

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



This past quarter has been a busy one. I had just returned from the Western Regional in San Jose last August, when it was time for the fall issue of the *Drip Points*. As a result I didn't get much of a chance to say anything about the Western Regional in that issue.

I really thought the Nor-Cal Insulator club did a great job. Many thanks to Michael Doyle, Dave Elliott, Bill Rohde, Colin Jung and all the others who helped bring this together.

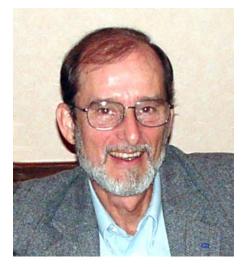
I have been on several trips this past quarter, and one business trip required me to miss the 16th Enchantment Insulator Club show. It was the first time since I started collecting that I have missed this show and I was very disappointed. Tom and Lynda Katonak do a great job hosting the show. If you get a chance to go to Albuquerque the last weekend in September, there is likely a great show being held. Next years show is already on the books in the 2004 show schedule.

There is a lot of good information in this issue of the *Drip Points*. I hope you enjoy it. We are short the color insert this quarter as there was already so much information presented that the size of the DP would have become too large. The next issue in the Spring should have the next color insert.

As the Holidays are upon us, be sure to check out the NIA Logo items available from Carolyn Berry on Pages 12 and 17. There are a lot of nice gift ideas there and your purchases help support the NIA and it's activities.

Kevin Jacobson, NIA #6720 Information Director

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings NIA members! As always, it's a fun job to "take pen in hand" and communicate with the heart of the insulator hobby.

It's been another outstanding autumn for collecting and for insulator shows - among the best actually. One of these events was particularly close to my heart. Μv bride and I hosted the 16th Enchantment Insulator Club show at the end of September. This turned out to be vet another great show with attendees from all over the states and a bunch of good glass changed hands. Maybe the details will be in an upcoming issue of Crown Jewels. The second event was a joint insulator hunting/mineral-collecting trip down to the southwest corner of New Mexico - "the Bootheel" as it's called, from which I just returned. Still interesting to note the few insulators in the air on the old El Paso to Tucson railway route, and more scattered on the ground. Besides, the warm sunny days in the desert down along the Mexican border makes one appreciate the beauty of this time of year down in the desert southwest!

Recent show reports from around

the country indeed indicate that the hobby is alive and well! And while I'm on the topic of shows, and NIA shows in particular, let me point out that we are now in the process of reviewing bids for the Regional and National Shows. The 2004 Eastern National is on track for New Kensington, PA on July 23-25th. And we do have some "potentials" in the making for the 2005 36th NIA Convention to be held in the West. On the 2004 Regional Show front, we have bids from the Western Region currently under consideration, but none vet from the Central Region. So here's an

cated efforts of Steve Marks, Howard Banks and John McDougald (and many others!), I don't think we'll be seeing many more fake E C & M's on the market!

While the E.C.& M. fraud case was perhaps the most egregious case we've been working, it is not the only one. Our work continues on other suspect imitations and we're still working the challenging area of altered insulators. At this moment, we have a number of insulators in the authentication testing process. So stay tuned for more results.

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In the fall issue of Drip Points we exhibited much of our evidence concerning the long-disputed imitation E C & M insulators. This was followed shortly by an article on the same topic in Crown Jewels of the Wire. As anticipated. this caused quite a flurry of discussion in the community. I am pleased by the numerous comments from many of you folks thanking the NIA for finally being able to formally expose this case of fraud which resulted in the loss of multiple-thousands of dollars to collectors. Thanks to the dedi-

An event that gave me great pleasure occurred this past month. Most of you know that for several years the NIA has been working with the Smithsonian Institution to catalog their wonderful insulator collection. Many of you have been personally involved in this process. The person in charge at the Smithsonian has been Ms. Nance Briscoe. She has gone out of her way to preserve the historical aspects and artifacts pertaining to glass and porcelain insulators and preserve them as part of the National archives - making them available to the American people for all time. At the National Convention last summer, the NIA Board voted to make an award to

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Ms. Briscoe for her important work. So last month, I was proud to be able to send Nance a beautiful plaque thanking her for her dedicated support of the hobby. (see award plaque below)

We look forward to a continuing relationship with the Smithsonian.

Finally, and this is an important topic, we have two positions coming open on the Board this coming summer. First, I will be ending my term as President. Second, the Vice Presidency of the Eastern

Region will also be coming up for election. Do we have some volunteers out there willing to lead this fantastic organization through another few years? Call Nominations Chairman Jack Roach or me!

I look forward to seeing some of you folks at the upcoming winter events. And don't forget to call or email me if I can do something for vou!

Tom Katonak, NIA #3567 **NIA President**



In Memoriam

'Chet' Gordon, 94

Former Anchorage resident James Chester Gordon, a founder and longtime president of Boys Club of Alaska and owner of several Alaska radio stations, "In 1978, Chet was named the Gordon corresponded with hundied Sept. 28, 2003, in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was 94.

Inurnment will be at the Lacrosse, Wash., cemetery.

Born Jan. 18, 1909, in Lacrosse, he graduated from Washington State University with a degree in English literature. Mr. Gordon married Josephine Phillippay in 1932.

He farmed in the Palouse area of Washington, where he began a lifetime of public service. He was a legislator in the Washington House of Representatives for more than a decade.

In 1956, the Gordons moved to Alaska, where they owned and managed radio stations in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Homer.

life to the youth of Alaska. He now displays them in his name. was a founder and president of Boys Club of Alaska.

Pan award for community ser- history in progress. vice. 'There are literally thouunselfish dedication,' a member spirit will remain in ourhearts." of the nominating committee said.

ure of antique railroad spikes, and their families; and nephews, telegraph insulators and bottles. Bob, Chris and Pat Owens of He discovered these artifacts in Anchorage. annual journeys through the Alaska and Canadian Yukon. He was preceded in death by his Chet always kept in mind histori- wife in 1998; and sons, Dirk and cal preservation. As guoted in an Timothy. Anchorage Daily News article, 'I apart from their naturalsettings.'

"Chet wrote for Crown Jewels, a His family wrote: "The tragedy of national insulator collectors' his son Tim's death in an acci- magazine. He donated several dent in 1965 motivated Chet to decades of the magazines to the dedicate the next 14 years of his Smithsonian Institution, which

"The Gordons moved to Colorado Springs in 1994. Mr. recipient of Alaska's prestigious dreds of friends who cherish his Chamber of Commerce Gold vivid, inspirational descriptions of

sands of young men throughout "Chet Gordon led a life filled with Alaska who are better boys and passion for adventure, politics, men because of Chet Gordon's sports and family. His dynamic

Mr. Gordon is survived by two daughters, Laurie Fountaine and "Chet collected a priceless treas- Nancy Leckenby of Colorado,

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FROM THE WESTERN REGION



WINTER TIME HUNTING

While there may be fewer insulator shows to attend during the winter months, that's no reason to cut back on treasure hunting.

If you like walking old, abandoned lines and right-ofwinways, tertime is often best huntina for as there is less vegetation to hide discarded insulators.

Some great finds have recently been made in antique shops. A California collector found ten citrine McLaughlin CD 164's in a shop, although his wife would only let him purchase one of them at the time.

A collector in Wisconsin recently wrote me to say she had just purchased two CD 151 NATCO's in peacock blue at two different antique shops. The price was \$125 in one shop, and \$150 in the other.

Don't overlook garage sales. I bought an aqua CD 120 CEW pony at a garage sale about a year ago. Even though it was damaged, it was certainly worth the \$2.00 asking price. Mid Norris found a purple, unembossed CD 120 CEW with minor damage at a garage sale in Klamath Falls, Oregon for just a couple of bucks. But Janet Bond outdid both of us, getting a near mint aqua CD 120 CEW for a quarter at a garage sale she attended.

> Estate sales and auctions are another source for insulators. I purchased three CD 123 EC&M's at an estate auction several vears ago, includ-

man answered my ad to say he had a lot of purple insulators. I ended up buying some 3,000 insulators from the man, including 500 amethyst CALIFORNIA and WHITALL TATUM insulators. I paid him his asking price... 50cents per insulator. I just had to take all 3,000 insulators.

So if the weather is adverse, just take your collecting to a different level. It could be rewarding.

Howard Banks

Howard Banks, NIA #900 Western Region Vice President

You may have to brave the winter winds and rain. But you are likely to be the only one hiking in the area, which could be a distinct advantage.

If the snow is flying, take your insulator hunting indoors. Some great finds have recently been made in antique shops. A California collector found ten citrine McLaughlin CD 164's in a shop, although his wife would only let him purchase one of them at the time. Later, when they returned to the shop, the business had closed. ing an olive amber specimen in near mint condition.

Word of mouth is another proven method for finding insulators. Just by letting friends and co-workers know I collect has resulted in a few of them bringing items to me.

Some of my most successful purchases have been the result of advertising. About once a year I advertise to buy insulators in penny saver, nickel, or local newspapers. One time a retired line-

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FROM THE EASTERN REGION



Fall Greetings from the Eastern Regional Vice President.

Hello again everybody. I unfortunately was unable to submit an article for the last issue of Drip Points due to our computer locking up. Not sure if it was a virus, but it took about 2 weeks to straighten out, and I lost some of my files. No problems since then, so here we go.

It's been another great year for collecting! Although I didn't get to attend all the shows I had planned on, the ones I did make were all The 2003 Navery enjoyable. tional in Springfield was one show future hosts should aspire to - well over 100 dealer tables and 41 dis-Wow! Kudos to the plays! Blair/Drummond team for pulling off yet another one!

On another note, I was lucky enough to see two new styles of insulators (both under consideration for new CD Numbers) within two weeks of each other. At the Albany Bottle Show, a gentleman had a no-name glass power piece similar to a CD 245, but at least 1" bigger in diameter. Looked like the same manufacturer. And the fol-

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lowina week at the Mid-Ohio show, a weird style Hem-830 ingray was displaved. This item was dug at

the dump but was in excellent shape. The color was clear, and it reminded me of some of the power pieces coming from Russia. Just goes to show you that there are still new pieces waiting to be discovered.

My digging trips have been somewhat curtailed this year as we are building on to our home. I've been very busy working on that as well as a full-time job, so it's led to a lot of late nights and little sleep. Hopefully in a few weeks we'll be ready to use a 2-car garage, family room, pantry and.....AN IN-SULATOR ROOM! ("ah ha" you

say, "now I know why you've been working so hard!") Yes, it will be nice to finally get my whole collection together in one place, as well as my library and reference materials. I've had a few small shelves of insulators displayed around the house for the past eight years, ever since my son Kevin was born. What formerly was my

> hobby room became а bedroom.

We had our first snowstorm yesterd а y (Nov.12th). L guess Т

shouldn't complain - Los Angeles got one, too! Between the snow and the start of hunting season, I don't know how much I'll get out searching, but I encourage everyone to get out and scrounge the tracks, antique shops, and second hand stores looking for those "jewels". And don't forget to start filling out your show calendar for next year. Good Collecting, and Happy Holidays!

Ken Willick, NIA #3709 **Eastern Region Vice President**

FROM THE NOMINATIONS CHAIR



We are rapidly coming up on elections for the NIA President and Eastern Region Vice President. We need candidates to fill these positions. Anyone wishing to run for one of these positions, please send me your biography by January 1st, 2004. I hope we have many candidates and I hope all your Christmas trees are loaded with insulator jewels.

Jack Roach, NIA #4156 Nominations Chairman Send bio information to:

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FROM THE SECRETARY



NIA Executive Secretary Report Winter 2003

Anyone looking to host an NIA sponsored National show contact me immediately!

The deadline of April 1st will be here before you know it. If you have thought about hosting a show, and aren't sure, give me a call; maybe someone else near you is too. The upcoming 2005 National is to be in the Western region, but if no bids are officially received by the deadline, the NIA will open bidding to all regions. Therefore, if you are a member of

another region who is thinking about hosting, don't rule it out for 2005.

This coming years National

is right on schedule. The show in New Kensington, PA, (Pittsburgh) is basically sold out. Check with the show hosts for availability; I think they have a waiting list. It promises to be a great show in a centralized location for people in the Midwest to attend as well. We have bids for the Western Regional and by the time of this mailing, we hope to have a decision on which location will be the winner.

Many of you in attendance at this

year's Springfield National will remember an incident where one of the dealers refused to re-new his membership in the NIA by exploiting a loophole in the NIA Show Floor Rules. I am happy to report that within two weeks of the National, the Board has changed that rule.

Old Rule:

13. At the NIA National Show only, exhibitors and sales table dealers (with 25% or more of their table items being insulators or related items), must be NIA members.

New Rule:

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In addition to revisions to the above show rules, the NIA board also drafted and passed a new show rule. This was created to

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NIA automatically reimbursed these hosts for their advertising prior to receiving the report. Now, if the host never turns a report in, the NIA has the right to keep the advertising rebate.

New Rule:

19. The NIA Board may withhold reimbursement for National or Regional Show advertising pending receipt of the required host report. We hope that these changes are effective and the NIA Board is always willing to hear new ideas and suggestions. Have a great holiday season.

Robert B. Stahr, NIA #4186 NIA Secretary

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Authentication & Classification Committee

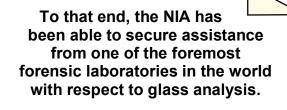


As reported in the Fall, 2003 Drip Points, on August 11, 2003, the A&C Committee was advised that the U.S. Attorney, who was reviewing the case regarding imitation insulators that had been presented by the Postal Inspectors, was declining criminal prosecution at that time due to the lack of documentary evidence (specifically lack of receipts tying the victims to the dealers). While the NIA Board and the A&C Committee were disappointed with this result, we believed that the NIA had an ongoing responsibility to its membership to continue to pursue certain aspects of this investigation.

To that end, the NIA has been able to secure assistance from

one of the foremost forensic laboratories in the world with respect to glass analysis. Since the specimens that had been collected as part of the Postal Inspector's investigation were in the process of

b e i n g returned to their owners, the A&C Committee gathered an a d d i -



them have agreed to resubmit their samples for t e st i n g again, and the A&C C o m m ittee is currently in the proc-

tional group of suspect and control insulators for testing. While a few of the imitation insulators were included in this grouping, the batch was somewhat incomplete since most of the imitation pieces known to be in collections had already been secured for the Postal Inspector.

Nonetheless, we had sufficient samples to allow the laboratory to perform preliminary testing, and the first test has been completed. It would be very premature to announce the results at this juncture, but I can indicate that results to date are promising, and we are hopeful that when this testing is complete, we will have the kind of answers that our membership has been looking for since this investigation began. ess of recollecting these samples for submission to the forensic laboratory. In addition to the EC&M's that were part of the Postal Inspector's investigation, a number of other insulators that have been designated as "highly questionable" by the NIA Board are also being submitted for testing. If the testing process is successful, we may be able to answer some questions that stretch back over 15 years.

Collectors who submitted samples to the Postal Inspector as part of

the original investigation have

been receiving their items back in

the past few weeks. Several of

We will keep you posted as this testing process proceeds. Thanks for your patience in this matter.

John McDougald, NIA #689 Authentication & Classification Committee

...DRIP NOTES

- Do you have your insulator collection insured? NIA sponsored insurance is available for information on some of the available companies contact: Kevin Jacobson (NIA Information Director) at 602-564-0851 or kwjacob@icsaero.com
- Want to play a bigger part in the NIA? Volunteers are always needed. Write to Tom Katonak and tell him what you're good at!
- Moving? Send change of address to Joe Beres (and save us the cost of resending your copy of *Drip Points*. *Each returned Drip Points costs the NIA \$0.85 plus the cost of printing it in the first place*).

FROM THE HISTORIAN



Anatomy of a Fraud

Recently, a one-of-a-kind insulator sold on eBay with "General Electric" embossed on the base. During the auction and shortly after it, several collectors received emails with an offer to sell another one of these previously unknown Insulators. The seller had poor English, said he was in Germany, and had lifted pictures from eBay and from the NIA web site as part of his scam.

I don't think anyone was taken by this scam but this same scam has been tried with bottle collectors (see recent issues of Bottles and More). The reasons why this scam did not work are important to understand so future scams can be avoided.

First, the scam was too good to be true. This led people to post an inquiry on ICON to find out if anyone else had been made the same offer. It turns out that several ICON members had been contacted. This shows the importance of networking with other collectors.

Second, the seller was vague about the piece. All the seller could say is that the piece belonged to his grandfather. It was hard to believe the piece would have shown up in Germany. The seller would not send any other picture and never responded with an exact indication of what the embossing was on the base of the insulator. A good way to catch the fraud, then, is to ask for multiple pictures, perhaps with the insulator holding the latest edition of a newspaper to prove the seller has the insulator in his or her possession. Also asking technical questions would help; like how many drip points did the piece have, what were the dimensions between the skirt, how thick were the skirts, how many threads per inch, or how many pieces were used to mold the insulator.

Third. the seller resisted anv kind of face-to-face

exchange. Here's where the NIA directory helped out. I offered to have a friend I knew in Germany pick the insulator up and turn over the cash. If the insulator was legitimate. I would have actually called Marco Schmitz-Le Hanne of Germany to see if he could do the exchange for me. In the Bottles and More magazine article, the potential buyer wanted the transaction to go through an established antique store in the area for which he would pay a brokerage fee for the work. Escrow services would be another possibility. The seller in this case claimed to be in and out frequently and not able to find time for a meeting. This was amazing given the amount of money the seller stood to make.

Fourth, the seller did not want any form of payment that could be traced. Instead, the seller had to have a Western Union money order. If PayPal were used, Paypal might have an address (perhaps verified), credit card information, and an indication of previous

transactions. The seller could have listed the item on eBay which would have required pre-payment of listing fees or a credit card on file as well as an address. Of course this would expose the transaction to those who would recognize the fraud. The seller could claim to want to avoid eBay fees but the buyer could offer to pay for them if the item were listed with only one valid bidder.

Finally, the seller tried to get as much as he could by cutting the price or accepting half now and half when the item is received and found acceptable. The seller

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First, the scam was too illogical good to be true. this Why cut the price price was not an issue? seller now trusts you to send the second half of the payment, why

not trust you to send the whole payment once you've seen the insulator? The seller's response is that he needs the cash fast for some ailing relative.

Rick Soller, NIA # 2958 Historian



From the Treasurer

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Dudley Ellis, NIA #5085 Treasurer

Donations Membership Dues Miscellaneous Income Product Sales General Fund Expenses	0.00 761.00 250.00 1936.45 Total Revenues:	2947.4
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General Fund Expenses	Total Revenues:	2947.4
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Advertising	0.00	
Bank Charges/Taxes	0.00	
Marketing Products	897.56	
Misc. Postage	143.20	
Misc. Printing	0.00	
Misc. Supplies	50.04	
Misc. Professional Services	0.00	
Crown Jewels Rebates	90.00	
Drip Points Printing	699.41	
Drip Points Postage	376.13	
Show Advertising Subsidy	0.00	
Show Awards	21.20	
Stationery Supplies	0.00	
Telephone	36.24	
Special Projects	0.00	
Education Disp Postage	60.59	
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Closing Balance, General Fund:	0.00	9478.4
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FROM THE PROMOTIONS CHAIR

I was "talking glass" with a friend last night...typical insulator "brags and wants" conversation. During the visit, he mentioned his father's barbed wire collection. Now I know little about wire other than some personal experiences climbing over and through it on hunts over the years. He pointed out that there are many different kinds, compositions, and sub-categories out there. To be collectible they need to be in exactly 18" lengths. They can also be worth hundreds of dollars per strand. Whoa! I didn't know barbed wire collecting could be so complicated.

The point of this is that though we insulator collectors know our hobby well...the history, colors, rare pieces, value, etc., but 99% of the real world not only doesn't, but would probably think we're

nuts to collect them in the first place. I have opened many eyes over the years in "educating" folks about our hobby. Some have even begun collecting our little jewels. We need to keep educating the rest of the population.

Some ideas : Service clubs seem to be in perpetual need of quest speakers and topics. If you have a flexible schedule, volunteer to attend a luncheon or dinner meeting. Pass out glass. Spread the word. Donate glass to your local museum. Make yourself available to talk about the glass you've given. Offer your time at a school to discuss our hobby. As a teacher. I know how nice it is to have outsiders bring their ideas and knowledge to my school and classroom. The kids would love to have an insulator to take home. Therein lies our hope...children...future collectors. Local newspapers are always

looking for feature stories. You and your glass could be in the news. Try TV stations. Maybe an insulator story (think color!) could garner air time (better than the standard old cute-kid- with-a-lostand-found puppy story). Start a collectibles club in your town. Find an active bottle club to join and talk up insulators. Host a local tailgater...invite the public.

If our hobby is to grow and thrive we need "new blood"...old and young. We need to increase the female presence. We will all benefit in the long run.

P.S. My video project is coming along. I just added footage from the Tulare California) show. We should begin editing next month.

Bob Merzoian, NIA#3941 Promotions Chairman

FROM THE AWARDS AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE



2003 NIA Awards

The 34th National NIA Show at Springfield, Ohio had 41 Exhibits.

The displays were colorful, powerful, educational and just plain fun. At the Awards banquet on Saturday evening, the following awards were presented:

The NIA Awards:

Color: Mike Green

Foreign: Ruth Mecklenborg

General: Bill & Jill Meier

Junior: Alex Havener

Go-Withs: Russ Frank Lightning Rod Equipment: Steve Bobb

Porcelain: Barbara Smith & Carver Mead

Specialty: tie Lee & Tammy BrewerRoger Lucas

Threaded: Paul Hoste

Frederick L. Griffin Memorial (Threadless): Doug Williams

Milholland Education Award: Barbara Smith & Carver Mead

Special Awards:

Springfield-Clark County Chamber of Commerce Award for People's Choice of Outstanding Display : Barbara Smith & Carver Mead

Bob & Phoebe Adams Showmanship Award (Most creative display): Donley Hostutler

Crown Jewels of the Wire Award – People's Choice for Favorite Article: "Hemingray Go-Withs" by Shawn Kotlarsky

ICON People's Choice Award/ Educational Website: Elton Gish

ICON People's Choice Award/ Showmanship in a Website: Shawn Kotlarsky

Power Line Explorer Journal Award : Barbara Smith & Carver Mead

Memorial Awards:

Lon Holly Memorial Award – Outstanding Achievement by a Junior Collector: Alex Havener

Len Linscott Pioneer Award – Contributions to the Hobby: Bernie Warren

Jack H. Todd Memorial Award -Best presentation of Educational Material in a Porcelain Display:

Carver Mead & Barbara Smith

Jim Overstreet Memorial Award – Best use of a variety of CD Numbers in a Display of Threaded Glass: Mike Green Club Awards:

Capital Region Antique Bottle & Insulator Club – Best use of Eastern Glass: Doug Williams

Central Florida Insulator Club – Best First Time Display at NIA National: Barbara Smith & Carver Mead

Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club – Best use of Railroad Embossed Insulators: Doug Williams

Greater Chicago Insulator Club – Best Use of Power Insulators: Barbara Smith & Carver Mead

NIA Special Awards:

Show Host Recognition: Steve and Lois Blair and Glenn and Sandra Drummond

NIA Lifetime Membership: Steve and Lois Blair and Glenn and Sandra Drummond

Summer and Fall Insulator shows also had some outstanding exhibits. Three NIA Ribbons were awarded.

Lone Star Insulator Club hosted their 12th annual show. Elton Gish won the NIA Ribbon for his collection of wall tubes. Elton's display also featured a kiln furniture filled with small porcelain knobs. The furniture was found at the site of the Akron Marble Company, whose factory burned in 1901. The site was excavated in the mid-1990s.

The Enchantment Insulator Club

presented their 16th Annual Show in Albuquerque. Eloise Haltman won the NIA Ribbon with her display "Clearly Beautiful. It featured all clear glass and had a fountain in the middle of the display.

The annual **Eastern Antique Insulator Show** at Tylersport also had displays. Ken Willick won the NIA Ribbon for his exhibit of original mounting hardware.

On a personal note, I have really enjoyed my four years as the Chair of this Committee. I have seen so many wonderful displays and have learned much from them. Bill Meier is taking over as the Chair of this committee. He is a great choice for the job as he is one of the people who have helped get the pictures of the display ready to go on the awards.

I also want to say a special **Thank You** to Carol McDougald and to Kevin Jacobson for all the great pictures they took and shared with me over the years.

Sandy Ellison, NIA #6154 Chair, Awards & Recognition Committee



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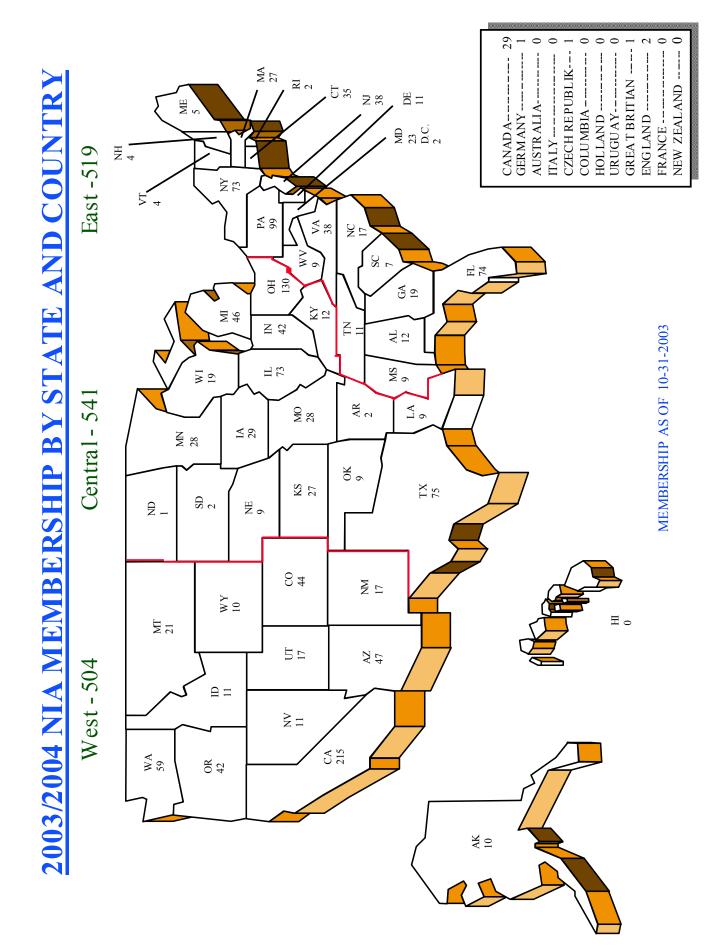
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	Submit: (In U.S.funds) To: (Payable to the NIA) Note New Dues Schedule! Regular Membership	Joe J. Beres NIA Membership 1315 Old Mill Pat Broadview Hts., C E-MAIL: JJJB@	h)hio 44147-327(AOL.COM	COR
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2003 NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION MEMBER STATUS

	AS OF 9-30-2003				
	TAL NIA NUMBERS USED		7854		
	NUMBERS NOT ASSIGNED		22		
	NUMBERS DOUBLE ISSUED)	70		
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30 `	YEAR MEMBERS	25	1		
29 `	YEAR MEMBERS	11	0		
28 `	YEAR MEMBERS	16	4		
27 `	YEAR MEMBERS	15	2		
26 `	YEAR MEMBERS	16	1		
25 `	YEAR MEMBERS (SILVER)	13	3		
	YEAR MEMBERS	22	8		
23 `	YEAR MEMBERS	16	3		
22 `	YEAR MEMBERS	13	2		
21 `	YEAR MEMBERS	28	3		
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10 `	YEAR MEMBERS	60	66		
9 `	YEAR MEMBERS	77	86		
8	YEAR MEMBERS	68	89		
7`	YEAR MEMBERS	82	162		
	YEAR MEMBERS	117	188		
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NIA LOGO Large Logo on back	Men's Golf/Polo Shirts* embroidered logo; some with pocke *Please call or email me for color / styles available <u>NEW*</u> Women's golf/polo shirts embroidered logo *Sleeveless- white pique / navy collar (\$32) * <u>S/S golf</u> - butter yellow pique with navy/black collar/ sleeve band (\$38) <u>Denim Shirt</u> (all sizes orderable)	
	Wether Women's stonewash blue denim - sleeveless L XL (\$32) Men's - med. wt. pre-shrunk cotton stonewash blue left-side pocket Embroidered logo SM L \$33	2.00
	$ \begin{array}{c} XL (\$15) \text{ or } 2X 3X (\$16) \text{ Ash } \text{gray} - \text{no pocket} \\ \text{Ianes Beefy 'T' - Heavy weight - } Ash Gray; embroidered logo on left front \\ M \$18 (\text{no pocket}) \text{ L} XL (\$20 - \text{pocket}) \text{ 2X} (\$21 - \text{pocket}) \\ =>>NEW**Seafoam Green; embroidered; M L XL (\$20) \text{ 2X} \\ \hline \text{NIA Lapel Pin} - \text{etched enamel; NIA logo} \$5. \\ \hline \text{Sweatshirts} \text{Heavy weight - Birch gray - Screen-printed logo} \\ \hline \text{S} M (\$16.00) \text{ L} XL (\$20.00) \\ \end{array} $, only!
INSULA Association Insulta Association	=>=>NEW**Embroidered logo(front only) M L XL (\$25) 2X 3 Embroidered Cap Stone/Navy, low-rise, embroidered logo State blue denim, low-rise, embroidered logo Yate 10 oz white ceramic w/ screen-printed logo Patch light blue back w/ embroidered logo/red embroidered edge Xoozie™ The original Koozie™ fits any standard beer or soda can; Silver screened NIA logo on: NIA blue red green	6.00
	Badge Bar white w/ engraved blue letters (ie. NIA position)	00 \$12.00 \$4.00 Subtotal U.S. Postage Total Enclosed
Women's Size Cha S (28-30)M (32-34)L (36-3 Name Address City/State/Zip Telephone Email address	Men's Size Chart: S (32-34) M (36-38) L (40-42) XL (44-46) 2X (48-50) 3X (52-54) **U.S. Postage: \$5.00 for the	first item & \$ 1.50 for each additional item ordered. Name Badges/Bars are \$0.50 per item. **for non-

<u>Name Badge Engraving Information (must be a current NIA member!)</u>

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