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**Editor**



**Shaun Kotlarsky - NIA# 4993**

Nothing much on the “official” side to report this time. I have some excellent articles lined up for future issues of Drip Points that I think many of the readers will enjoy.

Next edition will be the big National show coverage edition! Hard to believe it is almost national time, seems like yesterday I was thinking “I have a year to plan my display”. It will be a good show, especially for us Hemingray collectors ;)

Added a piece to the collection that I have wanted for a long time, the blue / clear CD 154 (the hardest of the 4 CDs that come in this combo)

Just got back from the Columbia City show (see Kim Borgman’s report on page 4 for details). As always it was a fun time! On the way home we made a small detour and visited the CD 302 “baby Muncies” that are still in service off of HW 20. Really amazing to see these still in the air!

*Shaun Kotlarsky*







**President**



**Don Briel - NIA# 7218**

Spring came early here in Utah this year. Outdoor chores and other obligations have eaten up much of my time, but there is still time for insulator collecting and all of the fun that goes along with it. Jeanne and I already have plans to attend a couple of local (within 600 miles) shows, host our own swap meet on June 4th, and attend the National show. We really enjoy attending shows. While finding that choice insulator is great, it's really all about visiting with other collectors in person, enjoying our beautiful country in our travels, and just a pleasant change of pace in our busy lives. I hope to see many of you this year. If you haven't been to a show yet, make this the year you do so. You will never regret it, but it is addicting. :)

All is moving forward in the NIA. It will soon be time for the annual Board meeting on July 28th, the day before the National show begins in Muncie, Indiana. The Muncie show is looking to be another great National in a very historic location for insulator collectors. If you haven't made your reservations yet, do so ASAP. The Membership meeting will be held the evening of July 29th. Please make every attempt to attend the Membership meeting that Friday. That is where every member has the opportunity to learn what is going on and give input to the organization's leaders. Also, don't forget the Saturday evening banquet and the Sunday morning non-denominational devotional, both at the show hotel.

Each year is an election year in the NIA with varying positions coming up for election. This year is the first in many years that we actually had an election where members had a chance to vote. While I was disappointed that we did not have multiple candidates for each position, you at least had a chance to say YES or NO for those that were running. I hope to see ballots cast every year from this time forth and would delight in more candidates running. It was also disappointing to have less than 10% of our members vote, but most importantly, current members had the opportunity to vote.

Please join me in congratulating our four new NIA officers. Steve Roberts (NIA #7935) has been elected as the new NIA President, Walt Baumgardt (NIA #8007) as the new Secretary, and Gus Stafford (NIA #8871) as the new Eastern Region Vice President. Andrew Gibson (NIA #2422) has been appointed as the new Membership Director. All of these officers will officially take over in July at the Membership meeting. I know they will do a great job. Please give each of these volunteers your full support.

As I have said before, this is your organization. The direction it takes is up to you. The amount of accomplishment is directly proportional to what you are willing to put into the organization. Your comments and suggestions are important and welcome. Your time as a volunteer is even more important. My sincere thanks go out to all those that serve in any capacity. And, I thank each of you for supporting this great hobby.

Sadly, the NIA had to take action against a recent past member for unethical behavior. Please take the time to read the recap of the issue in the article by our Ethics Advisor, Daryl Stahler.

My tenure as President will end in July when Steve takes over as President. Serving you has been a very rewarding experience. I thank all those that have supported me in any way while filling this position. You, the NIA members, make it all worthwhile. I will move on to 1st Past President which is mostly an advisory position. My intent is to stay very active in the hobby and continue to enjoy the benefits of this great organization. THANK YOU!!!

Good collecting to all!

*Don Briel*



**Western Region VP**

**Ron Yuhas - NIA# 1993**



It's show time baby! The late Spring season is upon us and soon to be Summer. This time of year has some of the best insulator shows all across the country.

I will leave you with this one other last thought. This time of year in the Northern part of the country is an excellent time to get out and do some insulator hunting on an old line where possible.

I would like to speak of a recently held show at the Rohde Ranch in Fresno, California. This was my first Rohde Show and it was a fabulous experience. Bill and Kat with the rest of the helpers put in a ton of work for their fellow collectors and ask for no financial help. Bill had setup a huge "circus tent" because of the expected rain so collectors would have a dry area to setup for the show. It was definitely needed and gave a "circus atmosphere" to the festivities. Great friends, Great food, Great fun with hosts that really care about you. If you get a chance it is a must see show and so is Bill's collection.

See you at a Shooooooooooooow!

*Ron Yuhas*

There are some excellent opportunities to make a show in the Western Region coming up soon with the Cayucos CA, Spokane WA, and Logan UT on the calendar. I plan to make the Spokane WA show and hopefully the Logan UT show and look forward to seeing you.



Do not forget the shows a few months out at Bend OR, Grandview WA, and ours in Helena MT. The time is now to make your plans for 2 large shows in the summer. A new Eastern Region show at Washington PA looks to be a great one with lots of attendance from that region. There is also the Big One ....the NIA 47th Annual National Show in Muncie Indiana. If you have the opportunity to make a National Show I would highly recommend on going. It is a non stop good time for 3 days and seems like it is over in a flash.

I know I have rattled on about shows in this report but if you are new to the hobby it is a super way to get the feel of what a part of the hobby is really about. Then for you seasoned show attendees I know it would be tough to pry you away from a show with a crowbar!



**Central Region VP**

**Kim Borgman - NIA# 3038**



Greetings from your Central VP. I just returned from the Columbia City insulator and bottle show over the weekend. Setup on Friday afternoon with couple of hours of sales, then pizza for all, and then show/tell of your favorite insulator and how it was acquired. Always interesting time of education for all. Saturday turned out to be the coldest day in May for us here in Indiana, but it made for good day to be inside with fellow insulator collectors. Several tables of milk bottles were also available for sale, along with other bottles. I belong to the Indianapolis bottle and glass club, and they always turn up insulators in their travels. So at monthly meetings you never know what might be handed to you. My most interesting snag at Columbia City was 2 hemi blue 9's. The interesting part being these 2 CD106's were the old hand carved embossing. Not stamped. So a good 30 yrs in time difference, Hemingray produced very similar vivid blue that they are known for. I just find this very odd, but neat thing to acquire.

Bob Stahr drove over from Chicago and distributed flyers for the National show at various antique malls across Northern Indiana. If you haven't blocked out the last weekend in July for national show and made reservations for hotels and/or tables, now is the time to do so. Also, reservations are needed for the Hemingray plant tour if you intend to visit the hallowed grounds.

The first weekend in June has both Tama show in Iowa, and Curtis Erickson is hosting a get together up in Detroit area. If you are in central area, both seem like good options to visit.

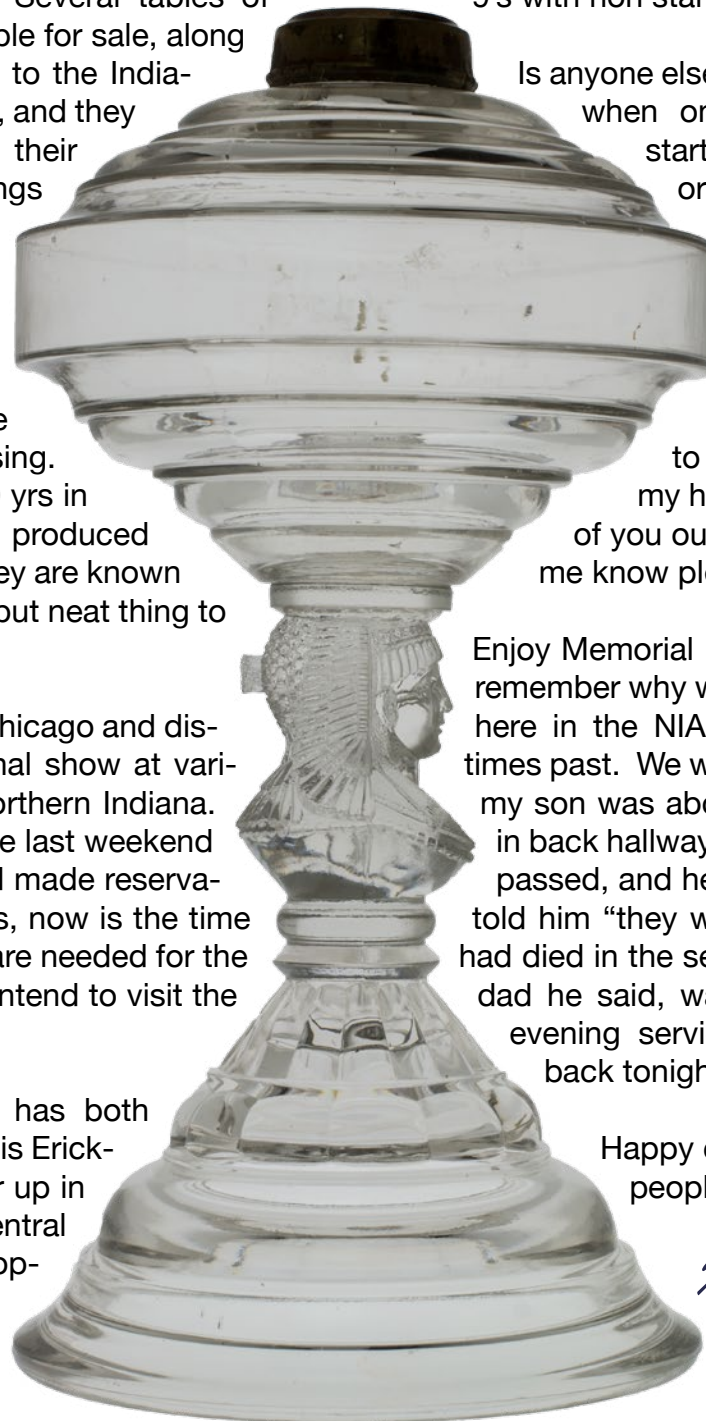
I also acquired two Hemingray lamps at the Columbia City show that I didn't have. One was Egyptian stand lamp, and the other was fringed curtain in clear to match the amber one. With a maturing lamp collection, it gets harder and harder to add something new. Still chasing a blue Stanbury and an amber footed finger tear drop. Because my CD106 collection is same way, I was very happy to get the 2 blue 9's with non stamped embossing.

Is anyone else like me in this regard? I find when one collections matures, you start to branch out into other CD's or collecting interest. I'm not quite as bad as Jim White was where he would sell off what he collected every 3/4 years and go another direction, but I think I have branched out to other CD's to collect with the maturation of my hemi 9's and 12's. have others of you out there done same thing? Let me know please.

Enjoy Memorial Day weekend coming up and remember why we celebrate it. I'm sure some here in the NIA have served our country in times past. We were in church years ago when my son was about five. They had names up in back hallway in a display of those that had passed, and he asked me what they were. I told him "they were people from church who had died in the service". His eyes got real big, dad he said, was is the morning service or evening service? Should we risk coming back tonight?

Happy collecting and get to show for people and insulators.

*Kim Borgman*





Overview of the show floor



Hemingray Lamps (Kim Borgman's Table)



CD 140 Jumbo (Gene Hawkins's Table)



David Shaw's Table



Margie and Russ Frank's Table



Kirk Miller's Table





Kim Borgman's CD 106s



Margie and Russ Frank's Table



A very unique glass turtle made by a unknown glass house. Killer vivid lime green color. Brought to the show by Kirk Miller



Michele & Shaun Kotlarsky's Table



Mike McLaughlin's Table



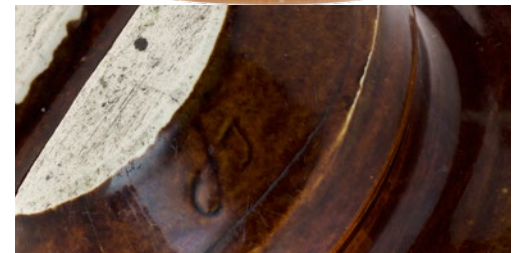
Les and Judy Christensen's Table



Cool transformer at Mike Pokorny's Table



A recent and killer find by James Berg , Aqua with Amber CD 145 Bar / Bar Hemingray made CD 145



Oddball M-2233 No Name (Thomas) with a really bizarre marking on the crown. Shown by Dave Ramp



View from the other direction

Photos by Shaun Kotlarsky



**Executive Secretary**



**Steve Roberts - NIA# 7935**

Greetings Everyone,

We are now into late spring and it looks like everyone has a great opportunity to visit an insulator event that may be near your home. Just look at the show schedule on the NIA website or the back of Crown Jewels of the Wire. There are shows scheduled in the following locations:

Central Point, Oregon, - Austin, Minnesota, - Columbia City, Indiana, - Cayucos, California, - Kent, Washington, - Mountain Home, North Carolina, - Spokane, Washington, - Logan, Utah, - Dearborn, Michigan, - Tama, Iowa, - Perkiomenville, Pennsylvania, - San Diego, California, - Mount Brydges, Ontario, Canada, - Washington, Pennsylvania, - Lohe A. Main, Germany, - Milford, Massachusetts, - Bend, Oregon, - South Lake Tahoe, California, - The National in Muncie, Indiana, - Sacramento, California, - Martinsburg, West Virginia, - Grandview, Washington, - Helena, Montana, - Merritt, British Columbia, Canada, - East Hampton, Connecticut, - Chelsea, Michigan, - Springfield, Ohio, and Enfield, Connecticut.

By the time you read this article several of these shows will have already taken place. Additionally, there have been shows in Yuma, Arizona – Maitland, Florida, - Colusa, California, - Seattle, Washington and many others.

My point in listing all of these is to point out that there is a huge amount of activity in the hobby. From my perspective the hobby is very healthy. But good health requires extra work, and that comes from all of the volunteers who plan and host these events. Be sure to thank them and, as best you can, support them by your participation. Also, some of you may be thinking of hosting an insulator show. Let me encourage you to do so. It isn't that hard, it's a lot of fun and it is very rewarding. In closing, I want to extend my appreciation to all of you who host these shows, and to everyone who supports them. Without your effort this hobby wouldn't be where it is today. It's the best hobby anywhere!!

Best Regards,

*Steve Roberts*

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**Membership Director**

**Vickie McConnell - NIA# 8395**



What a great spring it has been, with a lot of successful tailgaters, BBQs and locale shows. The promise of an awesome summer and National are right around the corner. Arthur and I have scheduled a privy dig in western Colorado in June. We haven't done one in quite a while and are looking forward to it.

If you haven't checked out any of the FACEBOOK Insulator pages lately, do! "Insulator Collector Australia" is an awesome FB page. Of course, I'm partial to Aussie glass! The resources open to us are growing faster than I can keep up with.

Andrew and I have been working diligently to transfer the membership director's responsibilities and the changing of the guard is going very well. He is doing an absolutely wonderful job. Thank you, Andrew and family, for accepting this calling. I do want to acknowledge that without the support of family and friends, a lot of the work for the hobby would not be possible. Many thanks to the support groups behind the NIA board and committee chairs as well as the shows and tailgaters.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you all and the NIA.

And now I turn over the "mike" to Andrew.

*Vickie McConnell*

Greetings, fellow collectors! I'm looking forward to taking on the challenges of the membership director position. I have been a collector for a long time, and an NIA member for almost as long. In that time I have enjoyed the interaction with the folks who make our hobby so much fun. I've often thought that I'd like to give back to the hobby some of what it has given to me, so this opportunity is one I'm happy to have. For the many who have no idea who I am -- I got my first insulator for Christmas in 1979, and

my collecting took off like crazy that spring when my family was walking a railroad line looking for date nails. The pole line along the right of way had a pile of insulators at the base of every single pole! After discovering Crown Jewels and the NIA and shows, I eventually decided on specializing in shapes, and became a CD collector. I still am, but after I reached a point that I really couldn't afford many new ones, I branched out. I am currently specializing in baby signals (both glass and porcelain!), and love the historical study that helps figure out as much as I can about their past. Just ask me a question about baby signals, and I'll be happy to talk your ear off.

April and May appear to be slow months for membership director duties, as I've only had a bit over a handful of applications to deal with. It has gone fairly smoothly, though there have been a few bumps and I'm still learning the ropes. Many thanks to Vickie for helping me along, and especially for all she has done as membership director.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you on NIA Day at the National in Muncie on Friday, July 29. To be sure to avoid any delays at the door, please renew your membership before getting there. The deadline for renewing prior to the National is July 24.

**Membership Stats**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>Eastern</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>Western</b>
2016 to date	1525	489	527	509
2015	1641	519	595	527
2014	1721	555	545	620

*Andrew Gibson*



Treasurer



Bill Rohde - NIA# 1219

## National Insulator Association

2015 - 2016 financial statement  
9 months ending March 31, 2016

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<u>\$49,245</u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>		\$23,458
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		<u>-\$20,161</u>
	<i>Increase/Decrease</i>	\$3,297
	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<u>\$52,542</u>



**Awards & Recognition Chair**

**Gene Hawkins - NIA# 421**

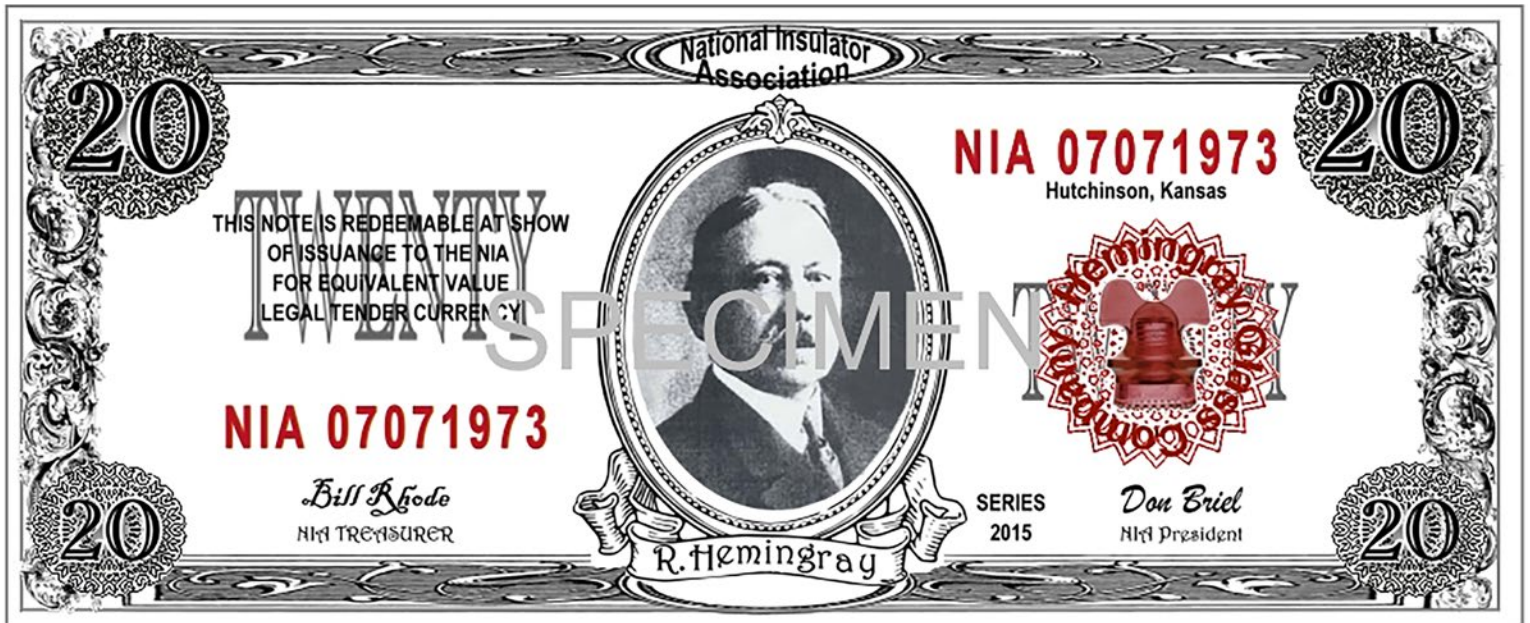
PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE! Seriously consider doing a display for the Muncie National in July !

I still have NIA Best of Show ribbons for all show hosts who have display judging. Drop me a line or email on any upcoming shows and I will have them for you at the Muncie National.

New easier to understand rules have been in previous issues of Drip Points.

KIDS! You can WIN KID KASH with your display at the Muncie National! Yes- real fake money that spends like real money so you can buy something for your collection INCLUDING a trophy to have! Display can be whatever you can dream up, and will be judged along with all other under 18 years of age displays.

*Gene Hawkins*





**Ethics Advisor**



**Daryl Stahler - NIA# 8843**

This is my first article in the Drip Points Magazine as the newly appointed Ethics Advisor. David Wiecek served faithfully for many years, and decided it was time to step down. I would like to thank David for his services to the NIA for the last 8 years. Job well done!

I was asked by Don Briel if I would be interested in serving as the Ethics advisor, and my first thoughts were, "I'm way too busy to get involved". After discussing it with my wife, I decided to accept the position. My reasoning is simple, if you want to be involved in something, such as this wonderful hobby, then you need to be involved. There are way too many people sitting on the sidelines waiting for someone else to pick up the torch, so I decided it was my time to pick it up and run with it.

For those that do not know me, I've been a member of the NIA for a number of years, and actively involved in the hobby for 30+ years. I've been a member of ICON since the late 90's and attended my first National in Phoenix in 1999. I am not able to attend as many shows as I'd like to, due to a job that requires frequent travel, and my travel generally ends up around one of the shows I want to attend.

I got my start collecting insulators because of a friend that had a few insulators as decorations in a turn of the century house turned apartments that he managed. I picked up a few pieces at a local Flea Market, and a few antique stores around town. That was all it took to get me hooked. Over the years I've amassed some sizable collections, only to sell them off and "get more focused". My interest and involvement has waned and grown over the years, but never faltered.

My first few weeks as Ethics Advisor had been interesting, to say the least. It was brought to my attention that an NIA member in good standing entered into a business transaction with another NIA member, Stan Broom. Numerous attempts to resolve the problem were made by the seller, via email and phone, all of which went unanswered. After a period of time, a few of the pieces sold were returned with no explanation, leaving approximately half of the original value still unresolved. The seller went "public" with his experience, trying to warn any other unsuspecting sellers of his plight.

It was recommended to me that since both were members of the NIA that I should investigate the situation. Phone calls and emails were made and went unanswered. Additional investigation was conducted, and was also unfruitful. After due time and process, it was recommended to the NIA board that the membership of Stan Broom should be revoked. As a last attempt, a letter was sent in an effort to resolve the dilemma. It went unanswered, so it was suggested to the NIA board that membership should be revoked. It was voted on, and I believe unanimously, it was decided to revoke his NIA membership.

If you have a personal matter that you believe the NIA Code of Ethics was violated, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to resolve the issue.

*Daryl Stahler*



**Information Director**

**Christian Willis - NIA# 5185**



Some of you may know my dad Bud Willis, the man who took me to an antique shop at age 9 and helped me buy my first insulator. As the owner of Willis Advertising/Design, he gave me my very first job as a graphic designer. My first degree was also in graphic design, so I've always had an affinity for logos and the history behind them.

Back when I joined the NIA as a kid in 1992, I remember seeing the NIA logo everywhere, and it's just stuck with me. It's instantly recognizable, looks good both in black in white and color, and scales very well. These are all hallmarks of good logo design, in my opinion. Also, as you may remember from the Spring 2015 issue of Drip Points, I digitized the NIA logo based on the best copy I could find.



So, when NIA President Don Briel recently tasked me with trademarking the NIA logo, I was eager to help! Naturally, as part of this process, I wanted to find out more about the logo itself. When did it debut? Who designed it? Was it ever officially copyrighted? Strangely, none of this information was readily available.

Don suggested I reach out to Dudley Ellis and Bob Berry. Both were very helpful, and Bob provided me with the following info:

- I'm pretty sure it was between 1986 and 1989 as the old logo was on the '86 National directory and the new one appears in the '89 National directory.
- NIA Board Meeting Minutes, dated July 12th, 1986: "The President opened discussion on the continuing issue of a new logo for the N.I.A. It was generally agreed that a logo showing some combination of pole, wire, and insulator was desirable. The Presi-

dent directed Mike Guthrie, committee chairman on this issue, to proceed and modify the most popular design so far, prior to formal review. A cost study will also be submitted. All those present agreed in principal to the logo change."

- NIA Board Minutes, dated July 21, 1988: "President Elect Guthrie discussed his agenda for the next two years including ... copyrighting the N.I.A. logo..."

So, Mike Guthrie was logically the next person to contact! Mike was also very helpful:

"If anything was recorded during that time it would have been either in Drip Points or a Cross Talk document. Cross Talk was the name of correspondence generated by the president to the board/committees ... (specifically I used them from '88-'90). .... I would also strongly urge someone with copies to review them for the '88-'90 time window. I would be quite surprised if there was no mention in there of the transition. .... I am also pretty murky on who designed it. Kevin Lawless comes to mind as being heavily involved in the process. I remember having several different prototypes prepared and presented for board approval (again, possibly in D.P. since it's not in the convention business meeting minutes.)"

So, here is my plea to the members of the NIA – Do you have more information on the NIA logo? Do you know who designed it? Do you have old copies of Drip Points or Cross Talk (1986-1990 timeframe) that you would be willing to share? Were you on the Board between 1986-1990? If you have any information at all, please contact me at [information@nia.org](mailto:information@nia.org) or give me a call at (949) 338-1404. Your help is greatly appreciated!

I feel that this task goes beyond simply trademarking the logo. I think the history of the NIA logo should be preserved as well!

Sincerely,

*Christian Willis*





NIA Commemorative Committee

Carolyn Berry - NIA# 4336



Dear Fellow NIA Commemorative Collectors,  
Announcing the 47th NIA commemorative for 2016 in "Electric Blue" – another unique color to the commemorative line-up.

As always, there is the standard commemorative, and a solid pour commemorative. Limited quantities are available for each style, so get your order in. Prices will be the same as the last 9+ years, and produced by Mosser Glass Company in Ohio.

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Please see the included flyer in this Drip Points or go to the NIA website for details. <http://www.nia.org/products/commemorative/index.htm>

Shipment will be upon receipt of payment. Thanks for you continued support of the NIA and collection of the NIA Commemorative!

*Carolyn Berry*

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Embossed on the base of the commemorative



Embossed on the dome of the commemorative

### History of the National Show Commemoratives: "Collecting Our History"

Being an enthusiastic insulator collector, Frank Miller of Tulsa, Oklahoma went home from the First National Insulator Meet (that's what the "National" show was referred to in 1970) held in New Castle, Indiana with an idea that collectors should have something by which they could remember the national meets. After months of struggling, he managed to have an insulator mold made. Frank said it was often referred to as "Frank's Last Folly" since he retired from teaching shortly thereafter. He also said it was worth the struggle. The commemorative insulator he designed replicated the early threadless "pilgrim hat" (CD 736) and is almost 4 inches high and is 3 ¼ inches across at the base. Since 1970, the glass commemorative has marked the national show event with new embossing for the location and a new color of glass. In 1979, the project was continued by John & Carol McDougald of Sedona, AZ. John and Carol produced the yearly commemoratives through 2009 at which time they donated the production to the National Insulator Association starting with the 2010 commemorative. Any profits made from the NIA Commemoratives go to benefit the National Insulator Association, a 501(3)c.

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## Royal Purple CD143 found in the UK

On a near monthly schedule, a moderately large antique and flea market is held near where I live and has proved to sometimes throw up some good insulators and go withs, including items from England, America and other countries. In the early months of 2015, I was informed by a pair of sellers who often have insulators for sale that they had a friend who had a large multipart insulator for sale for a tidy sum, and asked if I wanted to buy it.

A quick glance at the provided pictures was enough to make me part with the £25 asking price, and in the summer of 2015 I ventured to the Antique and Flea fair to pick it up. After handing over the cash and a quick chat with the sellers, I left the insulator behind at the stall to be picked up at the end of the day. I then proceeded to search the outside Flea stalls to see what other goodies may be around.

After an hour or so of looking, nothing insulator-wise turned up, the only items of interest being several enamel high voltage warning signs of English design, simply a long red rectangle with the word "DANGER" picked out in white. With few stalls left and my hope of some better items slowly diminishing, I was interrupted by one of my family members, who pointed towards a stall and asked "Is that an insulator?".

I had completely missed it, but sat on the stall was a lovely example of a Canadian Pacific CD 143 in Royal Purple, my family member noticing the spiral



threads of the insulator revealed by the sunlight. Being in England, these types of insulators obviously don't show up all the time and within about 5 seconds of being spotted, the insulator was safe and sound in my hands. After a quick check, the Canpac was seen to be in rather good condition, the only obvious damage being a long chip along the base, which was pointed out to be partly an air bubble which had broke open. When the stall holder had a moment, I asked how much and was expecting a very expensive price, but was very delighted to hear that the asking price was only £12.00 (Approx \$17).

I quickly paid the money and placed the insulator safe and sound in the backpack, wrapped in layers of bubble wrap. I then thought to myself "If there was one, there may be another", it turns out I was right, the next one being a lovely Spanish CD 523 situated on the same stall, tucked behind some miscellaneous glassware. The asking price for this one was £10.00 (Approx \$14), which was happily paid for another addition to the glass portion of my UK based collection. After a quick explanation to the stall holder about these 'insulators' and a good luck handshake, I was off, with two more glass fruits for my ever growing collection. It leads me to wonder what next month's market will hold.



By Jake Rideout

## CONTRIBUTE ARTICLES TO DRIP POINTS!



I always welcome interesting insulator related articles. It can be anything from a general research 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](mailto:publications@nia.org)



## 2016 Rohde Ranch Barbeque & Tailgater

On a beautiful spring day in the heart of California's San Joaquin Valley, insulator collectors and friends met for the annual Rohde Ranch Tailgater and Barbeque. Bill Rohde and Kat McClanahan again hosted a very successful and fun insulator event.



With a threat of some rain on Friday Bill had to make a choice. So as to not "dampen" the spirits of those attending he set up a tent...Not just any tent but a 60 ft. x 60 ft. beauty providing space for forty dealers, tables. There was room for everyone to participate in the wheeling-dealing, story-telling, swapping, selling and buying that went on happily and vigorously most of the day.

This was the 20th anniversary for the Rohde show. For many years Bill's parents, Don and Camille, and Bill hosted this big event. We all miss Don and Camille and remember their warm hospitality and dedicated caring they shared with us in the insulator hobby. Now Bill, with Kat's help, has made the Rohde insulator gathering one not to be missed! Twenty years ago the show started out small and it has grown each year. This year about 140 people came bringing their treasures, hopes, desires, and cameras. People came from all over California but also folks traveled from all over the country. Guests arrived from New York, Texas, Arizona, Montana, Idaho, Washington State, Oregon and Nevada.



By Lou Hall

They also came with big appetites knowing that Bill does a deep pit B-B-Q in his yard on Saturday. Some days before the show he digs a deep hole in the backyard. Friday he builds a fire in it and when the fire becomes just hot coals the prepared meat is placed into a large metal covered container, lowered into the hole, covered with dirt, and left to cook overnight. Mid-day Saturday Bill brings out the meat. The aroma is fantastic and the sight of him cutting up pounds of tender, juicy meat draws everyone around. Bill rings the big dinner bell when the time is right. The meat is served from a table laden with all the side dishes you would expect at a B-B-Q and topped off with cake and ice cream sandwiches. There are more than a few insulator collectors who come for the food as well as for insulators and camaraderie... or so I have heard. Although Friday evening brought some rain as predicted Saturday was a beautiful, sunny day so lunch was enjoyed at tables in the shade of a yard full of big old trees with a cool breeze and fresh country air.



Two special guests, Wes and Janice Austin, were invited by Kat to surprise Bill. Janice had been Bill's first grade teacher. We learned that at Bill's eighth grade graduation ceremony she had presented him with a white porcelain insulator which, of course, is still a prized piece in his collection.



Speaking of Bill's huge, impressive collection of porcelain insulators, I saw someone dusting and washing part of that display before the show. Was that you, Kat? I think so! As many of you know, this collection contains some of the most rare, as well as colorful porcelain pieces. Many visitors find this collection to be just amazing and possibly overwhelming. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to experience this event you must put it on your "bucket list."

THANK YOU to Bill and Kat. The insulator community appreciates you for hosting another great, fun day and doing so much to bolster the insulator collecting hobby. Thanks to all who came to the show, making the day such a success.

Submitted by Lou and DeeDee Hall  
Photography by Mike Doyle and Dan Gauron



**Editor's note:**

Photos and captions on the following 2 pages are by Michael Doyle.  
Big thanks to Lou Hall, Mike Doyle and Dan Gauron for helping with this report.



Dave Brown, Exeter CA, offering glazed sacrifice to the 'Temple Of Mud'.



Elton Gish, NIA Lifetime Member, Lumber-ton, TX, is enjoying an opportunity to browse the shelves in the 'Temple Of Mud'.



Setup Day under the Big-Top



(l-r) Oregon's Jefferson State Insulator Club member, Scott Morrell and the NIA Eastern Region VP, Matt Grayson from Queens, NY. Mud is good! Mud and glass is Very Good!



Hayward, California's Arnie Lowenstein always brings a spine chilling assortment of EC&Ms to sell.



For years, he was the voice of California's Folsom Dam. If you called the control room Larry'd answer saying, "Dam, Shumaker." (That's Ron 'Shifty' Yuhas in the background. He's the Big Sky show host.)



A look at the awesome jewels that Justin Martin brought down to the show.



(l-r) NIA Western Region VP, Ron Yuhas from Helena, Montana and Butte, Montana's Justin Martin.



Sunnyvale, California's Colin and May Jung always have a great assortment of items for sale. That's NIA First Past President aka Pin-Man Lou Hall at the end of the table.



Who the hell is that character? An' where'd he get that shirt? That's MY shirt!!! (NIA Special Projects Advisor, Michael Doyle out of Visalia, California)



One For The Thumb! Colorado Springs' Show Host, Super Collector, and all around great guy, Dan Gauron – Photo bomb courtesy of Bill Rohde.



The Hostess (and host) with the Most-ess! Kat and Bill --- Workin' their fanny's off makin' sure all of their guests have a 'Best In The West' show experience. THANK YOU SO MUCH YOU TWO !!!



Weird scenes from inside the 'Temple Of Mud'.



Weird scenes from inside the 'Temple Of Mud'.



More weird scenes from inside the 'Temple Of Mud'.



A Rack O' Spoolz --- Or, if you prefer, Eye Candy



Highland, California's Dwayne Anthony had some amazing pieces for sale. These San Francisco wooden cable tops were all in exceptional restored condition.



Like I said, Dwayne had some amazing pieces for sale!



## Did you ever wonder where this insulator came from?



By Jack Snyder

I haven't seen one for 30 years? A friend just bought it in Toledo this spring at an antique mall. I confirmed his suspicions that it was a fake when he called. These ponies caused quite a stir when they were first "found." Nobody really took credit for finding them. The cobalt ponies that turned up first in London were always a mystery. They just sorta turned up at shows periodically but never in quantities. The general consensus was they were fakes. They were always in great condition. They never appeared to be worn or damaged. They eventually got tied to a Toledo Owens Illinois Glass Company employee by the name of Fritz Hammer. I don't know what his company title was but he traveled extensively to O-I glass plants all over the world.

He had technical knowledge of glass making. He also had access to materials and equipment to make the product. The cobalt ponies were made in Toledo at a fairly high quality level. Gary Hill, a pioneer insulator collector from Toledo, had first hand knowledge of the (re-) productions. Gary told me a threaded wooden cob was screwed into the molten glob of blue glass. After the cob had been used 2 or 3 times they were producing threadless cobalt insulators. Most of the time spent in producing the hand made cobalts was related to replacing the flaming wooden cobs. There was always a non conformity in the individual threading characteristics of each insulator. Of course



at the time we didn't know the threading mandrill was wooden. The mold itself was fashioned from a CD 102 Brookfield pony. As I recall they were sold in the \$10 to \$15 dollar range. These pieces were probably the first generation of reproduction insulators ever made. A true "collectors" item.

Fritz did find a quantity of authentic dated aqua (and some scarcer green) star helmets in use at a glass plant in Louisiana. He had them removed from service and he subsequently sold them. He was always careful to ration them out and he never flooded the market with them. They were selling in the \$80 - \$100 range at the time. A princely sum back when some threadless had just topped the \$100 plateau. Fritz never set up at an insulator show. He was just a purveyor. Now you know the rest of the story behind this Toledo cobalt no name pony.

### Editor's Notes:

- Article originally written by **Jack Snyder**.
- Submitted by **Mark Gilmore**.
- Insulator in the collection of **Mark Gilmore**.
- Photo by **Shaun Kotlarsky**.





Find and circle the listed words in the diagram.  
They run forward, backward, vertically, horizontally and diagonally.

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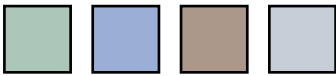
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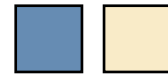
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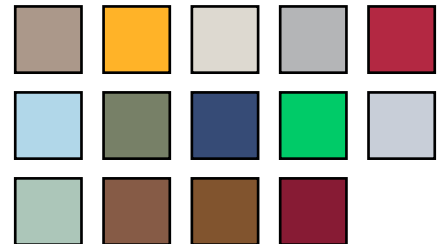
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**JUNE 4, 2016 (Saturday)**

**LOGAN, UTAH**

The Cache Valley Insulator Swap Meet will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016 starting at 8:00 am. The location is indoors 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. Info: DON BRIEL (435) 753-5786 or [Don.Briel@comcast.net](mailto:Don.Briel@comcast.net) Approximately 25 tables are available. Camper sites are available at the fairgrounds for \$20 + tax per night. Several hotels are within 1 mile of the fairgrounds. An open house will be held at the Briel home on Friday evening from 6:00 to 9:00. The address is 275 Peacock Lane, Providence, UT 84332.

**JUNE 4, 2016 (Saturday)**

**DEARBORN, MICHIGAN**

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**JUNE 4, 2016 (Saturday)**

**TAMA, IOWA**

The 19th Annual Hawkeye State Insulator Swap Meet will be held on Saturday June 4th from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM at the Tama civic Center in downtown Tama, IA. The Civic Center is located two blocks West off Highway 63 on 3rd Street in Tama. There is no cost to set up and lunch will be provided to all those in attendance. Many great Midwest collectors and friends attended last years event at this new location and feedback was positive. This annual event is fun and relaxed and those whom have supported it make it a great traditional show that we enjoy hosting. Come join us in the Hawkeye state for a great time. For additional information you can contact DAVE SHAW at (641) 484-5463 or email [dashaw@mchsi.com](mailto:dashaw@mchsi.com).

**JUNE 11, 2016 (Saturday)**

**PERKIOMENVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA**

42nd Anniversary of the annual Pennsylvania Insulator Show and 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 11th, from 9:00 AM until the last person leaves. Location: 1837 Perkiomenville Road, Perkiomenville, PA 18074. Info: STEVE BOB 610-539-6533 or CLAUDE A. WAMBOLD 215-234-8413.

**JUNE 11, 2016 (Saturday)**

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The San Diego 2016 Antique Bottle & Collectibles Show and Sale will be Saturday, June 11 at the Al Bahr Shrine Temple, 5440 Kearny Mesa Rd, in Sand Diego, CA 92111. For info: JIM WALKER 858-490-9019 or [jfw@internetter.com](mailto:jfw@internetter.com). Website: [www.sdbottleclub.org](http://www.sdbottleclub.org).

**JUNE 18, 2016 (Saturday)**

**MOUNT BRYDGES, ONTARIO, CANADA**

The thirteenth annual southwestern Ontario Spring Insulator Meet will be held at the home of Henry and Hilary Nicpon 3 km (2 miles) southeast of Mount Brydges and 10 km (six miles) southwest of London, Ontario. There's a \$10 charges for those wishing to set up a table. The fee will help cover the cost of food and beverages. RSVP required to make sure there's enough food. Please bring your own table if possible. Info: TOM IANNELLI 519-641-0098 or email: [tiannelli0098@rogers.com](mailto:tiannelli0098@rogers.com) or BARRETT NICPON 519-670-8796 or email: [barrett.nicpon@gmail.com](mailto:barrett.nicpon@gmail.com)

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**JULY 9, 2016 (Saturday)**

**MILFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club's 12th annual swap meet and cookout at the Maspenock Rod and Gun Club. The club is located just minutes from the intersection of I-90 (Mass Pike) and I-495 at the end of McGill Lane in Milford. Free Setup Including Tables / Free Admission / Free Fun. All are invited. Plenty of outdoor and covered space available. Bring your lawn chairs; we have the tables. A cookout lunch will be served close to noon with burgers, dogs, salads, drinks, desserts (\$10 suggested donation for lunch). Published event hours are 8:00AM to 2:00PM. PLEASE RSVP especially if you are planning on staying for lunch so we can plan accordingly. Info: JOHN RAJPOLT, (203) 261-1190, E-mail: [rajpolt@earth-link.net](mailto:rajpolt@earth-link.net) or L.A. JONES (774) 277-2223 between 7 and 10PM, E-mail: [50str8@comcast.net](mailto:50str8@comcast.net).

**JULY 15-16, 2016 (Friday-Saturday)**

**BEND, OREGON**

Annual Tres-Amigos Tail-Gater will be held July 15-16 at the home of Jim Sinasek, 64420 Research Road, Bend, OR 97703. Story time around bonfire ring Friday evening. BBQ served Saturday at 11:30. Side dishes / deserts appreciated. Some tables available; bringing your own is recommended. Be sure to bring your GO-WITH's, other treasure's and your show and tells. RSVP appreciated. Info: JIM SINASEK at 541 383-8067 or [oregonjim@q.com](mailto:oregonjim@q.com); MID NORRIS at 541 281-2715 or [mud-hen50@aol.com](mailto:mud-hen50@aol.com); ERNIE CARLSON at 503 622-3573 or [ecarlson6@frontier.com](mailto:ecarlson6@frontier.com)

**JULY 23, 2016 (Saturday)**

**SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA**

Backyard Insulator Show. 10:00am to 5:00pm 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. Full lunch will be provided. Enjoy beautiful Lake Tahoe in July! For more info, please contact George or Judy Klingler: 530-541-3254 or [judyklingler@charter.net](mailto:judyklingler@charter.net)

**JULY 23, 2016 (Saturday)**

**HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Antique Bottle, Advertising & Collectibles Show & Sale July 23 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 12801 Northwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77040. Dealer set up will be Friday, the 22nd, from 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM and from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM Saturday. The show is open to the public Saturday from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM. For reservations at the hotel, phone 877-408-6664. For show information, contact BARBARA PUCKETT at 713-409-9940 or 713-862-1690. Email: [bpuckett77009@yahoo.com](mailto:bpuckett77009@yahoo.com)

**JULY 29-31, 2016 (Friday-Sunday)**

**MUNCIE, INDIANA**

The National Insulator Association's 47th Annual Convention and Show will be held July 29-31 at the Horizon Convention Center, 601 S. High St., Muncie, IN 47305. Muncie was the home of the Hemingray company from 1888 to 1972 and special activities are planned related to this. Show information can be found at <http://www.nia.org/national> or you can contact BOB STAHR at 630-793-5345 or email [Bob@hemingray.com](mailto:Bob@hemingray.com) or RICK SOLLER at 847-782-8602 or email [Com574@clcillinois.edu](mailto:Com574@clcillinois.edu).

**AUGUST 13, 2016 (Saturday)**

**MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA**

The 17th annual Shenandoah Valley Insulator Show and Sale sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club will be held Saturday, August 13 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](mailto:redoak1953@gmail.com).

**AUGUST 13, 2016 (Saturday)**

**GRANDVIEW, WASHINGTON**

The SSS Gathering. {SSS=Sun, Swim, Show}. At the home of Terry Drollinger, 1621 Bethany Road, Grandview WA 98930. Show starts Saturday at 9:00 AM, till the last person leaves. Friday early arrivals are welcomed. Jefferson State Insulator Club sponsored event. Tables provided if reserved in advance, please bring your own if possible. There will be lunch Saturday, salads and desserts are appreciated. Camping available for tents and self contained RV's. Bring sun screen and swim suit. But most important don't forget your INSULATORS and go withs. Info: TERRY DROLLINGER 509-830-2809 or email: [terrymdroll@yahoo.com](mailto:terrymdroll@yahoo.com)

**AUGUST 26-27, 2016 (Friday-Saturday)**

**HELENA, MONTANA**

15th Annual Montana Big Sky Insulator Swap Meet, hosted by Ron & Peggy Yuhas, will be held Friday and Saturday August 26-27. Friday: Social gathering at Yuhas home, 895 Lodestar Road from 6:00 PM to dark. Saturday's meet will run from 9:00 to 3:00 at Yuhas Millwork Company, 2201 Hauser Blvd, Helena. Lunch at noon. Free drawing for Coolie Hat, Muncie & Pyrex 441 at 1:00 PM. Info: RON YUHAS 406-439-4573 or email: [gramapig@bresnan.net](mailto:gramapig@bresnan.net) or DOUG RUSHER 406-461-7341 or email: [ddrusher@aol.com](mailto:ddrusher@aol.com) or JUSTIN MARTIN 406-490-3888 or email: [wendymartin8@aol.com](mailto:wendymartin8@aol.com) Please RSVP Ron or Doug for your tables & head counts.

**SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2016 (Friday-Sunday)**

**MERRITT, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

Annual Insulator Swap at the Insulator Ranch, 3045 Spanish Creek Place, Merritt, B.C. Use exit 286 off Coquihalla Hwy 5, and head towards Merritt. Turn left onto Coldwater Road, proceed 4 blocks to Spanish Creek Place. Just follow the "Insulator Show" signs. Motor homes, trailers, RV's all welcome. Bev provides a delicious Chilli and Rolls lunch on Saturday, and a coffee, bacon and eggs breakfast on Sunday morning. There is no charge, our way of putting something back into a great hobby. Tables are provided. Info: BOB SCAFE 250-378-2787 or email: [bobscafe@telus.net](mailto:bobscafe@telus.net)





**SEPTEMBER 17, 2016 (Saturday)**

**EAST HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT**

Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club Annual "On Golden Pond" Swap Meet and Cookout on Saturday September 17, 2016. Hours 8AM to 2PM. At the home of Larry and Mary Jo Emmons, 68 Long Crossing Road, East Hampton, Connecticut. East Hampton is about 30 minutes south of Hartford, CT and about 45 minutes northeast of New Haven, CT. Free Setup / Free Admission / Free Fun. Come for the whole day, come for a little while - all are welcome! A long-shade covered driveway has plenty of room for setup. Please bring your own table(s) and chair(s) if you plan to setup. Larry has a fully stocked trout pond so bring your fishing pole as well! Coffee and donuts/muffins are available for the early-birds. A hamburger/hot dog cookout lunch, expertly cooked by Larry, will be served around noon. Side or dessert contributions are always welcome and appreciated. The club asks for a \$10 per person "donation" for lunch. Please RSVP, ESPECIALLY if you plan on staying for lunch (so we can have enough food). Questions or to RSVP. JOHN RAJPOLT, (203) 261-1190 or [rajpolt@earthlink.net](mailto:rajpolt@earthlink.net). LARRY EMMONS, (860) 267-8584. Since this is an outdoor event, if you think the weather may cause a postponement, please contact John or Larry for event status in the days leading up to the event.

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2016 (Saturday)**

**ALBUQUERQUE AREA, NEW MEXICO**

Enchantment Insulator Club/New Mexico Historical Bottle Society 29th Annual Insulator, Bottle, Barbwire and Collectibles Show and Sale. Moriarty Civic Center, 202 South Broadway, Moriarty, NM (35m E of Albuquerque south of I-40). Show setup and dealer trading Friday afternoon & evening, September 23. Saturday September 24 show hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Info: MIKE GAY (505) 899-8755. E-mail: [cdn102@centurylink.net](mailto:cdn102@centurylink.net) or TOM KATONAK, 1024 Camino de Lucia, Corrales, NM 87048 (505) 898-5592. E-mail: [tkatonak@comcast.net](mailto:tkatonak@comcast.net)

**OCTOBER 2, 2016 (Sunday)**

**CHELSEA, MICHIGAN**

Annual (40th) Antique Bottle and Insulator Show at the Comfort Inn Conference Center, 1645 Commerce Park Dr., Chelsea, Michigan. Just north of I-94 at exit #159 (M-52). From 9am until 3pm. Admission \$3.00. Children under 16 free. Food available on premises. Also offering lightning rod balls, weathervanes, advertising, telephony, railroad, and tabletop antiques. Info: MIKE BRUNER ([abbott4girl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:abbott4girl@sbcglobal.net)) or ROD KRUPKA (248-627-6351 or [rod.krupka@yahoo.com](mailto:rod.krupka@yahoo.com)).

**NOVEMBER 4-6, 2016 (Friday-Sunday)**

**SPRINGFIELD, OHIO**

The 46th Mid-Ohio Insulator Show will be held November 4-6 at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield, Ohio. Show hours are Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Saturday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday from 9:00 AM to closing. Info: CURT BOSTER email: [cboster530@att.net](mailto:cboster530@att.net) or 614-301-5125 or LOIS BLAIR 740-852-3148. Additional info at: [www.insulators.info/shows/springfield](http://www.insulators.info/shows/springfield)

**DECEMBER 4, 2016 (Sunday)**

**ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club's Fourth Annual "BEAT THE SNOW" Insulator, Bottle, and Tabletop Collectibles Show and Sale. American Legion Hall, 566 Enfield Street (US Route 5), Enfield, Connecticut 06082. Insulators, bottles, jars, lightning rod equipment, flasks, stoneware, telephone & telegraph collectibles, railroadiana, advertising & paper ephemera, and other small table top antiques & collectibles. 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 1PM. Please note the new earlier show end time! Dealer Setup 6AM to 8AM. FREE ADMISSION. Room for 40+ sales tables. For a dealer contract, display information, or any other details - please contact JOHN RAJPOLT (203) 261-1190. E-Mail: [rajpolt@earthlink.net](mailto:rajpolt@earthlink.net)

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