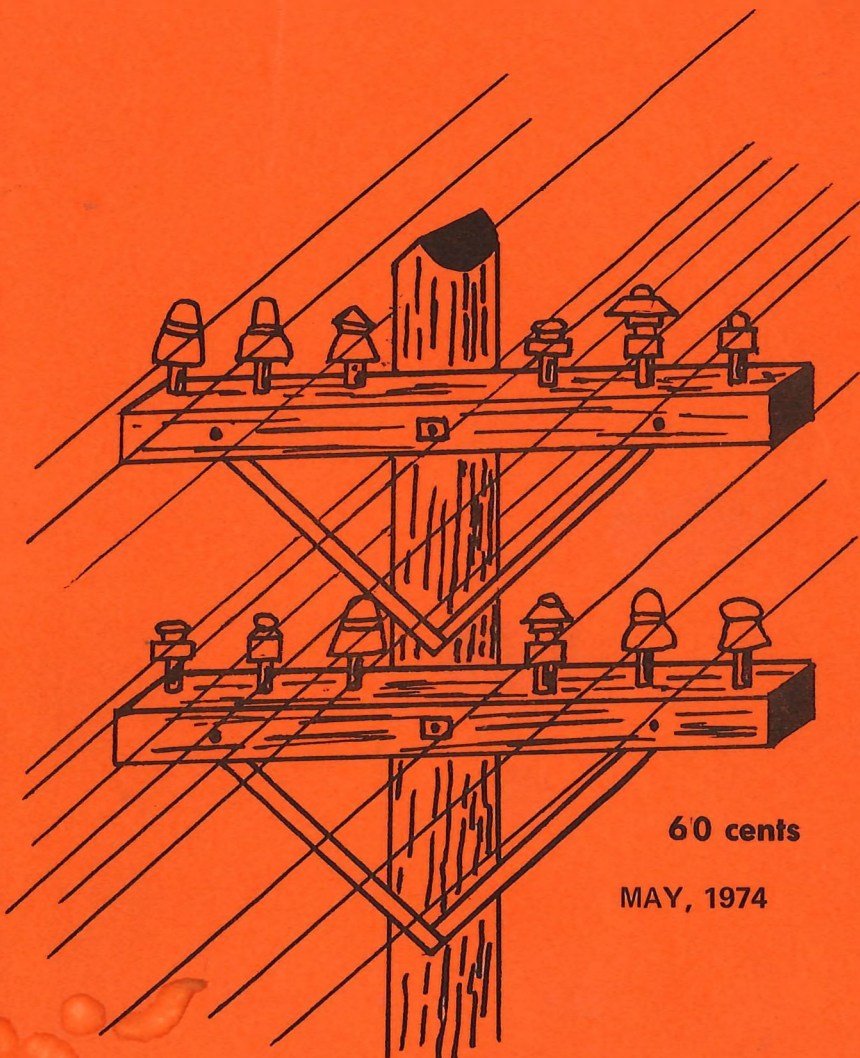


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SHOWS AND SWAPS

MAY 4-5

Missoula, Montana

The Hellgate Antique Bottle Club Annual Bottle Show.
Info: Show Chairman, Hellgate Antique Bottle Club,
Missoula, MT 59801.

MAY 4-5

San Diego, California

San Diego Bottle Club will host a show. For more
info: 519 Verdin St., El Cajon, CA 92021.

MAY 4-5

Golden, Colorado

Antique Bottle Collectors of Colorado Show & Sale in
the Golden Recreation Center. Info: A. B. C. C.,
P. O. Box 63, Denver, CO 80201.

MAY 5

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

P. B. C. A. Bottle Show Guernsey Barn 5 miles east of
Lancaster, PA. Info: Lynn Harbold, RD #6, York, PA.

MAY 5

Bettendorf, Iowa

Third Mississippi Valley Insulator Meet, Holiday Inn.
Info: Dennis McHenry, Trexend, Rt. 1, Bettendorf,
Iowa 52722 (319) 355-2069

MAY 11-12

Hutchinson, Kansas

Insulator, bottle & collectors show, Sports Arena.
Info: George Phillips, Box 1791, Hutchinson, KS
67501.

MAY 18

Woodland, California

Insulator Show & Swap Meet, Elks Hall. Info: Gary
Cranfill, 5536 Keoncrest Cl., Sacramento, CA
95841.

MAY 19

Amsterdam, New York

Tryon Bottle Badgers will hold their 5th annual show and sale at St. John's Hall. Info: Karen Wallace, RD #2, Box 41 5H, New Progress Rd., Gloversville, New York.

MAY 25

Moorestown, New Jersey

2nd Annual Southern New Jersey Insulator Show, Moorestown High School. Info: Gene Bond, 15 East Camden Ave., Moorestown, NJ 08057.

MAY 25-26

Nanaimo, Canada

Nanaimo Oldtime Bottle Assn. antique bottle and insulator show and sale at the Nanaimo Curling Rink. 19,000 sq. ft. of floor area available. Plenty of tables. All facilities for campers and trailers on the premises, Info: Bob Skrill, Parkway Dr., RR #1, Lantzville, B. C., Canada V0R-2H0 Ph. 758-2667.

MAY 25-26

Clovis, California

Fresno Antique Bottle Club Show and Sale, Clovis Memorial Bldg., 5th & Hughes. Info: Larry Manchesian, 2720 N. Dearing, Fresno, CA 93704.

MAY 26

Morrisville, Vermont

Mud City Show & Sale. Info: Jeanette Leping, Morrisville, VT.

JUNE 1

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Informal insulator swap meet. Bring your own card table. Admission free. Info: Bob Wilson, 12612 Chilton Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19154. NE 7-9435.

JUNE 1

Rochester, New Hampshire

Bottleers of N. H. Bottle & Antique Show & Sale,
K of C Hall. Info: Elizabeth Marin, Tolend Rd.,
Dover, NH 03820.

JUNE 22-23

Memphis, Tennessee

Memphis Bottle Collectors Club Show and Sale.
Fairgrounds-Pipkin Bldg. Info: Larry McCage,
Box 28791, Memphis, TN 38128.

JUNE 29-30

Hershey, Pennsylvania

5th National Insulator Show & Sale & N. I. A. business
meeting at the Hershey Motor Lodge. Info: Steve
Bobb, 610 Northampton Rd., Norristown, PA 19401
Ph. (215) 539-6533.

JULY 13-14

Humboldt, California

Humboldt Antique Bottle Club's 9th Annual Bottle &
Relic Show & Sale, Redwood Acres Fairgrounds.
Info: Bob Specht, Box 446, Trinidad, CA 95570.

JULY 20

Little Rock, Arkansas

2nd Annual Show & Sale of Little Rock Antique Bottle
Collectors. Info: L. R. A. B. C., P. O. Box 5003,
Little Rock, AR 72205.

SEPTEMBER 14-15

Kansas City, Missouri

Insulator-bottle-lightning rod ball show and sale at
Howard Johnson's, 1600 N. E. Russell Rd., Jct. I-29
and I-35, Kansas City North. Info: Robert Green,
1703 N. E. 72 Terr., Gladstone, MO 64118. Ph. (1)
(816) 436-0953.

SEPTEMBER 22

Delaware

Forks of the Delaware Bottle Club-more info next
issue.

SEPTEMBER 28-29

Columbia City, Indiana

The 2nd Hoosier Insulator Show, Swap and Auction, Whitley County 4-H bldg. Info: Paul Houpt, 211 S. Chauncey, Columbia City, IN 46725 (219) 244-5840.

SEPTEMBER 28-29

Clifton, Colorado

Western Slope Bottle Club of Grand Junction Show & Sale. Lincoln Park Auditorium. Info: Leslie D. Elliott, 3289 E 1/2 Rd., Clifton, CO 81520.

OCTOBER 27

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Insulator-Bottle Show at I. B. E. W. Hall, 1211 Wiley Blvd S. W., Info: Dale L. Vincent, 283-22nd Ave., S. W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404, ph. (319) 365-2480; or Noel J. Motter, 2865-2nd Ave., Marion, IA 52302 ph. (319) 377-6041.

The following is the slate of officers for the Capital District Insulator Club of Upstate New York for the year of 1974:

President	Tom Louden
Vice President	Mike Monforte
Secretary	Irene Jones
Treasurer	Tom Moulton
Directors	Grant Barner
	Roger Covert
	Don Otis
	Al Polando
	Steve Freedman
Club Historian	Jim Poulette

SIGN OF THE TIMES?

by Addie Tasem

Last November, I asked all collectors to voice their opinions about the shows. The replies ranged from the shows to common complaints affecting the collector. The opinions were strong enough that each will be discussed in future issues. If you have anything to add, please write me. This issue we'll report on your views of the shows.

The biggest cry can be summed up in one word- ADVERTISING. Many shows are listed (free) in upcoming shows listed in the front of this magazine as well as in Crown Jewels and Old Bottle Magazine. It appears most of the collectors take 1 or all 3 publications. However, there is NO advertising being done in local newspapers, TV, radio, or fliers to antique shops and to clubs, etc. This is what most of the "off street" visitors are in touch with. It's amazing how many people have insulators and DO NOT realize that there are other collectors and publications available. Also, in the area of advertising, there are little to no signs outside the show to invite passers-bys or tell collectors where to go. So put out those signs on cars, marquees, on side of buildings, etc. DIRECT ALL TO THE SHOW BY ADVERTISING.

The word "National" used in show titles is another problem. Collectors talking to another says "National", you begin questioning "which National?" The general feeling is the term "National" should ONLY appear with the NIA convention and show. Shows that would and do qualify for "Regional" shows and is certified by the NIA could only then use the term "Regional" in their title. Qualifications should be similar to the "Nationals" with the minimum tables lesser and could be held all year round.

Displays was another area of discussion. Displays at the insulator shows have been VERY POOR, in comparison to the bottle shows. Our insulator show and sales should have displays that are creative, informational, and educational to all collectors. A non collector wants to learn why we feel as we do about our hobby and can NOT learn if he looks at a heap of broken threadless, a hog-pog of Cobalt blue, or rows of glass and porcelain mixed. We have a product (insulators) and we want to promote to non collectors why this is a great hobby and why he should collect. So there is need to expand for more creative, information, and education through displays. There is also a NEED for more collectors to display. If your collection is worth your time, then it should be displayed. If more people displayed, the ones who show the same display year after year will be sitting with no awards and will have to get busy and put up a better display.

Judging on displays has been very poor. Displays have qualifications and each displayer enters under a certain section. Awards are given or should be given if and only if the display meets all of the requirements. The usual procedure is on a point system with percentage going to showmanship and go-withs, condition and rarity, and educational value. If the display does not meet the requirements, no award. Then however, if 3 displays qualify for a 1st, then all should receive 1st award. Displays during judging should be numbered and NO names or advertising be permitted until all judging has been completed. Judges should judge the displays individually and Not in a pack!

There are some collectors who feel the table charges (\$20-25) are too high and would purchase a table to work from if tables were \$5-7.50. The asking of admission was turning many away. Others liked door prizes and dealer refreshment prizes.

Since the onset of the energy crises, travel to shows will be limited. All collectors should try to promote local interest by putting on a small show. It is very possible we will see more 1 day shows, especially if Sunday driving ban goes into effect. The bottle people are well organized and generally have good shows but you insulator people have got to move in on these shows and create interest in your hobby if no local insulator show or club is in your area. The fate of the shows will depend on all collectors who trade, sell, and buy to get out and get going on insulators.

Shows with "BIG DEALERS" (who mainly sell and buy some) seem slow and dealings done among "BIG DEALERS". Many prefer shows made up of the common collectors who like to trade a lot and talk as much. A note to all "BIG DEALERS"- you may have the glass we dream of owning but most of my dealings will be with the true collector who likes to trade.

Editors note: These are not my personal feelings but compiled upon many letters, phone calls and personal contacts.

DEI -VAI BOTTLE CLUB NOTES

At the Board of Directors meeting it was decided to hold our Annual Show 9 to 4, rather than 10 to 4; displays strictly limited to 4' x 2 1/2'. Table rents will be the same as last year - \$10 and \$5.

Reminder: March is the cut-off time for renewal on memberships. Single membership are \$4.00; Family memberships are \$6; Initiation fee \$2.50.

JUDGING FORMS

5th National Insulator Show, Hershey, PA

In this article, I've shown the three forms that will be used at the 5th National Show in Hershey, PA. I'm doing this to show collectors exactly how their displays will be judged.

Here is the Display Entry Form:

DISPLAY ENTRY FORM

Show 5th National Date June 29

Display title BROOKFIELD Display No. 10

Does display contain damaged pieces: yes no

Does display contain repaired pieces: yes no

Category under which display is entered: (check only one)

Lightning rod balls

Threadless

Best in color

Best in Porcelain

Best in shape

Best in speciality

Most eye appealing

IMPORTANT: NO repo's, fakes or altered pieces will be acceptable for display. If any of the above pieces are displayed the display will be disqualified.

This form is self explanatory. The form will be given to each displayer as he is setting up his display and must be returned by 11:00 A. M. Sat. June 29th.

The displayer will fill in all information except the "display number." This will be done by the show host. The information you fill in on the entry form will be transferred to the judging forms. You will be judged only in the category or categories you select. (for realism we have filled in the form.)

This is the Judging Form for the Positive oriented judge. We have taken the same display shown in the Entry Form and judged it according to a judge who would be looking at the good side of the display. NOTICE, THE POINTS AWARDED do not hold at exactly 10. Since the range of points available is 1 to 10, the judge is able to use his own judgement.

POSITIVE JUDGING FORM		
Show	<u>57th National</u>	Date <u>June 29</u>
Display title	<u>Beauregard</u>	Display No. <u>10</u>
Damaged pieces	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>	
Repaired pieces	yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Category entered	<u>Speciality</u>	
POSITIVE POINT TALLY		
	Points Available	Points Awarded
1. Proper titling	0 to 10	<u>10</u>
2. Damaged display pieces (if noted above award 5 points) (if not noted above but found in display award 0 points)	0 to 5	<u>5</u>
3. Repaired display pieces (if noted above award 5 points) (if not noted above but found in display award 0 points)	0 to 5	---
4. Award points for nearly mint or mint pieces as compared to other displays within the same category.	0 to 10	<u>10</u>
5. Award points if display holds to its category.	0 to 10	<u>10</u>
6. Award points if all pieces are displayed within full view.	0 to 10	<u>9</u>
7. Award points if other items in display are related to insulator hobby.	0 to 10	<u>9</u>
8. Award points if all insulators are clean.	0 to 10	<u>10</u>
9. Award points in a range of 1 to 5 depending on how eye appealing the display is.	0 to 5	<u>8</u>
POSITIVE POINTS AWARDED		<u>71</u>

This is the Negative oriented judging form. As you can see it is basically the same as the Positive sheet, except that the Negative judge will be looking for all the poor aspects of a display. We have also filled in this form as an example.

NEGATIVE JUDGING FORM		
Show <u>57^A National - Hershey</u>	Date <u>June 29</u>	
Display title <u>Brookfields</u>	Display No. <u>10</u>	
Damaged pieces <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		
Repaired pieces <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no		
Category entered <u>Specialty</u>		
NEGATIVE POINT TALLY		
	Points Available	Points Deducted
1. Display properly titled.	10 to 0	<u>8</u>
2. Damaged display pieces. (if noted above deduct 5 points.) (if not noted above but found in display deduct 10 points.)	10 or 5	<u>5</u>
3. Repaired display pieces (if noted above deduct 5 points.) (if not noted above but found in display deduct 25 points.)	25 or 5	—
4. Deduct points for a nearly mint or mint display as compared to other displays within the same category.	10 to 0	<u>6</u>
5. Deduct points if display doesn't hold to its proper category.	10 to 0	<u>4</u>
6. Deduct points if all pieces are not displayed in full view.	10 to 0	<u>8</u>
7. Deduct points if items in display other than insulators are not related to the insulator hobby.	10 to 0	<u>0</u>
8. Deduct points if all insulators are not clean.	10 to 0	<u>0</u>
		<hr style="border-top: 1px solid black;"/> <u>31</u>
NEGATIVE POINTS DEDUCTED - <u>31</u>		

There you have it. The winners will be determined by a tally of negative and positive points and the display having the most positive points or least negative points in the first place winner within that category. In case of a tie, each judge will be allowed a 1 point vote to break the tie.

We at CROSS ARMS have been working with Steve Bobb while he developed these rules and forms and if you have any questions at all, just drop us a

line.

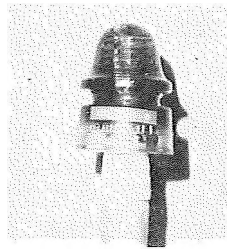
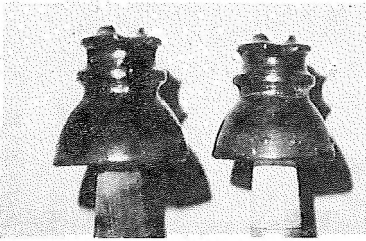
I'm sure we can answer them. See you all at the National and I hope everyone plans to set up a display. SHOW THE WORLD YOUR HOBBY-- DISPLAY AT A SHOW.

MARKET NEWS

<u>Company</u>	<u>CD</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Prices</u>
<u>San Diego Get Together</u>				
Hemingray 4	124	M	olive/ sw	\$17.00
D 990	137	NM-M	aqua	\$3 - \$5
McLaughlin 14	160	NM	dk. olive	4.00
Hemingray	162	M	flashed amb.	17.00
Hemingray 510	168	M	aqua	4.00
H. G. CO dated	196	M	aqua	15.00
115	226	M	aqua	15.00
Hemingray 60	257	M	bl-aq	5.00
Johnny ball (sm)	---	M	aqua	5.50

NOTICE: Subscriber's Directory is NOW available. Cost is 50¢ for subscribers and \$1.00 to non-subscribers. Directory contains a list of insulator collectors all over the country, lists of articles that appeared in CROSS ARMS throughout the year, list of available insulator clubs, a list of speciality collectors, and a list of books that have been published on insulators.

UPDATE

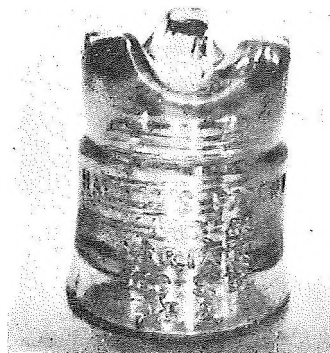


Out of the San Diego "Get together #2" came these two new insulators: right: New CD #161.2 (F) Brookfield (B) straight sided skirt, square wire groove, flat base Usually a number is found underneath Brookfield-color, dark aqua.

Left: front and back views of a Mexican insulator embossed: TELEFONOS ERICSSON-L-D-1

Two new porcelain threadless have been discovered. For more information on these see Junior Collector Section this issue.

Here is the "Harloe's Pat." with an inner skirt. It has been assigned a new CD number. So from now on the double petticoat Harloe will be classed as a CD 206.5 (from Marion Milholland of Sequim, WA)

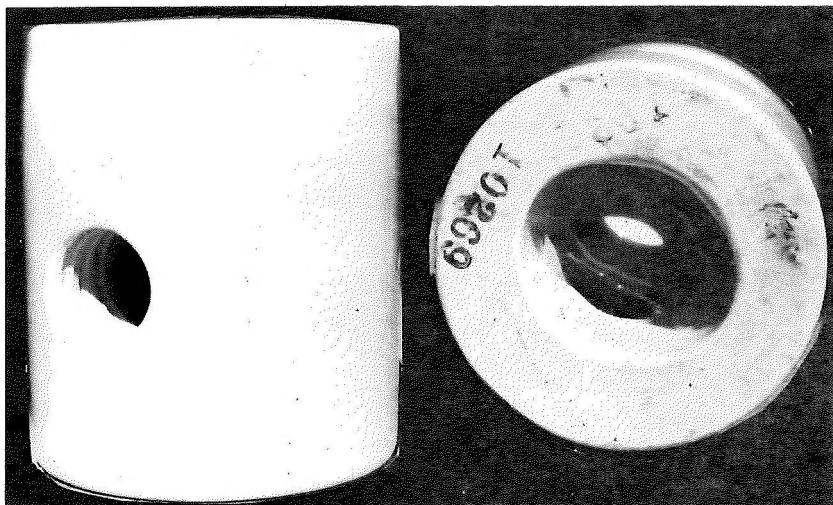


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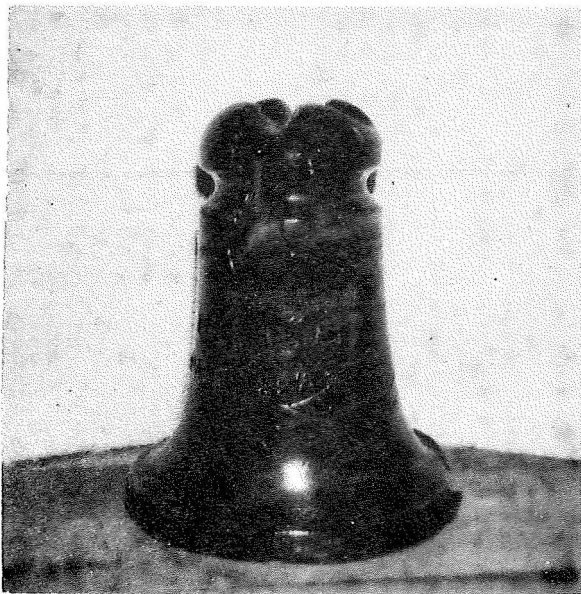
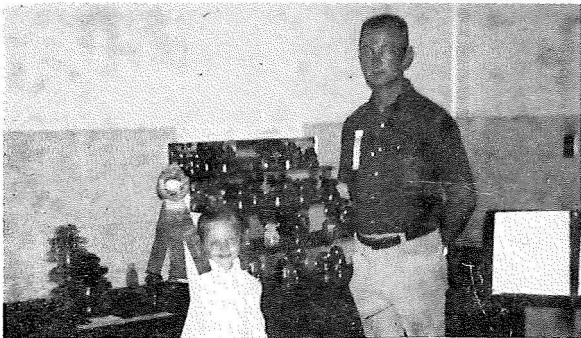
Here are two views of some kind of an insulator in Edgar Smith's collection. At left is a side view showing a threaded hole, of which there is one on each side. The right is a bottom view showing an inner egg shaped opening and markings; a number, and a LOCKE insulator insigne. Edgar says that there also appears to be the word LOCKE, very indistinct. The size of the object is 4" X 4 3/4".

Can anyone identify this item?



Gerald Brown

Suncoast A. B. C. A. Inc. Show in Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla., January 19th and 20th, 1974. The snapshot shows Laura Leigh Linscott (age 6) proudly showing the 1st place ribbon won by her father (also shown) L. L. (Len) Linscott-in the glass insulator division.

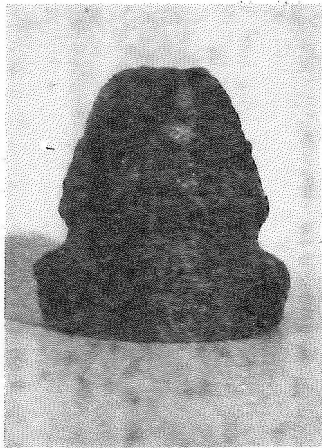
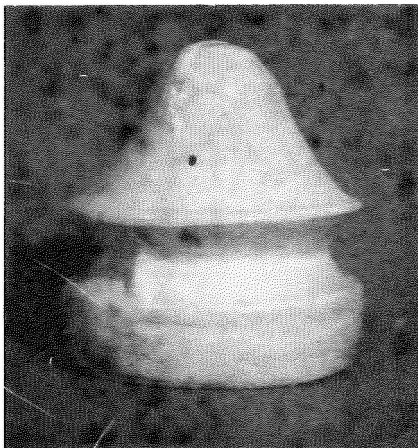


A CD 268 VVNM. THE CROWN PAT ALLOWED, 4 1/2 x 3 7/8 from Gary and Dieline Coleman of Lancaster, NY.

JUNIOR COLLECTOR SECTION

by Don Welsh

Pictured are two porcelain threadless insulators. The one on the left is white with mold line over dome. It has an uneven wire groove and its glaze does not cover the insulator uniformly, for it has small holes where it did not adhere to the "clay". The one on the right has a rust-brown glaze. Its surface is very rough with bubbles and some of the clay shows through in places. Both of the pieces are the crudest porcelain I have ever seen. These beautiful insulators are owned by Andy Lookenbill, Village of Bair, RD 6, York, PA 17404.



Don Welsh of 4 Bedford Way, Pittsford, NY 14534, is a young devoted collector. He is trying (thru CROSS ARMS) to better the hobby. The biggest problem he faces right now is responses from the young collectors. This is your corner junior collectors. It's up to you to make it or break it. So send your letters and info to Don.

Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Jim:

We did it! Formed the Ohio Valley Insulator Club at Winchester, Kentucky on March 16, 1974 with 30 members from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

Club President; Robert (Bob) Gilbert, 245 Coldstream Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Treasurer; Jerry E. Turner, Box 6651 - Gaynor Road Goshen, Ohio 45122. Secretary; Mrs. Gertrude Galloway, 105 Harkins Drive, Winchester, Kentucky 40391. Ethic's Committee Chariman, Glen Drummond, 1287 Aldrich Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45231.

Club policy is that a State Vice President will be elected from each state with five (5) or more members. The Club Vice President's will be elected by members from their state's at our first (1) swap meet in July, 1974.

Membership requirements and other general information may be obtained from our Club Secretary. We will have a club member present at most swaps and shows with general information and applications forms, etc.

We will have four (4) swaps per year. The first will be in July 1974. Location and date will be determined by the club officer's from bids submitted to our Club Secretary.

Jim, we certainly appreciate everything you doing for the hobby. Thank you!

Bob Gilbert, President
Ohio Valley Insulator Club

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Good luck to your club, Bob. We're always glad to help in any way so please let us know if we can help.

Your Editor

OUR HERITAGE IN GLASS

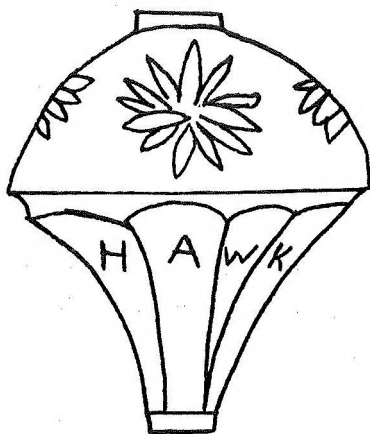
The Lightning Rod Ball

by Dick & Dottie Daugherty

The glass lightning rod ball, relatively new to the field of collectibles, has suddenly become a much sought after item.

About the time the glass factories in New England and Ohio were turning out the fancy and specialized bottles for the makers of 'Bitters' the great panacea, they were also turning out the fancy glass balls that adorned the lightning rods on every barn and outbuilding throughout the midwest.

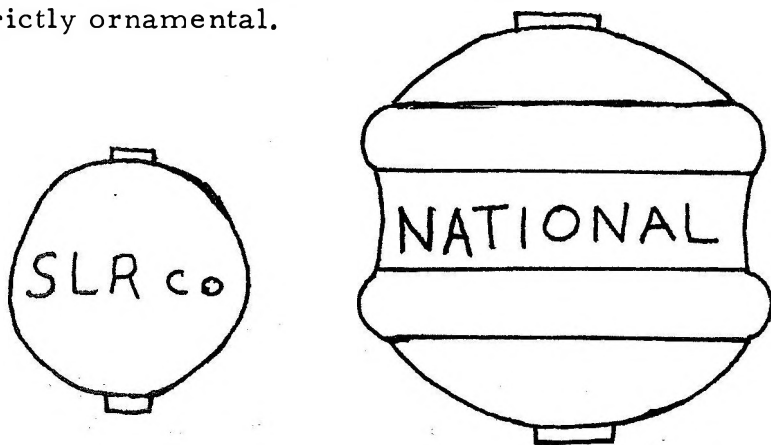
At present, there seems to be about 51 different patterns known of these balls and each could have from one to twenty variations of color. This makes the field quite large for the collector who tries to obtain all known balls in all known colors and color variations which range from white milk glass, clear amber, clear red, cobalt blue, green milk glass, blue milk glass, clear green, SCA, mercury glass, slag, pink yellow, and to the extremely



rare color of orange.

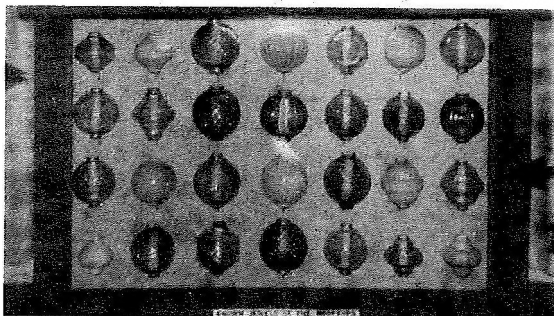
The majority of the lightning rod companies had their most productive years from the 1870's to the 1920's. There were earlier companies such as the W. J. Mast Co. established in 1840; the Reburn-Hunter-Foy Co.

established in 1849; and the Munson LR Co. in 1850. All companies offered a variety of glass patterned balls to 'dress up' the lightning rod on the roof. These These balls had no practical function and were strictly ornamental.



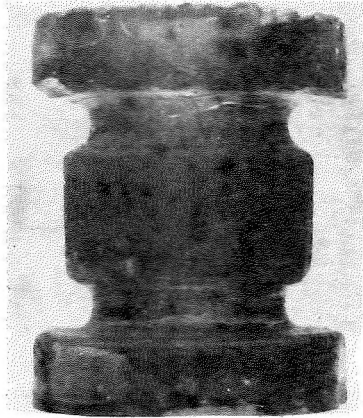
Today, the LR balls that have escaped the boy's 22 rifles and his slingshot and the ravages of hail storms, are most likely to be in the collections of LR ball collectors. They have been replaced on the rooftops with modern plastic balls.

So right along with glass bottles and insulators, so are our lightning rod balls taking their place in history as "Our Heritage in Glass."



Here is a photo of part of Dick and Dotties collection.

Information and photos courtesy of Glenn Drummond
of Cincinnati, Ohio.



An aqua, through hole, no name service knob (or
spool) excavated during road construction. The
piece is 2 1/4 " hi x 1 7/8" wide (see CA, April,
Pg. 19 for a machine drawing.)



A CD 291, aqua embossed: N^o 5,

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NIA?

NIA ANNOUNCES A BARGAIN

Starting the first of April, this year, the National Insulator Association will be offering both a Charter Membership (expiring 30 June 1975) for the regular fee of only \$2.00. This bargain is made possible because the NIA Board authorized the granting of Charter Memberships throughout the entire first year of its existence and also decided that the membership renewal drive would be conducted during the last three months of the organizational year.

All current Charter Members (and those wishing to join at this time) are being asked to send their dues (\$2.00) for the next year, 1974-75, to the NIA Treasurer:

Dennis McHenry
Trexend, Rt. 1
Bettendorf, IA 52722

Regular Membership cards will be issued upon receipt of next year's dues. Renewing members will keep their original Charter Membership number.

The NIA has gotten off to a good start with over 600 Charter Member thus far. All states and the District of Columbia (except North Carolina) are represented by members having last names starting with every letter of the alphabet but Q and Z. There are 22 members from 5 of the 10 Provinces of Canada.

The treasurer has learned of a few cases where members have not received their cards or the first issue of the NIA Bulletin. He will gladly send a duplicate card to anyone letting him know of the problem by writing him at the address above. Inquiries regarding the Bulletin should be addressed to:

Ray Bryan
201 Curtis Hall
Iowa State University
Ames, IA 50010

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We will be electing a new President and Eastern V.P. at Hershey. I am asking Bill Dreggors to serve as chairman of the nominating committee and the 3 VP's to serve as the committee to select nominees for the 74-75 year. I encourage all members to participate in nominations. Please review the by-laws for procedures and requirements. The nominee must agree to accept if elected and should plan to be at the Hershey meet for conferences Friday - preferable coming in Thursday afternoon. The incoming president will need to be briefed and have opportunity to select appointees. I am asking present officers and committee chairman to come in Thursday afternoon if at all possible in order to finalize plans and the agenda for Saturday night's business meeting. Screen nominees carefully - we want good men to carry on the NIA! Could we have these nominations in by May 1st? Ray needs time to get ballots out and back before National.

COORDINATOR

Jack Snyder of 244 Waggoner Blvd., Toledo, OH, 43612, has accepted the task of Coordinating future local shows to avoid conflicts, etc.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now over 626. The NIA really is off the ground - We'll plan to have our own table at the Nat'l - so see you there!

Fred Griffin,
President NIA

RUSSEL HICKOK, OF FORT EDWARD, NEW YORK.

Improved insulator for lightning-rods.

Excerpts from Letters Patent No. 23,373, dated March 29, 1859.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved insulator, holding a part of a lightning rod... and Figs. 4 and 5 plans, of two varieties of my improved insulators...

The insulator which is represented... has been in very common and general use for many years, and consists of a single piece of glass or other suitable insulating material with a central cylindrical opening, A, through which the lightning-rod, B, is inserted. . . Those insulators are attached to buildings by means of metallic clasps, C, Fig. 1, or other suitable holders...

Now my invention consists in attaching lightning-rods to buildings through the intervention of peculiar insulators, D, each of which consists of a single piece of glass or other suitable insulating material which surrounds the rod, B, and which has alternate ribs or projections, e, and grooves or spaces f, so arranged around its interior surface that while the ribs or projections hold the rod so closely as to prevent disagreeable or injurious shaking of the rod, there is also at the same time abundant room in the grooves or spaced f, between the ribs or projections e, for the water which runs down on the rod to pass freely through the insulator,...

Lightning-rods are now generally manufactured and transported in pieces of eight or ten feet, which are connected together generally by screw-couplings

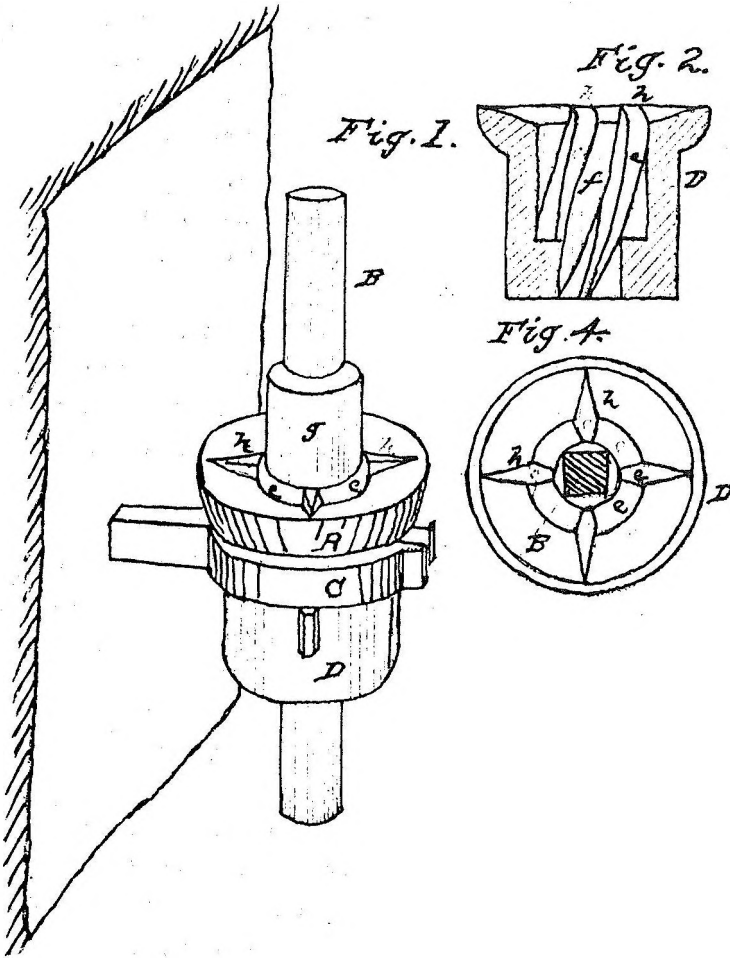
Letters Patent, is--A lightning rod insulator made in one piece, so as to support and insulate the rod, and also leave open spaces for water to pass through it, and for air, when suddenly expanded, to escape from within it, as herein set forth.

R. HICKOK.

Lightning-Rod Insulator.

No. 23,373.

Patented March 29, 1859.



THE 2ND ANNUAL GLASS CAPITOL SHOW
March 30 & 31 by Jack Snyder

Thirty-three dealers streaked to Toledo's 2nd annual show. Forty-three tables were covered with glass and porcelain insulators for the 500 plus buyers and browsers to gaze over. Even the great "gas hoax" failed to discourage collectors from attending. The guest log attested to that fact. Eight states were represented of course, the majority came from the Tri-state area (Mich., Ohio, Ind.).

Seven displays competed for the 2 ribbons from our CROSS ARMS. Five judges picked Mrs. Donna Black's (Stow, Ohio) exhibit depicting a toy train rounding the bend in a valley filled with insulators as the BEST. The 2nd place ribbon was taken home by the Drummonds (Cincinnati) for their precise and informative 1871 display. The OBX ribbon was awarded by the dealers to Bob Wicks (Maumee, Ohio) for his most attractive sales table.

Sales and trading was brisk both days, proving that the insulator hobby is alive and growing in the midwest.

Several rarities were exposed at the show... including Howard Makela's baby batears... Brad Cook's CD 740 amber Tillotson... Wayne Moore had a CD 268 "crown" in vnm condition and a CD 735 U S Tel Co (which I was lucky enough to acquire for my collection.)

Promotion included news releases sent to 45 area daily/weekly news papers. Two television stations showed up Saturday to shoot some film. TV 11 aired the footage on the Saturday evening news. TV 13 unfortunately didn't air their film until Sunday eve.

Most of the collectors flashed smiles of approval as they departed... Thanks to all the collectors and dealers who made the show such an overwhelming success.

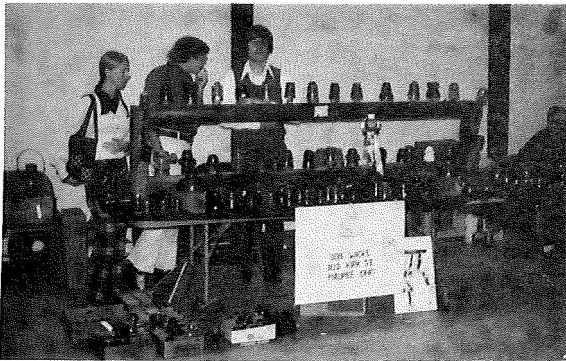
2nd Annual Glass Capitol Show.



Mrs. Donna Black, 1st place CROSS ARMS display winner.



The Drummonds 1871 Display took the 2nd place CROSS ARMS ribbon.



Bob Wicks, won the OBX ribbon for the "Best Dealers Table."

FIRST FEMALE TELEGRAPH OPERATOR

In 1851, a branch or loop line was built from the main line to Westchester, a smart inland town near Philadelphia, which was hastily opened for business on the second Tuesday of October, in order to receive election returns. It was built at the expense of a few citizens, who organized a company, of which Judge Butler was secretary, but who sold it in 1852 to Mr. Jos. Painter. While the line was being built, a young lady named Miss Emma A. Hunter qualified herself to be an operator, and when the wires were brought to Westchester, they were led into her room, and she became the manager of the office. She was to receive \$50 a year, but this was soon changed to \$12 a month, and at the close of the year a purse of \$150 was presented to Miss Hunter, as a token of respect and as a reward of fidelity. Instantly on Miss Hunter's appointment the effect of the presence of a lady on the circuit of the line was felt—just as it always is when a true woman enters society. It stopped vulgarity. The influence of Miss Hunter's presence on the line was every way healthful, and she remained manager for many years. She was a lady of superior ability and character, and the first lady operator, at least west of the Hudson, appointed in the United States.

Miss Hunter is now Mrs. Thomas T. Smith, and still resides at Westchester.

This article taken from James Reid's "The Telegraph-in America", 1879, pgs. 170 & 171.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

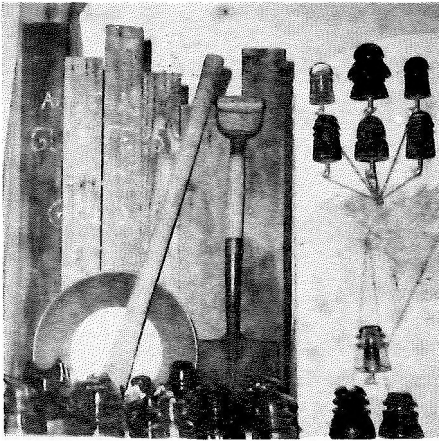
by Addie

On March 2nd, rain dampened the San Diego area but not the collectors who gathered early waiting to get in for the Get Together #2. Dealers and collectors from the Los Angeles area southward displayed their glass on the 10 tables. There was a grand selection of insulators, some barbed wire, bottles and date nails. The buying, selling, and trading went fast with many bargains going to the early arrivers.

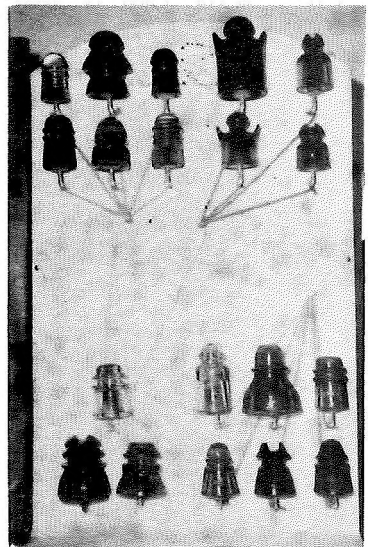
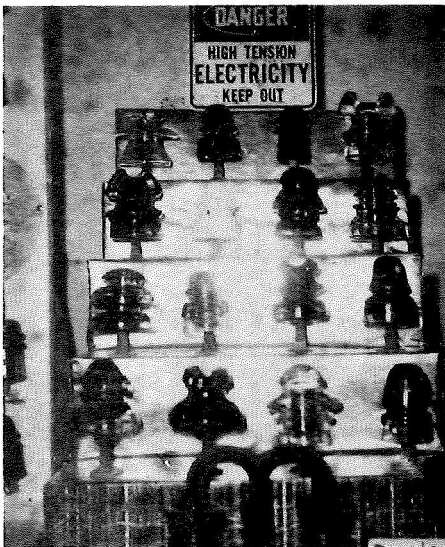
There were 3 displays and all did very well especially with an area limitation of 2' x 2'. These first time displayers worked very hard for their awards and the judging points were super close! Mr. & Mrs. Wes Gordon won the CROSS ARMS 1st place ribbon for their display "All that Glidders Is Not Gold." Denise Mathews foreign glass display won the "Crown Jewels" 1st place ribbon. Roger Pundt who displayed all his insulators on authentic pins and bracket was the winner of the Grand Prize trophy and blue ribbon. The 2nd place CROSS ARMS ribbon was awarded to Bob Frasier of Saugus, Ca., for the furthest travelled dealer.

It was a fast dealing day and many dealers were again surprised on the turnout of collectors and how well each did. For many, new insulators were added to the collectors' collection-as the sun came out and slowly set, a bright ending came for another successful Get Together.

SAN DIEGO Get Together #2



Left: CROSS ARMS 1st place winner, Mr. & Mrs. Wes Gordon. Right: CROSS ARMS 2nd place winner, Bob Frasier of Saugus, Ca.



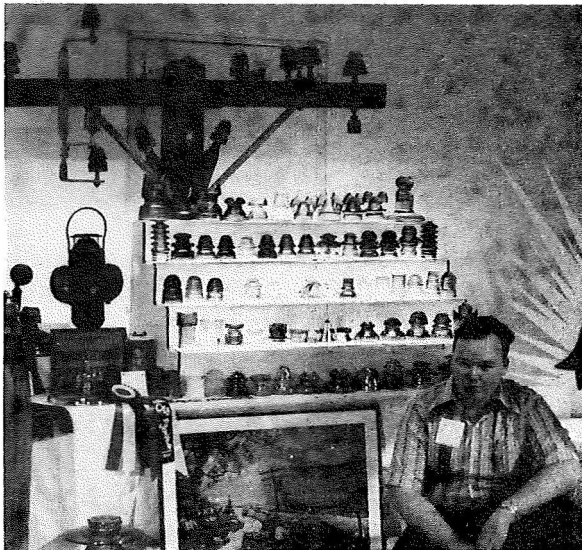
Left: Roger Pundt's display, winner of the Grand Prize trophy and blue ribbon. Right: "Crown Jewels" 1st place winner, Dennis Mathews.

The 8th Annual Bottle & Insulator Show, Miami, FL
by Alan Rodgers

Feb. 16 & 17. It was a good show for both bottles and insulators as the tourist business is slow in Miami Beach this year. We met at the Bayfront Auditorium in downtown Miami. Several of the regular, faithful collectors from the area met to have one of the largest selections yet, down here.

We had a fine display of glass with two most interesting displays by the Bryants of Lauderhill, FL. Carnival glass insulators by Don Bryant and something most unusual-single insulator display. Only one insulator, a flint-Elliot, shown by Ruby Bryant-both took first place. Quite a few dealers brought a variety from Gregory to Hemingray 42's with prices to match.

David Justice (age 13) won honorable mention but I don't have a picture. It was good to have such a nice get-together of insulator collectors despite the gasoline foolishness.

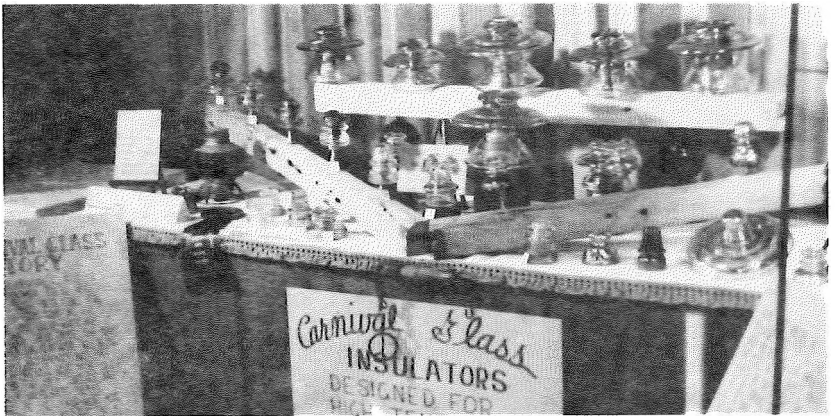


Alan Rodgers of Miami, FL, winner of 1st place ribbon, 1st place CROSS ARMS ribbon and O. B. X. ribbon.

8th Annual Bottle & Insulator Show
Miami, FL



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Adams of Miami, FL, winner of 2nd place ribbon and 3rd place CROSS ARMS award.

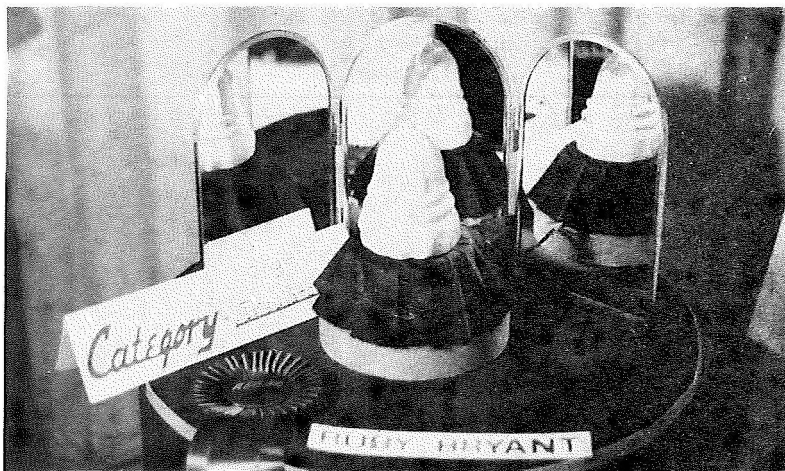


Carnival Glass Insulators by Don Bryant of Lauderhill, FL, won a 1st place ribbon.

8th Annual Bottle & Insulator Show
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B. Z. Cashman III of Lakeland, FL took 3rd place with a "Crown Jewels" award.



Ruby Bryant of Lauderhill, FL took a 1st place ribbon with her display of an "Elliot."

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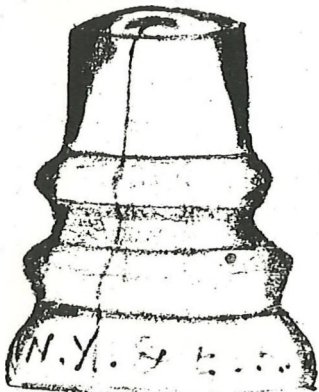
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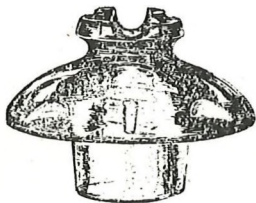
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Dinner 7:00 P.M. (Sit-Down)
N.I.A. Meeting 8:00 P.M.
(In Adjoining Rm.)
No Admission Charge
Open to people interested in Collecting
June 30 Open to General Admission 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

GENERAL ADMISSION PRICE

50 ¢ per person
Under 8 years old FREE

Security Guard provided both Friday and Saturday Nights
Ribbons to be awarded for displays by Crown Jewels, Cross Arms and
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1. Lighting Rod Balls
2. Threadless
3. Best in Porcellin
4. Best in Color
5. Best in Shape

Show Trophy Awarded for Best Overall

Send Check or Money Order payable to: MR. STEPHEN E. BOBB

250 8' x 30' Tables Available Price \$20.00 per table
Table Covers Provided

Free Display area, but space is limited!

CHOICES FOR DINNER

SATURDAY NIGHT

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| 1. | Roast Top Sirloin of Beef, Jardiniere | \$7.60 |
| 2. | Baked Halibut of Steak with Shrimp Sauce | \$7.60 |
- Price Includes: Appetizer, Two Vegetables, Salad and Dressing, Roll and Butter, Beverage and Dessert

NOTICE

1. Please specify number of tables which you want reserved.
2. On dinner reservations please specify how many people and which meal you select.
3. If you wish to display please specify which category.

LET'S ALL MAKE THIS THE FINEST SHOW EVER!!!!

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and many more.

6. In order to keep CROSS ARMS up to date we would like all reports on shows and swaps sent in no later than 45 days after the show has taken place.

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