail.com or 507-289-1095.

MAY 6-7, 2017 (Saturday-Sunday)

SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

The Northwestern Bottle Collector's Association will hold its 51st Annual Antique Bottle and Collectible Show May 6 & 7 at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, across from the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. The show is held in conjunction with a Saturday Farmer's Market and a Sunday Veterans 40/8 Flea Market. Info: 707-823-8845 or nbca@comcast.net

MAY 19-20, 2017 (Friday-Saturday)

KENT, WASHINGTON

May 19 & 20 Washington Bottle Collectors Association 6th Annual Spring Insulator, Bottle and Collectible Show. Largest combined bottle and insulator show in Northwest Washington. Join us at the Kent Commons Event Center, 525 Fourth Ave N, Kent, WA. Dealer set up and early admission (\$5) Friday, May 19, 1-5 PM and free general admission Saturday, May 20, 9 - 3 . Close to the population centers in NW Washington and we had quite a few full tables of insulators last year. For more information and table reservations contact: NIEL SMITH (360) 943-0518 wbcaweb@gmail.com or PETE HENDRICKS (253) 335-1732. Insulator related questions: ROBIN HARRISON (206) 522-2135 robin3250@comcast.net

MAY 20, 2017 (Saturday)

CAYUCOS, CALIFORNIA

The 25th Annual Golden State Insulator Club's Spring Insulator and Collectibles Show will be held Saturday, May 20th under the Big White Tent behind the Lions Veterans Hall, 10 Cayucos Drive (at the pier and inches from the beach). Hours are 8:00 to 3:00. Free admission. Free appraisals and evaluations. There will be a barbecue Saturday after the show. RV Park, motels and restaurants nearby. Please bring recent finds for show & tell. Info: PAULETTE KOTAN: gyp-syduo795@gmail.com or 619-985-9085 or BOB MERZOIAN: bobmerzoian@mac.com or 559-359-2826.

MAY 20, 2017 (Saturday)

LOUDON, TENNESSEE

Enjoy a beautiful day this spring with your friends in the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club. The May swap meet, hosted by Stephen and Robin Ruppel, will take place Saturday, May 20 from 9:00-2:00 Eastern. We will meet at a brand new venue, Bethany Baptist Church, 3586 Hwy. 72 North, Loudon, TN 37774. The church is located south of Knoxville, TN and is only 1 1/4 miles off exit 72 on I-75. There is no fee to set up a sales table and everyone is invited to bring insulators or other collectibles to sell, trade or swap. Collectors are expected from 6-8 states and there is always a very good selection of insulators. A limited number of sales tables will be available on a first come-first served basis or you may bring your own. A noon meal will be served. Everyone is invited to join us for lunch. If you wish to contribute to the meal, side dishes, drinks or desserts would be welcome. Please call ahead of the swap meet date to reserve tables or to let Stephen and Robin know what you will bring for the meal. For more information or table reservations, please contact: Stephen Ruppel, (865) 228-7086. For a copy of the club newsletter with directions to the swap meet, contact Bill Haley, wgh@tnaqua.org.

MAY 26-27, 2017 (Friday-Saturday)

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

Umpteenth Annual Spudfest & Spokanistan Insulator/Bottle Show & Swap will be held Saturday, May 27th. Friday night B.S. Saturday show begins at 9:00 AM. Please RSVP for lunch. The Burger Compound is at 8925 S. Cheney-Spokane Road, Spokane, WA 99224. Ask for directions or look for the buried school buses. Info: BRENT: 509-953-4150 or BILL 509-443-9037.

JUNE 3, 2017 (Saturday)

DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

2nd annual swap meet held at the home of Curtis Erickson from 9am to 3pm. The swap meet is the same day and area as the famous Edison Street Sale (large city garage sale). Set up is free, please bring your own table. Walking distance from the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. Only a 45 minute drive north of the Michigan/Ohio border. Contact: CURTIS ERICKSON (248) 515-4612 crerickson1@gmail.com Show location, 22101 Olmstead St Dearborn, MI 48124

JUNE 3, 2017 (Saturday)

TAMA, IOWA

The 20th Annual Hawkeye State Insulator Swap Meet will be held at the Tama Civic Center on Saturday, June 3rd from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM. Dealers can set up starting at 7:00 AM. The Civic Center is located at 305 Siegel St. in downtown Tama, IA just two blocks off Highway 63. There will be no cost to set up and lunch will be provided to those in attendance. Over the past 19 years, many Midwest collectors and friends have joined us for this fun and relaxed annual event and this year should be no different. We look forward to hosting you again for a great time in the Hawkeye State and look forward to seeing you this June. For additional information you can contact show host DAVE SHAW at (641) 484-5463 or can e-mail me at dashaw@mchsi.com. Please contact show host for table reservation.

JUNE 9-10, 2017 (Friday-Saturday)

LOGAN, UTAH

The 3rd Cache Valley Insulator Swap Meet will be held on Saturday, June 10th starting at 8:00 am. There will be an open house at the Briel home on June 9th from 6:00 'til 9:00 pm. The address is 275 Peacock Lane, Providence, UT 84332. The show location is at the Cache County Fairgrounds Pavilion. The fairgrounds is located at 450 South 500 West, Logan, UT 84321. Lunch will be provided at noon. Admission is free. Please RSVP to reserve a table and to help us plan the food. Contact: DON BRIEL at Don.Briel@comcast.net or (435) 753-5786. Approximately 24 indoor tables are available and there is room for more outdoors if you want to bring your own.

JUNE 10, 2017 (Saturday)

PERKIOMENVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

43rd Anniversary of the annual Pennsylvania Insulator Show & Sale. Come one, come all. Buy, sell & trade insulators and related items. Swap hunting stories and have a good time with collector friends. Please bring a food item for the insulator picnic. Saturday, June 10th, from 9:00 AM until the last person leaves. Location: 1837 Perkiomenville Road, Perkiomenville, PA 18074. Info: STEVE BOB 610-539-6533 email: sbobb1@verizon.net or CLAUDE WAMBOLD 215-234-8413 email: acwambold2@verizon.net

JUNE 23-24, 2017 (Friday-Saturday)

WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Insulator Collectors of America 2nd Annual ICA Expo at the Washington, PA Country Fairgrounds, 2151 North Main St., Washington, PA 15301. Show Hours: 2-Day Pass \$5: 3-6pm Friday, 7:30am-3pm Saturday. General Admission \$3: 9am-3pm Saturday only. Dealer Setup 1-3pm Friday and 7:30-9am Saturday. Dealer Tables \$35 with discount on additional. Room for well over 80 dealer tables and 12 exhibits. Famous Friday BBQ and Saturday Breakfast & Lunch ticket pack only \$25. Go to website: <http://www.InsulatorCollectorsOfAmerica.com> for more details and to register, or call JOHN HOVANEK 216-392-3622. Hosted by the Western Reserve Insulator Club.

JULY 7-8, 2017 (Friday-Saturday)

BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON

A Jefferson State Insulator Club Swap Meet will be held July 7-8 at the home of Ben & Carol Kirsten, 17913 NE 205th Circle, Battle Ground, Washington 98604. Hours will be from 1:00 PM Friday through Saturday afternoon. Mexican food at El Rancho Friday and host-provided BBQ Saturday afternoon. Best Western motel within 4-miles. Many places to eat also. Please RSVP. Info: BEN KIRSTEN 360-606-4518. Bring porcelain insulators of all kinds. Some tables will be provided, but please bring one if you can.

JULY 7-8, 2017 (Friday-Saturday)

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

The Lake Tahoe Backyard Insulator Show will be held Saturday, July 8 from 10:00AM to 5:00PM at the home of George & Judy Klingler, 1173 Tata Lane, South Lake Tahoe, CA. Come early for coffee and donuts. Tables and chairs will be available. Please RSVP for tables so we have enough. Setting up on Friday is ok. Full lunch will be provided on Saturday. Enjoy beautiful Lake Tahoe in July! Info: GEORGE or JUDY KLINGLER 530-541-3254 or email: judyklingler@charter.net

JULY 21-23, 2017 (Friday-Sunday)

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

The 2017 National Insulator Show will be held in Colorado Springs, CO July 21 – 23. For dealer tables and show information contact: DAN GAURON 719-492-0181; MIKE GREEN 303-549-5028 OR DAVID BARON 303-888-8071. Or visit the website at: www.nianational2017.com



AUGUST 3-6, 2017 (Thursday-Sunday)

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

The 2017 National Antique Bottle Convention and Expo, sponsored by the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors, will be held August 3-6 in Springfield, MA. Info: <http://www.fohbc.org/2015/05/2017-national-antique-bottle-convention-expo/>

AUGUST 11-12, 2017 (Friday-Saturday)

LOSTINE, OREGON

The 2017 Lil' Switzerland Swap Meet near the Eagle Cap Wilderness will be held August 11-12 at the home of Linda and Howard Banks, 65029 Granger Road, Lostine, OR 97857 on August 11-12. The event features "The Boneyard", where a thousand or more insulators will be sold for \$2 each in a benefit for Crown Jewels magazine. BBQ Saturday at noon. Camp on site or stay in nearby motels. For lodging and other info: Howard Banks 541-569-2318 or email: hbanks@budget.net.

AUGUST 12, 2017 (Saturday)

MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

The 18th annual Shenandoah Valley Insulator Show and Sale sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club will be held Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 9 AM to 1 PM, once again, by popular demand, at the B&O Roundhouse in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Dealer setup from 7-9 AM. 8 foot tables are \$25 for the first table and \$20 each additional. There is no admission charge. For more information or directions contact Jeff Hollis at 304-671-5359 or email redoak1953@gmail.com.

AUGUST 19, 2017 (Saturday)

BELL BUCKLE, TN

The summer Dixie Jewels Insulator Club swap meet, hosted by Jim Wright, will take place Saturday, August 19 at the Webb School, 319 Webb Road East (TN Hwy. 82E), Bell Buckle, TN from 8:30-2:30 Central. Bell Buckle is south of Nashville, off I-24. There is no fee to set up, so everyone is invited to bring insulators or other collectibles to sell, trade or swap. A number of tables will be available or you may bring your own. Please contact Jim ahead of time to reserve sales tables. A noon meal will be served. If you wish to contribute, chips or desserts would be welcome. Come and enjoy a day with fellow collectors at this brand new venue for DJIC. For more information, directions or table reservations, please contact: JIM WRIGHT (615) 708-4911 or e-mail sjwright@frontiernet.net.

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Show hosts Dan Gauron, Mike Green & David Baron want to invite you to join us and fellow collector friends in Colorado Springs, CO. on July 21st thru 23rd for what is shaping up to be one of the all-time great National Shows in 48 years. With 133 sales tables, 43 display tables, a Cog railroad ride atop Pikes Peak, a Cripple Creek, CO. luxury day trip, a seminar on R.D. Mershon, another on the 1st Trans-Continental RR line, and over 25 raffle lot selections, this National is sure to have something for everyone.

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Hope to see you in July



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