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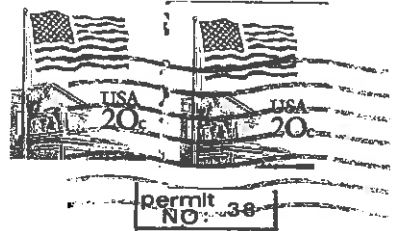
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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I promised Mike Bruner my message would'nt be as long as last time, so his typewriter would'nt go to smoking again. Now let's see if I can do it.

You recall from the Fall issue of 'Drip Points' that a special committee was set up to study the possibility of allowing collectables other than insulators and related items to be part of our National Show. That Committee, Chaired by Dick Bowman, and including Vi Brown and John Mc Dougald, has presented it's proposal to the NIA Board and I'm happy to tell you it has been approved!

Their report is too detailed and lengthy to include here but essentially what it says is that exhibitors and dealers at a National Show must still be NIA Members, as stated in our Handbook under General Show Rules, page 11, paragraph 6. But under NIA Facility Standards, as relates to the NIA National Convention, page 13 , paragraph 23 where it formerly read:

" A minimum of 70 sales tables, and all sales tables and exhibits at the show must be primarily insulators or related items."

Has now been changed to read:

" A minimum of 70 total sales tables. All exhibits at the show must be primarily insulators or related items.* The show host should make an effort to maximize sales tables consisting of insulators or related items. 75% of available sales tables, but not less than 70 tables, will be reserved for those consisting of primarily insulators and related items until one month before the show date. At this time the remaining sales tables may be opened on a first-come, first-served basis to dealers of both insulators and other items."**

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NOTES:

* " Related items " includes virtually all items associated with power or communications pole line or terminal equipment, plus recognized relateds such as lightning rod equipment, pole nails, any form of insulators (wiring, radio, fence, etc.) and any magazine or book publishers and dealers connected with insulators or related items.

** " Other items " would be generally described as go-withs, small antiques and collectibles such as bottles, stoneware, advertising, tinware, primitives, brewery items, glassware, railroad items or the like. Show hosts would be responsible for determining the suitability of merchandise to be allowed, both in advance publicity, show contract and by requiring dealers to state on their contracts the type of merchandise to be for sale. All efforts should be made to maintain a quality show and to avoid a "flea market" atmosphere.

The Committee's stated reasons for this change are sound:

Show hosts are finding it increasingly difficult to either bid for or conduct a quality show without undue financial strain.

Opening up the show to more potential dealers and a larger variety of items would:

1. enable the show host to sell a larger number of tables and increase revenue.
2. commit to a larger hall where possible
3. expand pre-show advertising
4. increase appeal to NIA members many/most of whom collect other items.

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- 5. increase attendance by the public through honestly promoting items other than insulators for sale. This will increase potential admission income for the host and encourage attendance by collectors of other items who may consequently become interested in insulators.

To sum up, they say that "this and other hobbies are changing. The trend is to judiciously open up restrictive shows to more items".

Thanks to Dick, Vi, and John for a super job. We are all indebted to you for the many hours you spent on this.

I can't believe that the time has gone so fast, but "you all" will once again be electing an NIA President in July 1984. At the same time western members will be choosing a new Regional VP. All aspirants for either of these two positions should contact the Nominating Committee Chairman, Mel Shootman. The Spring issue of Drip Points will include a ballot listing all candidates. Your votes will be counted 60 days after that mailing and the results will be announced at the annual bussiness meeting held during our National in July.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all! May you find a new insulator in your stocking! How was that for length Mike?

Marilyn Albers NIA# 541

FROM THE TREASURER

Membership applications continue to arrive and the last NIA number to be assigned was #3211. Len Linscott, Dee Willet, Evelyn Milholland have been responsible for many of our new members in the last few months. We welcome all of you into the organization.

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Our treasury remains healthy with \$1,529.58 in operating funds and \$1,562.00 in the educational fund.

Although I realize that it isn't even 1984 yet, I must remind you all that our fiscal year for dues ends March 31, 1984. A number of you have paid two or more years dues at once and this has been recorded. All new members dues expire March 31. Renewal of membership of 1984 can be handled anytime after february 1. To encourage "Early Bird" renewal, all members who renew by March 24 will have their names entered in a drawing for a beautiful CD 162, embossed H.G.Co., patent date May 2, 1893 in peacock blue. The drawing will be held at the Central Regional Show in Omaha, Nebraska on March 31, 1984. Hope to see you all there.

A membership application and renewal form is included in this issue..

Bill Albers NIA# 1276

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear fellow insulatorphiles,

As of the date that I am writing this (November 19), we have not had a bidder for the 1984 Eastern Regional, but I hope to have one shortly and will look forward to announcing that location in the next issue of Drip Points.

I have been priveleged to attend many excellent shows since the last Drip Points, and I would like to help promote each of them: the Yankee Polecat Insulator Club, who had another very successful show (Marlborough, CT) and Larry Emmons, John DeSousa, the Lanphers, Dick Davey, et al, who have gotten Club shirts, patches, hats, and togetherness! A bottle show that has been nearly as great

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as the Rochester shows in April is the Keene, NH show, sponsored by the Yankee Bottle Club, and this year's show was jammed with bottle and insulator collectors and dealers. The first weekend of November is reserved for the London, Ohio insulator bash, put on by Steve and Lois Blair. I finally got to get to this show and I was NOT disappointed! It seemed like all of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and surrounding states came to this show, and this is definitely a show to mark on your calendars! Finally, the Capital District Insulator Club show in Schenectady, NY saw many of New York's and New England's collectors brave the chilly weather and have a marvelous time. Thank you, Ray Klingensmith and Paul and Ginny Plunkett, for sharing our day with us!

I am still accepting bids for the 1985 shows. The National will be held in the Central Region and must be held on a Friday-Saturday-Sunday in June, July or August, with space for a minimum of 70 sales tables, plus displays. Preliminary information is printed in the NIA handbook and bid forms can be obtained by writing or phoning me (see front cover). The Eastern and Western Regionals may be held any time of year and must be at least two-day shows, with the intent of these shows to be on a similar scope as the National. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any help!

Good collecting and support your local shows!

Kevin Lawless NIA# 1679

FROM THE EASTERN REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

Fall was a busy time for the East. Numerous bottle shows were well supported by insulator collectors. Paul Plunkett topped the find of the year with a 740.2 base embossed Chester in cobalt blue. Massachusetts hosted a bottle auction which brought a large crowd of insulator collectors and dealers. Blaske's collection of beautiful bottles and insulators were auctioned..

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Insulators sought were: 151 NATCO in cobalt , 199 green prism, purple tramps, colored signals, cutters, chambers, and hundreds more. Prices were good for the collector and bidding brought new interest throughout the hall.

The Yankee Pole Cat Insulator club had a successful fall show with a very good public attendance. The Capital District Insulator Club show produced a lot of old familiar faces and visitors from afar. The Central Florida Insulator Collectors Club hosted their fall show in the Miracle City Mall, Titusville.

Want to wish you all a happy holiday.

good collecting,

John deSousa NIA# 419

FROM THE SHOW STANDARDS CHAIRMAN

Lots of shows are held in late summer and fall so I've mailed more ribbons than usual. Even sent a couple to show hosts who almost forgot and made their requests by phone. Remember, displayers like to receive this award so if you are hosting a show, please ask for one.

We've been busy making plans for the 1984 National in Tacoma and have many things to do before July. The show packets are being prepared now and we are waiting to see what the Board decision will be on allowing more collectibles at future shows. Should the decision be favorable, our show would be the first to try the new format so we are anxious to hear the results.

Vi Brown NIA# 652

FROM THE INFORMATION DIRECTOR

The NIA is proud to announce that we have two new members from ENGLAND: Dominic Allen of London - and W Keith Neal from Guernsey, Channel Islands. Keith is the author of the latest book to become available in the hobby. Entitled "Searching for Railway Telegraph Insulators". The book is loaded with photographs and (con't)

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HOLIDAYS

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Bruce

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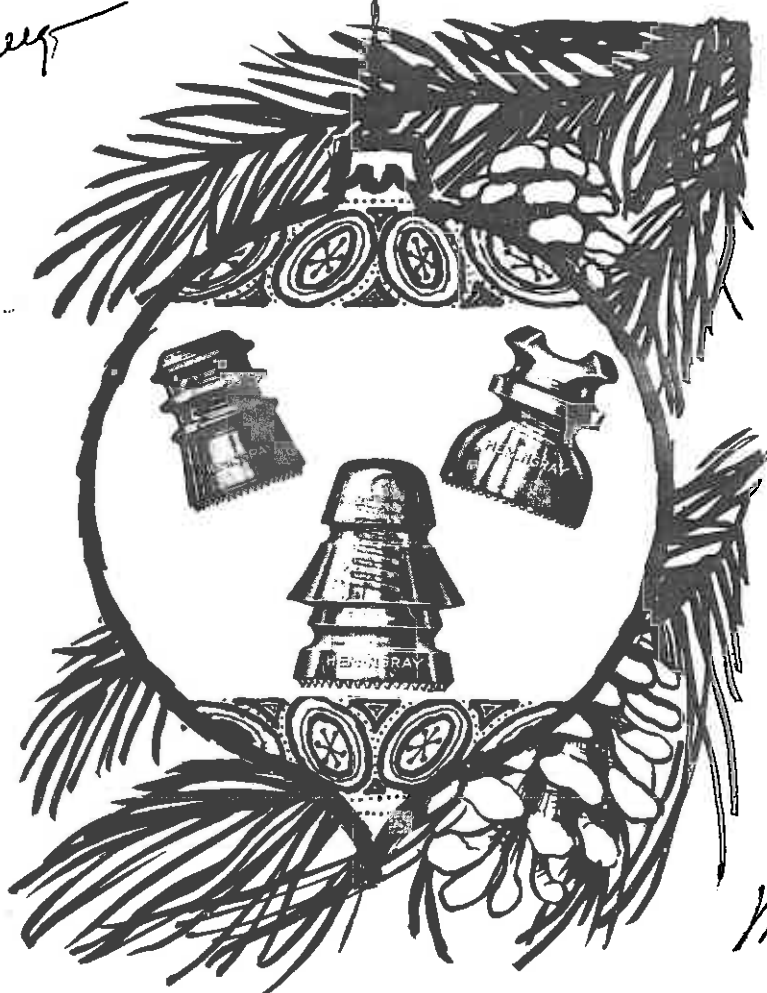
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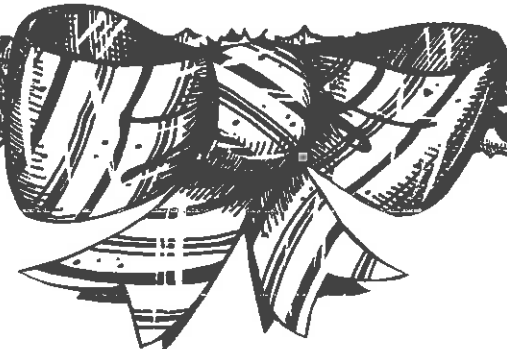
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INFORMATION ON N.I.A. MEMBERSHIP



The Fiscal year for membership dues starts and ends on March 31. The current dues amounts for various membership classes are:

- \$6.00 Adult (Regular individual membership)
- \$6.00 Family (This type of membership is for one voting adult and other family members at the same address. Enclose an additional \$1.00 for each family member who wishes voting privileges).
- \$1.00 Junior (Under 18 years of age)

Make checks payable to "National Insulator Association" and send to: National Insulator Association c/o Treasurer
14715 Oak Bend Drive, Houston, Texas 77079

Each member, if not a subscriber to the magazine "Insulators-- Crown Jewels of the Wire", will receive a copy of the March issue of that publication which serves as the name-and-address directory of all NIA members. Subject to the availability of March copies, new members may have to await the succeeding March directory issue.

New members are entitled to all membership privileges immediately upon payment of current dues. Regular and Junior members receive all NIA mailings including the quarterly newsletter, membership directory and membership handbook. Family members do not receive duplicates of these mailings to the same address, but do receive the membership card.

A current membership allows a member to display and purchase a sales table at NIA National Conventions and assures admittance to the show on the first day, Friday, which is limited to NIA members only.

I (we) apply for () New Membership () Renewal Membership in the National Insulator Association.

NIA # (if Renewal)

Name _____ # _____

Street _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Family Members: _____ # _____

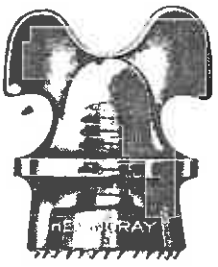
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Crafts

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AND
COLLECTABLES
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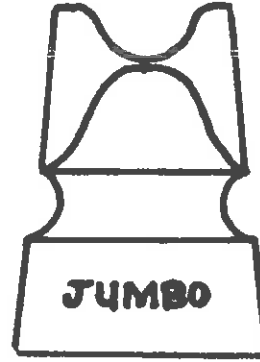
Lightning Rod Balls

Fruit Jars

Radios

TELEGRAPHY

Small Antiques



-Anything...

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★ Special drawing for '84-'85 NIA members — A CD-162 H.G. Co. -Peacock ★



The Central Regional Show

of 1984

NIA SANCTIONED

Saturday, March 31

9 AM

Sunday, April 1

to 4 PM

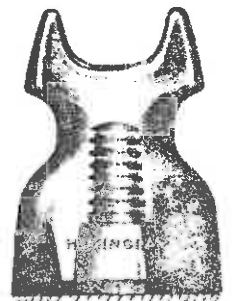


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**Where? Nebraska National Guard Armory
70th and Mercy Road
Omaha, Nebraska**



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