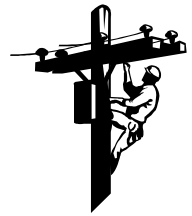




Drip Points



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings NIA members! It is always a delightful task to “take pen in hand” and communicate with all you mainstays of the insulator hobby.

It's been an outstanding autumn for collecting and insulator shows – one of the best actually. A couple of these events were particularly close to my heart. First, my bride and I hosted the 15th Enchantment Insulator Club Show at the end of September. This turned out to be another great show with attendees from all over the West and a bunch of good glass changed hands. Maybe the details will be in an upcoming issue of *Crown Jewels*. The second event that we were able to attend was the now-famous Mid-Ohio Show, hosted for the 32rd consecutive year by Steve Blair and Glenn Drummond. I believe this is the longest ongoing insulator event in the world! Anyway, it was great fun to see so many of you folks there and the amount of good items to be had was pretty amazing. This show was a great

“warm-up” for the 2003 National this coming June. So if you liked the Springfield Show, you will love the National! Another “plus” for the just concluded Springfield Show was that there was a quorum of NIA Board and Committee Chairpersons in attendance so we were able to have a “mid-term face-to-face mini-board meeting”! This doesn't happen very often. Usually we can only get a quorum together at the National Shows. Anyway, this gave us an opportunity to review the action items coming out of the last meeting at Ft. Collins and discuss some of the ongoing issues (of which you will read more about in this issue of *Drip Points*).

While I'm on the topic of NIA shows, let me point out that we are now in the process of review-

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IMPORTANT NIA NOTICE

REGARDING FAKE AND SUSPECT INSULATORS

Federal authorities are reviewing a fraud case involving the selling and/or mailing of fake or suspect insulators. In the capacity of Western Regional Vice-President of the National Insulator Association, I have been asked by a federal investigator to inquire how many potential victims there are in this suspected fraud. If you feel you were sold a fake or suspect insulator that was presented to you as being genuine, please email me.

I will need to know the following information: Your name, mailing address and phone number; the date or approximate date the item was acquired; who it was acquired from; what the item was; what you paid for it or the value of items traded for it; was the item mailed to you; from what city was it mailed; was the item shipped by other means; how was it shipped; did you purchase the item directly, in what city and what county (if known); do you have receipts or shipping information?

The list of fake or suspect items includes, but is not limited to items in the following list. There is evidence of imitation insulators being made in the following CD and embossing styles.

CD 120 C.E.W.'s

CD 123 EC&M's in the J-mold, K-mold, L-mold, M-mold and N-mold styles

CD 130.1 Cal Elec Works

CD 731's Tillotson embossed, threadless

CD 735's unembossed, threadless

glass blocks known as the "Sierra Blocks"

glass blocks embossed "S.F. Glass Co"

I can provide clarification on identifying fake or suspect insulators via email, especially the EC&M mold varieties. (Note: This investigation does not involve skirt embossed EC&M's.)

I need your mailing address because the federal investigator(s) may want to contact you via the mail. All information will be held in strict confidence.

My email address is: <mailto:hbanks@grantspass.com>

Howard Banks
Western Regional Vice-President
National Insulator Association



From the Treasurer

**2002-2003 FINANCIAL REPORT
NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION
FIRST QUARTER ENDING 9/30/02**

Dudley Ellis, Treasurer NIA #5085

Beginning Balance-General Fund	7/1/2002	7797.41
Museum Exploratory Committee Beginning Balance		972.01
Authentication/Ethics Account Beginning Balance		1696.75

Revenues

Donations	550.00 **	
Membership Dues	1083.00	
Miscellaneous Income	75.00	
Product Sales	2351.00	
Total Revenues:		<u>4059.00</u>

General Fund Expenses

Advertising	0.00	
Bank Charges/Taxes	0.00	
Marketing Products	211.01	
Misc. Postage	269.52	
Misc. Printing	659.24	
Misc. Supplies	3.81	
Misc. Professional Services	24.00	
Crown Jewels Rebates	71.00	
Drip Points Printing	0.00	
Drip Points Postage	0.00	
Show Advertising Subsidy	474.82	
Show Awards	0.00	
Stationery Supplies	0.00	
Telephone	0.00	
Special Projects	49.00	
Total Expenditures		<u>1762.40</u>

Closing Balance, General Fund:		10094.01
Museum Exploratory Committee Expenditures	0.00	
Museum Exploratory Committee Balance		972.01
Authentication/Ethics Account Expenditures	0.00	
Authentication/Ethics Account Balance		<u>1696.75</u>
Total Balance on Hand October 1, 2002		<u>12762.77</u>

** \$500.00 donation will be added to the Authentication/Ethics Account October 1, 2002

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2003 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 _____

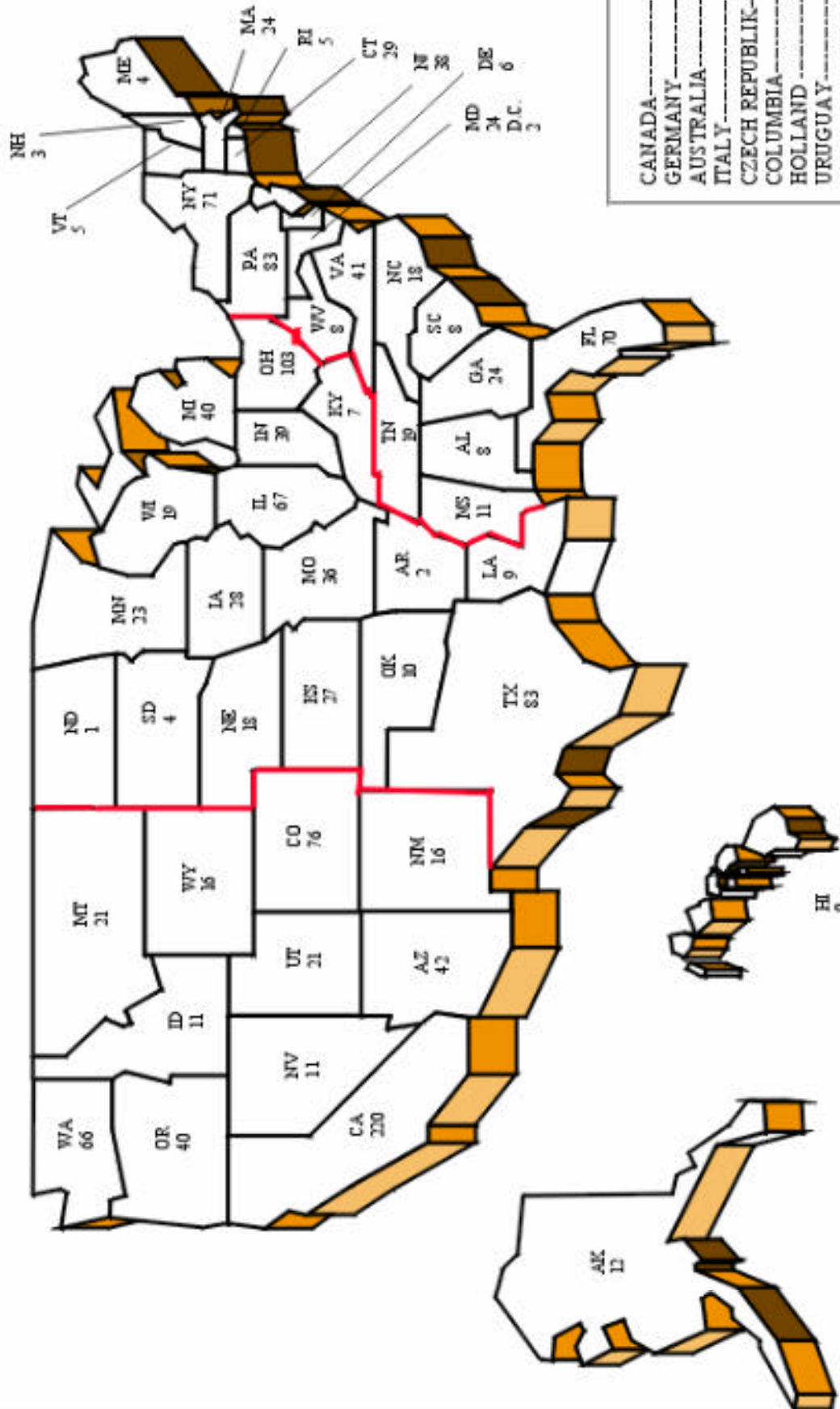
Date _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

2002/2003 NIA MEMBERSHIP BY STATE AND COUNTRY

West - 552

Central - 516

East - 501

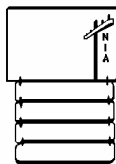


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**NIA - HOLIDAY
 ORDER FORM**



Holiday Special --- NEW Colors and Styles!!!

NEW*Men's Golf/Polo Shirt - see description in DP article!

- 1. Arnold Palmer - M ___ L ___ XL ___ (\$42) 2X ___ (\$44) 3X ___ (\$46)
- 2. Cross Creek - M ___ L ___ XL ___ (\$38) 2X ___ (\$40) 3X ___ (\$42)
- 3. Outer Banks - M ___ L ___ XL ___ (\$38) 2X ___ (\$40) 3X ___ (\$42)
- 4. Ultra Club - M ___ L ___ XL ___ (\$37) 2X ___ (\$39) 3X ___ (\$41)

NEW* Women's -- L ___ XL ___ (other women sizes orderable)

*Sleeveless- white/navy pique (\$35) or *S/S- butter yellow/navy pique (\$38)

Denim Shirt -- (all sizes orderable)

NEW* Women's stonewash blue - sleeveless L ___ XL ___ (\$32)

- Men's** - med. wt. pre-shrunk cotton -- stonewash blue -- left-side pocket
- Embroidered logo S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ \$32.00
- *S/S ___ *L/S ___ 2X ___ \$35.00

T-Shirt -- Hanes Beefy 'T' - Heavy weight - Screen-printed logo

- S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ (blue) \$10.00
- M ___ (Birch Gray; embroidered logo on left front, only!) \$18.00
- L ___ XL ___ (\$15) or 2X ___ 3X ___ (\$16) Birch gray screen-printed

NEW* NIA Lapel Pin - etched/enamel; NIA logo \$5.00

Sweatshirt -- Heavy weight - Birch gray - Screen-printed logo

- S ___ M ___ (\$16.00) L ___ XL ___ (\$20.00)
- NEW! **Embroidered logo(front only)** M ___ L ___ XL ___ (\$25) 2X ___ 3X ___ (\$30)

Embroidered Cap -- Stone/Navy, low-rise, embroidered logo \$16.00

Cap -- Lt. Grey, screen-printed logo (**ONLY 4 left!**) \$10.00

Mug -- 10 oz. - white ceramic 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 or soda can; Silver screened NIA logo on: NIA blue ___ Christmas red ___ Pine green ___ \$2.25

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 pinback, beveled edges (**fill in form below**) \$11.00

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

Subtotal _____
U.S. Postage _____
Total Enclosed _____

Women's Size Chart:
 S (28-30) M (32-34) L (36-38) XL (40-42)

Men's Size Chart:
 S (32-34) M (36-38) L (40-42) XL (44-46)
 2X (48-50) 3X (52-54)

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

****U.S. Postage: \$4.00** 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, 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

