# Drip Points

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### A NOTE FROM THE PAST EDITOR

This is the issue I turn over the reins to your new *Drip* 

Points Editor, Lee Brewer of Union City, PA. We're working this issue together, and ...I turn over the reins...

he dives in head-first for the Winter Issue in December. Lee will be assisted by his talented spouse Tammy (a crucial position, by-the-way)! (Lee's first post comes next) I know you will all enjoy his contagious enthusiasm

and dry wit!

I want to tell you all that I have thoroughly enjoyed my six-year stint as Information Director and

Drip Points Editor. I've been able to meet and know many of you as a result of holding this position and that has been a great satisfaction to me.

As most of you know, leaving this post doesn't mean I'm going away, I've been reincarnated as the Western Region Vice President and I look forward to serving that part of the hobby closest to home!

Thanks for all your support the past few years and I'll see you all at the next big show!

Sincerely,

**Tom Katonak** 

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

### August, 1999:

hard for me to believe I am composing this article for its intended purpose. One and a half vears ago I accessed the World Wide Web for the first time. I was excited at having the 'world at my fingertips'. I first started by typing things like "www.coin.com," "www.hunting.com" (who ever heard of a search engine?) and following the links provided on those web pages. After a few very long sessions, I ran out of "www.XXXX.com's" to type in! So, for fresh ideas, I started reflecting on my earlier years...

#### Pre 1980:

As a teen I had collected insulators when introduced to the hobby by my former pastor. To me it seemed there were few hobbies so fascinating (although back then I was so sheltered from the hobby that I thought insulators only came in about 4 or 5 colors). I happily roamed the tracks around my Pennsylvania home gathering as many different jewels as I could find. When I progressed into college life (since I had never met any collectors in my area), I thought the hobby was dead so I left my glass at home. seldom thinking of it, and left to spend six years in South Carolina.

#### June 1986:

Upon graduating from Bob Jones University, I made a short trip back to Erie, PA to collect my belongings, as I was to start a job in Maryland serving as a high school teacher in a Christian school. The couple hundred jewels had been laboriously wrapped in newspaper and packed into boxes to make the long trip. For the next four years,

few were the times (though they did occur) when I thought of the glass trinkets sitting in the shed behind my home. One or two times I pondered selling them (a few hundred) at a local flea market to try to make (hopefully!) \$100.00.

### September 1990:

I moved to Albion, PA, lugging the boxes of glass with me while again wondering if I should go to all the bother of keeping them. I stashed them in a friend's garage until I could get a more permanent dwelling.

### November 1992:

I moved to Union City, PA and once again wondered if I should bother to take all of my glass with me. Considering (1) the boxes had remained unopened since around 1986, (2) I had never encountered another collector, (3) no one had ever approached me about the subject, and (4) the few I bought at garage sales were always priced at \$1.00 or less, why should I care about them anyway?!

#### February, 1998:

The brief reflection on this aspect of my personal history brought me to the thought of typing in "www.insulators.com":

Home

"What? 'Glass Insulator Page', you mean there are people still collecting these things! Price guide?! Insulator shows?! For Sale list?! Free Issue of *Crown Jewels of the Wire*?!" Needless to say, my old enthusiasm came back in an instant! I spent the next

few days rummaging through the yellow-paper-shrouded insulators in the attic. I learned how to clean them from the web page, did so, and started lining them up on the windowsills. After a few more trips

to the Insulator Home Page, I stumbled onto pictures resembling an insulator I had collected those many years ago. I was surprised to see the \$50.00 price tag assigned to this beehive. thought I had hit a gold mine, as I had never found anything of any It was not long value before. before I collected two more (and half of another one) of this same style and color from a pile of crossarms located in a local field. I decided to take them to a show where someone could verify they were indeed the \$50.00 pieces.

I met Bob Stahr at the very first show I attended. I asked him if he could help me identify the pieces I had brought with me. One of my most memorable experiences was the expression on his face when looking at the beehive I handed him. Better yet was the look of surprise when, after he told me he thought this at least a \$1000.00 insulator, I told him, "I have two more just like it!" The show was a small one, and as I unwrapped the gems, the show literally halted while everyone gathered around to see.

#### Williamsburg, 1998:

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I was awed as I stood inside the door of the showroom housing the largest number of insulators I had ever seen. The rainbow of colors was amazing. I proceeded to look

for the 'experts'
I had
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corresponding with concerning my beehives. For the first time I heard the term "pea soup green" and was speechless when a well-

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known collector offered me (for just one of them) \$2500.00 on the spot! One more of the 'pea soups' sold through one of the auction catalogues and the other I traded for a New IBM system/digital camera/cash to two of my very good friends, Marty and Chris Caverly. The icing on the cake was when I returned home and found I had overlooked yet another CD145 pea soup green H.G.Co PETTICOAT that was hiding in a bottom layer of a box of insulators that were still in my attic!

### Arizona, 1999:

After the banquet of the NIA National show, I was approached by a man who said, "You're Lee Brewer, aren't you?"

"Yes..."

"I'm Kevin Lawless, president of the NIA; I'd like to talk with you tomorrow."

"Sure, what did I do!?"

He responded the board of the NIA. was looking for someone to fill the position of Information Director, and that my wife, Tammy, and I had been suggested as potential candidates. Again, I found myself awe-struck! I never would have dreamed (especially since just two short years ago I had no idea of its existence) I would be on the board of the NIA.

I left the National show with much more than great new pieces for my collection! I came

to Arizona as an excited (some have said enthusiastic!!), novice collector. I left as someone who now has a responsibility, in a small way, to try to make an impact on you so that your hobby

is more enjoyable. I feel it a great honor and privilege to have been asked to serve with an organization whose very existence represents the insatiable desirability of these wonderful, historical gems. I do not write with hollow meaning when I say I will do my best to follow in the paths of those who went before me in this position.

One more short note (this is the teacher coming out in me!): This privilege has come about because as a child, an adult introduced me

to his hobby - what do we all learn from this?

Thank you to all those who have made this experience possible for

me... i.e. you... the NIA.

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Lee Brewer NIA # 6695 Information Director

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow NIA members:

irst, I have to say that this vear's National was spectacular success, from both the hobby's and from the NIA's perspective. A full hall (more than 130 sales and exhibit tables), steady walk-through, good, wonderful facilities, superb hospitality, nice summer weather (all right, it was hot!), and a great banquet all added to a festive time for us all. My hat is off to show hosts Steve and Melanie Marks. who have moved the envelope far up on the table when it comes to organizational skills!

Congratulations to Dick and Ev Bowman from Webster, New York, who were awarded Lifetime Memberships in the NIA for their many years of service to the NIA and to our hobby. Also, congratulations to our Membership Director, Joe Beres, from Broadview Heights, Ohio, who was surprised with this year's Outstanding Service Award in recognition for his diligence and his hard work in his position of

service to the NIA. The NIA has set n e w

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Our new Western Region Vice President is Tom Katonak, from Corrales, New Mexico, who replaces Matt Poage. Tom put in six super years as Information Director (editing the last 24 issues of *Drip Points*) and I thank him for those tasks, as well. To replace Tom as Information Director, I have appointed Lee Brewer from Union City, Pennsylvania. Lee will do a fine job and Tom promised to make the transition a smooth one for Lee. There are no other

changes in the Board's content or in any of the Committee Chairmanships.

I have appointed Dick Bowman to be Chairman of a planning committee to evaluate the possibility of a National Museum and Research Library for Insulators. We have a member who has promised to help fund this project and as the committee fleshes out and makes

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recommendations, the NIA will report them to you.

On a sad note, we have lost two more long-standing members of our extended family recently. John Milek, NIA # 2445, from Webster, New York, passed away on June 28. Some of you will remember the beautiful display of Hemingray insulators that John displayed at the 1993 National Show in Denver. John was only 34 years old and passed away of kidney failure. Mike Sovereign, NIA # 1548, from Lombard, Illinois, passed away on July 28, after a short illness. Although Mike hadn't

been as visible in the insulator hobby in recent years, he was an active supporter of both insulator and lightning rod equipment collecting. Mike served the NIA as Information Director from 1978-1979 and as Central Region Vice-President from 1982-1985. Mike was also co-host of the NIA 16<sup>th</sup> National Show in St. Charles, Illinois in 1985. More recently, Mike was co-editor of the lightning rod equipment magazine Crown Point from 1986 through 1991 and again starting the fall of 1998. Mike was only 44 years old and my friend and I will personally miss him.

I will be attending the following shows this fall:
September 18-19 (1999 NIA Central Regional Show) Crown Point, IN
October 24 (Capital District Insulator Club/Capital Region Antique Bottle Assn. Show)
Albany, NY
November 6-7 (Mid-Ohio Insulator

Until then, <u>please</u> remember to support your local show, your local club, and - your fellow collector. Enjoy our hobby!

Good collecting,

Show) London, OH

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

reetings fellow insulator enthusiasts.

Well another National has come a gone, and what a National it was! Show hosts Steve & Melanie Marks, and the Grand Canyon State Insulator Club, really outdid themselves. I think it was a textbook case of how to run a National. **Well done everyone!** 

Fifty-seven NIA members attended the NIA open meeting at the Phoenix National. The minutes from last year were accepted. The treasurer reported that we are solvent. Mike Guthrie can be contacted for insulator show insurance, and the NIA has increased its membership for the 5<sup>th</sup> straight year.

The NIA board approved bids for the Enumclaw, WA Western Regional, and the Y2K National in Bloomington, MN. The Eastern Regional bid is still in the works, and we should have news on this for the next issue of *Drip Points*. See the *Crown Jewels* or ICON for shows dates and contacts.

I had the opportunity to attend the Hawkeye Insulator Swap Meet in Tama, IA in June. The show was in the City Park pavilion, that you

Don't miss Ed on

the Home & Garden

Channel - Collectable

Treasures

could back you car up to. This made unloading and loading a piece of cake. It turned out to be a dynamite show.

Show hosts Tom Murphy, Wayne Alexander and Skip Lowe did a great job. A lot of good insulators found new homes at that show. Support your local shows, you never know what might turn up.

Now, for damage control: This winter if you're channel surfing, and you stumble across the Home & Garden channel TV show Collectable Treasures. Turn it off! Don't watch it! A month ago, the camera crew came to my house and taped my collection and me. For the opening segment they asked me to explain why I collect insulators. Well I've been

asked that question before, and still get that 'deer in the headlight look' when asked. Specially when being taped for television. I think I blurted out that "I know it sounds like an odd hobby but"... and then I went on to explain the virtues of the hobby. (I hope.) I suspect this

will get me banned from the hobby for life. It took them 12 hours to film a 7.5-minute segment, but the producer was pretty excited about the great

insulator shots they took. They built a Plexiglas turntable to spin the insulators while being lit from below. So if you don't watch the talking head part in the beginning, and just watch the spinning glass. It's pretty cool.

See you at the Central Regional!

Ed Peters, NIA #6300 NIA Executive Director

### FROM THE CENTRAL REGION

am still recovering from a very Leventful National while writing this. All I can say is thank you to Steve and Melanie Marks for a great show. I must admit, this was one of the most fun shows I have ever been to. Included with all of the festivities was a treasure hunt across the entire hotel grounds. You can imagine several teams of people all running around looking for clues in 110 degree weather! In fact, I believe the hottest day there was 112 degrees. I hope that this treasure hunt becomes a tradition at future Nationals. Speaking of Nationals, the 2000 National hereinafter called the Y2K National is being held in the Central Region. The official announcement was made at Scottsdale that it will be held in Bloomington, MN on July 27-30. Bloomington, MN is adjacent to the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul and is home to the Mall of

h a v e n ' t heard of any in s u l a t o r stores there, b u t E d Peters and

America.

...the Y2K National...Bloomington, MN on Jul 27 - 30

the NWRIC will let us know if one opens up in the mall. I am making plans early this year to attend this show and hope to see you there.

Besides the Central Regional on September 18 & 19 this year, I will be attending the London, OH show on November 6 & 7. The only other show I know of for this year is the Huron Valley show in Ann Arbor. There are a number of club

them!) So, the fact that we have

swap meets and meetings in addition to the shows. In fact, the Central Region has added a new club. Sandy Ellison and a group of collectors from Oklahoma have

formed the Prairie Signals Club. Their first club meeting is scheduled for October 9 in Oklahoma City. I wish this club luck and continued growth. The only item I have left

for this report is that the Central Region VP position will be opening up in 2000. My current term ends next year and we are looking for interested parties to run for the election. If you are interested let me or Dudley Ellis know. Thanks, and see you at the shows.

**Bob Stahr**, NIA #4186 Central Region Vice President

# FROM THE WESTERN REGION

want to tell all my friends and I fellow collectors here in the West how pleased I am to be your representative on the NIA Board of Directors. This is my first message to you in this capacity and I look forward to working with you and seeing you at the western shows over the next three years. I need input from you: What would you like me to do for you? What are the issues you'd like to see me take on? What are the topics I need to bring before the Board? What are your ideas to make this fine hobby even better? Send your thoughts by letter, email – or you could even call me on the phone!

In my view, one of the "great forces" in this hobby is the network of local clubs. These are the grass roots of the organization because they bring together the people with like interests. Some folks have

said that our hobby is dying doubled the number of local clubs because of the negative impacts of in the last 15 years really does

online auctions and mailorder auctions. This is not <u>my</u> observation. When I first got "hooked" back in '84, I think there were maybe nine or ten clubs. Now there are something like 20! And

...we have doubled the number of local clubs in the last 15 years. mean that the hobby is alive and well — and growing!

What else do we need to keep the hobby "alive and

Yes...we need young four of these ten new ones are in well"? the WEST! The newest of the new people. These are the folks who is the just-formed Jefferson State will carry the organization on into Insulator Club (JSIC) covering the the next millennium. southern Oregon and northern incumbent on all of you to help California areas (go to their website spread the word to the young folks. jsic@insulators.com or call Bill Bring the kids with you to the Ostrander at (541) 482-7921 for shows, on your insulator hunting detailed information. The "big deal" excursions and to your local about clubs is that it's the clubs that meetings. For you teachers out sponsor the shows. And it's at the there, integrate the "insulator story" shows where you meet the people into your lesson plans. History that are really behind insulator lessons and science classes are collecting. And it's at the shows ideal opportunities. If you need where you find the really great some ideas, I'll bet Lee Brewer can (There's just help you out! insulator deals! nothing like picking the pieces up and looking at them before you buy

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While on the topic of education... many of you have in-depth knowledge about some aspect of You've done insulators. considerable research over the years about a particular specialty. Share this knowledge. Publish it. Write a book (like some of you have already done), or at least write it up and submit it to the Crown Jewels or one of the insulator websites for publication. You could even send an article to Drip Points! When I think of all I have learned just from talking to some of you "old heads", I continue to be amazed. Share your wealth! By example, Jim Sinsley of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho recently shared his research on the CD147 embossings with the ICON. A fine example of passing on knowledge! Thanks Jim.

Let me reflect a moment on one of the recent past great western insulator events – the Scottsdale National Show and Convention. This truly was one of the great National Shows. The displays were first rate, the facilities and activities simply outstanding...and the abundance of great glass amazing! A personal thanks to Steve and Melanie Marks for making this happen. If you missed the event, reading the August issue of *Crown Jewels* is almost like being there! And to you western clubs out here, it's not too early to start thinking about how we're gonna top this show in 2002!

In the meantime, we have some nearer term events on the calendar. Time to start planning for them. September is a "heavy duty month". On Saturday Sep. 11, you can attend the Second Annual Central Washington "End of the Road" Insulator and Bottle Swap Meet & potluck. Call Dan Spanton, (509) 966-7384 for details. The next day, Sep 12, there's the Sixth Annual West Coast Insulator Swap Meet at Tom Bond's place in Maple Ridge BC. Call Tom for more info, (604) 462-8693. On Sep. 25, the action is here in New Mexico! Yep, it's the Twelfth Annual EIC Insulator,

Bottle, Barbwire and Collectibles Show and Sale. This will be a great one. Don't miss it! We've only got five tables left for sale. If you need more details, and since I'm the host (!), call me! The 9th of Oct. takes us back to the West Coast for the Second Bi-annual Mid-Willamette Valley Big Barn Insulator Swap Meet in Salem Oregon. Call Nathan Lamkey for details, (503) 364-3226. finally, a little bit further out on the forget the 49er horizon, don't Historical Bottle Assn. 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show and Sale at the Salem Oregon Gold Country Fairgrounds on Dec. 4. Call Pat Patocka for details, (916) 663-3681.

OK – that's it. Looking forward to hearing from my "new constituency"!

Tom Katonak, NIA #3567 Western Region Vice President

#### FROM THE HISTORIAN

our important goals of the NIA Historian are to document what is in the archives, acquire material that is missing, disseminate information about or based on the archives, and preserve the collection. The last two months have been busy on all accounts.

There is now a listing of books and magazines in the archives with work on club newsletters well underway. The list of books is already available for viewing at the NIA web site and the list of magazines will soon be added.

A recent request by the Corning Museum of Glass for back issues

of *Drip Points* has led to progress on two other goals. In copying these, a few gaps were noted and filled with the help of a donation by Marilyn Albers of Jack Tod's collection of *Drip Points*. Jack had these from the very start (actually before since three were numbered as volume zero!) With the Corning Museum owning a complete set, the NIA is assured that a backup copy of this material exists in some other safe place. A second copy was also made so future requests for issues will not lead to damage of the originals.

Some of the materials that come to mind as missing from the archives include all the auction catalogs issued by Ray Klingensmith, Dwayne Anthony,

Ross Baird, and the AB!C Auctions. In terms of magazines, the archives needs the first 12 issues of the *Canadian Bottle &* 

...the archives need all issues of the Canadian Insulator Collector.

Stoneware Collector, and all issues of the Canadian Insulator Collector. We were also missing all the issues of the Crown Point but the editors of that magazine have offered to make photocopies for us. I am receiving very few club newsletters so requests for a complimentary subscription have

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(Continued from page 6) been sent to all clubs.

Thanks to John Hovanak for putting me on the mailing list for the Western Reserve Insulator Club forming in Northern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Lawless, our president, has been setting an excellent example by sending photos of club meetings and newsletters from a variety of sources. The McDougalds have redirected issues of the Crown Jewels to me rather than to the prior historian's house. Several dealers have told me that they are asking about show flyers, club newsletters, and other ephemera now that they know someone wants it. Rick Bentley, secretary and editor for the Enchantment Insulator Club, is undertaking the huge task of providing a hard copy of the insulators listed on eBay. He'll be printing out the heading of all completed auctions that deal with insulators and include the text for insulators that sell for over \$100. We're about three years late on this project given the controversy eBay has created, but better late than never since eBay only keeps records for one month. Years from now, I'm sure someone will wonder how much that Chicago Diamond groove or purple Whitall-Tatum No. 1 sold

for or, even better, who bought the Thames insulator and several other rarities.

As the archives grows, I envision that it will be a resource for material for club newsletters, the *Drip Points*, the NIA web sites, and the interested collector. Unfortunately, right now it is recovering from neglect and much work is needed but the interest in it exists and seems to be growing.

Rick Soller, NIA # 2958 Historian

### FROM THE NOMINATIONS CHAIR

here has the summer gone? Time goes by when you are having fun! It has been so hot and dry here in the Southeast that I am more than ready for the fall to begin. I am looking forward to the fall insulator shows, especially the London Show in Ohio. Steve and Lois Blair do such a good job with their mini National each year.

What a great National in Scottsdale! My hat is off to Steve and Melanie Marks for a well planned show. I must comment on the quality of the displays. I have never seen that many rare insulators in any one place.

In the summer issue of *Drip Points*, I mentioned the seminar

held at the NIA Eastern Region Show in Huntsville, Alabama. In my article I stated that Alan Stastny and Glenn Drummond discussed dump digs. Alan was at the show but it was Steve Blair who hauled dump items all the way to Alabama and put on the seminar with Glenn. Sorry for the mistake, Steve!

Congratulations are in order to Tom Katonak for his election to

Western Region Vice President. He will do a great job representing that region on the NIA Board. Tom has to give up the Information Director position to serve in his new capacity. We must all

thank Tom (and Lynda!) for six years of *Drip Points*. Job well done!

A special thank you goes to Matt Poage, outgoing Western Region

Vice President, for his willingness to give his time and abilities, over the last three years, to represent the Western Region on the NIA Board. Thanks Matt!

Please remember that this spring I will be soliciting resumes for NIA President and Central Region Vice President. Now is the time to be thinking about how you or one of your friends can serve the hobby in one of these positions. If

I will be soliciting resumes for NIA
President and
Central V.P.

you are ready now to make your commitment or know of someone who would

make a good candidate for either of these positions please contact me now. The NIA needs you!

**Dudley Ellis**, NIA #5085 **Nominations Chairman** 

### FROM THE BY-LAWS CHAIR

<sup>Ч</sup>he NIA has taken substantial L steps toward becoming registered not-for-profit corporation. About a month ago I drafted the Articles of Incorporation and filed them with the Corporation John McDougald is Commission. in the process of filing for our 501 (c)(3) status with the IRS. expect the registration process to be completed by the end of the year. Shortly thereafter, it will be necessary for me to draft new By-Laws for the NIA. Although the content will substantially remain the same, the format will require quite a bit of editing. The finished product will be provided to each member of the Board of Directors for approval. At the same time, I am going to take on another one of my more ambitious projects; a tweaking of our NIA Handbook. Hey, after Grading Standards, Ethics Definitions and a National, it should be a piece of cake, right?

Speaking of the National, I can't begin to tell you how thrilled Melanie and I were with

outcome of the event. Apparently come to Scottsdale, made our year! we weren't the only ones that felt The expressions on the faces of that way because we were the new collectors, and those continuously showered with taking-in the incredible displays, compliments during the show, and made all of the hard work for weeks after that dozens sent worthwhile. It was one of the most cards, letters and flowers. People personally rewarding things that we loved the hotel. Many stated that have ever done in our lives. the service and facility exceeded their expectations. The show hall Finally, at the urging of our in particular received rave reviews Nominations Chairman and several for its lighting and layout. The raw Board Members, I have agreed to numbers were staggering: room nights at the resort; well over President. The next term begins at 500 people attended the show; the National in Minnesota next

the Rawhide Outing; over people attended the Awards Fiesta: close

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436 accept the nomination for NIA close to 100 people participated in year. Expect Melanie and I to be

> hitting the campaign trail this year (every President has to have his First Lady)! In a later issue Drip of Points, candidates for the position will be publishing their resumes.

to 100 people attended the seminar In the meantime, if there are on Altered and Repaired Insulators; specific issues that you feel the there were over 25 teams of next NIA President will need to Treasure Hunters; over \$2,000,000 address, please contact me now. I in insulators on display and for would be most interested in hearing sale; dozens of great raffle prizes; about your concerns, and will do and about \$800 raised for the my best to address them for you in Grand Canyon State Insulator that upcoming issue. That way you Club! But those numbers don't tell can see if I am the right man for the the whole story. To see all of our job. friends, from all over the country

### ...DRIP NOTES

- New NIA Logo items available! It's not too late to start thinking Christmas!
- Do you have your insulator collection insured? NIA sponsored insurance is available (see details on back cover)
- Want to play a bigger part in the NIA? Volunteers are always needed. Write to Kevin Lawless 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).
- There's some fine shows on the docket for this fall: Do you have your calendar

### AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NIA BANQUET

### Scottsdale Arizona, June 26, 1999

Dr. Frederick L. Griffin Memorial Award; Best Use of Threadless - Doug MacGillvary

### NIA Best Category Awards:

Best of Color - Dwayne Anthony

Foreign - Marilyn Albers

General - Ron Yuhas

Go-Withs - Carl Rusk

Porcelain - Howard Banks

Threaded - Ross Baird

Speciality - Tom Katonak

Milholland Educational Award - Bill and Jill Meier

Len Linscott Insulator Pioneer Award - Bill and Jill Meier

Bob & Phoebe Adams Showmanship Award - Mike Bliss

Crown Jewels of the Wire People's Choice Award - **John A. Buchholz** for "Lehigh Days - Memories of a Railroad Lineman 1922-1932" and to **Gary Kline** for "CD 162 H.G.CO. Embossing in Transition".

Capital District Insulator Club Award for Best Exhibit Using Eastern Insulators - Kevin Lawless

Central Florida Insulator Collectors Club Award for Best First Time Display at a National - Roger Nagel

Central/Southern Counties Insulator Club Award for Best Exhibit Using Southern California Insulators - **Jim Gruhl** 

Dixie Jewels Insulator Club Award for Best Exhibit Using CDs - Ron Yuhas

Greater Chicago Insulator Club Award for Best Exhibit Using Power Insulators - Ron Yuhas

N.R. Woodward Literary Award for Author of Best Research Article - **Gary Kline** for "CD 162 H.G.CO. Embossing in Transition".

Nor-Cal Insulator Club Award for Best Exhibit Using Western Insulators - Mike Guthrie

Triple Ridge Insulator Club Award for Best Exhibit Using Denver Glass - Tom Katonak

Lon C. Holly Memorial Award - Paul Gee

Jack Tod Memorial Award for Porcelain Insulators - Howard Banks

Sterling Finch Memorial Award for Dedication to the Hobby - **Steve and Melanie Marks** - and the Scottsdale Central Public Library

National Show Hosts Plague - Steve and Melanie Marks

Lifetime Membership Award - Dick and Ev Bowman

1999 Outstanding Service Award - Joe Beres

The August issue of CJ has fabulous COLOR pictures of the exhibits and a number of the award winners. If you have not seen or own a copy, you probably should get one now.

Sandy Ellison, NIA #6154 Show Standards Chairman



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### 1999 NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION MEMBER STATUS

AS OF 8-31-1999

TOTAL NIA NUMBERS USED NIA NUMBERS NOT ASSIGNED NIA NUMBERS DOUBLE ISSUED NEW MEMBERS FOR 1999		7014 21 62 280
		INACTIVE (not paid)
MEMBERS CHARTER	1592 Record High	5198
CHARTER	122	702
EII ETHVIE	51	TT (BEC.)
CLUBS	6	4
NON U.S.MEMBERS	36	73
27 YEAR MEMBERS	34	0
26 YEAR MEMBERS	26	2
25 YEAR MEMBERS (SILVER 24 YEAR MEMBERS	.) 14	1
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23 YEAR MEMBERS	18	0
22 YEAR MEMBERS	18	2
21 YEAR MEMBERS	16	3
20 YEAR MEMBERS	23	6
19 YEAR MEMBERS	16	10
18 YEAR MEMBERS	15	7
17 YEAR MEMBERS	29	16
16 YEAR MEMBERS	37	15
15 YEAR MEMBERS	31	13
14 YEAR MEMBERS	32	22
13 YEAR MEMBERS	27	25
12 YEAR MEMBERS	52	30
11 YEAR MEMBERS	43	42
10 YEAR MEMBERS	49	49
9 YEAR MEMBERS	55	72
8 YEAR MEMBERS	62	78
7 YEAR MEMBERS	67	131
6 YEAR MEMBERS	96	143
5 YEAR MEMBERS	107	243
4 YEAR MEMBERS	95	365
3 YEAR MEMBERS	137	542
2 YEAR MEMBERS	195	1015
1 YEAR MEMBERS	280	2358
MISC.		
DECEASED MEMBERS (KNOWN)		137
DOGS (NIA NUMBER ISSUED, BUT NOT VALID )		4
MEMBERS ALREADY PAID FOR 2000+		133
NOTES:		
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