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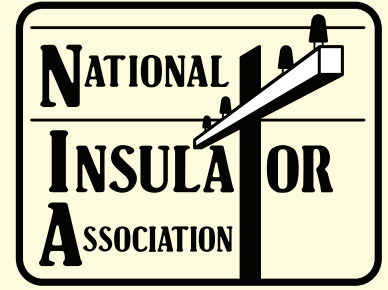
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“Blue and Green” by Michael Tucker, NIA #4051. Michael won First Place for his artwork at the Kansas City National. Read more about it on page 15.

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What's in a Name?

“Drip Points” is named after the feature seen on many insulators produced from the 1890s through the 1950s. Drip points are the bumpy protrusions around the base of an insulator. They were patented by Ralph G. Hemingray and James C. Gill on May 2, 1893 (Patent #496,652) and were originally marketed as “teats”. Their purpose was to help draw water off of the insulator.

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NIA PRESIDENT

STEVE ROBERTS * NIA #7935



Greetings,

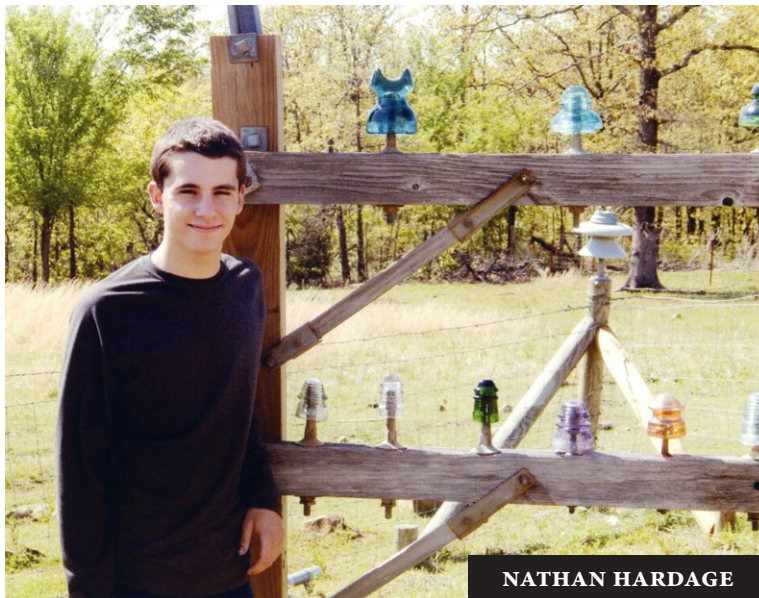
By the time you read this article summer will be drawing to a close. However, in the midsummer month of June, the NIA held its annual National Show in Kansas City. It was an excellent event hosted by Darryl and Margaret Wagner. Everything was planned and implemented to perfection. Darryl and Margaret were superb hosts and we appreciate all their efforts.

During the National Show we had the opportunity to announce the various NIA Award Recipients. At the Awards Banquet we announced two young men who are this year's NIA Scholarship recipients. They are Anthony Eiting and Nathan Hardage. Anthony is from Salt Lake City, Utah. He is a second-year student and is studying to be a Mechanical Engineer. Nathan is from Bixby, Oklahoma. Nathan and his family were present at the Awards Banquet and it was a pleasure to meet them. Nathan is a first-year student and will be studying to become a Power Lineman. Like their families, we are very proud of these young men and know they will be successful in their future endeavors.

Additionally, at the Awards Banquet there were a variety of other NIA awards that were presented. There were six President's Award recipients. They were Jacqueline Linscott-Barnes, Walt Baumgardt, Lou Hall, Gene Hawkins, Shaun Kotlarsky and Christian Willis. After the presentation of the President's Awards, we acknowledged the NIA Hall of Fame inductees. They were Samuel Oakman and Frances Terrill. Next was the NIA Outstanding Service Award. There were two Outstanding Service recipients this year. They were Linda Banks and Don Briel. The last award presented was the Lifetime Membership Award. This is the NIA's most prestigious award. This year it was presented to Bob and Stacey Stahr. All of these award recipients are well deserving. Please be sure to congratulate them the next time you see them!

As you are aware the NIA leadership is comprised of volunteers from all over the country. Each year there are a number of

positions where changes occur. This year is no exception. As you may recall there were three Board of Director positions that were scheduled for election. They were the Central Region VP, the Secretary and the President. Darryl Wagner was elected as the new Central Region VP replacing Kim Borgman. Please know that Kim did a great job on the Board of Directors and we appreciate his service to the organization. Walt Baumgardt submitted his name for reelection to serve a second term as the Secretary. Walt was reelected. At the time our last edition of Drip Points was being sent to be printed we had an individual who was considering the President's position. Since we didn't have a decision from the candidate at that time, we couldn't submit a name to the membership for their approval. A few days after the magazine was printed, the candidate declined due to work constraints. In addition to this candidate, please know that the nominating committee contacted several individuals concerning the President position; however, each of the candidates had a legitimate reason for declining the opportunity. After members of the nominating committee had spoken with every candidate, the Board of Directors concluded that there was one option left. Therefore, based on Article 11, Sections 11.3 and 11.4 of the By-laws, I agreed to serve a second term. The Board of Directors approved this appointment by acclamation.



NATHAN HARDAGE

In addition to the Board positions, we have had a variety of changes to two Advisory positions and three Committees. Jacqueline Linscott-Barnes was replaced by Lee Brewer as the Research and Education Advisor. Mike Funderburk was replaced by Tim Wood as the Rules and Procedures Advisor. And Tammy Brewer became a member of the Scholarship Committee replacing Lee as a committee member. Also, there have been several appointments to the Events Committee and Development Committee. Don Briel is the new Events Committee Chairman. In addition to Don, following are the Events Committee members. Dwayne Anthony is the Western Region Representative, Bob Berry and Jeff Maxwell are the Central Region Representatives, and Dudley

NIA PRESIDENT

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Ellis is the new Eastern Region Representative. Relative to the Development Committee, Darryl Wagner is the new Committee Chairman replacing Mike Green. In addition to Darryl, following are the Development Committee members: Bill Rohde and Tom Katonak are the Western Region Representatives, John Weber is the Central Region Representative, and Dario DiMare is the Eastern Region Representative. Relative to these changes I want to express my thanks to Dario for his former participation on the Events Committee, and my thanks to Mike Green for his work on the Development Committee. Additionally, I want to thank Mike Funderburk and Jacqueline Linscott-Barnes for their years of service to the NIA.

During the Board of Directors' Meeting in Kansas City, the Board approved a revised list of benefits related to NIA membership. Going forward we plan for the benefits to be listed in each edition of Drip Points (see page 60). Please share the benefits with hobbyists as you encourage them to become part of the NIA. Additionally, the Board approved five Goals for the NIA to strive toward. Due to the length of this article I will not go into detail with all of the background concerning these goals; however, I will share the list of goals with you. They are:

- 1) To Increase NIA Membership by five percent per year and improve retention of first year members.
- 2) To seek donations of \$5,000 annually to increase the Scholarship payout.
- 3) To update the design of the NIA website.
- 4) To seek donations of \$5,000 to enhance the Fake and Altered Insulator Display with a durable traveling display case, and to create an online version of the display.
- 5) To seek \$10,000 initially, and then \$2,000 annually to create a Virtual Insulator Museum*

*Part of the initial funding will be used to solicit a design proposal to gather more specific information concerning the viability of this goal.

Please know that the Board realizes that some of these goals may take an extended period-of-time to come to fruition. However, our organization has grown to the point of needing Goals to strive for if we are going to continue to expand and enhance our organization in an ever-changing environment. Additionally, these goals have been discussed with the Development Committee. They are aware that we are very dependent on them if we are going to succeed with several of these Goals.

Finally, let me express my appreciation to Colin Jung. Recently he contributed 153 historical periodicals to the NIA Historical Archives. I'm sure there is a great deal of interesting information in these documents. Additionally, recently I have been in communication with Jack Tod's heir, Jane Jimenez. She has signed a Permission to Use Copyrighted Materials agreement, allowing the NIA to place two of her father's works on the NIA website. The two books are "Porcelain Insulators Guide Book For Collectors" (Unipart Pin Types) Third Edition, and "A History of the Electrical Porcelain Industry in the United States". Please be patient as it will take some time for us to get these books digitally scanned and then placed on our website. The good news is we are working on it!

Best Regards to Everyone.

I hope to see many of you at Springfield! 🇺🇸

Steve Roberts





FIRST PAST PRESIDENT

DON BRIEL * NIA #7218



This has been a very busy summer. In addition to projects around our home, Jeanne and I have attended several insulator shows thus far this year. Our latest show as of this writing was the South Lake Tahoe show put on by George and Judy Klingler. A sincere THANK YOU goes out to the Klinglers for their hospitality and much work to make their show most enjoyable. While my goal is not to make this article a travel log, I do want to encourage all collectors to get out to a show, or many shows. The people in this hobby are wonderful. Jeanne and I have made so many friends that we'll cherish for years to come. Every show we attend is a renewal of friendships and more collectors to meet.

At this year's NIA Membership meeting, I was given the added task of chairing the NIA's Events committee. Basically, the Events committee is in place to help show hosts and potential show hosts plan their show, prepare their show proposal, and assist in whatever way we can. In addition to myself, the members of this committee are Dwayne Anthony (Western region), Bob Berry and Jeff Maxwell (Central region), and Dudley Ellis (Eastern region).

We are quickly approaching the November 1st deadline for submitting letters of intent for hosting the 2021 Central region National show. If you are in the Central region and have any thoughts of hosting a National show, now is the time to act. Even if you don't have all of the planning done, please submit your letter of intent to your Central region Vice President (Darryl Wagner) and the Events committee ASAP. We are here to help you and that letter is the trigger to get started. Your final proposal will be due by March 1, 2019.

As I'm sure you are already aware, the 2020 National show will be held in Logan, Utah on June 12th to 14th. Details will not be posted until the start of the 2019 National show in Orlando, but rest assured this will be a show you will not want to miss. It is the first time ever for a National show in Utah. There are so many other things to see and do that you will want to turn your trip into a summer vacation.

As always, may your collecting be fun and rewarding! 🐿

Don Briel



PHOTO BY DON BRIEL. SEE PAGES 16-17 FOR MORE PHOTOS OF THE SOUTH LAKE TAHOE SHOW.



INFORMATION DIRECTOR & DRIP POINTS EDITOR

CHRISTIAN WILLIS * NIA #5185



Hi everyone, I hope you've had a great summer filled with family, friends, and of course insulators. We have a great issue of Drip Points Magazine in store for you—at 68 pages and 150+ photos, it's our biggest issue yet! While I was not able to attend the National this year, my family and I took a trip to Mammoth Lakes, CA, where we spent a couple of weeks relaxing, hiking in Yosemite, and visiting one of my favorite childhood locations: Bodie Ghost Town, a great place to spot insulators still in their "natural habitat" (you can read all about Bodie on page 22).

Upon my return to Colorado, I was surprised and humbled to find an NIA plaque waiting for me at the post office. As one of the recipients of the 2018 NIA President's Award, I would like to thank NIA President Steve Roberts for this honor, and congratulate the others who received this award as well! This hobby simply wouldn't be the same without your dedication.

On the advertising front, I recently sent a new ad over to our friends at Railroadiana Collectors Association, Inc. This new ad, pictured below, features a colorful selection of insulators

some of you might recognize from the community display seen at the 2017 National in Colorado Springs. It is one of my favorite recent photos, and the reason I chose to use it is because I feel it's a good representation of the wide selection of colors and shapes that can be found in our great hobby. Other hobbies might not realize it!

A Tribute to Jim Barton, NIA #3902

I was very saddened to hear of the passing of a good insulator collecting friend of mine, Jim Barton. As I recall, Jim was one of the first collectors I met when I attended my first insulator show at the age of 11: the 1992 Bakersfield, CA show. He took me under his wing, and as a fellow Hemingray collector I considered him one of my mentors. Jim always had a warm smile and a kindness to him that I'll never forget.

In the 1990s I saw Jim at several shows including Bakersfield, Tulare, and the 1996 Long Beach National. We lost touch over the years, but in 2014 he emailed me to congratulate me on becoming the NIA Information Director, and I heard from him again just last year. He responded to my article in the Summer 2017 issue of Drip Points, in which I asked other collectors about their other hobbies. I learned about a whole new side to him! As Jim's final correspondence with me, I think it is fitting to print it here:

"I've got quite a variety of hobbies and interests beyond insulators. My main interest is the history and evolution of rock music and its performers; I'm especially fond of heavy metal (anything from vintage Black Sabbath and Led Zeppelin through Metallica, Nirvana, Rush, Iron Maiden, AC/DC, UFO and so many more to a few of today's bands if they play more "old-school" metal); hence my e-mail address heavymetalinsulators@yahoo.com combines two of my main interests. I also like building scale model kits of planes and cars; the weather (my dream vacation: going on a tornado-hunting tour); astronomy (if the weather cooperates, I'll knock seeing a total solar eclipse off my "bucket list" in August), and I'm a road-and-highway enthusiast." —Jim Barton, NIA #3902

Jim, you will be greatly missed but not forgotten. Thank you for all the good memories, my friend! 🐻

Sincerely,

Christian Willis

Join the NIA!



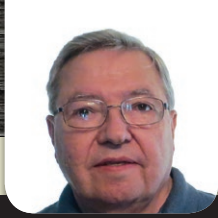
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NIA SECRETARY

WALT BAUMGARDT * NIA #8007



As you've heard from several sources, the 2018 National in Kansas City was another great show. Rather dwell on that I want to talk to the newer members of the NIA. Everyone tells you to get to a show, and I echo that. However, it is just as important for new members to find a *mentor*. Being a new collector can be frustrating at times; and it's at these times that you need a seasoned collector that will listen and offer advice and hopefully answers. Whether it's questions about "What Is It", "A Question on Color", or a myriad of other things that come up; do you have someone to turn to for help? It's nice, but not necessary that your mentor live near you. Mine, when I started collecting, was about 2 hours away. We are all different, so it's important to have a mentor that you get along with, someone who will not mind the phone calls with questions, etc. Finding the right mentor can make the hobby much more enjoyable and rewarding.

I want to close by reporting on your fellow collectors that won Club awards for their displays at the National. These are awards that are given by the various Insulator Clubs for various collecting attributes. This year's winners of the Club Awards are:

The Lone Star Insulator Club presented the N.R. Woodward Literary Award to John Barber for his Crown Jewel's article "Iconic Hemingray 42".

The Dixie Jewel's Insulator Club presented the Jim Overstreet

Memorial Award for the "Best Use of Threaded CD's" to Graham Barnes for the display "Samuel Oakman - A Man With 22 Patents".

The Central Florida Insulator Club presented the award for the First Time Display At A National to Carolyn Berry for her display of Go-Withs, "Key Players - Piano Insulators".

The Greater Chicago Insulator Club presented the award for the Best Exhibit using power insulators to Kevin Keener for "KC MICKEY".

The Missouri Valley Insulator Club presented the award for the Best Use of Midwest Colored Glass to Chuck and Patrick Moylan for "CD's 134 by Hemingray".

If you've never done a display at a show, I encourage you to consider it. Having done it, I can say that you can gain so much by putting a display together. The research required to do it properly greatly expands your knowledge of the topic, as well as that of your audience. 🐿

Happy Collecting,

Walt Baumgardt

BABY TEAPOT UPDATE

By Rick Soller, NIA Historian (NIA #2958)

The Summer 2018 issue of Drip Points reported the sale of CD 791 Baby Teapot for the incredible price of \$30,250, well beyond the estimate of \$14,000-18,000. However, the top bidder backed out as did the second highest bidder. At some point, I was offered the piece for around \$21,000 but declined the offer. Eventually, I received another offer to buy it for \$17,500 plus buyer's premium and agreed to the \$19,250 final price. That \$20,000 line is still a tough line to cross and I'll be selling a lot of insulators during the next six months just for getting close to it. 🐿





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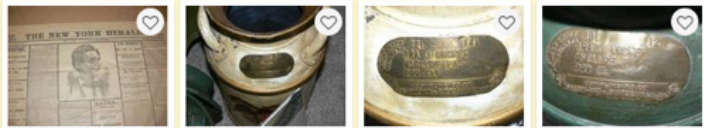
GUS STAFFORD * NIA #8871

Let me start by saying that the National Convention in Kansas City was a lot of fun. I was happy to see many members of the Eastern Region at the show, and am looking forward to next year's National back in the East, June 14-16 in Orlando Florida. It's hard to believe that it will be the 50th National Show! Have I really been collecting insulators that long? The Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club was unable to present its award for Best Railroad Insulator Display due to there not being a qualifying display. Let's fix that next year. Contact Jacqueline Linscott-Barnes, Clay Bledsoe and Graham Barnes to reserve your display table at the Orlando National!

Auctions!



Not everyone can make it to the NIA National, and some of you don't have a local show you can attend. With that said, I'm sure there are weekend auctions near virtually everyone. The trick is finding the auctions that have insulators you might want a shot at. If you have access to the Internet, you can set up notifications that will come to your inbox every morning. There are many websites, but I use AuctionZip (<http://www.auctionzip.com>). Once you set up your account (FREE), you can set the search criteria based on your zip code and how far you are willing to travel. Enter what you are looking for (insulators, railroad items, bottles, etc.), and you will receive an e-mail every morning highlighting auctions that match your search criteria. This is the process that led me to an auction in Beaver Springs, Pennsylvania recently. Here is the listing that came up:

Auction Information		Auction Tracker	add listing
Auctioneer	Hassinger & Courtney Auctioneering	570-539-8791	
Auction Date	Jul 28	Auction Location	19078 Route 522 Beaver Springs, PA Click to Map
Time	09:00AM		
Auctioneer's Other Listings		E-mail Auctioneer	Auctioneer's Web Site
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Auction Listing		AuctionZip Auctioneer ID# 1911	
<h2>PUBLIC AUCTION</h2>			
Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 9:00am			
Selling Antiques, Collectibles, Tools, & More at the Former Home of Meade and Evalene Kramer, 19078 Route 522, Beaver Springs, PA 17812			
DIRECTIONS: From Selinsgrove travel north on Route 522 to Beaver Springs. Auction on the right.			
ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES			
Oak Roll Top Desk; Glass Top Wheel Table; 2 Barrister Book Cases; Oak Multi-Drawer Chest; Open Wash Stand; Several Old & Modern Stands & Tables; Sofas & Chairs to Include Recliners; Wooden Bench; Modern Bedroom Suite; PA House: Drop Leaf Table, Corner Cupboard, and Deacons Benches; Resort Tables; Lots of Local Ads; 2 Heywood Wakefield Chairs; Plank Chairs; Blanket Box; Child's Rocker; Wood Box; Studded Wall Racks & Frames; High Chair; School Desks; Quilt Display; Braided Rugs; Several Gone With The Wind Lamps; Round Kero Heaters; Lots of Kero Lights to Include Skaters & Odd Ones; 1865 New York Herald Announcing Death of Lincoln; 25+ Lanterns to Include RR; Barrel Seats; Kay Limison Painting; Family Bible; Insulators ; Wooden Ironing Boards; Slaw Board; 25+ Clocks; Pocket Watches, Some Key Wind; Coke Cooler; Christmas Items; Cast Kettles & Pans; Carnival, Depression, & Pressed Glass; Ironstone; Linens & Fancy Work; Herbster Sewing Rooster; Nesting Hens; Prong Horn Antelope; Ira Wagner Cream Cans; 2 Peanut Jars; Coins; Keys; Pitcher and Bowl; Graniteware; Globe; Asst. of Apple Jugs; Black Boy Clock by Waterbury; Copper Tea Kettle; Margarine Crock; Crocks & Jugs; Wooden and Glass Rolling Pins; Coal Buckets; Battery Jars; Copper Wash Boiler; Gilbert Chemistry Set; Marx Stream Line Train w/Box; Electric Flash Light; Howard Straub Medicine Bottle, Selinsgrove; Oil & Grease Cans; Beavertown Brick; Bale Handle Pickle Jars; Oak Wall Phone; Beaver Vocational HS Photo, 1940; Charles Saylor Factory Picture, 1957; Variety of Early Frames & Prints; Sleigh Bells; Old Padlocks; School Desks; Cast Bank; Reverse Paintings; Blue Jars; Lab Bottles; Stafford Writing Fluid			

Looking through the photo gallery I saw a number of CD 257 Mickey Mouses, two CD252 No 2 Cables, a CD200 No 2 Transposition, a white milkglass CD164 Maydwell, a CD234 carnival Pyrex, a CD154 Whitall Tatum No. 1 in purple, a yellow green CD162 Star and much more. That was enough to get me going!

EASTERN REGION VP

AUCTIONS! (CONTINUED)



Here are some additional pictures from the gallery:



I looked up the insulators in the ICON “For Sale (Sold or No Longer Available)” Folder (<https://www.insulators.info/pictures/?op=list&folder=34>) to get an idea of what they might be worth so I could figure out what I was willing to bid in advance (always a good idea). I packed up my car with boxes, wrapping paper, and my price guide and headed out for the auction.

Arrive early to adjust your bidding expectations, as there may be more than you saw on the web site, and auctioneers have a tendency to reorganize lots for bidding. In the case of my auction, I was pleasantly surprised to find a significant cache of CD 257 Wide Groove Mickey Mouses.

Never assume that you are the only one going to the auction looking for insulators. On arrival I met a fellow collector who had also seen the auction. There were three other insulator collectors there that I didn't see until the bidding started! Since my goal was to build trading stock rather than add to my collection, my maximum bid was lower than the other bidders, and I only won two lots. I knew what my friend was looking for, and didn't bid on his lot (Carnival Sombrero), which he won.

I introduced myself to the other folks bidding on the insulators, and invited them to the 4th Annual End of Summer Swap Meet at my house on 29 September. As I was leaving, a gentleman came up to me and asked if I wanted to see his collection. As he only lived a short distance, I went to his house and spent over an hour talking insulators – great time!

Local auctions are a great way to meet other collectors and pick up additions or trading stock for your own collection. Setting bid limits before arrival, bringing packing supplies, and a handy price guide will set you up for success. Don't forget to bring a comfortable folding chair and something to stay hydrated with! Auctions provide great opportunities when you don't have the ability to attend local, regional, or national shows. Who knows? You may find some long buried treasure... 🏠

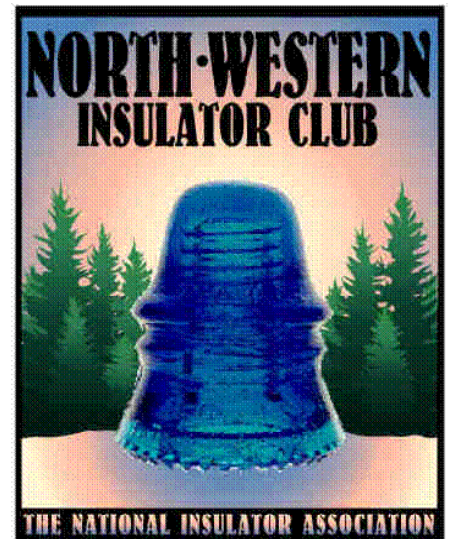
Gus Stafford



CENTRAL REGION VP

DARRYL WAGNER * NIA #8671

Central Region Insulator Clubs — Join, Participate & Enjoy!



CENTRAL REGION VP

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Hello Friends & Fellow Collectors!

Hope you are all having a great summer; sure seems like this year is going fast. As the new Central Vice President, I want to ask all of you and especially the Central Region members, to reach out to me if you have suggestions or concerns regarding our hobby and/or our organization. Proper communication is very important and a lot of times, texting or posting on-line can be misinterpreted, so reaching out directly is sometimes more productive. My contact information is darryl@dwagnerkc.com or my cell phone number is 816-719-0801. Again, please feel free to contact me directly. I would also like to thank our previous Central Vice President, Kim Borgman for his service.

The Central Region has been a little busier this year with the addition of the NIA National Convention & Show in Kansas City in June. More information will follow in another article (see page 30). There have been several other yearly regional shows, Tama Iowa and Nisswa Minnesota and in September alone, shows will be in Illinois, Texas, Ohio and Wisconsin. Another show in Wisconsin in October and of course Springfield Ohio in November. This being said, if you can, get out to a show or shows. This is a great way to give more enjoyment to your collecting experience, expand your collection, meet other collectors as well as supporting the hobby and the show hosts that put on these shows. We are always looking for ways to encourage new collectors, young and old, so if you know of anyone who has not been to a show, give them a push, invite them along and generally try to get them involved for the continuation of our hobby.

Speaking of shows, Don Briel and the Events Committee are now actively looking for proposals for the Central Region National Convention & Show for 2021. If you have ever entertained the idea of hosting a National, or if you might now be thinking about hosting a National, contact Don, any of the Events Committee or myself, so that we can assist you, answer any questions that you might have and support you if you decide to apply to be a National Show Host. With the NIA now having the option for the Show Host to choose NIA financial

underwriting, it gives a new level of security to the Show Host. You would still have to show due diligence, but you would have much more support. There are also tools available for Show Hosts to be more organized and make the experience more enjoyable.

It should be encouraged to support your local and regional shows, your regional clubs and of course the NIA. All of this will help perpetuate our hobby. It is easy to join a club or organization when you want something, but the hobby needs your support all of the time. We all have different opinions, that is why we encourage you to get involved with the NIA, either as a committee member, contributor, sponsor, show host or even to run for a board position. The NIA as an organization and the hobby as a whole, needs you to be involved. We need to know about your concerns and suggestions, so reach out to a board or committee member, or better yet, to your region's Vice President so that we can represent you, the collector & member.

Hope to see you at a show or hear from you soon! ▲

Sincerely,

Darryl Wagner





NIA RESEARCH & EDUCATION ADVISOR

LEE BREWER * NIA #6695



Greetings to my fellow NIA members,

I want to personally say thank you to Jacque for the great job she has done as the NIA Research & Education Advisor. I am honored to be asked to fill this position.

For those of you who do not know me, I started collecting in the early '70s, took a recess for college, marriage, and establishing a home. I came back to the hobby in '98 when I started to frequent the (then comparably new) Internet. My specialty areas were initially HGCO PETTICOAT 145s, anything that caught my eye, and 162.1 Brookfields. Later I was intrigued that although all the letters composing a set of molds of PETTICOAT beehives were known, what constitutes a set of the prominent shop numbers (or SNs) on crown embossed Brookfield beehives was still not known. My research started, and after fifteen years, a guide for these CREB beehives, along with an extensive history of Brookfield (which was also forgotten to time) was published.

While researching the CREB shop numbers, I noted others in the hobby were also taking an interest in discovering which molds were used for other styles of insulators.

I am now hoping to harness the power of the Internet with the knowledge/collections of NIA members who would be willing to aid in making an online list of known SNs and MNs (mold numbers) for every insulator company's CD styles.

The ultimate goal of the project would be to make a web page with pictures of each SN/MN. People would be able to check and see if the numbers they have are known, and if not, they could add their numbers to the database.

While not obvious at the start, I found knowing these numbers unveiled information such as the day to day operation of each group of men using a single press, locating which molds were used by more than one company, and also the numbers allowed cross referencing with patents to imply approximate dates when certain CDs were produced.

What else can be learned by knowing these numbers? Only time and participation by NIA members will tell! Stay tuned for more information concerning this project in the future. ▲

Lee Brewer



Small World: A Special CD 287 by Dale Huber, NIA #1358



This story is starting to get fuzzy in my memory, but this is how I remember it. Ron Norton was at the Bakersfield show as I recall (that does date it a little) and I wandered over to his table. He was reorganizing it so he could do a half off price on his insulators. Always looking for a bargain, I chatted with him and watched him move insulators around on his table. He was done and I looked them over. "So Ron, how does this work?" "Well," he said, "pick any insulator in this area and it is half off." So I point to an insulator and ask, "How much for this one?" I didn't mention that I spotted something special about that insulator and I was waiting for him to see it. "Well Dale, it's marked ten so you can have it for five." I go, "This one right here?" waiting for him to spot it. "Yes, that one." He is getting frustrated with me because I am appearing to be real slow. Again, I say, "This one right here for \$5." Finally, he gets a little angry with me and says, "For you, Dale, I could do \$4." And I say, "This one right here, with the wire that goes most of the way around the insulator. You will let me have this one for \$4?" "What wire?" I say, "Look at it Ron, I think it's underpriced!" We were good friends (the best part of this hobby) so he took it off his half off sale.

I mentioned this story to Bill Rohde. It was the darnedest thing, it had a long wire in the glass but it was clean, hardly any green discoloration. Bill says, "I have that insulator!" At the last Rohde Ranch Tailgater, Colin took this photo for me. ▲



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

CHAIR * GENE HAWKINS * NIA #421



Another great NIA National is in the books.

Sadly there were no kids or junior displays this year. I'm interested in any ideas you might have to encourage displays by younger collectors. Please let me know your ideas.

Congratulations to all the display category winners (see pages 38-42 for pictures of the displays):

Color: Arlen Rienstra

Foreign: Earnest Griffin

General: Don Briel

Go-Withs: Carolyn Berry

Specialty: Graham Barnes

Threaded Porcelain: Craig Scheloski

Milholland Educational Award: Don Briel

N.R. "Woody" Woodward Award: Kevin Keener
(Best use of North American Threaded Glass)

Best of Show: Earnest Griffin

The following are this year's recipients of the President's Award:

Walt Baumgardt

Lou Hall

Gene Hawkins

Shaun Kotlarsky

Jacqueline Linscott-Barnes

Christian Willis

NIA Hall Of Fame: Frances Terrill & Samuel Oakman

Linda Banks – Outstanding Service Award

Don Briel – Outstanding Service Award

Bob & Stacey Stahr – Lifetime Membership Award

What display are YOU planning for Orlando? 🏠

Gene Hawkins



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR * JEANNE BRIEL * NIA #7595

Just a reminder! The NIA offers scholarships for University, College, Trade Schools, or Junior Colleges every year. We usually award two scholarships. We have changed some of the criteria this year. We encourage applications from people who want to further their education in any of the above institutions. We've extended the requirement to include online programs from these accredited institutions as well. We've also made the application process easier. Please check out the NIA website for specific information:

http://www.nia.org/scholarship/Scholarship_Application_Guidelines_Revised_111916.pdf

If you will graduate from high school or are already in a higher education program, we encourage you to check us out. Our goal is to give these scholarships to people who know about or are collectors of insulators and who would like to help us find ways to interest other people in the hobby. 🏠

Jeanne Briel



WESTERN REGION VP & SPECIAL PROJECTS ADVISOR

MIKE DOYLE * NIA #5932



CONGRATULATIONS

Show co-hosts Doug Rusher, Ron Yuhas and Jay Bernasek

2019 Western Regional - July 26-28, 2019 in Helena, Montana

<http://nia.org/shows/westernregional/index.htm>

Best In Collecting to all you folks out there who make our hobby So Much Fun! The summer is sure flying by. The fire smoke is thick and the temperature is 100+ every day. The dedicated show hosts and hostesses out west are keeping the faith despite the crazy weather and the great western region shows keep happening. The collector action on Facebook continues to grow. Many hobbyists are contributing daily to the growing store of educational and informational content. Please seriously consider joining Facebook collector groups where you can read, learn and contribute to the on-line insulator collecting hobbyist community. I had an opportunity to speak with Tommy Bolack a few weeks ago and he said that he was amenable to the idea of hosting a future collector get-together at the B-Square Ranch in Farmington, NM. I'm not sure exactly when that will happen and I'm not sure exactly how. I am confident that it will happen though. Stay tuned for more on that in the coming issues of Drip Points.

Special Projects is exploring ways to bring you hobby news, education and information through NIA.ORG and other forms of social media. I have been working on App Development with a local vendor. It is an exciting new dimension of the NIA's on-line web property. Bob Berry and Christian Willis are working with advertisers, hobby research experts and collectors both foreign and domestic to broaden the on-line availability of information. Elton Gish is continuing his work on a very exciting project bringing electrical industry catalog content to us on-line. If you'd like access, please contact Bob Berry to get your own access credentials for the catalog data. Authors of past periodicals and hobby reference books please contact me about digitizing your work so that we may make it available for everyone online. If anyone has 'known good' contact information for Ron & Patty Norton, please share. Help me reach them concerning Rainbow Riders' Trading Post magazine.

Thank you for all that you do in support of our awesome hobby. Y'all be safe, stay cool, attend your local shows and help get the kids involved. Porterville or BUST! 🐻

Mike Doyle

Land of the Helmets by Mike Deloia (EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a follow-up to the Facebook Finds article in the previous issue)

Talking with numerous power collectors I thought it was interesting that several used the same term regarding the area that I live and grew up in as the "Land of the Helmets" with the exception of California 260's, all 259 & 260's Roman Helmets were made in the Northeast. They were used all over New England south to NJ and NY and west to the Pennsylvania/Ohio border. This doesn't mean that they didn't show up beyond these points, however they were heavily used in this area; they were used on Factories and Mills, they were used on Trolleys and Electric trains, they were used on small substations. Hunting in the Land of the Helmets is a power collector's paradise, finding them is nirvana!! I remember a Polecat cookout in Milford, MA (the town I grew up in) a few years back where every sales table had them. Most had multiple pieces; I seem to remember a couple dozen at that get-together. I had a collector who asked to remain anonymous share a story, he found a line in VT that used the same CD's as the line we hunt and apparently 259's were its primary piece as well. I've shared several great finds here in the Northeast including our own, if you wish to remain anonymous but share your hunt please feel free to reach out to me: michaeldeloia_2@msn.com. Good luck in your Hunts & Collecting!

—Mike Deloia & The Deloia Clan 🐻



EDITOR'S NOTE: Mike painted the winning artwork at this year's Kansas City National Art Contest, entitled "Blue and Green," and is featured on the cover of this issue. Take it away, Mike!



My big brother, Wesley, and I started collecting in 1969 when we found our first Hemingray 9 at an abandoned farm site. I initially thought it was a salt shaker, but found it odd that it had no holes! From there it progressed to full exploration of old phone lines and railroads for insulators (however far we could ride our bikes in a day!) I have always had a love for railroads, history and the Old

West, so naturally this interest spilled over into looking for insulators along the Union Pacific. While on vacation heading from Iowa to Oregon, my dad took us to a remote area of the Union Pacific in Wyoming to satiate our insulator bug, to hunt for about an hour. This yielded some broken purple bottle pieces as well as some 126.3 and 126 pieces. We also, during that same trip, visited the Golden Spike National Monument near Ogden, UT. This was enough to start the insulator bug ablaze for the really old stuff.

My insulator fever waned a bit while going to college but picked up later shortly after I was married in 1985. I began to scrounge the railroads of NW Iowa, which seemed to be largely untapped. This resulted in buckets full of 126's, 126.3's and 133.4's. My brother gave me my first Mulford & Biddle in 1988 and my quest began for looking for different colors of them. Researching and hunting abandoned stretches of the Union Pacific, especially in Wyoming has always been a passion of mine. There is no greater thrill in this hobby than finding a whole threadless in the wild, which I have done. The 735 Mulford & Biddles have become one of my specialties in insulator collecting. I am still searching for that elusive green UPRR Biddle, even a specimen would do!

I have also tinkered around with

painting for several years. My mom took some art classes when I was about 7-8, so I absorbed what she could tell me about technique, shading, perspective, etc. I then began to apply what I knew, later in my life and paint insulators, using acrylic paints as my medium. I had seen some artwork done of some clear 154's, and they were nice, but to my knowledge, no one had done any painting of the really good stuff, the threadless! That's when I set about doing what had not been done. It took everything I knew about painting, and then some! Much of it was trial and error and a myriad of reference photos trying to figure out how to paint glass to look like, well, glass.

In my attempts to bring to life what may have been seen at one time, I hope to pass on my lifelong passion for the wonderful hobby of insulator collecting! When you look up at the insulators on top of the telegraph pole, I would hope that it takes your breath away, just imagining you were there, as well as wondering what will be on the next pole, and the next... My sincere wish with this piece is one which all artists wish for, that you don't just "see" the picture, but that you "feel" it! I count it an honor and privilege to represent the hobby with my art and to give back to it using my talent, and to hopefully inspire insulator collectors, especially new ones. 🐼

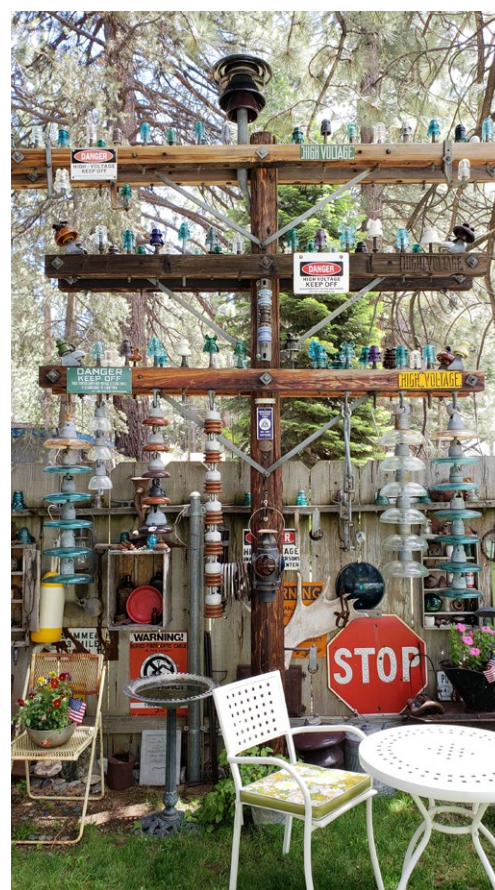


SOUTH LAKE TAHOE SHOW

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DOYLE * NIA #5932

By Show Host Judy Klingler

The 3rd Annual South Lake Tahoe back yard tailgater did not disappoint! The weekend started off with a fantastic BBQ on Friday night with the sellers. Then Saturday morning everyone was up early to make the most of the perfect Sierra day. People streamed in all day, most staying for the amazing carnitas lunch provided by George and Judy Klingler, the hosts. Each year the tailgater grows with more sellers and buyers! Next year you won't want to miss this awesome event. Mark your calendar now (and make lodging arrangements) for Saturday July 13, 2019. 🐾





PHOTOS BY MIKE DOYLE

ROHDE RANCH TAILGATER

SHOW REPORT BY MIKE DOYLE * NIA #5932

Hello fellow hobbyists and welcome collectors of all ages and interests. Here is the latest chapter in the Insulator Collecting Hobby phenomenon called The Rohde Ranch BBQ and Tailgater. This year's event, hosted by Bill and Kat, was held at the Rohde ranch, just east of the San Joaquin River near Fresno, California, USA.



Early Saturday morning, Teresa and I left Visalia and headed north and turned left when we saw the familiar CD257 Mickey Mouse sign. After a short drive between the fields and down the insulator lined approach to the ranch, we tucked our car in next to one of the gorgeous hot rods, two or three of which are frequently parked on the gravel surrounding the famed "Mud Mecca" building. As it has been for most of the 22 years that the show has been in existence, it was a perfect spring morning and many show-goers arrived the day before to pitch tents, set up tables and help with the arrangements. The shade in the backyard provided a comfortable setting for our mid-April event and the gathered hobbyists seemed to be excited and full of energy.

Teresa, an experienced craft artist and accomplished 'junkie,' is relatively new to insulator collecting. She is a very likable and energetic soul. I really enjoyed watching her mix it up with the show attendees and was not the least bit surprised to see how quickly she became completely relaxed and at ease in the crowd. Rohde is a traditional family style event that is all about Fellowship, Friends, Family and Fun!

Below, I have included some comments that were posted by ICON members to the <http://insulators.info> ICON collector's group shortly after the show:

GSIC President, Bob McLaughlin wrote:

I [want to recognize] our hosts for this "Best-in-the-West" event. Bill & Kat Rohde are fantastic at putting on this great show and BBQ, each year, and at no charge to anyone! All you can eat, all day long, and the best glass and mud you can find on the west coast. This show has actually grown into a two day event, as Friday was just about as busy as Saturday. Still, Bill and Kat were feeding and taking care of everyone then also. As usual, I bought more than I sold, by far, but that's what I expected to do as I try to re-build my collection. If you missed this event, you truly missed one of the best shows on the west coast. Hope to see you there next year. Thanks again to Bill & Kat Rohde for their months of preparation for this great event.

Many out of area collectors travel great distances to attend this amazing event. One such Oregon collector had this to say:

Nathan Lamkey wrote:

Just want to second what everyone else has said about the Rohde show in Fresno. I've been attending this show for about the last 15 years and it gets bigger and better each year. I always leave with a full belly and more insulators than I brought. Bill and Kat are fantastic show hosts and you won't leave the show disappointed with their hospitality! The weather was about as perfect as you can get and there were more tables full of glass and porcelain than I've ever seen at a backyard show. The deep pit BBQ was top notch along with all the fixins and drinks you could possibly want. I left the show with my truck fully loaded with glass, porcelain, and great memories! Bill opens his collection during the show and it is a museum quality collection you'll want to make a point in seeing at least once. I see something new and different every year. A big thank you to Bill and Kat for the hard work it takes to put on a show of that caliber!

As many of you know, this show is held on a site that some call "Mud Mecca." Bill's property includes one of the most incredible exhibits of porcelain insulators found anywhere in the world. The adventure associated with viewing the collection at the ranch can be a life changing experience.

A nationally recognized insulator dealer, past NIA President, contributor to the hobby press and frequent show host and co-host from southern California also chimed in.

Dwayne Anthony wrote:

... this was an event that was better than the best! The weather was perfect. Tons upon tons (literally) of glass, porcelain and go-withs were scattered across dozens of tables. Collectors from

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the east, north, south and west of this North American continent were present this year. The BBQ was absolutely killer, with two meat choices that surpassed all 21 previous years...how is that possible? The social aspect was the best feature of the entire event, from working side-by-side with good friends at set-up to break-down and all the enjoyable times in-between. It was especially good to meet some new collectors, plus see some that have been idle in recent years back at collecting again. Sales were off the chart, a great barometer that our hobby is still going as strong as ever. Thanks Kat & Bill for the great times and incredible hospitality. The hobby is fortunate to have you as our ambassadors, you are truly special friends. I know Don and Camille remain proud!

Washington state resident, show host and specialty collector Gil Hedges-Blanquez is on a travel binge of late, vowing to attend every single show that it is within his ability to attend for as long as he can stand it. True to his word, I have seen "Blu-Mex" at every major show that I have attended for the past year and a half.

Gilberto Hedges-Blanquez wrote:

Was it worth 6 days on the road, three hotels, losing my cruise control, my theft alarm draining my battery, and gas/wear and tear on my Ranger? Yes and Yes and will probably do it all again next year. Thanks to all that helped set up on Friday! And thanks to Kat and Bill no one was left hungry

or thirsty during the show. There is a song that was always my theme song for when I pass away: "When I die send me back to Texas." Now, my song is "When I die send me back to Rohde

Ranch" so I will never miss a Rohde Ranch Show. I want to thank Jim S. and Tom K. for the Mexican Insulators that they brought for me. Also able to secure some Mexican glass from Dale Huber, thanks Dale! I will post photos of my treasures later on. I am posting some photos from the show some with comments and some without. It was great seeing my collector friends and making some new ones. This one was for

the records: attendance, insulators, and weather! Thanks again Bill and Kat!

Incredibly, one of the hobby's foremost porcelain research experts, Michael 'Rain' Spadafora was seen carrying around Glass! However, he explained, he'd recently picked it up from insulator repair expert, Paul Greaves, and was carrying it on to its final destination with another collector. (We'll let it slide this time, Mike.) I was excited to see Lightning Rod Insulator specialty collector, Terry Drollinger, at the ranch this year. He was carrying a beautiful, amber, side tab. Katfish Jack Riesselman had a handful of breathtaking pieces including a gorgeous, amber Hemi No.7 Standard.

The unsurpassed BBQ banquet featuring ultra-tender, sirloin tip steak and a host of side dishes was as mouth-watering as ever this year. All day we were treated to fresh, assorted nuts, chips and dips (served in porcelain and glass insulators!) muffins, donuts, fresh fruit, water, milk (white, chocolate, strawberry,) soda,



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OJ, and much more. By the time the chow bell rang, I counted 125 people around the meal area and beyond. Nobody goes hungry at the Rohde Ranch! During the meal, the crew literally walk from table to table offering hot seconds and deserts, making sure that everyone has exactly what they need to make their lunch extra special. Our hats are off to Kat and Bill and their many helpers for another fantastic show!

All you thread-heads, Listen Up: Getcher glass and mud traders into a good, sturdy box. Getcher swap lists and price guides updated. Flip open yer Crown Jewels and Drip Points to Coming Events and click on <http://www.insulators.info/shows/> for details on the next swap meet or tailgater in your area. Dig that dusty wad of cash out-o-the Fred Locke pinhole and get all yer friends together for an insulator road trip because.....

IT'S SHOWTIME! 🍷

Mike Doyle



PHOTOS BY MIKE DOYLE





BACK TO BODIE

BY CHRISTIAN WILLIS * NIA #5185

As you travel north along California's backbone on US 395, halfway between the quaint towns of Lee Vining and Bridgeport, there's a fairly unremarkable right turn nestled into a rocky canyon: California State Route 270. As you traverse its 10 miles of paved road and gentle curves, savor them! Just ahead, the highway ends and the final three miles out to the venerable ghost town of Bodie are rough—dirt, gravel, ruts and washboards—but it's well worth it. In 1991 when I was 10 years old, my dad Bud took me out to see this historic landmark, and I was instantly enamored. When we returned home, he even helped me build a scale model of the town out of toothpicks for a fourth grade project, complete with little telephone poles and sagebrush.

Now, 28 years later, I was returning to Bodie with my own family—my wife Maggi, and three children: Christian Jr., Caitlin, and Ethan. What made this trip even more special for me was that my dad Bud and his wife Nancy were traveling along behind us in their trusty Subaru. As the pavement ended and our suspensions got a real workout, I smiled as fond memories returned, and of course the kids were having a blast bouncing around in the back!

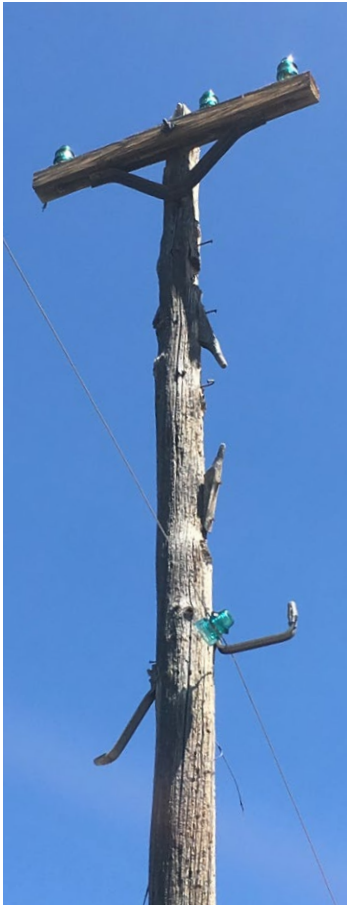
I won't spend a lot of time explaining the history of Bodie here—entire books have been written, and web sites are dedicated to this ghost town. It is a veritable treasure trove of gold mining history. Rather, I'll be describing Bodie from the viewpoint of an insulator collector. However, just to set the scene, here's a quick summary:

Bodie began as a small mining camp following the discovery of gold in the area in 1859 by several prospectors including W.S. Bodey. In 1876, Bodie exploded into a boomtown with a significant gold discovery by the Standard Company. From 1877-1880s, the population soared to an estimated 10,000 people and the town sprouted as many as 2,000 buildings, before its gradual downsizing and abandonment in the 1940s.



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With a town of that size, it was only natural that it would have telegraph, telephone, and electricity. And we all know what that means: insulators... *lots* of insulators!

In 1892, the Standard Company built a hydro-electric plant at Green Creek about 13 miles away from Bodie at a site known as Dynamo Pond. It was one of the very first long-distance electrical transmission lines in the country, and was one of the few locations where the rare CD 244 Pomona style was used. An excellent article written by Carver Mead & Barbara Smith was published in the November 2005 issue of *Crown Jewels of the Wire Magazine*, and describes this line in great detail. You can read an archived copy online at <https://www.cjow.com/archive/article.php?month=11&a=11GoneToBodie>.

Needless to say, I didn't see any Pomonas laying around! Much of the town's resident insulators still present are either porcelain or common fare such as Brookfields and Hemingrays. However, a lot of pieces do still remain, either up in the air on poles or nestled in the museum. As a brand new collector in 1991, to see insulators still up on poles and on the sides of buildings was a new sight for me. They were everywhere, and I was on a mission to find as many as I could.

Now, with 28 years of "spot the insulator in the dusty corner of a junk shop" under my belt, I realized I missed several in my youth!

Some of the ones I didn't miss can be seen inside the museum. I took a picture of these same pieces as a kid. Comparing the photos, I see that

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LEFT: THIS CD 244 WESTINGHOUSE POMONA INSULATOR WAS FOUND ON THE GROUND NEAR THE BODIE TO GREEN CREEK LINE BACK IN 1968. IT IS BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST CD 244 INTRODUCED INTO THE HOBBY. PHOTO COURTESY OF DWAYNE ANTHONY.

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they rearranged the insulators, but they're all still there! You can see a CD 259 Roman Helmet, a glass Johnny Ball, a CD 287, CD 107, CD 160, CD 162 CREBs, CD 102, CD 164, a dog bone radio strain, a small porcelain power piece (unknown U#) and a small porcelain knob. It's interesting to note the age range of these pieces, spanning the c.1880s-1940s. On the other side of the room, you can see one of the first electric motors that was used in 1892, and a couple of porcelain multipart pieces keeping it company.



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One of my favorite buildings is on Green Street; it's quite unassuming when looking at it from the street. Attached to the back side of the Wheaton & Hollis Hotel, many people just pass by this plain brick building. But, if you look at the side, you can see three large multipart power insulators perched above, and rickety wooden steps lead up to the windows. Peering in, three massive transformers stand shoulder-to-shoulder against the back wall, and several porcelain insulators dot the floor. This was the hydroelectric power substation, responsible for powering the Standard stamp mill just up the hill. Go around to the back of the building and you'll see even more remnants of power lines. Across the creek bed behind the building is one of the original power lines still standing with a lone multipart perched on the crossarm.



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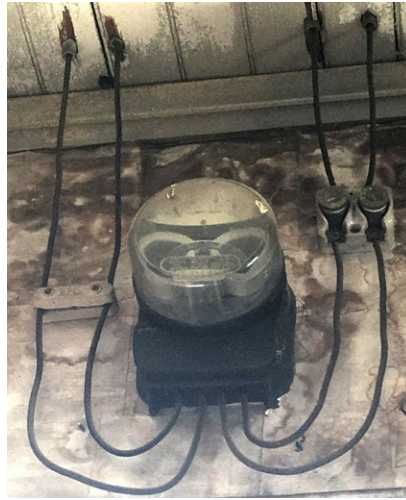
Poles line Green Street and dot other streets as well, and a few crossarms and side pins are even still attached to buildings by various means. Most insulators are still faithfully sitting atop their crossarms, but some have managed to pop free and are swinging in the breeze. Most of the buildings that still stand have all manner of porcelain knobs, wall tubes, spools and cleats still attached. There were simply too many to take pictures of them all, but I tried to include a good representation here.

One area I have yet to see is the stamp mill, which is off-limits except for special tours. There is a small transformer building where the power lines likely came in from the substation down the hill, and there are undoubtedly more insulators to be found inside the many buildings surrounding the mill. I have an excuse to visit again in the future! And Bodie will be waiting for me—perhaps a little older and little more weather-worn, but still the same old Bodie. Until next time! 🏠



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MAMMOTH MUSEUM: HAYDEN CABIN

BY CHRISTIAN WILLIS ✨ NIA #5185

Nearly a week after returning to Mammoth Lakes, CA from our Bodie excursion, we attended the town's Fourth of July parade, where we were treated to a Navy F-18 flyover, and all kinds of festooned vehicles, including one from the Mammoth Museum. Intrigued, the next day we decided to visit the historic Hayden Cabin. Located just a few blocks from the parade route on Old Mammoth Road, the rustic 1920s log cabin is situated in a picturesque spot right on the bank of Mammoth Creek. We walked around the grounds, and as we entered the cabin, my gaze was immediately drawn upwards. Lining the walls of the room was a collection of—yep, you guessed it—glass insulators. I introduced myself to docent Mary Canada and asked her about them. They aren't sure how they came to be included as part of the exhibits, but it's possible that the cabin owner was a collector, or they were found on the property or around town. We may never know, but it's good to see insulators represented as part of Mammoth Lakes' history! I told her all about the National Insulator Association.

I counted about 27 pieces in all, representing a fairly good range of manufacturers, colors and styles, including Hemingray, Brookfield, Star, Whitall Tatum, and Lynchburg. CDs primarily consisted of 102, 115, 106, 133, 134, 152 and 154. There were even a couple of true green pieces that stood out. I informed her that most of them probably dated to the 1900s-1930s, which would fit the time frame in which the cabin was built.

The exhibits showing local history were well laid out and engaging, and the cabin and grounds are kept in immaculate condition. It's well worth a visit if you're in the Mammoth Lakes area! The Mammoth Museum at Hayden Cabin is located at 5489 Sherwin Creek Rd., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. Hours of operation are 10AM-6PM daily, from Memorial Weekend through September. Phone: (760)-934-6918. Website: <https://mammothmuseum.org>. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged. Special thanks to Mary Canada for showing us around, and teaching us history about the area! 🏠



AUSTRIA INSULATOR SHOW

BY JAMES BANCROFT * NIA #8000

The 2018 International Insulator Collectors Meeting took place in the village of Wildon in Austria on June 30th. Collectors from eight countries were in attendance. Friday was setup day where collectors unloaded their treasures. Later that day there was a meal at a local vineyard where we sat in the outdoor dining area in the pleasant late evening sunshine. Saturday was the main day of the show. The show was scheduled to start at 8am but we arrived to find the door locked. A short while later someone arrived with the keys. For those who have never attended a European show there is a subtle difference to North American shows in that no money changes hands. Insulators are traded and swapped freely. This doesn't mean that all insulators

are common or low value. The general etiquette is to give and take insulators of equal rarity so everyone has a fair deal. At each European show a souvenir is handed out to everyone who attended. The gift this year was a cake cutter in the shape of an insulator. These were used to produce some insulator shaped cookies which were available at the show. T-shirts were also given out. By around 3pm the show was winding down. After a quick shower it was off to the banquet at the host hotel. All the meals were pre-ordered in advance. As this is Austria the Wiener schnitzel is a must and it didn't disappoint. After the banquet we all said our goodbyes and look forward to seeing everyone again in two years.



The next European show will take place in 2020 in Krefeld which is just outside Düsseldorf. This is 15 miles from the airport which has direct flights to the USA. The show hosts are aware of the 2020 National and will set the date of the show to give at least of a couple of weeks clearance to allow collectors who wish to attend both shows the opportunity to do so. 🇺🇸

PHOTOS BY JAMES BANCROFT

KANSAS CITY NATIONAL

COMMUNITY DISPLAY: COLORED SIGNALS

From Show Hosts Darryl & Margaret Wagner:

Wanted to say thank you for all of the dealers and attendees of the 2018 National show. Seems like we had very good foot traffic Friday and Saturday and sales overall were very good. Howard & Linda did a very good write up about the National in the August Crown Jewels along with a lot of very good pictures from Howard and Mike Green, so we won't go into a lot of detail, but I do want to cover the two community displays in a little more detail.

The Colored Signal Display organizer was Brian Riecker. We had 20 contributors from 11 states, there were at least six one of a kind pieces and at least 23 very rare pieces with less than a dozen examples known. Contributors: Dwayne Anthony, Robert Baumann, Dave Dahle, Duane Davenport, Dan Gauron, Dan Goodrich, Mike Green (CO), Chris Hedges, Russ Horton, Arlan Johnson, Kevin Keener, Jeff Klassen, Bill & Jill Meier, Chuck Moylan, Brian Riecker, Bob Schwartz, Rick Soller, Bob Stahr, Darryl Wagner and Dennis Weber. Thank you to all who participated! Brian said "It was a lot of work, but very gratifying to see what we can accomplish as a group".



KANSAS CITY NATIONAL

COMMUNITY DISPLAY: SELDOM SEEN PORCELAIN

The Seldom Seen Porcelain organizer was Chris Hedges with the help of Clint & Ronnie Gaylord, Craig Scheloski and Bob Berry. The idea came up at the MVIC meeting last Fall. At first it was going to be only US Pin Types but then the categories slowly expanded to the entire spectrum of Porcelain including Foreign. We would like to thank the folks that dragged numerous pieces from their collections to the display, some traveling thousands

of miles to bring them to the show! Special mention to Ken Willick, Matt Grayson, Gil Hedges-Blanquez, Riley Armstrong and many others for their contribution to the American Porcelain section. The contributors to the Foreign section were Rick Soller, Jim Van Norstrand, Mike Doyle, Bob Berry and Darryl Wagner.



KANSAS CITY NATIONAL

COMMUNITY DISPLAY: SELDOM SEEN PORCELAIN



Brian, Chris, Ronnie, Bob, Craig & Clint put a lot of time and effort into putting together these two community displays. Our appreciation goes to them for taking on the project, putting it together and then managing it at the show. We believe that everyone enjoyed these displays and we encourage shows to set up community displays, which allows individual collectors to show off their rare and unusual pieces. Thanks again to the guys that set this up and all of the contributors to the displays!

We want to thank all of you who donated items to our raffles, purchased raffle tickets and bid on our silent auction items. Also Thank You to Dennis & Jeanne Weber for managing the raffles, the MVIC and all of the volunteers that helped with the show. Thanks to Mike Green for the great pictures that he took of the show, displays, fireworks and banquet. If you haven't seen

them, go to the picture poster gallery on ICON. Also want to say a very special thank you to Bill & Jill Meier for their contribution of putting together the fund raising auction for the Family Night event, which allowed us to have some extra fireworks, which I think most of you enjoyed. Want to thank Bill for his technical assistance the last week before the show.

Thanks again for coming to Kansas City! 🐶

Darryl & Margaret Wagner

2018 NIA NATIONAL SHOW HOSTS

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PICNIC AND FIREWORKS SHOW

The Wagners hosted a fantastic picnic and fireworks display. The picnic was catered with hamburgers, brats and hot dogs with all the fixings! Fun was also had at the house feeding the catfish in their pond and generally enjoying time with other collectors. The fireworks were launched from the bottom of a hill on the property and were spectacular! Many commented that this was the best show they had ever seen given the close proximity and quality.



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PICNIC AND FIREWORKS SHOW



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BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY



The Saturday night awards banquet was well attended and provided a great buffet style dinner with multiple main choices. Following the meal, each displayer at the show was presented a great plaque including the show logo (ABOVE). The NIA then presented display category awards, several special awards and the yearly scholarships. Many clubs also presented display and other awards.

LEFT: Crown Jewels of the Wire Editors Howard and Linda Banks were presented with a framed copy of their magazine signed by many of the show attendees.

RIGHT: Hosts Darryl & Margaret Wagner



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ART CONTEST AND FUNDRAISING RAFFLES



The show also featured an art contest and two very popular fundraising raffle drawings.

LEFT, MIDDLE: Michael Tucker won First Place for his painting entitled “Blue and Green” (see page 15 for more information).

LEFT, TOP: Runner-up was Bill Haley’s piece, entitled “Hanger on Pole 26.”

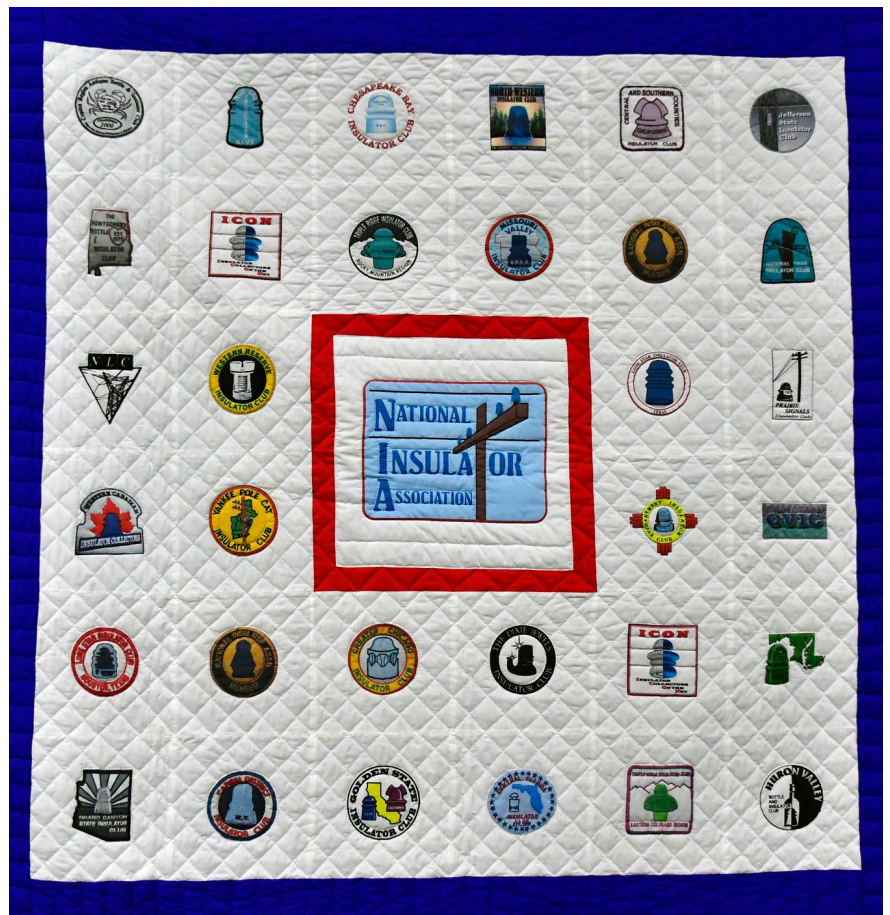


RIGHT, TOP: There was also a Junior entry, entitled “Father’s Day Lamp” by Ian Gibson.

LEFT, BOTTOM: MVIC member Charlie Maiseroulle (pictured) donated a 1986 Westone Model Session II electric guitar to the show. It was won by Arlen Rienstra.



RIGHT, BOTTOM: A hand-quilted 102” x 102” king size quilt featuring a selection of modern and historical insulator club patches was also raffled. The winner of the quilt was Ken Willick.



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“CD 154 Colorfully Common”
by Arlen Rienstra (NIA #3549)
Crown Point, IN

This creative display shows the variety of colors and makers of the standard CD 154 insulators and won the NIA award for Best of Color.



“Products of the Hemingray Glass Company”
by Josh Dondorf
Hinckley, IL

This display shows the wide variety of items that have been made by the Hemingray Glass Company including some insulators from the Hemingray dump.



“The Diverse World of Go-withs”
by Walt Baumgardt (NIA #8007)
Tanawanda, NY

This colorful display shows the wide variety of items that are related to insulators. Glass items by the same makers, telephone, telegraph and power equipment, advertising items, etc.

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DISPLAYS



“Ohio Brass”
by Craig Scheloski (NIA #4892)
Kansas City, MO

This colorful display shows Ohio Brass insulators found in and around Kansas City and won the NIA award for Best of Threaded Porcelain.



“KC Mickey”
by Kevin Keener (NIA #7600)
Harrisonville, MO

This striking display shows scarce electric blue CD 257 “Mickey Mouse” style insulators on original brackets and pole toppers. This display won the show host’s award for People’s Choice as well as the NIA N.R. Woodward award for the best use of threaded glass. It also received the GCIC award for the Best Exhibit Using Power Insulators.

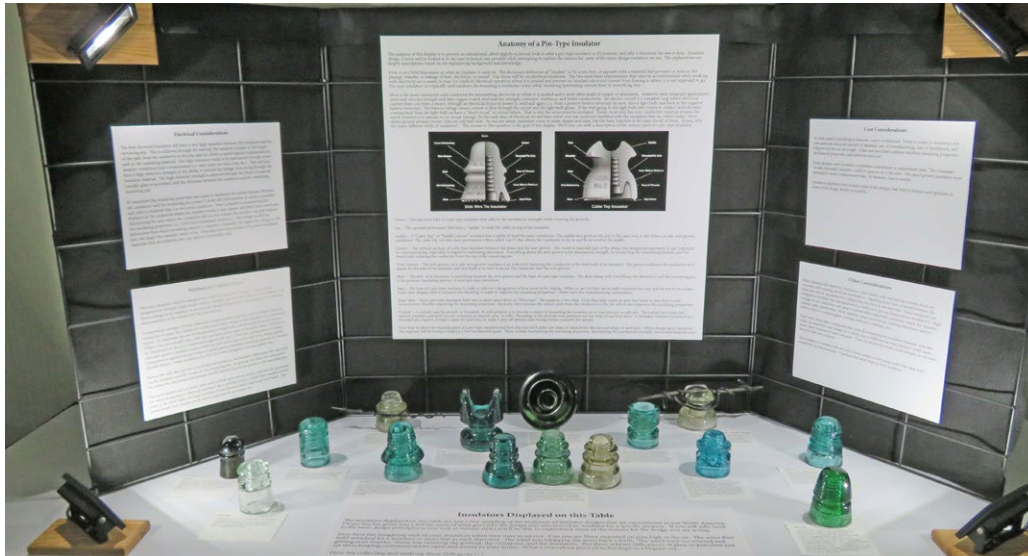


“Collecting Go-withs”
by Rick Soller (NIA #2958)
Gurnee, IL

This detailed display shows a fantastic selection of insulator company advertising items and catalogs.

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“Anatomy of a Pin Type Insulator”
by Don Briel (NIA #7218)
Providence, UT

This educational display shows the attributes and hobby names for insulator features. It won the NIA Millholland Educational Award and the NIA award for Best of General.



“Samuel Oakman, A Man with 22 Patents”
by Graham Barnes (NIA #115)
Titusville, FL

This display shows the variety of glass insulators and the related patents by Samuel Oakman and won the NIA Award for Best of Specialty and the DJIC Jim Overstreet Memorial Award for the Best Use of Threaded CDs.



“Tie Wires” by Gil Hedges-Blanquez
(NIA #3358) • Seattle, WA

This unique display shows the variety of tie wires found on insulators, including several unusual versions.



“From Russia With Glass”
by Ernest Griffin (NIA #1561)
Ypsilanti, MI

This colorful display shows the variety of styles and colors that are found in Russian glass insulators. This display won the NIA award for the Best of Show and the NIA award for Best of Foreign.



“Porcelain Spools”
by Mike Holewinski (NIA #9410)
Omaha, NE

This colorful display shows the wide variety available in porcelain spools.



“Insulator Art”
by Shannon Hernandez (NIA #9374)
Columbus, OH

This display shows how insulators can be used as art of various crafts.

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“Oakman Manufacturing Company”
by Bill Snell (NIA #2624)
Sugar Creek, MO

This display shows the variety of glass insulators and related items made by Samuel Oakman related companies and patents.



“Key Players — Piano Insulators”
by Carolyn Berry (NIA #4336)
Round Rock, TX

This colorful display shows the history behind piano insulators as well as a great variety of styles and makers. This display won the NIA award for Best of Go-withs and the Central Florida Insulator Club award for the Best First Time Display at a National Show.



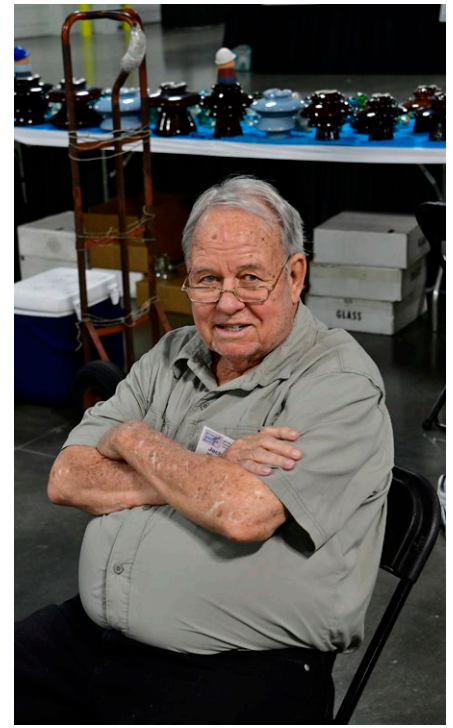
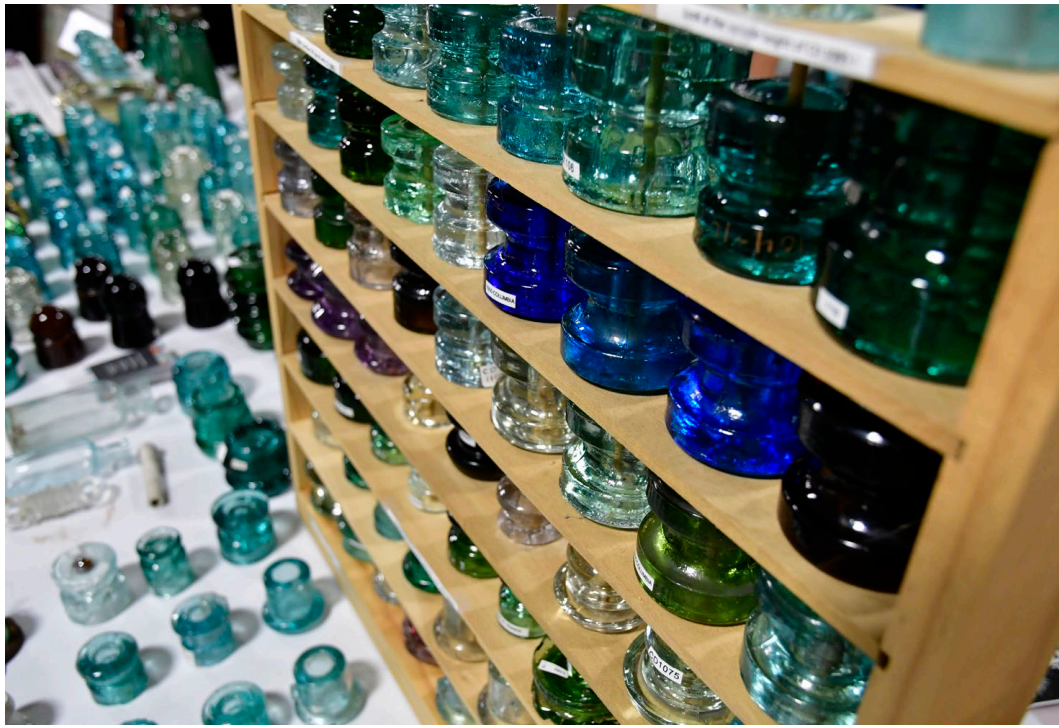
“CD 134s by Hemingray” by Chuck Moylan (NIA #1368)
& Patrick Moylan (NIA #8747) • Lee's Summit, MO

This colorful display shows a variety of colors and markings for CD 134 Hemingray styles. It received the MVIC award for Best Use of Midwest Colored Insulators.









EDITOR'S NOTE: Special thanks to everyone who contributed photos and content to make this National Edition of Drip Points Magazine possible! 🇺🇸

**Mike Green
Sean Green
Darryl & Margaret Wagner
Bob Berry
Bill Snell
Michael Tucker**

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NIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

NIA General Membership Meeting

Friday, June 22, 2018 • KCI Expo Center

11730 NW Ambassador Dr. Kansas City, MO 64153

President, Steve Roberts, called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

The Secretary did not read the minutes in the essence of time. Walt Baumgardt stated that they had been published in Drip Points Volume 45 # 1 in the fall of 2017. He had a copy available if anyone had any questions. With no questions, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2017 General Membership meeting as they appeared in Drip Points. Walt further stated that all of the paperwork and fees related to our 501(c)(3) status were in place and up to date and records were on file.

Treasurer, Bill Rohde, reported the board had signed off on the 2017 budget with a slight excess. The 2018 budget was re-approved, expecting a small excess. He further stated that the Board had approved a balanced budget for 2019, again expecting a small excess at the end of the year. The budgets will be re-visited, periodically, via conference call to insure we remain on track.

Membership Director, Andrew Gibson, stated that as of a week before the National we had 1610 members, which is down approximately 75 members from last year but that some fluctuation of about this size is fairly normal. He added that we normally add 50 – 75 new members at the show.

Christian Willis was not present. He is the current Drip Point's Editor, Drip Points Ad Manager and Information Director. All three positions are inter-related. Steve pointed out that he is doing an excellent job, despite having a full time job, a growing family and is working toward his Master's Degree, evenings. He has published two issues of Drip Points and has asked to retain that position. The copy of Drip Points on our web site will be updated.

Western VP, Mike Doyle, stated that the Lou and Mike show is alive and well, and getting a lot of attention on social media. He is working to expand our presence on the web and also on social media.

Central VP, Kim Borgman, was not present. He is finishing his term as VP, as of this meeting and Steve thanked him for his service on the board.

Eastern VP, "Gus Stafford", reported a number of shows in the

eastern region. There are plans for future shows including a National in the Eastern Region

Don Briel, as 1st Past President, had no report.

Authentication & Classification Advisor, Paul Greaves, was not present. Paul had submitted a report stating that increased conversation on social media regarding Fake and Altered Insulators is doing a lot to reduce the demand and the price for these insulators.

Steve added that it is not illegal to alter or to sell a piece of glass and that if it's not an NIA member there isn't anything we can do about it. If it is an NIA member there are things we may be able to do, but we need definitive proof of the prior knowledge and the intent to defraud before we can do anything. Paul watches this issue very closely. He's working to create a pictorial library of fake and altered insulators which ultimately would be on our website.

Award & Recognition Chair, Gene Hawkins, stated that we have a new award this year. The N.R. "Woody" Woodward Award for the Best Use of Threaded Glass in a display. It will be available for viewing all day tomorrow at the show. It will be given at the judges' discretion.

Historian, Rick Soller, said he has plans to keep Bob Berry very busy adding things to the website. He is scanning pictures from past shows and expects to need help identifying individuals in those pictures. He is constantly adding new items to the archives.

Ethics Advisor, Darrell Stahler, was not present, but reported that the need to deal with ethics issues is decreasing. We had no ethics issues in the past year.

NIA Commemorative Coordinator, Carolyn Berry, says that we are on track to meet the expected income from commemoratives this year. This year's color is Cherry Blossom. She will be retiring within the next few years, after approximately 20 years of service to the hobby.

Research and Education Advisor, Jacque Linscott Barnes, reported that the lesson plans on the website continue to be downloaded. She further reports that she is resigning as of this meeting. Steve thanked her for her many years of service to the hobby. Steve added that Lee Brewer will be the new Research and Education Advisor.

The Development Committee is being reorganized to include

people from each region rather than just the Western region. The function is to raise funds to balance our budget each year, as we endeavor to do more as an organization. Increasing scholarships is one thing we want to do.

Rules and Procedures Advisor, Mike Funderburk, is taking a sabbatical from the NIA and from collecting for short time. Tim Wood is taking over this position. Tim reported that as of the day before the board meeting the handbook had been updated with all the latest changes, and had been approved by the Board. Steve thanked Mike for his good work in maintaining the handbook and our Rules and Procedures.

Product Manager Margaret Wagner, reported that sales were down slightly because they had gotten rid of excess inventory last year. They keep looking for ideas for new merchandise. They're planning something special for next year which is the 50th Anniversary of NIA shows or meets. 2020 will be the 50th Anniversary of the NIA and, again, something special is being planned.

Events Committee Chair, Darrell Wagner, reported that they had five people interested in hosting the 2020 show in the West, winding up with two bids. Now they're looking for hosts for the 2021 show, which again will be in the central region. They're also looking for ways and incentives to get people to attend the shows.

Scholarship Committee Chair, Jeanne Briel, had nothing to report. Tammy Brewer is now serving on the scholarship committee, replacing Lee Brewer who has assumed Research and Education Advisor. Two scholarships of \$1000.00 each are being awarded this year. The recipients are Anthony Eiting and Nathan Hardage.

Webmaster, Bob Berry, reported that 230 catalogs from Elton Gish have been digitized and are on the website. A portion of the website is password-protected. Contact Bob to get a password to access those sites. He is working with Elton Gish on identification of foreign porcelain. He is working with Dario on assigning CD numbers to foreign glass. He stated that there's about 40 insulator related sites currently on the Internet.

Special Projects Advisor, Mike Doyle reported that there are thousands of members on social media insulator sites. He's working to convert old publications to the web. Jacques Linscott-Barnes has donated the Blue Bell issues to the NIA. He asked if anyone had a way to contact Ron and Patty Norton. He's looking for permission to use the Rainbow Riders Trading Post. If anyone has information on the Norton's, please contact Mike Doyle.

Finance Chair Bill Snell reported that there was agreement to perform a financial audit any time there is a change in the treasurer or upon the wishes of the board. He stated that he had performed a preliminary audit and found nothing amiss. He added that this in no way reflects negatively upon the integrity of the treasurer or that we suspect that there has been any wrongdoing. It is merely good fiscal practice to have an update from time to time to assure the collectors that the organization is fiscally responsible.

That ended the reports by board members and advisors. Steve reported that since last year we have processed 27 significant documents and voted on several motions. As usual, it's been a busy year for the Board.

Steve reported on the status of our attempts to register our name and the logo with the government. We had procured the use of an attorney, who reported back to us that the term NIA already exists. It's the National Insulation Association. Our request was denied because The National Insulation Association's name is very similar to our name. We were able to make contact with the National Insulation Association's CEO and were told that if they could get approval from their board they had no problem writing a letter on our behalf to the government. This letter never came and the government deadline passed. Rather than push the issue in court, and upon the advice of counsel, the Board decided to drop the issue. We were advised by counsel that if we pushed too hard they could get a court order causing us to cease and desist, in which case we would lose our name and logo altogether.

This past year the board successfully used conference calls to further enhance our decision-making process. We had two three-hour conference calls, one in October and one in April, essentially adding another board meeting. The Board decided upon the success of the calls to continue their use.

Steve added that the Board had approved a revised list of Benefits of NIA Membership. Although not much different in content from the current list, the wording has been updated to appeal to Millennials.

The Board has also approved a list of goals for the NIA

Steve introduced the new officers for the NIA.

Incumbent, Walt Baumgardt was re-elected to another two year term as secretary.

Darrell Wagner was elected as the new Central Vice President.

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NIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)

He's looking forward to serving the NIA. He is looking for volunteers for the next National in the central region in 2021. A letter of intent needs to be in by November 1 of this year, with the proposal by February 1 of 2019.

We could not find any volunteers to run for President. Pursuant to our By-Laws, 1st Past President, Don Briel submitted Steve Roberts (with permission) to the Board for a vote. By Board vote, Steve Roberts will remain as President.

Don Briel will be serving as the new Events Chairman replacing Darrell Wagner who is now the Central VP.

Steve asked for questions from the floor there was one question regarding the name and logo situation. What was the danger of someone else coming in and getting a name approved over us? Steve stated that if we were not able to get our name approved then no one else would be able to either. They would have the same problems we had with the existence of the National Insulation Association. Changing our name came up with Nation Insulator Collectors being suggested. Since we have had the National Insulator Association name for 49 years it was not a recommended change. Steve did state that such a move would not be taken lightly, requiring a lot of discussion by the board. He added that discussion could and would take place. There was a question about our logo. Steve stated that there was also a problem with our logo because the T in National is actually a telephone pole. Our attorney said that this would very likely be a problem when it came down to getting the logo approved. As it stands the issue has been dropped by the Board. We are confident that if we could not get our name and logo approved, no one else will be able to, either.

Steve announced a 2019 regional show in Helena, Montana, hosted by Ron Yuhas, Doug Rusher and Jay Bernasek. It is July 26 to the 28th and Ron advised watching the website for details.

The 2019 National Show is in Orlando Florida, hosted by Jacqueline Linscott-Barnes, Graham Barnes and Clay Bledsoe. This is the 50th Anniversary of the national meet or shows. It is June 14 to the 16th and again, continue to check the website and ICON for details. Show rooms will be available at a reduced rate for 5 days before and 5 days after the Show, for anyone wishing to take an extended vacation.

The 2020 show in the Western Region was announced for Logan, Utah. Don and Jeanne Briel and Arnold and Linda Smith are the show hosts. It will be held in a brand-new facility; 20,000 ft.2 available for sales and displays. The dates are June 12 through the 14th of 2020.

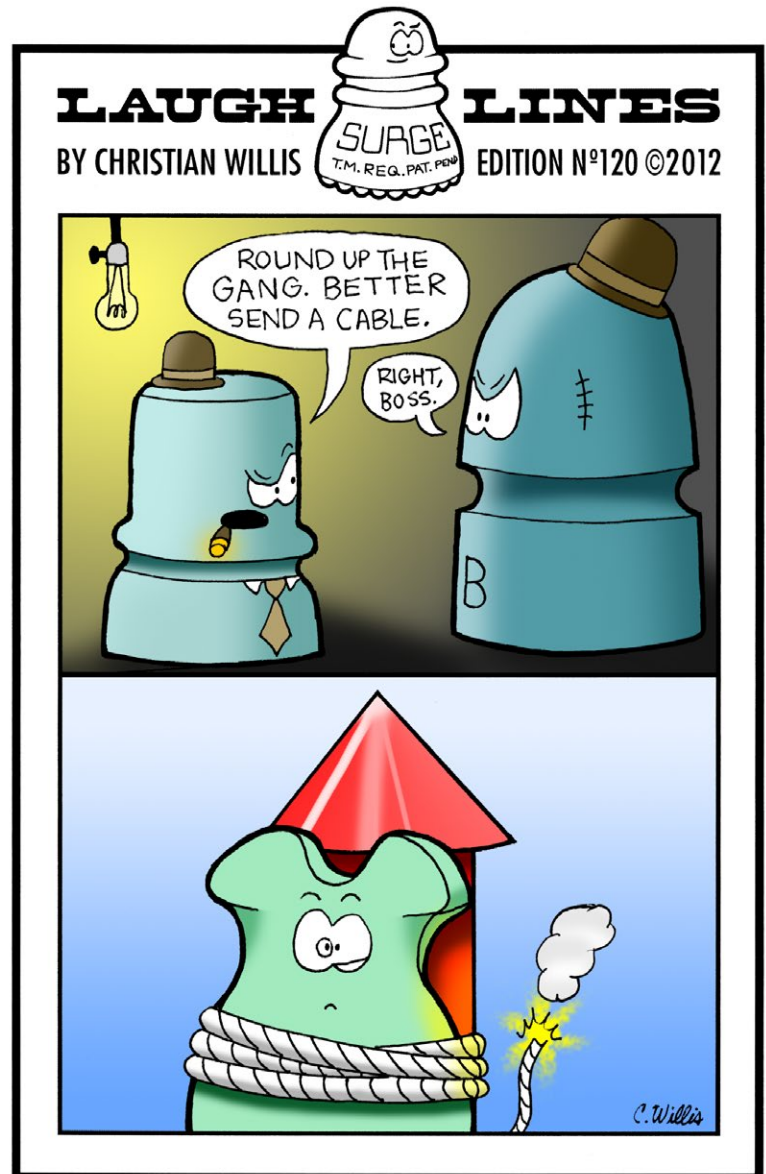
Tomorrow night's Banquet will be in this room. A cocktail reception starts at 5:30 PM, with a Buffet Dinner at 6:30 PM.

Sunday morning Devotions will be at 8 AM immediately across the lobby from where we are now. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM upon motions by Jacque Linscott-Barnes and Lou Hall. 🙏

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Baumgardt

NIA SECRETARY



THE NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION GLASS COMMEMORATIVE

" 49 years of continuous production "

49th NIA CONVENTION * 2018 Kansas City, MO

" Cherry Blossom "

In honor of a National where cherry blossoms are also celebrated each spring,
this year's color is milk slag with red swirls

Regular - \$40.00 each / ppd

(\$35 for each additional when shipped with the first)

(every commemorative is unique; color variations will be different than those shown in this flyer)

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Note: Solid pours are not plunged. They vary in size and can be crude. They may lean or have flaws. They have no base markings. Each will be unique in color variation.

Embossed on the base of the commemorative:



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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 1/4 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 continued on 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 directly to benefit the National Insulator Association, a 501(c)3.

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If you have questions, or live outside the continental USA, please contact me by phone or email.

INSULATOR WORD SEARCH

BY MICHELLE ARMAND * NIA #9757

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IN MEMORIAM

HONORING NIA MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED



The following NIA members passed away within the last year. The NIA Board observed a moment of silence for these individuals at the 2018 Kansas City National Board Meeting:

Name	NIA#
Jim Barton	3902
Edward Brown	7364
Roger Bruss	9566
Joe Clements	6113
William Dreggers	64
Scott Ferriera	4493
James Gibson	3777
Robert Gregory	2569
James Grubb	4820
Wayne Huber	7760
Richard Metsker	8485
Norma Miller	2747
Diane Moudy	8070
Larry Reed	2320
Patricia Sharer	580
Larry Shoemaker	2405
Clifford Tyson	2430

Farewell to Doris Wilson By Rick Soller, NIA Historian

I am sad to report that collector Doris Wilson passed away on April 18, 2018 at the age of 89. Whenever I learn of the death of another collector, I reflect on how they mirrored the image of the hobby. In the case of Doris, she reflected how collecting was a family adventure for many, how it was a long-time activity, how it opened doors to new friends, and how anyone could amass an amazing collection.

The family was involved in the hobby in important ways. Doris was preceded in death by her husband, James (NIA #1950) who collected insulators and lightning rod balls with her and died in 2000. I met their son, Dennis and his family, at the recent Tama, Iowa swap meet and learned that the dad would spy insulators worth retrieving and then the two of them would return to the spot and Dennis would climb up the pole and retrieve the insulator. Instead of climbers, he would throw a rope over the cross-

sarm and use that to crawl up the pole. I also learned that, in the winter, the family would travel to Florida and would look for insulators during the trip. I thought they might have been to the Maitland, Florida show but none of the Florida collectors I talked to at the National recalled them so perhaps they just searched antique stores and abandoned lines. I had a picture borrowed from Wayne Alexander of Doris and Jack Bateman posing in the shelter house of a Tama, Iowa swap meet and was happy to let the Dennis family get a copy of the picture for their own family album.

Doris was involved with insulators and lightning rod balls for at least 39 years. Her husband received his NIA number in 1979 and was certainly actively collecting before that.

Over the years, many people enjoyed seeing their collection. I was never lucky enough to meet James but Russ Frank and I called on Doris a couple times on our way to the nearby Toledo/Tama show. I know John and Carol McDougald, Jack Bateman, and one other unknown collector visited her too. Doris would also occasionally make it to the swap meet held in the area.

I believe even beginning collections can contain gems, and the long tenure of collecting that the Wilson's had made this a near certainty. The insulator that stood out most for me in their collection were several U-202 baby blue porcelain transposition made by Pittsburg. Seeing several of these in one collection confirmed the rumors I had heard that they were used in the area. Doris seemed especially attracted to the piece since she preferred buying colorful porcelain when I saw her at the local swap meet. Living in a state where lightning rod balls were used extensively, it was also possible to put together an impressive LRB collection. 🏠

Jack R. Garris (NIA #1732) By Patricia Garris-Shoemaker, Daughter

My dad was a long time NIA member and he passed away. He always loved looking, collecting, trading, hoarding, and showing his insulators. He and my mother hosted their own swap in our little town for many years and he and friends traveled for it. At times dragging others along (me). He always looked forward to your magazine and info. 🏠

EDITOR'S NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF A RECENTLY PASSED NIA MEMBER, PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITOR.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2018



SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2018 (Friday-Saturday) BEND, OREGON

The annual Jefferson State Insulator Club's Tres-Amigos Insulator Show & Sale in Central Oregon will be held September 7th & 8th starting with diner Friday evening followed by our traditional bonfire and story-telling time. On Saturday the show will begin early with a BBQ lunch at 11:35. Side dishes are welcome. This year, tables will be provided. Therefore, if you would like a table please let us know beforehand so the correct number can be ordered. Be sure to bring your "Go-Withs" and any other treasures along with your hunting and adventure stories for the Friday evening bonfire. This year we are opening the contiguous field for parking as well as for loading and unloading, making access more convenient. Remember, your RSVP is appreciated and necessary should you want a table or two. Location: 64420 Research Road, Bend, OR 97703. Lodging and camping in Tumalo State Park nearby; or camping on site. Info: JIM SINASEK 541-383-8067 or oregonjim@q.com ... ERNIE CARLSON 503-622-3573 or ecarlson@gmail.com ... MID NORRIS 541-281-2715 or mudhen@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 (Saturday) OTTAWA, ILLINOIS

The Greater Chicago Insulator Club's annual fall swap meet will be at a new location this year. Tom and Mary Nugent are hosting the show on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at their home located at 1999 N. Columbus St., Ottawa, IL 61350. Bring a table if you can. Free lunch. Club auction. For more information or to RSVP, contact Tom at (815) 434-5157 or tnugent@ivnet.com.

SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2018 (Saturday-Sunday) ABBOTSFORD, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Mark & Laura Schultz will host the Abbotsford Insulator Show at their home, 33911 Farmer Road, Abbotsford, British Columbia on September 8-9. Collectors are welcome to come earlier in the week and set up as there's room for RV parking on a first come, first served basis. Lunch is provided but if you can bring a dish that would be appreciated. Tables are free but please RSVP so we know how many to obtain. Remember to bring lots of insulators! Info: MARK SCHULTZ 604-855-4125 or email: schultzmachinist@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 (Saturday) HEBRON, CONNECTICUT

The Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club will be hosting their 2nd annual fall swap at the home of Stan and Terri Mirecki on September 15 (rain date September 16). The venue is at 173 East Street, Hebron, CT. The get together will be informal and fun and we ask that you bring your insulators and antiques, as well as tables and chairs. Official hours are 8-2, yet early birds and stragglers welcome. Keep your appetites and a \$10 donation for a cookout lunch served around Noon. Bring a dish if you would like and RSVP one week prior to get a head count for lunch. There is ample parking and set up room in the side yard. Please park along the tree line and be cautious: the driveway is very long with room for one car at a time. Contact ZAC MIRECKI to RSVP for lunch or with any questions: 860-916-9014 or zac.mirecki@yahoo.com

SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 (Saturday) HOUSTON, TEXAS

The 27th Annual Houston Insulator and Collectibles Show, sponsored by the Lone Star Insulator Club, will be held September 22, 2018 in the Pasadena Room of the Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport, 9100 Gulf Freeway Houston, Texas 77017. Show hours are 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with free parking and free admission. Dealer tables \$45/first, \$40 each additional. Guest rooms \$89/night for show attendees. Fly into Hobby and take free shuttle to and from Hotel. Contact CHRIS (281-461-9652 crenaudo@aol.com), KEITH (979-245-2558 keithbrooking@spcglobal.net), or JOHN (281-851-6585 j.hall@ix.netcom.com) for more information.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 (Saturday) BATH, ONTARIO, CANADA

An Antique Bottle & Insulator Show will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, from 9:30 to 2:30 at 428 Main Street, Bath, Ontario, Canada. Admission is free. There are a limited number of tables if anyone is interested in setting up and it is first come first served. Tables are available at a cost of only \$10 each and are 2 x 4 in size. The event is held at the old Masonic Hall which is settled in the middle of Bath Ontario, originally settled in 1784 by United Empire Loyalists. The building itself was constructed in the first quarter of the 19th century and housed many businesses including an early prescription druggist and drug manufacturer. Info: RICHARD DOBING Phone: 613-876-1286 or Email: loyalistcollectibles@gmail.com Website: <https://www.facebook.com/BathBottleShow/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2018



SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 (Saturday) RICHFIELD, OHIO

The Western Reserve Insulator Club's 8th Annual 'Oktoberfest' Insulator Show at the Masonic Hall, 3750 Grant Street, Richfield, OH 44286 (near the southeast corner of Routes 303 & 176), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free Admission. 8-foot Dealer Tables \$20. Dealer Setup 9-10 a.m., Bratwurst and Root Beer available for lunch. Contact JOHN HOVANEK 216-392-3622, email jrhovanec@ymail.com or visit www.InsulatorCollectorsOfAmerica.com for more details.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 (Saturday) RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN

The North Western Insulator Club invites you to join us for the Annual Fall Swap Meet at the Moose Lodge, 620 Clark St in beautiful River Falls. Hours are 9 to 3 and the host is Mike Braun. Tables are free, admission is free and shopping will be great. Bring a dish to pass for lunch. For info, contact Mike at 715-426-0887 or mbraun61@yahoo.com

SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2018 (Saturday-Sunday) SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

The 2018 Santa Rosa Antique Bottle & Collectibles Show will be held September 22nd & 23rd at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, across from the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. Saturday hours will be 11:00 to 4:00 with general admission at \$3. Early entry from 10:00 to 11:00 will be \$10. Sunday's hours are 9:00 to 3:00 with free admission. Info: 707-823-8845 or email: nbca@comcast.net or website: http://www.oldwestbottles.com/Santa_Rosa_Show.php

SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 (Saturday) ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Enchantment Insulator Club/New Mexico Historical Bottle Society 31st Annual Insulator, Bottle, Barbwire and Collectibles Show and Sale. Elite Sports Academy, 501 Main Street, Albuquerque NM 87104. The venue is in historic Old Town ABQ and last year's dealers and attendees loved it! Show setup and dealer trading Friday afternoon & evening, September 28. Saturday September 29 public show hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Info: MIKE GAY (505) 480-0085. E-mail: cdn102@swcp.com or TOM KATONAK, 1024 Camino de Lucia, Corrales, NM 87048 (505) 933-0297. E-mail: tkatonak@swcp.com

OCTOBER 7, 2018 (Sunday) CHELSEA, MICHIGAN

The Annual (42nd) Antique Bottle and Insulator Show sponsored by the Huron Valley Bottle and Insulator Club will be held on Sunday October 7th at the Comfort Inn Conference Center, 1645 Commerce Park Drive, Chelsea, Michigan. It is located just north of I-94 at exit 159 (M-52). Doors open at 9 am to the public and show closes at 3 pm. Admission is \$3.00, with children under 16 free. Dealer set-up begins at 7 am. Food available on premises. Items for sale include: insulators, bottles, jars, lightning rod balls and weathervanes, and other related collectibles. Contact ROD KRUPKA, phone 248-627-6351 or e-mail rod.krupka@yahoo.com; or MIKE BRUNER e-mail abbott4girl@sbcglobal.net.

NOVEMBER 2-4, 2018 (Friday-Sunday) SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

The 48th Mid-Ohio Insulator Show will be held November 2-4 at the Clark County Fairgrounds, 4401 South Charleston Pike, Springfield, Ohio. Exit 59 off I-70. Show hours are Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Saturday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Sunday from 9:00 AM to closing. Info: CURT BOSTER email: cboster530@att.net or 614-301-5125 or LOIS BLAIR 740-852-3148. Additional info at: www.insulators.info/shows/springfield

NOVEMBER 17, 2018 (Saturday) LOUDON, TENNESSEE

The final Dixie Jewels Insulator Club swap meet of 2018 will be hosted by STEPHEN AND ROBIN RUPPEL on Saturday, November 17 in Loudon, Tennessee from 9:00-2:00 Eastern. We will meet at Bethany Baptist Church, 3586 Hwy. 72 North, Loudon, TN 37774. The church is located south of Knoxville, TN and is only 1 1/4 miles off exit 72 on I-75. There is no fee to set up a sales table, so you are invited to bring insulators, bottles or other collectibles to sell, trade or swap. Collectors are expected from 6-8 states and there are always lots of insulators. A limited number of sales tables will be available on a first come-first served basis or you may bring your own. A noon meal will be served, and everyone is invited to join us for lunch. If you wish to contribute to the meal, side dishes, drinks or desserts would be welcome. Please call ahead of the swap meet date to reserve tables or to let Stephen and Robin know what you will bring for the meal. For more information or table reservations, please contact: Stephen Ruppel, (865) 228-7086. For a copy of the club newsletter with directions to the swap meet, contact BILL HALEY, wgh@tnaqua.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2019 – JUNE 2020



JANUARY 19, 2019 (Saturday) MAITLAND, FLORIDA

The annual Central Florida Insulator Collectors/Antique Telephone Collectors Association (CFIC/ATCA) Show and Sale will be held Saturday, January 19, 2019, at the Germaine Bldg., 220 W. Packwood, Maitland, FL. Tables are: First table is \$25.00. Each additional table is \$20.00. Set-up is from 7:30-8:00 am. with the public allowed in at 8:00 am. until about 3:00 pm. There will be coffee and donuts for the dealers. Lunch concessions will be available on the premises. This is a one-day Show and Sale held annually on the same weekend as the huge "Renninger's Antique Extravaganza" in Mt. Dora, FL which begins for "Early Buyers" on Friday, January 18th. For information and reservations contact: PAUL MIKULA, NIA#7466, 650 East Chapman Road, Oviedo, FL 32765; Tel: 407-365-4686; email: wecoman@bellsouth.net



JUNE 14-16, 2019 (Friday-Sunday) ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The National Insulator Association's 50th Annual Show and Convention will be held June 14-16, 2019 in the Convention Center at the Doubletree by Hilton

Orlando at Sea World, 10100 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32821. In June 2018, show information is available on the NIA web site. Plan to be a part of "Celebrating 50 Years of Meets/Shows". The show hosts are CLAY BLEDSOE, GRAHAM BARNES, and JACQUELINE LINSKOTT-BARNES. For more info call 321-480-1800 or email: bluebellwt@aol.com



JULY 26-28, 2019 (Friday-Sunday) HELENA, MONTANA

Announcing the 2019 NIA Western Regional show to be held July 26th-28th, 2019 at the Radisson Colonial Inn in Helena Mt. Show host Doug Rusher

along with co-hosts Ron Yuhas and Jay Bernasek welcome all insulator collectors to this historic show. This is the first time an NIA Regional or National show has been held in Montana and is the first Regional show in 15 years. We will have 74+ sales tables and 20 display tables. Show information is available on the NIA Website: www.nia.org/shows/westernregional. Close to Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks, Community Display of Insulators of Montana, Banquet Saturday evening. So Plan your summer vacation and attend a fantastic Insulator show as well. For more information please Contact Doug Rusher 406-461-

7341 ddrusher@aol.com or Jay Bernasek 406-223-1969 jayb@mtoptic.com.net



JUNE 12-14, 2020 (Friday-Sunday) LOGAN, UTAH

The National Insulator Association's 51st Annual Show and Convention will be held at the Cache County Fairgrounds in Logan, Utah. The fairgrounds is located at 450 South 500 West, Logan, UT 84321. There will be plenty of dealer space and exhibit space plus a multitude of things to do in the area. Complete show information will be available in 2019 at the Orlando National and subsequently online. Show Hosts are: DON & JEANNE BRIEL, (435) 753-5786, Don.Briel@comcast.net and ARNOLD & LINDA SMITH, (801) 829-3383, smithlrh@hotmail.com

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50th Annual Convention & Show

June 14-16, 2019

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Location:

DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at Sea World
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Hotel Reservations: 1-407-352-1100
“National Insulator Association Block”

Your show hosts and CFIC members invite you to join us for the 50th NIA Meet/Show. This is the fourth time in fifty years that a “National” has been awarded to the Orlando area. The show will be held in the Oceans Conference Center, a 15,000+ square foot area (one of three conference centers on the DoubleTree’s lush 28-acre property). There will be 125+ dealer tables and 25+ display tables.

Hotel Reservations

Because there are numerous Hilton and/or DoubleTree hotels in the Orlando area, be sure to make your reservations at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at Sea World**. Hotel check-in time is 4:00 pm and check-out time is 11:00 am. The hotel and convention center are part of the large gated resort complex where we have secured a block of rooms which will help support the show. Standard room rates for the 2019 NIA Convention and Show are \$112.00/night, plus the negotiated resort fee of 11.95 (includes free self-parking (be sure to get your parking pass), wi-fi, transportation to theme parks [except Disney], two bottles of water, complimentary appetizer with purchase of entrée and access to hotel amenities) plus the local and state taxes. **These rates are good for five days before and five days after the convention and will count toward the expenses of the NIA Convention and Show.** There is a free shuttle to/from the local attractions within 5 miles of the hotel. The resort has several restaurants (see area restaurant listing), a café & lounge, pools (2), health & fitness center, business center and high-speed internet access, all of which are designed to create a warm and tranquil travel oasis while redefining the vacation and meeting experience.

To accommodate the NIA convention attendees, reservations must be confirmed **by May 24th, 2019**. This is the “cut-off date” for making your reservations in the block of rooms at the guaranteed rate. Please remember that the hotel rooms reserved and paid for during our room block, helps offset some of the costs of the facility that the 50th NIA National Convention and Show will be using. Your Patronage of this hotel will be greatly appreciated.

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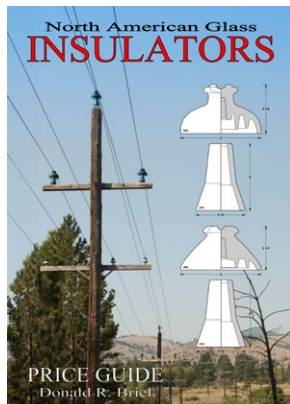
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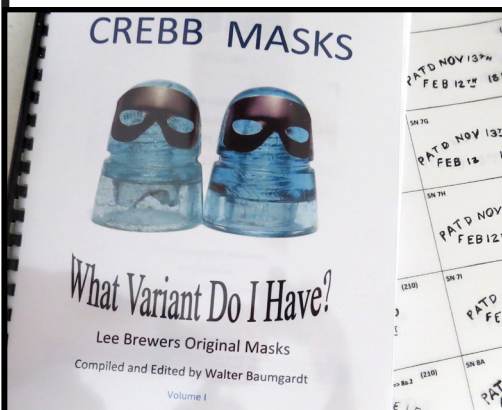
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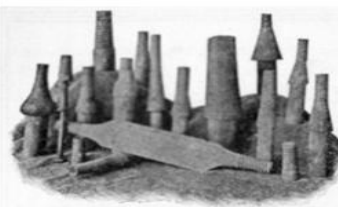
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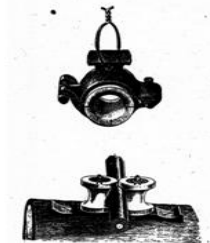
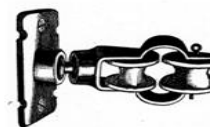
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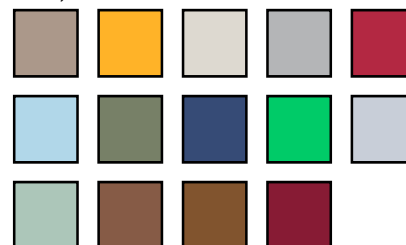
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Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

EMBROIDERED LOGO T-SHIRT

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



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

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

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

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

Color: _____

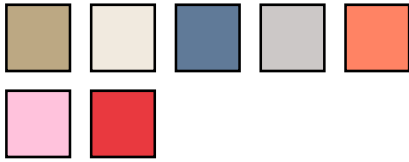
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EMBROIDERED CAP

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



Price: **\$15**
Total Quantity: _____
Total Price: _____

NIA NAME BADGE

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

Price: **\$12**
Total Quantity: _____
Total Price: _____

COLLECTORS PATCH

Price: **\$4**
Total Quantity: _____
Total Price: _____

BADGE BAR

Info: For NIA position or local club
Price: **\$4**
Total Quantity: _____
Total Price: _____

20 OZ COPPER LINED STAINLESS STEEL TUMBLER

Info: Steel Tumbler Keeps drinks cold or hot for hours! One color imprint (blue)
Price: **\$25**
Total Quantity: _____
Total Price: _____

NIA WINDOW DECAL

Info: for outside car window.
White: 5 1/2 x 6 3/4 Color: 4 1/4 x 5 3/4
Price: **\$10 (White) \$7 (Color)**
Color: _____
Total Quantity: _____
Total Price: _____

TOTE BAG

Info: "Big Thunder" Tote bag - sturdy with NIA logo
Price: **\$15**
Total Quantity: _____
Total Price: _____

16 OZ TRAVEL TUMBLER

Info: 4 color imprint
Price: **\$14**
Total Quantity: _____
Total Price: _____

Name Badge Engraving Information:

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



Thank you for supporting the NIA!

U.S. Postage:

\$6.75 for the first item & **\$1.50** for each additional item ordered.
Postage for Patches, Badge Bars are **\$0.60** each. Decals, **\$1.95**
Name Badges are **\$0.85** each to mail.
For Postage outside the US or AK & HI Contact me for quote

Shirt Sizing Chart:

Adult/ Mens
S 32-34 | M 36-38 | L 40-42 | XL 44-46
2X 48-50 | 3X 52-54
Ladies
S 28-30 | M 32-34 | L 36-38 | XL 40-42
Ladies order comparable adult/men's size for most shirts, unless specifically noted as a ladies shirt

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

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____

Subtotal: _____
US Postage: _____
Total Enclosed: _____

Send completed form to:

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



NIA DONATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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

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

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

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

My/our gift is in memory of: _____

My/our gift is in honor of: _____

Please send acknowledgment to: _____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Payment Information

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

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

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





DONATE TO THE NIA

A REQUEST FROM THE NIA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Dear Fellow Collector,

The NIA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and as such gifts may be tax deductible. Gifts of support will help the Association improve existing benefits and services as well as create new benefits and services for members and those collectors who are yet to become members. Your gift will allow the NIA to continue its mission to encourage growth and public awareness of the insulator hobby through collecting, dealing, and educational endeavors. The NIA has identified four areas where donations will help create and enhance programs directed to that mission.

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

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

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

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

Please indicate on the remittance form the area that you would like your donation to be applied. If you choose to apply you donation to more than one area please indicate the dollar amount for each area. Each donation of \$10.00 or more will receive an acknowledgment and thank you letter from the NIA President. Additionally, each donation of \$100.00 or more will receive a NIA Name Badge Bar thanking you and recognizing your financial support of the NIA in 2018. AND, for a donation of \$250.00 or more you can choose to receive a THANK YOU gift of a NIA Tee-Shirt. Just select the shirt size and color on the remittance form. No selection will indicate that you chose not to receive a shirt.

Please detach, copy or scan the remittance form found on the page to the left and return the form along with your check payable to the NIA. Mail to: NIA Treasurer, Bill Rohde, P. O. Box 28, Colusa, CA 95932.

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

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