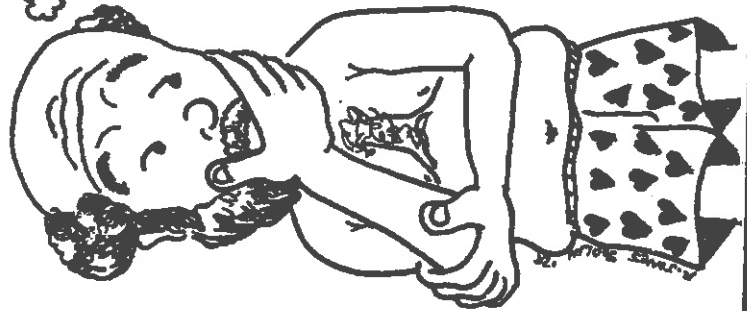


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"Glass knobs..."



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DO IT NOW!

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Well, its time to break out of the winter doldrums (at least if you live in the northern part of the country) and start thinking about breaking out the trading stock and attending some shows. A quick look through Crown Jewels or OBX lets you know that there is one close by for most collectors. Three shows of special interest for 1978 are, in order of their occurrence:

Central Regional	Columbus, Ohio	April 29, 30
National	Reno, Nevada	July 21, 22, 23
Eastern Regional	East Windsor, Conn.	August 12, 13

These are the major shows that are sanctioned by the NIA, and our members should make every effort to support the hosts who work tirelessly on our behalf. I know these three will be excellent shows so please plan to attend. The McDougalds will be there.

A number of things have been happening this winter. Len Linscott, our new Show Chairman, has arranged to have NIA patches made - - something that was requested by many of our members after the original supply ran out. Write directly to Len for details. Many thanks, Len, for your efforts. (P.S. Len also has a nice selection of NIA emblem jewelry available. Again, write to him for details.)

By the time you receive this issue of DRIP POINTS, you will also have received the March issue of Crown Jewels. At the NIA board meeting last July, Dora Harned agreed to publish a joint NIA member/Crown Jewels Subscriber Directory which is a big plus for our hobby. There were really three reasons for wanting to go ahead with this joint publication:

1. To compile the largest possible list of collectors for our membership.
2. To eliminate duplicate work by both publishers, and
3. To expose NIA members who are not Crown Jewels subscribers to this fine publication.

That last point gives me an opportunity to thank Dora for all her marvelous work on behalf of our hobby. I hope that those of you who are not Crown Jewels subscribers will seriously consider the modest investment required to get this magazine on a regular basis. For almost ten years, Dora has published a consistently excellent magazine which has been the one unifying force for insulator collectors all over the country. Thanks again, Dora.

With National time fast approaching, I want to remind you that the National Insulator Association commemorative insulators can be ordered now:

Reno red porcelain: \$10.00 ppd.	Reno vaseline glass: \$9.50 ppd.
Dick Alumbaugh	Frank Miller
c/o 519 Verdin Street	1720 W. Pine
El Cajon, Calif. 92021	Tulsa, Oklahoma 74127

I hope you are making plans to come to Reno for the National. See you there.

Good Collecting.

PRESIDENT: John McDougald

CENTRAL REGIONAL

The 9th NIA Central Regional Insulator Show and Sale will be held at the Ramada Inn South in Columbus, Ohio on April 29-30, 1978. Curt Boster, co-host of the show states that DRIP POINTS readers should be informed that this promises to be the greatest show ever.

For further information contact:

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(614) 653-6600

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396 Walnut Cliffs Drive
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LUCKY 13 SWAP STIMULATES HOBBY

Bob Jensen, NIA member from Vernal, Utah, came up with a clever idea to stimulate interest in the hobby. He wrote eleven active members whose membership numbers ended in "13". He writes of his results:

"I sent a letter to everyone and requested that they send a nice insulator to an individual on October 13. The insulator was to be one the sender would appreciate receiving. I was accused of starting a chain-letter and I guess in a sense it was; however, the only intent was to stir up a little friendship among members."

"Everyone seemed to get a kick out of it, so maybe it was worth it. I received 3 very nice insulators from Jack Tod. In fact they were dandies and I will always appreciate them very much."

Thank goodness, Bob, there are NIA members interested in putting some effort in establishing new friends in the insulator hobby.

EDITOR'S NOTE: It's extremely refreshing to hear of cases such as this where the major emphasis of our hobby is placed on creating new friendships and recruiting new collectors rather than attempts at turning collections into monetary fortunes.

NORMAN AND CAROLYN THEESEN START YEAR OFF RIGHT

I've been a member of the NIA for 2 years now and I also want to do all I can in helping our NIA grow in membership as well as Historically. I have been an insulator collector for 4 years and truly believe its the best family hobby I've known. The many happy hours, we have all spent walking the lines and bringing home new finds.

My new year of 78 has started off great. No hangover for one thing, "since this great hobby has taken the place of dancing and parties". Ha! I was on the T.V. news tonight with my story and mid week my story will be in the Oklahoma City, Daily Oklahoma Newspaper. In the near future my story will be in a leading home and family magazine nationally. This is my opinion, as a NIA member. We should promote our hobby in every aspect we can, and I

NORMAN AND CAROLYN THEESEN (CONT)

definitely don't believe we are getting enough publicity for something that has such a historical background behind it, as our insulators do.

Since my family is all grown, except 1 daughter in highschool, my husband and I are trying to get an insulator club organized here in Southwestern Okla. About 20 already are most interested and this is another reason for me bringing into view, "the hobby of the insulator collecting," to the news media. This will mean a great deal to me if I am successful in this club. Any advice you can give me will be greatly appreciated. We are planning on the Reno National this summer which will be our first show.

I will be awaiting anxiously for any information you can send me in regards to organizing a club. Thanks so very much.

Carolyn Theesen
203 N. 40th
Lawton, Ok. 73505

EDITOR'S NOTE: The preceding article was quite encouraging to me as it should be to any devoted collector. But it also was of interest to me because the more sincere and dedicated NIA members (such as the Theesens) that we can motivate to become more involved in our hobby, the stronger and larger our hobby will become.

ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT

NOTE: The following article comes to us from Don Fabbi, Ethics Committee Chairman, on "fake" insulators.

One current problem of concern is the altering of insulators. Otto R. Boll of Appleton, Wisconsin has prepared an article for Crown Jewels on the subject of persons irradiating insulators.

There are many number of ways that glass insulators are presently being altered from their original design.

1. Grinding off embossing - Bill Galloway has a star pony that the embossing has been ground off and the roughness wiped with resin to cover the altering.
2. False coloring - This is done by heating purple Cal Helmets to turn them yellow. With the passing of time they usually fade back to purple or clear. Some #145 aqua postals have been heated and they turn a bluish lavender.
3. Irradiating - Using radiation sources clear insulators are darkened to an amber color. Depending on the number of hours of exposure the insulators may turn to a dark amber or black amber.
4. Some threaded glass have had the threads ground out to represent threadless insulators.

ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT (CON'T)

5. Repaired - Many hundreds of insulators have been repaired (usually with glass resin) and there is nothing particularly wrong with this if done without the intent to defraud. These should always indicate as repaired and the buyer specifically told where the repair has been made.
6. Dyeing and Flashing - This is becoming more common. Most dyeing and flashing can be exposed by scratching with a thumbnail or holding up to the light and looking for light and/or dark spots or any unevenness in the coloring.

It however is not all inclusive of the variety of ways that insulators may be altered.

One dealer (who at this writing shall remain unnamed) may have as many as 3-4 hundred of treated glass insulators he has sold. Certainly a national rip-off to the unsuspecting collector.

Bob Alexander has a collection of "fakes" which he displays from time to time. It would be nice if we could borrow his collection and have everyone coming to the National Show in Reno that has a fake insulator they would be willing to display, show them also.

This would serve to help educate the collector. According to Don Harned "If you are an amateur collector, you would be wise to check with one who knows or deal with a reputable dealer before laying out too much money." Caveat Emptor - Let the Buyer Beware.

Donald Fabbi - Ethics Committee

The National Insulator Association extends its sympathy to:

Mrs. Bessie Branstetter upon the death
of her husband, James

Mrs. Louise Freeman upon the death of
her husband, Allen

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