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Lynchburg Glass Works

Cover for Justin Stoudt's Article On Lynchburg Glass Works. See page 17 for full story.

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Editor

Shaun Kotlarsky | NIA # 4993



New Look for 2013

The new look

I wanted to start off the new year with a even more refined look to Drip Points Magazine. Everything has been updated from cover to cover. The body text should be even easier to read now on both print and digital editions of the Magazine. The layout has been optimized for color printing now that we are consistently able to print in color thanks to generous donations to the NIA.

About the cover

The cover this month is Lynchburg insulators to honor the memory of Steve Blair who passed away in November of 2012. He loved Lynchburg insulators and was a big proponent of educational displays. That is why I felt an article on Lynchburg would be the best way to remember Steve.

Richard Ginori

I got some sad news from my friend and fellow Insulator collector Nora Coppo. Richard Ginori, the last remaining porcelain company making Insulators in Italy has gone bankrupt after being in business for over 270 years.

Richard Ginori manufactured fine china tableware as far back as 1735 and porcelain insulators form about 1891-2013.

If you collect porcelain Italian insulators you definitely know the name Richard Ginori. I like to think of them as the "Fred Locke of Italy". They made many of the "Paderno" style insulators (named for the line they were used on from Paderno to Milan, Italy.) I think the Panderno style insulators are some of the most beautiful porcelain insulators in the hobby!



Shaun Kotlarsky



Some example of Richard Ginori made insulators

CONTRIBUTE ARTICLES TO DRIP POINTS!



I always welcome interesting insulator related articles. It can be anything from a general research paper or to something very specify (Like a CD, M or U Number study). I also want stories about hunts and finds! If you want to submit an article or have questions about doing an article contact me.

Shaun Kotlarsky | Drip Points Editor newsletter@nia.org



President

Lou Hall | NIA # 7185



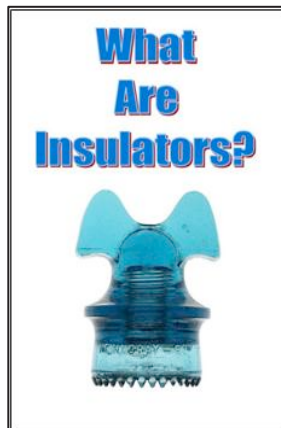
Contributions and Donations

“THANK YOU” to all of you who made monetary donations to the NIA this past year.

No matter the size of the gift, your willingness to support the Association and its activities will stimulate the hobby. As you know, one of our members offered to match every dollar raised up to \$10,000.00 from April 21, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Here are the results: The Scholarship Fund received \$570.00 in donations, The Plaque Fund received just over \$3,000.00, and the General Fund received approximately \$2,300.00 for a total of nearly \$6,000.00. The matching contribution doubled these amounts! So, once again, to all who contributed to make this possible “THANK YOU.”

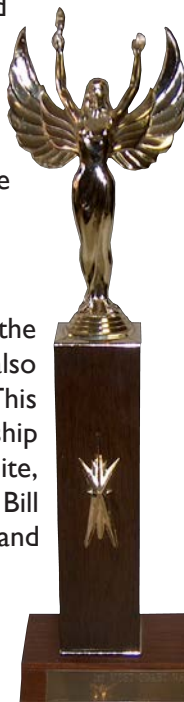
A New Information Booklet

Recently, the NIA received the assignment of the publication copyright to “What Are Insulators?” authored by Clarice Gordon (aka H. G. “Bea Hyve”). The Association with the help of Don Briel updated and reprinted this informational booklet. It is in full color. The intent is to distribute the booklet to as many people who might have an interest in insulators as possible. All our affiliate clubs should have these available at shows and tailgaters. They should be made available to school libraries, antique shops and malls, etc. We need your help to accomplish this distribution. Copies are available upon request from Don Briel, Membership Director, membership@nai.org or Lou Hall, President, president@nia.org. Just drop either of us a note or email and we can send them to you.



Finance Committee

The NIA Board of Directors has approved the creation of a Finance Committee. The Board also approved a job description for the committee. This description has been added to the NIA Membership Handbook and can be found on the NIA website, www.nia.org. Members of the committee are Bill Snell, Jack Roach, John McDougald, Roger Ziesak and Bill Rohde, NIA Treasurer.



NIA Event Advisory Panel

Please note that upon the recommendation of the Rules and Procedures Advisory Panel, the NIA Board of Directors has changed the name of the NIA National Show & Conference Advisory Panel to the NIA Event Advisory Panel. Darryl Wagner has accepted the position of Event Advisor (Chairman) and fellow committee members include Dwayne Anthony, Western Region; Bob Berry, Central Region; Dario Dimare, Eastern Region; and Bob Stahr, First Past President. The Panel currently is reviewing the only proposal received for the 2014 National Show and Convention to be held in the Western Region.

By the way, if you are considering organizing and hosting a National Show & Convention you can let us know by sending a “Letter of Intent” at any time for future Nationals in your Region (Central Region in 2015, Eastern Region in 2016, Western Region in 2017, etc.). Letters of Intent are to be sent to the NIA President, your Region VP, and the NIA Event Advisor. Letters of Intent are due no later than November 1st, two years prior to the show year and completed proposals are due no later than February 1st, of the year prior to the show year. It’s never too early to start planning!

The NIA Receives Its First Donated Collection

The Association has recently accepted the donation of the insulator collection belonging to Douglass H. and Kathlyn “Pinky” Selby. Douglass (NIA #195) and Pinky (NIA #2229) were some of our early collectors. The donated materials contain many of the early



reference books and many of the early “Drip Points” newsletters. All of their membership year bars are there. Mr. Selby kept meticulous records for each of the insulators in the collection. Each insulator included a small card in the pinhole indicating where and when the piece was acquired, the price paid, as well as CD number and description. The collection includes correspondence and brochures about early shows they attended. There is a trophy for being an exhibitor at the first Western National Insulator Show held in Bakersfield, California in 1972.



The executor of the estate indicated that it was the Selby's desire that their collection be distributed to other collectors in the hobby. There are several hundred insulators in the collection ranging from very common to mostly mid-range value pieces. The centerpiece of the collection is a CDI90/191 CALIFORNIA two piece transposition in yellow. There is also a CDI90 CALIFORNIA top half in yellow.

Some of the collection is being given to the Research & Education Committee to be distributed to teachers and students for classroom use. Most of the collection will be offered individually for

sale in the next issue of Drip Points. A number of the pieces will be offered possibly via a live auction at the Nashville National or through a NIA sponsored Internet auction.

If there is someone near Fresno, California who would volunteer to photograph the individual pieces of this collection for publication I need to hear from you. Contact: president@nia.org

Lou Hall





Western Region VP

Dan Gauron | NIA # 8176



Greetings from the “Wild West”-ern Region,

With spring and it's nice weather just around the corner for us all, I want to take this opportunity to thank all those folks who helped keep last winters “cabin fever” at bay by providing fellow “cold climate” collectors with a warm house, garage, public hall or other form of shelter, a place and chance to gather, see old friends and escape winters spell of too few shows and collector gatherings. ICON, Phone calls, CJOW, and Drip Points work well helping us keep connected and get us through the lean months, but there's nothing quite like the face to face interactions, camaraderie and handling of glass and porcelain to really satisfy the cravings. For those lucky enough to live in warmer parts of the country, thanks for opening up your winter get-togethers to us all, and giving us a reason for planning our winter vacations with your area in mind.

© I love Colorado's four seasons, but come February, there's nothing like heading to the warm Yuma, Arizona tailgater, via Golf Diego (I mean San Diego), to warm me up and quench the thirst for a live get-together. You may tire of my constant reference to supporting your local shows and giving thanks to the great folks who help make them happen, but I firmly believe both are the future of our hobby. The Western Region is once again readying itself for a “busting at the seams” schedule of upcoming 2013 spring and summer shows. Whether you, live in, are visiting, or planning a vacation to California,

Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, Montana or any other Western Region state this year... you're sure to find a show, tailgater, backyard get-together, or “arms open welcome” collector nearby to show you a good time and make you feel right at home.

If your travels bring you to Colorado, I hope you'll look me up.

In closing I want to acknowledge all our fellow collectors, family members and friends our hobby has lost over the last couple of years. Some I knew only by name, others I only spoke with on the phone or saw at a show once or twice a year. None are any more, or any less important than another, yet a few touched my life in a special way. Galen Howard, Mike Miller and Steve Blair were a few of those people. If not for this great hobby of ours, I doubt I ever would have met any of these dear folks, never mind had my life enriched by their friendship. So it's with the greatest sincerity, that I give a “BIG THANKS” to all of you who reach out to others and offer your service and friendship.

Here's to another year of great times in the best hobby around,

Dan Gauron



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Central Region VP

Bear Spitler | NIA #8803



Well here we are already a month into the New Year and the hobby has had a couple of successful shows in the Midwest Region.

First was the Annual WRIC Insulator Show in Strongsville, Ohio and the second was Arlen and Tina Rienstra's Winter blahs Chicago Club Meet with Rick Soller's successful Auction. Check out the photo's on the ICON web site.

On another topic that I recently got involved in is selling of "Artificially Induced Colored" insulators. Now if certain collectors pursue these "Radiation Exposed" pieces that is their choice. But in my opinion that as for a seller of one of these "Artificially Induced Colored" insulators should ethically let the buyer know that the color has been altered from the original.

Here lies the problem that some sellers don't care about ethic's and want to prey on uneducated buyers in the hobby of collecting insulators that don't know the difference just to line their personal pocket's for profit.

A question was presented to me what the NIA can do about this fraudulent move.

Any general member of the NIA should contact these sellers with their opinion. One thing that I learned about being involved in an organization is that many voices can alter actions. Enough of being on my "Soap Box".

All NIA Members have the opportunity to help new collectors that are getting into the hobby by educating them on simulated actions that can be done to original colors of an insulators by means of exposing insulators to radiation process so they can be aware of it when making purchases such as off Ebay or other internet sites.



There are some upcoming shows that I want to mention in the Midwest Region in the few months. February 16th the Columbus, OH. Antique Bottle/ Insulator Show, March 9th St. Joe, MO. 11th Annual Northwest Missouri Insulator/ Bottle Show and April 5-6 in Yorkville,IL. Midwest Weathervane / Insulator Show. Come out and support these fun filled shows.

Northwest Insulator Club will be hosting a Show / Swap Meet in May in Rochester,MN.

Bear Spitler

Photo from the NIAs artificially induced colors

page at: <http://www.nia.org/altered/>

NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the NIA

The Annual Membership Meeting of the NIA will be held on Friday, July 19th, 2013, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Mustang/Quarterhorse/Palomino Rooms

The location will be the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, 700 Cool Springs Boulevard, Franklin, Tennessee 37067.

Lou Hall, NIA President



Eastern Region VP

Matt Grayson | NIA # 387



It is hard to believe that spring is nearly here. This issue of Drip Points always raises my expectations of another season of outstanding shows throughout the Eastern region. I expect this year to be no exception.

I would first like to take a moment to remember all of those collectors who passed away since the last issue of Drip Points. I am often overwhelmed by the number of well known collectors, lesser known collectors and their spouses that are no longer with us. One notable passing was that of Steve Blair. I was able to spend some time with him at his home after the Mid Ohio show, this past November, the first time I was able to extend my trip to do so. I am very glad I did. I think Steve represented many of the best characteristics of insulator collectors. A humble, intelligent man, he had the foresight to bring on Curt Boster, as a new associate, to run the Mid Ohio show after Glenn Drummond was no longer able to co-host. He could have continued running the show on his own with his wife Lois, but chose not to do so. Without a doubt the seamless continuity of the show will be Steve's greatest legacy to the hobby. As Steve always said, Laughter keeps you young.

I had the opportunity to visit with the Central Florida Insulator Club at their Maitland show this January. It was a great show, well organized and in a great location. The hall was shared with telephone collectors, which gave me the opportunity to learn a bit about this adjunct hobby. I found it all very interesting and informative. The new NIA brochures, What Are Insulators and the membership applications were quite popular and all were gone from my table by the end of the day. The hall was crowded from start to the finish of the show. I expected this to be a break from the NY winter for me but the weather had been so mild here, I believe there was little difference in temperature between NY and Florida the week before the show. In any case, I highly recommend attending one of their shows should you find yourself in Florida.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, there is much more to tell about my visit to the Ceramic Museum and Heritage center. I have completed the full article, and it will be appearing in an upcoming issue of Crown Jewels. Keep your eyes open for it.

I am looking forward to an active spring show season. Starting for me with the Chesapeake Bay clubs Shrewsbury show, the Yankee Polecats Enfield show and the Western Reserves Natrona Heights show. I would like to make them all, but I am afraid work and personal commitments will force me to pick and choose the shows I attend this spring.

It is never too early to make reservations for this years National, near Nashville. The Dixie Jewels Club is working very hard to make it another great event. All that is missing is your participation. Why not plan your summer vacation around the show. Bring the whole family, you will be glad you did.

Happy Collecting to all and I hope to see you at a Show soon.

Matt Grayson





Executive Secretary

Steve Roberts | NIA #7935



Greetings,

I hope everyone had a Joyous and Blessed Holiday Season!!

Now that we are past the holidays and into the New Year, it's time to refocus on our hobby. There are numerous insulator events scheduled from now until the Springfield show in early November. With that in mind, my wife and I planned a short vacation to southern Florida. We looked in the CJOW magazine for the schedule of events and noticed that there would be an insulator show in Maitland, Florida on January 19. So, we planned our trip so we could visit the show. We saw Don and Kay Bryant, Graham and Jacqueline Barnes, Matt Grayson, Ken Roberts, the Colburn brothers, and many others. We certainly enjoyed seeing everyone and having the opportunity to look at some glass!

In addition to the insulators, there were several vendors who had antique telephones and spare telephone components. While looking at the old phones my wife and I remembered that we found an old wall phone in her grandparents' attic many years ago. After the passing of her grandparents, Jana's mom gave us the phone and we stored it in our attic. Unfortunately, the old phone was missing some parts and we didn't have a clue how to get the parts that were missing.

You probably can guess what happened next. We met a very nice couple who gave us a parts list, told us to take a picture of the phone and send it to them, and they would be able to help us restore it! We are excited to finally have the opportunity to repair her grandparents' phone and display it in our house.

The point in sharing this story is to encourage you go to insulator shows as often as you can. You will have the opportunity to visit with your friends, look at glass and mud, and like my wife and I, possibly encounter a surprise you weren't expecting.

In closing, let me encourage you to make plans to attend the 44th National Insulator Convention and Show which is scheduled for July 19-21, at the Cool Springs Marriott in Franklin, TN. For additional details, please contact one of the following show hosts: Bill Haley at wgh@tnaqua.org, Ken Roberts at kroberts@apprser.com, or Steve Roberts at steve_roberts@comcast.net. I hope to see you there.

Steve Roberts

2013 NATIONAL UPDATE

Hotel Reservations & Show Packets For The 2013 NIA National

Several NIA members have asked about hotel reservations at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, site of the 44th NIA National Convention and Show July 19-21, 2013. There is a link on the NIA website to make reservations. Simply click on the 2013 National and scroll down towards the bottom of the page. I used this link to make my reservation a couple of weeks back and it already contains the NIA code. I can vouch that it works. You may also call the hotel at (888) 403-6772 and be sure to mention that you are with the NIA. There are still dealers and display tables available, but don't wait until the last minute. Over half the sales tables are already reserved. If you need a show packet, please contact Bill Haley, e-mail is wgh@tnaqua.org, or phone (423) 326-9248, and he can supply one electronically. If you wish to have one mailed, please furnish your entire mailing address. Look for more information in the next Drip Points.



Membership Director

Donald Briel | NIA # 7218



This has been an exceptionally cold winter in Northern Utah this year. There were only a couple of days in January where the daytime temperature was above single digits. Most nights have been below zero. The solution for Jeanne and I was to head to the Yuma tailgater that was held on February 2nd. We left the low temperatures and the 18" of snow that was already on the ground to enjoy a few days of mid 70's and sun. The tailgater in Yuma was wonderful as was the trip down and back. We visited with friends, bought and sold a few insulators, had a great lunch, and just enjoyed the delightful weather. Many thanks go out to the Grand Canyon Insulator club and the members that put in so much effort to make the event successful each year.

Our cold December and January kept me indoors and gave me some time to work on an update of the "What Are Insulators?" booklet for the NIA. It is now printed in full color with many pictures. The text is similar to the older version, but references to clubs, publications, etc. are all current. The booklet is now available as a free handout, courtesy of the NIA. Anyone wishing to have a copy for personal use, to hand out to friends, or give away at shows can request them



through any NIA Board member or from me. They will also be available at the National and other shows.

Now when someone asks what are those things you collect you can hand them an educational, printed answer. In the past, the old booklets helped create interest in our hobby. These should help even more.

Our NIA membership renewals for 2013 are going really well this year. Many thanks to all that have renewed their membership thus far. As of this writing, our 2013 membership count is already over 1400 active members with more renewals coming in daily.

Its now time to plan out this year's insulator show travel. As I look down the list of shows it is like being in a candy shop and knowing that I can't have everything. WOW, what a vibrant hobby! Jeanne and I try to do a few different shows each year.

This year will be no exception. I hope to see many of you over the next few months.

Good collecting!

Donald Briel

The following is an odd Hemingray related item I found on google books called "what to do and how to do it" From 1901. It shows a "Hemingray Spider bottle". Here is the URL to the original article. <http://goo.gl/43Kpy> - Shaun Kotlarsky

Spiders are very likely to lose their colors if placed in spirits, and if pinned and dried like beetles they will not only lose all color, but their bodies will shrivel up and change in form and proportion to such a degree as to make the specimens next to worthless. Mr. Ralph Hemingray, of Covington, Ky., sent the author some spider bottles manufactured under his direction of very thick, clear, white glass, three inches high by one and one-quarter inch broad, and three quarters of an inch thick. These bottles are convenient in shape, and when a spider is put in one and the bottle filled with glycerine, the spider looks as if it might be imbedded in a solid block of crystal.

I have had some brightly colored garden spiders preserved in this manner for two years, and they have not only retained their original shape but color also. In the place of corks, pieces of elastic are stretched over the tops of the bottles; this allows the glycerine to expand or contract. Fig. 160 represents a drawing of one of these bottles with a spider in it. A case of specimens preserved in this manner makes not only an interesting cabinet, but a very pretty one. Although many persons have a horror of spiders, they lose all their nervousness when the insects are seen neatly labelled and enclosed in pretty glass bottles.



Fig. 160 - The Hemingray Bottle.



Treasurer

Bill Rohde | NIA # 1219



National Insulator Association

2012 - 2013 financial statement
6 months ending Dec. 31, 2012

Beginning Balance \$ 34,294.05

Revenues

Membership Dues	\$12,068.25
Donations	\$11,148.00
Commemorative Sales	\$3,457.92
Product Sales	\$2,197.60
Hemingray Plaque Donations	\$661.47
Insurance Income	\$200.00
Scholarship Fund	\$100.00
Total Income	\$29,833.24

Expenses

Drip Points	-\$3,415.64
Membership Expenses	-\$2,061.04
Taxes, Fees & Insurance	-\$1,116.00
Scholarship Expense	-\$1,000.00
Advertising	-\$120.00
Research & Education Expenses	-\$46.70
Plaque Fund	-\$28.00
Marketing Product	-\$9.75
Printing	\$0.00
Crown Jewels rebate	\$0.00
Show Advertising Rebate	\$0.00
Commemorative Insulators	\$0.00
Web Hosting	\$0.00
Total Expenses	(\$7,797.13)

Sub total \$22,036.11

Ending Balance \$ 56,330.16

Bill Rohde



Information Director

Michele Kotlarsky | NIA # 5370



Steve Blair. I know other collectors have passed but Steve Blair was a Pioneer in the hobby. For many of us greeting Steve was a simple "Baaaah". He made you feel like family. There were no rules, that is what made the Springfield show fun. I know for all of us who saw him shortly before his passing not too long after the Springfield Show, it really isn't going to HIT US until the next one. Meanwhile let's send good thoughts out to Lois and the family. Steve always told me he was going to do a display of the sheep I had given him throughout the years. I would also gather up bags of stuffed ones every year for him to hand out to kids to promote

sheep awareness. We talked about the sheep and alpaca he was shearing out east and he was so worried they were in danger due to the weather conditions last November. I know he had other people helping him, but to me the "London Show" was Steve's show. He made it so.

Michele Kotlarsky

Muncies in Montana!



Coming Summer 2013, in Drip Points Magazine.



Ethics Chair

David R. Wiecek | NIA # 3225



Steve Blair was born on Valentine's Day. It seems apropos given the outpouring of love shared from the hearts of those expressing such fond remembrances and heart breaking sadness in his passing. Visiting Steve (& Lois) every year the first weekend of November was anticipated by many as much as the Mid Ohio Insulator Show itself. Many of his 'insulator family' remembered Steve as 'humble', 'kind', 'generous', 'selfless', 'honest' and 'fun'. He was special, a 'true legend' that gave us all a model how to live our lives and left a legacy we'd all hope to leave.

Steve did so much for the love of the insulator hobby. His untimely passing just after Thanksgiving broke hearts. We cried tears of sadness at his loss, tears of joy for having known him and tears of laughter for the smile he'd put on our faces. He clearly made an impact on all of us. We give thanks for his contributions and for being blessed to have had him in our presence.

Steve closed his emails with "Laughter keeps you young" Steve laughed often. We laughed often around him too. Remember Steve. Remember that laughter keeps you young.

David Wiecek





Philanthropy

Rick Jones | NIA # 201



I have to dedicate this article to the memory of Steve Blair. I first met Steve and Lois in 1972. I was just out of grad school, just married less than a year, and my wife and I were living in Dayton, Ohio, my hometown. We were trying to make ends meet that summer and I was driving a junk battery truck buying car batteries wherever I could find them. I was looking behind an old deserted phone company shed in a small rural town when I kicked up an insulator in the leaves. I had no idea what it was, so I just stuck it in my pocket, looked around for any more and not finding any, left.

My wife and I were buying stuff at garage sales and setting up at a large flea market on weekends. I took the insulator with me because I thought I had remembered seeing some at the flea market. Sure enough, there was a guy there with a table full of them. We talked about what they were and I showed him the one I found. He told me to hang onto it and then told me about a show of them every fall in London. He said it was fairly new and I should try and go before it dies out. I don't remember who the guy was, but obviously he wasn't clairvoyant.

That fall my wife and I headed over to London and that was the first time we met Steve. He got me really excited about the hobby as he did so many people over the years.

I hope people have enjoyed the last photo I took of Steve at this year's Mid-Ohio. He was in his black & white John Deere cap and a bright red shirt. I took it at the end of the show. If you haven't seen it, it's still on ICON. Like so many others who knew him, I'm going to miss this character.

You may want to consider a tax deductible gift to the NIA in Steve's memory. I did.



Rick Jones



NIA NOMINATIONS CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENT

After a call for nominations to fill two upcoming board vacancies in December's Drip Points, we've received applications from the two incumbent candidates who have confirmed their willingness to serve the NIA.

Treasurer: Bill Rohde, will be serving a second term.

Eastern Region Vice-President: Matt Grayson, will be serving a second term.

With no competing candidates, the NIA Board of Directors will be asked to approve these candidates by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Grayson, Nominations Committee Chairman



NIA Promotions Chair

Jim White | NIA # 1127



As I sit here thinking of what pearls of wisdom to impart, I remind myself that my position is about helping collectors who desire to improve their show event, who might want to host a show for the first time, or who might have specific issues related to their show.

I want to encourage readers to contact me at Indyblanc@aol.com with questions related to hosting or developing a show. I do not purport to be an expert but I do have a variety of promotional experiences. Besides, if you have a question, there are others that may have the same question and are afraid to ask.

Believe me, the best thing you can do if hosting a show is to document all the things you do, the money you spend and then evaluate the event objectively once it is over. That would include getting feedback from attendees. Most people do not want to offend and so if you are looking for honest feedback, use two or three people to gather feedback. People will be more "honest and straight forward" with a third-party. This is well known by pollsters.

There are many benefits to maintaining such a record, not the least of which is not re-inventing the wheel. One of my former Association bosses taught us that our records should be complete in such a manner that if something happened to us and we could not return to the office that someone could pick up our files and take over. That is doing your event and future sponsors a great service.

If one issue seems to come up frequently, it the question of: "How do I get people in the door?" I believe the answer is easier than one thinks. (1) Let people know about the event amply in advance that they can budget and plan to attend (2) make it memorable, make it something different, especially if you have a number of similar shows in the area (pig roast, back yard tailgater, pitch in, insulator hunt, raffle, etc.). Be creative. Ask your collector friends for ideas and listen to all of them. And last, (3) build a tradition that people remember and want to return to. Your goal is to be at the top of the preference list when a collector has more

than one choice. For example, Mid-Ohio has always been my number one shows to attend each year.

This brings me to Steve Blair (and Lois Blair). I have to mention Steve and Lois, despite my anticipation that almost every article in this issue will mention them; and rightfully so. The Blairs have accomplished a show that has been the exemplary model, as evidenced by the attendance. It was not always that way. The forerunner was London, Ohio and I was fortunate to have been one of the pioneer participants. The Quonset building was sometimes a little sparse on dealers but not on fun. There are so many great stories from those days. The personal jokes and gagging about that created the Famous Jerry Turner Hemingray 42 awards and the anxiously awaited unveiling of the newest find of H. Porter plastic insulators. Bob Thompson had a creative way of developing that little plastic replacement insulator into eared version, transposition, etc. Then came the days of beer can collecting that invaded some tables. Many a Friday night after unloading, we would find ourselves sitting on a tailgate and pouring out (sometimes tasting) the hundreds of cans of beer. The cans had to be empty to be sold. We were all educated on the proper manner in which to punch the can. If you did not violate the rules, the beer was free.



And so it was, we grew as a family. Literally with children of the Turners, Blairs and Drummonds forming the younger family. My wife and I found the Old Brick Tavern on US 40 and soon it grew to an annual event. It held such great memories that a couple of years ago we drove over on an icy winter weekend to have dinner. It was worth the trip.

I will miss you Steve but I do look forward to a tailgater in heaven as I know you and Jerry Turner and Paul Haupte and many others from those early days have been sharing stories and looking forward to us joining up some day.

Jim White



Scholarship Committee

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Our new scholarship program is now in full swing and we are anxiously awaiting all those wonderful applications from the best and brightest young people who need some money for college or vocational school.

The “scholarship poster” has been to many shows in 2012 and 2013. Too many members are not aware of this scholarship !

As members please take the time the time to review the new program. We received many comments from members that indicated they wanted the scholarship to have more connection to the hobby.

Please take a look and let us know

<http://nia.org/scholarships>.

It was designed to compliment the purpose and goals of the NIA. If you haven't read them lately you will find them on the inside cover of your membership handbook. There are many young people who have been associated with the hobby over the years and this will give them a vehicle to utilize that knowledge . This could also attract young people to the hobby.

This committee works for the members and we are anxious to create a program that the membership will support. Your input and comments are invited.

Please remember the fund needs monetary support. This is a great way to recognize an outstanding club member, recognize an outstanding achievement or a memorial to a long time supporter of the hobby.

Please put the scholarship fund in your 2013 budget.

Kay Bryant



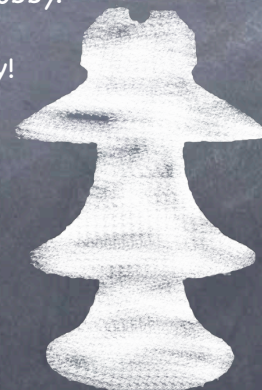
NIA Academic Scholarship Fund

NIA Scholarships are available for a \$1000 academic scholarship and a \$500 vocational scholarship.

Write a 300 word essay and earn the scholarship. Go to <http://www.nia.org/scholarship/> for all the details and application.

These scholarships are to encourage the growth and public awareness of the hobby.

It is as easy as that, so hurry!





Let there be light (in Hartford)

By Zac Mirecki

An early history of the Hartford Electric Light Company

The idea of lighting Hartford with electricity was most likely sparked with the first use of electric lights in industry: the installation of a six light system in the spinning and winding rooms of the Willimantic Thread Company in early February 1879. An editorial in the February 6 Hartford Daily Courant discusses the benefits of the system by writing the lights supplanted one hundred thirty four gaslights and that the future of electricity could include: "a circuit of wire extending through dwellings...with switches in each house to switch the current on or off from a lamp in the parlor, dining room, or living room..." The press made it clear that Austin Cornelius Dunham, one of the founders of Willimantic Thread, along with his clever use of electricity were here to stay.

By September 17, 1879, Morgan G. Bulkeley borrowed the Willimantic system to illumine the State Capitol and distant points at the end of the celebrations of Battle Flag Day. By 7 p.m., thirty thousand people remained in Bushnell Park to view the marvel. A lamp fitted with a locomotive headlight reflector allowed the spectacle to be seen as far away as Bolton and even allowed M.H. Bartlett to read parts of a handbill in the tower on Talcott Mountain, about nine miles away.

Hartford residents in 1881 saw over one thousand gaslights light eighty miles of streets. The usage of gaslights declined at the beginning of HELCO's operations with a steam powered electrical generating plant on Pearl Street on April 7, 1883. Twenty-one arc lamps served six customers at this time. Gas lighting was dead by the end of September 1888 when a HELCO arc lamp replaced the city's last gaslight.



Oil City Generating Station, 1891.

Growth of the company was rapid and increased customer usage demanded a new motive of power. Edward Clinton Terry (grandson of Eli Terry) founded the

Farmington River Power Company in 1890 to supply HELCO electricity. The company's laboratory became the Oil City Generating Station, constructed on the Farmington River in the Rainbow section of Windsor Locks. By 1893, the eleven mile, three-phase transmission line to Hartford was heralded as the first long distance transmission of electricity.



Offices of HELCO at 266 Pearl Street ca. 1902.

Note the electric arc lamp and lighted HELCO sign.

When the company's 266 Pearl Street offices were photographed in 1902, the building was the façade of a system that produced three thousand six hundred fifty horsepower to operate seventy-seven thousand incandescent lights and one thousand thirty four arc lights. The company had as its many assets Oil City, a second hydro plant at Tariffville (1899), and the steam plant at Pearl Street, which now housed the first steam turbine to be produced in America and installed in a public utility station, a 55-ton Westinghouse unit named "Mary-Ann." The electrical inspector for the Hartford Board of Fire Underwriters noted at this time that Hartford was "far in the lead of any other city in the world in the use of electricity for light and power per capita." In two decades, HELCO thrust Hartford to the forefront of the electrical age.

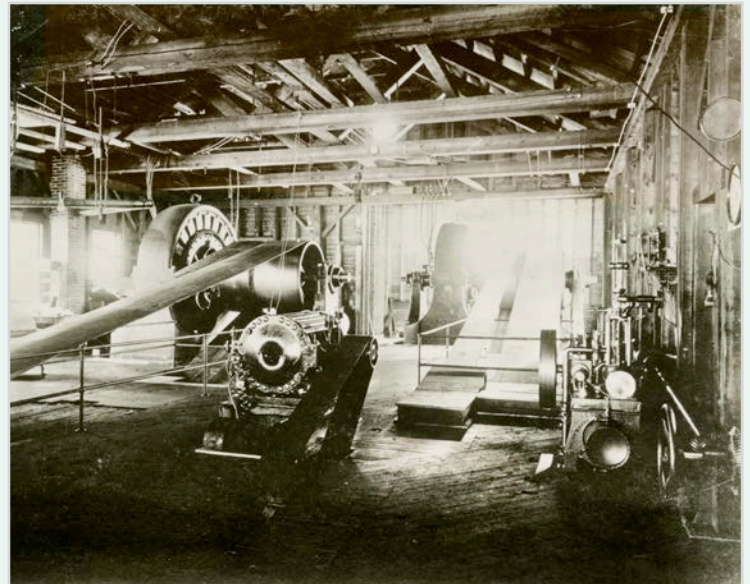
Biography

Zac began as an intern at the Connecticut Historical Society in the summer of 2009 when he graduated from ECSU with a BA in English and a minor in history. He continually works at CHS on a volunteer basis to process archival collections and will continue as he begins his MLIS coursework in the GSLIS West program of Simmons College. One of his many



interests is the history of electric power. It was through that passion that Zac began collecting insulators at a young age; he has written a short history of the Hartford Faience Company and is currently Club Historian of the Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club.

This piece originally appeared on <http://www.yourpublicmedia.com/content/connecticut-historical-society/let-there-be-light-hartford> for a general audience and focused on the early history of HELCO, not necessarily the insulators on their lines. I can say with a high probability that the early Oil City line from Windsor to Hartford (the first three-phase, long distance transmission of electricity) used TH-9200s. Several have been found on this line (which locals incorrectly dub the Rainbow line) and all of the early HELCO equipment was manufactured by Thomson Houston. The plant at at Tariffville has been named the Rainbow Plant and it is that line which should technically be called the Rainbow line. According to the March, 1900 issue of the American Electrician (vol. 12 no. 3 pp. 107-112) this line used "...porcelain insulators are double petticoated and are about 6 ins. in diameter at the base." Some have speculated that GE U-701 oil insulators were used here but I've never heard of any recovered in Connecticut with the exception of the line powering the mills in Baltic. Once the entire plant was purchased by The Stanley Works in 1916, the dam was raised, Oil City flooded, and the line reinsulated to handle higher voltages. John DeSousa and others have recovered several multiparts from the line which date from around this time.



Interior of the Oil City plant, taken before the fire of Sept. 6, 1897 destroyed the wooden structure.

Note the 300 h.p. and 500 h.p. water turbines installed by FRPC in 1890.

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HUNTS AND FINDS

Ron Jenkins had an amazing find of a CD 130 Cal Electric with amber swirls for \$1. Here is some more information on the find from Ron.

It was just a case of being in the right place at the right time. A bottle collector friend of mine was out on a Saturday checking out some swap meets for canning jars and way in the back there were some sellers packing up so he walked over and there it was sitting out on their table. He called me up a day or so later and said hey I found this insulator, it's a Cal Electric dark aqua with bubbles and swirls in the glass I want to come over and let you see it. My jaw dropped to the floor when he pulled it out of his pocket and handed it to me. I couldn't believe my eyes, a light green Cal Electric full of bubbles steam and caramel swirls that look like a flame job and total dome glass, and VVVNM. I feel very fortunate and lucky to have been able to acquire this insulator. It put me right in shock. It was kinda like one of those insulator dreams you have once in a while only this was real!



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Lynchburg Glass Works



By Justin Stoudt



Nestled on a now vacant lot on the corner of Ann and Hudson streets (near what is now US-29) in Lynchburg, Virginia, used to be a bustling glass works that covered slightly over five acres. Erected in 1918, the Lynchburg Glass Works was considered a state of the art facility. The main furnace building was 198'x100' and two stories tall. This was where the heart of the plant, the two gas-fired furnaces, was housed; as well as five 7'x65' oil-fired annealing lehrs. Each furnace was capable of producing a daily capacity of 35 and 45 tons respectively. The batch house was 55'x45' and two stories tall. This building contained three large bins for storing soda ash, lime, and sand. These materials were unloaded directly from rail cars on an overhead trestle into their bins until a Beckwith Machinery Company automatic batch mixer mixed the glass formula and fed it to the furnaces. Once the finished products left the lehrs, they would be sorted, graded, and packed in the production house. The production house was a 64'x37' two story brick building. High demand products would eventually be mass-produced and stored in the "ware shed" thus expediting large orders. The ware shed was an 80'x48' building located just a short distance from the production house. All shipping crates and barrels would be made in-house at the box shop. The building was 38'x30' and contained all the necessary saws, tools, and supplies to manufacture shipping crates. Typical shipping crates of the day consisted of a wooden box frame or wooden barrel, the products would be packed in saw dust and a wooden top would be held in place with square head nails. Another crucial building on premise was the machine shop. This building contained all the necessary tools and equipment to manufacture and repair insulator, fruit jar and soda bottle molds. Originally, the company's main intention was providing various types of bottles and windowpanes; however, the changing market allowed them to expand their line of wares. Soon they would be manufacturing a variety of glassware, including: glass insulators, fruit jars, medicinal bottles, and soda pop bottles such as Coca Cola and Chero Cola!



Early in 1923, the glass works fell into hard times financially. Company president N.D. Eller felt that they could do much better, and sought to improve the company's financial status. With the 1922 closure of the Brookfield Glass Company in New York, Lynchburg looked into manufacturing glass telephone, telegraph and power insulators; as there was a major market niche to be gained in their absence. Mr. Eller soon looked to one of his competitors, the Gayner Glass Works in Salem New Jersey for expertise. Shortly thereafter, Gayner Glass Works insulator production supervisor, J. William Gayner was hired to come to Lynchburg and resurrect the Lynchburg plant. On July 16, 1923 the company was incorporated as the Lynchburg Glass Corporation with J. William Gayner as the vice president of operations. At this time Mr. Gayner moved the entire Gayner insulator operation to Lynchburg. Along with his business and glass production experience, Mr. Gayner brought with him glass making equipment and insulator moulds that were originally used at Gayner Glass Works. Some of the other equipment included four hand operated insulator presses and a Gayner-built automatic insulator machine. In addition to the equipment Gayner brought with him to Lynchburg, the company also purchased some assets of the Brookfield Glass Company which were liquidated late in 1922 due to bankruptcy. One such piece of equipment they obtained was the Brookfield-Kribbs insulator presses, which they paid royalties to use. Some Brookfield insulator moulds were also obtained during the liquidation, but the extent of this acquisition is not entirely known. It is known, however, that many of the Brookfield and Gayner molds, which were acquired, would eventually be placed into insulator production at Lynchburg, after being retooled with the Lynchburg name.

The production of insulators began in November of 1923. The Company's marketing slogan, "Supreme Where Quality Counts", was a direct reflection of J. William Gayner and what he brought with him from Gayner Glass Works. Lynchburg marketed their insulators aggressively, and by the following year,

many large shipments were being sent abroad. Lynchburg insulators have been found in such far-away places as Newfoundland, Canada, South America, the Caribbean Islands, Mexico, Philippines and Australia! Domestic shipments were aided by their close proximity to the railroad. Direct rail access to the glass plant was provided with a spur to the Southern Railway Company, which moved supplies in and goods out of the glass works at a rapid pace. The Norfolk and Western Railway and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway also provided service to the plant, thus with three major railroads serving the plant, shipping rates to customers would be much more competitive. This was especially evident in their advertising campaigns, which noted the centrality of the plant to all parts of the United States. Another advertising gimmick employed at Lynchburg was to adopt or closely mimic the style numbers of their competitor's insulator product line for their own use. It was assumed in doing so that their customers would have an easier time comparing prices and placing orders for somewhat standard style numbers. Some examples are the No. 1 cable and No. 2 cable style they share with Hemingray Glass Company of Muncie Indiana and the No. 31, No. 36, No. 38 and, No. 53 styles mimicked from the old Brookfield Glass Company. The majority of insulators produced at Lynchburg Glass Corporation are of an aqua hue. Some of the more sought after colors would include greens, true blue, pink tints and milky aqua. Characteristic colors of early 1925, close to the end of production include: straw, ginger ale, pink tints, and green. Many of the embossings that are found on Lynchburg insulators tends to be very crude. During the post World War One era, skilled labor in the manufacturing sector was very hard to come by. It is apparent that at least some of the factory workers at the Lynchburg plant had minimal education and did not understand the "mirror image" principle that must be applied when preparing any type of mould or die. Because of this, collectors can now find many insulators with misspellings, backwards letters and even embossing that looks to have been handwritten. The most common embossing format that appears on Lynchburg insulators is the word "LYNCHBURG" with the "L - in - an - Oval" company logo positioned either above or below it on the front skirt. In some instances the "L - in - an - Oval" can be found on the dome. On others, it is omitted altogether. On the rear skirt one will typically find the style number, which varies according to the design or shape of the insulator, followed by "MADE IN U.S.A.". Some insulators have been found that lack embossing and/or the Lynchburg name altogether. These are still distinguishable as having ties to Lynchburg Glass Corporation. Examples of this include the characteristic straw/ginger ale colors that the "No Name" No. 44 is found in, as well as the style number 36-19 "No Name", among others.

Besides insulators, Lynchburg also produced fruit jars, more commonly known as mason jars. These came in half-gallon, quart and pint sizes. Aqua is the most common color for the half-gallon and quart sizes and green aqua for the pint size jar. The more desirable colors for collectors would be the apple green found on the half-gallon and olive green on all three sizes. The embossing on the jars is fairly uniform with no misspellings currently known. The only slight variation that can be found on the half-gallon and quart jars is the appearance of a mould/shop number found below the word "MASON". On some jars this mould/shop number might not be present, just as it was omitted altogether on the pint jar. It was originally thought that these jars were produced during a lull in insulator production, however that information has been proven inaccurate. According to original company production records, production was run simultaneously with insulators starting the week of March 21, 1925. On this initial production run 7,200 pint mason jars would be made on a Miller Telescopic Jar Machine No. 365. Production of fruit jars and all other goods ended May 23, 1925.



Some of the products produced at Lynchburg Glass Corporation that are the most difficult to locate are the various types of bottles. Some of the bottles found that have the "LBG" markings include: Chero Cola (later became R.C. Cola), Pepsi Cola, Coca Cola and a Coca Cola Soda Water which was used for flavored drinks such as orange and grape. Both Lynchburg Glass Works and Lynchburg Glass Corporation used the "LBG" marking on the heel or "bottom edge" of the bottle or on the base. A number of Chero-Cola and Coca Cola bottles have also been found without the "LBG" marking; however, they are easily recognized as being produced at Lynchburg due to their color and characteristic mold markings. The only known color bottles were produced in is a light smoky ginger ale, which could also be described as a straw with a very faint influence of sage green. Some collectors/historians tend to believe all bottles were made at Lynchburg Glass Works, not Lynchburg Glass Corporation. However, Lynchburg Glass Corporation is known to have had one Oneil No. 30 automatic bottle blowing machine and five Cox semi-automatic bottle

blowing machines on premises! It is duly noted in saved company records there were issues getting a license from Coca Cola in 1925-1926 while trying to reorganize for yet a third time. Dated Coca Cola bottles are marked "LBG - 20", for the year 1920, which would put them as products of Lynchburg Glass Works. Less than a handful of medicine bottles with an "LBG" mark on the heel have also been found. These medicine bottles would have been used by a doctor or pharmacist to bottle medicine for a patient and sealed with a cork stopper. A Sparkletts Spring Water decanter bottle having an "L - in - an - Oval" logo is known to exist, but there has been much discussion as to where these bottles were actually produced.

During the first twelve weeks of production, demand steadily increased and, on average, Lynchburg was turning out 150,000 insulators per week. However, the company was far from thriving. Due to high production costs and poor glass quality, the new state of the art facility was struggling to show a profit. During the first week in April 1924, after only sixteen weeks of operation, production was halted. Then in November 1924, after a successful attempt to receive more financial backing, the plant resumed day-to-day operations.

Glass quality continued to deteriorate, nonetheless, and, in some instances, an entire production run would have to be discarded. Profitability continued to decline, and at the end of May 1925, the plant closed its doors once more while attempting to re-organize. These efforts were unsuccessful, and production was never resumed. After only forty-four weeks of production, not a single insulator, mason jar, nor bottle would ever be made again at Lynchburg Glass Corporation. The plant fell silent, the furnace went cold, and workers were unemployed. Desperate attempts by Secretary William H. Loyd, which are well documented in company letters and memos, reveal an attempt to attract buyers for the defunct plant. On February 25, 1926 all assets were turned over to the First National Bank of Lynchburg and a short time later the entire complex was bulldozed. During demolition, an improperly installed valve on a gas line to the main furnace was discovered. This error resulted in improper heating of the glass furnace, which contributed significantly to poor glass quality and ultimately the demise of Lynchburg Glass Corporation.



No 1 CD 251



No 2 CD 252



No 10 CD 106



No 30 CD 121



No 30 CD 122



No 31 CD 112



No 32 CD 160



No 36 CD 162



No 38 CD 164



No 43 CD 145



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The elusive light blue

The Canberra branch line..? A wonderful example of how road transport is killing the railways. As for the telegraph, well that lingers on in places. A lot of the line around Fyshwick is almost void of telegraph poles and insulators, but I noticed cross-arms fixed under several bridges during the April rail trip. I also noticed that the raised embankments at the ends of the bridge would make for easy pickings, with the cross-arms within reach.

Back on July 7th, 2011 my father and I dropped by two of the bridges on the way out of town. I ran to the first bridge, and I was excited to find that the cross-arms were still there. Two per bridge.



The first blue

Anyway, a blue glazed U-1158 was fixed to the cross-arm, but it was way out of reach. After a small period of time attempting to climb along the cross-arm to reach the blue-glaze, I gave up. I walked to the cross-arm on the other side of the bridge. I found a blue-glaze, but it was above an over-grown prickly blackberry bush. Luckily, I was wearing long pants and Redback boots, which prevented the bush causing too much trouble.

Disappointed at both of the blue glazed U-1158s being out of reach, I picked a white 1941 R.F. Ltd that was within reach. It was then that an idea hit me (at the same time one of the two CountryLink Explorer services that serve Canberra roared past). There was a small section of a power pole at the opposite end of the bridge. I carefully walked back and retrieved it. I carried it to the prickly bush and anchored it between two tough, woody parts of the prickly bushes stalk. I stood on the log and retrieved the blue-glaze with ease.

I took my new acquisitions back to the car and continued on my way. At the next bridge there was an eroded, dirt embankment which was nothing like the brick embankment at the previous bridge. Anyway I found a transposition bracket which had only one bolt holding it in. Better yet, the nut on the bolt was almost off. Wondering at how I would retrieve a nice NZI U-1158 from this bracket (which was way out of reach), I spotted a plank of wood amongst some miscellaneous junk under the bridge. I carefully walked down the crumbling embankment and grabbed it. After 10 minutes of whacking the nut with the plank (mostly missing it and hitting the cross-arm), the nut fell off.



By Chris Ronayne

I gave the bracket a gently nudge and it fell, with the crumbled, loose soil providing cushioning for the landing. I pulled the NZI U-1154 off, and grabbed a tie-wire I found and left. The insulator was half silver, due to over-spray from when the bridge was re-painted recently.

We left for a McDonald's for lunch, and what I sight I must have been. Scratched, bleeding, covered with muck but happy as ever with my new finds. After lunch, we left for Golburn to visit the railway museum there and look in some antique shops. The museum had no insulators for sale, and only one antique shop had some. There were three there; a white unmarked U-1491 with a swan-neck

bracket, a unmarked light blue glazed cable top insulator and a clear C.C.G. CD 423. My father bought me the cable top and U-1491 w/ the bracket.



The days haul

All in all, it was a great day. I have hopes of one day exploring more of the Canberra branch. I have seen amethyst CD 490s still in service, so there would likely be other good insulators along the line.

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CD 115.1



CD 115



CD 115.2



CD 117



It would seem Colorado is full of new and interesting finds of late. Mike Miller found the one only porcelain U-146A- at a farm sale 5 years ago, and just last fall Michael Gibbons discovered a new exchange style “given a new CD 115.2 designation by NR Woodward” in a local thrift furniture store.

Well, here’s another local find that appears to be the rescuing of the second (Elton Gish has the only other known) of now only two known U-927 Fred M. Locke porcelain pieces. This find was one of those last minute leads that you end up feeling very fortunate to have followed up on. A gentleman came up to me at the recently held Triple-Ridge Insulator Show saying he had a box of ceramic insulators he wanted to get rid of, saw our show ad, and thought an insulator show was a good place to find a buyer. He went on to say that he’s tired of the long Colorado winters, and is moving back home to California in 4 days and one way or the other, this heavy box wasn’t going with him. Apparently this box and many others full of old “couldn’t resist” collectibles had been passed on to him when his dad passed away several years ago, and after having 2 garage sales, he’s still trying to lighten the load as much as possible by trying to get rid of anything he just doesn’t need, including a heavy dust collecting box of ceramic insulators. Turns out the collecting bug was

genetic, and both he and his dad were infected, for when I arrived at his place, he opened the door of an over-sized motorhome garage, to reveal a converted floor to ceiling storage unit, packed full of nicely organized and labeled packing boxes. He went on to tell me that at 72 years old, he’s getting tired of hauling his, and his dad’s old junk around, and is determined to fit everything left into two U-Haul trucks for the long drive back to California. I looked at all those boxes and thought, man you better start packing right now if you plan on getting out of town anytime soon, and those better be real big rental trucks. Fortunately, he had the box of insulators, and few others he said had some things he thought I might be interested in set aside for me to look through. I open the rather large box to find everything had been individually wrapped in single layer newspaper. Now keep in mind, I’m not a mud collector, there’s a thousand and one things I need to be doing in the office, and I fly out of town early the next morning, so it’s only because of that annoying little voice in my head that keeps saying, better go look, better go look, that’s got me 40 miles out in the middle of nowhere to look at something I don’t even collect, simply because I can’t resist the remote chance that there may be something interesting in that box of mud. As I start unwrapping each and every common “as mud” wall tube, strain, resistor, and Chance power piece, I’m thinking, I should be using this time preparing to head out of town... and then I unwrap a piece that has an really cool



“old porcelain” look to it. As I turn it around, admiring the crazing and interesting spider webbing coloration, there appears a dark blue FRED M LOCKE under glaze ink embossing. OK, I think to myself, at least there’s one piece that gets me attention... I can live with that. I make an excepted offer for the box, figuring it’s something to help fill my table at the National, and save this stuff from being put out for the garbage truck. Before leaving he also gives me a plastic tub full of mostly broken, “ but a few whole” bottles he dug in an old San Diego dump years ago. But heading home, I felt best about my acquiring two old San Diego Power and Electric lanterns and a couple of old pitch-forks. Before retiring for the evening, I took a photo of the LOCKE piece and sent it off to Paul Greaves in hopes he might help identify the piece. It wasn’t until returning home 4 days later that I had exciting emails from both him and Mike Spadafora, saying this was quite a scarce piece and incredible find. Apparently only one other has surfaced to date and that one’s believed to have come from a line in Hawaii back in 1939. I have since learned that it is a 3-part glazeweld style U-927, was probably made for Fred Locke by Electric Porcelain & Manufacturing CO., and produced sometime around 1896 to 1900.

It’s interesting that I ended my CJOW tale of Michael Gibbons newly discovered CD 115.2 exchange by saying (Keep your eyes open... there are sure to be more Exciting new discoveries out there) and here, less than two months later, a rare piece that was destined for the trash can surfaces close to home.

As an aside: the lanterns are still my favorite part of the find.

Update: On January 1st 2013, I attended my annual ‘New Year’s Day’ Auction and wrote of the experience in the February CJOW issue and reprinted below:
HAPPY NEWYEAR!!

After making all the usual New Year’s resolutions and feeling pretty good about coming out the other end of a roller coaster ride 2012 in one piece, I’m thinking; what better way to kick start 2013 than adding a new insulator to the collection? Well, turns out the annual New Year’s Day auction I try to attend each year provided all that and more this year. As is usually the case, they had stuffed the place full to the gills with all kinds of goodies, so it’s looking like a full day of fun. OOPS!, did I forget those words out of Wendy’s mouth as I walked out of the house... remember our plane leaves at 5 o’clock, please don’t make us late. OK, it might be a short day, but I figure I can cut out of the auction at 3, run back home and

get to the airport by 4. Hey, that still gives us an hour to get through security and on the plane, right! Wrong! I must have been dreaming, but the short of it is; I was more on time than our flight was, so it all worked out. :-}

Anyway, the auction turned out to be even better than expected, and I was picking up unneeded goodies right & left, while patiently waiting for the 2 lone insulators in the place to be put on the auction block. I was getting pretty nervous about my time schedule, when they finally went up for auction just before 3 o’clock. Keep in mind I don’t even collect LRI’s but I sensed there was something special about the color of these, since I’d only seen one other green like it in the 2010 Springfield LRI combined display, so come h*ll or high water, they were going home with me. Suffice to say, when the dust cleared, I paid the bill and raced back home with the lightening rod in hand.

It wasn’t until we returned home from our trip that I had a chance to send a photo of the LRI’s to some of the collectors who specialize in them. All but one of the replies came back the same... nice color, nice over pour on the one, and I’ve never seen one with a flat bevel edge like the one on the left.

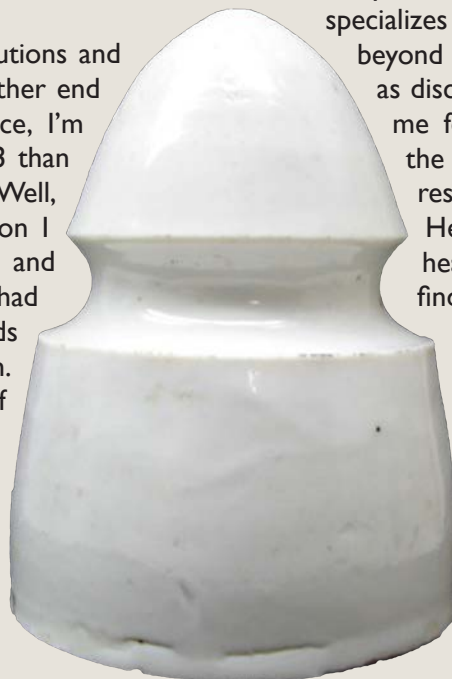
Turns out the one with the flat beveled edge has only been seen by one of the collectors, and quite a scarce piece. How’s that for a great start to the New Year.

Not only did the first day of 2013 turn up a couple of nice insulators, but it once again proved to me that for as long as the hobby has been around, there are still scarce designs, variant’s, and yet to surface pieces out there just waiting to be discovered.

I’m a firm believer in paying a good thing forward. I could have put these pieces on my shelf and enjoyed them in my own way, but to get them in the hands of someone who specializes in them and whose appreciation goes far beyond mine ever would, excites me almost as much as discovering a piece, and in some small way leaves me feeling good about giving something back to the hobby. (just my take on it) These pieces now rest in the LRI collection of one happy camper. Here’s to wishing everyone a year full of good health, happiness, prosperity, and maybe a special find of your own.

Dan

Hey, these are just the latest discoveries in Colorado, more keep surfacing around the rest of the country, so again: (Keep your eyes open... there are sure to be more exciting new discoveries out there)





Insulator Word Search Number 4

By DeeDee Hall



A	I	N	R	O	F	I	L	A	C	C	R
G	C	E	V	S	H	F	N	X	R	A	E
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NIA Commemorative Committee

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Update on the NIA commemorative for 2013



2010

Orange Amber



2011

Pacific Surf



2012

Sun Colored Amethyst



2013

The mold has been updated for the 2013 Franklin, TN National and the color, we hope, will be a nice 7-up green. The glass company is pouring this color mid-February, so we should have a sample in hand by the beginning of March. We generally pour in mid-March, and the commemoratives shipped to us by early April.

We will be sending emails to those that have ordered before. However, if you do not get email, or have changed your email since last March, please contact me so I can send you information on the 2013 commemorative or update your contact information.

We still have some 2010, 2011 & 2012 regular commemoratives available. There is a limited number of solid pours & extra striking remaining for Pacific Surf & solid pours in the amethyst. Please call or email me for details.

Full details of the 2013 commemorative will be posted to ICON, Crown Jewels and in the June issue of Drip Points.

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NIA Commemorative Committee Coordinator

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Spring 2013 NIA Products

www.nia.org/products

GOLF / POLO SHIRTS

Colors: Call or email for colors
Info: All with embroidered logo
some with pockets, pockets, 2X \$3.00 extra

Price: \$38 or \$41

Size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___
2XL ___ 3XL ___

Color: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

BUTTON FRONT SPORT SHIRT

Colors: White, Red, Blue, Brown, Tan



Info: All with embroidered logo
(no pockets)

Price: \$32 or \$35

Size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___
2XL ___ 3XL ___

Color: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

DENIM SHIRTS

Colors: Stonewash Blue or Natural



Info: Nicely weighted denim, pre-shrunk cotton, left-side pocket

*ladies order comparable men's size. see chart

Price: \$35 or \$38

Embroidered logo
Size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___
2XL ___ 3XL ___

* S/Sleeve ___ *L/Sleeve ___

Color: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

T-SHIRT

Colors: Stonewash Green, Stonewash Med. Blue, Pebble (Sand), Lt. Steel Gray



Info: Hanes Heavyweight, 6.1 oz .cotton Pre-shrunk. Screen-printed logo (front & back)

Price: \$20 or \$23

Size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___
2XL ___ 3X ___

Color: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

HENLEY T-SHIRT

Colors: Black and Lt. Steel Gray



Info: Only come with embroidered logo.
3 button placket

Price: \$25 or \$28

Size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___
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Color: _____

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Total Price: _____

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Colors: Sand, Gold, Ecru, Ash Gray, White, Cardinal Red, Lt. Blue, Army Green, Navy, Bright Green, Lt. Steel Gray, Stonewash Green, Chestnut Brown, Maroon



Info: I have a limited number of t-shirts with pockets, call for details

Pockets, \$2.00 additional on all regular t-shirts

Price: \$20 & 23

Size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___
2XL ___ 3X ___

Color: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

CREW NECK SWEATSHIRTS

Colors: Hunter Green, Cardinal Red, Lt. Steel Gray



Info: Heavy weight 100 % Cotton/polyester blend, Pre-shrunk, Embroidered logo

Price: \$25 or \$30

Size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___
2XL ___ 3X ___

Color: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

HOODED SWEATSHIRT

Colors: Lt. Steel Gray

Info: With full front zipper/muff pocket & drawstring hood, embroidered logo

Price: \$35 or \$40

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Colors: Stone/ Navy bill, Khaki / Green bill, or all Denim (Circle color choice)



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Name _____ NIA# _____ City _____ State _____ Pin Magnet

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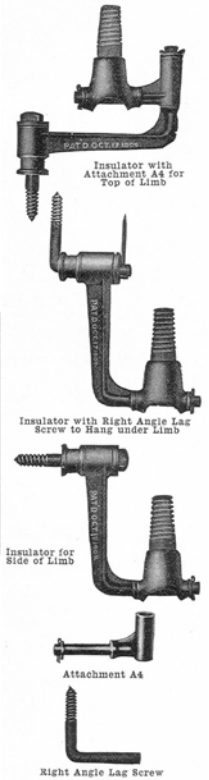
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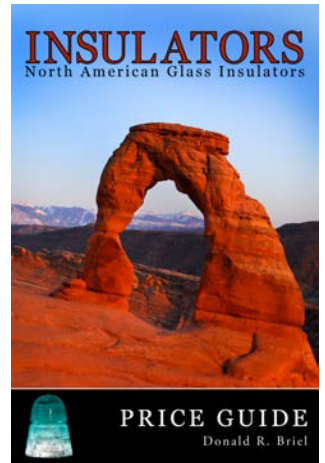
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Upcoming Shows

MARCH 9, 2013 (SATURDAY)

St. Joseph, Missouri

11th Annual Northwest Missouri Insulator/Bottle Show & Sale. American Legion Pony Express Post #359, 4826 Frederick Ave. Show hours: 9 AM – 3 PM. Free Admission. Sponsored by the Missouri Valley Insulator Club. Insulators, bottles, Lightning rod balls & arrows, telephones and advertising. We will have 70 Tables available for 2013. For information and/or a show packet contact: DARRYL WAGNER, NIA #8671, 14615 NW Skyview Ave., Smithville, MO 64089, (816) 719-0801. Email: kcinsulators@kcba.com

MARCH 16, 2013 (SATURDAY)

Helotes, Texas

The 4th Annual One Alamo Insulator Potluck will be held Saturday, March 16th from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM at 9211 Putman Drive, Helotes, Texas 78023. Bring a table and chair. Lunch will be provided. Bring a side dish. Info: JIM FIELDING, NIA #4581, (210) 684-7679 or email: jfielding@satx.rr.com.

MARCH 23, 2013 (SATURDAY)

Seattle, Washington

24th Annual Emerald City Insulator and Bottle Show & Potluck, co-sponsored with Jefferson State Insulator Club, will be held Saturday, March 23 from 9:00 until 4:00. Set up at 8:00. Some tables available, bring your own. There will be a ten dollar charge per table space. Bring main dish/salad for potluck. NEW LOCATION: North Seattle Friends Church, 7740 25th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Info: Gilberto Hwedges-Blanquez, NIA #3358, (206) 218-7936; Robin Harrison, NIA #3911, (206) 522-2135 or Win & Bonnie Trueblood, NIA #172 & 5323, (360) 491-1285.

MARCH 24, 2013 (SUNDAY)

Enfield, Connecticut

Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club Annual Spring Insulator, Bottle, and Tabletop Collectibles Show and Sale. American Legion Hall, 566 Enfield Street (US Route 5), Enfield, Connecticut 06082. Show hall is 1 mile from Exit 49 of I-91 (20 minutes from Hartford and well as the Mass Pike). Show Hours 8am to 2pm. Dealer Setup 6am to 8am. Free Admission. 35+ sales tables as well as several displays. For dealer contracts, display information, or any other details – please contact JOHN RAJPOLT, NIA #1800, (203) 261-1190. Email: rajpolt@earthlink.net

APRIL 5 - 6, 2013 (FRIDAY - SATURDAY)

Yorkville, Illinois

Formerly the WHEATON show. Set up and come to buy, sell or trade Friday night. Dealers set-up 5pm – 9pm. Early buyers \$30. Saturday, Free Admission 8am – 3pm. Contact JASON TOWNSEND, NIA # 7822, 630-667-3357, jtns76@gmail.com This is the 4th year at Yorkville. Kendall County Fairgrounds. This is a huge facility in a great location. 115 tables are available. \$30 each! Display tables available also, contact RICK SOLLER, NIA #2958, No rules.

APRIL 20, 2013 (SATURDAY)

Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania

Western Reserve insulator Club's 13th Annual Allegheny Valley Insulator Show & Sale at VFW Post #894; 894 Veteran Lane, Natrona Heights, PA 15065. Show hours 9:00am – 3:00pm Dealer setup 7:30am. 8'table \$20. Info: RON BARTH, NIA #7863, 724-845-8439 rktbarth@windstream.net Directions: Route 28 Exit 16 (Freeport), follow to Natrona Hts, Right at signal (Freeport Rd), Right at signal up lane to VFW.

APRIL 20, 2013 (SATURDAY)

Fresno, California

17th Annual Rohde Ranch BBQ & Tailgater April 20 from 7:00 to 4:00 at 2000 East Birkhead Avenue, Fresno, CA. Insulators, go-withs, bottles, antiques & more. Driving instructions available at www.goldenstateinsulatorclub.org Info: DON & CAMILLE ROHDE, NIA #5365, 559-434-2162 or BILL ROHDE, NIA #1219, 530-701-4377 or email: norcalmud@yahoo.com

APRIL 20, 2013 (SATURDAY)

Perth, Ontario, Canada

Ottawa Valley Insulator Club's (OVIC) 15th annual show and sale, Saturday, April 20th in the Perth Lions Hall at the Perth Fairgrounds, 60 Arthur St., Perth, Ontario, Canada. Featuring coloured glass and porcelain, threaded and threadless insulators, foreign insulators, go-withs including signs, lightning rod balls, telephone related items and railroadiana. Setup begins at 7:00 A.M. with dealer trading starting at 9:00 A.M. sharp. The hall will open to the public at 10:00 A.M. and tear-down will begin around 2:00 P.M. Coffee and Lunch will be available for purchase from the Lioness Ladies. Info: DARCY LAFRAMBOISE, 613-545-2423 or dlaraspberry@hotmail.com Show link: www.insulators.info/clubs/OVIC Mailing address: Darcy LaFramboise, 2686 Kepler Rd., RR1 Elginburg, ON K0H 1M0

MAY 4, 2013 (SATURDAY)

Rogue River, Oregon

Dale & Carol Blakely will host a "Kentucky Derby Day" Insulator Swap Meet on Saturday, May 4 at their residence: 5670 East Evans Creek Road near Rogue River, OR 97537. Hours are 8:00 to 4:00 or until the last person leaves. In addition to the swap meet, collectors can donate an insulator to a Kentucky Derby event where participants draw the name of a horse in the real race, and the collector who's horse wins receives all the insulators in the "pot." Lunch features BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs. Bring a side dish or desert. If you are able, bring a table. RSVP too, please. Call 541-582-1900 or email: dale5670@msn.com

MAY 17 - 18, 2013 (FRIDAY - SATURDAY)

Columbia City, Indiana

The 2013 Columbia City, Indiana Insulator, Bottle & Antique Show will be held May 17 & 18 at the Whitley County 4H Fairgrounds, 581 W. Squawbuck Rd, just off US Why 30 and one mile South on Lincoln Way. Friday hours: Dealer set up from Noon to 3:00; show from 3:00 to 7:00, Seminar from 7:00 to 8:00. Saturday: Dealer set up from 6:00 to 9:00 and show from 9:00 to 3:00. First 8 foot table is \$28; additional at \$20 each. CHUCK DITTMAR, NIA #2910, 5209 Forest Grove Dr, Fort Wayne, In 46835. Phone: (260) 485-7669. Or, GENE HAWKINS, NIA #421: gene.hawkins@mchsi.com

MAY 17 - 18, 2013 (FRIDAY - SATURDAY)

Cayucos, California

The 12th Annual Golden State Insulator Clubs Spring Show and Sale. Lions Veterans Hall, 10 Cayucos Drive (at the pier and inches from the beach). Friday 2 – 6 PM, Saturday 8 AM – 3 PM. Free Admission. There will be a barbecue Saturday after show. RV Park, motels and restaurants nearby. Please bring recent finds for show and tell. Info: BOB MERZOIAN, NIA #3941, bobmerzoian@mac.com (559) 781-6319; or DAVE LE FORGE, NIA #7736, leforge@roadrunner.com (909) 783-3423.

JUNE 7-8, (FRIDAY - SATURDAY)

Farmington, New Mexico

6TH Annual B-Square Ranch / Tommy Bolack Insulator Tailgater will be held on Friday & Saturday, June 7th & 8th at the B-Square Ranch, 3901 Bloomfield Highway, Farmington, NM 87401. Tours will be available for the Bolack Electromechanical Museum and Bolack Museum of Fish & Wildlife. The Electromechanical Museum contains Tommy's amazing 50 year collection of antique electrical artifacts that tie in well with insulator collecting, creating the largest go-with museum of its kind. The Bolack Museum of Fish & Wildlife is one of the largest private collections of its type in the world. Tours will be available by pre-appointment only on Friday, June 7th. The insulator tailgater will begin at 9:00 AM Saturday, June 8th. Admission is free. No table fee. Bring your tables or open your tailgates. (A few tables will be available as the event may be moved inside one of the museums in case of inclement weather.) Special tours of Tommy's personal world class insulator collection will also be available on Saturday. Lunch will be catered free of charge to all guests! Please take note that this is a RSVP event that will require advance planning. Please inform us as far in advance as possible if you plan to attend, including your tour request. RSVP to: TOMMY BOLACK, NIA #3756, ph: (505) 325-7873 (Please leave message if there's no answer.)

JUNE 8, 2013 (SATURDAY)

Toledo, Iowa

The 16th Annual Hawkeye State Insulator Swap Meet is scheduled to be held from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Toledo Heights Park in Toledo, IA. The site is located just off Highway 30 and one mile West of Highway 63. There is no cost to set up and lunch will be provided to those in attendance. Many great Midwest collectors and friends have joined us over the years and made this a fun and relaxed event and we hope to continue such tradition this year. Come and join us for a great time in the Hawkeye State! For additional information you can contact DAVE SHAW, NIA #7167, at (641) 484-5463, e-mail: dshaw@mchsi.com or TOM MURPHY, NIA #6840, at (641) 484-6870

JULY 6, 2013 (SATURDAY)

Zig Zag, Oregon

JSIC annual Summer Swap to be held at the home of ERNIE and MARY CARLSON, NIA #7092 & 8566, 21199 E. Briarwood Road, Rhododendron, OR, 97049, on Saturday, July 6. (503) 622-3573 or ecarlson6@frontier.com. We're holding it early this year to avoid conflict with the National. Come early and stay the weekend. Free BBQ lunch served on Saturday. Some tables available; bring your own if you have them. Please RSVP so we can plan the food and drinks; side dishes are welcome.

JULY 19 - 21, 2013 (FRIDAY - SUNDAY)

Nashville, Tennessee

44th National Insulator Association Convention, Show & Sale, sponsored by the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club, will be held July 19-21 at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, 700 Cool Springs Blvd, Franklin, TN 37076, located just 10 miles south of Nashville. 130 dealer tables and at least 25 display tables are available. For info contact the show hosts: BILL HALEY, NIA #8696, (423) 326-9248 or email: wgh@tnaqua.org ; STEVE ROBERTS, NIA #7935, (615) 419-7905 or Steve_Roberts@comcast.net ; KEN ROBERTS, NIA #5962, (256) 656-1636 or kroberts@apprser.com

JULY 26 - 27, 2013 (FRIDAY - SATURDAY)

Arcanum, Ohio

19th Annual Hog Roast & Pool Party, July 26 starting at 5:00 PM. Insulator Swap Meet July 27 from 8:00 to 2:00. Insulators, lightning rod collectibles, milk bottles and other vintage collectibles. Location: 8784 Grubbs Rex Road, Arcanum, OH 45304. Info: ALAN STASTNY, NIA #4989: 937-884-7379 or cell: 937-546-4745.

AUGUST 9-10, 2013 (FRIDAY - SATURDAY)

Lostine, Oregon

Eagle Cap Insulator Swap Meet in "Little Switzerland" will be held August 9 & 10 at the home of HOWARD & LINDA BANKS, NIA #900 & 6740, 65028 Granger Road, Lostine, OR 97857. Our famous "Insulator Bone Yard" will be back where many hundreds of insulators will be spread out on tarps. The insulators will be priced at just \$2 each regardless of their Price Guide value. At 9:00 on Saturday morning, collectors can race out and purchase all they can grab. 100% of the proceeds will be donated by Eagle Cap Collectibles to Crown Jewels magazine. Friday night collectors will gather for a dutch treat dinner at a new restaurant in Joseph, OR. The swap meet will be held Saturday, with a pot-luck BBG lunch served at 1:00 PM. For info: (541) 569-2318 or email: hbanks@grantpass.com

AUGUST 10, 2013 (SATURDAY)

Martinsburg, West Virginia

13th annual Shenandoah Valley Insulator Show a& Sale will be held Saturday, August 10th and Calvary United Methodist Church, 220 W. Burke Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia. Dealer setup is 7:00 to 9:00 AM, and show hours at 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Info: JEFF HOLLIS 304-671-5359 or email: redoak1952@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 6 - 8, 2013 (FRIDAY - SUNDAY)

Merritt, B.C., Canada

Annual insulator swap at the Insulator Ranch, 3045 Spanish Creek Place, Merritt, B.C. Use exit 286 off Coquahalla Hwy 5, and head towards Merritt. Turn left onto Coldwater Road, proceed 4 blocks to Spanish Creek Place. Just follow the "Insulator Show" signs. Motor homes, trailers, RV's all welcome. Bev provides a delicious Chilli and rolls lunch on Saturday, and a coffee, bacon and eggs breakfast on Sunday morning. There is no charge; our way of putting something back into a great hobby. Tables are provided. Info: BOB SSAFE, NIA #6233, 250-378-2787 or email: bobsSAFE@telus.net

NOVEMBER 1-3, 2013 (FRIDAY - SUNDAY)

Springfield, Ohio

43rd Mid-Ohio Insulator Show a& Sale will be held November 1 - 3 at the Clark County Fairgrounds (Exit 59 off I - 70), Springfield, Ohio. Friday hours 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Saturday: 8:00 to 4:00. Sunday: 9:00 to ???/ Info: LOIS BLAIR, NIA #248, (740) 852-3148 or CURT BOSTER, (614) 301-5125, email: cbooster@woway.com

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