

Drip Points



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



This issue of Drip Points is the shortest issue that I've put together since becoming Information Director. Summer is a time when people are busy doing other things.

Although I am certainly looking forward to the upcoming National, my focus is on next Saturday when I will be going insulator hunting for the fourth weekend in a

row. Admittedly, I have purchased my fair share of glass at shows. However, the insulators I prize most are the ones that I have found myself over the years, sitting on abandoned poles or buried in the dirt, just waiting to be liberated and introduced to our wonderful hobby.

Each location has its quirks. When I lived in Phoenix, insulator hunting was a winter activity. When I moved to Colorado, it became a summer pastime, waiting for the mountain roads to become dry and passable. Here in New Mexico there's still a bit to be figured out. A week ago I was in the mountains just under 8000 feet with the Katonaks where we found ourselves surrounded by snow flurries. The temperature was so cold (in May!) that we didn't even get wet. Last weekend the same place gave me near heat exhaustion from temperatures in the upper 80's. But it's all worth it. As a collecting buddy described it, it doesn't matter whether you find anything. It's good therapy none-theless.

Despite the fact that glass is disappearing at an alarming rate in the wild, our hobby is quite healthy. Check out Don Briel's report on our membership statistics on page 5.

I am looking forward to a spectacular National at one of America's best vacation destinations. See you all in Orlando!

Be sure to check out:

http://www.nia.org/shows/national/

Arthur McConnachie, NIA #6934 Information Director

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello everyone,

The 38th NIA National show in Orlando is rapidly approaching and I hope you all will be able to attend. Cheryl and I will certainly be there and are looking forward to seeing you again. If you're going we will see you there. If you can't go, we understand and we will miss you. If you're on the fence and thinking about going, I would like to take this moment to give you a nudge in the direction of Orlando.

This is really going to be a great show. There is so much to do in a very small area around the hotel that you will not be able to do half of the things you will want to do unless you're getting there significantly before the show or leaving significantly after. I have been on International Drive in Orlando several times and it is very close to Sea World, Disney World, and Universal Studios. I have stayed at 3-4 hotels up and down International Drive including the Holiday Inn that the show will be held at. There is more to do in a 2-3 mile stretch of International Drive than in many entire cities. This is definitely a show to bring the noncollecting part of the family to as they clearly won't be bored while you are looking for that special insulator.

For any questions regarding the Show, please contact Jacqueline Linscott Barnes, 3557 Nicklaus Drive, Titusville, FL 32780, 321-267-9170 – home, or 321-480-1800 – cell or email at: bluebellwt@aol.com

You may also see show details at: http://www.nia.org/shows/

It's really hard for me to believe that I have been in office for nearly a year now. One of my desires was to have Credit Card payment of dues on-line. This has still not happened for a number of reasons. One of them is the cost. I have investigated several options, but basically, all options including PayPal and other merchant ac-

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counts consider the NIA a business. As such, we must be rich and able to pay several hundred dollars a year in merchant fees and online account hosting fees. I have another possibility I am working right now. I really hope to be able to announce success with this at the National, but it is still too early to promise anything.

There is at least one other item that could significantly benefit the NIA and its ability to pursue further benefits to its members. This is also being worked. So, while there may not be any immediate signs of progress, rest assured, something is going on.

So far this year has been very busy for me. With the upcoming National, I am now in the position of putting together information for the board meeting and coordinating with the other board members. This along with planning for the General Membership meeting is keeping me even more busy these past weeks.

The General Membership meeting will be at the National on Friday June 22nd, 4:15 pm – 5:15 pm in the Citrus Ballroom.

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Most recently I had to cancel attending the Rohde Ranch get together because of a last minute business trip to Germany. On the plus side, I did find some Glass in Germany as well as some abandoned 20Kv towers with some oil filled glass and porcelain "pot heads."

I am really looking forward to the National. I have been only to the Yuma Show and one insulator hunt on a line I have been to 5-6 times before this entire year. I am having some serious withdrawal symptoms.

Best of luck in your collecting endeavors,

Kevin

Kevin Jacobson, NIA #6720 NIA President

FIRST PAST PRESIDENT



Sandy and I are looking forward to seeing our insulator hobby friends at the National in Orlando. We have not seen many of you since the National in Austin, Texas. I was thinking today about what I like most about the Nationals in addition to seeing our friends. After much thought, I believe the show displays have to be right up there at the top of my list.

There is much more to a show display than meets the eye. The displays represent many hours of research, hard work and a love for the hobby. The displayer spends many years building their collection by hunting old telegraph, telephone and power lines, and going

to flea markets, antique shops, club swaps, local shows, and Nationals. Let's not forget about the hours spent reviewing insulator sales list on ICON, in hobby catalogues, and of course wading through eBay auctions.

A good display is not just a light box full of insulators. A good display should catch my eye, hold my interest, and promote insulator collecting. The displays I like tell a little history about the insulators in the display and maybe something about the company that made them. The story line may even include something about the insulator's use and where they were found.

When I look at a display I can't help but recognize the costs and efforts made to provide that display for my enjoyment and education. I think about the hours of research that went into developing the story line or theme. I know that hours were required to put the display together at home, dismantle it, transport it to the show, set it back up at the show and then dismantle it again. The cost of gas to transport the display to the show and the material cost to build the

display also put a dent in the old billfold.

I can't help but wonder why a collector puts forth all this effort, time and expense to provide a display for my enjoyment. I think I know the biggest part of the answer. The exhibitor is proud of their collection, they love their hobby and they want to share that collection and their love for the hobby with you and me.

Remember that it is not how rare and expensive the insulators in the display are that make the display. It is the hard work the research, the history, the education and most of all, the love for our hobby. Isn't it time that you share your collection and your love for the hobby with others?

Don't forget to support your local shows and clubs and be sure to take a child to the next insulator hunt or show.

See y'all in Orlando!

Dudley Ellis, NIA #5085 First Past President

CENTRAL REGION VP



By the time you receive this article the 38th National Insulator Association's Convention held on June 22-24th in Orlando, Florida will be right around the corner. Clay, Graham and Jacque have been working hard to make this one of the best shows ever. There are so many things to do in Orlando and the surrounding area that I hope you will have time to stay awhile. My son and I are putting new line on our fishing reels and getting them ready to try our luck for Snook and Tarpon while my wife and daughter will be checking out the malls and retail shops when we get there. For more information about the show see: www.nia.org. I hope to see you there!

I managed to attend a few of the insulator shows with Jack Roach this spring. I don't know of anyone

who has attended more shows throughout the U.S. than Jack this vear. He has already been to Arizona, Connecticut, Missouri, Illinois, California and Texas. He plans to attend Brent Burger's Insulator Swap in Spokane, Washington before the National. Jack just bought an old Volkswagen Vanagon which he plans to drive to Florida for the National. Now Jack plans to leave a week early and enjoy the crawfish in Louisiana on the way. So, if you happen to run upon an old bus with the words Roach-Coach on the back and a peace sign down the side, please pass friendly, that's just Jack on his way to the show!

I am happy to report that Ben Tucker has made remarkable improvements after his car wreck and is currently going through rehab. Ora Beary has finished his chemotherapy and his prognosis is good. Please keep these collectors and others in your thoughts and prayers.

Good collecting,

Ross Baird, NIA #1983 Central Region VP

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

EASTERN REGION VP



This will be my last message as Eastern Regional Vice President. I've enjoyed being part of the group that tries to help make the organization meet the needs of its members and to do what they can to protect the hobby from those who would take advantage of uniformed collectors. After seeing the discussions that go on inside the board I have a better understanding of some of the issues and how hard the board works to see both sides while making sure that the collectors of today and of the future are aware of outright fakes as well as reproductions and imitation insulators.

I think the hobby has always had a

few issues, mainly at the high end since that was where the money was. But technology is getting better and it easier and cheaper to make mid-level items now, so more of us need to be aware of these issues. It's a delicate issue for me because I'm in the hobby because of its historical interest and I don't really care that much about color or anything that isn't completely authentic and was made to be put in use. I get more of a thrill from seeing the nice early threaded telegraph pieces than I do from another cobalt blue signal. So, for me, all the approved reproductions, commemoratives, etc. could be spun off into the National Reproduction Insulator Association and we'd have less to worry about. We could have joint meetings every five years just to see what the others are doing. (I'm saying this with a smile, in case you're about to banish me to purist heaven, because I know that many people in the hobby eniov collection commemoratives and some like the reproductions because it's the only way they can afford to get some of the more colorful pieces to put in their displays.)

Anyway, it's a tough issue. The NIA has guidelines but not everyone is an NIA member and not everyone follows the guidelines. It would be nice if we could publish a separate catalog of "everything that isn't authentic" but that just can't be done, so we all just have to do our best so that we at least know what we are getting when we acquire something for our collection. I'll just stick with the aqua CD 133's with the big mold numbers - it will be a long time before someone starts making more of them!

I hope that many of you will be going to the National this year. As usual, it's looking like it will be a lot of fun to get together with several hundred of your best friends in a room full of great insulators and go-withs. Please also support Doug, the new Eastern Regional VP – his extensive knowledge of the hobby is sure to be an asset to the board.

Happy collecting,

Larry Novak, NIA #5889 Eastern Region VP

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Dear NIA Members,

Your 38th Annual Convention, Show and Sale is just around the corner. Graham, Clay and I, along with a whole host of volunteers (individuals and clubs), have worked very hard to present to you a great show. We want you to have fun, take home an addition to your collection, and as always renew friendships and meet new collectors. We can hardly wait for Thursday, June 21 when unloading/set-up gets started. There is "magic in the air" and you will experience this as you arrive. As a reminder, be sure your NIA dues are paid up, you have hotel reservations, your swim suit is packed ... Wet 'n Wild is just across the street from the convention center, and your list of "wants" is in you pocket. We still have a few sales tables left. Displays have been established (as of May 1st), and both the Sea World Luau (we're working on filling a second bus at this point) and the NIA Awards Banquet (we know some

of you wait until you get to the convention to make reservations, but if you have an inkling you want banquet reservations, please email me so you won't be left out) ... are close to selling out!

We have seminars planned for you during the show and lots of raffle items have been promised ... if you donated an item, remember to pack it in with your other goodies.

Awaiting your arrival in Orlando ... "where the magic begins".

Jacqueline Linscott Barnes, NIA #1380 Executive Secretary

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



It's been a beautiful and busy spring thus far here in Utah. Some successful insulator hunting has already happened. The yard work is well in hand and it's time to pack for the NIA National in Orlando. What a great place for a show! What a great place for a family vacation! Many thanks go out to the folks that are putting in so many hours of volunteer time to make this a successful show. Jeanne and I will be attending the show and combining it with a family vacation along with our daughter and her family, including two of our young grandsons that want to see 'Mickey' (mouse, not insulator). I hope to see many of you at the show.

Earlier this year the NIA Membership count passed last year's 1500 members. We are now well past 1500 members for 2007. Renewals, new membership applications, and advance dues payments continue to flow in. Keep up the good work of letting your fellow collectors know about the NIA and its many benefits. There are still NIA brochures available for anyone that would like some to distribute. Just send me an email request at Don.Briel@comcast.net or drop me a note in the mail. Membership applications are available on-line at www.NIA.org along with a host of other valuable information.

Several NIA members have asked about electronic payment of dues. We have been looking into various options for doing so, but they seem to be either cost prohibitive or not secure. We will continue to look for better options. Remember, we do accept multiple years of dues payments. This alleviates your having to mail in annual payments and helps the NIA keep costs down by not sending reminders to those paid up in advance.

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If you had this 'Drip Points' sent to you, your NIA dues are paid for 2007. By the time you read this article, it will be too late for others that are not paid up to send their NIA dues in advance to get into the National on NIA day (Friday). NEVER FEAR -- its not too late for them to get in. If you know anyone that is not yet paid for 2007, just

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have them bring their dues to the show. It may take them a few minutes longer to get in, but the show will be well worth it. Any mailed in dues payments that are not received by me prior to June 12 will not be processed until after the NIA National.

Have a great summer and may you find that special insulator!

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

FROM THE NOMINATIONS CHAIR



Opportunity Knocks!

Very soon we will all be gathering in Orlando for NIA 2007! This is a great time to visit with your fellow collectors and think about those who could make a great president of NIA. Remember we have an election coming up in 2008. We need lots of good men and women to nominate for this prestigious role. When you are talking about that wonderful insulator you have and the person you are speaking with really knows what you are talking about, maybe this is just the kind of person we need as an

NIA President! Please think about this while you are enjoying the fellowship and exchange of knowledge that will be happening in Orlando. We need dedication and enthusiasm for the hobby. Please help your nominating committee to present to the membership the best slate for President ever!

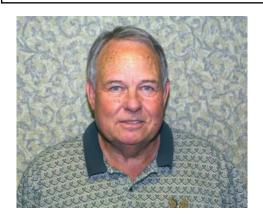
I look forward to hearing from you!

See you in Orlando in June.

Kay Bryant, NIA #4099 Nominations Chair

Insulator Hobby Timeline

- 1970 Claire T. McClellan asks in <u>Bottle World</u>, "A Red Insulator?" (vol. 8, no 6) This question would continue to pop up through the years.
- 1970 First National show held in New Castle, Indiana.
- 1971 Informal discussion of a national organization takes place at the National show held in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- 1972 James Garrity of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania starts publishing <u>Cross Arms: An Eastern Insulator Collectors' Magazine</u>. The magazine will run until July 1975.
- Following the Saturday night banquet at the National in Kansas City, Missouri, the debate over creating a national organization raged on into the evening and again no agreement on objectives could be obtained. As the night wore on, Warren Olson was asked to chair an organizing committee and was assigned the responsibility of drafting a plan to be presented to collectors assembled at the next National to be held in July 1973 at Hutchinson, Kansas.
- 1973 National Insulator Association (NIA) is established at the Hutchinson, Kansas national show. Fred Griffin is elected President; Steve Freedman, Jesse Moreland, and Richard Augustyn are elected to the Board of Directors.
- 1973 The Capital District Insulator Club, based out of Albany New York is formed with Tom Louden as President. This club has since changed to CRAB "Capital Region Antique Bottle & Insulator Club".



From the Treasurer

Jack Roach, NIA #4156, Treasurer

2006-2007 FINANCIAL STATEMENT NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION NINE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 2007

Beginning Balance-General F unds Museum Exploratory Committee Authentication/Ethics Account		\$11,385 \$972 \$2,297
Revenues		
Donations	90	
Membership Dues	8,444	
Misc. Income - Show Insurance	550	
Product Sales	1,836	
Total Revenues		\$10,920
General Fund Expenses		
Advertising		
Bank Charges, Taxes Fees & Show Insurance	750	
Marketing Products	2,182	
Misc. Postage	1,807	
Misc. Printing	•	
Misc. Supplies	223	
Misc. Professional Services		
Crown Jewels Rebates	508	
Drip Points Printing & Postage	2,980	
Show Advertising Subsidy		
Show Awards		
Stationery Supplies		
Telephone		
Special Projects		
Educational Disp Postage		
Total Expenses		\$8,450
Closing Balance, General Fund		\$13,855
Museum Exploratory Committee Expenditures		-
Museum Exploratory Committee Balance		\$972
Authentication/Ethics Account Expenditures		40.0
Authentication/Ethics Account Balance		\$2,297
Total Balance on Hand March 31, 2007		\$17,124

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2007 NIA MEMBERSHIP NEW/RENEWAL FORM

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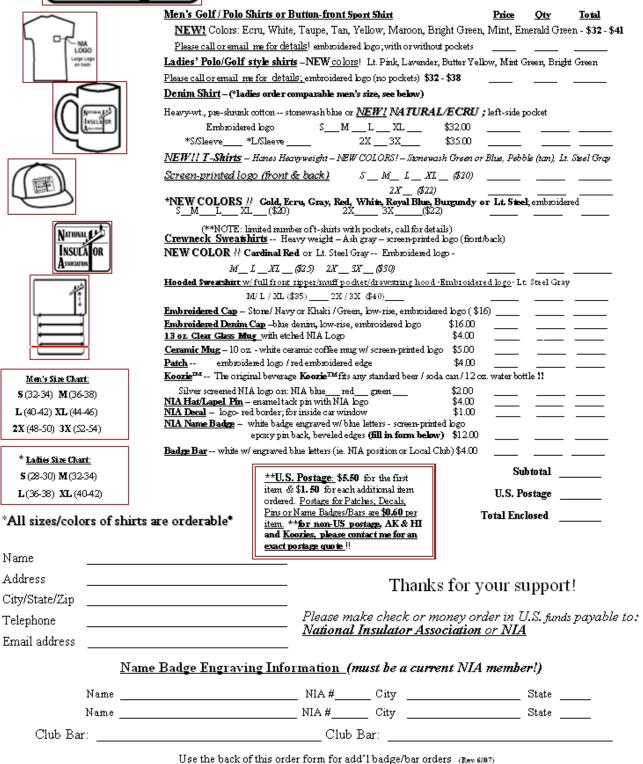
Donald R. Briel (Payable to the NIA) **NIA Membership Director** P.O. Box 188 Providence, UT 84332 E-MAIL: don.briel@comcast.net **Note New Dues Schedule!** Regular Membership-----\$ 12.00 Family Membership----- \$ 12.00 Junior Membership (under 18)---- \$ 5.00 Club or Organization-----\$ 12.00 (Check 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 No____ Yes Please include my Telephone Number Yes____ No____ Please include my E-Mail Address Yes No Paper____ Electronic____ **Note:** I Would like to Receive Drip Points in the Following Format. (Check Only One Choice) (Need E-Mail Address for Electronic) **Additional Family Members** Nia# (If Renewal) Name Signed

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Next Club Meeting Saturday Dec 9, 2006

YUMA SHOW Feb 3rd 2007, only 3 Months !!!

Dawg & Pony Show





Shown above, several CD-120 Patent December 19, 1871 embossed Hemingray insulators made an appearance at the EIC Albuquerque show this past October 7th. These pieces belong to GCSIC and EIC members Kevin & Cheryl Jacobson. Left to right front row, Clear crown embossed, Olive Green, Cornflower Blue, Yellow –Olive amber, and Milky Swirled. Second Row: Light Aqua and Ice Blue. The CD-121 AM TEL & TEL Co. (top center) is affectionately known as "Dawg".

Message From Club President Roger Nagel

Well the fall season seems to be flying by and the holiday season is rapidly approaching. I just got back from the 3-amigos insulator get-together in Lancaster, CA. The show was fun and I came home with fewer insulators than I went with. The show size and the number of people in attendance were similar to the Yuma show. Speaking of which, the date for the Yuma show has been set for Saturday Feb 3, 2007.



The next club get-together will be hosted by Terri and Myself and we are inviting everyone to a Christmas party at our house on Saturday Dec 9. This will also be an informal club meeting, so maybe club business will be discussed, if we get really bored. Details about the party and a map are included on the last page of the newsletter.

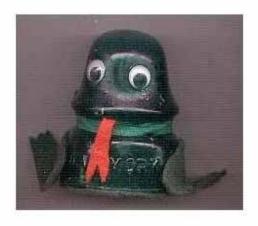


Cool plant hanger, trying doing this with similar shaped glass insulators!!



Weird junk-in-glass insulator

Humorous Insulator Photos



Brookfrog insulator (not related to Guardfrog)



FPITT

Insulator Bug (looks like a porcelain multipart insulator on the yellow part of the shell) (no, there's no image of the Virgin Mary)

August Club meeting by Bud Johnson



The summer meeting of the GCSIC was held 20 August in the Flagstaff area at 7,000 foot elevation to take advantage of the cool temperatures. It was in the 40's early in the morning before the



club meeting. It was 105 degrees or so in Phoenix where most of the members came from. A nice breeze kept the members cool while all the hot trading and buying of insulators was going on. Just after the meeting adjourned, the daily afternoon rainstorm let loose, which keeps the area looking like one big flowered meadow. Timing is everything!

The meeting was held at the vacation house of member Bud Johnson. He calls it his family's Santa Fe Railroad compound. All of Bud's Wife's family were/are lifetime Santa Fe railroaders. Some of them came to the Flagstaff area in covered wagons before the turn of the century. The Grandfather was a conductor on the Super Chief, her Father a Water Service Foreman, her Mother had the concessions at the railroad Union Station, her Brother was a train scheduler and her Nephew is a train Engineer in Gallup.

The Flagstaff house is a Section Foreman's house that was moved from the Santa Fe mainline. It came from east of Flagstaff by Diablo (the devil) Canyon. The name was given to the canyon for being such a devil to bridge. In the days of steam trains, the heavy locomotives and their reciprocating motion wheels would pound the rails, ties and ballast. This resulted in the railroad needing to work continuously to keep up the rail bed. Every 20 miles or so, there was a Section gang to keep the trains running and signal lines working. Bud's Wife lived for a short time in a Section gang house in the 1940's. Her Father was responsible for providing water in the desert for the steam locomotives.



longer was a need for all the Section gangs. Some of the houses were sold off and moved. In addition to the house, a box car was moved to serve as storage and a shed was moved for a work shop. Many of the tools in the shop are marked with AT&SF from before the Aitcheson Topeka and Santa Fe joined up with the Burlington Northern to become the BNSF that runs through Flagstaff now. There even is a 1954 GMC Santa Fe truck with saddle tool boxes plus some baggage carts to accent the compound. (See photo left)

The usual club barbeque lunch was augmented by some New Mexico style flat enchiladas that went fast. (See photo right). In addition to some nice glass changing owners, the newly anointed NIA President, Kevin Jacobson, brought a stunning piece for show and tell. His specialty is various CDs with the Dec 17, 1871 embossing. This is the patent for threaded insulators that revolutionized the telegraph industry. He had just completed obtaining an example of all the CDs. The last piece of the puzzle was a Seilers CD130.2 that took





some trades and cash to capture. The book value is something like \$10,000 but usually sells (when available) for somewhat more. The insulator is especially interesting because of the size of the bubble at the tie wire level. (See photo at Left)







In the house there are a number of sun colored bottles and door knobs. Above the freezer in the pantry there is a glass curtain to capture the light from the setting sun. It is made up of colorful antenna strains and glass curtain rings from long ago.

The elk are in the area to the west of the house. They do a good job of mowing the yard, but leave their calling cards that have to be swept up!

AUSTIN TX National Show Report By Kevin Jacobson

Cheryl & I Drove to the 37th NIA National show this year. It was only an 1100 mile trip from Phoenix to Austin Texas, and having driven over 2000 miles to Atlanta, GA and New Kensington, PA, the shorter trip seemed, and was, much easier.

This year's show was hosted by Bob and Carolyn

Berry, Jim Bates, and Jack Roach. It was a great show, was well attended, and fun was had by all. I really would like to thank Bob, Carolyn, Jim, and Jack for their hard work making this another great National. I would also like to thank all those who were able to attend. All the hard work by the hosts is meaningless if no one comes to the show. Speaking of going to shows, Next years NIA national will be in Orlando Florida in case you have not heard. This promises to be a great show as well hosted by Jacque Barnes, Clay Bledsoe, and Graham Barnes. The next NIA show will be **June 22-24, 2007 at the Holiday Inn International Drive Resort & Convention Center, Orlando, FL.** To Make reservations Call: 1-866-253-2183, Convention code: **NIA.** Make your reservations early. Remembering that adage that a picture is worth a thousand words, here are several thousand words regarding this past National show. :-)



Show Hosts being presented show hosts awards by New NIA president Kevin Jacobson



Very large Multi-part Glass insulator (French Design) brought to the show by Bernie Warren.



Partial show hall picture, Austin National 2006



GCSIC member Jerry Buckland and Bob Merzoian enjoying the show



Bill and Marylyn Albers at the Austin Banquet



GCSIC lifetime members, Melanie and Steve Marks at the Austin Banquet



New glass being put out always attracts a "feeding frenzy".



Millions of Mexican free tail bats leaving an Austin bridge to feed. This is a daily occurrence this time of year and there are "bat cruises" up and down the river.



A seldom seen set of Chambers Insulators. All these pieces were used in Chambers lightning rod systems and were made by Hemingray. The entire set was for sale.



Bernie Warren being presented the NIA Lifetime Membership award by outgoing NIA president Dudley Ellis.

Albuquerque Insulator Show Trip Report From Club President Roger Nagel



Terri and I made the annual trek to Albuquerque for the Enchantment Insulator Show in early October. The trip over was unusual this year in that we had to drive through rain most of the way, welcome back El Niño. Tom and Lynda Katonak turned the organization and setup of the show over to Mike Gay this year and he did a great job. I didn't notice any significant difference in the show and was happy with how it went. There were a few more bottle dealers than insulator dealers, but that seems to vary from year to year and there was no shortage of great insulators to choose from. Some of the insulators that I saw for sale were a CD126 dome embossed Brookfield in yellow olive, a CD145 HGCo in bright yellow, a few CD134 Patent 1871's in depression green, clear, and lemon, a CD260 Cal in yellow, an olive blackglass CD123 EC&M, a green CD110 Brookfield, several CD178 Santa Ana's in various colors, numerous WGM and WFG insulators, and lots of McLaughlin and California insulators.

The weather was great for the show, but not so great for the Balloon Fiesta. Winds kept the balloons grounded Saturday morning. It sounds like next year the show will be held before the balloon fiesta, which would be a good thing because it will be easier to get a motel room (and cheaper too).



The show was held at the Bolack building on the New Nexico State Fair grounds.



Cheryl Jacobson and Vickie Stobe help out with the show entry table.



Tom Katonak still peddling the piano thingys



The show always has something for the bottle collector. The show is actually nearly 50/50 insulators and bottles with some other thrown in items as well.



One of two separate areas of the show hall holding approximately 45 tables. Plenty to see for all in attendance



This years peoples choice winning display of Violin & Banjo Bottles.



Left to right, Arthur McConnachie, Mike Gay, and Jerry Simmons hand out awards at the show.



Some colorful Carnival Power pieces up for sale.



Jim-Jim, Jim Harlow and Jim Sinsley ponder the wares in this candid shot.



Message From Treasurer Cheryl Jacobson



The current balance in the club checking account is \$3,307.04

Message from the Editor

I just want to take a moment and thank Bud Johnson and Roger Nagel for their inputs to the newsletter this quarter. Once again, I would also like to call on anyone who would like to contribute an article to the newsletter please do so. Write up an article describing your finds, travels, or just how you got started. Just in case it is not commonly known, articles from the club members are always welcome. Please contact me at one of the meetings or via e-mail or phone:



Thanks, Kevin Jacobson, Editor kwjacob@icsaero.com or 602-564-0851

New Members of the G.C.S.I.C.

No New Members this period.



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