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Editor



Shaun Kotlarsky - NIA# 4993

Nothing new to report on the official front . But thought I would share a photo of one of my spring / summer projects! The Hemingray flower box. Made from treated 4x4, insulators sit on a clear acrylic "pins". I chose clear instead of wood because it looks way nicer in the sun.

I think it came out cool. Still waiting on a couple things for the flower box to arrive but the insulator related part is done .

*Shaun Kotlarsky*





**President**



**Steve Roberts - NIA# 7935**

Greetings Fellow NIA Members,  
 My wife and I returned from the 2017 NIA National Show just a few days ago. If you were there you know what a great show it was. For those of you who were not there, I'm sorry you couldn't attend. I wish there was a way for me to describe how good it was. Simply said, it was fantastic. Dan & Wendy Gauron, Mike & Lori Green, and David & Pam Baron hosted a National to remember. On behalf of the NIA, I'm sure everyone who was there would join me in extending to the Show Hosts a heartfelt THANK YOU! And, while we are talking about the National Show, the next two Nationals were announced while we were at Colorado Springs. For those of you who haven't already heard, the 2018 National will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, and the Show Hosts are Darryl and Margaret Wagner. And, the 2019 National will be held in Orlando, Florida, and the Show Hosts are Jacqueline Linscott-Barnes, Graham Barnes and Clay Bledsoe.

My time at the National went by very quickly as there were a number of activities that I needed to participate in. The NIA leadership team met for the Board of Directors' Meeting on Thursday prior to the Show. The bulk of the meeting dealt with administrative issues that needed to be updated. Following are a few of the things that we changed. First, the Board of Directors approved changing our budget year to coincide with our Membership year, and our tax and legal filing year. Basically, what that means is that our budget will be based on the calendar year. I realize that this will be transparent to most of you; however, for our Treasurer, this will make his job much easier. Next, we discussed the fact that the NIA should periodically conduct fiscal audits. During the next six months we will be transitioning our books from a July through June budget year, to a January through December budget year. After that, the Board agreed that we could utilize the assistance of the Finance Committee to assist us in an internal audit, or we may choose to conduct an external audit using the services of an external accounting firm. However, the Board agreed that we would require an audit should there be a change of personnel relative to the Treasurer's position. (At this point I want to make a very clear statement. In my opinion, our NIA Treasurer is a

man above reproach. I trust him without question. Our purpose for suggesting future audits is to show due diligence to you the membership. You have asked us to serve you and we as Board Members must do all we can to properly monitor our records.) The third thing I would like to mention about the Board Meeting is related to the Events Committee. The Board has asked the Events Committee to begin developing documentation that will better assist potential, or selected, Show Hosts relative to planning and implementing either an NIA National or Regional Show. Each year we are gaining a better understanding of what is required to host one of these shows. We feel that having a guideline will greatly assist those who have volunteered to host a show for the NIA.

There was one specific topic that was discussed in the Board of Directors' Meeting that I would like to relate to you. One of our Board Members recently assisted a deceased member's widow with the disposition of the member's collection. This process became very difficult for the widow because of their uncertainty of knowing exactly how the collector would have wanted their collection to be disposed of. So, I'll ask you a question. If something were to happen to you would your family know your wishes relative to the liquidation of your collection? I'm sure some of you could say yes to that question. However, I'm also sure that many of you would have to say No! Please do your family a favor and write a plan for the disposition of your collection. There are many options you could choose from such as selling the collection via one of the many auction venues, to writing a bequest to leave the collection to a museum or even the NIA. The point here is not the importance of what you choose to do with your collection, but rather that you formulate a plan and write your wishes down for the sake of your loved ones. Be proactive. Plan well. Anything can happen to any of us!

Another activity was the General Membership Meeting which was held on Friday evening immediately following the close of the show on NIA Day. You will find the details of the meeting in the Secretary's report; however, let me express my appreciation to everyone for their participation. The meeting was in a very large room and

it was full. We had to ask for more chairs to be delivered and there were still a few who were standing in the back! Why do I mention this? Because your presence tells me you are interested in what is going on in your organization. With that said, if you have a question or concern, please either contact me or the Vice President serving your region and communicate your interests with us. I can't promise you that we will find solutions for every topic that we may encounter; however, I will assure you that we will give your concerns due consideration.

At the conclusion of the Membership Meeting we introduced the new Western Region Vice President, Michael Doyle. Michael has been a participant in the hobby for many years and is very excited about serving the membership in this capacity. His predecessor was Ron Yuhas. Ron has done a great job as the Western VP for the last three years and we are very appreciative of his service to the organization. Additionally, we announced that Bill Rohde will continue for an additional term as the Treasurer.

In addition to the previously mentioned Board of Directors' positions, there were a few more changes in the NIA leadership that were announced. Recently Kay Bryant resigned as the Scholarship Chairperson. Jeanne Briel has agreed to begin serving as the Scholarship Chairperson. Additionally, Lee Brewer has agreed to serve on the Scholarship Committee. Also, Jim White resigned as the Promotions Advisor. I have asked Christian Willis, our Information Director, to absorb the role of the Promotions Advisor into the function of the Information Director. Christian has agreed to take on this added responsibility. The NIA can't perform to your expectations without the volunteer members of the organization who agree to help get the job done. When you get the opportunity, please thank Michael, Ron, Bill, Kay, Jeanne, Lee, Jim, Christian and all of the other NIA leaders for their willingness to serve. To all of these that have been mentioned, and to all of the others who serve our organization.... THANKS, I appreciate each of you very much!

The next activity was the Awards Banquet on Saturday night. The typical attendance at an NIA Awards Banquet is usually 115 – 135. The attendance in Colorado Springs was approximately 225! It was great to see that many people at the banquet and everyone seemed to have a good time. There were numerous awards for the various displays. All of which were well earned. With

that said, I would like to extend my congratulations to all of the displayers, and say thank you for all of the effort you put in to sharing your displays with all of us. They were impressive to say the least!

Another enjoyable moment at the Banquet was the opportunity to announce the two Scholarship recipients. They were Trevor Dean and Andrew Hedges. Trevor and his family were not in attendance; however, Andrew was there to receive his scholarship check. It is very rewarding to see the NIA assisting these deserving young men as they continue their education. Like their families, we the NIA Membership are very proud of them!

Also during the banquet there were a few people who were recognized for their contribution to the communications industry, or to our hobby. We had two Hall of Fame inductees this year. They were Ezra Cornell and William Brookfield. Next, we had four recipients of the President's Award. They were Kay Bryant, Darryl Wagner, Bill Rohde and Don Briel. And last but not least, we have a couple who received the Lifetime Membership Award. They were Bob and Carolyn Berry! All of these recipients were very deserving and I'm sure I may speak for all of the NIA Membership in offering them our warmest congratulations!

In closing I want to recognize one additional person. That is Jason Townsend. All of the NIA National Awards that were presented this year were underwritten by a generous donation given by Jason and his family. Thank you, Jason! We appreciate it!

Finally, by the time you read this article summer will be drawing to a close, but the insulator show season will still be going strong! Let me encourage you to try to make it to a show. You'll be glad you did. Hopefully you will find that one insulator you've been looking for. But even if you don't find the insulator of your dreams at the show, I can almost assure you that you will find some of your best friends there!

Until the Next Time, My Best Regards to All of You,

*Steve Roberts*



**First Past President**



**Don Briel - NIA# 7218**

As 1<sup>st</sup> Past President, I have little responsibility and little to write about from an NIA officer perspective. However, I would be remiss if I didn't take time to thank our National show hosts for a great National show in Colorado Springs. My sincere thanks go out to Dan Gauron, Mike Green, David Baron, and their wives for all the time and work they went through to put on a very successful National show. I also thank all of the volunteers that put in so many hours in so many different ways. And, last but not least, I thank all of the attendees. It would not be a successful show without good attendance.

So, my heart felt THANK YOU to all!

Jeanne and I also had a wonderful vacation on the way to Colorado Springs and again on our way home from the show. We visited antique shops whenever we were on the road, went to the top of Pike's Peak on the Cog Railway and saw the old hydro power plant on the way up. While I was in the Board meeting on Thursday, Jeanne enjoyed the Cripple Creek excursion and Molly Kathleen mine tour.

After the show we toured the West with two other insulator collecting couples. We enjoyed Steamboat Springs, the Colorado and Utah sides of Dinosaur National Monument, Salt Lake City and Temple square, and a few days in Yellowstone National Park and the surrounding areas. By the way, there are some nice carnival suspensions in service in Yellowstone park along with plenty of porcelain. What an incredible country we have to explore.

The friendships we have made through insulator collecting are priceless. The memories created by attending shows and visiting with others will last forever. What a great hobby we share with some of the best people ever. Get out to as many shows as you can and enjoy meeting the wonderful people in person. THANK YOU to all collectors!

*Don Briel*

## 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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**Western Region VP**

**Mike Doyle - NIA# 5932**

Best In Collecting to all of you wild and crazy folks out there who make this hobby So Much Fun! Thank you, Mr. Ron Yuhas, and Peggy(!) for your generous and productive service to our members and hobbyists while you served us as our Western Region VP. I hope that I can follow capably and respectfully in your footsteps. As your new Western VP and your Special Projects Advisor to the board, I have lots to do in order to earn my keep. With everyone's help, I can do it. Be sure to check the show calendar for coming events and get out to some shows. Also, please reach out to me with anything that you'd like to suggest or learn more about. My email address is [westernvp@nia.org](mailto:westernvp@nia.org).

How amazing has this summer been so far for the Western Region? We started off with the Rohde Ranch BBQ, followed by great shows in Cayucos, southern Washington, South Lake Tahoe and of course, Colorado Springs, which was for me, one of the most epic national shows in recent memory. Thanks to Dan, Mike and David, their wives and the host of others upon whose backs this show was built. Your Blood, Sweat & Tears are not lost on us. We know exactly how hard it is to pull off such an amazing event. Also, looking ahead, thank you to all four of the potential 2020 show hosts with whom I spoke recently. I look forward to hearing that you have provided our Events Committee with four good, working packages for your 2020 National Show proposals as we draw closer to the end of the year.

The recurring issue of altered Denver glass colors has recently been discussed in the hobby press. We hear that. The NIA remains dedicated to education and information sharing in all of the areas of the hobby that we can reach. The NIA sponsored the Fake & Altered Insulator exhibit in Colorado and it featured a number of altered Denver pieces so that folks could familiarize themselves with what's out there. I have to constantly remind myself that privately owned publications such as Crown Jewels of the Wire and the Insulator Price Guide fall outside of the NIA's pur-

view. Their owners and editors are solely responsible for their content.

Special Projects is continuing to explore ways to bring you hobby news, education and information through the [NIA.ORG](http://NIA.ORG) website. Our web guru, Bob Berry and our information czar, Christian Willis, are working with David Baron, related hobby advertisers and many others to expand and increase the visibility of our web presence and our participation in social media outlets such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. I am also soliciting inputs from authors of past periodicals and hobby reference books. Please contact me about digitizing your work so that we may make it available for everyone online. Clarice Gordon's Hemingray book will soon be available and I will be reaching out to Ron & Patty Norton to ask their permission to digitize all of the issues of Rainbow Riders' Trading Post magazine. I have lots to do and lots to learn about my new VP job. I can use all of the prayers that you can throw my way and I will keep my nose to the grindstone to help the NIA represent our great hobby in all that we do. Thank you,

*Mike Doyle*



**Eastern Region VP**

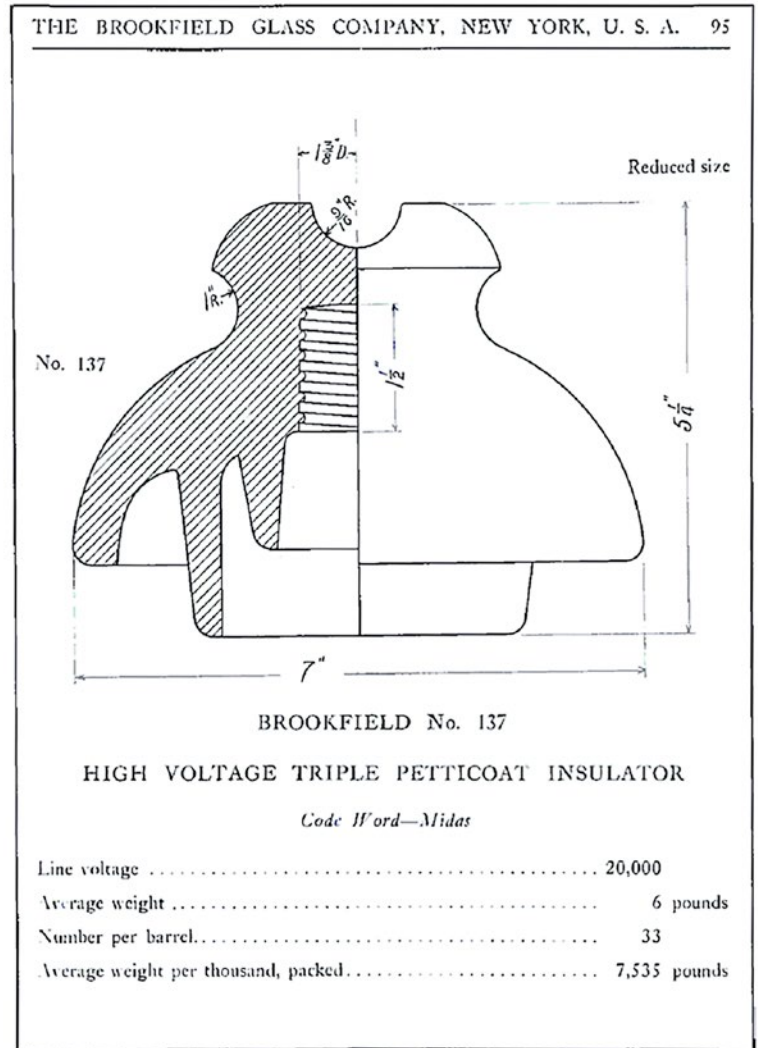
**Gus Stafford - NIA# 8871**



As many of you may or may not know, I'm the individual who does the Consolidated Design drawings for the Insulator Price Guide. I thought I would take a departure from discussing our recent National and explain how I go about doing drawings for the hobby. I am not the first, nor will I be the last, to attempt to catalog insulator shapes, as I believe the need will continue for many years to come. For those new to the hobby, there have been many efforts through the years to record insulator shape variations. Early sales catalogs and advertisements were done by graphic artists of the era with varying levels of accuracy.

Later efforts, such as the 1912 Brookfield Insulator Catalog provided more drawings with greater accuracy:

**Brookfield**



**HEADQUARTERS FOR TELEPHONE INSULATORS.**

**HEMINGRAY**  
No. 9 PONY INSULATOR.  
PAT. MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 1893

Weight per piece..... 56 oz.  
Weight per 1,000 packed..... 63 lbs.  
Packed 400 in a barrel.

**HEMINGRAY**  
TRANSPPOSITION INSULATOR  
PAT. MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 1893.

Weight per piece..... 30 oz. Weight per 1,000 packed..... 41 1/2 lbs.  
Packed 125 in a barrel.

**HEMINGRAY**  
No. 11 DOUBLE GROOVE PONY INSULATOR.  
PAT. MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 1893.

Weight per piece..... 30 oz.  
Weight per 1,000 packed..... 700 lbs.  
Packed 400 in a Barrel.

FACTORIES AT  
MUNCIE, IND.  
OFFICE AT  
COVINGTON, KY.

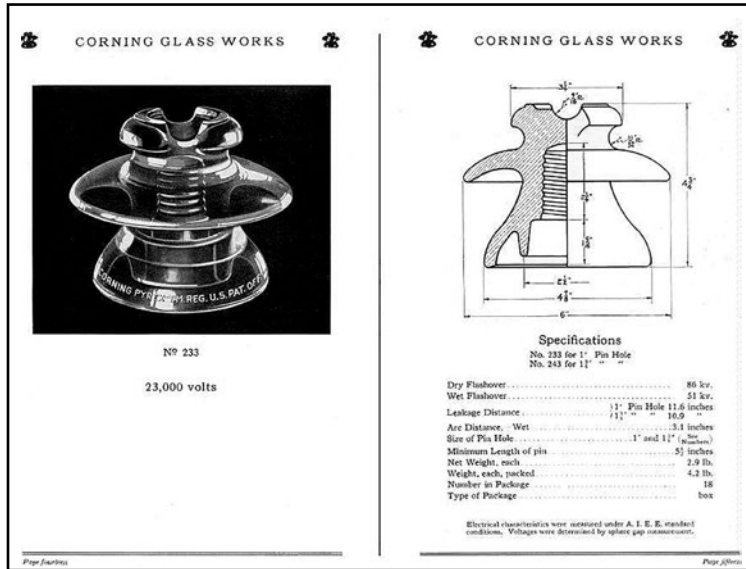
**HEMINGRAY GLASS CO.**  
Established 1828 MANUFACTURERS. Incorporated 1879

R. G. HEMINGRAY, President.  
BRADFORD SHINKLE, Vice-President.  
D. C. HEMINGRAY, Sec'y and Treas.

**Hemingray**



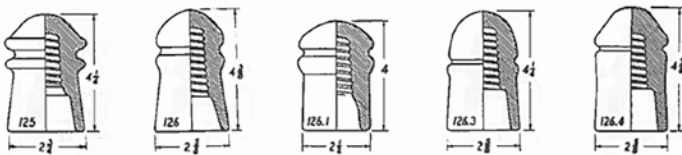
By the time Pyrex started making insulators, illustrations were true technical drawings:



### Corning

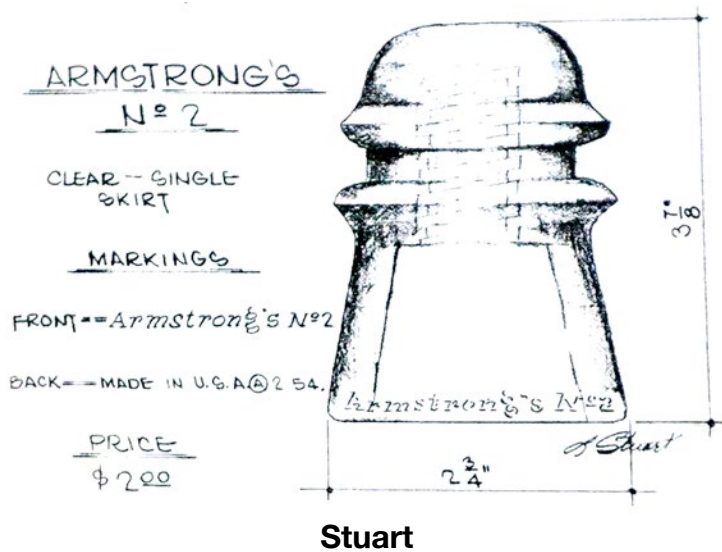
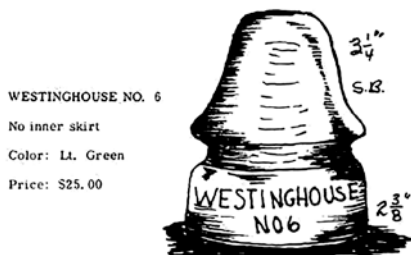
The challenge for collectors was that there was no single source of all shapes to refer to for identification. In the early days of the hobby Lynn Stuart, Francis Terrill and N. R. Woodward all had insulator guides with drawings. Woodward made the best effort at representing mechanical drawings in support of his Consolidated Design system.

### Woodward

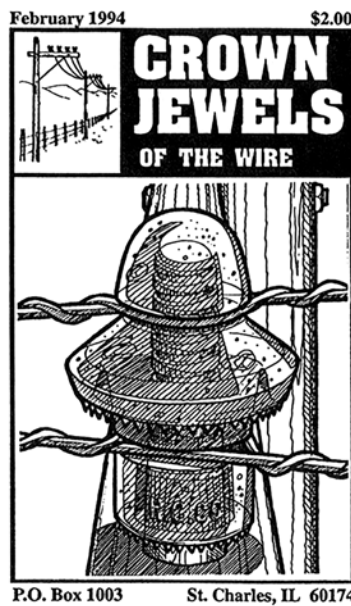


Terrill's drawings were sketches of insulators in perspective, while Stuart's drawings had an artistic flair to them.

### Terrill



I became involved in drawing the CDs after doing several covers for Crown Jewels of the Wire in the 90's.



John and Carol McDougald asked me to create new digital drawings for the price guide following the format that N.R. Woodward established in his The Glass Insulator in North America Report. The original drawings done using Adobe Illustrator, and I subsequently redrew them using Inkscape with standard CMYK Colors and line widths. There are three colors: Black, White, and Gray, and four line widths corresponding

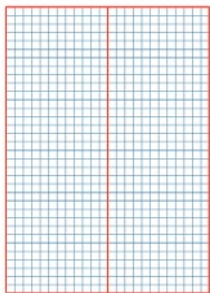
to external, internal, detail, and dimension lines. The Font is Arial 24, bold, and italicized. At least one third of the drawings have gone through additional revisions based on subtle profile differences or previously undocumented measurements. All drawings are done using a freeware vector graphics program called Inkscape. In this way, the files are transportable, at no cost, to whoever takes the task on when my days are done.

Early in the process I relied on Jack Tod's shadow

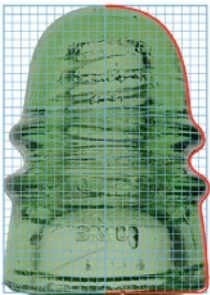
profile method to draw the initial profile of each insulator as described in the November 1978 issue of Crown Jewels. This is available on line at:

(<http://www.cjow.com/archive/article.php?month=11&a=11Porcelain%20Insulator%20News.htm&year=1978>)

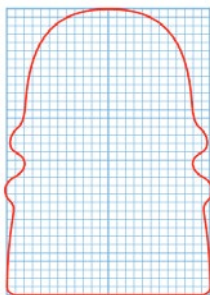
With the advent of digital cameras, and eventually cell phones with the ever increasing accuracy levels I transitioned to digital images to eliminate parallax distortion and create the base profile for new drawings. I've found that photos take at a distance of five feet or more produces excellent results. Once I have a suitable photograph, I follow the process outlined below.



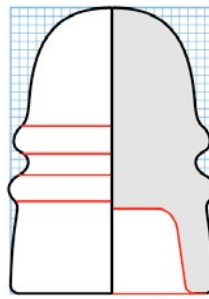
**Figure 1.** Measure the height and width of the insulator and create a grid (1/8" for large, 1/16" for small) rectangle matching those dimensions. Add a vertical center line and center it on the rectangle.



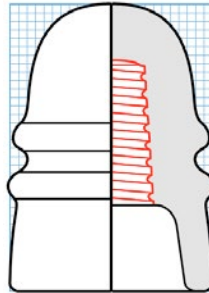
**Figure 2.** Insert the photograph behind the rectangle and resize the photograph until it fits in the box. "Trace" half of the outline of the insulator.



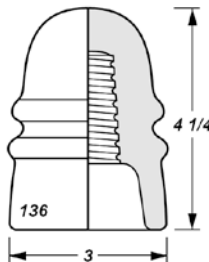
**Figure 3.** Copy the half outline and flip it horizontally, using alignment commands for vertical alignment.



**Figure 4.** Fill the left side with white, and the right with gray, adding external details on the left, and internal details on the right.



**Figure 5.** Add the appropriate threads to the right side (I have various thread drawings that I can swap in and out based on the insulator style: standard, American, segmented, etc.).



**Figure 6.** Add dimensions and Consolidated Design Number and you are done!

I produce two files for each drawing. One is a Portable Network Graphics (.png) file for image reproduction like the price guide; the second is a vector graphics file for future edits that may arise. I do all drawings full size for accuracy (thankfully no limits to paper size when drawing a CD 331!). The final drawings can be reduced by percentage for any use.

I am always looking for any corrections to improve the accuracy of the drawings, or add variations to the Annex in the Price Guide. Feel free to e-mail me if you have anything new, or recommendations for how I can make the product better!

Better yet, let's talk in person on Saturday, 16 September 2017, 9 am to 3 pm, at the 3rd Annual End of Summer Insulator Swap Meet. 816 Flintlock Ridge Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Set up starts at 8 am – No fee for setup. Bring your own tables, chairs, insulators, and something for the potluck. Contact: [gus.stafford@gmail.com](mailto:gus.stafford@gmail.com), (717) 790-9183.

*Gus Stafford*



**Membership Director**

**Andrew Gibson - NIA# 2422**



I was very much sorry to miss this year's National. From everything that I have heard and seen, it sounds like it was a good one, to say the least. On the other hand, I was spending a month in France with my family, showing my kids all the sights that are near and dear to my heart. While most of that involved visiting friends, seeing medieval architecture, admiring the countryside, and trying to avoid sunburn, insulators of course had their moment. My son Ian desperately wanted to get his hands on this CD 545 VA in purple that we walked past near Mt. St. Michel, but it was not to be. I was intrigued at finding CD 152 HEMINGRAY NO 40s in use in Lourmarin, down near the Mediterranean Sea. We found three of them on the side of an old Romanesque church, and there were others scattered around the town. Given the SDP and the embossing, these must have been put into service during or just after World War I. They are certainly a long way from home!

Now that I'm finally back from vacation, I'm catching up on all my mail. This especially includes recording all NIA members renewals and new membership applications that came in while I was away. If you renewed or joined recently (or know anyone who did, as anyone receiving this issue of Drip Points should already be a member!), please be patient (or let them know to be patient) for just a bit more. I have everything entered in our membership system, and hope to get all membership cards and new member packets mailed out this week so that I'm back up-to-date with my NIA duties.

My Membership Director's report to the NIA board this year included the comment that we looked to be in our third year in a row of membership decline, and that while there is usually a jump in membership around the time of the National, I didn't expect it would be enough to surpass the number of members from last year. Well, I'm happy to report that I was wrong. We added 94 members since that report, just over a month ago! Not only did we surpass last year's membership, but with 1,703 members currently, we have reached the fourth highest number of members since the NIA was started. It seems likely

that this surge is due largely to the National in Colorado Springs. Many thanks to all of the folks who worked hard to make this such a successful show!

Now that the National is over, it's time to look forward to getting to other shows. Here in the north-east, that includes the CBIC show in Martinsburg, WV on August 12; the WRIC show in Richfield, OH on September 23; the Ontario Fall Insulator Show & Sale in Hillburgh, ON on October 14; and, of course, the 47th Mid-Ohio Show in Springfield, OH on November 3-5. Having been away for a while, I'm busy with all sorts of activities, but I'm going to do my best to get to as many of these shows as I can. Get out and support your local shows -- there's no beating them for the opportunity to see the insulators and meet the people!

Turning to some fun with numbers, I was wondering about this membership surge. I went and looked at the payments we have received in June, July, and August, under the assumption that many or most of these payments are probably from people getting ready to go to the National, at the National itself, or from new members after the show. Interestingly, this number hasn't changed much in the last few years, as you can see from the chart below.

**Year .....Payments**

2013.....	56
2014.....	49
2015.....	48
2016.....	52
2017.....	50

The numbers from the 5 years before that are distinctly higher, especially back in 2008.

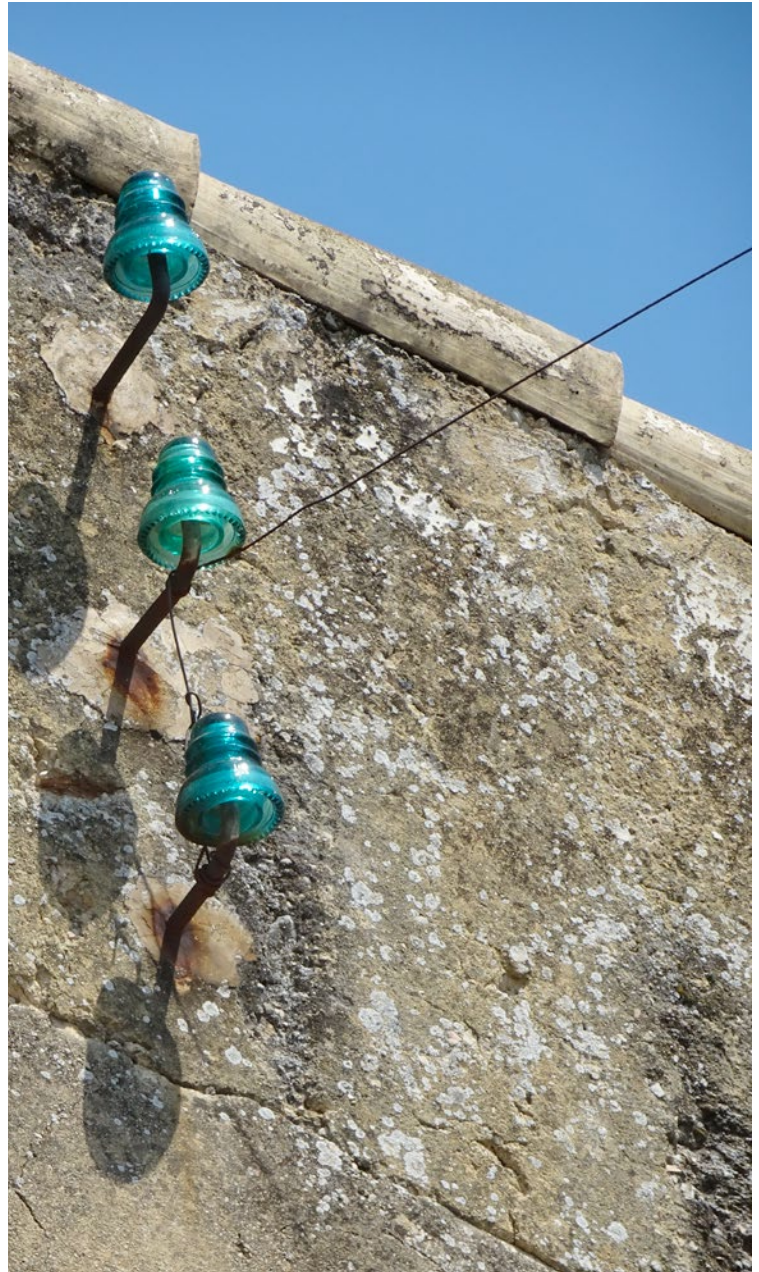
**Year .....Payments**

2008.....	81
2009.....	61
2010.....	69
2011.....	67
2012.....	61

Of course, we aren't through all of August yet this year, so it's quite possible that the number for 2017 will go higher. But looking at those numbers, I'm not entirely sure that I can make any conclusions! I always enjoy playing with the numbers, but I don't always figure anything out.

If anyone has any thoughts on these, send me your theories at [membership@nia.org](mailto:membership@nia.org)

*Andrew Gibson*





**Treasurer**



**Bill Rohde - NIA# 1219**

Hello all,  
I know there will be a lot written about the AMAZING 2017 National, but I must add my good words also. Thanks to the 2017 hosts and their wives for a year plus of work to make such a GREAT National happen.

This event brought SO many good people together for several days of priceless camaraderie and renewed friendships.

There was SO much going on all the time, a person was being pulled in different directions all day.

It was SO much fun. THANK YOU ALL so much for putting on this show so that WE could all enjoy it. We did !!

It really is about the people.

On Thursday prior to the show, the NIA Board held their annual meeting. This year EVERY Board member and Committee member responded to our request for their estimated annual expenses needed, and any income that they generate.

We put together a very comprehensive budget this year with everyone's input. The GOOD news, at the end of the day, it was a balanced budget! We DO rely on a certain amount of donations to make it all work.

Last year the Development Committee was able to raise a little over \$7,000. THANK YOU ALL WHO HELPED!!

The Committee will be working hard this year to exceed that number. We have some fun ideas and new programs that will be introduced soon.

We are already off to a great start; Jason Townsend and Family did something VERY special for the NIA and the National.

Jason sponsored ALL the NIA awards for the 2017 National !!!! WOW. THANK YOU Jason and family.

As I mentioned, we will be introducing some fun new ways to help support the NIA and its activities in the near future.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring anything in the future, please contact us. We have several areas available for sponsorship.

Hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer!

*Bill Rohde*



Awards and Recognition Chairperson

Gene Hawkins - NIA# 421

WOW! What fantastic displays were shown at the Colorado Springs National! If you were not there, you missed a truly great experience! This year the displayers really stepped up the quality & educational value of the exhibits. Thanks to all the displayers & show hosts for their efforts. It really made the show memorable for all attendees!

**The NIA & Best of Category awards are listed below:**

- Best Kids Display ..... Francisco Campos
- Color ..... Don Briel
- Foreign ..... Lis & Jim Bergman
- General ..... Mike Green
- Go-Withs ..... Lou Hall
- Lightning Rods ..... Terry Drollinger
- Specialty ..... Christian Willis
- Threaded Porcelain ..... Bob Berry

- Milholland Educational Award ... Lou Hall
- Best of Show ..... Lou Hall

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*Gene Hawkins*



Information Director



Christian Willis - NIA# 5185

It was great to see everyone at the Colorado Springs National! I was able to attend my first full board meeting since taking on the role of Information Director in 2014. My fellow board and committee members gave me quite a bit of constructive feedback that I plan to focus on in the coming year.

I've been encouraged by several NIA members contacting me to take advantage of their free 25-word ad in Drip Points, and hope that more members will soon follow. I'm also happy to report that the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors (FOHBC) has expressed interest in trading ads with the NIA, so expect to see their ad in an upcoming issue of Drip Points!

My 8-year-old son Christian Jr. and I had a great time at the National, and he made several new friends, especially Cameron Case (Richard's grandson). He picked up quite a few pieces at the show and he's already running out of room on his window sill and dresser. Looks like we have another collector!

I had a blast displaying my collection of Hemingray embossing errors in my display entitled "Look Closer!" I encouraged the public to get up close to the insulators and examine the embossings with magnifying glasses. I had been wanting to do this display for about 20 years, but was always nervous about displaying a bunch of "boring aqua" insulators. I finally got over my fear, and it was a true honor to receive the NIA 1st Place Specialty award. All of the displays at the show were outstanding!

I also came away with a couple of items that had long been on my wish list: a CD 301.5 Hemingray-515 in clear, and a Stonehouse danger sign from the 1920's that warns about "damage to insulators, wires or poles". It's great to have a go-with that directly ties my Stonehouse sign collection and insulator collection together! The CD 301.5

also has the added bonus of being the exact piece pictured in the McDougald book that I used to admire as a kid.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not give a sincere thank you to the fantastic job that show hosts Dan Gauron, Mike Green, David Baron, and Mike Gaudy did. From the special events to the raffles to the banquet and awards ceremony, it was a National my son and I will never forget!

Sincerely,

*Christian Willis*





**Historian**



**Rick Soller - NIA# 2958**

### Recent Additions to the NIA Archives

This year's National in Colorado Springs was fertile ground for new additions to the NIA archives. Here are some of the major ones:

Baumgardt, Walter (Compiler and Editor). (2017). CREBB Masks: What Variant Do I Have? Volume 1. Tonawanda, NY: Privately published.

Baumgardt, Walter, and Lee Brewer. (2017). CREB Masks. Volume 2. Tonawanda, NY: Privately published.

[Bergman, Lis.] (no date but about 2014). Anciens Etablissements Parvillée Frères & Cie [Ancient Establishment of Parvillée Brothers and Company]. Privately published.

Bergman, Elisabeth "Lis." (2014). Glass Insulators Manufactured by Charbonneaux et Cie: The History and Documentation. Privately published.

Bergman, Elisabeth "Lis." (2016). Glass Insulators Manufactured by L'Électro-Verre/Sediver: The History and Documentation. Privately published.

Bergman, Elisabeth "Lis." (2014). Glass Insulators Manufactured by The Verrerie de Folembray: The History and Documentation. Privately published.

Dahle, David. (2017). Energizing the Peace Garden State: The Early Days of Electricity in North Dakota. Sioux Falls, SD: Privately published.

The numerous displays also resulted in quite a few handouts added to the archives. These include Jay Bernasak's "The 'No 4 Cable' Style CD 267," Don Briel's "Insulator Color & Lightning," Arlen Riensstra's "Square D Company," Gill Hedges's "Mexican Display Handout," Rick Soller's "Patches & Pins," Christian Willis' "A Study on Hemingray Embossing Errors," Dave Hall's "Maydwell & Hartzell, Inc.," Bob Berry's "Wide World of White Porcelain," and Jim/Lis/Elisabeth Bergman's "The Adventures of Collecting French Insulators in France," plus "The History of L'Electro-Verre/E.I.V./Sediver."

Other material included the show directory, the banquet program, a flyer for a swap meet in Silverton, OR, postcards for the 2017 and 2018 National, a postcard for Bill and Jill Insulator auctions, a pen from Lou Hall's display, a show button, and numerous business cards.

*Rick Soller*

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**NIA Events Committee Chairperson**

**Darryl Wagner - NIA# 8671**

Greetings NIA members from your Events Advisory Committee!

As everyone has said, we had another great National, but we are already looking forward to 2020 and beyond. We are currently looking for bids for the 2020 NIA National Show that will be in the Western Region. Letters of intent need to be turned in by November 1st, with preliminary bids in by January 1st 2018. Please contact any of the committee members or myself if you have any questions. We would be pleased to talk to anyone in any other region about other upcoming show opportunities for either a National or Regional.

In addition, if you are thinking about having a local show or swap meet, there might be things that we can help you with as far as planning, organizing, etc. We are here for you to utilize as a resource for shows.

Here is the member and contact information for the Events Advisory Committee:

**Eastern Region:**

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**Central Region:**

Bob Berry - [pyrex553@aol.com](mailto:pyrex553@aol.com)

**Western Region:**

Dwayne Anthony - [insulators@open-wire.com](mailto:insulators@open-wire.com)

**First Past President:**

Don Briel - [don.briel@comcast.net](mailto:don.briel@comcast.net)

**Committee Chairman:**

Darryl Wagner - [show@nia.org](mailto:show@nia.org) or [dwi@blitz-it.net](mailto:dwi@blitz-it.net)  
816-719-0801

As always, I want to thank my committee for their participation and assistance with this committee. Don't hesitate to utilize us!

*Darryl Wagner*

## 47TH MID-OHIO INSULATOR SHOW UPDATE



The 47th Mid-Ohio Insulator Show returns to Springfield, Ohio the weekend of November 3-5, 2017. This year's events will be held at the Champions Center, which is located about 200 yards from the usual site at the Clark County Fairgrounds (Exit 59 off I-70). As of August 1st, the show is completely sold out with 120 sales tables. Admission as always is free for all collectors and browsers. Show hours are 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Friday, November 3rd with dealer setup beginning at high noon. Saturday hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and the show opens at 9 a.m. on Sunday.

Visit the official Mid-Ohio website for additional details and a list of attending dealers.  
<http://www.insulators.info/shows/springfield/>



**Development Committee Chairperson**

**Michael Green - NIA# 3175**



Greetings Fellow Collectors,  
Summer is flying by and soon there will be a hint of fall in the Colorado high country. It's just amazing how quickly the time flies. The past couple months have gone by particularly fast with all the planning and preparation leading up to the National in Colorado Springs. I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those who attended the show. Your show hosts were surprised and humbled by the tremendous response we received. Even the early bird activities were quickly filled by enthusiastic collectors. I would like to recognize the five brave souls who took me up on the "Hard core challenge" and climbed Pikes Peak. Those crazy, I mean brave individuals were John Weber, Paige Weber, Brett Overbey, Tom Casey, and James Bancroft who traveled all the way from England for the show. It took about nine hours to go the 13 miles and 7500 vertical feet to the summit. It was an amazing accomplishment for each of them especially considering that they all came from at or near sea level! I can tell you we were all very happy to make it in time for the cog train ride down with the rest of the NIA group. The following day saw a full bus load head to the Air Force Academy and Cripple Creek for a fun filled day. One of the highlights was the outstanding Molly Kathleen Gold Mine tour in Cripple Creek. About 30 hearty collectors took the 1000 foot ride down inside the mountain for the fascinating tour. After the bus tour it was time to return back to the hotel and begin setting up. I would like to thank everyone who helped transform the hall into something special. I am especially grateful to the displayers and to those who brought pieces for the community exhibits. Of the 30+ displays at least a dozen were museum quality. Thank you for the time and work each of you put forth. We also had many reports of brisk sales from dealers and the show hall stayed busy all weekend. It was awesome to be one of the show hosts and it is an experience I will never forget. We worked hard

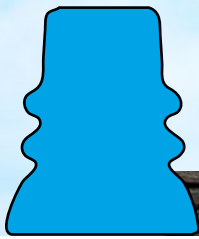
to create a good show but it was all of you who attended that really made it great. Again my sincere thanks to all.

Being a little overwhelmed with the National I don't have a lot to report on the Development Committee at this time. As previously reported we are coming off a great year thanks to the generous donations from NIA members. Your wonderful donations are helping to make the NIA better every day and we thank you. There have been several nice donations lately and I will report more exact figures in the next Drip Points. There will also be a nice donation from the awards banquet at the National. In an act of kindness and good will that will be long remembered, Bill Rohde paid for the entire banquet in honor of his Mom and Dad. What an amazing thing to do. Thank you Bill! Many people, rather than taking the refund, donated the money back to the NIA. Once I get the final accounting from Dan I will share the number in the fall Drip Points. We continue to work as a committee to find new ways to help support the NIA financially. I should have more to report in the next issue. I would also like to ask once more for a couple volunteers from the east to join our committee. If you are interested please contact me.

On behalf of Bill and Lou I wish you all the very best.

Happy Collecting,

*Michael Green*



**Product Manager**



**Margaret Wagner - NIA# 8711**

We are in the process of trying to get the “Products” pages updated for Drip Points, since we have added a lot of new colors. In lieu of that, we will list out the colors available for various products.

**Screen Printed T-shirts**

- Smoke
- Smoky Graphite
- Steel Blue
- Peacock Blue
- Dark Cobalt
- Lt Brown Amber
- Med Amber
- Olive Amber
- Rootbeer Amber
- Apple Green
- 7Up Green
- Olive Green
- Yellow
- Golden Amber
- Flashed Amber
- Oxblood

**Embroidered T-shirts**

- Smoke
- Smoky Graphite
- Sky Blue
- Electric Blue
- Aqua
- Dark Cobalt
- Lt Brown Amber
- Med Amber
- Rootbeer Amber
- Light Olive Green
- 7 Up Green
- Dark Olive Green
- Yellow
- Golden Amber
- Oxblood
- Deep Red Amber

**Button-down dress shirts SS or LS**

- Dark Smoke
- Aqua
- Cobalt
- Lt Brown Amber
- Yellow
- Flashed Amber

These are most of our new additions, but not all. We will have the full complement of NIA Products items at Springfield.

Let me know if you need to special order an item, special size, color or product. Also, we will be placing a name tag and badge bar order before Springfield, so if you need a new name tag, or a badge bar for an event, club, show or special order for a club position, let me know so it can be ordered for you.

We are working on possibly getting the NIA Products online so that you can order and then pay through PayPal. We currently use it for a few things, but are

trying to get it worked out so that you can also use it for Products.

As always, if there is something you would like to see made available to NIA members, please send me your suggestions.

*Margaret Wagner*



**Executive Secretary**



**Walt Baumgardt - NIA# 8007**

By now you've heard from everyone in attendance what a great show it was; and it was. I'm going to take a different tact and report on the accomplishments of your fellow collectors; namely those who won the various club awards, for their fantastic displays at the National.

Jay Bernasek won the "Best First Time Exhibitor at a National" award, presented by the Central Florida Insulator Club.

Denny Hackthorn won the "Jim Overstreet Memorial Award" for the best exhibit using N. American threaded glass CD's, presented by the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club.

Doug Rusher won the "Best Use of Railroad Insulators" award, presented by the Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club.

Justin Martin won the "Best Exhibit Using Power Insulators" presented by the Greater Chicago Insulator Club. He also won the "Peoples Choice" Award, presented by the show hosts.

Liz Bergman won the "N.R. Woodward Literary Award" for the best research article, presented by the Lone Star Insulator Club.

Tommy Bolack won the "Leonard Linscott Pioneer Award" for outstanding contributions to the hobby.

Dan Goodrich won the "Best Use of Midwest Colored Glass in a Display" presented by the Missouri Valley Insulator Club.

Cameron Case won the "Lon C. Holly Memorial Award" for Outstanding Enthusiasm & support of the hobby, presented by the show hosts.

Mike Bliss won the "Significant Contribution Award", presented by the show hosts.

Congratulations on your awards and for contributing to the hobby we all love.

*Walt Baumgardt*



## 2017 NIA General Membership Meeting

Friday, July 21, 2017

Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs, CO

With a quorum in attendance, President, Steve Roberts, called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. He thanked everyone in attendance, because without the membership there is no NIA. He thanked Dan Gauron, Mike Green, Dave Baron and their wives for the incredible job they've done in putting together the 2017 National. This got a Round of Applause.

Officer, Committee Chair and Advisors Report:

**Secretary:** Walt Baumgardt reported that the minutes of the 2016 General Membership Meeting had been published in Drip Points: 2016 – Volume 44 – No. 1. He also reported that our Corporate status as a 501-C3 organization is in order with the state of Arizona. The state of Arizona has submitted written verification of this fact. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's report. It passed unanimously.

**Treasurer:** Bill Rohde reported a good year for 2016 – 2017, finishing approximately \$1,300.00 short, and that the Board has passed a balanced budget for next year. He thanked everyone for their donations, mentioning that we count on them. He noted that last year we had approximately \$7,000.00 in donations.

**Membership:** In the absence of Andrew Gibson, Steve gave a brief update. The current active membership is 1609 with 930 Primary Members. The membership is split almost evenly between the three regions; East, Central and West.

**Information Director:** Christian Willis reported that Social Media is currently very active. He is reaching out to Google Ad Words, and this is working well. He has ad campaigns in various publications.

**Western VP:** Ron Yuhas said that this is his last report, with Mike Doyle having been elected to the post. Positive things have happened in the last year. More people and particularly more young people are attending shows, including tail-gaters.

**Central VP:** Kim Borgman reported that he is the Nominating Committee Chair for next year, and asked anyone interested in running for President, Secretary or Central VP to contact him.

**Eastern VP:** "Gus" Stafford reported 13 shows in the east in the 2016 – 2017 year. There is a new Insulator Club in the Eastern Region, The Twin Tier Insulator Club covering South Central New York and North Central Pennsylvania. He is working on a Lightning Rod Insulator project with Steve Bobb. Anyone with a LRI collection is asked to contact Steve to insure that as many LRI's as possible are included.

**Authentication and Classification:** Paul Greaves was not in attendance.

**Awards & Recognition:** Gene Hawkins reported the new judging format is working well, as is Kid's Cash and Awards. The information depicted on the Kid's cash reflects the area of the country in which the National is held. He would like to see more kids participating in displays. He also reported that next year there will be a new "Woody" Woodward NIA award for threaded insulators.

**Ethics:** Daryl Stahler is not in attendance.

**Historian:** Rick Soller reported that about 75 paper boxes of NIA archives are in storage, soon to be moved to his college office. He is working on insulator auction catalogues, and the voting demographics during the auctions. He reported that all the issues of Old Familiar Strains has been donated to the NIA.

**Commemoratives:** Carolyn Berry reported that very few commemoratives are left ( $\approx$  50) and expects to sell out.

**Research & Education:** Jacque Linscott Barnes is not present.

**Development:** Mike Green thanked everyone for a good year; that donations had doubled over the 2015 – 2016 year. He thanked Lou Hall and Bill Rohde for their hard work. Accomplishments: a new membership renewal form asking for donations. He introduced Tommy Bolack, who was at the previous National in Colorado Springs in 1971, and is in atten-

dance today, 46 years later. He thanked Tommy for all he does for the Hobby. He encouraged people to vote on the various art works in the room. The Development Committee needs some direction from the Board. The Board will address this in the near future.

**Marketing:** Darryl Wagner noted that they have consolidated to 16 colors of T-Shirts. They also have bars for the National as well as bars for all Insulator Clubs, including the new Twin Tiers Insulator Club.

**Promotions:** Steve Roberts announced that Jim White has resigned as Promotions Director due to lack of time. He took this opportunity to thank Jim for his many years of service to the NIA, and to announce that the duties of The Promotions Director were being absorbed by Christian Willis. Christian now has responsibility for serving as the Information Director, Promotions as well as Drip Points Ad Manager.

**Rules & Procedures:** Mike Funderburk was not in attendance.

**Scholarship:** Steve announced that due to family considerations Kay Bryant has resigned as The Scholarship Chairperson. Jeanne Briel, a Scholarship Committee member, has agreed to assume the role of Committee Chair. This left an opening on the committee, which has been filled by Lee Brewer. Jeanne reported that in an effort to get better applications (the applicants must actually know what an insulator is) they are limiting the Scholarship ads to Drip Points and Crown Jewels. The essay criteria has been changed to a two part question; 1. How do you know about insulators, and 2. How would you spread the word to others. Jeanne announced that two scholarships are being given this year, to be announced at the banquet.

**Drip Points Editor:** Shaun Kotlarsky was not in attendance.

**Drip Points Ad Manager:** Christian stated that advertisers are needed. He added that NIA members get one free 25 word ad every year in Drip Points. He is working to run ads for other collecting venues on a reciprocating basis.

**Web Master:** Bob Berry reported the NIA club on Facebook has 1500 members. He has been working to update Glass and Porcelain Insulators from Outside North America. The updated GIFONA and PI-FONA are on [NIA.org](http://NIA.org). A number of books have been digitized and placed on the website, including books by Marilyn Albers and “Woody” Woodward. A recent addition is Mark Lauckner’s book on Canadian Railway Insulators.

**Events Committee:** Darryl announced that Contracts have been signed for the Nationals for the next two years. They are looking for hosts for the 2020 National, to be held in the Western Region. They are looking for hosts for Regional Shows, noting that there hasn’t been a Regional in a number of years.

**Special Projects:** Mike Doyle reported that he is working behind the scenes on Forward Thinking ideas that will take several years to bring to fruition. He added that he has talked with three people from the Western Region that are interested in hosting the 2020 National.

**Finance Committee:** Bill Snell stated that they are working with Bill Rohde to smooth the budgeting process. They are working with the Events Committee to create a tool to better track Show finances. They are also working on being ready to perform an internal audit should the Board ask for one.

Steve Roberts apologized for failing to recognize the 1st Past President: Don Briel noted that he really had nothing to report, other than that he is pleased to serve the NIA in any capacity.

Steve talked about how active the Board has been this year. It has acted on a total of 17 recommendations. Highlights are as follows:

- Each Board position now has a back-up. Gene Hawkins is backed up by Kevin Jacobsen. Walt Baumgardt and Bill Rohde back up one another. Andrew Gibson and Christian Willis back up one another. Steve Roberts is backed up by Don Briel. The Regional VP’s back up one another.
- The NIA has received a bequest from Elton Gish.

- A contract was signed for the 2017 National show, as well as for the 2018 and 2019 Nationals.
- The National Show Contract has been updated.
- The Membership Handbook has been updated, and is available on the website as a pdf.
- Both the Scholarship and Membership Brochures have been updated.
- The rules governing the possibility of Board Members receiving an NIA award have been changed. “Any NIA member who serves 6 consecutive full years in any NIA Board member, Advisor or Chair Person capacity are eligible to be nominated for an NIA award.”
- The criteria for scholarship selection has been changed.
- Legal Protection of the NIA name and Logo are in process, awaiting Government action.
- In 45 years there has never been a financial audit. We will be pursuing an internal audit to show due diligence to the membership.
- We will be moving our budget year to match our membership and tax years (January 1 to December 30). This will facilitate the budgeting process. In order to accomplish this we have adopted two budgets. The first is from July 1, 2017 – December 30, 2017. The second is from January 1, 2018 to December 30, 2018. At next year’s Board meeting we will adopt a budget for the 2019 calendar year.
- The Development Committee was formed with Mike Green as Chair and committee members Lou Hall and Bill Rohde.

Steve opened the meeting to the floor.

In lieu of the fact that the Board has passed a balanced budget, the motion was made that all NIA Board Members run for National Congress. Steve thanked them for their confidence in the Board but stated that a second would not be recognized.

Someone asked if the Board had considered non NIA members being able to subscribe to Drip Points. This could be of interest to members of related hobbies such as Railroad and bottles. The Board has not considered it, but will take it under advisement in the near future.

There being no other questions. Steve thanked the show hosts once again. The show hall opens at 8 AM on Saturday and Sunday, and opens to the public at 9 AM. The show closes at 4 PM on Saturday and 3 PM on Sunday. Sunday devotions are at 8 AM.

The upcoming shows were announced:

The 2018 National is in Kansas City, MO with Darryl and Margaret Wagner as show hosts.

The 2019 National is in Orlando, FL, with show hosts, Jacque and Graham Barnes and Clay Bledsoe.

It is noted that show hosts cannot sell anything until the Saturday morning of the National Show preceding their own National Show.

It was noted that the NIA was actually formed at the 3rd Meet (National). Therefore 2019 is the 50th Anniversary of the National Meet (National) while 2022 is the 50th anniversary of the NIA.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Steve adjourned the meeting at 5:30PM with a reminder of Mike Tucker’s seminar on the Transcontinental Railroad at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

Executive Secretary, NIA 8007

*Walt Baumgardt*



Commemorative Coordinator

Carolyn Berry - NIA# 4336



Wow, what a National show! To those able to be at the show, I need to explain no further. To those unable to attend, please see the show report on [NIA.ORG](http://NIA.ORG), photos on ICON or in the September Crown Jewels issue. The attendance was magnificent, the tables were all taken and full, and the displays were excellent (even for an insulator collector by marriage!)

So excited to say that we are down to a small number of solid pours and a little bit more in the regular Chameleon's.....not quite the sell out I had hoped by the National, but darn close. Please order your commemorative for the 48th Colorado Springs National as soon as possible.....this will be a color that most likely (I assume definitely) will never be done again! The Rocky Rose is really an awesome pink (most likely a one timer too)!

I had the best sales ever for the NIA at a National for the commemoratives. Many positive comments on the "awe"some change in color.

A National is a love of hobby. Thanks to Dan, Mike and Dave for a terrific National show.....pulling from both coasts and both borders, made for a wonderfully attended show. It essentially takes 1 1/2 yrs of planning and short window of implementing to make a show successful.....Congratulations on a job well done for the collectors attending and the continued promotion of the hobby!

**Don't forget to get your 2017 mementos in Chameleon & Rocky Rose!!**

*Carolyn Berry*

## CORNFLOWER BLUE CD 120 FIND

Ursula Hiratsuka just came in to a once in a lifetime find. A Cornflower blue CD 120 PATENT - DEC. 19, 1871!



*"It was in an online household auction in Wisconsin, there was a row of insulators inside a breadbox, all ordinary, except this one in the dark on the very end. I took a chance because it looked promising. This one was in a lot with 3 or 4 old Ball mason jars, a vintage breadbox, and the other insulators.*

*I got a cobalt blue CD 162 thrown in as an extra for a \$10 bucket of commons, and I paid \$30 for the threadless CD 742.*

*I would like to give some credit to Robin Plewes, who has been my resource for all things insulator-related. I ran the auction photo by him to get his opinion, and he did a great job of laying out the possibilities and factors to weigh. I may not have followed through without his encouragement that it may possibly be a "top-shelf" find. He has been extremely patient and generous in sharing his expertise with an insulator-rookie."*





## 2017 National Insulator Show Report



By Mike Green

Greetings NIA Members and Fellow Collectors,

The 48th Annual National Insulator Show is in the books and we hope everyone who made the journey to Colorado had a memorable experience. The show was very well attended and the hall was busy every day. Many dealers reported record sales and almost everyone I talked to picked up at least one piece they really wanted. Many collectors were lucky enough to pick up several new additions to the collection. From beginning to end all in attendance looked to be having a good time. Dan, David, and I were amazed by the enthusiasm, help, and participation we received from the collecting community. Selling out all 130 sales tables before the end of 2016 was just the beginning of the tremendous support we received. Perhaps even more exciting was filling all of the display tables and having to start a waiting list very early in the year. For me one of the highlights of any show are the displays. All the time, energy, and knowledge that goes into creating a well thought out exhibit is just amazing. Of the 30 displays we had at this year's National at least half could have easily won best of show. Many of the exhibits took hours to set up and looked like they came straight out of a museum. Congratulations to all the exhibitors who added so much to the show. As a token of our appreciation every displayer received a plaque and mounted side pin complete with a W.G.M. purple toll on top. While we tried to make the appreciation award something special it only begins to express the gratitude we feel toward all of the exhibitors. I should offer a special congratulations to Lou Hall who took home the best of show award. He literally created an indoor forest for his display of tree insulators and brackets. We were also fortunate to have over 40 collectors bring rare and unusual pieces for our seldom seen display and our impurity or "Junker" display as we affectionately called it. Travelling with rare pieces is not easy and we were thrilled to have so many contributions. The combined value of the two displays was estimated to be well over a quarter million dollars!

In addition to the very active show hall we also had terrific evening seminars by Rick Soller and Mike Tucker. Thank you both for your time and research. The NIA general membership meeting on Friday night was standing room only and one of the best attended ever. After the meeting and all during the show everyone was invited to judge in the National Art Contest. With over 20 beautiful and varied entries this first time event was a huge success. Mike Tucker took home the grand prize for his spectacular painting entitled "Lost Road to Russia" featuring a gorgeous amber Tillitson. Watch for it on the cover of an upcoming Crown Jewels Magazine. Sincere thanks to all who participated in the art contest. Hopefully one of the future Nationals will have a second annual.

I would be remiss not to mention our pre-show activities which also sold out months before the show. On the Wednesday of show week 80 people rode the cog railway to the summit of Pikes Peak. Earlier that morning a small group led by yours truly had started the 13 mile 7500 vertical foot climb to the top. Our goal was to make

the summit before the cog train full of friends and fellow collectors reached the summit. If we didn't make it in time it would be a big problem as we all had one way tickets down! Luckily we all made it just in time to meet the group and enjoy the top, aching legs and all. We joined the rest of the crew for a big summit group picture with the show banner. Probably my favorite picture of the week. Everyone enjoyed the top very much but the "Summit Six" were particularly happy to relax and enjoy the cog ride down. On Thursday morning we filled a 56 passenger luxury bus for a tour to the Air Force Academy, Garden of the Gods, and Cripple Creek. It was a fun day that included 30 people going 1000 feet underground on the Molly Kathleen Gold Mine tour.

The other highlight of any National Show is of course the awards banquet. With over 200 people attending it was a big event. I believe Walt and Gene will be listing all of the award winners but I would like to mention a few here. Bob and Carolyn Berry received the NIA Lifetime Membership for outstanding service to the hobby. Presidents awards were given to Kay Bryant, Darryl Wagner, Ron Yugas, Don Briel, and Bill Rohde. NIA Scholarships went to Andrew Hedges and Trevor Dean. The Len Linscott award for outstanding contributions to the hobby went to Tommy Bolack. The Lon C. Holly award went to Cameron Case. A Significant Contribution to the Hobby award went to Mike Bliss who gave a wonderful speech after surprising everyone with a vintage Jerry Turner entrance. Obviously there are many more who deserve mention but the biggest highlight of the evening came when we made the announcement that Bill Rohde was paying for the entire banquet in honor of his parents Don and Camille. How can we ever begin to thank Bill for that incredible act of kindness. Bill you are the best!!

As the show came to a close on Sunday I was both relieved and sad at the same time. It had been an exhausting few weeks but it was worth it in every imaginable way. So many good friends, so many new memories. To all who attended, contributed, volunteered, displayed, and gave so much we give our sincere thanks and gratitude. We are truly fortunate to be in such a wonderful hobby. Now that the Colorado Springs National is history it's time to start thinking about Kansas City and all the other great shows around the country.

I wish good health to you and to your loved ones. No insulator can replace that. Best of luck in all you do and hope to see you again soon.

Sincerely,

*Mike Green*



Wow, what a great tailgater, huh! Who would have thought a small insulator meet in Colorado Springs would attract literally hundreds of friends and fellow collectors. OK, so maybe the fact that it was actually touted as a National Show, and required hundreds of hours of combined effort on the part of show hosts Mike Green, David Baron, side kick Mike Gaudy, myself, and dozens of volunteers, supportive wives, and a host of great collector friends willing to travel long distances to get here had something to do with its huge success, but none the less, it still flabbergasted this guy (and many others I'm sure), and I'm very thankful to all of you. All I could think as I looked out across the show hall on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, was how much it looked and felt like the few photos I've seen, and as I've heard described by long timers, like a National Show held sooo long ago way out west in a sleepy little town called Colorado Springs. There were times when people were literally shoulder to shoulder in the aisles, and there were no longer signs of a front or back of the hall (all were crowded). I could go on and on about all the amazing displays that folks put so much time and effort into, all the incredible pieces that showed up for the Junk in glass and Scarce insulator community displays, the outstanding talents of many collectors that was expressed through their works of art in the 1st ever art contest, the packed to the max Pikes Peak COG ride, and Cripple Creek tours, the countless great donations that helped make the Friday and Saturday raffles such a great success, a banquet hall filled with live music, a beau-

tiful view of the sun setting over Pikes Peak, and a record number of fellow collectors and their families breaking bread and enjoying each other's company. As I look back, my only regret was not being able to slow down long enough to enjoy much of any conversation with those who attended, so I also want to thank the 60 plus friends who came over to the house Sunday evening after the show to share a bit less hectic couple of hours.

Since I didn't take one photo the entire weekend, I'm very grateful to Kevin & Tammy Jacobson, Mike & Lori Green, & several others for capturing the show through their photos.

Many of which can be viewed at: <http://www.insulators.info/pictures/?op=list&folder=101> and <http://www.nia.org/nathist/2017.htm>

When it's all said and done, any national, or tailgater, or backyard get-together is only as good as the people who show up, so please get out and support your local and national insulator events.

\*\*Just wait until you see what we have planned for 2020..... Kidding, just kidding.:-)

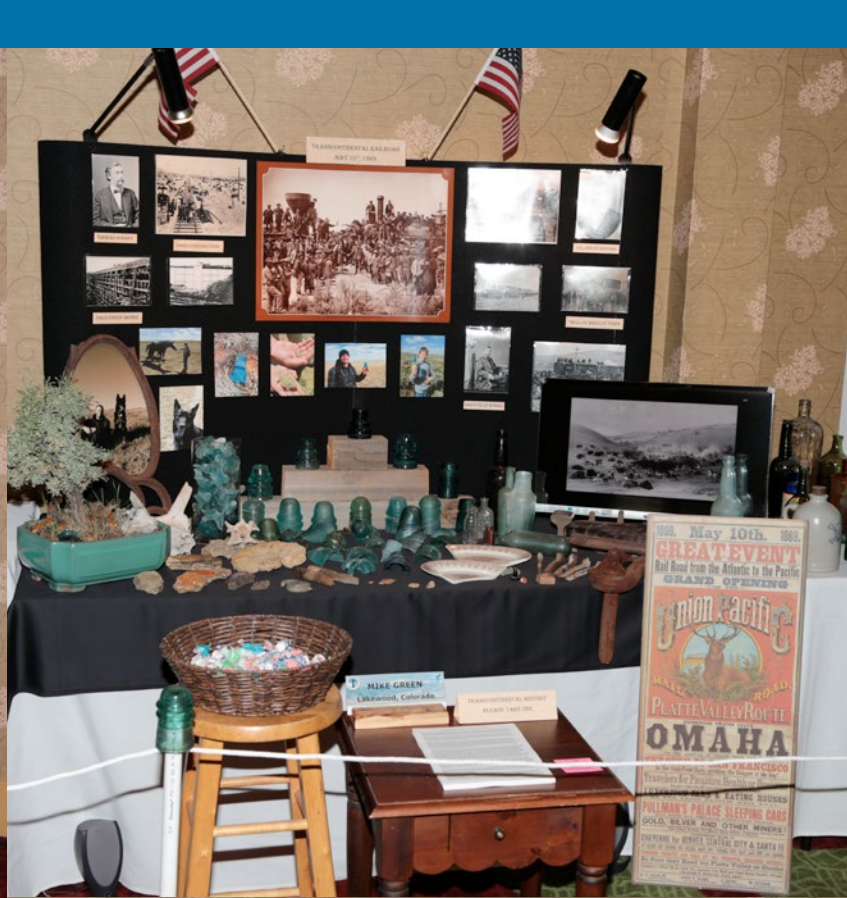
*Dan Gauron*













# First Transcontinental Railroad

## — Telegraph Insulators —

**Central Pacific**





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**Union Pacific**


















📷 All show photos Compliments of Kevin Jacobson

# INSULATOR COLOR & LIGHTING

**Daylight LED versus Incandescent Light**  
The color of light is an important factor in the design of a lighting system. The color of light is determined by the color temperature of the light source. The color temperature is a measure of the color of the light source, expressed in degrees Kelvin. The color temperature of a light source is the temperature at which a black body would radiate the same amount of light as the light source. The color temperature of a light source is a measure of the color of the light source, expressed in degrees Kelvin. The color temperature of a light source is the temperature at which a black body would radiate the same amount of light as the light source.

**Insulator Color & Lighting**  
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# The National Insulator Association Glass Commemoratives

"48<sup>th</sup> year of continuous production"

48<sup>th</sup> NIA Convention 2017 Colorado Springs, CO

**"Chameleon"**

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

"Rocky Rose" **\$15** when a Chameleon is purchased, ppd.

"Rocky Rose" Solid pours **\$25** when a Chameleon is purchased, ppd.

**Note:** Solid pours are not plunged. They vary in size and can be crude. They may lean or have flaws, typical for these. They have no base markings



Embossed on the base of the commemorative



Embossed on the dome of the commemorative

**Special Note:** Due to the first pouring missing the chemical Neodymium, we had to re-pour our chosen color. Thus, there are 2 color offerings this year. In order to get the 2nd color commemorative, "Rocky Rose" the 48th year color "Chameleon" must be purchased. The chemical Neodymium allows the color of the commemorative to change under various light sources.



## 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.

### Please remit order and payment to:

NIA 2017 Commemorative  
Carolyn Berry  
1010 Wren Court  
Round Rock, TX 78681

### Please make checks payable to: NIA

**Phone orders:** (512) 255-2006

**Email orders:** [commemorative@nia.org](mailto:commemorative@nia.org)

**Paypal available:** see note below

**Website:** [www.nia.org](http://www.nia.org)

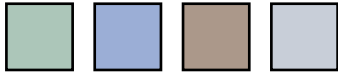
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If you have questions, or live outside the continental USA, please contact me by phone or email.

# Fall 2017 NIA Products

## 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:** \$17 (S-XL) \$20 (2X-3X)

**Size:** S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_  
2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_\_\_

**Color:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Price:** \_\_\_\_\_

## CREW NECK SWEATSHIRTS SCREEN-PRINTED

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



**Info:** Heavy weight 100 % cotton/polyester blend, pre-shrunk, embroidered logo

**Price:** \$29 (S-XL) \$33 (2X)

**Size:** S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_  
2X \_\_\_\_\_

**Color:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Price:** \_\_\_\_\_

## HOODED SWEATSHIRT

**Colors:** Lt. Steel Gray



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

**Price:** \$32 (S-XL) \$36 (2X)

**Size:** S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_  
2XL \_\_\_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_\_\_

**Color:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Price:** \_\_\_\_\_

## BUTTON DOWN SPORT SHIRT

**Colors:** White, Red, Blue, Brown, Tan



**Info:** All with embroidered logo (no pockets)

**Price:**

**Short sleeve:** \$32 (S-XL) \$34 (2X-3X)

**Long sleeve:** \$34 (S-XL) \$36 (2X-3X)

**Short sleeve:**

**Size:** S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_\_\_

**Long sleeve:**

**Size:** S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_\_\_

**Color:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Price:** \_\_\_\_\_

## HENLEY T-SHIRT

**Colors:** Black and Lt. Steel Gray



**Info:** Only come with embroidered logo. three button placket

**Price:** \$10 (While in stock)

**Size:** S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

2XL \_\_\_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_\_\_

**Color:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Price:** \_\_\_\_\_

## DENIM BUTTON DOWN 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:**

**Short sleeve:** \$33 (S-XL) \$36 (2X-3X)

**Long sleeve:** \$36 (S-XL) \$39 (2X-3X)

**Short sleeve:**

**Size:** S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_\_\_

**Long sleeve:**

**Size:** S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_\_\_

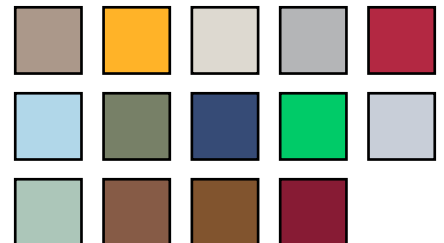
**Color:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Price:** \_\_\_\_\_

## EMBROIDERED LOGO T-SHIRT

**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:** \$17 & \$20 for 2XL or 3XL

**Size:** S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

2XL \_\_\_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_\_\_

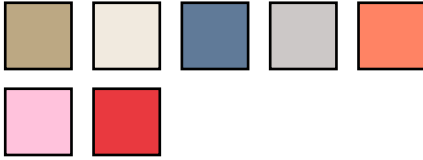
**Color:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Price:** \_\_\_\_\_

### EMBROIDERED CAP

Colors: Khaki, Stone, Blue, Gray, Orange, and Pink, Red  
(Circle color choice)



Price: \$15

Total Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Price: \_\_\_\_\_

### NIA NAME BADGE

Info: Engraved; beveled edges | pin back OR Magnetic back (Circle type You would like)

Price: \$12

Total Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Price: \_\_\_\_\_

### COLLECTORS PATCH

Price: \$4

Total Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Price: \_\_\_\_\_

### BADGE BAR

Info: For NIA position or local club

Price: \$4

Total Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Price: \_\_\_\_\_

### 20 OZ COPPER LINED STAIN-LESS STEEL TUMBLER

Info: Steel Tumbler Keeps drinks cold or hot for hours! One color imprint (blue)

Price: \$25

Total Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Price: \_\_\_\_\_

### NIA WINDOW DECAL

Info: for outside car window.

White: 5 1/2 x 6 3/4 Color: 4 1/4 x 5 3/4

Price: \$10 (White) \$7 (Color)

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Price: \_\_\_\_\_

### TOTE BAG

Info: "Big Thunder" Tote bag - sturdy with NIA logo

Price: \$15

Total Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Price: \_\_\_\_\_

### 16 OZ TRAVEL TUMBLER

Info: 4 color imprint

Price: \$14

Total Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Price: \_\_\_\_\_

### Name Badge Engraving Information:

Name _____	NIA# _____	City _____	State _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pin	<input type="checkbox"/> Magnet
Name _____	NIA# _____	City _____	State _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pin	<input type="checkbox"/> Magnet
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Club Bar _____	Quantity Needed _____
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Thank you for supporting the NIA!

### U.S. Postage:

\$6.75 for the first item & \$1.50 for each additional item ordered.

Postage for Patches, Badge Bars are \$0.60 each. Decals, \$1.95

Name Badges are \$0.85 each to mail.

For Postage outside the US or AK & HI Contact me for quote

### Shirt Sizing Chart:

#### Adult/ Mens

S 32-34 | M 36-38 | L 40-42 | XL 44-46

2X 48-50 | 3X 52-54

#### Ladies

S 28-30 | M 32-34 | L 36-38 | XL 40-42

Ladies order comparable adult/men's size for most shirts, unless specifically noted as a ladies shirt

Please make check or money order in U.S. funds payable to **National Insulator Association or NIA**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal: \_\_\_\_\_

US Postage: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Send completed form to:

Margaret Wagner | 14615 Skyview Avenue | Smithville, MO 64089 | 816-719-0802 | [niaproducts@nia.org](mailto:niaproducts@nia.org)



# NIA Fund Raising Info.

Dear Fellow Collector,

The NIA is a 501(c)3 non-profit and as such gifts may be tax deductible. Gifts of support will help the Association improve existing benefits and services as well as create new benefits and services for members and those collectors who are yet to become members. Your gift will allow the NIA to continue its mission to encourage growth and public awareness of the insulator hobby through collecting, dealing, and educational endeavors. The NIA has identified four areas where donations will help create and enhance programs directed to that mission.



**SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** This past year the NIA received over 200 applications for scholarships. Currently the NIA grants two scholarships totaling \$2,000.00 each year. Additional funding would guarantee sufficient funds for future years; scholarship grants could be increased; or additional scholarships could be granted each year.



**EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT:** There are projects that have been suggested but haven't been implemented for lack of funding such as the production of classroom video presentations, NIA traveling displays for use by learning facilities such as libraries, schools, and museums, and a Speakers Bureau. These are just a few of the new ideas for greater community awareness of our hobby. The current Oral History recording program and an enlarged supply of Classroom teaching units and materials will be possible with your continued support.



**NATIONAL & REGIONAL SHOW SUPPORT:** The NIA has assumed a financial supportive role intended to assist national show hosts/organizers in reducing their financial risk. With your donations the NIA could increase advertising and promotional reimbursements, could provide all awards at national / regional shows, and could provide financial assistance for regional shows.



**INTERNET TECHNOLOGY:** The desire for instant communication and information retrieval is with us and cannot be denied. For the association and the hobby to continue to grow it must have a strong presence on the Internet and social media. Donations in this area can help redesign the NIA web site, create videos for posting on social media, develop and present "live" shows including interviews, auctions and sales.

Please indicate on the remittance form the area that you would like your donation to be applied. If you choose to apply you donation to more than one area please indicate the dollar amount for each area. Each donation of \$10.00 or more will receive an acknowledgment and thank you letter from the NIA President. Additionally, each donation of \$100.00 or more will receive a NIA Name Badge Bar thanking you and recognizing your financial support of the NIA in 2016. AND, for a donation of \$250.00 or more you can choose to receive a THANK YOU gift of a NIA Tee-Shirt. Just select the shirt size and color on the remittance form. No selection will indicate that you chose not to receive a shirt. Please copy or scan the remittance form found at the bottom of the Treasurer's Report and return the form along with you check payable to the NIA.

Mail to: NIA Treasurer, Bill Rohde, P. O. Box 28, Colusa, CA 95932.

Please help grow the hobby. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!

## **NIA Development Committee**

Mike Green, Chairman

Bill Rohde, NIA Treasurer

Lou Hall, Committee member

P. S. If you would like to honor someone with your gift, please add that name on the remittance form.



# NIA Fund Raising Pledge & Gift Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- I / we would like to make a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ and my payment is enclosed (see payment section below).
- I / we would like to make a pledge of \$\_\_\_\_\_ and I would like to pay this on \_\_\_\_\_(date).
- I / we would like to make a pledge of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid annually for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- I / we would like to make a pledge of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid quarterly / monthly (circle one), starting on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) until pledge is fulfilled.
- I / we would like to make an in-kind donation. Please contact me / us regarding my idea.

Note: NIA Development Committee will send reminders prior to pledge payment date(s).

My/our gift/pledge should be directed to the following areas:

- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Educational Resource Development
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ National & Regional Show Support
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Internet Technology
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Undesignated or Other \_\_\_\_\_

My/our gift is in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

My/our gift is in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send acknowledgment to: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My / our contribution is eligible for a matching gift. Please contact me.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Information

Please mail this form and payment by Check (payable to NIA) or Money Order to:  
NIA Treasurer, Bill Rohde, P. O. Box 28, Colusa, CA 95932

For additional information regarding gifts to the National Insulator Association, Inc, please contact the NIA Development Committee, E-mail address: [donations@nia.org](mailto:donations@nia.org) The National Insulator Association, [www.nia.org](http://www.nia.org), is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Your gift is deductible to the fullest extent of the law.





# Membership Application & Renewal Form



Prospective members may join the NIA at any time; however, the "membership year" begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st. New memberships issued within three months of the beginning of the new membership year (October – December) will be good for the following calendar year. New members are entitled to all membership privileges immediately upon acceptance by the NIA.

**If you are joining the NIA during the months of January through September your membership will expire on December 31st of this calendar year.**

Submit (Payable to the NIA in U.S. funds) To: **Andrew Gibson**

5997 Springwater Road  
Dansville, NY 14437-9772

**Dues Schedule:**

Regular Membership ..... **\$25.00**  
Junior Membership (under 18) **\$5.00**  
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[membership@nia.org](mailto:membership@nia.org)

Or renew online at:

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

**Check appropriate class:** Regular  Family  Junior  Club/Org.

**Check years of Payment:** Single year  Multi-year

### Please Print Legibly

Name \_\_\_\_\_

NIA # (If renewal) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ (+4) \_\_\_\_\_

Country (if not U.S.) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Include me in the Annual NIA/Crown Jewels Directory..... Yes  No

Include my Telephone Number..... Yes  No

Include my E-Mail Address ..... Yes  No

I would like to receive Drip Points in the following format ..... Paper  Electronic

(Check only one, an e-mail address is required for electronic)

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_ NIA # \_\_\_\_\_

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Name	NIA # (If renewal)
1 _____	_____
2 _____	_____
3 _____	_____
4 _____	_____

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Drip Points Magazine Advertising Information

- Display Ads will be sold by fractions of a page.
- Camera-ready copy is preferred but not required.
- An additional fee may be charged for color and set-up based on size and complexity for ads.
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**Attention young insulator collectors- this scholarship is for you!**

Money for college \$1000/\$500 up to \$2000

Write a 300 word essay telling us how to spread the word about the hobby. New guidelines for 2017.

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# Upcoming Shows

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2017 (Saturday)**

**SILVERTON, OREGON**

An insulator, bottle & table top antique show, swap and sale will be held Saturday, September 2nd from 8:00 to 3:00 at Coolidge-McClain Park in downtown Silverton, Oregon. It will be hosted by Dale Blakely and David Campbell. If you'd like to be a vendor, please call David at 503-873-7123.

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 (Saturday)**

**RACINE, WISCONSIN**

17th Annual Greater Chicago Insulator Club "End of Summer" Picnic and Swap Meet will be held Saturday, September 9th from 9:00 AM to about 3:00 PM in Racine, Wisconsin. 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. 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](mailto:randysdodge@gmail.com) Call or email if you need directions. Hope to See you there.

**SEPTEMBER 9-10, 2017 (Saturday-Sunday)**

**ABBOTSFORD, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

Mark & Laura Schultz will host the first Abbotsford Insulator Show at their home, 33911 Farmer Road, Abbotsford, British Columbia on September 9-10. Collectors are welcome to come earlier in the week and set up as there's room for RV parking on a first come, first served basis. Lunch is provided but if you can bring a dish that would be appreciated. Tables are free but please RSVP so we know how many to obtain. Remember to bring lots of insulators! Info: MARK SCHULTZ 604-855-4125 or email: [schultzmachinist@gmail.com](mailto:schultzmachinist@gmail.com)

**SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2017 (Friday-Saturday)**

**BEND, OREGON**

Annual Tres-Amigos Tail-Gater will be held September 15th/16th at the home of Jim Sinasek in Central Oregon. Story time around the usual bonfire Friday evening after dinner. BBQ served Saturday at 11:35 sharp. Side dishes/desserts are always appreciated. Some tables will be available but bringing your own is recommended. Be sure to bring your GO-With's, other treasures, show and tells and, of course, your hunting and adventure stories (Brent and Little Bruder especially) for the Friday evening bonfire. Also, your RSVP is very appreciated. For info contact Jim Sinasek at 541 383-8067 ([oregonjim@q.com](mailto:oregonjim@q.com)), Mid Norris at 541 281-2715 ([mudhen50@aol.com](mailto:mudhen50@aol.com)), or Ernie Carlson at 503 622-3573 ([ecarlson6@frontier.com](mailto:ecarlson6@frontier.com)). The Tail-Gater will be located at 64420 Research Road, Bend, Oregon 97703. Yes, there is room for over-night tent camping.

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 (Saturday)**

**HOUSTON, TEXAS**

The 26th Annual Houston Insulator and Collectibles Show, sponsored by the Lone Star Insulator Club, will be held September 16th 2017 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](mailto:crenaudo@aol.com)), KEITH (979-245-2558 [keithbrooking@spcglobal.net](mailto:keithbrooking@spcglobal.net)), or JOHN (281-851-6585 [j.hall@ix.netcom.com](mailto:j.hall@ix.netcom.com)), for more information.

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2017 (Saturday)**

**RICHFIELD, OHIO**

The Western Reserve Insulator Club's 7th 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 visit [www.InsulatorCollectorsofAmerica.com](http://www.InsulatorCollectorsofAmerica.com) for more details.

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 (Saturday)**

**ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO**

Enchantment Insulator Club/New Mexico Historical Bottle Society 30th Annual Insulator, Bottle, Barbwire and Collectibles Show and Sale. WE ARE BACK IN ABQ THIS YEAR! Elite Sports Academy, 501 Main Street, Albuquerque NM 87104. The venue is in historic Old Town ABQ! Show setup and dealer trading Friday afternoon & evening, September 29. Saturday September 30 show hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Info: MIKE GAY (505) 480-0085. E-mail: [cdn102@centurylink.net](mailto:cdn102@centurylink.net) or TOM KATONAK, 1024 Camino de Lucia, Corrales, NM 87048 (505) 933-0297. E-mail: [tkatonak@swcp.com](mailto:tkatonak@swcp.com)

**OCTOBER 1, 2017 (Sunday)**

**CHELSEA, MICHIGAN**

Annual (41st) Antique Bottle and Insulator Show sponsored by the Huron Valley Bottle & Insulator Club will be held Sunday, October 1st at the Comfort Inn Conference Center, 1645 Commerce Park Dr, Chelsea, Michigan. Just north of I-94 at exit #159 (M-52). From 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Admission \$3.00. Children under 16 free. Food available on premises. Also offering lightning rod balls, weather vanes, advertising, telephony, railroad and tabletop antiques. Info: MIKE BRUNER email: [abbott4girl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:abbott4girl@sbcglobal.net) or ROD KRUPKA phone 248-627-6351 or email: [rod.krupka@yahoo.com](mailto:rod.krupka@yahoo.com)

**OCTOBER 7, 2017 (Saturday)****LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA**

The 5th Three Amigo's Thang & BBQ will be held on October 7 2017 at the Home of Craig and Sue McLaurin, 43020 42nd West Lancaster, California starting at 8am. Buy Sell or Trade. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided in the morning. Lunch will be a full BBQ with all the trimmings free to all attendees. Level RV parking is available but no Electric. A limited amount of tables and chairs will be available but bring one just in case as it will be first come first serve. We will have a raffle so please consider making a donation. RSVP if possible. If you have anything for show and tell please bring them along we will do our best to make the show a pleasant experience. Info: CRAIG & SUE McLAURIN 661-943-7649 or [cbmzeek@gmail.com](mailto:cbmzeek@gmail.com); JON & SANDY KREDO 661-946-0280 or [sndykay@roadrunner.com](mailto:sndykay@roadrunner.com); LORI & RON JENKINS 661-466-7294 or [rjinx50@gmail.com](mailto:rjinx50@gmail.com)

**OCTOBER 14, 2017 (Saturday)****HILLSBURGH, ONTARIO, CANADA**

The 2017 Ontario Fall Insulator Show and Sale will be hosted by Dave Williams at 5936 8th Line, Hillsburgh, Ontario, N0B 1Z0 on Saturday, October 14th 2017 from 10am to 3pm. BBQ at noon - there will be a \$7.50 fee per person for lunch to offset the food cost. Please bring your own table - a few tables are available for those with limited space.

Contact: DAVE WILLIAMS 416-523-6076 [dusterdave71@yahoo.com](mailto:dusterdave71@yahoo.com)

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**OCTOBER 21, 2017 (Saturday)****RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN**

The North Western Insulator Club's 5th Annual Fall Insulator Swap Meet will be hosted by Mike Braun at The Moose Lodge, 620 Clark Street, in River Falls, Wisconsin on Saturday, October 21st from 9:00-3:00. Tables provided at no cost. For more information or questions email [mbraun61@yahoo.com](mailto:mbraun61@yahoo.com) or call MIKE BRAUN at 715-426-0887 or text 651-999-9961.

**NOVEMBER 3-5, 2017 (Friday-Sunday)****SPRINGFIELD, OHIO**

The 47th Mid-Ohio Insulator Show will be held November 3-5 at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield, Ohio. Show hours are Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Saturday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Sunday from 9:00 AM to closing. Info: CURT BOSTER email: [cboster530@att.net](mailto:cboster530@att.net) or 614-301-5125 or LOIS BLAIR 740-852-3148. Additional info at: [www.insulators.info/shows/springfield](http://www.insulators.info/shows/springfield)

**NOVEMBER 18, 2017 (Saturday)****EATONTON, GEORGIA**

The fall Dixie Jewels Insulator Club swap meet, hosted by Dave and Geny Collins, will take place Saturday, November 18 from 9:00-2:30 Eastern at a brand new venue, Harmony Community Association Hall, 1081 Lake Oconee Parkway, Eatonton, GA 31024. The hall is located on GA Hwy. 44, about 9 miles south of I-20, exit 130, on GA Hwy. 44 (aka Lake Oconee Parkway) and is around 11 miles north of Eatonton. There is no fee to set up a sales table and everyone is invited to bring insulators or other collectibles to sell, trade or swap. Collectors from all over the country are invited to join us. We always expect folks from at least 6-10 states. A limited number of sales tables will be available on a first come-first served basis or you may bring your own. A noon meal of Dave's famous Boston butt pulled pork, smoked in his Big Green Egg, will be served, and everyone is invited for lunch. If you wish to contribute to the meal, side dishes, drinks or desserts would be welcome. Please call ahead of the swap meet date to reserve tables or to let Dave know what you will bring for the meal. As an added inducement, Dave has invited anyone who gets into town the day before to visit him at his home to view at his impressive CD collection, which contains many very hard-to-find CD's. You must see it to believe it! For more information, directions to his home, or table reservations, please contact: DAVE COLLINS [dpc1@bellsouth.net](mailto:dpc1@bellsouth.net), or phone (706) 484-1061. For a copy of the November club newsletter with directions to the swap meet, and to Dave's home, contact BILL HALEY [wgh@tnaqua.org](mailto:wgh@tnaqua.org).

**DECEMBER 3, 2017 (Sunday)****ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club's Fifth 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](mailto:rajpolt@earthlink.net)

**Member Classified Ads**

**Want to see your free "Member Classified ad" in Drip Points magazine?** All due paying members of the NIA are entitled to a free ad in Drip Points once per year! The ad is text only, and can be up to 25 words in length. We make a best effort to get them in the next issue (space permitting). If we aren't able to, it will get pushed to the following issue. Send ads to: Christian Willis [admanager@nia.org](mailto:admanager@nia.org) (or 949-338-1404)

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**MARCH 17, 2018 (Saturday)**

**PLATTE CITY, MISSOURI**

The Annual NW Missouri Insulator & Bottle Show will be held at the Platte County Fairgrounds, 15730 Fairgrounds Rd., Platte City, MO 64079. This is between Kansas City & St. Joseph, just off of I-29. It will again be the same weekend as another long standing antique show, which allows both shows to have more attendees. The demand for dealer tables has been high the last couple of years, so the earlier you reserve your space the better. There will be a food vendor on-site. Set up time will be 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM, then open to the public from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Sales tables are \$25 each and admission is FREE. Contact DARRYL WAGNER at 816-719-0801 or email at [nwmoshow@dwagnerkc.com](mailto:nwmoshow@dwagnerkc.com) for information and/or show packet.

**APRIL 7, 2018 (Saturday)**

**WHEATON, ILLINOIS**

The spring Chicago-area show will be back at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Tables are \$40 for the 1st and \$35 for the 2nd. \$10 more if you want electricity. Contact Bob Stahr at 360 S. Kenilworth Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, (630) 793-5345, [Bob@Hemingray.com](mailto:Bob@Hemingray.com) or Rick Soller at 4086 Blackstone Ave., Gurnee, IL 60031, [Com574@clcillinois.edu](mailto:Com574@clcillinois.edu), (847) 782-8602

**JUNE 22-24, 2018 (Friday-Sunday)**

**WILDON, AUSTRIA, EUROPE**

The 2018 International Insulator Collectors Meeting will be held June 22-24 in Wildon, Austria. More information will be announced in the coming months. If you have an interest in attending, please contact DANIELE VORMWALD at: [daniel-evormwald@web.de](mailto:daniel-evormwald@web.de)

**JUNE 22-24, 2018 (Friday-Sunday)**

**KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

The 49th Annual National Insulator Association Convention and Show will be held June 22-24 at the KCI Expo Center, 11730 N. Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153. This event will be 35,000 square feet of glass & porcelain insulators, hardware, signs, lightning rod balls, battery jars and rests, lamps, bottles, jars and much, much more, with 175+ dealer and display tables. We will be having a "Family Night" event on Friday that will include transportation, country cook-out, seminar and a professional FIREWORKS display. Find show & dealer information, along with updates at [www.nia.org](http://www.nia.org) or contact Darryl Wagner, PO Box 1135, Smithville, MO 64089. Phone 816-719-0801 or email: [nwmoshow@dwagnerkc.com](mailto:nwmoshow@dwagnerkc.com)

**JUNE 14-16, 2019 (Friday-Sunday)**


**ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

The National Insulator Association's 50th Annual Show and Convention will be held June 14-16, 2019 in the Convention Center at the Doubletree by Hilton Orlando at Sea World, 10100 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32821. In June 2018, show information will be available on the NIA web site and at the National in the Central Region. Plan to be a part of "Celebrating 50 Years of Meets/Shows". Meanwhile, for additional information, you can contact the show hosts: CLAY BLEDSOE at 321-385-7510, JACQUELINE LIN-SCOTT-BARNES at 321-480-1800 ([bluebellwt@aol.com](mailto:bluebellwt@aol.com)) or GRAHAM BARNES at 321-506-0237.

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**SATURDAY, June 23rd**  
9:00am to 4:00pm General Admission

**SUNDAY, June 24th**  
9:00am to 1:30pm General Admission

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