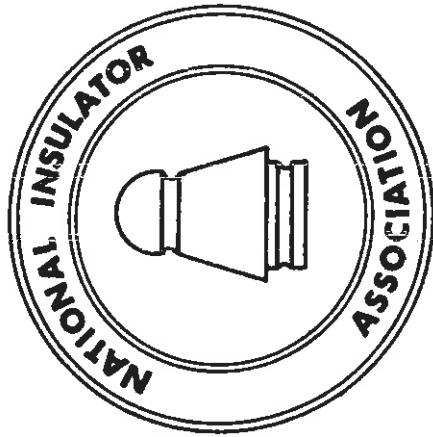


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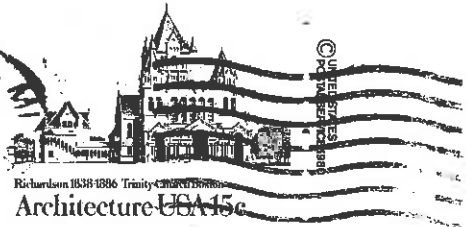
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

HELLO, FELLOW COLLECTORS!

I am Pat Patocka from Penryn, CA., and I am extremely proud to be your NIA President. I wish to take this opportunity to thank those of you that served on the Board of Directors and as Committee members this past year, and in some cases, for several years. You have all done a fine job! And a special thanks to the Bennetts and Barnes for a great National Show.

My main goal during my term in office is to accomplish the changes, and to fulfill the desires of you, the membership as a whole. Already the Board and I have received several ideas and requests for changes that merit consideration. Some of these will be acted on by the Board; others will require a vote by the entire membership.

AT the general membership meeting in Herkimer, NY, a proposal was made that the name of our organization be changed to include the word 'antique' as a means of eliminating confusion to the public and attracting more walk-in traffic at shows and possibly new members. During the discussion it was also brought up that we are no longer just a 'national' organization, so perhaps the word 'international' would be more fitting. At that time the Board decided that although the proposal was a worthy one, the financial cost would be prohibitive. However- we also feel that the membership should be polled in this regard. What do YCU think of the proposals? Please contact your Regional Vice President or me about your preference. Do you favor.....

National Antique Insulator Association (NAIA)

International Antique Insulator Association (IAIA)

OR.... we could just leave it like it is (NIA) and feature the word 'antique' in any show publicity. PLEASE help the Board make this decision!

Another proposal to increase our membership was made and has been voted and accepted by the Board. - A years free

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membership will be given to any existing member who is directly responsible for bringing three (3) new \$6.00 memberships into the N.I.A. Elsewhere in this issue of 'Drip Points' you will find the membership applications. SO COME ON fellow collectors, let's all get out and 'beat the bushes' for new members!

Re-alignment of States..... The logical, geographical division of the States, particularly between the Western and Central Regions.... this has been a goal of mine, based on numerous requests and an almost unanimous positive response from a survey conducted by myself with the members of the affected states during my term as Western Region Vice President. More on this in the next issue and hopefully voting by the membership in this regard.

Finally, due to requests and changing times and conditions, I feel that we should update our by-laws and show rules, both contained in the 'Membership Handbook'. I have polled the Board and Committee Chairmen in this regard and have received quite a few recommendations. Again I would like to ask each member to review the handbook and submit any suggested modifications or changes to your regional Vice President, or send them directly to me.

Do keep in mind, we can only have a strong and lasting organization if you, the members, keep promoting our hobby and let the Board know your desires! So.. come on and dig up those 'writing sticks' and let's hear from you.

It's a real pleasure to discuss my ideas and goals with you, but enough for now. Until the next issue, remember to support your local clubs and shows, and good luck in your collecting!

Pat Patocka NIA #140

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

"It is with pleasure that I announce the 1981 National will be held in Sacramento , CA. We have secured a beautiful

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hall for our show - at the Elks Lodge in Sacramento, and we anticipate a record turnout.

The Elks Lodge is in an easy-to-find location, and the people there have told us that anyone with a recreation vehicle is welcome to park in their lot overnight for free. (no hook-ups) Dealers will be provided with free refreshments on set-up night, and a snack bar will be operated on show days.

We have tried to keep costs down, so we have priced tables at only \$30.00 each. And, I might note, that any income that is not used to pay show expenses will be used to ADVERTISE, in order to bring in the public.

If you get a sales table, do you have other collectables for sale? The presence of lots of other collectables really helps to pull in the BIG crowds. All you have to do is stay within the NIA guidelines - which is to have the majority of your sales table insulators and other related items.

Again I urge everyone to make table reservations early. The cost of a table will increase to \$35.00 per table after December 31st 1980. So dont delay. Remember.....

THE GOLD RUSH IS ON AGAIN !
SACRAMENTO IS THE PLACE !

For more information contact me

PHONE....

916-322-5443 (work)

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GRANT SALZMAN

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SACRAMENTO, CA 95803

Set-up will begin on July 9th, NIA Day will be on July 10th, and the show will be open to the public on July 11th and 12th.

Grant Salzman NIA # 1785

FROM THE EASTERN REG. VICE-PRESIDENT

Members,

Here in the East, the National is still on the top of everyones mind. I hope the enthusiasm with future NIA shows is the same.

Still no aplications in for the Eastern Regional show and time is getting short. If there is any interest in sponsoring a Regional show, please let me know, or contact Grant Salzman ASAP!

In the East we have three insulator clubs that are affiliated with the NIA. The Capitol District Insulator Club of New York NIA # 1766, the Central Florida Insulator Collectors Club NIA # 2000, and the Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club of New England NIA # 2257. It is a must that insulator clubs support the NIA to pull the people and the organization TOGETHER. I hope to see more clubs joining in the future.

Thanks again for your vote and I'll give it my best to meet your expectations.

Good Collecting,

John DeSousa NIA #419

FROM THE TREASURER

Hello!

The Club membership records have safely crossed the continent from Florida to California, and I have put on my green visor and started to work on them. Thanks to the very efficient job that Jackie Linscott did, everything is ship-shape, so all that I have to worry about right now is the wide-spread case of forget-itis that seems to have swept the nation! Check the address label on this copy of 'Drip Points' ... if there is a "D" after your name it means that you have not paid your 1980-81 membership dues, and the books just won't balance until you do! Thank you to all who did remember to pay in March, and thank you to those who will NOW!

yours,

Shirley Bateck NIA #422

FROM THE INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Members,

Do you have a glass insulator which is a variety not listed in the price guide? Do you have a new discovery which has never been given a catalog number? Do you have any ideas as to how to improve our present system of cataloging glass insulators?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you will be pleased to know that the NIA has formed a special committee to accept and evaluate all new discoveries and any proposed modifications to the catalog or price guide. This service will be available to anyone, not just NIA members.

The passing of Mr. Marion Milholland some years ago has left quite an empty spot in the hobby, especially in the area of evaluating and listing new items. As a result there are new items that have not been recognized, and there is no orderly process whereby collectors can propose additions or changes. To fill this need, the NIA has established this committee to carry on this portion of Mr. Milholland's work, and to prevent any new discoveries from being lost to the hobby.

If you have a new discovery or an unlisted item, or wish to propose any change, addition or deletion, send it in! However - do NOT send your proposals to "Drip Points" or "Crown Jewels", as this will only delay the process. Instead, forward your material to : Grant Salzman, NIA Executive Director, P. O. Box 696, Sacramento, CA. 95803. Any legible material is acceptable, and drawings, photos, etc. are helpful. Your proposal will then be routed to all of the committee members for their evaluation, and their subsequent decisions will be announced in " Crown Jewels" .

My best,

Michael Bruner NIA#1482

FROM THE NIA HISTORIAN

I am overwhelmed by the number of books that have been donated to the NIA library. When I began my duties as Historian in the summer of 1978, there had been no books donated to the NIA Library. Now we have the complete 'sets' of books by the following authors, Marion Milholland, Gerald Brown, and Jack Tod. We have almost a complete set of books by Francis Terrill- missing only one. Also, we have the COMPLETE volumes of 'Drip Points' and 'Crown Jewels'. Some of the following have also been donated: Books by Woodward, Tibbits, Cranfill-Kareofelas, Frank Peters, James Hill & Edward Pickett, and some issues of 'Cross Arms'. Bob Alexander donated the 'Color Guide' & 'The Story of Insulators'.

Below is a list of what we still need.

Book # 3 by Francis Terrill - 'Hemingray Insulators'.

All books by Woodward, except the 1969 report.

All 'Cross Arms' before Jan. 1974 - also the May 1974 issue.

Also wanted are magazine and newspaper articles, photos of your collection, news and flyers advertising all shows - but ESPECIALLY Regionals.

For the NATIONALS listed here I need photos, flyers, and advertising materials.

1970 - 1971 - 1972 - 1978

1973 photos only

1974 photos only

1976 photos only

1977 photos only

I want to say THANKS from the depth of my heart, to all of you who have helped in the growth of NIA History. I love all of you!

Till the next time,

Carolyn Theesen
NIA #1590

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FROM THE SHOW CHAIRMAN

Many thanks to Bill Dreggors of Deland, FL, for all the time and effort he spent during his two years as NIA Show Chairman. I have taken over this responsibility now, and will be busy trying to measure up to the fine job he did.

I am also the one who writes those stories each month in 'Crown Jewels' about foreign insulators.

I have a large collection of insulators of all types, and I have been interested in these jewels ever since my first purchase of three in an antique shop in 1973. But, I think my real love centers around foreign insulators - just because they are so different.

Please remember that in putting on a local show, if insulators are advertised as part of your show, and insulator activity is more than just incidental, an NIA ribbon is available to you (free of charge) as an award for insulators on display. To obtain your ribbon, write or call me at the address below.

See you in Sacramento CA next year - what a great show it promises to be!

Marilyn Albers NIA#541

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NIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

\$6.00 ADULT (Regular individual membership)

\$6.00 FAMILY (This type of membership is for one adult and other family members at the same address. Enclose an additional \$1.00 for each member who wishes a ballot)

\$1.00 JUNIOR (Under 18 years of age)

Make all checks payable to: National Insulator Association, and send to..... National Insulator Association, c/o Treasurer, P.C. Box 326, Penryn, CA 95663

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