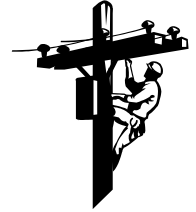




Drip Points



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Well, winter is nearly over for many of you around the country. Certainly the weather has been nice enough for some glass and mud hunting in a very large part of the country with one of the warm-

est winters on record in a while. I am planning on doing a bit of searching myself in the next two or three months before it gets too hot around my neck of the woods .. uh ... well desert I suppose I should say.

I look forward to seeing many of you again at this year's National in Austin. It will be a great show. See page 7 for show times, dates, contact information, and Hotel information. Everyone who can attend the show should make every effort to do so. I know it's simply not possible for all of you, but you sure do miss a good time when you miss a national show.

If you do make it to the National Look me up. I will be running

around the show as will my wife Cheryl. We haven't missed a show since our first in 1999 at Scottsdale and it will take a pretty significant event in our lives to cause us to miss a National.

One other note, if you received this newsletter, the NIA believes that you are signed up and a member in good standing. It should be smooth sailing for you on NIA day at the show. If however, you know of a fellow NIA member that may have not yet renewed their membership, please remind them that you must be a member to get in on Friday (NIA day) at the show.

**Kevin Jacobson, NIA #6720
Information Director**



2006

AUSTIN, TEXAS

37th NIA Annual Show and Convention

July 7 – 9, 2006

■ 120 sales tables – 28 Displays
Raffles – Appraisals – Silent Auction - Seminars
■ 11,000 sq ft show hall

2006 Show Itinerary

Thursday, July 6th

Dealer Unloading & Exhibitor Set-up

Friday, July 7th

"NIA Members Only Day"

NIA General Membership Meeting

Sunset "Bat Watching" Riverboat Cruise

Saturday, July 8th

General Admission (\$3, kids under 12 free)

Awards Dinner Banquet

Sunday, July 9th

General Admission

Dear Collectors and Friends:

We are very pleased and honored to be your show hosts for the 37th National. This will be the first show ever in the Central Texas area. We are very pleased with the assistance the Lone Star Insulator Club members have offered. We are working diligently to ensure you have a great national. Response has been excellent in the first two months of sales. We have 20 sales tables, and only 6 exhibit spaces remaining. Table availability will be filled from a waiting list on a first come, first serve basis, once tables are sold out.

We hope you will consider joining us at the 37th show!

Respectfully, Your 2006 Show Co-Hosts,
Bob, Carolyn, Jack & Jim

Hotel information: We will be holding this event at the Doubletree Hotel Austin. The hotel offers many amenities to make your convention stay a pleasant one. Easy access to major highways, many restaurants and attractions. You can reserve your rooms now!!

To make your hotel reservations, call the Doubletree @ (800) 347-0330 or online @ www.doubletreeaustin.com with convention code "NIA" for the National Insulator Association blocked room rate.

For additional details please contact one of your show hosts, or go online to the following website location:
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CANDIDATE for NIA PRESIDENT



Fellow collectors, I would like to take a moment of your time to introduce myself to those of you who may not know me. Certainly many of you have seen my face plastered in the *Drip Points* as I have been the NIA's information director since late 2001 and publisher of the *Drip Points*. Many of you may not know the collector or the person behind the photo. My name is Kevin Jacobson. My wife Cheryl and I live in Phoenix, Arizona. Cheryl is a native of Phoenix (something fairly uncommon) and I was born in Hannibal Missouri. I grew up there, and across the river in Quincy Illinois. Cheryl and I founded an electronics company back in 1990 that builds different equipment used mainly for flight test, certification, and production testing of business jets and some military aircraft. We both work for the company as does my step-son Jason who has a family of his own.

My wife and I are both active members of the Grand Canyon State Insulator Club in Arizona as well as members in the Enchantment Insulator Club and the Dixie Jewels Club. We will undoubtedly be joining some others in time. I have been serving as the NIA information director now for a little over four years now, and I am currently running as a candidate for

the NIA President position that Dudley Ellis will be vacating at the Austin National this year. Dudley will become the First Past President, and Tom Katonak will move to Second Past President. I am not certain what the current Second Past President, Steve Marks, will be doing after Austin, but I bet he's around and active doing more things in support of our Hobby!

I have had the "collecting bug" since childhood. I have not always collected Insulators, but collect stuff, I surely do. I'm not certain, but I think it might be genetic. You either have the gene or you don't. All of us certainly seem to have it, and I am no exception. I have collected stamps, old radios, most any form of electronic equipment, and now insulators.

As a kid growing up in Missouri and Illinois, I worked on my grandfathers farm most every summer, and I knew about insulators at an early age. They caught my eye piled in that five-gallon bucket over in the corner of the shed. I'm not certain where the insulators came from, perhaps a farm sale, or perhaps my grandfather really collected them. Sadly, my grandfather passed away when I was 16 and I never found out the story behind the bucket of glass. Several years passed, I went off to school, had a couple of jobs, and one of them brought me to Phoenix Arizona in late 1985.

In 1997, my wife and I had a new home built. I had a couple of rather large book shelves put up in my office, and had some "extra" room on a couple of the shelves. We decided to go out to a local antique store and pick up a "few" insulators to sit on the shelf. Since I am a computer engineer with electrical engineering and computer science in my background, I have lots of electrical equipment

sitting around. We (actually Cheryl) thought that insulators would be just the ticket to fill that "extra space".

So we went to the antique store and picked up about seven or eight pieces from a booth that had a nice selection of insulators. We had no idea what we were buying. Some were more expensive than others, but we went for the ones we had not seen before. One of these was a nice little blue one that we picked it up and decided to buy it in spite of its high \$8 price. We took them home and displayed them on the shelves. A few weeks later, I decided to see if there was any information on the Internet about glass insulators. Prior to hitting that enter key, I thought we might be the only ones in the world collecting and displaying any of these things! After Yahoo returned www.insulators.com, the naiveté was shattered. We started looking through the pictures in the photo album and there was one that kept catching my eye. I saw it four or five times before thinking that we might have one of those. Well, yes indeed we "did have one of those". Our first trip to find insulators, in an antique store no less, yielded a CD 120 Patent Dec 19, 1871 in Cornflower Blue! Talk about beginner's luck! Well that was all it took, we were both hooked.

Since that time, our collection has grown to in excess of 700 pieces. Many of these are reasonably common, but we like them just the same. (Yes I even have a few from that bucket on the old farm). I have a hard time throwing away even a broken Hemi-42 in aqua, so it looks like the days of having "extra space" on a bookshelf are gone forever. Cheryl and I have started specializing somewhat. I am presently collecting anything embossed Dec 19th 1871.



From the Treasurer

Jack Roach, NIA #4156 Treasurer

**FINANCIAL REPORT
NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION
FIRST SIX MONTHS 2006**

Beginning Balance-General Fund 7/1/04	und	7/1/2005	12413
Museum Exploratory Committee Authentication/Ethics Account			972 2297
 Revenues			
Donations			
Membership Dues		3,045	
Miscellaneous Income		468	
Product Sales		2,429	
		Total Revenues	5942
 General Fund Expenses			
Advertising		53	
Bank Charges, Taxes, Fees			
Marketing Products		2,774	
Misc. Postage		991	
Misc. Printing			
Misc. Supplies		704	
Misc. Professional Services			
Crown Jewels Rebates		486	
Drip Points Printing		1,662	
Drip Points Postage		693	
Show Advertising Subsidy		500	
Show Awards			
Stationery Supplies			
Telephone			
Special Projects		394	
Educational Disp Postage		140	
		Total Expenses	8397
Closing Balance, General Fund			9958
Museum Exploratory Committee Expenditures			
Museum Exploratory Committee Balance			972
Authentication/Ethics Account Expenditures			
Authentication/Ethics Account Balance			2297
Total Balance on Hand		12/31/2005	13227

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Make sure you don't miss the 2006 National...it is going to be a "primo" show!
www.nia.org/shows/national

DON'T FORGET YOUR ENGRAVED NAME BADGE FOR THE NATIONAL!!
Show your local club affiliation; order a club bar today!!
ie.
**Lone Star Insulator Club
(LSIC)**

***Grey, 2X – screened t-shirt – ½ price - \$8.00**

* Price does not include postage – please see order form for details

Additions!

- Due to several requests by members of our hobby, we now have size "small" up to "3-XL" in the long sleeve and short sleeve denim shirts and sweatshirts
- Due to popular demand, we now carry "cardinal red" as a standard color in the t-shirts and sweatshirts, see order form for details
- ALL SIZES AVAILABLE – youth sizes too!

I have enclosed an updated order form in the back of this issue of Drip Points (please note, sale prices will not be shown on the order form).

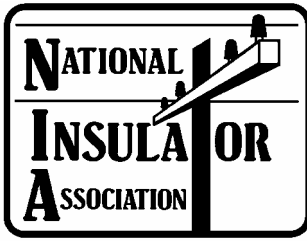
The website www.nia.org/product.htm has been updated to reflect the NIA items currently being sold and also a printable order form!

As always, we appreciate your support of this terrific hobby. Membership in the NIA, makes this a truly special organization in which to be a part. I wish you all an "insulator-ful" year in 2006!

See you in AUSTIN, TX!

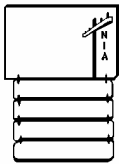
Carolyn Berry
Product Marketing Chairman
NIA # 4336





SPRING 2006

www.nia.org/products



Men's Golf / Polo Shirts*

Please call or email me for **NEW** color/sizes/styles available: \$32 - \$41 embroidered logo; with or without pockets

***Ladies' shirts** -- embroidered logo; **NEW** sizes/colors/styles!

Please call or email me for **NEW** color/sizes/styles available: \$32 - \$38

Denim Shirt -- (*ladies order comparable men's size, see below)

Heavy-wt., pre-shrunk cotton -- stonewash blue -- left-side pocket
 Embroidered logo S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ \$32.00
 *S/Sleeve ___ *L/Sleeve ___ 2X ___ 3X ___ \$35.00

T-Shirt -- Hanes Beefy 'T' - Ash gray - **Screen-printed logo (front & back)**

SPECIAL PRICE!! 2X ___ (\$8)
 Hanes BEEFY 'T' - Heavy weight - **Stonewash Green; embroidered logo**
 M ___ L ___ 2X ___ (\$20)

NEW COLORS !! Cardinal Red or Lt. Steel; embroidered

M ___ L ___ XL ___ (\$20) 2X ___ 3X ___ (\$22)

Sweatshirts -- Heavy weight -- Ash gray -- screen-printed logo (front/back)

NEW PRICE!! S ___ M ___ (\$8.00) GREAT FOR KIDS!!

NEW COLOR !! Cardinal Red or Ash Gray -- Embroidered logo -
 M ___ L ___ XL ___ (\$25) 2X ___ 3X ___ (\$30)

Hooded Sweatshirt w/ full front zipper - Embroidered logo - Lt. Steel gray

M / L / XL (\$35) ___ 2X / 3X (\$40) ___

Embroidered Cap -- Stone/ Navy or Khaki / Green, low-rise, embroidered logo (\$16)

Embroidered Denim Cap --blue denim, low-rise, embroidered logo \$16.00

13 oz. Clear Glass Mug with etched NIA Logo \$7.00

Ceramic Mug -- 10 oz. - white ceramic coffee mug w/ screen-printed logo \$7.00

Patch -- embroidered logo / red embroidered edge \$4.00

Koozie™ -- The original beverage **Koozie™** fits any standard beer / soda can / 12 oz. water bottle !!

Silver screened NIA logo on: NIA blue ___ red ___ green ___ \$2.25

NIA Hat/Lapel Pin -- enamel tack pin with NIA logo \$5.00

NIA Decal -- logo- red border; for inside car window \$1.00

NIA Name Badge -- white badge engraved w/ blue letters - screen-printed logo epoxy pin back, beveled edges (**fill in form below**) \$12.00

Badge Bar -- white w/ engraved blue letters (ie. NIA position or Local Club) \$4.00

Price Qty Total

Men's Size Chart:

S (32-34) M (36-38)
 L (40-42) XL (44-46)
 2X (48-50) 3X (52-54)

*** Ladies Size Chart:**

S (28-30) M (32-34)
 L (36-38) XL (40-42)

All sizes/colors of shirts are orderable

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Telephone _____
 Email address _____

****U.S. Postage: \$5.50** for the first item & **\$1.50** for each additional item ordered. Postage for Patches, Decals, Pins or Name Badges/Bars are \$0.50 per item. ****for non-US postage, AK & HI and Koozies, please contact me**

Subtotal _____

U.S. Postage _____

Total Enclosed _____

Thanks for your support!

Please make check or money order in U.S. funds payable

Name Badge Engraving Information

(must be a current NIA member!)

Name _____ NIA # _____ City _____ State _____

Name _____ NIA # _____ City _____ State _____

Club Bar: _____ Use the back of this order form for add'l badge/bar orders



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At right is a photo taken at the December 10th club meeting and party at Kevin and Cheryl Jacobson's home.

The tower is the top 24 feet of a Childs Power Plant Tower from the Childs Line between the power plant and Prescott Arizona. The tower is shown here in it's original form configured for 44KV use. The tower originally had 6 wires with two large flat suspension disks per line as shown. The insulators here are original as well. The line was originally installed in 1908-10 time-frame between Arizona's only Hydro power plant and Prescott and Jerome Arizona. About 10 years or so later, the line was upgraded to 69 KV. At that time, the middle cross arm was removed and the suspensions shown here were replaced with a three wire arrangement with more modern insulators. What you are seeing here is perhaps the first time one of these towers has been seen in its original configuration since around 1920.

From left to right, top to bottom, Carver Mead, Barbara Smith, Dwayne Anthony, Kevin Jacobson, and Roger Nagle.





Sad News to Report, Passing of Bruce Young

I received news from Margie Young that Bruce passed away on November 29, 2005. Bruce had been recently diagnosed with lung cancer.

Bruce was an original club member and he and Margie were regulars at the club events over the years. They hosted club meetings at their home in Lake Havasu City, AZ twice in the past.

Bruce was an avid collector to the very end. He told Margie a couple of days before passing on that he was looking forward to attending Kevin and Cheryl's party. And it was always fun when Bruce was around. He usually had a good insulator story or two to tell. One of my favorite lines from Bruce was his response to the question: if your house was on fire, which insulator from the collection would you grab before you ran out the door? Bruce's response: I'd probably burn up with the house trying to decide which insulator to take.

Bruce will be missed.

One Man's Insulator Pile is Another Man's Insulator Mound

One of the benefits of being president of GCSIC is I sometimes get emails from people in Arizona wanting to sell insulators. 99% of the time the insulators are just the common Hemi – 42's, etc. About a year ago I got an email from a woman whose parents had recently passed away. They had a house in Flagstaff and there were several hundred insulators in the back yard that this woman wanted to get rid of. The insulators had been collected by this woman, her brother, and parents back in the 1970's when some lines along the railroads in the Williams and Flagstaff area were taken out of service. She said her family would drive along the tracks and stop at every pole that had been cut down and take the insulators that were in decent condition. This sounded to me like it was worth a trip to Flagstaff to do a visual inspection of the collection.

After several failed attempts we were finally able to agree on a date in April to meet at the woman's parent's house. I am an occasional snow skier and the snow conditions were excellent for late in the season so I planned to ski half a day in the morning at Snow Bowl and then check out the insulators in the afternoon. As I arrived at the ski area I knew something was wrong because there were too few cars in the parking lot for a Saturday morning. Turned out that overnight the wind had damaged two of the chair lifts and with wind gusts still exceeding 90 mph high on the mountain the ski area would not be open for the day. Darn. So I drove back to Flagstaff and took a hike to kill some time.

I went to the woman's parent's house at the planned meeting time. I followed her into the backyard and there in the corner of the yard was a pile of insulators, in the dirt. No boxes or anything, just a pile of insulators. They had been there for many years because most of them were half covered in dirt and leaves. But not just any dirt, it was clay, which is hard to clean off the insulators. After looking through the pile for about an hour I made the woman an offer which she happily accepted. I figured I could clean up the insulators and then resell them to Tommy Bolack who buys common insulators for his aqua insulator mound. I guessed there were around 500 insulators in the pile and all were the common variety. There were lots of aqua "B" embossed beehives, Brookfield beehives, Hemi – 42's and 40's, HGCo CD 151's, a few Hemi and HGCo beehives, and a few McLaughlin 42's. There were also some CAL CD 152's in light green. Buying the insulators would also give me a chance to do a closer inspection of all the insulators, maybe one would have a nail or something interesting in it.

Then came the hard part, hauling the insulators from the backyard to the back of my truck. After working until dark I realized it was going to take two trips to get all the insulators back home. Here is a photo of the first load in the back of the truck. There were even more insulators for the second load.



After unloading all the insulators in my backyard I began the task of cleaning and packing the insulators. The insulators were packed into empty paper boxes that I got from work and was able to get between 38 to 40 insulators in a box. It took several months and several boxes of SOS pads to get the dirt and junk off the insulators. Each time Terri and I made a trip to our place in Colorado I would take along as many boxes of cleaned insulators as I could. Our place is about an hour from Tommy Bolack's ranch in Farmington, NM. This past Thanksgiving I was able to get the last of the boxes to our place. The total count: 31 boxes, 1194 insulators. There were more than twice as many insulators as I originally estimated.



Here are the boxes loaded in the back of my truck.



Over this past Christmas / New Years holiday season I contacted Tommy and arranged to take the insulators to his aqua mound. He pays 75 cents a piece for the insulators if you deliver them in person. It should be noted that he wants the insulators to be clean with no dirt or train smoke on them. There can be minor chips, dings, and small cracks, but no major damage. After scanning through the boxes he found a few that had cracks, so he reduced the total to 1180, for which I was paid \$885. Here is a photo of Tommy next to the infamous aqua mound. Tommy estimates there are over 250,000 insulators in the mound. Wow !!!



There were almost as many geese and ducks as there were insulators on Tommy's ranch. The birds were standing on ice in the lake.

This project was a labor of love, so-to-speak, because after subtracting the purchase price and the cost of gas, not much of a monetary gain was realized. However, I did add three insulators to the collection and added a few \$5 to \$20 insulators to the sales stock. The insulators saved for the collection were a Brookfield beehive with a small finishing nail in it and a couple of HGCo CD 151's with some amber swirls. So although the pile of insulators were mostly common it paid to do a close inspection of every one. As you can see below, there were a few interesting ones. This made it seem like all the time and effort spent hauling, cleaning, and inspecting the insulators was worthwhile.

Roger Nagel



Message from the President

Roger Nagel



The past club meeting was a Christmas party held at Kevin and Cheryl Jacobson's home. One of the most visible attractions for the party was the 'high power' Christmas display. The display consisted of the upper 25 foot section of one of the original Child's Power Line towers with white Christmas lights strung between the garage and the tower and the house. At night the lights gave off the effect of an energized high power line. A little history about the tower: it was originally installed around 1908 in the mountains southeast of Prescott. It belonged to an area rancher and had been removed from service in the late 1990's. The tower was purchased by Carver Mead via Kevin. Kevin and I transported the disassembled tower from the ranch to Kevin's house with a rented Ryder moving truck. Eventually the tower will be sent to Carver's ranch in Oregon where he will have it put back up. A future article about the tower is planned for Crown Jewels. (See Photo front cover).

But back to the party. The turn out was pretty good. Some of the club members like the Harlow's, Mark Barnard, Bud Johnson and grandkids, Ray Clapper, Troy Evans, Steve Kelly, George and Marta Pastirchak were there. Also in attendance were Arthur McConnachie from Alamosa, CO; Dwayne and Ofelia

Anthony from Highland, CA; Tom and Lynda Katonak from Albuquerque, NM; and Carver Mead and Barbara Smith from Woodside, CA. Fred and Norma Flaig fro Banning CA. showed up to the party and are now the newest members of the club. Welcome!

Kevin and Cheryl have a beautiful home nestled near North Mountain in Phoenix. Many people spent time sitting near the fish pond enjoying the warm weather and watching the Koi swim around. It was very relaxing. Another popular spot was the kitchen/breakfast area, where Cheryl spent most of the day preparing and serving snacks, appetizers, dinner, and dessert. I know I had to loosen my belt a notch, everything tasted so good.

Kevin and Cheryl's great insulator collection continues to grow. Several nice insulators have been added since they last hosted the Christmas party two years ago. One of Kevin's specialties is 1871 embossed insulators. A light yellow olive green 1871 CD120 drew lots of attention. Kevin also has sub-specialties of EC&M's, colored HGCo and Hemingray signals, Grand Canyon beehives, and McLaughlin Commemoratives. At one point several of us took turns picking out our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd favorite insulators from Kevin's collection, which was fun.

Thank you very much Kevin and Cheryl for hosting the club meeting again, I know everyone enjoyed it very much.

Don't forget, the Yuma Tailgater is just a week and half away. It's set for Saturday Feb. 4, 2006. Details are included on the last page of this newsletter.

The next meeting after the Yuma Tailgater will be sometime in May at Troy and Ann Evans house, which is located in North Scottsdale, AZ. Details will be given in the next newsletter.



Early on the morning of the meeting, Dwayne Anthony, Tom and Lynda Katonak and myself "hiked the hill" behind my home. Dwayne poses next to a decorated Cactus that someone has made up for the holidays.



Above, one of the clubs new members Brandon Jones enjoys some insulators put out for sale. .



Troy Evans and Tom Katonak carefully inspect some of Dwayne Anthony's sales stock.



Bud Johnson and Grand Kids talk with Tom Katonak.



Everyone seemed to enjoy the food a lot. Cheryl put out a great spread. For everyone to enjoy.



Dwayne Anthony took this photo of the Koi with his new Nikon D70 Digital Camera. .



Above is a shot of the tower without the ladder and the insulator junkies hanging all over it. :-)

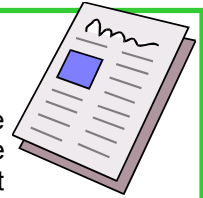


Message From Treasurer Cheryl Jacobson

The current balance in the club checking account is \$2,963.69

Message from the Editor

I just want to take a moment and thank Roger Nagel for his input to the newsletter this quarter. Once again, I would also like to call on anyone who would like to contribute an article to the newsletter please do so. Write up an article describing your finds, travels, or just how you got started. Just in case it is not commonly known, articles from the club members are always welcome. Please contact me at one of the meetings or via e-mail or phone:



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Insulator Events Calendar

When: January 28 - 29, 2006 (Saturday - Sunday) Where: St. Petersburg, FL

Description: Suncoast antique bottle clubs 37th annual show. Saturday 9-5, and Sunday 9-3 at the National Guard Armory, 3601-38th Ave South, St. Petersburg, FL. Contact George (gus) Dueben, 727-393-8189 or email: res08w341@verizon.net or Chris Cube 727-541-5229

When: February 4, 2006 (Saturday) Where: Yuma, AZ 2006 YUMA SHOW

Description: Grand Canyon State Insulator Club 7th annual insulator show/tailgater in Yuma, Arizona on Saturday, February 4th, 2006, from 9:00 AM until mid afternoon. Tailgater will be at the Riverside Park which is located next to the Yuma Territorial Prison. Specific Directions: Exit Interstate 8 at the Giss Parkway exit (exit #1, Yuma Territorial Prison exit). Follow the signs to the Yuma Territorial Prison. Just before you get to the Prison parking lot there is a turnoff to the right that goes down the hill into the park. There will be signs posted saying 'GCSIC Picnic'. If selling insulators please bring tables or set up in the back of your truck, no reservations required, no cost to attend, lunch available for small donation. Questions? Contact ROGER NAGEL at 623-566-0121.

When: February 4, 2006 (Saturday) Where: Seattle, WA

Description: 17th Annual Emerald City Insulator Collector's Get Together and Potluck, Starts 10:00 AM, BF Day School, 3921 Linden Ave. N, Seattle Wa. 98103. Information: JACK HARE 206/523-3288, GIL HEDGES-BLANQUEZ 206/329-1413 Cell# 206/218-7936, ROBIN HARRISON 206/522-2135. Please bring insulators, electrical artifacts, signs, and anything else you want to trade, sell or give away. Limited tables available, so please bring a table if you can. Please bring something for our potluck lunch

When: February 17 - 18 (Friday - Saturday) Where: Las Vegas, NV

Description: 41st Annual Show and Sale at the PLAZA HOTEL, NUMBER ONE MAIN STREET, LAS VEGAS, Friday, Early Bird, Noon - 3 pm \$15, Saturday, General Admission 9am - 4 pm \$5. Info: TONY PALLADINO, 7004 Debutante Court, Las Vegas, NV 89130, lvabcc@hotmail.com or 702-655-8752 (message number only)

When: February 18 (Saturday) Where: Columbia, SC

Description: South Carolina Antique Bottle Club's 33rd annual Show & Sale With Insulators Sat. at Meadowlake Park Center, 600 Beckman Rd, Columbia, SC. Showtime Saturday 9am-1pm. No early admission fee. Show located off I-20 at exit 71. This is the North Main St exit on Hwy 21. Travel north to the first stoplight after the intersection. Turn right on Beckman Rd and the gym is there on the right. This location is only 3/8 of a mile off I-20 which will make it an easy find. Info: Marty Vollmer, 1091 Daralynn Drive, Lexington, SC 29073 Phone: (803) 755-9410

When: February 26, 2006 (Sunday) Where: Enfield, CT

Description: Somers Antique Bottle Club 36th Annual Show and Sale. 9am - 2pm, Admission \$2. Early Buyers, \$10, 8am - 9am. St. Bernard School - West Campus, Pearl Street, Enfield, Ct., Exit 47 - West From I-91. Contact: ROSE SOKOL, 164 Elm St., Enfield, Ct. 06082. Phone: 860-745-7688

When: March 11, 2006 (Saturday) Where: St. Joseph, MO

Description: 4th Annual St. Joseph Insulator/Bottle Show & Sale. American Legion Pony Express Post #359, 4826 Frederick Avenue. Since the show has grown each year, a larger facility has been selected. It is North of the previous location and closer to the motel/restaurant area. Show hours: 9 AM-3 PM. Free admission. Sponsored by the Missouri Valley Insulator Club. Insulators and bottles filled 38 tables (sold out) in 2005 and we now have 60+ tables available at our new location. Info: DENNIS R. WEBER, 3609 Jackson St., St. Joseph, MO 64507, 816-364-1312, or dennisrweber@aol.com.

When: July 7 - 9, 2006 (Friday - Sunday)

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Where: Austin, TX

Description: 37th NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION SHOW & CONVENTION. For details or questions Contact one of your show hosts, or go online to www.nia.org/shows/national. JIM BATES, (512) 259-0376 - batesjimjr@aol.com OR JACK ROACH, (512) 847-7302 - jackroach@email.msn.com BOB & CAROLYN BERRY, (512) 255-2006 - pyrex553@aol.com

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