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#### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT



I hope everyone is having a great summer. I know mine is going pretty well. It's certainly busy. I think most of you know me from my past work as the NIA information director, if not, you must be pretty new to the NIA, so let me extend a welcome.

This year's National was certainly a great one. I hope you were able to make it. I would once again like to thank Carolyn and Bob Berry, Jack Roach, and Jim bates for their hard work. They put on a great show, a lot of fun was had by all, and many deals were made swapping, buying and selling.

Speaking of this years National, several changes took place in the make up of the NIA board. I took the position of NIA President after nearly 5 years being your Information Director. Arthur McConnachie is your new Information Director. Thanks for volunteering Arthur.

We were to have elections this past spring for President and Central Region VP, but both positions had only one person run, so both were filled by acclamation. Ross Baird is the New Central Region VP replacing Ed Peters and I replace Dudley Ellis who becomes the new First Past President. Other changes took place as well. These are the changes in the appointed positions: Rick Soller Stepped down as Historian and Museum chair to allow him more

time to dedicate to new duties at work.

Glenn Drummond stepped down from Secretary to pursue more historical related duties as the new Historian replacing Rick.

Jacque Linscott Barnes became

the new Secretary replacing Glenn Drummond. Jacque was the past Nominations Chair which left that position open.

Kay Bryant is your new Nominations Chair taking over for Jacque.

John McDougald Stepped down as Authentication and Classification Chair. Stepping up to the plate for John is Paul Greaves.

Tom Katonak is now the Second Past President replacing Steve Marks who held the position for the past two years.

Wow, that was a lot of changes. I spent a lot of time at the National trying to find folks who wanted to fill in for those who were giving it a rest for a little while. I want to let everyone who agreed to help out know how much I appreciate their willingness to do so. The NIA is made up of strictly volunteers. Without someone willing to step up and dedicate their time, there would be no NIA. Thanks to everyone who decided to help out.

Speaking of volunteers, dedicating time, and helping out, Jacque Linscott-Barnes, Clay Bledsoe, and Graham Barnes will be hosting next years National.

The 38th Annual NIA show will be

I have some changes and additions I would like to see implemented within the NIA, and I think we are on track to get at least some of them done. in Orlando Florida. The show will be June 22-24, 2007 and will be held at the Holiday Inn Resort and Convention Center at 6515 International Drive, Orlando, FL.

<sup>⊥</sup>I have been to this area of Or-

lando on International Drive, and I can tell you first hand that even if your not an Insulator collector, there is too much to possibly do everything in this area even if you spent all week trying. I know it still seems early to think about next years national, but it's really not. Don't wait until next May to think about going.

I am looking forward to the next couple of years. I have some changes and additions I would like to see implemented within the NIA, and I think we are on track to get at least some of them done. Nothing too radical, but there is almost always room for improvement.

I get suggestions from members all the time and I am grateful for them. If you have suggestions or comments, don't hesitate to e-mail or call me. I can be reached at:

kwjacob@icsaero.com or 602-564-0851

Kevin Jacobson, NIA #6720 NIA President

#### FROM THE FIRST PAST PRESIDENT



I'm glad that fall is just around the corner. This has been one hot summer. As the weather cools off here in the south we can get back to more comfortable insulator hunts and antiquing.

Sandy and I really enjoyed the National in Austin, TX. The hosts did a heck of a job with the planning and hosting the show. The show was well attended and the there were many great insulator displays. The highlight of the show for me was at the Awards Banquet when I gave Bernie and Madeline Warren the NIA's most prestigious Lifetime Membership Award for meritorious service to the hobby. I congratulate this most deserving couple from Alaska.

Sandy and I always turn our trip to the Nationals into a vacation. This

year was no exception. We visited San Antonio to explore the Alamo and made other stops along the way back to Georgia. We plan on another vacation next year when we attend the National in Orlando, Florida in June. I hope each of you will plan your vacation around the National next year, too. You will be able to find plenty to do with the family in OrChairs and their committee members for their support and their accomplishments. I look forward to working with Kevin and the rest of the Board to continue the improvement of our great hobby.

I hope to see many of you at the DJIC swap meets in Panama City, Florida in August and Soddy-

family in lando.

Near the end of the annual NIA General Member Meeting I passed the Presidential gavel to Kevin Jacobson. Through advanced planning we had a smooth transition. Kevin hit the deck run-

ning. He looked right at home at the podium during the banquet. Kevin will do a great job as your President. I trust that you will give him the support that I enjoyed as President.

I would like to again thank the NIA Board for working extremely well with me and for all their support and advice that made my job easier. Also, I thank the Committee

Remember to include our youth in insulator functions. Take them on a hunt or to an insulator show. You could even help them develop a display of their own insulators. We need to encourage more participation of youth in our hobby. and Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee in November. I know I'll see many of you in Springfield, Ohio at the M i d - O h i o Show in November.

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or to an insulator show. You could even help them develop a display of their own insulators. We need to encourage more participation of youth in our hobby.

Please remember to tell someone about your hobby.

#### Dudley Ellis, NIA #5085 First Past President

#### **NIA Definitions:**

"Original Insulators" are defined as any device, that was originally manufactured with the intent to be utilized for separating and/or supporting conductors or to otherwise prevent the undesired flow of electricity. "Commemorative Insulators" are insulators that are manufactured to commemorate a specific event, promotion, or other purpose. For example, this commemoration may be related to the insulator collecting hobby (as in connection with the NIA's National Show and Convention), or it may be related to the production of insulators for the telegraph/telephone industry (as in the case of the swirl colored McLaughlin CD 162 and VTS CD 102 insulators). "Imitation Insulators" are ones that purport to be, but in fact are not, original insulators, commemorative insulators, or salesman samples. This category includes but is not limited to reproductions, copies, replicas, or counterfeits of original insulators, commemorative insulators or salesman samples.

#### FROM THE WESTERN REGION



Greetings Fellow Collectors,

I would like to congratulate the hosts of the 2006 National for putting on a fantastic event! It was well worth the long drive to Texas and the scenery along the way was better than expected. My son and I had a wonderful road trip together winding our way through Colorado, New Mexico, and West Texas to the lovely city of Austin.

The National journey was easier this year because it was the first time my son could share in the driving duties. Gosh, I'm starting to feel old. The show ran smoothly from beginning to end and everyone appeared to have a great time. Bob, Carolyn, and all the Austin crew created a friendly atmosphere that made everyone feel right at home. Attention to detail and a desire to make all the attendees feel comfortable were evident at every turn. It ranked right up there among the best Nationals I've attended and I hated to

see it end.

On the long drive home we were already discussing what adventure might be next. I'm hoping we can slip away sometime soon and do a little insulator hunting before the summer slips away. Perhaps we can spend a day searching for some lost line in the mountains and finish it off next to a campfire together. There's nothing quite like an adventuresome journey and someone special to share it with. I hope each of you will have a day like this sometime soon.

Good Luck Collecting,

Mike Green, NIA #3175 Western Region Vice President

#### FROM THE EASTERN REGION



First, I want to note that the law firm of Berry, Berry, Roach and Bates that was retained by the NIA to host the 37th NIA convention in Austin did an outstanding job with the show.

As usual, the National was awesome. There's just nothing like seeing the incredible displays that people bring to the Nationals plus about 120 dealer tables full of tempting glass (and for some, tempting porcelain). Socializing – seeing old friends and making new ones – is also always a great part of the show. I'm a big fan of having something educational at the shows and this year there were three great seminars.

There were some outstanding displays - the Best-in-Show exhibit of rare threaded porcelain by Elton Gish was amazing. Also, Ken Willick and Jeff Katchko somehow managed to find a dump of material that was thrown away when someone bought Fred Lockes' house. The story behind this find and the stuff they dug up were unbelievable. I heard someone say, "You can throw out the book," when they saw this display. Of course, much of the material that was dug up never made it to production, so "the book" still probably applies to anything you or I are likely to find.

In addition to the show, the hosts arranged group tickets for a AAA baseball game on Wednesday

night and for a bat cruise on the river on Friday night. Both were great. It was pretty special to sit on a boat in the middle of the river and watch about 1.5 million bats come out of the bridge and fly up river to spend the night keeping the Austin area free of bugs. The bats spend their days in long narrow spaces in the bridge and come out at night. They all fly to one end of the bridge and then up over the tree line and up river. They never get close enough to get scary (but I was glad our boat had a roof, if you know what I mean). It takes about 20 minutes for them all to get out and you can look up river and see fuzzy black clouds of bats on their way out for the night. It was guite a sight.

Next year's National will be back in the Eastern Region, in Orlando, Florida on June 22-24. This should be a great place to take your family on vacation – the parts of your family that aren't interested in insulators will have plenty to do

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

In the meantime, there are a number of good shows coming up in our region. On September 23, Claude Wambold is hosting a show at his house. He's had a swap meet at his house for about the last 34 years in June but this year he decided to do another down home gathering instead of a more formal show. It should be fun. On September 16th, the Yankee Polecat Club will have a show in East Hampton, Connecticut and Dixie Jewels will have a swap meet in Tennessee on November 18th. Steve and Lois Blair (honorary Eastern Region resi-

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

Larry Novak, NIA #5889 Eastern Region Vice President

#### FROM THE CENTRAL REGION



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

The national in Austin, Texas was a huge success. Carolyn Berry did a fantastic job at organizing everything and when you put Jim Bates, Bob Berry and Jack Roach together, you know it will be fun! I came down a few days early to meet up with Jack Roach and Denny Hackthorne to enjoy some skeet shooting at Jack's hideout in the woods. Jack's shack overlooks a low water dam that is spring fed. Jack told me that it was very isolated and after seeing this place he is not kidding. There is no electricity, running water, or phone and you better have a four wheel drive to visit.

There was a great selection of insulators at the national in all price ranges. One of the more interesting pieces that showed up was a CD 131.8 in light purple that was dug out of a privy in Elizabeth, New Jersey by a bottle digger about four years ago. At first the digger threw it

down, but when he was leaving he decided to pick it up and take it home because the color was a little different than usual. Some other fantastic insulators that I recall seeing were a CD 158 Boston in amber, CD 127 WUP in cobalt blue, CD 140.5 cobalt blue, CD 127.4 No Name in SCA, CD 134 Unembossed Oakman in 7 up green, CD 131 Cal. Elect Works in cobalt blue and a CD 168.5 Dot in dark aqua.

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

One of the highlights of the show happened at the banquet when Bernie & Madeline Warren were given the "Lifetime Membership Award" for their outstanding contribution to the hobby.

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

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I am looking for-

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

Good collecting,

Ross Baird, NIA #1983 Central Region Vice President

#### FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



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

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

Here we are approaching autumn and nearing renewal time for next year's NIA Memberships. October 1 is the date when dues payments are automatically credited to next year (2007). If your 2006 dues haven't been paid yet and you don't want a gap in your active membership history, right now is the time to renew. Also, active membership in the NIA is one of the ways to be included in the annual NIA / 'Crown Jewels of the Wire' directory, as well as receiving the quarterly '*Drip points*' newsletter.

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

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of sending reminder notices and help keep the cost of membership down. You may renew for a single year or multiple years. Whatever

number of years you choose will extend your current paid up time.

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

Membership dues remain at \$12

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

> Don Briel P.O. Box 188 Providence, UT 84332 Don.Briel@comcast.net

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

> available free of charge. These are an attractive, informative trifold brochure that contains some excellent general infor-

mation and a membership application. Just contact Don Briel and let him know how many you need and where to send them. Adding new members to the NIA is one of the ways to keep our hobby alive and well.

May your insulator collecting be safe and fruitful!

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



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# FROM THE OUTGOING NOMINATIONS CHAIR



has been a pleasure serving the past two years as your Nomina-

tions Chairperson. I was assisted by a great committee of six members: Pat Patocka, Russell Hughes, Chris Hedges, Ross Baird, Dan Goodrich, and Peter Abbott, all of whom I wish to thank.

Kay Bryant has volunteered to serve as Nominations Chairperson and I will be in a new position on the NIA Board. So I say "Thank You" and please continue to support this organization which does so much for its members. Think about volunteering. It can be an eye-opener when you get involved and see all the workings and time that go into making good things happen for YOU, the membership.

#### Jacqueline Linscott Barnes, NIA # 1380 Outgoing Nominations Chair

PS: See y'all in Orlando, FL at the 38th NIA Convention, Show and Sale, June 22-24, 2007.

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## FROM THE AUTHENTIFICATION & CLASSIFICATION CHAIR



Well, it was quite a surprise to get invited to chair the Authentication and Classification committee! But after some contemplation, I decided that it was an area that maybe I could indeed contribute to. So for those that don't know me here is a short introduction.

I started collecting insulators in about 1970 when I was in 7th grade (one of my teachers introduced me to the hobby). At the time most of my collecting was done around the small town in Illinois where I lived... the local railroad, various "farmer lines" outside town, and from various houses and buildings around town. I also made friends with the local power and telephone guys. It

really wasn't until I was in high school (and after having moved to California with my parents) that I got involved with the organized hobby to much extent. It was then that I went to my first show. After going to college, collecting took a back seat to other activities, but I never completely lost interest or sold my collection. Then around 1990 I got back into collecting seriously again. Originally I collected glass for the most part, with no particular specialty. Then around ten years ago I started getting seriously interested in early porcelain power insulators, and found lots of hunting opportunity in the area where I live. This led directly to an interest in early power line history and historical research. This has probably been my primary focus in the last several years, but I still maintain a strong interest in glass in general.

So, what can I bring to this position? I am an electrical engineer by trade, and have a good understanding of how manufacturing works, and have developed a good eye for detail. I have a good general understanding of chemistry and physics, and engineering in particular. I enjoy reading patents, and relating the manufactur-

ing processes described to the features left on insulators made using that process. I've also found enough stuff myself that I know what things look like when they have spent 100 years on a pin in an electrical substation, or on a weathered pin in the mountains, and I've personally dug stuff out of the ground so I know what that's like also. (I am also a meticulous photographer, and have photos of nearly everything I've found as I was finding it.) So I can bring a lot of personal experience to the table... but I also know that I have not seen everything. So, I'll promise to keep an open mind on everything that comes by, and I'll also be asking for help from others more knowledgeable than me. Hopefully the next few years won't be too eventful in the authentication department! But no matter what happens, I'll always invite input and discussion... so please feel free to contact me if anyone has information, data, or just wants to talk about something. It should be both interesting and fun, and that, along with friendships, is what it's all about.

#### Paul Greaves, NIA #2685 Authentication & Classification Chair

# FROM THE AWARDS & RECOGNITION CHAIR



What a great National Convention and Show this past July in Austin, Texas! The Show Hosts did an exceptional job of making everyone in attendance feel welcome.

This was my first opportunity to be

part of the NIA Board meeting. As Chairman of the A and R Committee I presented to the Board members the proposals and recommendations prepared by the committee. The Board spent some time discussing the merits of the proposals. A written report of the Board member's response to the proposals has been received and the committee has been asked to continue its work by revisiting, refining and modifying their recommendations.

Exhibitor awards, Show Host plaques, outgoing President's plaque, the Milholland Education Award and the NIA Lifetime Member presentations were prepared and delivered to the Awards Banquet for presentation.

Please take notice of this information and request. The Awards and Recognitions committee received only one nomination for the NIA Outstanding Service Award and only one nomination for the NIA Lifetime Member Award.

It is not too early to think of someone you know who is worthy of these awards.

Contact me for a nomination form so you can begin developing the information requested.

Lou Hall, NIA #7185 Awards & Recognition Chair

### ... DRIP NOTES

- Did you know that the *Drip Points* is available electronically? Did you know that almost 25% of your fellow NIA members and their families get the *Drip Points* Electronically via e-mail? Taking the *Drip Points* electronically has many benefits including:
- Saves printing and mailing costs of the newsletter (\$1.50 a copy per person) enabling the NIA to help fund research and other beneficial activities to the hobby without having to raise dues.
- You get a color issue, and now with each electronic copy sent, will be attached one club newsletter from a participating club from around the country. You get to see various club newsletters in addition to your DP at no additional cost.
- Get your copy earlier, the electronic copy goes out before the mailed copy.
- Your copy doesn't degrade or wear out and is easily backed up on your computer. Also, the NIA is placing the back issues of the electronic versions on the NIA web site for all to see and retrieve (after the issues are 1 year old).

#### FROM THE PRODUCT MARKETING CHAIR



Many thanks for the terrific National 2006 support ! We show hosts could not have been more pleased with the success of the 37th National here in Austin. We hope everyone who was able to attend found the show rewarding in many ways. We look forward to "relaxing" at the 38th National Convention in Orlando, FL next June.

We wish next year's show hosts great success - Jim (Bates), Bob & Carolyn (Berry) & Jack (Roach) .

The sales for our NIA products did very well, considering how many insulators traded hands! In the coming year, I hope to get our products out to "new", as well as, established shows, so that those folks that were unable to attend the National, can see the NIA logo products first hand. Volunteers to help with this process are always welcome!

It is now time to settle back and look for some "cooler" weather clothing. The summer has been unbelievably "hot" everywhere. Listed below are the "fall" offerings for those taking in a little "insulator dump" digging, hiking the lines & trails, or just wanting to promote the hobby!

Carolyn Berry, NIA #4336 Product Marketing



Note: Current stock is mostly embroidered logo on left side, unless noted.

NEW !! -- Denim Shirt – "long sleeved, pocket, extra buttons" in "Natural (ecru)" or our standard blue. All sizes available. Men's size L & XL in stock. \*\*Note on order form if your choice is the "natural" (Denim Shirt — short sleeves — available too!)

Sweatshirts:

- Zippered front with center front pocket, drawstring hood in ash gray!
- Crewneck style available in Maroon or Ash Gray
- Screen printed logo on front left and large logo on back; size S, M, L only!

We have some nice button front shirts that come in taupe or white ... nice cotton shirt for "business casual" with NIA logo on left side. Please call me for details.

As always, through your purchase of our logo items, this assists the NIA in its educational endeavors, show support and promotion of our hobby in general.

Please contact me anytime with any question(s)!

Carolyn Berry – NIA # 4336 pyrex553@aol.com 512-255-2006

# FROM THE PROMOTIONS CHAIR



The Austin show was a blast! The Texas crew really knows how to share their enthusiasm and hospitality. I can only think this year's National has encouraged fledgling collectors to advance to the next step as serious collectors.

Of course this is exactly what we needed...a big, well-planned and executed show to encourage all attendees to become and continue to be active members of our unique hobby. The friendly dealers and show hosts, the gorgeous glass and porcelain pieces for sale and on display, and the overall ambiance of the facility was, most likely, a big shot-in-the-arm for we collectors. Our lifeline is in the hands of new and future collectors. We all realize without "new blood", our hobby will eventually go the way of stamps, coins, and baseball cards. If the supply continues to outpace the demand, then what?!

Promote, promote, and promote some more. Just today I gave my new class of third graders each the first of several insulators they will receive this year. I use insulators as educational tools and treats (history, electricity, economics, art, writing, and more). Their reaction was delightful. I fully believe several will at least attempt to enter the hobby, even if only at the flea market and junk store level. If their interest persists, then perhaps some will become serious participants upon attaining adulthood and sufficient income. I know of several past students who have begun building collections. I also teach guitar (my second love), so all of my students and many of their parents have seen my cases filled with the sparkling and colorful gems. Many questions are and have been posed. Occasionally I am given an insulator, "just because". Others have begun "looking" for them. Today little

Brad came in with a porcelain and a glass piece. He also proudly announced he had made his first eBay purchase. He is in great anticipation of receiving his four Stars. Now that was a kick to be a part of. I have given away many pieces to these students as well. You can do the same in whatever phase or phases of life you choose to find.

I have left insulators at rest stops. by trash bins, at our local park. I have even used them as calling cards. I usually ask a new acquaintance if they know what insulators are or whether they might have some for sale or trade. Often times I give a new friend one. Use your imaginations and find new ways to promote our hobby. We must prompt growth and satisfaction if we are to continue our present enjoyment. Share your ideas and success with friends and fellow collectors. After all, we may be spread across the nation and, indeed, the world, but we are still a family ... a pretty crazy family at times, but a family, never-the-less.

Bob Merzoian, NIA#3941 Promotions Chair

## **History of the National Insulator Shows**

1970 New Castle, Indiana 1971 Colorado Springs, Colorado 1972 Kansas City, Missouri 1973 Hutchinson, Kansas 1974 Hershey, Pennsylvania 1975 San Diego, California 1976 Berea, Ohio 1977 Lakeland, Florida 1978 Reno, Nevada 11979 Denver, Colorado 1980 Herkimer, New York 1981 Sacramento, California 1982 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

1983 Rochester, New York
1984 Tacoma, Washington
1985 St. Charles, Illinois
1986 Saratoga Springs, New York
1987 Fresno, California
1988 Houston, Texas
1989 Allentown, Pennsylvania
1990 Portland, Oregon
1991 Cedar Rapids, Iowa
1992 Orlando, Florida
1993 Denver, Colorado
1994 Houston, Texas
1995 Marlboro, Massachusetts

1996 Long Beach, California 1997 Chicago, Illinois 1998 Williamsburg, Virginia 1999 Scottsdale, Arizona 2000 Bloomington, Minnesota 2001 Atlanta, Georgia 2002 Fort Collins, Colorado 2003 Springfield, Ohio 2004 New Kensington, Pennsylvania 2005 San Jose, California 2006 Austin, Texas

#### From the Treasurer

Jack Roach, NIA #4156 Treasurer



FINANCIAL RESULTS NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

Beginning Balance General Fund July 1, 2005 \$						
Museum Exploratory Committee Authentication/Ethics Account						
RevenuesDonationsMembership DuesMiscellaneous IncomeProduct SalesTotal RevenuesY12,566						
General Fund ExpensesAdvertisingBank Charges, Taxes Fees and Insurance\$ 940Marketing Products\$ 2,824Misc. Postage\$ 1,455Misc. Printing\$ 1,625Misc. Supplies\$ 603Misc. Professional Services\$ 299Crown Jewels Rebates\$ 486Drip Points Printing\$ 2,815Drip Points Printing\$ 2,815Drip Points Postage\$ 1,043Show Advertising Subsidy\$ 716Show Awards\$ 334Stationery Supplies\$ 1elephoneTelephone\$ 2points PostageSpecial Projects\$ 140						
Total Expenses\$ 13,280						
Closing Balance, General Fund Museum Exploratory Committee Expenditures Museum Exploratory Committee Balance Authentication/Ethics Account Expenditures Authentication/Ethics Account Balance						
Total Balance on Hand June 30, 2006	\$	14,697				

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Central Florida Insulator Collectors

# **NewsNotes**

Editor: Jacqueline Linscott Barnes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PS: At this time, over half of the sales tables are reserved and only 4 vacant display tables. CFIC Meeting Saturday, October 7th 10:30 am Meeting Hosts: Bob & Kathy Roberson 5245 Date Palm Street Cocoa, FL 32927 321-633-9361

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

Shows and Meets in the area:

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