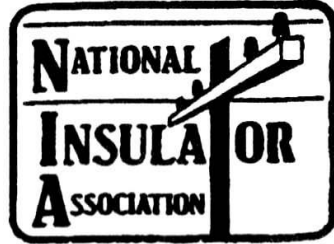


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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION

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Special Reminder: VOTE for Central Region Vice President

National in CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa July 26-28

If you have items of interest to NIA members, send them to:

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many of us are in the final countdown of weeks before the NIA National show at Cedar Rapids. For those of you who have never attended a national or maybe even an insulator show, I can promise you it is a delightful experience that you will remember forever. In fact, it is as much of an adventure in collecting as you could ask for. Why not make a commitment that this is the year that you are going to treat yourself and attend an insulator show.

While I often watch the TV show "The Collectors" hosted by Bob Rau, I noticed something recently that I had not seen before. After the show they advertise a collectors book on antiques called "the companion book". What do you think is right beside the book? Insulators of course!!

A collector friend of mine mentioned a concern of his that there didn't seem to be as many people "nourishing the hobby as there were some years ago." This certainly got me thinking on this subject and in many cases I would have to agree with him. Some people contribute far more than their share (fortunately) while many others just seem to use the hobby without making any effort to give a little of the enjoyment back for others to use. There are many ways in which we can contribute to ensure the longevity of the hobby: attending, displaying, buying and selling/trading insulators at shows; writing articles for "CJ" and "DP"; searching for insulators, writing and visiting nearby collectors to share our common interests, offering to help the NIA and show hosts, taking the time and really making the effort to talk to new collectors at shows, and on and on.

Are you one of the hobbies contributors or one of the users?

I am very pleased to report that a new club, the "Canadian Insulator Collector", has been formed. This group, initiated by Steve Goodell and Graham Catt will produce a regular newsletter and hold rotating meetings. A prime purpose of this club is to educate

collectors in the pursuit of threadless insulators, to show them where they can possibly be located. The first newsletter covered the "Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway". Certainly, from my perspective, many collectors just don't realize how many exotic threadless and early threaded insulators remain buried just below the ground surface. Yes, it is hard work trying to locate them but it is also very satisfying when you do. Just recovering the pieces, tie wires and nails are fun. It is vital that collectors again, as in years ago, get out in the field and continue the search for these insulators. All the insulators that are in collections and the hobby just didn't fall on dealers tables. They were recovered in many cases from ditches, under poles, from the ground and garages and sheds. Many of the early collectors will tell you that they just scratched the surface and acquired the easy ones. The glass may not be up in the air like it was 20 years ago, but there is still a fortune in good collectible insulators to be found. So I would strongly urge collectors to continue the search, the rewards can be great.

Best Regards,
Eric Halpin NIA #2768

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 1991 show schedule is off to a great start here in the east. A number of collectors and dealers from the mid-Atlantic and northeast areas participated in the Baltimore Antique Bottle show on March 3. An even greater number participated in the Third Annual Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club show at Towson, MD on April 13.

A large number of Central Florida Insulator Club (C.F.I.C.) members turned out to support the Deland show on March 23-24. C.F.I.C. support of the Deland show and the Titusville show in November is phenomenal and shows the vitality of the C.F.I.C.

and the strength and leadership of its president for fifteen straight years, Chuck Haymond of Hobe Sound, Florida. Chuck's wife, Sis Haymond has ably served as treasurer throughout his tenure. The monthly "C.F.I.C. Newsnotes", published by Phoebe Adams of Miami with hubby Bob's help, is well worth the \$5 yearly dues from C.F.I.C.

After participating in the eastern U.S. show circuit for over five years, there are a few collectors I would like to give special recognition to. Fred Collier of Ruckersville, VA wins the early bird award for always being one of the first five people through the admissions gate, even if it means leaving home at three or four A.M. Fred specializes in the older porcelain classics.

David Kingston of Ft. Lauderdale, FL wins the distance award for driving to Baltimore (twice), Cedar Rapids and Nashville just to attend insulator shows. David also specializes in the early porcelain classics.

Rob Lloyd of Windsor, Ontario wins the "special types of travel" award. His expertise at unique ways of travel are renown throughout the hobby. Rob has had some successful digging experiences and is a regular at northeast, north central, and our national shows.

Jeff Katchko of Swoyersville, PA is another young collector who observes special recognition for his consistent support of shows in the northeastern and north central areas for many years. Jeff also has the distinction of having personally dug two E.R.W.'s recently, a real feat by itself.

Dealer-wise, Mike Guthrie and Kevin Lawless win the travel awards for their cross-country jaunts to regional and non-national shows, while Dick Bowman wins the "Busy Bee" award for his rigorous schedule of show appearances. All collectors and dealers deserve a special thanks for their support of our show schedule.

Cedar Rapids is more centrally located than any national show of recent history. Let's make it a point to be there on July 26-28 and make this one of the greatest nationals ever.

See you at Cedar Rapids,
Bernie Warren NIA #1828

FROM THE CENTRAL REGION

As I end the third year of my term as Central Region Vice-President, I look back on the accomplishments made by the N.I.A., for the hobby, I was surprised to find the number of letters I would receive from people inquiring about insulators. I soon learned that it takes many dedicated people to make this organization. If you would like to volunteer your services, assist the hobby, or you have any concerns, please contact me. Please do not take this organization for granted.

I have moved since the last *Drip Points* was published. My new address is 1310 Thomas Dr., Friendswood, TX 77546. Phone: (713) 992-5717.

Plan to attend the National at Cedar Rapids, IA. Support the shows in your area. Remember, without your support, these shows would not be possible.

Happy Collecting - see you in Cedar Rapids,
John Hall NIA #1791
Central Region Vice-President

FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Greetings from New Mexico, home of the multi-state Enchantment Insulator Association (EIA) with it's annual block-buster show!!

It's election time again and this time the position available is that of Central Region Vice-President for the NIA. We have two STELLAR members of the insulator community vying for this esteemed and valued position--Marilyn Albers and Rick Baldwin. Following this introduction are letters of candidacy from these two fine people. Please read the letters and back the candidate of your choice by voting in the ensuing election. Ballots will be sent out the third week of June, 1991 to all eligible voters (those living in the central region, who have joined or renewed their membership in the NIA prior to June 16, 1991). Announcement of our new vice-president will be made at the business meeting of the 22nd NIA National Show in Cedar Rapids. I hope to see ALL OF YOU there at what promises to be an OUTSTANDING SHOW and get-together. "Til then, take care, good collecting, and adios!

Duane Davenport NIA #3744
Nominations Chairperson

"Hi, I'm Marilyn Albers and you'll find my name on the ballot for NIA Central Region Vice-President for the term 1991-1994. Many of you already know me as the 'Foreign Insulator' editor of *Crown Jewels*, but that's just one side of me. In case you are new to insulator-dom, here's some background on my involvement in the hobby.

I'm 63 years young and live in Houston, Texas with my husband Bill. We have 6 grown children, all married, and 12 grandchildren. In August of '91 we'll celebrate our 42nd anniversary! My interest in insulators began in 1973, and while my collection is made up primarily of foreign glass and porcelain pieces, I do have

a good number of American insulators as well. Falling victim to the foreign “bug” was the result of my chaperoning several trips to Europe with high school students. To this day, I’d rather acquire a new foreign insulator than eat!

I’ve been an NIA member since 1974. In 1976, Bill and I attended our first NIA national show in Berea, Ohio, and we haven’t missed one since. We’ve also managed to attend most of the regional shows. Since July, 1979, my regular column on foreign insulators in *Crown Jewels* has served as a clearing house for new friends from other lands as well as a place to share ongoing research on related manufacturers and their trademarks. From 1980-1982 I served as show Standards Chairman under NIA President Pat Patocka. In 1981, it was a real thrill for me to receive the NIA Outstanding Service Award for that year. I had just published the first edition of *Glass Insulators From Outside North America*. You elected me as your NIA President for the term 1982-1984, a great honor indeed, and I enjoyed a total of 6 years on the NIA Board of Directors.

In 1982, Jack H. Tod and I co-authored the first edition of *World-wide Porcelain Insulators*, which was followed by a supplement to this book in 1986. That same year, N.R. Woodward joined forces with me to publish *Glass Insulators From Outside North America - First Revision*. For the Saratoga Springs national in 1985, Jeff McCurdy and I were asked to coordinate the ‘Seldom Seen’ display and yes, this also included some neat foreign pieces!

The Albers have been members of the Texas Gulf Coast Bottle & Jar Club since 1974 and have been especially active in the Lone Star Insulator Club of Houston since its inception in 1985. Being editor of the LSIC newsletter has been a rewarding job for me. With the backing of both of these clubs Bill and I hosted the 1987 NIA Central Regional show in Pearland, Texas. At the Fresno National that same year, Bill and I were awarded Lifetime Membership in the NIA, which was a tremendous honor for us. In 1988, together with Elton Gish and John Hall, I co-hosted the NIA

National in Houston. Here again, our LSIC members worked right along with us. We have an active club which has played a vital part in promoting the hobby in the Central Region. Several of our out-of-state support members think so too.

I would like very much to be your Central Region Vice-President. If elected, it would be my pleasure to concentrate on increasing our membership on the NIA, keep the lines of communication open between our members and the Board of Directors, and definitely continue to strive for good shows in our region. God willing, I plan to attend all the national shows. See you in Cedar Rapids and keep looking up!

Marilyn Albers NIA #541

My name is Rick Baldwin, I reside in Brunswick Ohio, and I'm seeking your support for the position of Central Region Vice-President. I am a charter member of the NIA and have been active in the insulator collecting hobby since 1972. Presently, I'm serving in my second term as the NIA's show Standards Committee Chairman, which has given me an opportunity to develop working relationships with the NIA officers. My wife, Berny, and I are both active members of the Ohio Bottle Club, and I was the president of the Western New York Insulator Club for several years in the 1970's.

Along with my desire and willingness to actively carry out the duties of a regional vice-president with respect to working closely with the Board and promoting our hobby, I foresee the opportunity to personally add some new enthusiasm and ideas to our organization in order to pursue its goals, to rekindle its growth, and to make the NIA more beneficial to and more respected by its members!

Geographically, I'm in a good position to attend several major

shows annually to promote our hobby, and to pursue one of my major objectives ... that being to serve as an effective liaison between the NIA's administrative body and the members and collectors within the Central Region, and to respond to their concerns.

Insulator collecting is a hobby, and each of us have our own special reasons why we wish to contribute to an organization's growth. It's the people who make a hobby what it is, and we all have to put some effort into maintaining its stature, so that we can all share in the enjoyment.

The NIA was established for the people, and it offers a way to bring people together. Thus, the NIA must address the concerns of collectors and local clubs as the hobby goes through its ups and downs. With your support, I will do my best as your Central Region Vice-President to ensure that the NIA "keeps the hobby in the people, and the people in the hobby!"

Sincerely,
Rick Baldwin NIA #336

**JAN 1 - MAR 31, 1991 FINANCIAL REPORT
NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION**

BEGINNING BALANCE: (1-1-91) \$ 6,374.89

REVENUES: 1,763.75

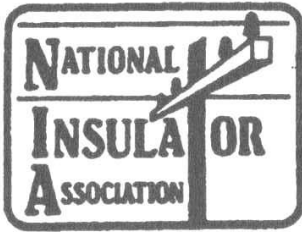
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EXPENDITURES: - 729.91

Drip Points 78.00
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Telephone 88.66
Stationery 108.70

BALANCE: (3-31-91) \$ 7,408.73

**Respectfully Submitted,
Ross E. Huth, Treasurer**



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