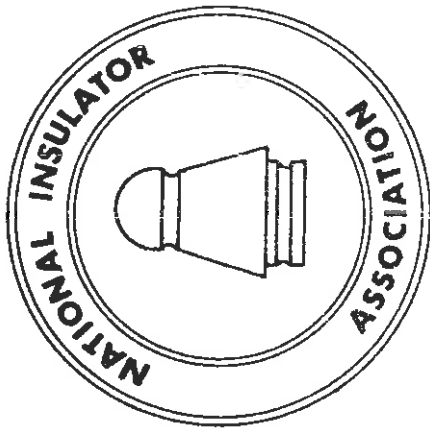


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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Fellow Collectors,

Hello again, and hope you all had a great Thanksgiving as Shirley and I did.

Since winter is with us and our show activities have slowed down, now is the time to think about NIA duties and things that need attention. First, aspirants for the positions of NIA President and Central Region VP should get their names and bibliographies into Mel Shootman, our Nominating Committee Chairman. All nominees for these positions will be listed on the ballot in the spring issue of Drip Points. Keep in mind that the Presidential term is now two years, as voted in by the membership last July - the VP terms remain at three years.

Secondly, we all need to be thinking about future NIA shows. We need bids from the Eastern Region for the 1982 Regional and the 1983 National- and from the Central and Western areas, bids for the 1983 Regionals. Contact point for these bids is Vi Brown, Executive Director, and hopefully she will receive all of them no later than April 1982 to allow time for Board approval and appropriate announcements. Remember, it's NEVER too early to get in show bids.

I would like to let everyone know how extremely pleased I, the Board and Committee members are with the quantity of "old member" renewals and the number of new members- you are all doing a great selling job, and it's appreciated!

We'd also like to wish each one of you a Very Merry Christmas, and the best of collecting in the coming year!

Pat Patocka NIA # 140

HO HO HO - And Happy Holidays from your Treasurer:

After catching up with the outstanding bills and the expenses of printing and mailing the first issue of Drip Points, the treasury shows a balance of \$1,398.00.

I know it seems early to bring up the subject of dues because they aren't due until March 31st, but... you know how time flies! For you early birds (bless your hearts), please be patient because we will not be getting the new membership cards from the printer until after the first of the year. Last year to save money on postage we held up the mailing of cards so that we could include them in the next issue of drip points. That will no longer be possible due to the variations in weight caused by our popular "family" memberships. Therefore your cards will be coming by first class mail as I receive your renewals. And remember- if you plan on attending the National in Cedar Rapids on Friday, NIA Day, ALL of your family living at your address will need separate membership cards, so please list them on your membership application.

Wow! Now I'm planning clear ahead to July, but....
you know how time flies!

Have a Happy!
Shirley Patocka NIA#633

FROM THE WESTERN REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

There's not a whole lot of news from the West. September saw a show in Grand Junction, CO., followed by the Portland, OR. show. In October there was the Bakersfield show, followed in November by the Kirkland, WA. show.

Right now we're gearing up for a string of shows in California; Auburn on Dec. 5th, the big one in Chico in March, all climaxing with the Western Regional to be held in Bakersfield on April 2,3, and 4th. It's a line-up that's going to make it tough for me to

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save enough money to go to Cedar Rapids in July!

Good news for lightning rod ball (LRB) collectors. Two of our Western members have begun publishing a monthly newsletter for collectors of lightning rod balls and all related areas. Dick and Dottie Daugherty of Las Vegas are the publishers of CROWN POINT . Each issue is full of notes, articles, FREE ads, and other good stuff. A subscription to "The Crown Point" is only \$6.00 per year.

Contact: THE CROWN POINT
884 Lulu Ave
Las Vegas, NV 89119

If you know of any LRB collector that might not be an NIA member, let us know so that they can be contacted.

As you may know, at the NIA 1981 National there was not a single display entry in the Lightning Rod equipment category. I am hoping that by reaching out to Lightning Rod equipment collectors everywhere, new interest will be stimulated, and then we will see some good Lightning Rod equipment displays in Cedar Rapids in 1982!

Good collecting!
Grant Salzman

FROM THE INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Hi there gang!

Well - I was all set to tell everyone all about "The Crown Point", and then I got this letter from Grant Salzman. (the one you just read) So... I gave the honors to him. But thats OK, I've got lots of information to pass on to you in this issue, not the least of which is the fact that I've finally disposed of that %*!@#/* prehistoric mimigraph machine that I used to use for these 'Drip Points'. A HAND CRANKER! (vintage 1930?) It's so nice

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to switch over to 20th century printing methods. Just type up the stencil, place on the machine, add some blank paper - and LET 'ER RIP! 100% electric! Now.... about that folding and stapling.

In other news, I have some details on the 1982 Cedar Rapids National. Let me give you the show schedule first.....

- July 15th- set-up 1:00 to 10:00 pm/ refreshments will be served
- July 16th- NIA Day set-up 7:00 to 9:00 am / 9:00 to 5:00 pm are the show hours
NIA Annual meeting 7:00 at the Sheraton Inn
- July 17th- set-up 7:00 to 9:00 am/ 9:00 to 5:00 pm
show is open to the general public
6:30 to 7:30 pm social hour at the Sheraton
7:30 is the Awards Banquet
- July 18th- 9:00 to 5:00 pm show open to the public

The Sheraton Inn has been designated as the convention hotel and again this year we as NIA members have been given a special rate at the host hotel. As follows.... \$92.25 single / \$101.25 double - for THREE days at the Sheraton. Additional days will be at the normal daily rate. RV camping is available on the hotel site, but no hook-ups are available. The nearest place with hook-ups is about 10 miles away.

The price of sales tables will be as follows....

Early birds get them for	\$35.00
After January 31st -	\$40.00
After June 1st -	\$45.00

Display space is free, however there will be a \$5.00 security deposit required to hold your display reservation, which will be refunded when you set up your display.

Concerning the banquet - It will be at the Sheraton Inn, with a smorgasbord style dinner of Roast beef and ham. ALL YOU CAN EAT! The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please make reservations well

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in advance so that the show host can budget the banquet ahead of time. You will receive your reservation tickets at the National.

There will be a shuttle going to and from the airport for those of you that are staying at the Sheraton. It's free.

Our show host, Larry Whitlock, told me that another convention will be in town at the same time as ours. The possibility exists that a shortage of rooms will develop in Cedar Rapids. So... make reservations early.

Larry has put together a real nice NIA show packet that gives a lot more information than I could fit in 'Drip Points'. Why not send for it at the following address.

Larry Whitlock
935 W 14th Ave
Marion, IA 52302
phone 319-377-4708

Well gang, thats about it. YOU have the information- the next move is yours. Don't let winter get in the way. NOW is the time to make those reservations! I'll keep you posted on new developments, but for now, start thinking - CEDAR RAPIDS in 1982!

your friend,
Michael Bruner
NIA # 1482

FROM THE CENTRAL REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

John and Carol McDougald purchased an insulator at a northern Ohio flea market - unlike any C.D. number known.

The insulator is made of clear glass with a threaded pinhole and is embossed on the top " W. R. TWIGGS, PATENT AUGUST 29, 1905". W.R. Twiggs, a letter carrier from Sandusky, Ohio, secured the patent for this insulator. The base of the insulator is similar to that of the C.D. 206 (castle), with a hockey puck sitting on its top. Across the center of the top is a wire groove.

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According to the patent, the wire was held in place by placing two glass balls into the wire groove. Certainly a very interesting patent idea.

In other news of the Region, The 11th Ohio insulator show was held on November 7th & 8th. We had beautiful weather which was great for traveling. We pulled in dealers from MA, NC, NY, PA, IN, TN, MI, IL, AND CANADA. There were 25 dealer tables which included insulators, Lightning Rod Balls, Telephone Signs, Bottles, and Telephone apparatus. We had 4 insulator displays and 1 Lightning Rod Ball display. All in attendance had a really good time.

Good Collecting
Scott Given NIA#1028

FROM THE SHOW CHAIRMAN

The December issue of 'Crown Jewels' will introduce the new foreign glass design chart "Glass Insulators Outside North America". It is now available- look for it! A lot of hard work has gone into this, and we believe that collectors will benefit from the excellent drawings and information on embossings, etc. Also, it is the first time all known foreign glass has been put together in one single publication.

Yours,
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