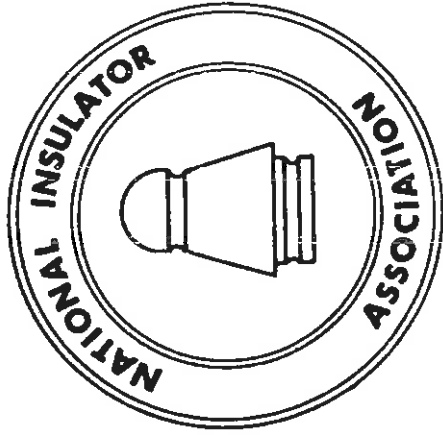


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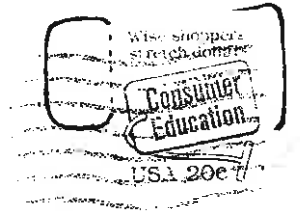
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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Fellow Collectors,

This will be my last opportunity to officially talk to you. The past two years have been very rewarding in making so many new friends and accomplishing some of the goals I had in mind when taking office. I would like to publicly thank my fellow Board and Committee Members, and most of all, you members in this endeavor.

Some of the things WE have accomplished are as follows:

1. Re-alignment of the Western and Central Regions. The changing of Colorado and New Mexico to the Western Region, and South Dakota and North Dakota to the Central Region.
2. Changing of the Presidential term from one year to two for better continuity.
3. Changing the voting procedure to a mail only ballot for expediency and help in the selection of appointees ahead of time.
4. Establishment of the Dr. Fred Griffin NIA Award for the outstanding display of threadless insulators at our National shows.
5. Elimination of NIA membership requirement for displayers at our Regional shows to help promote these shows.
6. Revision of Color Category in the show rules to allow one or multiple colors in the competition.
7. Establishment of a Committee to research feasibility of an NIA museum... Something we would all like to see someday.

Many other minor changes and major ones to be announced later are in the process of being completed for the betterment of our hobby... all thanks to you, the Membership.

Again, I'm extremely appreciative of your fine support and hope you will continue to do so for the incoming administration.

I expect to see you ALL in Cedar Rapids!

Pat Patocka NIA#140

FROM THE TREASURER:

Another year has sped by and for the first time in two years we have more than \$2,000. in the bank! Most of you have been great about sending your renewals in, but it is taking some time to convince some of the old timers that dues are to be in by April 1st, NOT at National Convention time!

"Thank you" to you Canadian members who are also smoothing the renewal process by sending their dues in U.S. dollars.

I'm always especially pleased to receive a family membership with that extra dollar for the second vote. This tells me that this is truly a family hobby and that all voices shall be heard!

"Thank you" to Rod and Lucy Wing, NIA #'s 5 & 8, for paying the dues of some young junior collectors, thereby investing in the future of our hobby.

A special "Thank you" to William and Jean Brookfield, NIA #'s 254 & 2800, for their donation to our association.

ALL of you have really been great--- except that we do have one problem. A terrible affliction hits the NIA every year at dues renewal time. It could be called 'regionitis'. Some of the collectors who jump on the wagon when the National is in their region, jump right off it until the National comes around their way again. Last year we had 'Eastern regionitis'. This year we could suffer from 'western regionitis' if all the enthusiasm generated by the Sacramento National fizzles out. How about it, all you westerners? Have you sent in your dues? Insulator collecting THIS year is still the great hobby it was LAST year, and the NIA depends on your support EVERY year!

I will now climb off my soap box for the last time, but only telling you how much I have enjoyed being your Treasurer, especially the part of it that let me know all of you a little better. Now THAT was rewarding!

Good luck in your collecting !

Shirley Patocka NIA# 633

FROM THE INFORMATION DIRECTOR:

Fellow Members,

Well, I have good news and bad news. First the bad news....

Dora Harned is having more problems with her leg, and has been in the hospital again. At this time its not certain if she will be able to make the National or not. All of us wish her a quick recovery. The National is not quite the same without her.

NOW - time for the good news.. NOPE! NOT YET!

As of this edition of Drip Points, the NIA is yet to receive an application for this years Eastern Regional or the 1983 EASTERN NATIONAL! Do you believe it?! It could'nt be that this hobby is fading away, because its a fact that our membership is currently in an upward surge. Could it be the economy? Well, I don't buy that excuse. Sales have been good in the insulator hobby as of late. SO... whats the answer? I wish I knew why no one has come forward..All excuses aside, the NIA is not about to let 1983 go by without a National Convention - somewhere. If the Board of Directors does not receive any proposals for a National from the Eastern Region members, then we will have no choice but to accept applications from ANY Region willing to keep the ball rolling. THINK ABOUT IT! (p.s. rumor has it that some of the Central and Western members are discussing the possibility of.....)

NCW for the good news....

Larry Whitlock has everything running smooth in preparation for the National. It looks like it could be a sell out! Don't forget to make reservations ahead of time for hotel space. It could be a rough situation if you wait much longer. Lets look ahead to July, and....

ONWARD TO THE NATIONAL !

Mike Bruner NIA# 1482

FROM THE EASTERN REGION VICE-PRESIDENT:

Spring has arrived in the East and we can see things within the hobby picking up. The Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club had its Spring show which was a success, with attendance by collectors from nine states. I also attended the MT Bottle and Insulator show and sale in Deland, Florida, which was also well supported.

We are still looking for a Regional show this year - and also bids for the 1983 National. Please think about this and act quickly. You all know our Eastern show is a hit so lets keep it going. Iowa Next!!

John de Sousa NIA#419

FROM THE SHOW CHAIRMAN:

July is almost here, and time for the National show in Cedar Rapids. Show host Larry Whitlock tells me that reservations for display space are rolling in. It's looking good. This year a display may be entered in only one of the ten categories - as opposed to last years National when it could qualify for up to two. In addition to first place trophies, there will be 2nd and 3rd place ribbons for each category. Just a reminder that the 1st place threadless display will receive the Dr. Fred Griffin memorial award. This one was given for the first time ever, - last year.

Since the 1981 National in Sacramento, 37 NIA ribbons have been mailed out to 'class C' shows requesting them. These ribbons are supplied at no charge, and it is gratifying to see that show hosts are taking advantage of the offer.

So far this year there are no bids for the Eastern Regional Show. Sure hope that doesn't mean it's going to go down the tubes! C' mon!

See you in Cedar Rapids -

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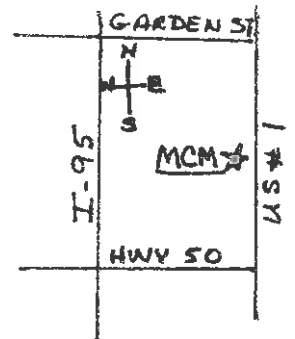
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