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On the cover: "Amazing Summer 2015 Insulator Discoveries!"

Insulator photos are from some articles you will find in this issue of Drip Points Magazine talking about some amazing insulators that have entered the hobby over the summer.

Background photo really says to me "Summer in Michigan" so thought it would go well with the summer found insulators. Photo is from Beautiful lake St. Claire in Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

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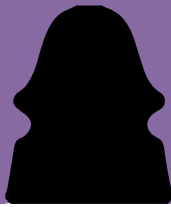
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In this issue of Drip Points Magazine you are going to read about some recent amazing new insulator discoveries! It has been a good summer for some killer glass and porcelain being discovered and entering the hobby.

I like to feature these type of stories because it's important to document these finds and it will reinforce that good stuff is still out there, just need to go track it down!

Some of the amazing insulators found are as follows:
CD 164 H.G.Co. in Purple
CD 145 AM.INSULATOR CO. Yellow Olive Green
CD 145 AM.INSULATOR CO. in Honey Amber
U-982 Bennington Threadless
CD 729 in Dark Teal Green
CD 169 Hemingray Type I
There also is a fantastic article by Matthew Willett talking about some of his finds over the years.

You will find more details on these finds throughout the Magazine so be sure to read it cover to cover.

CD 164 H.G.Co. in Purple

This is my find so let's talk about that now! This was not an "In the wild" find but an Internet auction find (no, not eBay). This insulator was found by the auctioneer's son in a barn in VT. It had a really nasty, ugly thick cloth covered tie wire on it. This insulator was definitely "Farm Fresh."

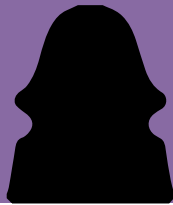
He agreed to let me bid via phone. I was shocked when the bidding stopped at a fairly low number (for what the insulator is). I got this for about the price of a regular lilac CD 162 H.G.Co. signal!

It took about a month for the seller to ship it but it definitely was worth the wait! Drips are mint. Insulator is over all is VNM. One crack in the back. One of about seven known and one of the better condition units.

As someone who has a passion for Hemingray glass, it doesn't get much better then a find like this!

Shaun Kotlarsky





The 46th Annual NIA National Insulator Show is now history. In preparing for that show there were some last minute glitches that put the whole show in jeopardy, but thanks to the persistence of our show hosts and the NIA Events Advisor the show went on without a hitch. Attendees knew nothing of the issues and all had a great time. My sincere thanks go out to Jason Townsend, Bob Stahr, and their wives for a fabulous show. A special thank you also goes out to Darryl Wagner, NIA Events Advisor, and his committee for their unwavering support of our show hosts. Many thanks also go out to all attendees and especially those that helped with setup, tear-down, and cleanup.

The NIA Membership meeting was well attended. Some exciting changes were announced at that meeting. The NIA is changing the rules in regard to hosting National shows. Without going into a lot of detail, the NIA will take on all of the financial responsibility for the National shows. The actual show will still be in the hands of the show host(s) to add their personal touches, but any income above expenses will be shared while any loss will be covered by the NIA. The NIA Membership handbook will be updated with all of the details.

New rules and a new category were announced for exhibit awards. There will now be a new category for youth 12 years of age and under. They will be allowed to display anything insulator related. There will not be any categories and they will not compete with older exhibitors. 1st through 4th place awards will be given along with "NIA Kid Kash" that can be spent at the National show. Other changes and details will be presented by our Awards and Recognition Chairman, Gene Hawkins.

Over the past few years many comments have been made about the NIA bank account growing too large. You are now seeing why it has been important to grow that account. The NIA can now afford to fund

endeavors such as National shows, scholarships, Kid Kash, etc. Your generous donations have helped immensely. Please consider additional tax exempt donations to the NIA to keep these and other endeavors moving forward. Maybe we can get to the point of funding Regional shows in the future.

Several member suggestions were made at the Membership meeting. Each will be discussed and considered. Remember, this is your organization and all suggestions are welcome. While not all suggestions are immediately acted upon, all suggestions are considered and help set the direction of your organization. In some cases volunteers are needed to move ideas along. Consider giving your time to further the organization.

By now you undoubtedly heard about the 47th NIA National show to be held in Muncie, Indiana July 29-31, 2016. Show hosts are Bob Stahr and Rick Soller. While 2016 is the year for an Eastern National, no bids were received by the March 1st deadline. The NIA Board of Directors then solicited bids from all regions for a 2016 National show. Two excellent bids were received, but obviously only one could be selected. Our Events committee did an excellent job of coaching the prospective show hosts, put together a side by side comparison of the two, made a recommendation, and turned their data over to the Board of Directors. The Board members independently reviewed all of the information, each independently voted, and the Muncie bid was selected. The 2017 National show will go back to the Western region keeping the regional sequence intact. Preparing a National show bid is a major undertaking and my sincere thanks go out to our Events committee and all those involved in submitting both bids.

Now is the time for prospective show hosts to get serious about submitting their proposals for the 2017 National show in the Western region.

As a reminder, 2016 NIA elections are coming up and February 1, 2016 is the deadline for nominations. While that date seems a long way off, there will only be one more Drip Points reminder before that date. The offices of NIA President, Eastern Region Vice President, and Secretary are all up for election in 2016. Nominations may be submitted at any time now to Matt Grayson, Eastern Region VP and Nominations Chairman. I know some folks don't believe the NIA has elections. They are nearly correct! We have not had an election for some time now because so few people are willing to submit their name in nomination for the open offices. Now is your chance

to volunteer and cause an election to take place. Consult the NIA Membership Handbook to see what is required for each office.

I hope all of you are having as much fun as I am in this great hobby. Each time I return home from a show I can't wait for the next show to come along. That's when I get to go and visit with the fine people that make this hobby what it is. Thank you for all you do to make insulator collecting fun!

Don Briel

CD 729 IN DARK TEAL GREEN FOUND FOR \$14!

My local friend and fellow collector, Reed Caldwell, got this at a local auction recently for \$14.00!

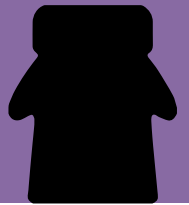
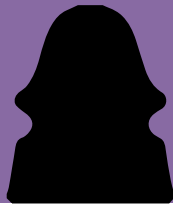
He is not on the internet, so I get to share the story!

He previewed this and a box of glass. Being fairly new to the hobby, he only noticed the groove near the bottom by the base and thought it interesting enough to bid on. He said he did not even note it was threadless at the time. He missed winning the box of glass when it went too high in price. He had to go so left a bid with the auctioneer of \$15.00 for the one remaining insulator in the auction. The auctioneer lives near Reed, so dropped it off at his house (and the extra dollar) later that day. It was only after holding it again this second time he noticed it was threadless!

Wednesday he got the piece to me to ask me anything I could tell him about it. The piece is in amazing condition with no flakes/chips/etc.

Submitted by: **Lee Brewer**





Greetings fellow collectors,

The Sandwich IL National is now in the books and what a great time it was. A big thanks to Jason Townsend, Bob Stahr, and the Greater Chicago Insulator Club for hosting the National. Also thanks to Jason for opening up his house for collectors to view his insulators and signs. A great time was had by all! It is always great to see fellow collectors at the National that you only may see once a year. I also felt that sales were very good this year at my table and there were many nice pieces in the hall that changed hands.

A couple of new positive things are coming out of the NIA this year. The first is the new younger kids display category with associated incentives that you will hear more about. The second is the NIA financial support for future show hosts. Stay tuned for more details.

There are still some more great shows coming up in the fall so check your local listings. The Big Sky Show here in Helena Montana is August 21st and 22nd and will probably be over by the time you read this but I bet we have a good time. Then there is the Springfield Show in November that is like a bonus 2nd National of the year.

I am interested in your comments on how to improve the NIA so catch up with me at a show or give me a call

Best regards,

Ron Yuhas

U-982 BENNINGTON THREADLESS INSULATOR FOUND!

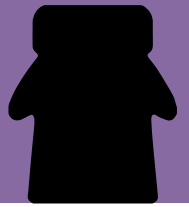
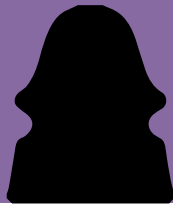


Normally when some one says they "Found a Bennington insulator", it turns out to be a common modern insulator. This is not the case this time! "Digger Dave Beeler" recently dug up this rare and in excellent condition U-982 Bennington threadless insulator in central Illinois.

These unique style insulators were made by Bennington Pottery Works who was located in Bennington Vermont. Insulator has a beautiful Rockingham glaze and was made in the 1850s. This new find represents the 2nd known example. Quite possibly the most desirable porcelain insulator in the hobby.

Insulator recently sold for \$4,450.00 on eBay

Photo Credit: "Digger Dave Beeler"



Lots of activity going on in the central region. We are a month plus from National at Sandwich, IL. Hosted by Bob Stahr and Jason Townsend along with Greater Chicago Insulator club. It was by most accounts another successful National in the books for NIA. I personally displayed at the national for first time with 2 separate displays. One covering sewing lamps made by Hemingray glass company, and one with colored ponies. Hemi 9's and 12's. One of the enjoyments I get out of displaying is to be able to talk shop with other collectors of the same thing. Being able to share historical info on the lamps. Educating others on why they are squat and fat vs standard lamps. How some of the lamps are designed to reflect light and brighten up more of the sewing area. Then to also be able to share and let other handle/fondle various hemi 9's and 12's. To discuss time frames of usage, where certain ones are found in wild and other related things. It has often been said and true, shows are more about the people and conversations than selling / acquiring glass items. As Gene often says, 'get to show'. the experience will be well worth it.

Dondorf auction was held day before national show this year. I bought more there than I did at national. Several clear old script hemi 9's came home with me. Along with couple of colored hemi 21's. The old hemi embossing that is hand done seems to trip my trigger. Just cool and old. At Springfield last year, a majority of Chuck Dittmar collection was auctioned off. And there may be another auction this year from what I have been told. Seems to be a growing trend. If you get a bunch of collectors in one place, hold auction if you want to disburse a major collection. Seems to work for me.

Food is always a plus at the national. You get to sample a regional flavor. DON'T eat at chain restaurants. Going to NM last year, we had great meals by stopping at little hole in the wall places. Sandwich was no exception. I had a bacon/carmel/apple cheese-

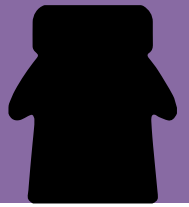
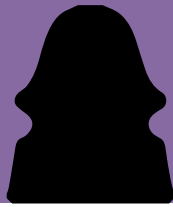
burger the first nite out. Can't say enough about it. I went to the same place next nite with my wife, and had a different meal that was just as tasty. Get out of your shell and try new things. Life is too short.

I'm starting to go thru transition period in my life. After years of officiating HS basketball, my knee and feet are telling me it's time to give it up. My 3 kids are out of HS, into college, and I got one married off this summer. Took them on a cruise back when they were 11/13/15. The other family at dinner table on ship was grandma/mother/daughter, going to swim with dolphins for her 16th birthday. 6 yrs later I acquire a daughter in law. You just never know. So, with the transition and free time, I'm already trying to devote more time to the insulator hobby. Wanting to attend more shows this coming year, visit some of those ones you only read about in CJOW or on ICON. Looks like there was just a new location in Martinsville this past weekend that was held in roundhouse. Cool looking and interesting. Even though they are in eastern region, I need to get to Dixie club show.

In closing, the Springfield extravaganza on Nov 6/8 will be here before you know it. Consider doing a display. Steve was always big on education. Share some of your knowledge. There are also several of the smaller get to gathers around that are worth attending. The GCIC holds a fall one up in Wisconsin. The Detroit club has a show coming up. The pig roast was just a couple of weeks ago. Go. Have fun and enjoy the company of others. Learn. Share. Enjoy the hobby. Collect what YOU want to collect and have fun doing it.

See you at Springfield.

Kim Borgman



The Sandwich National is history now. My sincere thanks to Jason Townsend and Bob Stahr for their tremendous effort in making the show a success. I am already looking forward to next year's show in Indiana. It will be a real treat to have a chance to visit the site of the Hemingray factory, even for a porcelain guy like myself.

The Board ultimately selected this show over a bid in the Pittsburgh area after no bids were received from the Eastern Region by the cut off date. Either show would have worked, but the Board felt Indiana was the better proposal, when location was no longer a criteria. It is encouraging for the future that serious interest has been expressed in hosting the next three Nationals. The increased involvement of the NIA in financing these events should greatly simplify the hosts efforts. The NIA's involvement will continue to evolve and suggestions are always welcome from membership on how to improve all aspects of NIA activity.

As senior VP I am responsible for nominations for positions that will be vacated in the coming year. President, Secretary and Eastern Vice President will be open for nominations. If anyone is interested in serving in any of these positions, or has a suggestion as to who would be a good candidate, please let me know.

The show calendar is filled with events throughout the country and I encourage you to get to as many shows as possible. There really is no substitute for shows. Auctions, ICON and the other electronic venues are great for adding pieces to your collection, but nothing beats the fellowship of visiting with other collectors. From my experience, there are always great deals and unusual finds at every price level at every show.

I hope to see you at a show soon.

Matt Grayson

CD 169 EXPERIMENTAL HEMINGRAY TYPE I FOUND!

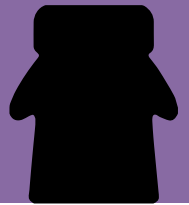
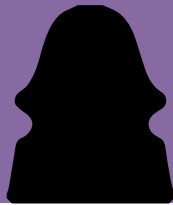


Michael Green hit it lucky and was able to score a rare Hemingray CD 169 Type I. Just getting one is a hard task as there is only 6-7 known. What makes this find even more exciting is it was a "Buy it now" on eBay for \$350! The seller was not a Insulator collector but knew the insulator was odd. So they put what they thought was a "High" price on it.

The CD 169 Hemingray type I (Yes, it is Type 1, but the one is represented as a roman numeral) was one of the several prototype designs Hemingray sent to AT&T for testing. They also sent the "Tepee" CD 157 and CD 152. Ultimately AT&T chose the CD 152

To read the full story on the AT&T Lab tests see: <http://www.insulators.info/articles/attarc.htm>

Photo Compliments of Michael Green



Greetings to Everyone,
It has been a month since the National in Sandwich, Illinois and if you weren't there you missed a great show. Jason Townsend and Bob Stahr hosted the event and their planning and implementation was excellent. Everyone that I spoke with had a wonderful time. To Jason and Bob, please accept our thanks. Jana and I had a table that was behind Kevin and Tammy Jacobson. Because our chairs were virtually intermingled we had the pleasure of getting to know them better. For me that is a huge part of what an insulator show is about. The opportunity to see old friends and catch up with them on what has happened in their lives in the last year. Making new friends and beginning the journey of collecting knowledge of who they are and what they enjoy in life, and in the hobby. Just getting to say hello to

people that I would never get to meet if it weren't for the fact that our paths crossed at an insulator show. The point is... there's a multitude of wonderful people in this hobby. Go to as many shows as you can and meet some of these folks face to face. You will be glad you did!

As a final comment, attached are the minutes of the NIA General Membership Meeting which was held on Friday evening, July 3, 2015. If anyone has a question or comment concerning the minutes, please feel free to contact me via email or phone call. I can be reached at secretary@nia.org or 615-419-7905.

Best Regards,

Steve Roberts

NIA General Membership Meeting - Friday, July 3, 2015
Sandwich, Illinois
Best Western Timber Creek Inn & Suites

NIA President, Don Briel, called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm, and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Don asked for a report from the Secretary. Steve Roberts advised that the Minutes of the 2014 General Membership Meeting were published in the 2014 Fall Edition of Drip Points. (Volume 42, No. 1). Additionally, Steve advised that the NIA Corporate papers have been filed with the State of Arizona, and they are current.

Following the Secretary's report, Don asked for reports from the following Board Members:

Treasurer – Bill Rohde advised that the current financial balance is \$48,114. Bill also stated that the Board of Directors approved a proposed Balanced Budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Membership Director – Vickie McConnachie reported that the NIA membership was 1585 as of the middle of June. She also stated that our membership has been 1500+ since 1998, and our lowest membership since then was 1508 in 2006.

Eastern VP – Matt Grayson stated that nominations for Board positions should be submitted by February 1, 2016. Board positions that will be elected in 2016 are the President, Secretary and Eastern VP.

Western VP – Ron Yuhas reported that the Western Region has been very active in this past year. There have been good shows which have been well attended. Additionally, there was a new show in Utah. Ron also stated that there are good things coming related to Youth Displays.

2nd Past President – Bob Stahr reported that he is still working on placing a plaque at the former Hemingway plant property in Covington, KY. He has received verbal approval from the current property owners to place the plaque on their sidewalk. Bob also, caught an error on our part. Earlier in this meeting we failed to receive a motion to approve the 2014 General Membership Minutes. Bob made a motion to approve the 2014 General Membership Minutes as printed. The motion was seconded. The membership approved the motion.

After the Board of Directors' Reports, Don asked for reports from the following Advisors and Chairpersons:

NIA Commemorative Coordinator – Carolyn Berry informed the membership that we have now exceeded \$9,000 in commemorative sales. She also stated that we do not know the color for next year. She is working with the manufacturer to secure this information.

Product Marketing Manager – Tina Rienstra report that she is in the process of transitioning this position to Margaret Wagner. Margaret will become the new Product Marketing Manager at the end of the Sandwich National. Tina expressed her appreciation to everyone for their support.

Research and Education Advisor – Jacqueline Linscott-Barnes advised that requests for lesson plans continue to rise. However, there were no requests for boxes of insulators related to the science lesson plan. She is continuing to interview collectors. Last year at Farmington she interviewed twenty-eight collectors. This year she will interview "Past National Show Hosts".

Webmaster – Bob Berry reported that hits to the website are up this year. People are downloading information available on the website. The McDougalds' kindly donated their works to the NIA. These publications will be downloaded as a PDF. Bob is still working on listing Foreign Glass Insulators. Additionally he has taken on the task of compiling Foreign Porcelain CD's. Bob asked for input from the membership concerning these endeavors.

After the Advisors/Chairpersons' Reports, Don shared with the membership the following decisions made by the Board of Directors:

Don called on Darryl Wagner, the Events Chairman, to explain the action taken related to future NIA National Shows. Effective with the Proposal/Bid process for the 2017 National Show, the NIA will assume financial responsibility for the National Shows. The Events Committee will be more involved with the potential Host/Hosts in the Proposal/Bid process, and they will be more involved with the Host/Hosts who are awarded the bid related to the implementation of the National Show.

Don asked Gene Hawkins to share with the membership changes that have been made concerning Judging of Displays, and the addition of a new category of "Children Displays". Gene reported that improvements have been approved related to the Judging of Displays. Primarily the judging process has been simplified. With this new process it is less cumbersome and detailed. The new category for Children pertains to those who are 12 and under. There will be awards for them which will appeal to their age. Additionally, there will be play money called "Kid's Cash" which will be giving to the Children Displayers as an award. The "Kid's Cash" is to be used at the National for the Kids to buy insulators from dealers. The dealers then have the option to submit the "Kid's Cash" to the NIA Treasurer for reimbursement. This process will also be used in the Youth Display Category.

Don then introduced Kim Borgman as the new Central Region VP. Don also advised the membership that Bill Rohde will remain as the incumbent Treasurer. Additionally, Don advised that Mike Green was appointed as the Development Advisor and Margaret Wagner was appointed as the Product Marketing Manager.

Don opened the floor for Questions and Answers. Don advised everyone that our budget will be much tighter in the future. With the NIA assuming responsibility for the finances of the future National Shows, we will need to work on increasing our assets through donations. Additionally, we need more donations for our Scholarship efforts.

Don gave a personal note of thanks to Lou Hall for his assistance this past year.

Gene Hawkins shared with everyone his idea of the kind of trophy that would be given to children who are displayers. He wants to create something that the kids can relate to and will be fun for them. Something different, something bright/colorful, and something that will not break (so the child will not get hurt) when it is dropped!

There was a question from the floor, “can we create a Lifetime Membership that can be purchased”? Don advised that this has been discussed in the past and will be revisited; however, there currently is an award given by the NIA called the “Lifetime Member Award”. We need to be careful that we do not make a decision that would diminish the significance of this award.

Don gave a review of the schedule of events for the remainder of the 2015 NIA National Show.

1. Saturday, July 4th, there will be a Cocktail Hour from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. in the Banquet Area.
2. Saturday, July 4th, the NIA Awards Banquet will be from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. in the Banquet Room.
3. Sunday, July 5th, there will be a Devotional time from 8:00 – 8:30 am. This will be held in the same room as the General Membership Meeting.

As the last order of business, Don presented the 2016 NIA National Show Hosts. They are Bob Stahr and Rick Soller.

Bob and Rick stated that the 2016 National Show will be held in Muncie, Indiana, from July 28, through July 30. The Show location is the Horizon Convention Center which is a Marriott property. There will be guided tours to the Hemingray Plant property. They are not sure if the tours will be allowed to enter any of the buildings. They will advise the membership when that information is available. Currently they have reserved one-half of the Show Hall. That space will accommodate 125 tables. The total hall space is 24,000 square feet. Tables will be \$55.00 each. The Banquet will be in the Convention Center. Muncie is about seventy miles northeast of Indianapolis. Show packets are available.

As there was no additional business, Don accepted a motion to adjourn from Jacqueline Linscott-Barnes. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved by the membership.

Submitted By:

Steve Roberts

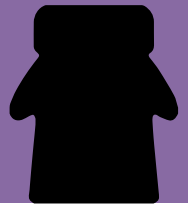
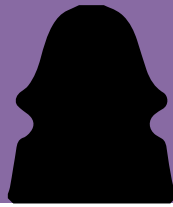
CONTRIBUTE ARTICLES TO DRIP POINTS!



I always welcome interesting insulator related articles. It can be anything from a general research paper or to something very specific (Like a CD, M, U or ST 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.

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I would like to extend my thank you to Jason Townsend and Bob Stahr for hosting the 2015 National and all the folks who attended. I truly believe we are coming into a new chapter of the NIA and it will be exciting to watch the growth unfold before our eyes. As with anything moving forward there will be some “growing” pains. It has been a few years since I was under the eye of a sports coach but the old saying of... “No pain, no gain” still holds true. We all need to be supportive in the endeavors, the trials, the errors and the victories of the NIA moving forward.

Please remember to submit any changes you may want of address, e-mail, phone or listing in the CJOW to me or the NIA web site before October 1st. Throughout the year this important change of information is vital and helps keep your Drip Points issues coming as well as other important documents and opportunities in the best way you prefer.

Now for some stats:

2015 to date, we have 1632 active members as compared to all of 2014 at 1705. We still have 4th quarter 2015 to add to the total yearly count. 73 to go! Please encourage any ‘not current’ members you may know to “come back”!! And if you have been away for a while, “Welcome back!”

Now for new members joining the NIA:

We want to welcome our newbies!! If you know of a new member, please extend a hardy personal welcome to them. New members, if you have questions please e-mail any board member and we will get you an answer or get you in touch with someone who can. Or post on ICON: icon@insulators.info If you haven’t signed up for ICON, I strongly suggest you do at <http://www.insulators.info/icon/>. Click on join. It’s that easy.

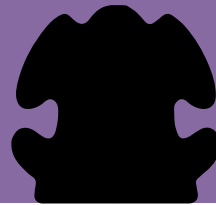
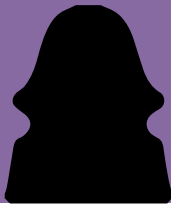
New members for 2015 to date are 66. A nice number indeed!! I have noticed an increase in the number of new memberships to be highest in the region where the National Show takes place. Hmmm. Next year’s show is in the Central Region as well.

New members for 2015 Eastern Region: 15
New Members for 2015 Central Region: 39
New Members for 2015 Western Region: 12

Okay Eastern and Western, we have unofficially been challenged!

Vickie McConnachie





Income	Budget
Membership Dues	\$22,000
Donations	\$8,500
Commemorative Sales	\$8,500
Product Sales	\$2,500
Insurance Income	\$500
Drip Points Advertising	\$400
Miscellaneous Income	\$100
2016 National Income	\$15,000
Income	\$57,500
Expenses	Budget
Drip Points	\$16,000
Fees, Acctng, legal & Ins.	\$5,500
Commemorative Insulators	\$5,000
Membership	\$3,500
Scholarship Expense	\$2,500
Advertising	\$2,500
National Show Awards	\$2,000
Marketing Product	\$2,000
Historian Expense	\$550
Show Advertising Rebate	\$500
Web Hosting	\$500
Board Expenses	\$500
Research & Education	\$500
ICON Donation	\$100
Misc.	\$100
2016 National	\$15,000
Expenses	\$56,750

Hello all,

Is it just me, or does it seem like the summer is just FLYING by??? It's SO great to see all the insulator events on the show calendar. The Internet is certainly fun to surf and interesting at times, but there is NOTHING like getting to and supporting your local insulator events. I know it's been said many times, but I have to say it also, it's the PEOPLE that really make this a great and FUN hobby. Each show and get together is like a family reunion, ...actually better than some family get together? hehe!

A GREAT time was had at this year's National. The show hosts worked SO hard so all the attendees could enjoy a comfortable care-free 3 days of insulator fun and friendships.

At the July 2nd NIA Board of Directors meeting, your Board discussed and passed a balanced budget for the upcoming 2015-2016 fiscal year. Included in this years budget are the new items of the National shows. This is a good thing and will certainly help with getting people to consider hosting an NIA show. This will be discussed in detail by others this issue. The NIA is in good position to offer this help, our bank balance as of 6-30-15 was \$48,115.

I hope everyone enjoys the later days of summer, and are able to make it to a show or two (or 3 or ?).

Bill Rohde



Announcing All New Kids Display Awards!

For kids under 13! The NIA has a new award category just for YOU! Have FUN making a display of YOUR INSULATORS Whatever you want to do – HAVE FUN DOING IT!

You can win a really cool trophy for 1st, 2nd, 3rd – AND you can win “NIA Kid Kash” that you get to spend at the show: \$40 for 1st, \$20 for 2nd, \$10 for 3rd & under. Dealers get reimbursed by NIA.

Kids over 13 will use the existing Junior system – but they will win “Kid Kash” like above, plus each category winner gets a plaque. See more details below.

Voting will be done by the NIA judges on Friday.

Plan to make a display for the Muncie National in 2016!!

**Also Announcing:
The Revised Adult Display System!**

The NIA display judging just got easier starting at the 2016 Muncie National! The criteria have been simplified:

Showmanship (total of 40 possible points)

10 pts Presentation - Adequate lighting, appealing, functional & logical arrangement, eye-catching

10 pts Originality - Uniqueness of display, fresh idea, creative format, etc.

10 pts Public Appeal - Attractiveness to new & non-collectors (less jargon, more info)

5 pts Use of props & go-withs - Non-insulator items to support/assist the display (platforms, pins etc.)

5 pts Exhibitor biography & explanation - Who I am, why I collect & the significance of the display

Education (total of 35 possible points)

10 pts History – Describe when/who, research, time line, people & company info.

10 pts Information – Describe what/how/why display items were used, methods, etc.

10 pts Good use of Titles & Labels – What are we looking at? Which items are rare/unusual?

5 pts Handouts – Long term education after the show

Note: The Showmanship & Education totals are used to determine the Millholland Educational Award winner.

Content 25 pts

Rarity, variety, condition, completeness & how overall display meets the category.

The display is to be judged within display context/theme.

Bonus +5 pts

Judge’s optional bonus – Can be awarded for exceptional merit in 1 above category

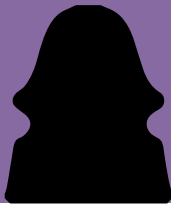
Adult displays should have a minimum of 65 points to win a category award.

Junior (13-18 yrs old on 1st show day) displays should have 55 points to win a junior category award.

NIA Kid Kash will also be awarded: \$40 for 1st, \$20 2nd, \$10 for all others in category.

Look for further details in upcoming Drip Points!

Gene Hawkins



It's hard to believe another three months have already passed! Unfortunately, work and training for network certifications precluded me from attending the National this year, but I'm hoping to make it to the next one in Muncie, Indiana. Home of Hemingray! I mean, what could be better?!

I was, however, able to attend the Colorado Springs show in May, generously hosted once again by Dan Gauron. There was a great turnout this year! Lots of new and familiar faces, and even NIA President Don Briel was in attendance. I've only been to a handful of these shows to date, but this was by far the most tables I had seen, with aisles of glass stretching all the way outside. The barbeque was excellent, as always! My 5-year-old son Christian Jr. also gave me quite the chuckle tending to my sales table and telling passers by that "they should buy one!"

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the generosity of many collectors at the show as well, who added to my son's budding insulator collection. I bought him several, but he was given several more. In fact, he practically walked away from the show with as many pieces as I did, and beamed the whole way home. The insulators are still sitting proudly on his dresser and window sill.

Now that work and training has settled down a bit, I can renew my focus on advertising for the NIA. I'm currently working with Treasurer Bill Rohde on setting up a Google AdWords account in order to begin a pilot program for advertising on Google using a portion of the advertising budget.

As it stands right now, if you perform a Google search for "glass insulators", the NIA website is at the bottom of Page 1. While being on Page 1 is great, I'd like to see us near or at the top! Now, perform a search for "Brookfield insulator" or "Hemingray insulator" and we're practically nowhere to be found. To put things into perspective, in the past month over 6,400 people searched for Hemingray insulators and wound up visiting my web site, www.hemingray.info. Imagine if even a small fraction of that traffic saw an ad for the NIA and visited www.nia.org instead! Google AdWords will allow us to create custom tailored advertisements that appear above or to the right of the search results so we get better exposure. Plus, this will allow our ads to appear on other web sites that use Google AdSense, and could help widen our exposure there as well. I'll report on my findings in the next issue.

Lastly, I'd like to leave everyone with one more reminder: remember to take advantage of your free Drip Points advertisement! I'm honestly surprised no one has contacted me to place their ad. It's free, and as an NIA member you're entitled to one every year! 25 words or less. Email me at admanager@nia.org or give me a call at (949) 338-1404.

Christian Willis

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The “Social Side” of Insulator Shows “What kind of show attendee are you?”

What kind of show attendee are you? I have always loved observing people and especially fellow collectors and their nuances. As a photographer and construction project manager, I honed my observation skills. As we become known to our fellow collectors our personalities, our likes and dislikes, what we collect and how we collect start to brand each of us. Many times factors outside the show environment shape or influence what and who we are as collectors. I will use myself as an example. For several years running I built a new educational display for Springfield (Mid-Ohio Show). My geographic proximity permitted me to transport the display. My teaching background and love of the electrical industry (I grew up around an electrical generating station where my father was Chief Engineer) molded my curiosity and interest. Consequently, one of my best friends and insulator collecting mentor (several years my senior) was a lineman who worked with my father.

Probably key to the multiple displays was the desire for more knowledge and boredom. I always hated bringing the same display twice. So once it was built and displayed, I would start to liquidate it and invest in new specimens for the next display. Many of my friends found this humorous and always joked with me about what I might be collecting this year. Most of the displays were specialties. That direction gave me the opportunity to really study an insulator set and understand what was truly hard to find. Specializing also had the benefit of understanding pricing and color variances.

Attending hundreds of shows over the years, I had the opportunity to encounter a large population of collectors. The following are some categories of collectors I have personally observed (you may choose to add yours):

Happy Puppy.....This collector is “walking on air” in anticipation of the show and seeing old friends. Much like a puppy greeting its owner, this person is in high spirits and bounces from table to table to catch up on old news. Oh, insulators get discussed and bought but this person puts socializing as a top priority. He/she is well known, has hundreds of contacts and is generally well liked.

A sub-category of this group is the Story Teller. One of my favorite “story-tellers” was the late Steve Blair. Steve always reminded me of my Uncle who lived in Texas. He was always relaying his hundreds of experiences that captivated you. You could always find Steve talking with friends and collectors about the early days, experiences as a lineman, etc. I always considered these people the nucleus of the hobby because they had a wealth of knowledge.

Dumpster Diver.....no box, no table, no area under, back or near a table or car trunk is missed. They are ferreting out anything and everything that could be valuable to them. The free table is like being on drugs to them. A most common insulator with some minor deviation can make their show. They are willing to invest whatever time it takes and are often easily pleased by new finds.

The Sherlock Holmes.....the detective. I have seen this type in many hobbies. They mask the insulator to compare mold styles and how many styles might have existed. They have a complete checklist of what they need to compete their collection. They have their collection cataloged, photographed, digitized, stored on their iPad or lap top. If they could finger print their collection they would. My friend Gene Hawkins is an example of this collector.

The Beginner.....of course we all experienced being in this group. The first show is so overwhelming. We have never seen so many shapes and colors. We probably have little direction in where we are head-

ed and want everything. Every shiny object gathers their attention. These are the people we need to “be-friend”, assist and help educate. These are potential life-long friends. You may only see them a few times a year but they can be special relationships. I have collected many things, but absolutely no collecting arena replaces insulators, in that I have established friendships in almost every state of the Union and also in Canada. The evolution of the Internet has facilitated the lines of communication with those we meet at shows. Sometimes it works in reverse. You meet or deal with someone, only to later meet them at a show. In earlier days of collecting there were not many shows within easy driving distance. Additions via the mail were accomplished by sales lists. There were almost no collectors locally to share your hunting experiences and knowledge with. Consequently, I lived from show to show and after a few years lost interest causing me to find other interests. But when I returned the scene had changed as the Internet put a whole new perspective on collecting and even added to the show experiences.

One form of Beginner is the “Hoover” because they are an effective “vacuum” picking up anything and everything for their collection. Most ultimately mature to understand that you cannot own them all and they start to focus.

Closet Collectors During the 90’s I dealt in bottles and antiques. I had booths and display cases in antique malls. The reward was that it “pulled” a significant group of collectors into the light. I was never so surprised how many collectors were in my geographic area. When I would place new insulator inventory in the sales cases, it might sit for a week or two and then suddenly sell. Often I would have a note to call someone or asking if I had some particular piece. If you meet them get them to attend a show. I actually had a trucker that passed through about 3-4 times a year and would buy anything he did not have.

Insulators are my Second Interest..... I enjoy these collectors who may have several collections. Generally they are somewhat related areas like railroad collectibles, model railroading, lightning rod and weather vanes, electrical tools, electrical meters, historic photographs, bottles and jars, telegraph material,

postcards, glass whimsies, and the list goes on. Expand your horizons and get to know them and learn about what else they collect.

Personally, there is never enough time for me to pursue all my interests which range from model rocketry, landscaping and gardening, sports photography (I shoot for a National Sports Publication for Officials), collecting insulators, bottles, vintage toy moving and storage trucks (I manage a large storage facility), bass fishing, collecting antiques, and spending time with 8 grandchildren and family.

Diggers.....for the longest time I counted myself among this group. They constitute a small group but are good to know. They are the cutting edge of new finds and a great source of a possible new additions. There is still much to be found in the ground. I had the experiences I wish all collectors could have had of walking lines and railroads, digging in local dumps and hunting the Muncie Dump. The thrill of the “hunt” will always remain with me. Generally speaking, these people who are successful are researchers. They study local history, speak to old timers, study maps and look for clues to places to dig. There are still avid diggers in the hobby who are willing to share their methodology. Get to know them they occasionally come upon some great finds that they desire to trade or sell.

Wheeler Dealer.... This person may or may not be a collector. The collector version is one who trades and sells to achieve a new collecting goal: better quality (“upgrading”) or a specialization. The other form is the person who is more a dealer and acquires to create income. This person is good to know as they often can aid in finding something you want. They also tend to be very knowledgeable.


Minty Mike... While I have absolutely no issue with collectors who want the best condition, I have experienced a couple of collectors in my lifetime who demanded MINT. As any veteran insulator collector knows, this is best handled as a direct contact purchase (at a show or in person). This is not to berate any of my friends who have catalog auctions. But if you consider yourself a CONDITION NUT, make sure you communicate with the seller and see photos and ask questions. Reputable catalog sellers encourage

this as they prefer a happy customer. My Minty Mike experiences in early collecting were unreasonable resulting in the glass being shipped back on several occasions. Of course this was pre-Internet. Remember that pieces coming from the factory had imperfections. Sometimes this is hard to differentiate from later damage. Some collectors I have encountered deem cooling cracks as less than mint.

Remember, It's an avocation, not a vocation for most of us. Have Fun and be Safe my friends! And by all means, collect responsibly.


Jim White

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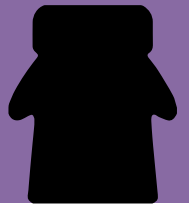
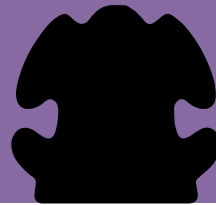
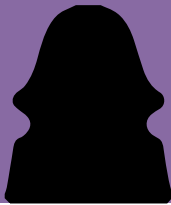
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It's that time of year again and if you are thinking about putting in an application to host the 2017 NIA National Show for the Western Region, get your applications in. The NIA Events Advisory Committee will look it over and help you with your submission.

The NIA Board of Directors voted this year to help hosts with the National Shows. Beginning in 2017, the NIA will assist (if necessary) in paying for expenses of a National Show. If the host has not collected enough revenue for the initial payments for an event contract, the NIA will write the check. As revenues are collected, they will be forwarded to the NIA on at least a monthly basis. The host can either pay expenses themselves and submit receipts for reimbursement or simply let the NIA pay for any invoices. Invoices will have to be for items or services that were included in the budget submitted to the Board for approval. Any unforeseen or additional expenses will need to have Board approval or the host can provide from their personal funds.

The general idea of what the NIA has agreed to do is that if an approved bid proposal is accepted by the Board and comes up short on revenue, the NIA will provide for the shortfall, taking the risk away from potential hosts. This does not mean that the Board is going to accept any bids that simply want the NIA to pay for the show, it means that the host still needs to work for the show to pay for itself, but if it does not, they are not at risk.

The Events Advisory Committee will also need to review any contracts that the potential show hosts may sign for the show. This will allow the committee to assist the potential show hosts in negotiating costs and also help avoid any potential issues that might put the show host and the NIA at risk.

If anyone has any questions or is ready to start the submission of an application, please let myself, or someone on the committee know. If you want more

information, go to the NIA website, www.nia.org, then go to the NIA Membership Handbook. There are 4 separate tabs regarding shows, General Rules of Conduct at NIA Sponsored Shows, Show Facilities Standards & Procedures, Exhibit & Judging Rules and Administrative Show Rules. There is also a tab on the main web page, "Information for Show Hosts". This information is there for anyone to access. In addition, any Officer of the NIA, Club officers or prior show hosts can answer questions for potential show hosts.

The members of the NIA Events Advisory Committee are:

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816-719-0801

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Dwayne Anthony – **Western Region**
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Lou Hall – **First Past President**
louhall@pacbell.net

Darryl Wagner



Scholarships 2015

In July at the NIA meeting we awarded two scholarships to two young collectors !! This is what our program is all about...finding and keeping young people who will continue to share the hobby with their peers. Our winners are Doriann Whitlock who is a third generation collector and Michael Merzoian who is a second generation collector.

Doriann will enter Mount Mercy University majoring in English and minoring in Library Science/Communications. In high school she has done informational speeches about her passion of insulator collecting. She has acquired skills while displaying at the national shows as well as become a seller and dealer. These skills will help her through college and on into her career.

Michael graduated as valedictorian of his class and is the recipient of a scholarship to California State University, Fresno , where he will major in electrical engineering. His hobby of collecting insulators led him to the field of electrical engineering. As an Eagle Scout he aspires to Scout Master and in that capacity will have many opportunities to acquaint young people with the hobby.

Join me in congratulating these fine young people on their accomplishments and wish them success in their future educational goals.

Thanks to my committee Jeanne Briel and Jack Rieselmann for their dedication to the scholarship fund.

Kay Bryant



Doriann Whitlock



Michael Merzoian



The National Insulator Association Glass Commemoratives

"46th year of continuous production"
46th NIA Convention | 2015 Sandwich, IL



"Sunflower Yellow"

\$40.00 postage paid for the first commemorative
(each additional piece **\$35.00** when shipped with first)
Solid pours (each has a little milk splotch) - **\$50.00** each / ppd



Embossed on the base of the commemorative



Embossed on the dome of the commemorative

History of the National Show Commemoratives: "Collecting Our History"

Being an enthusiastic insulator collector, Frank Miller of Tulsa, Oklahoma went home from the First National Insulator Meet (that's what the "National" show was referred to in 1970) held in New Castle, Indiana with an idea that collectors should have something by which they could remember the national meets. After months of struggling, he managed to have an insulator mold made. Frank said it was often referred to as "Frank's Last Folly" since he retired from teaching shortly thereafter. He also said it was worth the struggle. The commemorative insulator he designed replicated the early threadless "pilgrim hat" (CD 736) and is almost 4 inches high and is 3 ¼ inches across at the base. Since 1970, the glass commemorative has marked the national show event with new embossing for the location and a new color of glass. In 1979, the project was continued by John & Carol McDougald of Sedona, AZ. John and Carol produced the yearly commemoratives through 2009 at which time they donated the production to the National Insulator Association starting with the 2010 commemorative. Any profits made from the NIA Commemoratives go to benefit the National Insulator Association, a 501(3)c.

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If you have questions, or live outside the continental USA, please contact me by phone or email.



Insulator Hunting



By Matthew Willett

'Insulator Hunting', for collectors this phrase can mean a myriad of things. For those that have been in the hobby since its inception, most likely what comes to mind is waking up early on a crisp spring day before the underbrush has sprouted, tossing on your muddy boots, packing a sacked lunch and heading out to search a local railroad track. Terms like 'toughing it out,' 'bush-whacking' and 'climbing the pole' are phrases that would characterize these wondrous adventures.



other comes to the forefront in the last two decades, 'Cyber-hunting'. With the creation of eBay, Craigslist and web based antique auctions a whole new world was opened. With recently jumping head first into this hobby almost three years ago, I have had the good fortune to stumble across many pieces that most collectors would be proud to display on their Top Shelf. Terms like 'buy it now' and 'make me an offer, looking to sell the whole lot' began to be phrases that I literally dreamed to hear!

As time passed and various railroad tracks ceased to carry the load of a 3,000 ton train, the insulators that often appeared alongside the rails were either picked by insulator collectors or torn down by workers dismantling the lines. 'Hunting' was then forced to take on the form of modifying a pitch fork to poke and prod in the hard ground hoping to hear the ping of a glass treasure hidden below the surface. If you weren't lucky enough to hear that ping, you would be forced to set up a dig site and spend days on end moving tons of dirt.

Whether you still get out in the wild to hunt the tracks looking in the air or 18 inches below the surface, scanning the many tables of antiques or surfing the Internet for deals....all these forms of 'hunting' possess a common thread; Enjoying the 'thrill of the hunt'. What I think keeps us all going is the dream of finding the NEXT ONE. For your enjoyment, here are a few pictures of the many gems I have picked up from the last ~3 years by these various methods, predominantly the Internet. Some of you may recognize a few of these as they may now be residing on your shelf!

Still others happen to find joy in putting hundreds of miles on their vehicles to visit each and every 'Harold's Antiques', 'Big Hill Flea Market', and 'Mid Ohio Antique Malls' they could possibly travel to. Sifting through hundreds and hundreds of booths and tables jam packed with knickknacks and overpricing clear and aqua HEMINGRAY-42s to find that one gem...and just in time to re-energize the desire to log the 50 miles to the next nearest antique shop.



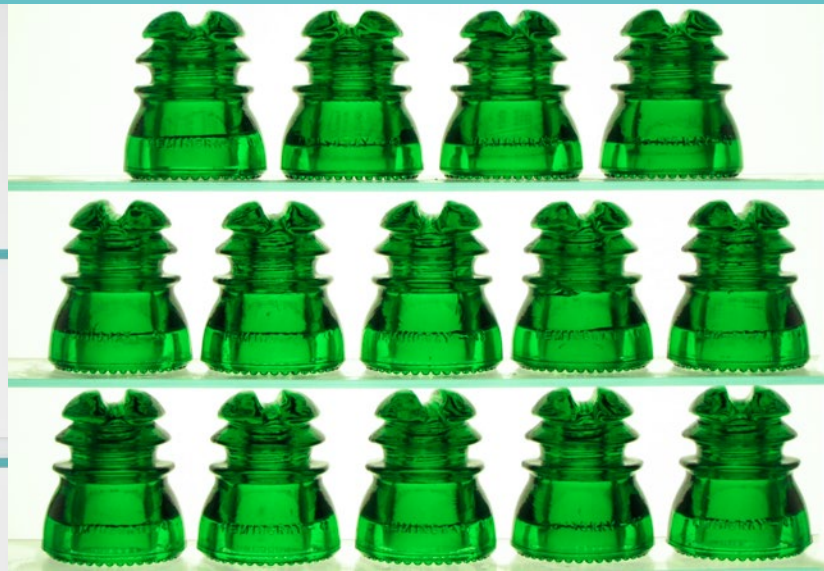
Enjoy!

Matthew Willett
aka 'Sultan of Signals' ;)



And just when you thought all the forms of 'hunting' had been stated, yet an-







2015 National Show

The 46th National insulator show was held in Sandwich, Illinois at the Timber Creek Convention Center. Jason & Daniella Townsend and Bob Stahr hosted the show. This show hall was large and allowed comfortable space for all the dealers, aisles and displays. Friday (NIA day) and Saturday well attended with good walkthrough, Sunday was lighter but good bargains to be found! The Saturday awards banquet had a great buffet and also included the presentation of one Lifetime member award as well as two Outstanding Service to the NIA awards. There were 16 quality displays covering both insulators and related items. Each displayer received a great award with a slip cast glazed Mickey mouse. Dealers reported excellent sales and there was a great selection of both glass and porcelain available.

A highlight of the show was Jason opening his home to let collectors see his excellent collection of scarce and rare porcelain. Jason's specialties include no-tie porcelain pin-types, and he has likely the largest collection of these in the hobby.

The Saturday night awards banquet was well attended and in addition to the numerous display awards there were several significant NIA awards given out:

NIA Hall of Fame was started in 2012 - here are the 2015 inductees:

- **Fred M. Locke**
- **Robert Hemingray**

One Lifetime Membership (The NIA's highest award) presented:

- **John Hovanec & Sharon Foster**
(North Royalton, OH)

There were also two outstanding service awards presented:

- **Jack Roach** (Wimberley, TX)
- **Lis Bergman** (Bellingham, WA)

Show coverage by Bob Berry - See full report at <http://www.nia.org/nathist/2015.htm>



Show Overview

Four President's Awards were given:

- **Carolyn Berry** (Round Rock, TX) - 17 years of service & current commemorative coordinator
- **Tina Reinstra** (Crown Point, IN) - Product Marketing coordinator
- **Darryl Wagner** (Smithville, MO) - National show coordinator
- **Gene Hawkins** (Warsaw, IN) - Awards & Recognition chair

At the conclusion of the NIA general meeting was the announcement of next years National show. It will be held in Muncie, IN with Bob Stahr and Rick Soller as hosts.

Award Winning displays:

"The Power Insulator In America"

Greater Chicago Insulator Club Award for the Best Exhibit Using Power Insulators.

"Colored Ponies"

Missouri Valley Insulator club award for the Best Use of Midwest Glass in a Display
Central Florida Insulator Club award for Best First Time Exhibitor at a National.

"French Insulators by PFC (Parvillee Freres & Cie)"

The NIA Award for Best of Show
The Show Hosts award voted by the attendees for People's Choice
The NIA Marilyn Alber's award for Best of Foreign
The NIA Millholland Educational Award

"Hemingray Lowex Glass insulators"

It received the NIA award for the Best of Specialty
Dixie Jewels Insulator Club Jim Overstreet Memorial Award for the best use of threaded CDs.

"Mystery Solved? Trenton Porcelain"

It received the NIA award for Best of Porcelain.



2015 National Show



Show Floor



Photos by:
Kevin Jacobson



2015 National Show



Displays



"French Insulators by PFC (Parvillee Freres & Cie)"

Lis Bergman - Bellingham, WA - NIA #3924



"Resources For Insulator Collectors"

Don Briel - Providence, UT - NIA #7218



"Hemingray Sewing Lamps"

Kim Borgman - Pittsboro, IN - NIA #3038



"Digging Insulators"

Grant Stahr - Glen Ellyn, IL - NIA #9217



"Hemingray Lowex Glass insulators"

Arlen Rienstra - Crown Point, IN - NIA #3549



"Insulators From All 7 Continents"

Curtis Ericsson - Dearborn, MI - NIA #6248



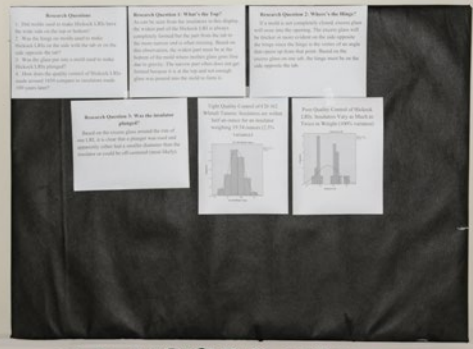
"Even Some American Icons Collect Insulators"

Roger Lucas - Columbus, IN - NIA #3234

"COLORED PONIES"



"Colored Ponies"
 Kim Borgman - Pittsboro, IN - NIA #3038



"Hickock Lightning Rod Insulators"
 Rick Soller - Gurnee, IL - NIA #2958



"Surge Insulators and related items"
 Russ Frank - Mchenry, IL - NIA #6210



"Mystery Solved? Trenton Porcelain"
 Matt Grayson - Jackson Heights, NY - NIA #387



"Cutter Tree Insulator"
 Tom Nugent - Ottawa, IL - NIA #3255



"The Insul-bug"
 Richard Case - Rockford, IL - NIA #82



"Early Telephones"
 Jason Townsend - Sandwich, IL - NIA #7822
 and Tom Nugent - Ottawa, IL - NIA #3855



"Pole Line Equipment"
 Ron Gaylord - Chilhowee, MO - NIA #9097



"The Power Insulator In America"
 Richard Case - Rockford, IL - NIA #82



Legend:

 Won NIA Award in display category.

 Won Club or Show Host Award

Photos by:
 Kevin Jacobson
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CD 145 AM.INSULATOR CO. Yellow Olive Green Find

By Cory Conway

Our hunt in early May of 2015 started out like every other hunt, hoping for the “big one” but not getting our hopes up as usual. John Serniak and I hit the Erie RR in hope of passing some time since there was nothing else to do down south. As usual, we had hiked several miles to find very little.

John managed to pick up a Hemingray CD152 that I had nearly stepped on along the ROW while I was just looking up at the next bend, where we were about to turn back. However, it’s a good thing we didn’t.

John was up the bank scraping around at some pole bases in hopes of a threadless or similar piece, and I was heading up-hill to help him out. However, I was somehow the lucky guy to find the coveted “Crown jewel” as I saw this hunk of green glass sticking out of the leaves. I downplayed it at first, thinking “Oh, just another busted wine bottle.” Then it hit me, and I realized that

was no wine bottle! It was some form of a CD 145 in a VERY rich shade of green. Again, I downplayed the discovery thinking “How trashed is this thing gonna be if it’s been sitting here since who knows when?” Well, I reached down, pulled it out of the dirt and who’d a thunk it, a VNM American CD145 in yellow olive green with two potstones in the dome, and some minor milk swirls for good measure.



I had earlier discovered another ambery Hemingray 40 that I passed to John since I had recovered the American. The rest as they say, is now history, and we now have reason to believe the age old saying “They’re still out there!”



CD 145 AM.INSULATOR CO. IN HONEY AMBER FOUND!



This amazing and rare, Honey Amber CD 145 AM. INSULATOR CO. Insulator recently showed up for sale on eBay. It caused quite the stir on the Facebook insulator collecting groups. Best guess is there is maybe 6-7 known in this color. The seller is from Florida and this insulator was bought locally. It is unknown as to where it was used.

Insulator recently sold for \$7,700.00 on eBay

Photo credit: “Francis Flood, The Old Flood Store, Yulee, FL”



Lostine, Oregon - Friday August 7th, 2015



Dan & Nikki Culver



Travis Tuttle, Bill Burger, Dan Culver



Howard Banks EC&Ms



Paul Ziemer, Nathan Lamkey, Tim Wood, Scott Morrell



Jim Cunningham's Table



Jack & Nancy Metcalfe
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 Tracy, Tom & Travis Tuttle
 Paul Ziemer

Nathan Lamkey
 Tim Wood
 Scott Morrell
 Larry Grove
 Mike & Sharon Nichol
 Jim Cunningham
 Howard Banks

Friday attendance.

(Many more appeared Saturday)



Bone Yard



Tim Wood's table



My name is Pete Wilson and I just became an NIA member! I have been collecting insulators on and off for over 35 years now, so I feel a little funny having only now applied for an NIA membership. If there's one thing I could tell new collectors, it would be to join NIA!!! I should have done it a long time ago! The Drip Points magazine is awesome and the wealth of information from everyone is priceless!

My collecting started when I was around 10 years old. My mother and I, along with our neighbors, used to go to a local auction house run by a thin, wire-haired old character named Arnold. It was amongst the chaos and disorder of this messy old auction house, at an auction many moons ago, that some glass insulators caught my eye. It was my first taste of insulator collecting, and from that day on I was destined to glass madness! After that I was always looking for different shaped or colored insulators every time I went to the auction. I certainly did not know that much about insulators in those early years. It was not until many years later that I became a true collector, understanding and appreciating the providence of each piece. These early years of collecting for me was a time before laptops, tablets and iPhones, long before Google, Bing, apps and FaceBook, so I didn't have a lot to work with besides Dewey decimal and his awesome card cataloging system. I knew what insulators did, functionally that is, but that's about it. I knew that the purple and 7-up green ones looked super cool when you shot 'em!!! (I still have terrible dreams and cold sweats over this, may the glass gods forgive me). I searched for insulators for many years as a teenager and went to many an auction to grow my fledgling collection. The numbers quickly grew and soon filled some shelves in my room where I had my collection proudly displayed in a prominent place where it could be seen well by all who entered.

When I was around twelve years old I started playing the drums (much to the chagrin of my parents I am sure). One day at around age seventeen I was banging away at the drums when suddenly it was as if the world had turned to slow motion, almost animated! I



watched with liquid emotions as my entire collection tumbled off the wall like a glistening glass waterfall. In stunned time-altered disbelief I watched them plummet, my heart falling along with my humble treasures to their demise. Suddenly, time rapidly caught up with itself as I was abruptly awakened from my temporary comatose state by the thunderous claps of what sounded like artillery bursts! It cracked through the slow-mo silence like a lightning bolt. Concussive explosions of sadness shattering into blooms of colored glass tears which rained down heavy upon the room, until slowly subsiding into a sprinkle of despair!!!! It hurt! I cried! I had managed to vibrate the bolts right out of the wall! Idiot! The worst part was that not one survived. Not even a stinky 42! Needless to say I was extremely heartbroken and vastly discouraged. I couldn't even look at another insulator for a long time! It was a broken relationship so to speak!

Several years later my friend Steve Deck and I were walking some railroad tracks taking a shortcut back to his house, when Steve found an insulator! He wondered out loud what it could be and where it came from? ...and that was it! That was the moment of rebirth of my love of insulators! My collection now pushes a couple hundred, a respectable amount I suppose. There's nothing crazy in my collection, I'm by no means rich! If I had a \$30k insulator I would probably sell it and pay off all my debt! So I collect what I can with my meager income. My insulators range from your basic less-than-a-dollar type to one's worth a few hundred dollars. Some insulators which I know I will never find I have bought, like my Muncie, coolie, stacker, etc. Most of the insulators in my collection I have actually taken from a pole, or dug from the ground myself. Thus, many of my insulators have a memory associated with them. I can remember the day I got each one, for the most part. Who I was with, what time of the year it was, what line it came from, and crazy things that have happened along the way that made it a fun and exciting insulator hunting day! To me, this is what makes insulator collecting is a great hobby! Oh by the way,

Steve caught the bug that day too and is now also an NIA member and a full-fledged insulator nut too! I grew up and currently live in Tonawanda, New York. A quiet suburb just north of Buffalo and south of Niagara Falls. Originally called Tonnewanta by the native Iroquois tribe, it means 'swift waters', referring to the fast moving waters of the Niagara River. Tonawanda is best known for being at the western end of the Erie Barge Canal. There are several bridges over the canal here, including one cantilevered railroad bridge designed to open for tall ships moving freight down the canal. It's a smart bridge designed with a huge concrete counterweight on one side that is filled by pump with water to raise the bridge, and gravity drained to lower it. However, the bridge was only ever raised once because by the time it was completed over the canal, the railroads had showed that shipping by rail was much cheaper and canal shipping quickly waned off and soon became obsolete! The Buffalo area was second only to Chicago in miles of railroad track for any city in the world. The reason for all this railroad track was because of the massive amount of industry in this area. The industry was attracted by cheap Niagara Falls power and the unlimited fresh water access the Great Lakes and the Niagara River had to offer. I mention bridges, rails, and industry, because with all this industrial sprawl came the need for communication and power lines, and to run lines you need boatloads of poles, cross-arms, and brackets with LOTS and LOTS and LOTS of glass and porcelain insulators to go on them!

Most of these old bridges, rail lines, and industrial buildings are gone now, but some still exist. Much of what is still around is slowly decaying and will soon be reclaimed by the sands of time or knocked down to make room for the relentless march of progress. When the "old-timers" that remember how things used to be are gone, things will only be remembered in the pages of obscure history books. However! These last remaining relics of our once great infrastructure and icons of our past economic power, these veterans of a lost time, left in disarray and forgotten by most, have an awesome power! These dilapidated buildings, defunct railroads and rusting bridges have the power to bring history alive!!!! Many still hide their bounty of glass and porcelain. Treasures galore are just waiting for that right insulator collector to open that rusty hidden door to an

electrical room that no one's been in for years and years, or to stumble across a crumbling barn in the middle of nowhere with old wooden crates marked "insulators", or to dig in just the right place and find something completely new!!!!

In 2008 my friend Steve and I took a trip to an old industrial area on the Niagara River to see what we could discover. We ended up in an area formerly owned and operated by the Wickwire Steel Company. It once housed a huge complex of arc furnaces and manufacturing buildings supported by a giant docking area, larger than a football field, where lake freighters would dock to supply the raw ingredients of limestone, iron ore, coal and coke for steel production. Wickwire purchased the farm land in 1906 and immediately started to build a steel plant on the site. Wickwire started production in 1908 and continued making steel products until they went out of business in 1964. Like many cities in America, the time during WWII was a booming time for many of the industries in this area. Wickwire made all sorts of metal objects needed for the war effort including springs, barbed wire, wire rope, netting, screening, fencing, etc. as well as parts for jeeps, tanks, half-tracks, rifles, etc. During this trip, and consecutive others back to the Wickwire facility, we discovered many insulators including emerald green 254's tucked in flooded basement caves, jumbos hanging 60 feet up on brackets, 4" thick porcelain 'pancake' insulators from the docking crane gantry, and several porcelain and glass types on building brackets, poles, and buried in the ground! I always bring a glass bible with me on digs and adventures, but never the porcelain guide, so upon arriving back home after our adventure I attempted to look up the porcelain insulators we had found. I broke out Elton Gish's guide to porcelain insulators and started identifying each one. I managed to tag all of them except one type, an odd-shaped Pinco. A total of five insulators of this type were dug from an area on the property which hadn't been touched in nearly 50 years. The insulators were still screwed onto the pins, which were still in the cross-arm, which was still attached to the pole! The entire pole was lying on its side and buried under tons of dirt, rocks, and trees. The five insulators from this pole didn't look like any porcelain insulator in the guide. So as per the instructions in the porcelain guide, I broke out a sheet of paper, a

pane of glass and a strong light and made a shadow diagram of one of them. I sent it off to Elton Gish and awaited a response. After doing some research Elton eventually sent me a message. He was thrilled with my shadow diagram saying it was the best he had ever received! Albeit he has only ever received a few shadow diagrams, three I think. He went on to inform me that I had actually discovered an insulator that was originally listed in a 1941 Pinco catalog but was somehow overlooked by everyone since!!!! Apparently they didn't sell many of this type of insulator so they were discontinued from the catalog after only one year in production. Now we know that Wickwire Steel Company was one company that bought at least 5 from Pinco that year!!! Anyhow, soon after I received another email informing me that King Elton had dubbed this insulator U-402A! Last year when Elton was getting his new price guide together he contacted me about getting him some pictures of the insulator. I promptly snapped some pictures and sent them off to him. As proof of being a loyal subject to the kingdom of clay I also mailed him one of the five U-402A PINCO porcelain insulators we found that day!

Editors Note: In the 2008 reference book, this was listed as U-530B. Listing are now moved to U-402A in the 2015 revised U-Chart.



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Find and circle the listed words in the diagram.
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Fall 2015 NIA 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 ___

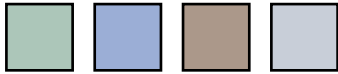
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T-SHIRT

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: _____

CREW NECK SWEATSHIRTS

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



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Price: **\$25** or **\$30**

Size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL

2XL ___ 3X ___

Color: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

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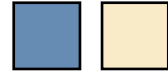
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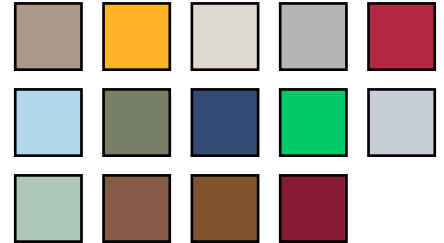
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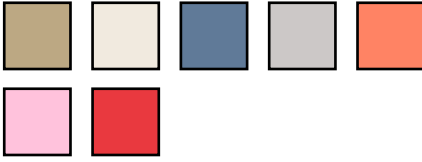
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SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 (Saturday)

EAST HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT

Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club Annual "On Golden Pond" Swap Meet and Cookout on Saturday September 12, 2015. Hours 8AM to 2PM. At the home of Larry and Mary Jo Emmons, 68 Long Crossing Road, East Hampton, Connecticut. East Hampton is about 30 minutes south of Hartford, CT and about 45 minutes northeast of New Haven, CT. Free Setup / Free Admission / Free Fun. Come for the whole day, come for a little while - all are welcome! A long-shade covered driveway has plenty of room for setup. Please bring your own table(s) and chair(s) if you plan to setup. Larry has a fully stocked trout pond so bring your fishing pole as well! Coffee and donuts/muffins are available for the early-birds. A hamburger/hot dog cookout lunch, expertly cooked by Larry, will be served around noon. Side or dessert contributions are always welcome and appreciated. The club asks for a \$10 per person "donation" for lunch. Please RSVP, ESPECIALLY if you plan on staying for lunch (so we can have enough food). Questions or to RSVP. JOHN RAJPOLT, (203) 261-1190 or rajpolt@earthlink.net. LARRY EMMONS, (860) 267-8584. Since this is an outdoor event, if you think the weather may cause a postponement, please contact John or Larry for event status in the days leading up to the event.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 (Saturday)

HOUSTON, TEXAS

The 24th Annual Houston Insulator and Collectibles Show, sponsored by the Lone Star Insulator Club, will be held September 12th 2015 in the Pasadena Room of the Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport, 9100 Gulf Freeway Houston, Texas 77017. Show hours are 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with free parking and free admission. Dealer tables \$45/first, \$40 each additional. Guest rooms \$92/night for show attendees. Fly into Hobby and take free shuttle to and from Hotel. Contact CHRIS (281-461-9652 crenaudo@aol.com), KEITH (979-245-2558 keithbrooking@spcglobal.net), or JOHN (281-851-6585 j.hall@ix.netcom.com) for more information .

SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 (Saturday)

RICHFIELD, OHIO

The Western Reserve Insulator Club's 5th Annual 'Oktoberfest' Insulator Show at the Masonic Hall, 3750 Grant Street, Richfield, OH 44286 (near the southeast corner of Routes 303 & 176), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free Admission. 8-foot Dealer Tables \$20. Dealer Setup 9-10 a.m., Bratwurst and Root Beer available for lunch. Contact JOHN HOVANEK 216-392-3622 or email wric@clubs.insulators.info for info or a dealer reservation form.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 (Saturday)

RACINE, WISCONSIN

15th Annual Greater Chicago Insulator Club "End of Summer" Picnic and Swap Meet. 9:00 AM ----about 3:00 PM. Lunch will be served at noon. Please let me know if you plan to attend so enough food can be prepared. Brats, hot dogs, and various other picnic type food is on the menu this year. Rick Soller will be holding his famous auction again. He has hundreds of insulators ready to put on the block. If you want to include something in the auction, by all means bring it with. The event will go on rain or shine. It will be held at the home of RANDY WESNER, 434 Blaine Ave., Racine, WI 53405 (262) 633-0756 Email: randysdodge@gmail.com Call or email if you need directions. Hope to See you there.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2015 (Saturday)

MORIARTY (ALBUQUERQUE), NEW MEXICO

Enchantment Insulator Club/New Mexico Historical Bottle Society 28th Annual Insulator, Bottle, Barbwire and Collectibles Show and Sale. Moriarty Civic Center, 202 South Broadway, Moriarty, New Mexico (35m E of Albuquerque south of I-40). Show setup and dealer trading Friday afternoon & evening, September 25. Saturday September 26 show hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Info: MIKE GAY (505) 899-8755. E-mail: cdn102@centurylink.net or TOM KATONAK, 1024 Camino de Lucia, Corrales, NM 87048 (505) 898-5592. E-mail: tkatonak@comcast.net

OCTOBER 3, 2015 (Saturday)

CANYONVILLE, OREGON

Jefferson State Antique Bottle, Insulator & Collectibles Show and Sale will be held Saturday, October 3, from 9:00 to 3:00 at the Seven Feathers Casino Resort in Canyonville, Oregon. General Admission is free. Early Admission will be \$10 on Friday from Noon to 7:00 PM and Saturday morning from 8:00 to 9:00. Info: BRUCE SILVA: 541-899-8411 or email: jsglass@q.com

OCTOBER 3, 2015 (Saturday)

RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN

North Western Insulator Club Fall Swap Meet. Come join us for our fall swap meet in beautiful River Falls, Wisconsin on Saturday, October 3, hosted by Mike Braun. Location is the Moose Lodge at 620 Clark St., River Falls. There are tables available and plenty of room for all. We'll be open from 9 to 3 and plan for the usual awesome auction mid-day. Lunch will be available. For info, contact Mike Braun at mbraun61@yahoo.com or 715-426-0887. Please RSVP by September 25 so we may plan for adequate tables and food. See you in Wisconsin!

OCTOBER 4, 2015 (Sunday)

CHELSEA, MICHIGAN

Huron Valley Bottle and Insulator Club's annual Antique Bottle and Insulator Show, including old advertising, lightning rod items, railroad items, and many other tabletop antiques and collectibles. Sunday, October 4th from 9 am to 3 pm. Admission \$3 for adults over 16 years of age. Located at the Chelsea Comfort Inn Conference Center, Exit #159 North off I-94. Contact: MIKE BRUNER at 248-425-3223/abbott4girl@sbcglobal.net or ROD KRUPKA at 248-627-6351/rod.krupka@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 17, 2015 (Saturday)

LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA

After a long layoff, we are happy to announce the 4th AV Three Amigo's High Desert Insulator Thang & Bar-B-Q at the home of Craig & Sue Mclaurin, 43020 42nd St, West Lancaster, California on Saturday, October 17th starting at 8:00 AM. Buy, Sale or Trade. Breakfast: Coffee and doughnuts provided. Lunch: Full BBQ in the works for all attendees. Level RV parking is available. No electricity (sorry). Limited amount of tables & chairs. Please bring your own if possible. Will have a raffle so please consider making a donation. Info: CRAIG & SUE MCLAURIN (661) 943-7649 cbmzeek@gmail.com or JON & SANDY KREDO: (661) 946-0280 sndykay@roadrunner.net or LORI & RON JENKINS: (661) 718-0132 or (cell) (661) 466-7294 jinx162@verizon.net

NOVEMBER 6 – 8, 2015 (Friday-Sunday)

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

45th Annual Mid-Ohio Show & Sale will be held November 6-8 at the Clark County Fairgrounds (Exit 59 off I-70), Springfield, Ohio. Friday hours are 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Saturday: 8:00 to 4:00. Sunday: 9:00 to ????. The Community Display for 2015 will feature "Lynchburg Glass". Info: www.insulators.info/shows/springfield/ Contact: LOIS BLAIR 740-852-3148 or CURT BOSTER 614-301-5125; email: cboster530@att.net

NOVEMBER 21, 2015 (Saturday)

SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE

The fall Dixie Jewels Insulator Club swap meet, hosted by Bill Haley, will be held Saturday, November 21 from 8:30-2:00 at Daisy United Methodist Church, 9508 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379. We always expect collectors from 7-10 states. There is no charge to set up a sales table, so bring your extra glass, mud, go-withs and collectibles and join in the fun. Bill can provide a few tables or you may bring your own, but please call to reserve tables in advance of the swap. We've met here several times. The church is on a main highway and walk-in traffic is usually very good. We also have plenty of good food at DJIC swaps! BBQ pork, baked beans and slaw are planned for the noon meal. Side dishes, desserts or chips to go with that would be appreciated, but it is certainly not mandatory. Join fellow collectors for a day of good fellowship, food and lots of insulators. For info, table reservations or directions please contact: BILL HALEY, (423) 326-9248 cell, (423) 785-4056 home, wgh@tnaqua.org.

DECEMBER 6, 2015 (Sunday)

ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT

Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club's Third Annual "BEAT THE SNOW" Insulator, Bottle, and Tabletop Collectibles Show and Sale. American Legion Hall, 566 Enfield Street (US Route 5), Enfield, Connecticut 06082. Insulators, bottles, jars, lightning rod equipment, flasks, stoneware, telephone & telegraph collectibles, railroadiana, advertising & paper ephemera, and small table top antiques. Show hall is 1 mile from Exit 49 of I-91 (20 minutes from Hartford as well as the Mass Pike). Show Hours 8AM to 2PM. Dealer Setup 6AM to 8AM. FREE ADMISSION. Room for 40+ sales tables. For a dealer contract, display information, or any other details - please contact JOHN RAJPOLT (203) 261-1190. E-Mail: rajpolt@earthlink.net

JANUARY 30, 2016 (Saturday)

MAITLAND, FLORIDA

The annual Central Florida Insulator Collectors/Antique Telephone Collectors Association (CFIC/ATCA) Show and Sale will be held Saturday, January 30, 2016. The show will be held in a new location, which is across the street from the Telephone Museum. The address is The Germaine Bldg., 220 W. Packwood (which is two blocks north of the previous years show location), Maitland, FL. Tables are: First table= \$25.00. Each additional table is \$20.00. Set-up is from 7-8 am with the public allowed in beginning at 8:00am. until about 3:00 pm. There will be coffee and donuts for dealers and lunch concessions will be available on the premises. For information and reservations contact: PAUL MIKULA, NIA# 7466, 650 East Chapman Road, Oviedo, FL 32765, Tel: 407-365-4686, email: wecoman@bellsouth.net

MARCH 12, 2016 (Saturday)
SHREWSBURY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club hosts the 28th Annual Shrewsbury Insulator Show and Sale, Saturday March 12, 2016 at the Shrewsbury Fire Hall, 21 W. Forrest Ave, Shrewsbury, PA 17361. Show runs from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more info, contact: GUS STAFFORD at 914-382-0843 or email: gus.stafford@gmail.com

JUNE 24-25, 2016 (Friday-Saturday)
WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Insulator Collectors of America – 2016 Expo will be held June 24-25 on the Washington Fairgrounds in Washington, Pennsylvania. Plans are for 100 or more tables and twenty displays. For more info visit the website: InsulatorCollectorsOfAmerica.com or call JOHN at 216-392-3622.

JULY 8-10, 2016 (Friday-Sunday)
LOHR A. MAIN, GERMANY, EUROPE

The International Insulator Collectors Meeting will be held July 8-10 in Lohr a. Main, Germany. For info email Daniele and Lothar Vormwald at: danielevormwald@web.de

JULY 28-31, 2016 (Thursday-Sunday)
MUNCIE, INDIANA

The National Insulator Association's 47th Annual Convention and Show will be held July 28-31 at the Horizon Convention Center, 601 S. High St., Muncie, IN 47305. Muncie was the home of the Hemingray company from 1888 to 1972 and special activities are planned related to this. Show information can be found at <http://www.nia.org/national> or you can contact BOB STAHR at 630-793-5345 or email Bob@hemingray.com or RICK SOLLER at 847-782-8602 or email Com574@clcollinois.edu.



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