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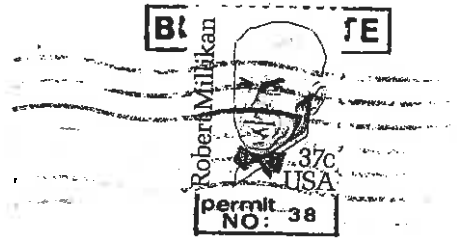
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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

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There is great news for all new NIA members as well as those renewing memberships for 1984-1985. The most recent printing of our Handbook is now completed and each NIA household will be receiving a copy very soon. The Handbook is updated to January 1, 1984 and includes all changes and additions to our by-laws and Show Rules since the last printing in November, 1978. I urge you all to read it through and once again become familiar with what our organization stands for. It will make you proud! Many, many thanks to Jack H Tod, our By-Laws Chairman, who spent about 120 hours typing, plating, printing, stitching and trimming the 2,000 plus Handbooks. I am convinced that there is not, nor has there ever been, another NIA member who has given as much time, hard work, thoughtful concern, love and good counsel to our hobby as Jack has. Thanks, Jack, from all your NIA family.

Included with the NIA Handbook, each voting member will also receive an NIA decal for the inside of your car window. Extras of the Handbook and/or decal can be purchased for 50¢ each. We still have a few NIA cloth patches too, and these are 2.00. Any or all of the above we hope to have available at the Regional Shows and most certainly at the National Show. Or - you may order these from me using the address on the Drip Points cover. Please include a SASE.

We just received our Show Packets for the NIA National Show in Tacoma, Washington on July 20-22 and it certainly lppks as if this may well be the best National yet! But then, I think that every year and for good reason; they just keep getting better!

All members please take special notice: Attached to this issue of Drip Points is a ballot for each voting member living at your address. There are two very fine and eligible people running for the office of NIA President for the 1984-1986 term, and one outstanding candidate for Western Region Vice-President for 1984-1987.

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Only Members in the Western Region receive a ballot for Regional Vice-President this year. Please read the brief write-ups by each candidate, mark your ballots and mail them to our nominating chairman, Mel Shootman, as indicated on the envelope provided. This voting procedure takes place entirely by mail and all votes will be counted 60 days from the date appearing at the top of your ballot. To make sure your vote is counted, mail your ballots in soon.

We'll see you in Omaha, Nebraska in March; Austin, Texas in May; and Tacoma, Washington in July!

Marilyn Albers # 541

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FROM THE TREASURER

Thirty new members have been added to our rolls since the last issue. One membership was a Christmas present from a friend. Remember this if you need a gift idea next Christmas. Our membership is now 1212 total members with 743 of these voting members.

An additional \$386.00 was added to the educational fund from the sale of Mickey Mouse commemoratives by Carol and John McDougald. Thanks to them and their salespeople.

Please remember the March 24 postmark deadline for "Early Bird" renewal of membership and a chance in the drawing for the peacock blue HG Co. CD 162. The drawing will be held in Omaha at the Central Regional Show on March 31. See you there! I hate to tell you that you do not need to be present to win.

Bill Albers NIA# 1276

FROM THE INFORMATION DIRECTOR:

Hi again everyone! -- Lot's of mail has been pouring in within the past few weeks. It's just about Spring - so let's start thinking about all those great shows that are planned in the near future.

For starters, here's a letter I received from Vi & Andy Brown, Show Host's for the 1984 National in Tacoma, Washington:

TACOMA '84! Plans for the 15th Annual National Insulator Association Convention in Tacoma, Washington on July 20, 21, 22, 1984 are moving right along. We hope you are making plans to attend and will enjoy your trip.

A few reminders, even though most of this information appeared in Crown Jewels. The Sheraton Hotel located at S. 13th st. and Broadway Plaza in Tacoma (phone 206-572-3200 or toll-free 800-325-3535) will be the show headquarters. The banquet and meeting will be held here. The Bi-Centennial Pavilion adjoins the Sheraton and may be reached by taking Exit 133 off I-5. Follow city center signs which leads you on to Pacific Ave. Stay on Pacific to 15th, turn left and go 2 blocks to Market. Pavilion is on the right corner. Several parking lots are nearby and R.V. and trailer parking is permitted on the Pavilion parking lot but there are no hookups.

Show hours are

Friday:	6:00 to 7:30	Exhibitor only setup
	7:30 to 10:00	Dealer set up
	10:00 to 5:00	N.I.A. members only
	6:30 to 7:00	Social Time
	7:00 to	General meeting

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Saturday: 9:00 to 5:00 open to the public  
6:30 social time  
7:00 Banquet and Awards

Sunday: 9:00 to 3:00 open to the public  
3:00 to 5:00 pack up time

Show packets have been mailed and we urge each of you who plan to have Sales table and/or exhibit space to send in your reservations as soon as possible. This will help us a lot in our planning. Also don't forget the Banquet reservations - these must be paid in advance of the show so we can let the Sheraton know how many people plan to attend.

To be an exhibitor or have a sales table at a National Convention you must be an NIA Member so be sure your dues are paid before then.

We are going to try to make this one of the best shows ever, and we hope each one of you can attend. We have maps of Tacoma and Washington as well as many brochures on various places to see and things to do so if you need any information just write and we will try to help."

Just a reminder- don't wait until the last moment to make your reservations. Vi & Andy would appreciate hearing from you ASAP!

As all of you are aware, the NIA is an affiliate member of the Federation of Historical Bottle Clubs, and this fine organization asks your support for its National Antique Bottle, Jar, and Insulator Show to be held at the Civic Center in Montgomery, Alabama, August 18-19, 1984. Insulator dealers/ exhibitors/ collectors are most

Welcome. For more information write: James & Susan Robbins  
1709 Coral Lane  
Montgomery, Alabama 36116  
205-288-5337

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Listed below I have a breakdown of the NIA's membership according to State, Province, or Country. Our membership is at its strongest point ever-- but we still have room for a 'few' more. Let's all try to 'beat the bushes' for new members. There IS strength in numbers.

AL	8	MD	14	OK	2		
AK	10	MA	14	OR	24		
AZ	17	ME	2	PA	57		
AR	1	MI	34	RI	10		
CA	168	MN	4	SD	3	ONTARIO	42
CO	35	MS	2	TN	4	Sask.	7
CT	49	MO	19	TX	63	Gr. Brit.	1
DE	1	MT	10	UT	7	Ch. Islands	- 1
FL	61	NE	7	VT	11		
GA	6	NV	6	VA	18		
HI	6	NH	7	WA	31	AUSTRALIA	9
IL	53	NJ	37	WV	2	N. Zealand	1
IN	23	NM	3	WI	17		
IA	34	NY	118	WY	11		
KS	12	NC	11	ALBERTA	2		
KY	11	ND	3	B. C.	8		
LA	1	OH	93				

That's about it for now - I'll give you a nice show report on the Central Regional (which I plan on attending) in the next issue of 'Drip Points'. I'm looking forward to it! Take care.....

Mike Bruner NIA#1482

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FROM THE ETHICS CHAIRMAN

The only on-going business that I have to report at this time concerns Mr. JOHN WILLIAMS. Due to continuing problems that members have had in getting Mr. Williams to honor his commitments, the Executive Board has voted to NOT allow Mr. Williams to be an NIA member. There have been ads running in Crown Jewels for Mr. Williams, but we strongly urge that all members be very careful in having any dealings with him.

William Brandon NIA# 1011

## FROM THE WESTERN REGION VP

The year is rolling along as the Western collectors all get set for Tacoma. Because of the National, there will not be an Enumclaw show this year, however, Vi and Andy do good shows so we are gonna have a good one!

In early December the 49er Bottle Club hosted the one-day Auburn, CA show. This has always been a good show, and has been getting bigger and better each year. In recent years the show has also attracted a following that extends from San Diego in Southern California, to Portland, Oregon. So there is lots of outstanding glass.

To those planning to attend the Tacoma National, you will be able to see some really beautiful country in the great Northwest, and attend a fabulous show as well. I hope that there will be lots of you that will be able to vacation out here and join us for some good fellowship.

Grant Salzman NIA#1785

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## FROM THE EASTERN REGION VP

Over the Winter, insulator shows are far between. So the East has shown heavy support at local bottle shows. We're seeing more and more insulator dealers setting up at Bottle shows, collectors displaying, and visiting.

Here's upcoming Eastern Bottle and Insulator shows:  
 Marlborough, CT. April 15  
 Rochester, NY April 29

Several collections have changed hands over the winter, so there should be some of our wants out there. Hopefully these goodies will be on dealers tables at the Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club's Spring show on April 15th in Marlborough, CT. .

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We're still in the need for an Eastern Regional show in '84.--  
Don't let the collectors of the East down. Call Kevin :1-518-355-5688.

John DeSousa NIA# 419.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The insulator collecting hobby has seen many ups and downs in its short existence, but recent events have placed the hobby in a little more precarious position. Time and time again, the NIA has held its breath waiting for prospective bidders for National and Regional shows, and there have been four separate occasions when one of the Regions had no Regional show.

There appears to be several valid reasons for these difficulties. One is the greater expense and responsibility in hosting a two, three, or four day show. Many people don't have the time, resources or experience to host such a show; however, many other people do. Some of us live in a geographic location that just is not sensible for a major show, or haven't a local club or collecting body to draw from, both in physical and financial support. The cost of the halls and fairgrounds which are acceptable for a National or Regional show have widely disparate costs, depending on where one lives. A hall costing \$1500 a day in New York might only cost \$500 in Wisconsin or Oregon, etc.

The future of the insulator hobby, then, would appear to be bleak, indeed--until one considers the alternatives. A larger show including bottles, jars advertising, telephone items, railroad collectibles and other small collectibles, and, of course, featuring insulators. Shows of this type are hardly new or unusual : Dee Willett has hosted many fine shows in Bakersfield. CA, and last years two Regional shows (Enumclaw, WA and Austin, TX) were both well represented

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with a wide variety of collectibles. An outstanding example of what opening up a show will do is the Genesee Valley Bottle Collectors Association Show, held in Rochester, NY, every April. Up until last year, the GVBCA Show was a large, predominantly bottle show, and would draw maybe 500 to 1000 paid admission. Last year, however, as a preview for the NIA National, the GVBCA opened up their show to advertising. Just this spur, alone, was enough to add some 70 additional sales tables, and over 1700 people attended- a smashing success! Not surprisingly, insulator sales tables jumped from 3 in 1982 to 16 in 1983 and should sharply increase again in 1984.

The solution for both the NIA and the prospective show host is the open format show. The NIA Board of Directors has already made provisions for opening up the National shows for other collectibles, and only the show hosts' imaginations can hold back the potential publicity an expanded show can bring!

The NIA Board of Directors has approved the bid of Len and Jackie Linscott and the Central Florida Insulator Club to host the 1984 Eastern Regional Show. The Show will be held in the Miracle City Mall in Titusville, Florida on November 9, 10, and 11, 1984. Admission will be free of charge and exhibits are planned and welcome. Contact Len and Jackie Linscott (3557 Nicklaus Dr., Titusville, FL 32780-- Phone 305-267-9170) for additional information.

I am still accepting bid proposals for the 1985 National (Central) and Western and Eastern Regional Shows. I will be very happy to discuss any questions any prospective bidder may have and I am looking forward to hearing from some of you.

#### SHOW REMINDERS:

OMAHA, NEBRASKA- Central Regional Show March 31-April 1  
 MARLBORO, CONNECTICUT- Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club Show April 15  
 ROCHESTER, NEW YORK- GVBCA Show April 29  
 BALLSTON SPA, NEW YORK - National Bottle Museum Show June 3  
 TACOMA, WASHINGTON- NIA 15th Annual NATIONAL SHOW July 20-22  
 TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA- Eastern Regional Show November 9-11

## FROM THE CANDIDATES FOR NIA PRESIDENT

Hello, I'm Mike Bruner, and you'll find my name on the ballot for NIA President. For those of you who don't know me personally, the following is a brief resume of my qualifications....

I am 32 years old, a resident of West Bloomfield, Michigan, am single and a graduate of Oakland University.

My obsession with insulators began when I found my first insulators on an abandoned telegraph line in Ontario, Canada, in 1972. In 1976 I began to specialize in CD 162 H.G. Co/Hemingray signals, and I continue to do so today, along with other threaded glass that appeals to me. I have many other collecting interests which include telephone signs, railroad artifacts, and lightning rod balls.

I am co-author of "The Complete Book of Lightning Rod Balls" and have been a contributor to two other insulator related books. I have served as President of our local insulator club (HVB&IC) and have been their Show Chairman for the past five years.

I have attended dozens of local shows, been to several Regionals, and have witnessed the BIG EVENT - the NIA National - seven times. I have served you on the Board of Directors for the past five years as NIA Information Director and Editor of these 'Drip Points'. As editor of 'Drip Points', I think I've proven that I'm not afraid of hard work, and when I start a job-- I finish it!

Our outgoing President, Marilyn Albers, has done a terrific job - and I firmly believe I can continue to make the NIA an organization that truly promotes the hobby, grows with it, listens to it's members suggestions, and insists on high standards for selling and collecting.

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I believe you are entitled to see who will be backing me up as your NIA Board of Directors, subject to NIA Board approval.

1st past PRESIDENT: Marilyn Albers  
 2nd past PRESIDENT: Pat Patocka  
 EASTERN REGION V.P. John deSousa  
 CENTRAL REGION V.P. Mike Sovereign  
 WESTERN REGION V.P. to be elected  
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Kevin Lawless  
 TREASURER Rod Krupka  
 INFORMATION DIR. Shirley Patocka

With this fine group of people working for you, I know the NIA will serve the hobby in the highest regards, and as your NIA President, I promise to make every effort to improve the NIA, and promote the insulator hobby to the fullest.

Please vote for Mike Bruner as your next NIA president.

Mike Bruner NIA# 1482

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I'm Grant Salzman and I'm a candidate for NIA President.

In 1977 I first became aware of the fantastic world of insulators, and I've been in love with the hobby ever since. In March of 1978 I attended my first insulator show (at Chico) and that was so impressive that I managed to attend every day of the Reno National which was held that Summer.

At the Denver National in 1979 I was appointed NIA Executive Director and served two years in that position.

Although our hobby may not ever get back to to the frantic days of the sixties when it was growing like crazy, it has already begun to stabilize into a solid 'core' of support which will set the pattern for a steady future growth and confirmation as a permanent part of the American scene.

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There are lot's of things that the NIA needs to do: It needs to remain financially strong, it needs to grow nad it needs to be supportive of local and regional needs. However, there are a few goals I wish to persue:

The NIA needs to listen to issues and be responsive to the needs of the hobby. The NIA should be friendly and try to help us all get back to the days when shows were fun. Those who sell insulators are the backbone of the hobby. The NIA must try to encourage the most profitable settings possible for sellers. Those who collect insulators are the body and strength of our hobby. The NIA must promote the growth of collecting while continuing to protect the collector. Communications within our hobby must be strengthend. The NIA should support efforts to bring the insulator story to the public, and must also give increased support to Crown Jewels and Drip Points. The NIA must provide a convenient means for new discoveries to be verified, recorded and publicized for posterity.

As you know, there are lot's of other things that we need to do, but these are at the top of my list, and I request your support.

Grant Salzman NIA#1785

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FROM THE CANDIDATE FOR WESTERN REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

As a candidate for Western Region V.P., I would like to tell you a little about myself.

My husband, Andy, and I started collecting insulators about 15 years ago and still enjoy digging, looking in junk shops and going to shows. Probably the most enjoyable though is the many friends we've met through this hobby. As with many collectors we've branched out and now collect other 'goodies' too.

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We have hosted 11 local shows including the Western Regional and this year we will sponsor the National Convention in Tacoma. Our collection has been shown on TV on a local program and was featured in the Sunday pictorial section of The Seattle Times. We have also had displays of our insulators at the library and various shows we have attended.

For the past two years I have served as NIA Show Chairman and one year as Executive Director. If elected I will continue to do all I can to support and prompte this great hobby.

Violet Brown NIA#652

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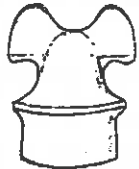
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# TACOMA '84

15th Annual

## NATIONAL INSULATOR ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

SHOW AND SALE



# JULY 20, 21, 22, 1984

**FRIDAY**

NIA DAY  
MEMBERS ONLY  
10 AM - 5 PM

**SATURDAY**

OPEN TO THE  
PUBLIC  
9 AM - 5 PM

**SUNDAY**

OPEN TO THE  
PUBLIC  
9 AM - 3 PM

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