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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello again from the North Woods. It seems like forever since our last show around here. I'm really looking forward to the 1986 show season!

As you are aware, the year of 1986 will be election time for two NIA positions, Eastern Region Vice-President and NIA President. I feel that it is time to move along, so I will not be looking for a second term as NIA President. I DO plan on staying active in the organization however, God willing. Anyway, please take a moment to study the enclosed ballot information, and do be sure to vote.

Please note that it is dues time again. The new membership fee is now \$8.00. This will take your membership thru March 31, 1987. We cannot pay for all our postage costs without this fee, so please renew your membership as soon as possible.

We have added some additional travel promotions for NIA members. These will apply to the regional and national shows. You will find this information in Kevin's report. Don't forget that we are receiving an association discount from ALAMO Rent-a-Car. Be sure to take advantage of these rates whenever you travel.

I received many responses in regards to the possibility of a change in the NIA logo. I have appointed a committee to study the matter further, please forward to me any suggestions. As always, let me know what's on your mind. I'll keep you posted as necessary in future DRIP POINTS issues.

That's all for now. I'll see you at a Spring show!

Mike Bruner

FROM THE TREASURER:

Renewals are starting to pour in now, and they are keeping me off the street nights. Typically I receive 6 to 10 applications a day, so frequently I may be getting behind in my work. Please bear with me.

I wish to thank all of you who were alert and thoughtful enough to send in dues reflecting the new amounts. We didn't make it easy on you, as we should have amended this renewal blank in the Winter DRIP POINTS to show the new dues structure.

A thank you too, to all those who mailed in last's amount, and then kindly remitted the difference.

Remember that beginning this year, the membership directory will not be issued in March. Discussion between the NIA and CROWN JEWELS has resulted in the directory being published in the fall. This will allow the directory to be a great deal more accurate.

Sincerely,

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dear Friends:

I can't believe how busy things have been this year. I have been spending a lot of time working on the 17th National Show, and John DeSousa worked overtime to get our packets out! We have a few neat things that we're planning for the show. First, we have scheduled the NIA meeting for 4:30 P.M. on Friday, July 11, at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, just after the doors close, so there won't be a mad rush for dinner and another mad rush to the meeting! I had thought about scheduling an NIA Night at the Races (Saratoga Harness Track) but decided against it. However, there is ample time on Friday evening for individuals to make post-time (8.00 P.M.). The banquet should, as usual, be the highlight of the convention and probably will set an attendance record, to boot! Just in case you haven't heard it before, get your reservations in early (including hotel!). Finally, I am working with a few hearty souls in putting together a display room at the National Bottle Museum in Ballston Spa, with insulators, their history and use as the main theme! MAKE SURE YOU PLAN TO VISIT THE MUSEUM DURING YOUR TRIP EAST, THIS SUMMER - IT'S ONLY 10 MINUTES AWAY FROM SARATOGA SPRINGS!

In the last issue of DRIP POINTS, we included a form for the Seldom Seen Display for prospective contributors - however, the information sheet was left out! Please find it enclosed with this issue, and consider entering some of your rarities and SELDOM SEEN insulators for everyone to enjoy, as many of you already have!

At this late date, I have not received ANY formal bids for the 1987 shows, but I have a few feelers and hope to have some bids soon. I most DEFINITELY want to hear from ANYONE who has an interest in the 1987 National (Western), Central Regional and Eastern Regional. Don't wait - start planning NOW!

Finally, I've saved the best for last. I have negotiated with a convention service, CONFERENCE AIR SERVICES, INC., from Alexandria, VA, for special air fares for all THREE 1986 NIA SHOWS! As an NIA member traveling to the Enumclaw Western Regional, Omaha Central Regional or the Saratoga Springs National, you will be entitled to the special NIA rate of up to 5% BELOW ULTRA SUPER SAVER RATES! Toll free 800 numbers make this an easy and cost effective way to get to your choice of NIA shows! I urge anyone thinking of attending any of the NIA's 1986 shows to consider this as their best choice of air accomodations! Information sheets are included with this issue of DRIP POINTS, with detailed instructions on the Conference Air Services NIA package.

This will continue to be a busy year for me and, good or bad, I'm going to have a rigorous travel schedule this year, including the Las Vegas Bottle Show, Yankee Polecat Show in Marlborough, CT (Apr 6), GVBCA show in Rochester, NY (Apr 27), Omaha Central Regional (May 10-11), and National Bottle Museum show in Saratoga Springs (June 1) - ALL before the National! I can't expect everyone to overdo it like I do, but when there IS a show nearby - Support it by attending!

Good Collecting,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin F. Lawless". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

FROM THE EASTERN REGION VICE-PRESIDENT:

The 17th NIA National is just around the corner. Don't wait till the last minute to make your reservations. Saratoga is a very popular summer vacation area and accommodations fill quickly.

Response to the show and table reservations are coming in fast. This is a good indication that the 17th NIA National will be the best and biggest show ever. Kevin, Doug and I are doing everything we can to bring this true. Tables are still available, but selling quickly. Don't be disappointed - write to me today.



"See you in Saratoga"

FROM THE CENTRAL REGION VICE-PRESIDENT:

I don't have too much to report this time, except that the Central Regional is just around the corner and anyone that's planning on attending had better get some reservations made. Motel rooms are going fast, due to horse racing season and Paul Ickes reports that sales tables are going at a pretty good rate.

Also, Kevin Lawless still needs bids for a Central Regional site for 1987. Come on guys, I know there are some great possibilities out there, Let's get those bids in.

I hope to see a good turnout at Omaha, so we'll see you there - and then on to the National.



FROM THE FIRST PAST PRESIDENT;

Here's an update on the big Seldom Seen Display to be featured at the 17th National Convention in Saratoga Springs, NY on July 11-13, 1986.

We thought you would like to know that already several collectors have written in offering a fantastic array of rare and seldom seen insulators for your enjoyment and education at the show.

Five lighted cases, holding approximately sixty insulators each, will comprise this fantastic exhibit. Show Host Kevin Lawless tells us that there should be additional space available on either side of each case. We will have constant security, so your treasures will be perfectly safe!

All contributors have received an acknowledgement. So far we have 150 items offered, but we still have room for your insulators, so fill out the form that you will find in this issue, and mail it to me at 14715 Oak Bend Drive, Houston, TX 77079. We promise you that this will be absolutely the most *awesome* display you have seen in all of your collecting years!! But don't wait too long and be disappointed, because space is limited. Remember the deadline for entries--May 1st.

Marilyn Albers

FROM THE ETHICS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Please be advised that the membership in the National Insulator Association has been revoked for Mike Collier, NIA #3435. Mr. Collier is listed in the 1985 NIA Directory (Crown Jewels, March 1985) as #363 at a Fort Myers Beach, Florida address, and also as #795 at a Germantown, New York address.

Mr. Collier's membership has been revoked due to his lack of payment in dealings with other NIA members. Should Mr. Collier rectify these situations, you will be notified of his reinstatement.

JOHN MCDUGALD

NOTICE:

THE COMBINED NIA/CJ SUBSCRIBERS DIRECTORY FOR 1986
WILL BE IN THE OCTOBER 86' ISSUES NOT THE MARCH
ISSUE AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

FROM THE SHOW STANDARDS CHAIRMAN:

Hi everybody, how was your Easter Holiday? I hope the Easter Bunny was nice to you and brought you a surprise insulator.

Do you suffer from houseitis? If so, I have a suggestion that might help. Why not declare the month of May to be "Insulator Search Month"? The objective would be for each of us to locate and acquire one new addition for our collection. How are we going to attempt this? Since the weather is sure to be lousy, we will have to use locating methods other than walking the lines, and driving all the backroads. (At least--most of us will!)

Here are a few locating methods to consider:

1. Your city newspaper. Mabey this would be the time to run a classified want ad.
2. Neighborhood give-away publications. Most of these are printed weekly, and ads are quite cheap.
3. Morning radio shows that allow buyers and sellers free radio time to advertise.
4. Contact some dormant collectors. To locate them, go back through your old copies of "CJ" magazine, and search for past collectors that are no longer active. Or, perhaps you can remember names of collectors from years ago you have lost track of. If you could re-locate them, they might be able to refer you to an acquaintance who has some insulators or mabey they may be willing to sell some insulators that they saved themselves.

5. Year round flea markets. This is the time of year to check all types of second hand stores.

Now - here's a secret - but don't tell anyone! When I discussed this article with Mike Bruner, he got really excited. He thought it was such a good idea, he decided to rent a full size billboard out on the highway right next to his house. Boy - is he gung-ho!

Keep your eyes open this spring, and I wish you good luck with your search!

Charlie Allmon

FROM THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Dear Fellow N.I.A. Members:

Enclosed in this issue of DRIP POINTS are the ballots for the positions of N.I.A. President (to be voted on by all eligible N.I.A. Members), and Eastern Region Vice-President (to be voted on by all eligible N.I.A. Members living in the Eastern Region of the U.S. and Canada). Also enclosed in this issue is an addressed envelope to send your ballot, to be returned to me by June 1, 1986.

I am looking forward to a good response from all of you, so take a few minutes out and mark your ballot.

The results of the election will be announced at the 1986 National Insulator Convention in Saratoga Springs, New York on July 11, 1986.



Russ Hughes #2059

NIA PRESIDENT ELECTION

CANDIDATE: Kevin Lawless, Schenectady, NY

Dear fellow NIA members:

I am seeking the position of NIA President, and I'd like to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me. My name is Kevin Lawless and I'm from Schenectady, New York. I will be 32 years old in July and am presently a telecommunications systems consultant with Wildec Technical Service, Inc.

I have been an active NIA member (NIA #1679) and insulator collector since 1977 and have amassed a fine collection of insulators and friends in this hobby. For the past four years, I have served the NIA as its Executive Director and I feel that the Presidency of the NIA is the challenge I should take on now. I have attended seven of the past nine National Shows. I will be co-hosting the 1986 National Show and Sale in Saratoga Springs, New York.

In the nine years I have been in the insulator-collecting hobby, I have seen the ups and downs created by recession, job shortages and fuel crises, yet the biggest problem the NIA really faces continues to be apathy by its members. There are quite a few fine insulator clubs and a good deal more quality bottle and collectibles clubs with more than token insulator representation, but many collectors seem to be taking these local clubs for granted. The result has been stagnation. I probably set up at or attend more shows now than practically anyone in the country - but I have heard basically the same thing all over: although there are a great many new collectors, there is a shortage of people to help get things done,



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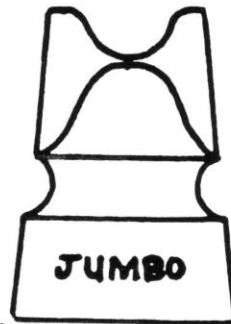
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Lightning Rod Balls

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-Anything...

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THE 17TH ANNUAL NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, SHOW AND SALE will be held at the brand new SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY CENTER, 522 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, New York, on:

Friday, July 11, 1986 - 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. (NIA members, only)

(Non-members may join at the door. Annual dues are \$8.00)

Saturday, July 12, 1986 - 9 A.M. - 3 P.M. (OPEN TO ALL - FREE ADMISSION!)

Sunday, July 13, 1986 - 9 A.M. - 3 P.M. (OPEN TO ALL - FREE ADMISSION!)

(July 10, 1986 - 2 P.M. - 6 P.M. Dealer Unloading/Display Set-Up)

(July 11, 1986 - 6 A.M. - 10 A.M. Dealer & Display Set-Up)

The convention headquarters will be the beautiful RAMADA RENAISSANCE HOTEL, 534 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866. (Attached to the City Center!) Special NIA Convention rates will be arranged, and other lodging will also be available. Campers will be able to stay at nearby campgrounds and not miss the action.

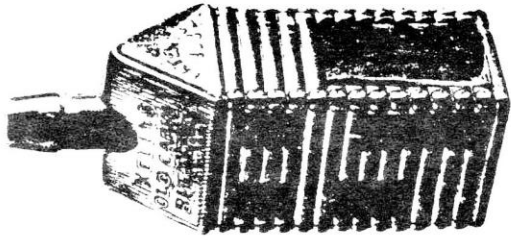
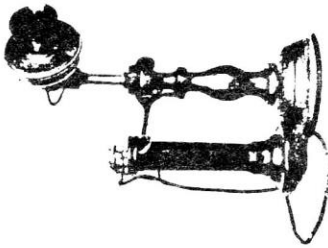
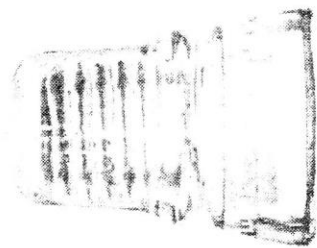
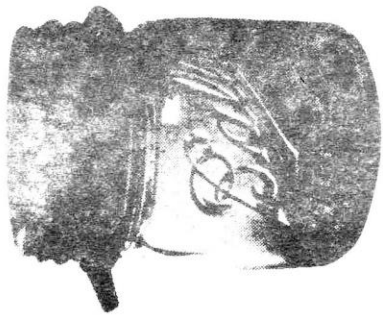
This show will feature 200 tables of INSULATORS, BOTTLES, ADVERTISING, TELEPHONE ARTIFACTS, RAILROAD COLLECTIBLES, LIGHTNING ROD EQUIPMENT, STONEWARE, JARS, etc., etc.... In addition, many other special features are planned or available, including:

1. A giant display featuring seldom seen, rare and unusual insulators. Any glass, porcelain, threaded, threadless, foreign or American insulator will be welcome, just as long as it's "Seldom Seen!" Marilyn Albers and Jeff McCurdy will be handling specifics and coordinating the Display. It will take a lot of work, but we're going to try to top "Herkimer's Threadless" and "Sacramento's Californias"! Space for 25-30 displays will also be provided. All NIA judging categories will be acceptable for exhibits.
2. An "NIA Night at the Races" is anticipated for Friday, July 11 at the Saratoga Harness Track. This will not conflict with either the Show or the NIA General Assembly. The General Assembly will be held at 4:30 P.M. at the Ramada Hotel. Post time is around 8:00 P.M., leaving plenty of time for dinner, etc.
3. The National Bottle Museum is located just minutes away in Ballston Spa. All insulator and bottle collectors should visit this tribute to glass. Special tour hours may be arranged.
4. The NIA Banquet will be held at the Ramada Hotel on Saturday, July 12, featuring a delicious sit-down meal with room for 250 attendees. The famous Jerry Turner Awards will be included, of course!

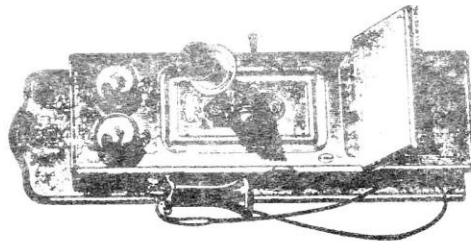
Dealer/Display Information Packets will be available around 1-15-86 from the SHOW HOSTS:

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Regular updates may also be seen in "CROWN JEWELS OF THE WIRE", "ANTIQUE BOTTLE & GLASS COLLECTOR" and the NIA's newsletter, "DRIP POINTS". **SEE YOU IN SARATOGA SPRINGS!**



The 17th Annual National Insulator Association Convention and Giant Antique Collectibles Show & Sale



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522 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY

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