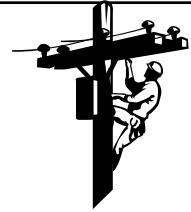




# Drip Points



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION

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**Available via e-mail**

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



This is my first issue as NIA Information Director. It's quite an honor to have the opportunity to serve such a welcoming hobby. Since most of the people who know me stem from the Four Corners region, I have decided to use this first *Drip Points* to introduce myself and how I came to this magnificent obsession.

Back in the spring of 1976 I was in the 7th grade in Wheaton, Illinois.

My class was on a field trip to Galena in western Illinois – a town whose sole claim to fame is that the glaciers bypassed the area while flattening the rest of the state. During the afternoon we were permitted to roam the main street for an hour. I happened upon an antique store. In the front window I saw a bell-shaped piece of yellow glass. I asked the shopkeeper what it was. She told me that it was an insulator, and that people actually collected those things. Well, five bucks was too much for a 13 year-old in 1976, so I let it be. For the next several years I would gaze out the car window on my family's weekend excursions and see pole after pole of five bucks, five bucks, five bucks.

In 1996 I went back to college to study computers. They had be-

come interesting. I got on the Internet one evening, remembering those glass things, but forgetting what they were called. I typed 'telephone pole' and 'glass' into various search engines and eventually stumbled across Bill Meier's informative [insulators.com](http://insulators.com), and began collecting. My first excursion led me west of Phoenix, producing several aqua McLaughlin 154's and some clear Hemi's and Armstrongs. I was hooked.

Eventually, I had to draw a line somewhere. I now specialize in Western Glass — McLaughlins primarily, but I am building an assortment of Denvers and Cal as well. I make my home in Albuquerque. Any NIA member is welcome to drop by and talk insulators.

**Arthur McConnachie, NIA #6934  
Information Director**







while you're at the show. Plan to be there.

In the meantime, there are a number of good shows coming up in our region. On September 23, Claude Wambold is hosting a show at his house. He's had a swap meet at his house for about the last 34 years in June but this

year he decided to do another down home gathering instead of a more formal show. It should be fun. On September 16th, the Yankee Polecat Club will have a show in East Hampton, Connecticut and Dixie Jewels will have a swap meet in Tennessee on November 18th. Steve and Lois Blair (honorary Eastern Region resi-

dents) and Glenn Drummond will be hosting the 36th annual mid-Ohio show on November 4th and 5th. I hope to see you at the shows.

**Larry Novak, NIA #5889**  
**Eastern Region Vice President**

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**FROM THE CENTRAL REGION**



Welcome from Texas where it's very hot and we are having record high temperatures! Everything is dry and we need rain, but a high pressure system is keeping the moisture away. We normally see rain in September, so hopefully by the time you read this, we will have some relief. A local church had a billboard out front that said, "If you think it's hot here...?"

The national in Austin, Texas was a huge success. Carolyn Berry did a fantastic job at organizing everything and when you put Jim Bates, Bob Berry and Jack Roach together, you know it will be fun! I came down a few days early to meet up with Jack Roach and Denny Hackthorne to enjoy some skeet shooting at Jack's hideout in the woods. Jack's shack overlooks a low water dam that is spring fed. Jack told me that it was very iso-

lated and after seeing this place he is not kidding. There is no electricity, running water, or phone and you better have a four wheel drive to visit.

There was a great selection of insulators at the national in all price ranges. One of the more interesting pieces that showed up was a CD 131.8 in light purple that was dug out of a privy in Elizabeth, New Jersey by a bottle digger about four years ago. At first the digger threw it down, but when he was leaving he decided to pick it up and take it home because the color was a little different than usual. Some other fantastic insulators that I recall seeing were a CD 158 Boston in amber, CD 127 WUP in cobalt blue, CD 140.5 cobalt blue, CD 127.4 No Name in SCA, CD 134 Unembossed Oakman in 7 up green, CD 131 Cal. Elect Works in cobalt blue and a CD 168.5 Dot in dark aqua.

The displays were simply amazing and some one-of-a kind Fred

Locke in glass and porcelain made their first appearance. Whether you collect porcelain, threadless, threaded, or go-withs there was plenty to see this year.

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I am looking forward to fall this year because that means cooler temperatures and Springfield! Jack Roach and I are already making plans for the greatest show in Ohio that rivals any national. Please remember to support your local shows and occasionally, a long distance one as well.

Good collecting,  
**Ross Baird, NIA #1983**  
**Central Region Vice President**

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## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



It seems like summer just started and yet the NIA National is long past. What a great show the NIA National in Austin was. Many thanks and kudos go out to Bob & Carolyn Berry, Jim Bates, and Jack Roach for a really great show and a fine display of Texas hospitality. What a wonderful and successful show!!!

Many veteran NIA members renewed their membership at the Austin show and several new members signed up at the show or shortly thereafter. There are currently 1474 active members with a few renewals and new members being added each week.

Here we are approaching autumn and nearing renewal time for next year's NIA Memberships. October 1 is the date when dues payments are automatically credited to next

year (2007). If your 2006 dues haven't been paid yet and you don't want a gap in your active membership history, right now is the time to renew. Also, active membership in the NIA is one of the ways to be included in the annual NIA / 'Crown Jewels of the Wire' directory, as well as receiving the quarterly 'Drip points' newsletter.

If you are paid up through 2006, you may still send your renewal early. It will save the NIA the cost

of sending reminder notices and help keep the cost of membership down. You may renew for a single year or multiple years. Whatever number of years you choose will extend your current paid up time.

If you have made a dues payment during the latter part of 2006 you have already seen the informative renewal confirmation letters. If not, you will see them as you renew in the future. These letters will help all members know their membership status, allow corrections of any wrong information, and promote better communication within the NIA organization.

Membership dues remain at \$12

per year. Renewal forms may be obtained online at [www.NIA.org](http://www.NIA.org), in 'Crown Jewels of the Wire', or by requesting a renewal form from your Membership Director:

Don Briel  
P.O. Box 188  
Providence, UT 84332  
[Don.Briel@comcast.net](mailto:Don.Briel@comcast.net)

We still have many NIA brochures available for show hosts and others to pass out to prospective members. The brochures are available free of charge.

**There are currently 1474 active members with a few renewals and new members being added each week.**

These are an attractive, informative tri-fold brochure that contains some excellent general information and a membership application. Just contact Don Briel and let him know how many you need and where to send them. Adding new members to the NIA is one of the ways to keep our hobby alive and well.

May your insulator collecting be safe and fruitful!

**Donald Briel, NIA #7218  
Membership Director**

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**The National Insulator Association's 38th Annual Show & Convention**

**June 22-24th, 2007**

**Holiday Inn International Drive Resort & Convention Center  
6515 International Drive  
Orlando, Florida 32819**













**From the Treasurer**

**Jack Roach, NIA #4156 Treasurer**

**FINANCIAL RESULTS  
NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006**

<b>Beginning Balance General Fund July 1, 2005</b>		<b>\$ 12,413</b>
<b>Museum Exploratory Committee</b>		<b>\$ 972</b>
<b>Authentication/Ethics Account</b>		<b>\$ 2,207</b>

**Revenues**

Donations			
Membership Dues	<b>\$ 8,686</b>		
Miscellaneous Income	<b>\$ 718</b>		
Product Sales	<b>\$ 3,162</b>		
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$ 12,566</b>	

**General Fund Expenses**

Advertising			
Bank Charges, Taxes Fees and Insurance	<b>\$ 940</b>		
Marketing Products	<b>\$ 2,824</b>		
Misc. Postage	<b>\$ 1,455</b>		
Misc. Printing	<b>\$ 1,625</b>		
Misc. Supplies	<b>\$ 603</b>		
Misc. Professional Services	<b>\$ 299</b>		
Crown Jewels Rebates	<b>\$ 486</b>		
Drip Points Printing	<b>\$ 2,815</b>		
Drip Points Postage	<b>\$ 1,043</b>		
Show Advertising Subsidy	<b>\$ 716</b>		
Show Awards	<b>\$ 334</b>		
Stationery Supplies			
Telephone			
Special Projects			
Educational Disp Postage	<b>\$ 140</b>		
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 13,280</b>	

<b>Closing Balance, General Fund</b>		<b>\$ 11,698</b>
<b>Museum Exploratory Committee Expenditures</b>		
<b>Museum Exploratory Committee Balance</b>		<b>\$ 972</b>
<b>Authentication/Ethics Account Expenditures</b>		
<b>Authentication/Ethics Account Balance</b>		<b>\$ 2,297</b>
<b>Total Balance on Hand June 30, 2006</b>		<b>\$ 14,697</b>

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**2006 NIA MEMBERSHIP NEW/RENEWAL FORM**

Submit: **(In U.S.funds)** To:  
(Payable to the NIA)

**Donald R. Briel**  
**NIA Membership Director**  
**P.O. Box 188**  
**Providence, UT 84332**  
**E-MAIL: don.briel@comcast.net**

**Note New Dues Schedule!**

Regular Membership----- \$ 12.00  
Family Membership----- \$ 12.00  
Junior Membership (under 18)---- \$ 5.00  
Club or Organization----- \$ 12.00

=====  
(Check appropriate Class) Regular\_\_\_\_\_ Family\_\_\_\_\_ Junior\_\_\_\_\_ Club/Org.\_\_\_\_\_

(Check Years of Payment) Single year\_\_\_\_\_ Multi-year\_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**NIA # (If Renewal)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State/Province** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip/Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_ (+4) \_\_\_\_\_

**Country (If Non U.S.)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

Please include me in the Annual NIA/Crown Jewels Directory **Yes**\_\_\_\_\_ **No**\_\_\_\_\_

Please include my Telephone Number **Yes**\_\_\_\_\_ **No**\_\_\_\_\_

Please include my E-Mail Address **Yes**\_\_\_\_\_ **No**\_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** I Would like to Receive Drip Points in the Following Format. **Paper**\_\_\_\_\_ **Electronic**\_\_\_\_\_ (Check Only One Choice) (Need E-Mail Address for Electronic)

**Additional Family Members**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nia# (If Renewal)** \_\_\_\_\_

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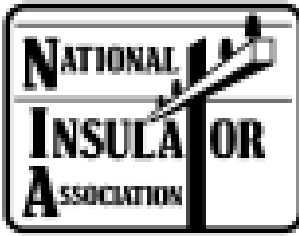
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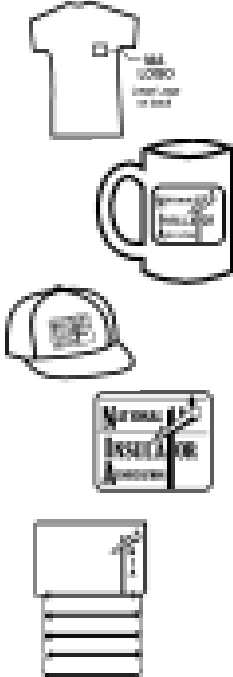
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# Fall 2006

## www.nia.org/products



**Men's Golf/ Polo Shirts or Button-front Sport Shirt**

Please call or email me for **NEW color/sizes/styles available:** \$32 - \$41  
embroidered logo; with or without pockets

**\* Ladies' shirts** -- embroidered logo; **NEW sizes/colors/styles!**

Please call or email me for **NEW color/sizes/styles available:** \$32 - \$38

**Denim Shirt** -- (\* ladies order comparable men's size, see below)

Heavy-wt, pre-shrunk cotton -- stonewash blue or **NEW!** natural-- left-side pocket

Embroidered logo S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ \$32.00  
\*S/S leeve \_\_\_ \*L/S leeve \_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_ \$35.00

**T-Shirt** -- Hanes Beefy 'T' - Ash gray - Screen-printed logo (front & back)

**SPECIAL PRICE!!** 2X \_\_\_ (\$ 8 )  
Hanes BE EFY 'T' - Heavy weight- Stonewash Green; embroidered logo  
M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_ (\$20)

**NEW COLORS !!** Cardinal Red or Lt. Steel; embroidered  
M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ (\$20) 2X \_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_ (\$22)

**Sweatshirts** -- Heavy weight -- Ash gray -- screen-printed logo (front/back)

**NEW PRICE!!** S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ (\$ 8.00 ) GREAT FOR KIDS!!

**NEW COLOR !!** Burgundy or Lt Steel Gray -- Embroidered logo -  
M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ (\$25) 2X \_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_ (\$30)

**Hooded Sweatshirt** w/ full front zipper - Embroidered logo - Lt. Steel Gray

M / L / XL (\$35) \_\_\_ 2X / 3X (\$40) \_\_\_

**Embroidered Cap** -- Stone/ Navy or Khaki/Green, low-rise, embroidered logo (\$16)

**Embroidered Denim Cap** -- blue denim, low-rise, embroidered logo \$16.00

**13 oz. Clear Glass Mug** -- with etched NIA Logo \$5.00

**Ceramic Mug** -- 10 oz. - white ceramic coffee mug w/ screen-printed logo \$7.00

**Patch** -- embroidered logo / red embroidered edge \$4.00

**Koozie™** -- The original beverage **Koozie™** fits any standard beer / soda can / 12 oz. water bottle!!

Silver screened NIA logo on: NIA blue \_\_\_ red \_\_\_ green \_\_\_ \$2.00

**NIA Hat/Lapel Pin** -- enamel tack pin with NIA logo \$4.00

**NIA Decal** -- logo - red border; for inside car window \$1.00

**NIA Name Badge** -- white badge engraved w/ blue letters - screen-printed logo epoxy pin back, beveled edges (**fill in form below**) \$12.00

**Badge Bar** -- white w/ engraved blue letters (ie. NIA position or Local Club) \$4.00

**\*All sizes/colors of shirts are orderable\***

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*U.S. Postage: \$5.35** for the first item & **\$1.50** for each additional item ordered. Postage for Patches, Decals, Pins or Name Badges/ Bars are \$0.50 per item. **\*\*for non-US postage, AK & HI and Koozies, please contact me for an exact postage quote!!**

Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Postage \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for your support!

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

**Name Badge Engraving Information (must be a current NIA member!)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NIA # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NIA # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Club Bar: \_\_\_\_\_ Use the back of this order form for add'l badge/bar orders



# Central Florida Insulator Collectors NewsNotes

Editor:  
Jacqueline Linscott Barnes

Late Summer Issue  
September 1, 2006

## Orlando, Florida is the site for the 2007 National Insulator Association's 38th Annual Convention, Show and Sale

As the show hosts for the 38th Annual National Insulator Association's Convention, Show and Sale, June 22-24, 2007, we are delighted to welcome you back to the Orlando, Florida Area for another great time of collecting insulators and renewing friendships, as we do each year wherever we meet.

Located in the midst of Orlando activity on International Drive, we have a beautiful 10,000 sq. ft. ballroom with plenty of space for sales tables as well as space for exhibits, seminars, meetings, banquet and social gatherings. We have planned for 101 sales tables and 24 exhibits, but can accommodate more if we need to do so.

We encourage you to volunteer to do an educational seminar. We will be having a raffle with some surprise items for the drawings. There will be the opportunity for free appraisals and "on the spot" auctions for choice "walk-in" insulators.

The media as well as the OCVB are working very closely with your show hosts for extensive local, regional and national advertising to ensure maximum exposure.

A special treat is offered on Friday night....An all-inclusive and relaxing excursion to Sea World's Makahiki Luau with top-notch entertainment. On Saturday evening we will

have our annual banquet with awards to follow.

The "all-in-one" Holiday Inn International Drive Resort and Convention Center is rolling out the red carpet for attendees.

Show packets, which contain everything needed to make your reservations, can be obtained by contacting Jacque Linscott Barnes <bluebellwt@aol.com> or 321-480-1800 or 3557 Nicklaus Drive, Titusville, FL 32780.

Y'al come on down and enjoy our "Worlds"!!

PS: At this time, over half of the sales tables are reserved and only 4 vacant display tables.

*CFIC Meeting*  
*Saturday, October 7th*  
*10:30 am*

*Meeting Hosts:*  
*Bob & Kathy Roberson*  
*5245 Date Palm Street*  
*Cocoa, FL 32927*  
*321-633-9361*

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When I talked with Bob today, he said he has a R.R. depot, with more telephones, telephone tools and of course insulators. So, bring your eyes and ears for a guided tour. Of course, bring your favorite covered dish to pass at the luncheon. Remember to call Bob and Kathy to RSVP.  
**Directions:** Exit off I-95 onto Port. St John Pkwy, go east to Grissom and turn right going south to the B.P. station on the corner. Take a right onto Canaveral Grove Blvd., go the Fire Station and take a left. Go to the first Stop sign, Turn right onto Citrus, go up and over the overpass (you're going over I-95) to first STOP sign; Turn right onto Pine and go to end of Pine; Turn left, go approximately two blocks look to your left and you will be at 5245 Date Palm Street. Coffee and Danish will be waiting for you. Bring all your new finds to share.

### Shows and Meets in the area:

- Sept. 16, 2006....East Hampton, CT
- Sept. 23, 2006....Perkiomenville, PA and Jacksonville, FL
- Nov. 4 & 5, 2006....Springfield, OH
- Nov. 18, 2006....Soddy-Daisy, TN
- Jan. 20, 2007....Maitland, FL; Renninger's Mt. Dora Extravaganza (Jan. 19-21)
- Jan. 27, 2007.....St.Petersburg, FL