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OPEN LETTER

Dear CROSS ARMS Subscribers

It is with deep regret that I find I am forced to announce that CROSS ARMS Magazine will no longer be published.

Since 1972 when we first started publishing CROSS ARMS we have been fighting a never ending battle with economics. Well, economics have won, we can no longer afford to publish CROSS ARMS.

We have given our subscribers list to Dora Harned, editor and publisher of "Insulators Crown Jewels of the Wire", Route 1, Box 475, Chico, Cal 95926.

Effective this date, all readers will receive "Insulators, Crown Jewels of the Wire" until your subscription with CROSS ARMS runs out. If you are already receiving "Crown Jewels" your subscription will be extended to take in both your CROSS ARMS and "Crown Jewels" subscription.

I intend to continue my activities in the insulator hobby. My plans for the Museum are still going forward. I will be attending shows and swap meets and still taking photos, etc and helping collectors in any way that I can.

I have agreed to write articles for "Crown Jewels" and supplying them with photos and news from here in the East.

I want to express my appreciation to all those who have given me help and support during the last 3 1/2 years. They have been good years for we have met many friends.

Thank you,
James F. Garrity
Editor
CROSS ARMS

From Our



Mailbox

Dear Jim

This letter is a rebuttal of a rather narrow-minded opinion offered in the February issue of CROSS ARMS by a Mr. J. Crowley (Pg. 25). I feel it necessary to express my opinion which I hope is of a more liberal attitude than Mr. Crowley's.

Apparently, he feels that '9 out of 10' collectors feel as he does--that our hobby should remain 'small'. Is it possible that he only knows 10 collectors? Is it possible that 90% of those 10 are as narrow-minded as he is? If so, I believe the remainder of us across the country should be thankful that only 9 conservative collectors with such elitist ideals exist. Otherwise, coast-to-coast buying, trading, and selling of insulators would not be alive and thriving today. EC&M's and Tillotsons would never pass each other crossing the Mississippi. Collections would be greatly limited.

No matter how some people look at dealers, they are good for the hobby. Crooks exist-but smart collectors will avoid them and alert others about them.

The serious collector is intelligent enough to see the need for a national organization. And, Mr. Crowley, you state that ... 'mass confusion...' is eminent in ... 'Federal Gov't. State Gov't, J. C. 's, Red Cross, etc...' but it is my personal opinion that these "organizations do one hell of a job whether it be the complicated task of running the country or the grim duty of sustaining the

lives of survivors of a disaster.

Our hobby is wonderfully unique. But it should not be confined to a chosen few. We need to enlighten the 'public'-invite them to join us.

Sorry Mr. Crowley, but this is the way it is.

Sincerely,
Rick H. Jones

NEW FINDS



Here are two insulators which missed getting into my book, "UNIQUE COLLECTIBLE INSULATORS". The one on the left is a composition spreader type gray in color. The one on the right is shiny black, hard rubber or composition: a cable top pony. Both are approximately 2 in. high. Cut this picture out and paste into your UNIQUE book. Gerald Brown

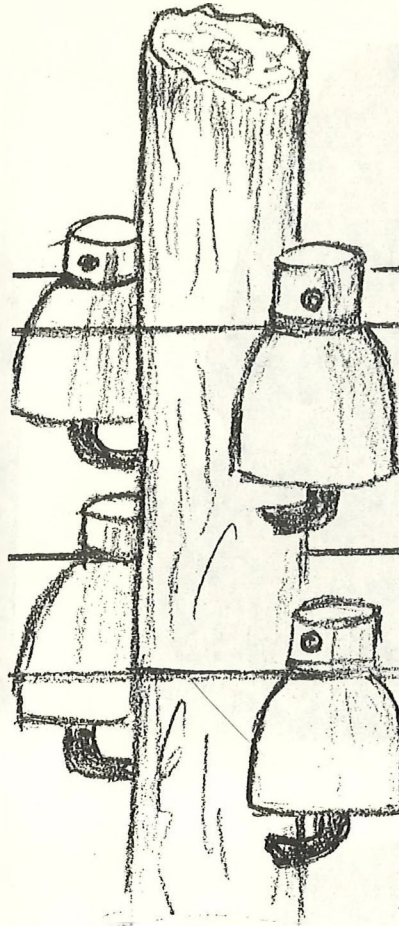
Dear Jim,

I will not be able to go to the National in San Diego.

Anyone going to the National and coming through Hutchinson, Kansas, I would like any collector to stop by and spend the evening seeing my collection and visiting. We are only home in the evening as we both work.

Sincerely
Dale Dawson
Hutchinson, KS

NEW FIND



This is a partial copy of an old colored greeting card. It has pictures of birds and flowers but more interesting to me are the four porcelain insulators shown. The post shown has flowers growing by its side so the wires must be telephone lines fastened to a fence post. Notice that the crowns of the insulators have holes thru. There are no marks to show the age of the card but it seems to be like the ones of early 1900.

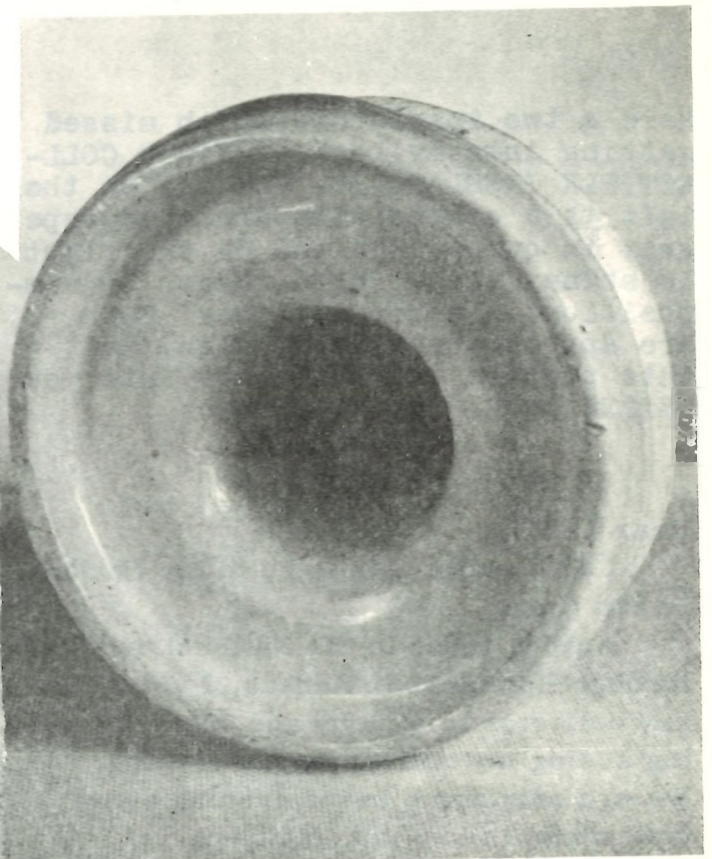
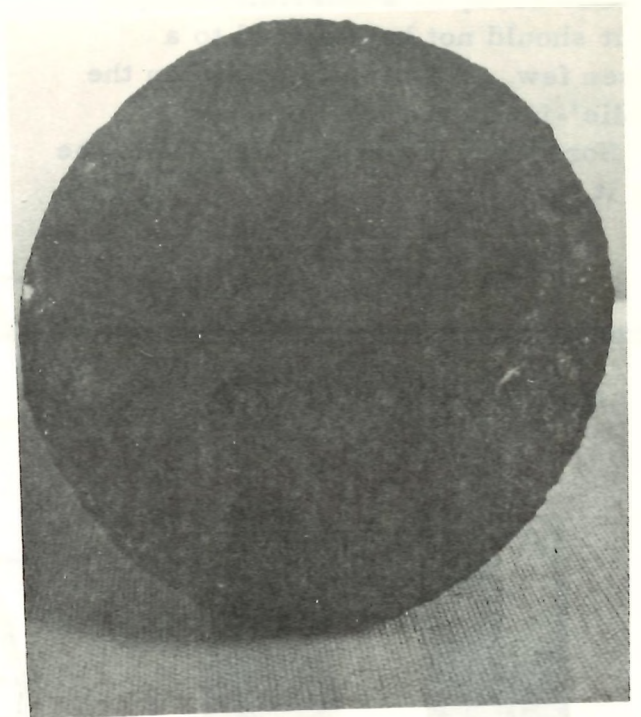
Card found by Rodney Wing. Drawing by and submitted by Gerald Brown.

THE INSULATOR OF THE MONTH

This month's edition required more research than most. The majority of the information came from The Growth & Development of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company by H. W. Schotter & A Centennial History of the Pennsylvania Railroad by Burgess & Kennedy. Railroad insulators are my special interest and if anyone would like more information just write.

Chuck King wrote to say he's seen H. G. Co. CD 151's along the New York Central near Schenectady. They have drip points on both skirts and hand made letters; as we described a couple of months ago. for now, good hunting;

Ed Storey
98 Apollo Drive
Rochester, NY 14626



These are two threadless porcelain insulators from the Bob Wilson collection, 12612 Chilton Rd. Phila., PA.

Record of Insulator

<u>Where seen/found</u>	<u>Price/condition</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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History

In the last half of the 19th century American railroads were very competitive and would go to great lengths to prevent other lines from extending their control. In the late 1860's the Erie Railway Company was trying to extend it's territory West of New York state. To prevent this the Pennsylvania Railroad, in 1869, leased almost 3000 miles of smaller companies' track including the following:

- Columbus, Chicago, & Indiana Central RR
- Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne, & Chicago RR Co.
- Grand Rapids & Indiana RR Co.
- Indianapolis & St. Louis RR Co.
- & several more.

This huge increase put a strain on the PRR operations. To cope with this, a separate company, wholly owned by the PRR was formed in 1870 and called the Pennsylvania Lines West. This company was to manage these lines and unify them as part of the Pennsylvania Railroad. They were to meet all lease expenses and upgrade the system.

There was a continual shortage of funds, however, and when everything was unified in to the PRR in 1920 the PLW portion had been receiving much less maintenance than the Eastern portion of the system.

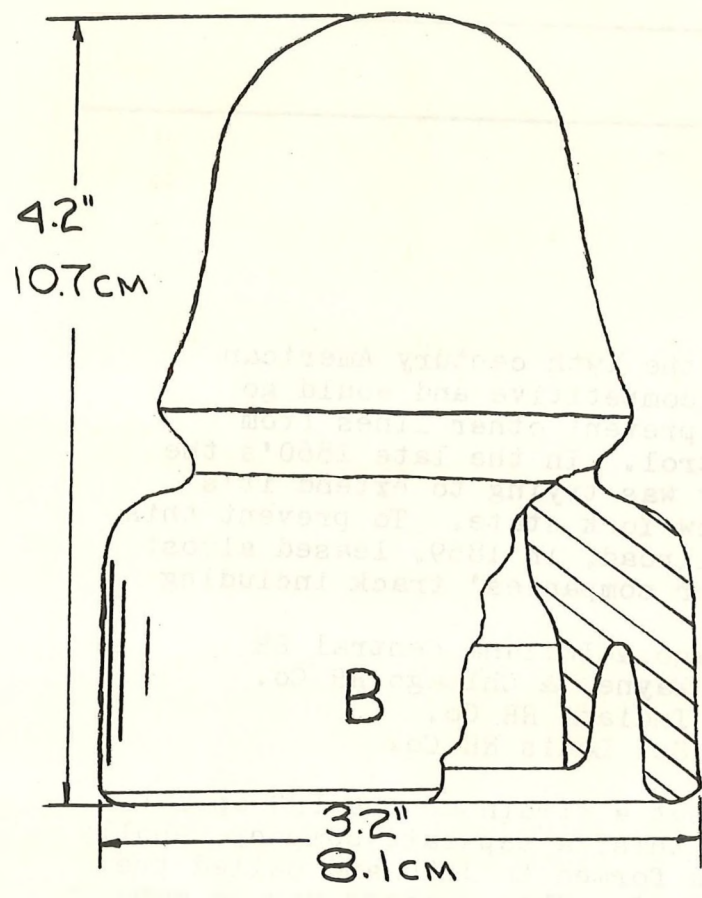
This reduced maintenance is one reason why there are fewer PLW insulators to be found than PRR insulators.

Cross Arms

June 1975

by Edwin Storey

BROOKFIELD
PRR
PLW
c.d. 162.5



NO DRIP POINTS
DOUBLE PETTICOAT
AQUA, GREEN to OLIVE GREEN
THREADED
MARKINGS
TOP PLW or PRR
FRONT B

PRR stands for Pennsylvania Railroad. PLW stands for Pennsylvania Lines West. Both were made for the railroad by Brookfield. The color and the minimal Brookfield embossing suggest a manufacture date after about 1905. In 1917 the railroads were nationalized temporarily. It is unlikely that specialized embossing was used during the period of nationalization. Probably these had been designed by the railroad. Some PLW insulators have 3 small projections on the inner skirt.

Classified :: Ads

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5536 Keoncrest #2, Sacramento, California 95841

(SEND FOR A SAMPLE PAGE)

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CD 164 Gayner 38-20 aqua \$5 - 2 for \$8. \$1 postage,
1st- \$.50 each extra. Bill Thompson, PO 1532,
Bristol, Conn. 06010. 203-584-2888. 8

PORCELAIN INSULATORS Guide Book for Collectors,
the standard reference for pintypes. Hardbound book
plus all supplements, \$14.90 postpaid. From author,
Jack H. Tod (CA), 3427 N. 47th Place, Phoenix,
Ariz. 85018. 5

FOR SALE. Manhattan, v. v. n. m., green, \$25.00;
#2 Columbia, mint, green, \$80.00. Postage extra.
Richard Case, 3227 Seward Ave., Apt #4, Rockford,
IL 61108. (815) 398-1522. 1

Will trade my lightning rod balls or insulators for
your weathervanes. Good selection. McManis, 16006
W. Holdridge, Wayzata, MN 55391. 612-475-1595. 7

Wanted to Buy - CD 234 & 235 carnivals, purple, and
SCA in quantity and CD 162, Percy Hill, 2254 Sera-
cedar, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. 7 7

WANTED - Telegraph keys and sounders.
David Fein WBZKRS, Box 66A, East
Chatham, NY 12060.

All Insulators Mint to VNMint
CD 121 Maydwell-16W straw \$25
CD 152 California purple 5
CD 106 Maydwell-9 straw 1
I would like to sell only but will trade if I
really need the insulator. Postage \$1.00
first, 50¢ for any additional. Todd Kirk,
29904 3rd Ave. SW, Federal Way, WA 98002

FOR SALE: M. Canadian diamond ponies-
olive green & clear-\$1.50; Canadian bee -
hives N.M. \$2.50. Brian Barker, 1921 W.
37th. Davenport, IA 316-391-8787.

FOR SALE: CD 151 H. G. Co/Petticoat -
aqua-mint-\$20.00 per dozen. CD 214 Hemi
43 aqua-mint-\$18.00 per dozen. All orders
write to Richard Sharer, 2400 S. W. Watrous
Des Moines, IA 50321.

WANT unusual antenna insulators- hopewell,
eagle, lico marked or unmarked amper or
blue glass. Will buy or trade. Walt
Lehnert, 5209 Minnehaha Blvd, Edina, MN
55424.

SALE-TRADE 132. 4 No name Chambers
Companion, aqua. Tiny chips at flange base
otherwise mint. \$100.00 plus \$100.00 in
trade value. John de Sousa, 229 Wintonbury,
Bloomfield, CT 06002.

FOR SALE - CD 153 Gayner/No. 48 ~~to~~ 400
drips aqua, mint \$2.00. Please include in-
surance and postage. Harold Lambrecht,
3519 Ave. G, Co. Bluffs, IA 51501.

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N. M. ; CD 117 Ampersand, mint; CD 134
base embossed Pat d Am Ins VNM. For
Sale or Trade. Bob McElvaney 34 Oak
Lane, Sparta. NJ 07871

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Will trade Californias, McLaughlins and Maydwells for CD 190-191 or parts. Chuck Irwin, 1707 S. E. 113th, Portland, Oregon 97216.

Specializing in cables and transposition. Want CD 270, CD 191 bottom K. Eme Eisenga, P.O. Box 8747, Stockton, CA 95208. Phone (209) 464-5198.

U503 sim., UE, cobalt \$8.00; U39 F. Locke, tan \$8; U68 UE brown, \$3.00; U90 Thomas, white, \$20.00; U152 Cook, white, \$3.00; U174 Pinco Pat. Applied For, brown \$8.00; U249 Cook. brown, \$8.00. Add postage, SASE, list. Lew Hohn, 96 Birchbrook Dr., Rochester, NY 14623. 716-334-2968.

WANTED: Old telephones (magneto, common battery) Also, old books or pamphlets pertaining to old telephones (before 1915-Western Electric, Stromberg Carlson, etc) I. N. Theysohn, 253 Union St., Hudson, NY 12534.

NEW SPECIAL LIST. with emphasis on COLOR and foreign glass. Includes Mexican lime green 162.7's RYT 155, Derflinger 1545 and a maverick-no CD (cross between 134 and 162.4). Also Australian bottles 160.7 and a 110.5 and 249. Send S. A. S. E. for list. Bronson Hoffman, 5110 San Aquario Dr., San Diego, CA 92109.

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FOR TRADE toward another threadless CD 733 #5 Brookfield VVNM. Nice sparkling aqua. Kerry Lavendoski, RD#2 Brasher Falls, NY 13613.

WANTED: Brookfield Insulators. Gert Wyer, 29 Franklin Rd. Cromwell, CT.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: CD 154 Hemingray (line 1507 Milholland's/75) CD 133 No name (line 926), approx 150 others. Send SASE for list. Particularly interested in trading for purple Withycombes. R. Leavens, 8056 Huntington Rd. N. E., Calgary, Alberta, T2K 5A4.

Wanted Dead or Alive-Porcelain U-185 (Slussers Patent). I will pay any reasonable price for this unusual insulator. I am also looking for nice items to take to the National. Jerry Turner, Box 6651, Gaynor Rd., Goshen, Ohio 45122.

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Prices are going up; mine are going down. I have the beautiful carnival glass rainbow colored 10" Pyrex (Sombreros) retal removed, mint, dark color, reg. \$20ppd, now \$12ppd; 5 for \$50ppd. Med. color, reg. \$12ppd, now \$10ppd; 5 for \$40ppd. Light color \$8 each, 5 for \$30ppd. Send large S. A. S. E. for 3 page list for sale or trade. Ed Sellberg, 2918 Neals Lane, Vancouver, WA 98661. 6cb

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