

Drip Points



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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

This will be the last issue of *Drip Points* you receive unless you renew your membership for 1993...

The Editor says "*Dropping people from the rolls is ugly ... it's a dirty job ... but I do what I gotta do!*"

Send renewal to John de Sousa, 5 Brownstone Rd., East Granby, CT 06026. Reg: \$10.00/yr, Family: \$10.00/yr, Proxy ballot for add. family member: \$1.00, Junior: \$4.00/yr

Make plans to attend:

1993 NIA CENTRAL REGIONAL - April 17-19, Mission, Kansas

1993 NIA NATIONAL - July 2-4, Denver Colorado

1993 NIA EASTERN REGIONAL - Sept. 25-26, Kulpsville, Pennsylvania

From the NIA President

Greetings to all NIA Members,

1993 is well under way and appears to hold a bright future for our hobby. Three excellent NIA sanctioned Regional and National shows are being prepared just for you. 1993 also marks a very special anniversary for the NIA. Yes, the NIA--founded at the Hutchinson, Kansas Show on July 7, 1973--will be celebrating its 20th year of existence at this year's National in Denver, Co. The NIA would like to encourage all insulator enthusiasts, particularly its members, to make diligent plans to attend this special celebration.

The library book donor program is moving along with tremendous success. This is a pleasant indication that a fair number of you have a genuine interest in educating the public of our hobby. Educational programs--such as this one and the many more to come--are sure to make a significant impact in the future stability and prosperity of our hobby. Are you lacking in the numbers of collectors and insulator related activities in the area where you live? Try promoting the hobby in your area through education and sharing. Place a book in your local library. Inquire about exhibiting at your local museum, library, fair, etc. One very effective means of educating is by offering lectures to your local clubs and organizations. The possibilities of sparking new interests in our hobby are out there, so take advantage of them. The NIA, through its promotions and education committee, is working on several educational projects that will eventually be of great benefit to its membership. Stay tuned!

Are you often confused with how to grade insulators for a sales or trade list? On the last page of your NIA membership handbook you will find the *NIA Grading Standards*. You will note that the description of *Near Mint* should be applied to an insulator with "very minor types of damage which detract very little from its appearance." I have often seen insulators graded at NM with considerable damage. If you read in your handbook under the heading of *Damaged*, you will find a sensible rule of thumb in the grading of insulators. It reads in part: "If defects are large enough to affect desirability of the specimen or decrease its monetary value significantly, you should describe the defects, **even if briefly**," If we all adopt and use these standards it will eliminate possible disputes that might develop from misrepresented items.

I'd like to remind those of you that are affiliated with your local club or private insulator/hobby shows, that NIA sanctioning is available for your show upon request. Sanctioning is granted to shows where insulator activity is more than just incidental. NIA show sanctioning is achieved by contacting the NIA President with the details of your show plans. You may also request and NIA exhibitor's ribbon by contacting the Show Standards Chairman, Rick Baldwin.

For further information on the benefits of NIA sanctioning, please refer to your membership handbook (rev. 2/92), pg. 9, and pg. 20.

A new exhibitor's award will be offered on an annual basis at the NIA National conventions. The Central & Southern Counties Insulator Club (California) is now offering a unique trophy for the best use of Southern California glass, namely: Maydwell; Mclaughlin; and California Glass Insulator Co. These three insulator manufacturing plants were once located in the Southern California area. Grant Salzman, of the Nor Cal Club, has challenged other clubs for several years to top his club's classy EC&M trophy. Well, Grant, you just might finally have a run for your money! (Other clubs, are you listening?)

The position of Western Region VP will be open this year. If you live in the western region of the U. S. or Canada, now is the time to submit your name to the Nominations Chairman.

Hey, what's happening out there in insulardom. Any new (or old) digs, hunts, finds, or research to brag about? We'd like to hear about it! Juniors, we'd like to hear from you too! Send your stories, etc., to Information Director, Don Reinke, for inclusion in the next *Drip Points*.

In closing, I'd like to remind those of you that haven't found time to renew your membership for 1993 to please do so, as you are currently delinquent. Your support is the backbone of this organization, and without it the hobby will surely suffer. One final note: Please don't wait until the Friday morning of the National to pay your dues. This is always a busy time for all those involved and delinquent dues' renewals just add unneeded frustrations to an otherwise enjoyable event. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Joyous collecting to all,



Dwayne Anthony, NIA #3619
President, 1992-1994

**NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR
THE POSITION OF
WESTERN REGION VICE-PRESIDENT**

*If you are interested, contact the Nominations Chairman
Duane Davenport, P.O. Box 708, Cedar Crest, NM 87008*



FROM THE EASTERN REGION V.P.

A great fall & a dull winter so far. The fall was a real zinger with the Keene NH bottle show, the CDIC show in Albany and although not in the eastern region, the Central Regional at London, OH. The CDIC show was a sellout, sales brisk all day, sales hall crowded all day long and a virtual stockpile of boxes of giveaways at the door. Lots of old timers there and a whole gaggle of new collectors shared in the constant activity and enthusiasm of the day. I couldn't help but be reminded of the almost fever pitch that accompanied many of the old shows. And the London Show-what a winner! It was like having two nationals in one year. Even our little Turkey Time show in November had three of us with insulator tables and a lot of action. Look for the late winter and spring to bring on some good action at the St. Petersburg Bottle show, the Chesapeake Bay Club Insulator show, Yankee Polecat Show and the Rochester NY (GVBCA) Bottle show. Plan on making the Eastern regional at Kulpville, PA in September; a definite must. **Hey out there in the east; we need someone to think about getting together an NIA regional for 1994.**

How about a few odd items of interest or worthy of consideration?

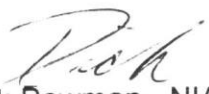
1. Did you receive some broken insulators by UPS? You as the receiver should not file the claim. Save the merchandise and all the packaging and tell the person you bought them from or traded with about the problem. It is incumbent upon the SHIPPER to file the claim and to settle with you. Hold the merchandise at least until a UPS rep has inspected it as part of the claim process. They are pretty good on claims, but if the receiver tries to file it screws it up.

2. What to clean insulators with? I'm constantly asked. I personally use a solution of sodium hydroxide (same as lye or caustic soda). It's reasonably easy to work with, loosens the crud after a 24-48 hour soak, is safe with carnival glass, but not so good with rust marks. Oxalic acid is supposed to be quite good and reputedly gets the rust marks out. Muriatic acid is pretty good for crud loosening, but will create a corrosive atmosphere in the area and is a little trickier to work with. Muriatic is also a carnival glass killer if too strong or in too long. With any of the above, wear rubber gloves, eye protection and have running water nearby in case of a splash.

3. Want information from other collectors or dealers? It's a nice gesture and perhaps a matter of courtesy to send a self addressed stamped envelope. It generally guarantees you a reply and perhaps a more prompt & complete one. The stamps add up after awhile.

4. Are you a slow pay or worst yet, a no pay? A pox unto you. Our hobby is unique with the large measures of trust that are involved with sending sale merchandise or trade pieces prior to receipt of any remuneration. Let's keep that trust and send payment upon order. Invoicing or chasing after people for payment is not a cherished activity. Perennial slow pays can look forward to being cut off or being told "I'm sorry the item is sold" with regularity. The same point can be made for returning merchandise promptly. "No pays" are just plain no-nos in the hobby.

Get out and hit the shows and good collecting.


Dick Bowman, NIA #59
Eastern Region Vice-President

Central Regional V.P.

As I write, much of the country is still in the grips of winter weather. Blah! Plus, now that all the fun and excitement of Christmas and New Years celebrations are over, we're just plain depressed. Double Blah!! But don't lose heart - Spring is just around the corner and every insulator collector knows what that means. The crackle of excitement will soon fill the air as we anticipate Springs shows in our area and make plans to attend. This time, we say, we'll find that elusive insulator we have been looking for, and maybe some we didn't even know existed! How's that for a quick cure? It works every time.

The Central Region has several good shows scheduled during the next few months:

Fort Worth, TX - March 13

Port Arthur, TX - March 20-21

Carol Stream, IL - April 2-3

**National Insulator Association 1993 Central
Region Show, Mission, KS - April 17-18**

Columbia City, IN - May 15-16

**24th National Insulator Association NATIONAL
Show and Sale, Denver, CO - July 2-4**

There has been a real campaign going on lately to promote our hobby. One of its slogans is SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SHOWS. Remember that simply *attending* a show is support. It is not necessary to set up a sales table. Just walk in that door. Be there. Look around, you'll find something you can't live without, I promise you. And most of all *talk* about your good luck and the fun you had, share it with others who couldn't be there. They'll be first in line next time! That's precisely how good shows grow from year to year. Look at the annual Bakersfield Show in California and the London, Ohio Show. Both started out as small shows, but collectors keep coming back year after year, bringing with them people who heard they were missing out by not attending.

So how else can we encourage interest in our hobby? Why not donate a hardbound copy of the McDougald book and the accompanying Price Guide to your local library and offer to put up an informative display there as well. Place some of your insulators on consignment in shops where antiques are sold and keep them supplied with brochures for CROWN JEWELS magazine, the NIA, your local club, fliers of upcoming insulator shows in the area, etc. Leave a stack of show fliers with a few dealers when you visit a flea market. If you belong to a garden club or similar organization, volunteer to give a program on insulators at some future meeting. Pack some insulators and your current

CROWN JEWELS directory when you are travelling and take the time to call a couple of local collectors. They will be delighted and you will enjoy seeing their collection. You are sure to learn something you didn't know before and may even do some trading. Contact other collectors near you and organize an insulator club. Host a show and send a written report with photos to the local newspaper. Better still, invite them to come and see for themselves what insulators are all about. The write-up of the National Show in Orlando, Florida, June 19-21, 1992, which appeared in the Orlando Sentinel was made available by Wire Services to other newspapers. I personally received copies from friends in Colorado and Calgary, Alberta who saw that same article in their local newspapers. The avenues of opportunity are endless. You know "George" is never going to get around to any of this. THE HOBBY NEEDS YOU!!

Keep looking up and Happy Collecting!

Marilyn Albers

Marilyn Albers NIA #541

1992-3 SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT
NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION

<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	10-1-92	\$6,976.85
<u>REVENUES</u>		\$1,641.50
MEMBERSHIP DUES	1,304.00	
INTEREST	36.00	
NIA PRODUCT SALES	301.50	
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		(\$1,715.19)
DRIP POINTS	389.95	
POSTAGE	505.55	
SUPPLIES/PRINTING	307.30	
TELEPHONE	240.72	
AWARDS	266.39	
DIRECTORY-SUBSIDY	205.02	
CROWN JEWELS REFUNDS	46.00	
<u>BALANCE</u>	12-31-92	\$6,903.16

Respectfully Submitted,

Ross E. Huth
Ross E. Huth, Treasurer

Western Regional V.P.

Not much new in the area. Just waiting for the National in Denver! There is going to be the 4th Annual Emerald City Insulator swap and pot luck.

On Saturday, February 27th at Jack Hare's house in Seattle, the northwest bunch will again get together for food, swapping (stories and insulators), and fun. I doubt whether this Drip Points will be out in time to do anyone any good. We will be thinking of you all though. We are priming ourselves for the Enumclaw Show.

The world famous Northwest Collectors show and sale is May 1-2 this year. If you are even remotely thinking about heading out to Washington, DON'T MISS THIS SHOW! Ask the McDougalds or Bernie Warren about how good the show is.

If I don't see you there, see you in Denver.

Good Collecting,
Steve Watkins

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A NOTE FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

I can't believe how fast 1992 went; and now with the '93 membership renewals coming in it's keeping me in out of the cold. I knew there was a real reason for the change! It was a pleasure to receive cards and notes with your renewals; I want to thank you all ever so much.

With the changing of the membership calendar year from April 1st to January 1st your membership will overlap three months. To compensate this; paid up 1992 members renewing will receive a coupon for \$2.50 (\$1.00 for juniors). This coupon is good towards next years renewal or any of the NIA promotional items on the pink flier enclosed with your membership card.

If you have not renewed you membership, this will be your last "Drip Points". You don't want to be left out on any NIA announcements, so please fill out the form below and mail it today. Don't wait until the day of the National Show; you'll be waiting in line, while others are in the hall. The NIA is working for you, and it's you the members that keeps your hobby alive.

Please don't forget to send me your address change if you have moved. This will insure that your address will be correct in the Directory and delivery of Drip Points. It cost the NIA a considerable amount of money to have your address sent back after the Post Office has forwarded Drip Points to your new address.

Good Collecting,

John de Sousa, NIA #419

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to 1993 and a great line-up of NIA shows. The major show circuit starts April 17-18 with the Central Regional Show at the Mission Holiday Inn, Kansas City, Missouri. Chris Hedges, NIA Historian, will be hosting the show with assistance from the Missouri Valley Insulator Club. It's been twenty-one years since Kansas City hosted a major NIA show (the 1972 National) so mark this one on your calendar and help get the 1993 major show circuit off to a great start. Geographically speaking, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to find a more 'Central' Regional than this show.

The 24th NIA National Show and Convention will be held at the Sheraton-Denver Tech Center in Denver, Colorado on July 2-4. The newly formed Triple Ridge Insulator Club will be hosting the show with Al Perry, Mike Bliss and Jeff Powers providing the leadership. This show is really shaping up as a great national and will definitely add sparkle to Denver's July 4th celebration. This will be Denver's second national show (1979) and it is sure to be a sell-out so get your table reservations in early. Make sure you provide some extra time before or after the show to enjoy the spectacular Denver-Rocky Mountain area with your family.

The Eastern Regional Show makes a return visit to the Towamencin Fire Company Social Hall in Kulpsville, Pennsylvania on September 25-26. Steve Bobb and Claude Wambold will again be the capable co-hosts for this show as they have been for several previous Kulpsville regionals. Again, this is a great show that draws heavily from the large number of collectors in the Northeast and Ohio Valley areas so get your reservations in early if you want a table.

The above three shows are the major NIA shows for 1993 but there are a lot of other fine insulator shows being held around the country. Your support and participation is really needed at these shows so please check the upcoming show schedule in Crown Jewels and attend as many shows as you can.

1994 Show Bids:

I'm pleased to report that a bid has been received from the Central Region for the 1994 National Show and Convention, assuring that this national show will be held in the Central Region. Additional bids from the Central Region for the 1994 National Show are welcome and will be accepted until the April 1 deadline.

Bids are now actively being solicited for the 1994 Eastern and Western Regional Shows. Please call me at (907) 562-4537 or write for a bid packet or additional information. I would like to request that all regional bids be submitted to me by June 1, 1993 so that the winning bids can be announced at the Denver National.


Bernard L. Warren, NIA #1828

INSU-LETTERS



(from **Gary Short** - Chapmansboro TN)

Dear Don,

I have spoken to the people on the list you sent me, and we would like to begin a club in the middle Tennessee area. We need help getting started ...

If you could send me some information about forming a club, I will begin to organize. We would like to be sanctioned by the NIA.

{I included this letter from Gary because I think that there are probably a number of people out there with the same question. First, the NIA does sanction local clubs. The requirements are spelled out in the NIA by-laws in Article II, No. 3.0. Interested clubs just need to send a copy of their by-laws to the NIA for board approval. You can mail your by-laws to the NIA President: Dwayne Anthony, 1066 Scenic Dr., San Bernardino, CA 92408-1818.

If anyone from a chapter would like to send Gary some information - his address is 1108 Ellis Ct., Chapmansboro TN, 37035.

One last item ... the way that Gary is trying to organize a club works! We got our local club going by sending out notices of meetings/swap meets to all of the names from this area that are listed in the Crown Jewels directory... ed.}



DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER AND A MODEM?

*{This letter from **David McGee** Of Tuscaloosa, AL has some good information for NIA members who would like to correspond via modem.}*

Dear Mr. Reinke,

Thank you very much for taking time out the other night to talk to me. After we talked, I logged on to America On-line and asked a person who worked there about the possibility of the NIA having "meetings" there. It appears that no permission is necessary! America On-line is a service that anyone with a computer and a modem can log onto. It offers large libraries of public domain software for various computer platforms. The main communication area is designed so that a person can go from room to room. Each "room" is titled, giving information as to what is going on in the room. For instance, we would have a room called "NIA," or "Insulators are us." Anyone can enter a

room. Anyone can create a new room. What's more, private rooms can be created. Private rooms can be entered by anyone who knows the name of the room. But the room names are not listed, so they are for the most part confidential. A private room name could be sent members via e-mail so that a member would know what room to come to.

So what's the down side you ask? Well, first there is the requirement of a computer and a modem. Many people have them and many do not. Some only have them at work. The second is the fee. America On-line (AOL) distributes its software for free. The first month comes with 5 free hours of on-line time. This is plenty of time for someone to become familiar with the AOL system. After the first month, the fee is \$7.95 per month. That \$7.95 includes 2 hours of time. So, for \$7.95, one gets 2 hours to use as they please on-line. After the 2 hours, the rates are \$.10 a minute (\$6.00/ hour). The advantage I see is that we could have informal meetings every couple of weeks or so. People would no longer have to rely on classified ads to do their buying/selling/trading. Questions could be quickly answered, and best of all, we would meet other NIA members. AOL has a very nice electronic mail system (e-mail). Members could send out messages to all collectors at once, or through their own database, send messages to all members west of the Mississippi that collect blue Hemingray insulators with sharp drip points. Its amazing and surprisingly easy. I hope this info is useful to you. Maybe a notice in Drip Points would spark a little interest. And remember, AOL is not just the US and Canada, but the whole world. Obviously our friends in Australia might have a little conflict with the hours that we meet, but e-mail capabilities and all the other benefits are the same for them. If you would like a free copy to try, let me know and I'll have one sent to you. Feel free to publish my name and number in Drip Points to anyone who has questions about the service or would like a copy of the software.

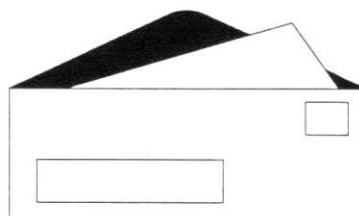
Sincerely,
David McGee, NIA #5175

{Any interest out there? You can contact David at 618 12th Street Apt. CC, Tuscaloosa, AL 25401.

One related item that is food for thought ... many library card catalogs are now accessible via modem. Check the on-line services for the availability of library searches. You can scan for such key words as insulator, telegraph, glass, porcelain, Hemingray, drip point (you never know...), etc. I've found a number of interesting references via our local network and am finding more and more library systems appearing on the network. Check it out!... ed.}

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From the Promotions and Education Department:

Since last time, a little progress has occurred, but not as much as I'd like. We have received another donation, this time of \$200, from Ken and Carolyn Merritt from Carnegie, OK, along with their volunteering to assist this committee. I have also spoken with most of the Board members and plan on tapping their brains from time to time, as well as getting more volunteers for specific projects.

There are very specific needs for the various projects this committee will be undertaking. In no specific order:

A visible press release for use by show hosts should be professionally written: concise, educational and interesting. PROFESSIONALLY shot and reproduced color and black and white photographs in sufficient variety must be available for those show hosts. THE NIA NEEDS: a strong writer; a strong photographer.

A brochure, in full-color, is to be produced for mass distribution. Again, the **needs** are: a photographer; layout artist and contacts with a marketing expert. I have already been in contact with an outside consultant in this area, but inside expertise would be nice.

A plan for distribution of Crown Jewels must be made. This one could be done by a specific person, but organization must be planned and carried out - AND maintained. Perhaps the NIA Book Donor program could be merged into this sub-committee. Needs: Volunteers?

An organized marketing campaign for non-insulator markets must be established, budgeted and MAINTAINED. I am working on that for the time being, but will look for someone to replace me when the time comes. This should include paid and free advertising in "Crown Jewels", "Rainbow Riders", the bottle magazines, and antique trade papers; perhaps, in railroad, telephone, utilities, trade papers, too! **Needs:** more input for lists of contacts, volunteers) to take over.

The long-term goal I would like to see accomplished is the production of a series of educational videos for distribution (or sale) for public presentations. In a nutshell, the **needs** are: a professional videographer, script-writing, ideas for subjects.

The timetable: a news-release available and a plan for book/magazine donations and distribution by the Denver National in July; a brochure in calendar 1993; our first video in 1994!

As an organization, the NIA REALLY needs your collective physical and intellectual input, much more than monetarily input right now (that need will come later!) In the meantime, I will be seeing you at: **Enfield, CT** (Yankee Pled Cats Show) in March **Kansas City** (Central Regional) in April, **Denver** (the National) in July, **Kulpsville, PA** (Eastern Regional) in September, **London, OH** (Mid-Ohio Show) in November.

Good collecting,
Kevin F. Lawless, NIA # 1679

ONLY 20 STATES LEFT

Seventeen more donors to add to the list and three more states with at least one copy of the McDougald's insulator book. How about some of the people in the shaded states (see the map below) jumping on this one-time great offer. If you notice a neighboring state that doesn't have a copy, how about being a friendly neighbor and supplying a copy to their capital city library?

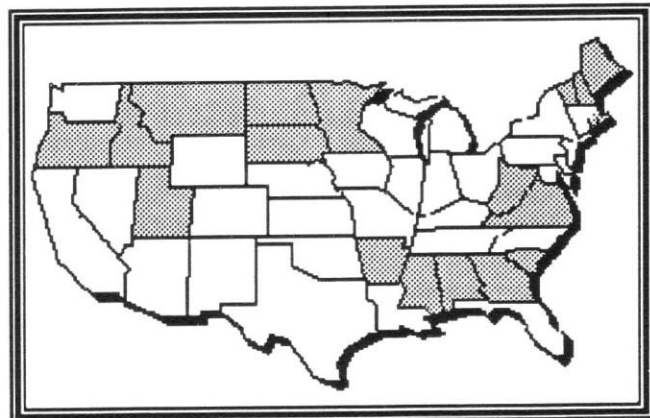
As of October 15th, 91 books have been donated to libraries and museums in 30 different states! That means there are only 20 states left which haven't received the donation of at least one book to a public library or museum. Please consider making a contribution of a book to a library soon as there are only about forty books left. That allows only for 20 sets for collectors who buy a copy for themselves. If you've been thinking of participating in the program, please don't delay there aren't many opportunities left. Please use the order form included in this issue ... it will probably be your last chance.

Thank you in advance!
Mike Guthrie, Program Coordinator

States that need a book: (shaded states plus Hawaii) - note: Alaska has a donor

Recent Donors:

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| Wayne Wanechek | King County WA |
| Fred Padgett | Livermore CA |
| Steve Viola | San Jose CA |
| David and Suzanne Potts | Woodland CA |
| Lawson Mcghee Library | Knoxville TN |
| Jeff Kaminski | Ware MA |
| Robert Virtue | Sycamore IL |
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MIKE SAYS - "WE NEED MORE DONORS"

LIBRARY BOOK ORDER FORM

YES ! I would like to donate a copy of McDougald's books on glass insulators from North America to my local library.

Please send _____ copies of the book to the following library (please duplicate the information for more than one library):

Library Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number of librarian:(_____)_____

YES NO Do you want your phone no. placed in the donated copy if the library will permit ?

For each library copy ordered enclose \$50.50 (\$45.00 plus \$5.50 shipping)
Please make check or money order payable to: "The McDougalds" but mail to Program Coordinator, listed below.

Please send _____ personal copies of the book to:

Collector's Name: _____

Mailing Address (UPS): _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number:(_____)_____

Remember, personal copies of the hardbound book can only be purchased with a library copy.

For each set of books (i.e. one library copy and one personal copy) ordered enclose \$111.00 (\$100.00 plus \$11.00 shipping)
Please make check or money order payable to: "The McDougalds" but mail to Program Coordinator, listed below.

Total amount enclosed with this order:

_____ library copies at \$50.50 each for a total of _____

_____ library & personal copies at \$111.00 each for a total of _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED....._____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !

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THE PLACE TO BE IN '93 -DENVER NATIONAL NEWSLETTER-
HEY THERE- HI THERE - HO THERE ! No ,no ,no you big dummy....that was last years chant in Disney World. Oh...uh, sorry 'bout that.

Anyway, the N.I.A. National in Denver is going to set a great pace for all concerned. Here's just a few of the goings-on.....

There will be a display, (in a prominent place in the hall entrance) a secured exhibit for insulators bearing the patent date May 2,1893, and in it will be seldom seen items. This is to commemorate the 100th anniversary for those funny bumps on the bottoms of some insulators we've come to cherish.

Anyone with seldom seen 1893 dated pieces, that would be gracious enough to share them with John Q. Public in a secure location, please contact the coordinators for the display-Bill and Jill Meier (Hemingray specialists) at 508-369-0208.

In recent years, the Denver glass has become extremely popular. So we have planned educational seminars to bring to light the many facets of the history attributed to the manufacturing of Denver insulators. You will see they are as fascinating as any turn of the century glass houses making insulators (people have reserved, for all to enjoy, display spaces for Denver glass collections which have been rated the best in the west by test!) We are proud to announce we are completely out of display space The response has been *outstanding*,from in and out of state !
Out of the 136 dealer tables to be sold, as of 2-1-93, we have only 20 tables left !!!!

There was a question raised at the Orlando National, as to who the person was going to be in charge of security at the show. We advertised **strict** security at the show **and we meant it**. An armed lieutenant from the Denver Police force will be stationed inside for all off hours and will not allow any person in the club or not into the exhibit hall (not even a show coordinator) until the designated time for the arrival of the dealers/hosts....with no exceptions. He will also be there for the Thursday night display set-up, and the optional dealer drop off of stock and find your table for the show (at which time I might ad there is no unpacking, trading, hunting, fishing, or discharging of firearms allowed.)

Coming up in the next issue of Crown Jewels there will be explained the show itinerary, the show directory with it's advertising options, and more general information for all to be ready for a great show!

See you next month...*Yours in insulators,.The '93 National show hosts.*

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