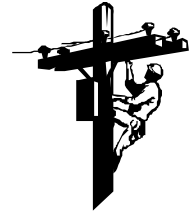




Drip Points



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



It's nearly that time again, National Show time that is. There is always a *Drip Points* the same time every year, June 1st, and I am always happy when it is published and out the door. That's when I really feel like it's time to concentrate on the National trip. The show is typically only 4-5 weeks after the Drip

Points goes out and I am pretty psyched by now.

I hope all of you will be able to attend the show. There is a color insert with some show details if you still haven't made plans to attend. It will be a great show and you really should make an effort if at all possible. I personally attended the Western Region show in San Jose back in August 2003. The same Club and Show hosts were involved and the show was at the same Hotel. This was a great show and I have no doubts that the National will be even better.

I have put together some information from the Show Web Site at: www.peninsulators.org/2005.html Into a printed color insert in this *Drip Points*. Please take a look at it for some of the details on the

show. There will be some significant news announcements at the show.

For example, who is the new Western Region Vice President taking over for outgoing Howard Banks? Is it Mike Green or Larry Shumaker? Where will the next Show be? I can tell you it's in the Central Region, but that's all you get until the NIA General Membership Meeting on Friday July 8th, from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

The Show runs July 8th—through July 10th, and is at the Double-Tree Hotel, San José, California (at the San José Airport).

See you there ?

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



2005

National Show & Sale

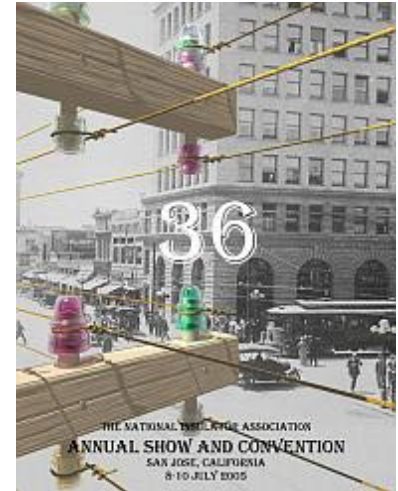
SHOW SCHEDULE

Thursday July 7th 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. NIA Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Dealer Unload Only & Display Setup

Friday July 8th 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Dealer & Display Setup
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **NIA Members Only Show Hours**
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. NIA General Membership Meeting

Saturday July 9th 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Display Judging
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **General Admission**
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Reception / Cash Bar
6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Awards Banquet

Sunday July 10th 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. **General Admission**
11:00 a.m. Raffles
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Show Teardown



SHOW PRICES

Admission: \$3 for all three days - Children under 12: **FREE**

Sales Tables: First is \$50, additional tables \$45 - **Display Space: FREE**

Show Directory Advertisement: Half page \$50, Business card size (2"x3") \$5

Saturday Night Dinner & Awards: \$30

Please make check or M/O payable to: Nor-Cal Insulator Club

Mail to: Dave Elliott, 440 Moffett Blvd #110, Mtn View, CA 94043-4752

DoubleTree Hotel San José
2050 Gateway Place
Phone (408) 453-4000
or (800) 222-TREE
Fax (408) 437-2898

The **San José DoubleTree Hotel** is conveniently located near two major highways, Highway 101 and Highway 880, and only ¼ mile from the San José International Airport. A free shuttle travels between the airport and hotel. The hotel address is: 2050 Gateway Place, San José, California.



From Areas South of San José:

Going North on Highway 101, take the First Street/Brokaw Road exit. Turn Left on Brokaw Road and go under the 101 overpass. Brokaw turns into Airport Parkway, Hotel is on the Right.

From Areas East of San José:

Going South on Highway 880, take the First Street Exit. Turn Right on First Street. Go approximately one mile and turn Left on Old Bayshore. Left again on Airport Parkway, Hotel is on the Right.

From Areas North of San José:

Going South on Highway 101, take the First Street/Brokaw Road Exit. Turn Right on Airport Parkway. Turn Right into the Hotel parking lot.



“Gearing Up” for San Jose!



Going to the **NATIONAL?**

Need a **BADGE?**

Got a **CLUB BAR** to show your affiliation ?

*An engraved badge & bar is a great resource to identify your self to others at the show
Badge orders need to be requested by June 10th, to insure “free” National delivery!*

Our NIA website, www.nia.org/product.htm, has been updated to reflect all “products” currently being sold by NIA Product Marketing and also a **printable order form!**



Also, an order form is in back of this issue of Drip Points.

UPDATE!! New standard to our
NIA Gear

Logo'd Zippered Sweatshirt...Very nice quality!
Heavy weight cotton, pre-washed sweatshirt, has a
drawstring hood, full front
zipper with double front pocket.
Embroidered logo on left side.

These were first sold last year at Pittsburgh and
were well received!



PRE-PAID ORDERS only!!

I will accept orders for FREE
SHIPPING and NO SALES
TAX!! for the San Jose, CA
National by **June 20th**. Due
to CA law, we will charge
sales tax on items sold at the
show.

So, please, order ahead!!



CA - National 2005!

PLEASE NOTE: *I will be flying to CA and will not have a lot of stock at the show.*

See me at Table # 78 in San Jose !!

Carolyn Berry
Product Marketing Chairman
NIA # 4336

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Summer 2005

www.nia.org/products



Men's Golf / Polo Shirts* embroidered logo; some with pockets **Price Qty Total**

**Please call or email me for all color / styles available: \$30 - \$41*

S/S golf - yellow pique w/ navy & royal blue collar/sleeve. (\$38)

Ladies' shirts -- embroidered logo; call for additional options!

S/S golf - yellow pique w/ navy & royal blue collar/sleeve. (\$38)

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

Heavy-wt., pre-shrunk cotton -- stonewash blue -- left-side pocket

Embroidered logo S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ \$32.00

*S/S ___ *L/S ___ 2X ___ 3X ___ \$35.00



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

L ___ (\$15) 2X ___ (\$16)

Hanes Beefy 'T' - Heavy weight - Ash Gray; embroidered logo on left front, only!

M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ (\$20) L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ (\$22 w/-pocket)

Sea foam Green; embroidered - M ___ L ___ XL ___ (\$20) 2X ___ (\$22)



Sweatshirts -- Heavy weight - Ash gray

S ___ M ___ (\$16.00) L ___ XL ___ (\$20.00) Screen-printed logo (front & back)

=>=>NEW**Embroidered logo- M ___ L ___ XL ___ (\$25) 2X ___ 3X ___ (\$30)

=>=>NEW**Zippered - Hooded -Embroidered logo- L / XL (\$35) 2X (\$40)



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

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

=>=>NEW**13 oz. Glass Mug w/ Faux Etched NIA Logo \$8.00

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

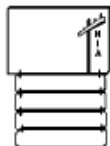
Patch -- light blue back w/ embroidered logo/red embroidered edge \$4.00

Koozie™ -- The original Koozie™ fits any standard beer / soda can

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

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

Decal -- light blue w/ logo- red border; for inside car window \$1.00



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

Men's Size Chart:

Subtotal _____

Women's Size Chart:

S (32-34) M (36-38) L (40-42) XL (44-46)

U.S. Postage _____ (Free to National)

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

2X (48-50) 3X (52-54)

Total Enclosed _____

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

All sizes/colors of shirts are orderable

****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 for an exact postage quote!!

Please make check or money order in U.S. funds payable to: National Insulator Association or NIA

Name Badge Engraving Information (must be a current NIA member!)

Name _____ NIA # _____ City _____ State _____

Name _____ NIA # _____ City _____ State _____

Bar: _____ Use the back of this order form for additional badge/bar orders

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2005 NIA MEMBERSHIP NEW/RENEWAL FORM

Submit: **(In U.S.funds) To:**
(Payable to the NIA)

Joe J. Beres
NIA Membership Director
1315 Old Mill Path
Broadview Hts., Ohio 44147-3276
E-MAIL: JJJB@AOL.COM



Note New Dues Schedule!

Regular Membership----- \$ 12.00
 Family Membership----- \$ 12.00
 Junior Membership (under 18)---- \$ 5.00
 Club or Organization----- \$ 12.00

=====
 (Check appropriate Class) Regular_____ Family_____ Junior_____ Club/Org._____

(Check Years of Payment) Single year_____ Multi-year_____

Please Print

Name _____

NIA # (If Renewal) _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ (+4) _____

Country (If Non U.S.) _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please include me in the Annual NIA/Crown Jewels Directory **Yes**_____ **No**_____

Please include my Telephone Number **Yes**_____ **No**_____

Please include my E-Mail Address **Yes**_____ **No**_____

Note: I Would like to Receive Drip Points in the Following Format. **Paper**_____ **Electronic**_____

(Check Only One Choice) (Need E-Mail Address for Electronic)

Additional Family Members

Name _____ **Nia# (If Renewal)** _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Signed _____

Date _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____



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Pick'n and Grin'n



Ed Peters and Bob Ellis seen here at one of the shorter poles along the December club hunt. Ed flew in from Minneapolis for some December picking of Mclaughlin insulators. Bob attended with his wife Donna, they are from Tucson.

CLUB HUNT by Roger Nagel

The morning started early as I stopped to pick up Roy Albin in west Phoenix around 6:30 AM. We proceeded toward the planned meeting location north of Dateland Arizona and arrived around 8:15 AM. Kevin Jacobson and Ed Peters were already there. Ed had flown to Phoenix from Minnesota just for this hunt. I was eager to start the hunt, so I borrowed Kevin's 32 foot ladder and climbed up the nearest pole. Unfortunately there wasn't anything worthwhile on the pole, but as I was climbing down I noticed a local farmer approaching in his truck. He had seen me on the ladder and was wondering if we were there to repair the line because he was hoping the railroad would be placed in service again. Kevin told him about how we were insulator collectors and were checking out the insulators on the poles. We didn't tell the farmer that we were actually there to dismantle the line (to a small degree). After a few minutes he drove off to go back to work.

After everyone arrived we decided to team up into three groups for the hunt. Other collectors that showed up were: Bob and Donna Ellis, Steve Kelly and Dave Good, Bud Johnson and grandkids, Jim Harlow and kids, and Ross Thompson.

We proceeded east about 8 miles from our meeting place and the hunt was on. Roy and I picked a couple of blue aqua McLaughlin 42's and started working our way down the line in the truck. Fortunately we had made note of everyone's cell phone number before starting the hunt. Not long after Roy and I started we received a call from Kevin, he was stuck in a gravel bar and needed a tow to get out. The only problem is there are just a few places where you can get on the north



It's hard to see, but the Jacobson Insulator Burban has three wheels in the air and one in the very loose sand. Oooops.



Dave Good climbs one of the Semaphore Signals that have been abandoned to check out the lenses still in the old signal.



Steve Kelly goes up to get some lenses of his own.



Roger Nagel examining one of the thousands of McLaughlin insulators on this line. Many with nails and Glazers points.



Ed Peters and Steve Kelly watch as Dave Good brings down a complete Semaphore signal for Ed.

side of the tracks were the line is located. On the south side of the tracks is a good gravel road. I knew Kevin was east of my location, but wasn't sure exactly where. So I back-tracked and got on the south side of the tracks and headed east. A couple of miles down the road I spotted Ross Thompson's truck on the north side of the tracks. Then a little further I saw Kevin's insulator pole picker in use. The tracks are on a raised bed and Kevin was in a low area so I couldn't see his vehicle or the people using the pole picker. But I knew I was at the right spot, so called Kevin to confirm it. I informed him Ross was headed his way and he could help pull him out. But before Ross could get to Kevin, Ross got a flat tire. So Kevin helped Ross fix the flat, then Ross helped pull Kevin out. And then the rain started (to go along with the unusually cool breeze). What happened to warm, sunny Arizona! We decided to take a lunch break and wait out the rain. But it didn't stop. So some of the hunters decided to call it a day, and the rest of us headed west where we could see that the sun was shining. After getting out of the rain we made several stops to collect insulators and poke around the tracks (that are abandoned) and look for broken Southern Pacific china plates and steel balls. But as the sun got low in the west it was time to call it a day. Numerous McLaughlin 42's, star CD162's, and other assorted insulators were found, and despite the weather and minor setbacks it was still fun to 'do the hunt'.



There is no Shortage of McLaughlin Insulators, Some in very nice or unusual colors.



There's no Shortage of Views either

Message from the President

Roger Nagel



The past November club meeting was held in Tucson at the home of Bob and Donna Ellis. Bob and Donna have a beautiful home located in the high desert. The views of the Rincon Mountains were awesome. Bob and Donna's collection was spread out around the house. It was fun going from room to room as there were many colorful insulators to admire. And if you got tired of looking at insulators you could spend time in the greenhouse looking at the huge cactus collection. Or you could check out several different varieties of turtles lounging around in ponds scattered around the property.

Bob, Donna, and family put together a great lunch. The handmade rosemary hamburger buns made for a not-your-ordinary hamburger and the homemade cheesecake was to-die-for. The side dishes were



View of the Rincon Mountains from the Driveway



Roger Nagel admires some of the many window displays of Bob and Donna's collection.



John McDougald, Bob Ellis, and Bud Johnson in the Cactus Nursery.



delicious too, there was a nice variety of food. Bob, Donna, and family, thank you for hosting the club meeting and providing lunch. You put a lot of time and effort into hosting the meeting and I know everyone enjoyed it. Your insulator and cactus collections are very impressive. Roger.



The Cactus Nursery is magnificent



One of the Beautiful Finches in the Aviary.



Aleecia and Julian Harlow seem to be having fun.



Julian and Maria Harlow with one of the desert tortoises.



(Left) John McDougald, Jim Harlow, and Carol McDougald inspect the insulators for sale.

2005 Yuma Tailgater Report

By
Roger Nagel

Again this year the day started early for Terri and I as we were on the road before 5 AM. We arrived in Yuma right at sunrise and from the top of the hill overlooking the park we saw several people already setting up. Looks like we weren't the only ones that had an early start. The park was in good shape and the grass was mostly green from the recent rains. It was another nice sunny day for the tailgater. People continued arriving and setting up tables full of insulators and other items, and the tailgater was in full swing.



There were 27 individuals with sales tables (a new record) and as you can see from the photos, there were lots of great insulators for sale. Insulators for sale included numerous EC&M's (CD123) and Cal Electric's (CD130), a nice selection of Canadian insulators, numerous McLaughlin's, California's, and Denver glass. There were several colorful HGCo beehives (CD145) in amber, green, and a one of a kind light aqua / light purple two tone. John and Carol McDougald had a bunch of insula-

A crowd gathered at John and Carol McDougald's Table. Where fresh collections were made available to those in attendance.



Shown above, Howard Banks, Clarice Gordon, and Tom Katonak. This was Clarice's first time at Yuma which has become quite a show and is in it's 6th year.



There's no shortage of colorful glass at Yuma.

tors from several collections they had recently purchased, so their sales tables were very popular.

The attendance was somewhere between 75 and 100 people. Some of the long distance attendees included Bill Ostrander and Howard, Linda, and David Banks (Crown Jewels editors) from Oregon, Michael Jones from Montana, Mike Doyle and Lou Hall from central California, and Tom and Lynda Katonak from New Mexico. There was great support again this year from the California and New Mexico collectors. Long time collector Clarice Gordon from San Diego even made a first time appearance.

Thanks go out to Terri Taylor and Cheryl Jacobson for putting together a great lunch and to Dave Kelly for helping cook the hamburgers and hotdogs.

As it got later in the afternoon people started packing up and preparing for the trip home. The last minute insulator purchases and trades were being made. People said their good-byes and by 4 PM Terri and I were back on the road headed home. It was great to see everyone again and the tailgater was another big success.



The free blanket has become a favorite of collectors. Everything on it is free! Ross Thompson can be seen putting out some really nice glass this year that some lucky folks got in on, for free!



There were 27 sales tables at what started as a tailgater. That is a new record for the show now in it's sixth year.



Dave Kelly helps prepare the meat for the lunch. Dave has been doing this for most, if not all, of the 6 years of the show.



Dwayne Anthony and Richard Dawson Jokingly examine a new CD of dubious origin.

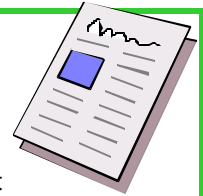


Message From Treasurer Cheryl Jacobson

There were two club additions to signup at the Yuma Show

The current balance in the club checking account is \$2,614.69

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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