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## Just a “Hemingray Oddity”





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### On the cover:

Photos of the two different styles of odd ball Hemingray glass items. What are they? A battery rest? Something else? See the article, Just a "Hemingray Oddity" by Charles Irons on page 18 to find out more.

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### A fresh new Look for Drip Points Magazine!

Over the winter I redesign the layout of Drip Points Magazine from the ground up. Literally starting with a black slate. The new design is flatter and more intuitive. Those that use iOS know where my inspiration came from.

The color bars at the bottom of the pages coordinate with the section that you are in (same as the ones in the table of contents on the inside cover). There are a bunch of small but nice changes like that, I will let you discover them as you go through the magazine.

If you get the electronic version of the magazine there are a couple of new bonus features for you. The table of contents is now interactive. If you click on a page number it will take you to that page. You can also view a list of bookmarks in Adobe Acrobat by clicking on the bookmarks icon. Or if you use Apple Preview on OS X click the top left button and select "Table of contents"

On the back cover there are two QR codes that you can scan with your smart phone to quickly go to the NIA website or to our Facebook group.

Special thanks to friend and fellow Hemingray collector Christian Willis for redrawing the NIA logo for me from scratch. It is 100% true to the original but is now vector and will print way more crisp. I have wanted to do this for some time and thanks to Christian I was able to get this done.

### Suspension Type (ST) numbering system update.

Last issue we (Steve Coffman and I ) introduced you to the new ST numbering system for Suspension Type Insulators. I wanted to give you a "State of the Union" on this cool new system.

As of this writing we have a total of 170 listings! Amazing when you think that only a couple months ago this system did not exist.

Over the last couple months we have been making refinements to the system. We changed the name of two ranges to eliminate confusion. What we use to call "Pre Austin patent" (ST-300-3999) we now call "Classic straight cap". To keep things neat we also changed "Austin patent" (ST-4000-4999) to "Modern compression caps". This is a cleaner way to name them. The assigned numbers are all the same just the naming of the ranges changed.

The ST-6000-6499 range has been re-worked. The new subdivisions are:

- ST-6000-6025 - (Solid Core suspension string)
- ST-6026-6099 - (Half Motors)
- ST-6100-6499 - (Other non traditional styles)

Website enhancements have been made based on feedback and some ideas Steve and I had. There is now a thumbnail view that can be helpful as you learn the ranges. Also added a constant, but unobtrusive navigation bar at the bottom of all the ST pages for easily going to next page and switching back and forth to the above mentioned thumbnail view.

Online guide has been added to help properly photograph Suspension Type Insulators for the system Available at:

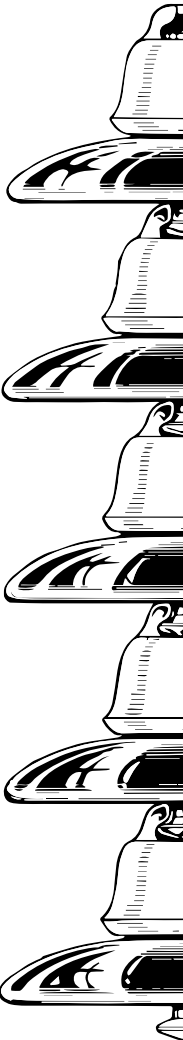
<http://www.allinsulators.com/photos/ST/photo.html>

A new simple to use Suspension Type Insulator submission form has been added to the website! All Submissions to the system are now done with this form, which really helps streamline things.

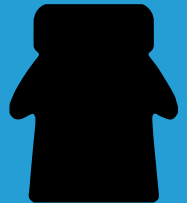
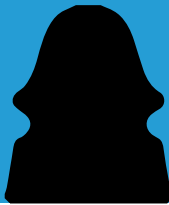
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[http://www.allinsulators.com/photos/ST/ST\\_Submit.php](http://www.allinsulators.com/photos/ST/ST_Submit.php)

Keep checking <http://www.allinsulators.com> as the system is rapidly maturing. Also if you have discs in your collection submit them to us!

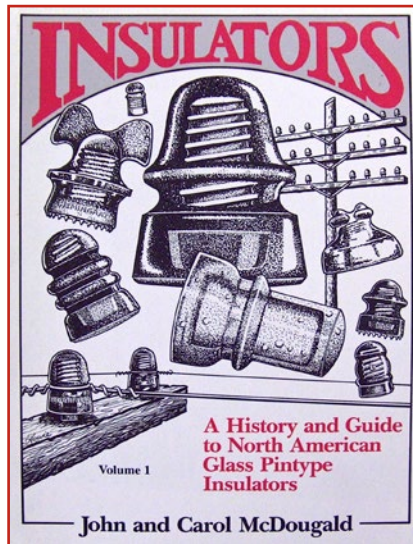






The NIA Membership Handbook (2014 Edition) has been updated with all the revisions, typo corrections, additions and board approvals that have been noted since the 2012 edition was printed. It is now current through December 31 of 2013. This new edition will be provided to new members in their membership packet. It has been posted on the NIA website as well.

John and Carol McDougald's copyright to the two volume set of reference books "Insulators - A History and Guide to North American Glass Pintype Insulators" has been assigned to the NIA. The Association has had the two volumes professionally scanned both in a .pdf and a word.docx format. The pdf files have been sent to Bob Berry to be posted on the website.



John and Carol, before and after their assignment of the copyright to the NIA, indicated their desire to make a gift to the hobby of their reference and research files. They are pleased that their books will be available at no cost as historic references to those who have become active in the hobby.

John and Carol have also presented to the NIA three boxes of reference and research material for inclusion in the NIA archives.

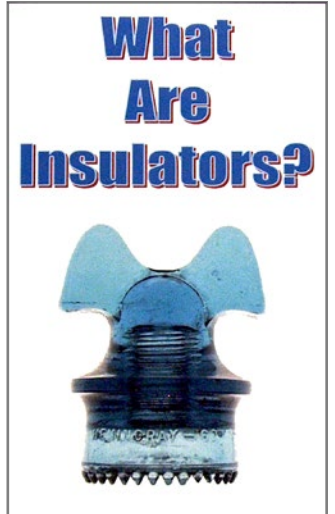
The Board of Directors unanimously approved the publishing of any or all of the copyrighted material assigned to or owned by the NIA on the NIA website. These materials will be made available without cost to anyone who complies with the following notification:

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*used for any unauthorized purpose without obtaining advanced written permission from the National Insulator Association."*

Almost all of the first printing of the "What Are Insulators?" information booklets have been distributed so another

2500 copies have been printed. This printing has been updated with more pictures and a slight change to the layout. We are in the process of sending out quantities of these booklets to the show hosts for all of the upcoming local shows. The booklet is also available for download on the NIA website. Our goal is to distribute these booklets to school and public libraries, other collecting organizations, antique malls and dealers, etc. With help from all our members this can be accomplished. To receive copies contact me by email [louhall@pacbell.net](mailto:louhall@pacbell.net) or phone: 559-284-4211. You can also contact your Region VP or any other member of the Board, Advisors or Committee Chairs.



## 2014 National Show and Convention Update

I am pleased to report that 135 dealer tables have been reserved and 20 of the exhibitor tables are also reserved. There are only 90 dealer tables remaining and 16 exhibitor tables or spaces.

We would like to have them all reserved by March 31, 2014 so your host Tommy Bolack is offering a **SPECIAL INCENTIVE**. That's right! Tommy will present each dealer and exhibitor with a 2014 NIA Commemorative Insulator.

How do I get one, you ask? Here's how: Submit your Dealer Agreement along with your table deposit of \$30.00 per table (you'll get that back when you set-up at the show) or Exhibitor Agreement (tables require no deposit) to Lou Hall so he has it on or before March 31, 2014. Mail your completed forms to:

Lou Hall  
363 W. Stuart Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93704-1544

Now for the rules: The commemorative insulator will be presented to the individual who signs the Dealer or Exhibitor agreement. Helpers or others sharing a table are excluded from this incentive. Only one commemorative per person will be presented. If you are both a dealer and exhibitor only one insulator will be presented. The number of tables reserved by a dealer or exhibitor does not determine the number of insulators presented.

To find out everything you need to know to prepare for the 2014 45th Annual National visit the website at <http://www.nia2014.org> or [www.nia.org](http://www.nia.org)

I'm looking forward to seeing all our members and their families at this super event!

*Lou Hall*

## How to get one FREE Commemorative 2014 Insulator:

Yes, you read correctly!! Every dealer/exhibitor who has their signed agreement and deposit to Lou Hall by March 31, 2014 for their table and/or display at the 2014 NIA Show & Convention will receive one (1) FREE Commemorative 2014 Insulator!

For display and table request forms, go to: <http://oldinsulators.com/nia2014/>

## 45th National Insulator Association Show & Convention

Hosted by  
Tommy Bolack

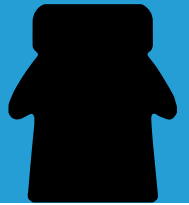
July 3-6, 2014  
McGee Park Convention Center  
Farmington, New Mexico



Photograph of Tommy Bolack,  
Courtesy of Michael Doyle Oldinsulators.com







Here's a warm greeting to all collectors around the world from the Western Region.

Hopefully all of you have made it safely through the bitter cold and snowy January and February that seems to have effected most all parts of the country this year. Fortunately, spring is just around the corner...and as hard as winter may try to keep its strangle hold on us, the snow will melt, the trees will bud and grass will once again turn green. I for one can't wait to get back on that LOCKE 25 line that the cold and snow forced me from exploring more thoroughly late last fall, and also plan another hike for threadless up on the Transcontinental line in Wyoming. Nothing quite like the feeling that first springtime hike along an old line gives ya. I know for a fact that there's gold (in the form of glass) in them there hills, and I'm gonna bring me home some. :-) I wish you all the best of luck this year finding your sought after glass and porcelain, whether it comes via a hunt, yard sale, flea market, show, or auction. Speaking of auctions... I hear a lot of talk lately (some good, some bad) about all the auctions taking place these days. Some say it's going to drag down prices, they're flooding the market, there go all the local shows, and one on one horse trading, only folks with deep pockets stand a chance of getting the good stuff... and others say, collections that have kept hundreds of pieces locked up in hiding are finally surfacing and making it back into the general hobby, or there's something for everyone, in every price range. The pros & cons go on and on, but one thing's for certain... there's one heck of a lot of glass floating around out there right now, and most anyone with a computer is privy to seeing it, and able to throw an offer at it. I believe that once a collection moves from the guardianship of one person into the hands of many, there's a much better

chance a piece will become available on a sales tables or by direct communication with the buyer.

BTW: I'd sure like to know who got that nice dark aqua un-embossed CD 120 off the Charles Brandon Collection auction that Bill and Jill put on. :-) I may not have been the successful bidder, but I sure wouldn't mind holding and comparing the mold to my midnight blue one.

I'm hopeful that once it's time for my collection to be dispersed back into the hobby, that there will be something of interest for every level of collector, whether it be a great price or scarcity.

There are a massive amount of great shows and get-togethers coming up shortly in the Western Region and throughout the country. Please get out and support your local shows. Nothing compares to the personal contact and interaction a show provides with fellow collectors. It's what keeps our hobby feeling like the family it is.

One last item of news: My term as Western VP comes to an end in July, and we are very fortunate to have a very respected and longtime collector step up to the plate for the next three year term. I can't express how good it's felt to play a role in the NIA for these last four years, and highly recommend any level of involvement to fellow members. This is a great hobby, that's only made better by the selfless giving of the many folks in it.

\*\*\*REMEMBER TO BE A PART OF THE NATIONAL IN FARMINGTON NM IN JULY\*\*\*

Good Collecting,

*Dan Gauron*

Along with payment for an insulator I sent them, I also received this bottle liquid gold, home grown in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Mike & Deb Fowler harvest about 20 gallons of the sought after syrup each year from maple trees in their own backyard. I thought it a nice match to one of my Beehives. A big thanks to both Mike & Deb for their generous handcrafted gift.





Well here we are already a month into 2014 and it's been mighty cold in the central region as we all very well know too much. Although one day a week or so ago my wife and I managed to go on an exploration for open wire glass. Heck it was up to 35 degrees by noon and it felt like a balmy 45 degrees. An hour in I had to shed my coat. I did find a couple of nice 152 Brookfields with drip points. Here is a photo of them. The one on the left has a pretty good dose of amber in it making it look green in color. The one on the right has most of the amber concentrated to the right side.

Arlen & Tina Rienstra just held Beat the Winter Blahs Swap Meet in Crown Point, Indiana. Sounds like, despite the 10 " snow that had just fallen a couple days before, there was a good turn out from multiple states that braved the roads.

By the time you have received this issue of Drip Points. On February 15, 2014 Columbus Ohio Antique Bottle Show was being held at the Ohio State Fairgrounds.

Big Thanks goes out to Joe Hardin and Jamie Houdeshell for the hard work of putting on the show. Also the 2014 NIA Central Regional Show was held in Lebanon, Indiana and a Big Thanks goes out to Kim Borgman and Jim White for organizing the show.

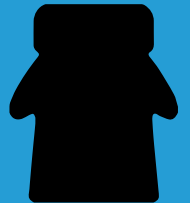
Coming up on March 8, 2014 The 12th Annual NW Missouri Insulator & Bottle Show will be held in Tracy, Missouri instead of St. Joe. Tracy is just south of St. Joe about 20 miles and just of Interstate 29.

Set up is from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Admission in is FREE. Contact Darryl Wagner for more information. Hopefully you can make it to a show this spring which is finally just around the corner. The year of " The Polar Vortex's " will be nearing the end.

Stay safe and happy collecting.  
Hopefully see some of you at a show.

*Bear Spittler*





With the snow swirling around my window, and my prospects for getting out of the house this morning diminishing rapidly, I thought this would be the ideal moment to prepare something for this edition of Drip Points. I usually devote days like this to researching, photo taking and the like, more often than not, involving insulators. I have been lucky to have been involved in collecting long enough to have a fairly good library, including a number of early original manufacturer's catalogs. In the past few months I have been astounded at the great information that can be found on the Internet in books that google has scanned. It has been a fairly easy effort to come up with old corporate records on companies operating in New Jersey at the turn of the last century. The alternative up until a few years ago, was to visit a county courthouse or archives, driving a long distance, with no guarantee that the information would be readily available. For every outstanding librarian or archivist I have dealt with, there have been just as many, not ready to be bothered by Joe Citizen looking for some musty records.

New glass collectors have had a particularly hard time recently, with the most important hobby reference books out of print. It is thus quite the accomplishment that the NIA has begun to acquire the copyrights to the most significant hobby publications that have been prepared to date. The posting of these books to the NIA website, the MacDougal books, in particular, will provide an outstanding reference for all collectors. The MacDougal books being out of print have made it difficult for new collectors to round out their collecting knowledge. I have seen used copies of the books sell for significantly more than their original prices at shows. Another import-

ant guide, by Jack Tod, Electrical Porcelain, is available as a pdf on Elton Gish's website. This is one of the lesser known resources that has a wealth of information including the attribution of trade names of low voltage porcelain insulators. This little respected area of the hobby had a significant impact on the early use of electricity in the US, and was a major contributor to the local economies where electrical porcelain was made. Even today, porcelain is still frequently used in low voltage devices that run hot, plastics just do not cut it.

There has always been a fair amount of discussion as to what dues levels should look like for NIA members, I can honestly say that these initiatives make NIA membership an outstanding value. If one looks at their membership as a long term investment in the health of collecting, it looks to be down right cheap! There is still a fairly large hole in the NIA archives; what is missing, are first person accounts of early activities of collectors. With each edition of Crown Jewels and Drip Points, one notes the passing of early collectors, whose knowledge has passed with them. We all know that much of this information has not entirely been lost, many great stories had been passed on by these collectors to others before their passing. So, if you were involved in the early days of collecting, have heard unrecorded stories of those now deceased collectors, or have anything to tell, write it down. Let us all see it. Don't be afraid of your ability to write, there are plenty of editors available to polish your accounts.

I expect to see all of you a show very soon!!

*Matt Grayson*

### Awards and Recognition | Nominations for Lifetime & Outstanding Service Awards

Nominations are due by **April 1, 2014**. Forms available online at <http://www.nia.org/archives/index.htm>

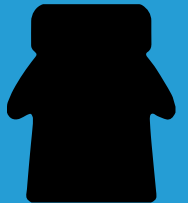
Send nominations to:  
**Gene Hawkins**, NIA #421  
3847 North Prairie St  
Warsaw, IN 46582  
[awards@nia.org](mailto:awards@nia.org)





**Membership Director | Don Briel**

NIA# 7218



Jeanne and I arrived home from the Yuma tailgater the day before this article was due. We had four days of being pumped up with beautiful weather, good friends, nice glass, and excellent food. The photo at the bottom is one showing the beautiful day in Yuma. However, we returned to our home in Northern Utah to find our yard looking just about like we left it four days earlier. See the photo on the right. What a contrast!

I can't express how good it feels to attend our first insulator swap meet of the new year. We visited with friends along the way, stopped at antique shops, wandered around the Quartzsite flea markets, and had a wonderful time on the way to the Yuma tailgater. The get together was wonderful with many dealers, many walk-in people interested in seeing what insulator collecting was all about, and a great lunch provided by Terri Taylor and the Grand Canyon Insulator club. Many thanks go out to the show hosts for a wonderful event.

This is my first Drip Points article in years where I will not be reporting any NIA membership statistics. Vickie McConnachie has successfully taken over the day-to-day membership tasks and is doing a great job. Please continue to give her your full support.

I hope everyone has had a chance to read the February "Crown Jewels of the Wire" magazine containing my article on Jerry Tidwell. He is a very interesting person with a passion for beautiful insulator displays. I was very saddened back in January to learn that Jerry was hospitalized with a life threatening illness. He spent more than two weeks in the hospital, went through a couple of surgeries, and is now back home and recovering. This is just one of Jerry's many displays shown in this article.

Lastly, it is now time for what seems like a long wait for the National show in Farmington, New Mexico. It will be here before I know it, but the excitement is definitely building. This promises to be one of the largest and most economically pleasing shows ever. Be sure to get your reservations made as soon as possible, or it may not be possible.

I hope to see many of you at upcoming shows this year!

*Don Briel*





## National Insulator Association

2013 - 2014 financial statement

6 months ending Dec. 31, 2013

**Beginning Balance \$51,858.71**

### Revenues

Membership Dues	\$13,961.26
Commemorative Sales	\$3,319.21
Product Sales	\$2,248.80
Donations	\$1,173.00
Insurance Income	\$400.00
Scholarship Donations	\$200.00
Misc. Income	\$150.00
Drip Points Advertising	\$99.00
Hemingray Plaque Donations	\$49.00

**Total Income \$21,600.27**

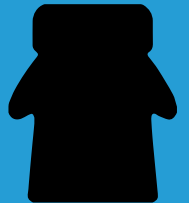
### Expenses

Drip Points	-\$7,454.03
Scholarship Expense	-\$2,511.11
Marketing Product	-\$2,270.21
Printing - What are insulators	-\$2,188.49
Taxes, Fees & Insurance	-\$2,068.37
Membership Expenses	-\$1,514.76
Commemorative Insulators	-\$1,001.38
Advertising	-\$976.00
National Show Awards	-\$406.51
Show Advertising Rebate	-\$325.00
Misc. Exp.	-\$249.27
Education & research	-\$118.87
Historian Expense	-\$95.00
Crown Jewels Rebates	-\$79.00
Google/Paypal Fees	-\$15.33
Board Expense	\$0.00

**Total Expenses (\$21,273.33)**

**Increase/Decrease \$326.94**

**Ending Balance \$52,185.65**



No new Information Director news to deliver this issue. The NIA is looking to branch out and I have been working on getting ad prices for ad placement in other Magazines.

Our Magazine Editor has been busy revamping the whole Magazine in order to use with a different piece

of software to enhance it's look and feel. This is a true labor of love. I hope you enjoy the new look. Thanks for contributing to the Magazine when you can! Get out and support your local shows. Next deadline is May 10th.

*Michele Kotlarsky*

## CD 126 RD IN JADE FOUND



I went to an antique shop in North Carolina. While visiting one of the CO OP's., I was looking at insulators. The owner of that CO OP just happened to be there and asked me if I collect them. I said yes. He said he had two buckets at home and would bring them in the next day. The next day I went back. The first bucket had common but decent stuff. The second bucket, coming down to the last level of insulators, I first pulled out a couple of 126's that were normal, then an almost green CD 127, and then the jade 126. My heart started racing. It raced until we left the antique store. ~ **Larry Baumann**

**Editors Note:** In the Fall 2013 Drip Points Magazine you will find information on one of these on eBay. The one Larry found is a much better (more solid) jade.

If you look up the patent number you get the following information:  
RD 149959 - 22 May 1890  
registered by James Bridger, Upper Edmonton. Glass Merchant.

## WANT TO GET DRIP POINTS ELECTRICALLY?

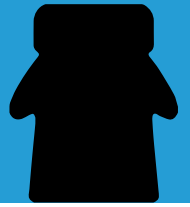
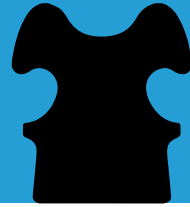


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To switch, email: **Vickie McConnachie** [membership@nia.org](mailto:membership@nia.org)





I had limited options as to how I could grow my collection in the early 1980s which is when I started collecting. I used to race through sales ads in Crown Jewels the day it arrived and wait until after 5:00 PM (because the calling rates were cheaper!) and hope the phone line on the other end wasn't busy already to stake my claims. It was almost always a disappointment to hear 'I'm sorry Dave but I sold that one already'. There were two-three shows a year within a reasonable driving distance that I would attend. It seemed no matter how early I arrived, there were always collectors who got there even earlier.

I saw the rise of EBAY in the late 1990s as a game changer. I was basically able to now search and shop for insulators 24 hours a day, seven days a week 365 days a year. I didn't and don't ACTUALLY do that but with the convenience of a computer, it's certainly possible to. Auctions have certainly just about become 'the' way for selling. They create excitement, interest and a sense of urgency. The last minute countdown can be as exciting as watching the ball drop on New Year's Eve.

The days of hitting local flea markets, garage sales and antique shops have since faded for me. I miss those more frequent opportunities to hold a piece in hand to see exactly what I was buying. There were no surprises and there was always the opportunity to negotiate the price down when buying in person.

When you are participating in an auction, you are in control of bidding the price up. You may be surprised what other competitors were willing pay when the gavel finally falls. You might be surprised at post auction fees but the reality is they're known up front, it is just easy to lose sight of them in the excitement of bidding.

Are things any different, better or worse than before? Well it depends on your perspective. You had little more than a CD number, manufacturer's name, a color and condition that was somewhere between VNM – VVNM – Mint in the 'good old days'. Life was like a box of chocolates because ultimately you never really knew what you were going to get until you opened the box. You had to be fast with Crown Jewels and sales lists because otherwise you missed it!

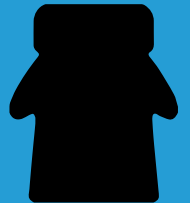
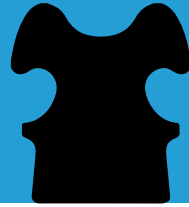
Today you don't necessarily have to be the quickest or earliest, unless of course there is that rare fixed price deal. Today it's more a matter of the one who bids last or bids the most that takes home the prize. There are an overwhelming number of auction opportunities all which seem to offer something that will fill a spot in the collection.

Feedback I occasionally hear in my role as Ethics Advisor is that I paid X for such and such a piece and I am (you fill in the blank) that the seller made no mention of the (you fill in the blank) on the (you know what to do at this point). I'll hear, and even observe on my own, that there was no shortage of clever superlatives to describe the piece. There were no pictures pointing out the negatives or the camera angle coincidentally minimized the damage shown.

Sellers that command the greater interest / and high dollar auctions are the ones that have become the better marketers. My advice is become the better buyer. Look closely at the pictures provided and read the description carefully. Determine a seller's return policy up front. Do not hesitate to ask questions regarding condition and request additional pictures before you've placed your final bid. It takes a little effort but so does the work you do to earn the money you make for life's pleasures. It's a lot easier to determine beforehand if that piece you think you really want is worth that extra sum you are willing to bid than it is negotiating miscommunication and repackaging things up after the deal is done. Remember that as a bidder in an auction that you are in control of what you are willing to pay for a piece.

I encourage you to contact me if you have a personal matter where you believe the NIA Code of Ethics, as stated in the NIA Membership Handbook, was violated. The Code of Ethics provides a guide to the general membership for conducting their collecting and dealing activities honorably, honestly and in a manner which will present a good image of the hobby to the public.

*Dave Wiecek*



The Polar Vortex has finally receded and here in southwest Ohio we've enjoyed several January days in the 50's. Almost spring-like, but winter is far from over here. It still gets the blood pumping to see what the insulator hunters might come up with when the weather does finally break.

In terms of philanthropy, not much has been reported to me in the way of donations to the NIA. I'm hoping to hear that some came in at year's end to support the organization's educational purpose.

One of my favorite quotes about giving comes from Martin Luther King. He said: "Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness." Philanthropy is not just for the rich. We often make the mistake of thinking that one has to be wealthy in order to give enough to make a difference. Not true. Joel Barker, the futurist, back in the 80's told the story of a man walking on a beach covered with starfish and coming upon a young man tossing the

starfish one at a time back into the sea. The man asked what are you doing? The young man said I'm saving the starfish. The man said but you can't make a difference throwing them back one at a time. The young man said, tossing another one out to sea---I did for that one.

You can make a difference, no matter how small it may seem. I encourage you to think about how, through a donation to the NIA, you could help a student achieve their goals by a donation that could support an NIA scholarship. For example, a donation of a nice insulator that the NIA could liquidate at a show or through an auction could become just like a significant cash donation to the organization. Give a Castle, open the door to a castle!

I wish you all good collecting and hope to see you in Farmington, New Mexico in July.

*Rick Jones*

## SHOW & TELL | CD 106 HEMINGRAY IN MUSTARD OLIVE

Amazing CD 106 HEMINGRAY [250] in a very scarce Olive Mustard color. This beauty was recovered over 40 years ago in Colorado.

If you just went to your price guide to look it up, you will see there is no listed colors that are close to the color of this one. In this color family only "Yellow Green" and "Dark Yellow Green" are listed, this one would not neatly fit in to either one of those colors.

Thanks to **John Rajpolt** for sharing the photo and story of his amazing Hemingray piece with us! No its not for sale, I already asked ;)

*Shaun Kotlarsky*





### Springfield Community Display 2014

One of the more recent features that evolved at the Springfield Mid-Ohio Insulator Show is the Community Themed Display.

For those unfamiliar, the concept is relatively simple, a Theme such as Hemingray 12s is announced at the Annual banquet the year before, giving the sponsoring person or group about a year to work on the display.

The 2014 Theme was recently announced and will be "DIAMOND P" (please do not confuse with Canadian CD 102 Diamonds). Mark Gilmore of Indianapolis, Indiana submitted the theme and will organize the display.

So many of the Mid-Ohio collectors travel great distances and so displaying is physically a challenge; however, the community display allows everyone with an insulator in the "theme category" to participate. After all anyone can pack a couple pieces of glass or porcelain in the luggage.

To facilitate the community display, a couple of years ago money was raised and two back lit display cases were purchased so the best gems could exhibit their colors properly.

I believe you are all in for a real treat next fall when these rare pieces come together for what may be the largest reunion of Diamond Ps.

Mark has solicited the assistance of Ross Baird and Jack Roach, among others to assure that some real beauties will be on display.

If you have one or several Diamond Ps and want to display next year, please contact me and I will be sure to pass your information on to Mark Gilmore.

In Addition...

### 2015 Theme and Sponsor Wanted

Themes for displays are almost endless. I need someone who has a theme and wants to spearhead the organization of the display.

What does that entail?

1. Submitting a theme for consideration
2. Organizing a nucleus of collectors who will contribute by bringing display pieces
3. Coordinating a speaker(s) on the them topic for a Saturday afternoon seminar or presentation
4. Physically receiving display pieces and organizing for display at the show
5. Making sure all participants get their loaned items back
6. Working with Curt Boster to assure security of loaned items

If you have questions, please call me at 317-319-1205 – Jim White.

Submissions for consideration need to be received before Labor Day 2014. The theme will be decided and announced at the 2014 Mid-Ohio Show Banquet.





## Making Connections at Shows: It is a small world

With this writing comes the death of January, 2014, and not a day too soon. My friends Arlen and Tina Rienstra have already concluded their “Beat the Winter Blahs” get together in Crown Point, Indiana. The show is marked by the thrill of seeing if you can get there and back without enduring bad weather. Arlen seems to always pick the right timing, although sometimes it is pretty cold but their home is warm and inviting and the delicious food is well worth it. Then there is the fun of the auction operated by Rick Soller. I could not make it this year but I just read the Greater Chicago Insulator Club newsletter and the results of the show indicate that they did nicely without my presence. This is one to mark on your calendar and try to attend. If you think it is too far, the show has hosted collectors from as far away as Great Britain.

My first show of the year was a bottle show. The Muncie Indiana Fruit Jar and Bottle Show is held two times a year (winter and summer shows). It gives me reason to visit one of my old stomping grounds, Muncie. I won't bore you with the details other than to say, it really was well worth the trip and the time. I did see three glass turtles and there were a number of glass insulators on tables. A few lightning rod standoffs and balls were for sale too.

The reason I am mentioning the Muncie Show is that my attendance was somewhat precipitated by the Columbia City Insulator Show of two years prior. Sometimes you just don't know what you will find or see when attending a show. Suffice it to say that while peddling glass at the Columbia City Show and networking, another collector mentioned that he knew a lady who had a small Fort Wayne bottle collection. I indicated I might be interested. Fast forwarding, summer came and one day while mowing, I received a call from the “owner of the bottles”. We traded contact information. I suggested that I would call her back since I was busy with work. I wrote the information down and went back to work. A few days later it hit me that I needed to call her back. You can guess what was next...I could not find the information.

Thinking I would eventually find it, I kept searching.

A few months later, I remembered that one of our bottle club members had purchased a small milk bottle collection in the Fort Wayne area. So I called him and we agreed that it was likely the same lady. He agreed to look for her contact information. A few weeks later I receive a message that he found the information. At the next bottle club we agreed to pursue the collection; actually two collections: he wanted the Hutchinson sodas and I wanted the medicines. The Muncie show was just around the corner and so we decided to conclude the deal quickly and arranged a Saturday trip.

This whole event brought back great memories of early insulator shows and buying small collections and traveling with a friend and discussing bottles and insulators. I had just leased a new Honda CRV and never gave a second thought to the space issue. Her deceased husband had been quite the collector and probably had assembled every known Fort Wayne medicine. We agreed to the price and 628 medicine bottles were lugged up from the basement and loaded in the car. Then my mind ran to the other collection and whether those Hutchisons would fit. Thank the Lord, they did. Fortunately for us, she had everything nicely packed in divided boxes.

We made the trip home and the next day experienced a sizable blizzard. Nicely timed couple of snow days gave me time to sort and price for the show that was coming the next weekend.



**Jim White and John Cleland load two bottle collections recently purchased in Fort Wayne, Indiana. John shown in photo.**

## Messages related to attending shows:

1. Network...let other know what you collect. Good things might come of the contact. As a sidebar, I did attend the Muncie Show and to make a long story bought a bottle from a dealer who I soon found was from Ft. Wayne. We soon discussed bottles and the subject of my recent purchase came up. This collector / dealer knew the owner of the collection I just purchased and knew his wife. Not only that he worked with him for years and never knew he collected. Although he suggested that he might have precipitated the gentleman's interest in collecting bottles.
2. If you get a connection or lead....cherish it and follow-up as soon as possible. I got lucky.
3. Absorb as much information from other collectors. The information you gain may lead to a great buy or acquisition in the future...or prevent you from making a bad purchase. Shows are for education too. I never attend a show I do not bring something back. It may be simply knowledge.

4. It is a small world. Let people know what your interested are. You might be surprised what comes your way.
5. If you plan on buying a lot, make sure your car or truck has room and you take proper packing to protect your purchases, whether buying a collection or attending a show. If there is an auction, such as that at Arlen and Tina's get together, also important to consider.
6. If you are in the Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Iowa and adjacent states, don't forget the upcoming Central Regional Show in Lebanon, Indiana and the Columbia City Show (Columbia City is west of Fort Wayne). Contact me if questions.

Let's be safe and have fun this year! Good Collecting to you all.

*Jim White*

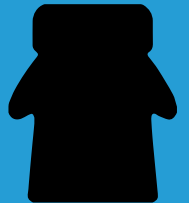
## SECOND REPORTED M-3466 FOUND!

At first glance this may look like a M-3451 but the M-3466 is 1 inch taller. M-3451 is 11.5" tall and the M-3466 is 12.5" tall. Other than that the skirt width is the same. The M-3466 appears to be a later (slightly thicker) revision to the M-3451. If you own a M-3451 double check the measurements, it may be a M-3466! Thanks to Elton Gish for helping with confirming this. Now on to how this one was found. - **Shaun Kotlarsky**

I found this insulator store in an Olympia, Washington antique mall. I went in on a whim before going to work, and saw this insulator sitting on the floor. I knew it was a Thomas based on the blue jean seam inside the third skirt, but beyond that, I had no clue what it might have been worth. A cracked crown from cement expansion and a small chip on the bottom rear of the second shell made me question the \$60 price tag on it, so I offered \$30, which was accepted. I took the insulator home, and tentatively pegged it as M-3451, and stuck it on my desk.

Fast forward to December when I acquired a gray M-3451 Thomas in trade, and I started noting differences between the two insulators. I shrugged them off, figuring it was just typical variances between insulators. In early February, Shaun contacted me asking for measurements of both insulators, and after some back and forth, it was determined that my brown "M-3451" was actually M-3466, which in turn is a revised and updated M-3451. So now I'm back to looking for a brown M-3451 to pair with my gray one! - **Steve Coffman**





NIA Members,

Happy New Year and looking forward to spring. This year has been very different for me. Working on the **NIA Oral History Project** has been a challenge for the past two Nationals and the Springfield shows. I am so pleased that I was able to interview both Steve Blair and Charles Brandon before their passing. Everyone has graciously shared their past insulator-collecting experiences. You are really going to enjoy watching the DVD.

With the expertise of my grandson, Clay Bledsoe, we have been able to compile, edit and compile again about four hours of enjoyment. For the first time, **Vol. I** will be available for sale on NIA Day, July 3, 2014 at the 45th National Farmington, NM show.

I do not have a handle on the number of times educators have accessed the classroom lesson plans that we have on the NIA web site. It is my belief that educators are required to be SO focused on the new CORE Curriculum that has gone nationwide that they do not have the time or enthusiasm to seek out an enrichment activity for their classroom. Rest assured I will keep trying to make this available for classroom teachers.

I look forward to interviewing more of our collectors and begin **Vol. II** of the **NIA Oral History**.

Be sure you have all your plans and reservations.... hotel, banquet, sales table(s), and directory ad(s) ....in place. See ya'l in NM.

*Jacqueline C. Linscott-Barnes*



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

- President:** Donald Briel
- Secretary:** Steve Roberts, incumbent
- Western Regional VP:** Ron Yuhas

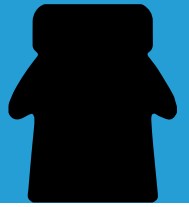
With no competing candidates, the NIA Board of Directors will be asked to approve these candidates by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Matt Grayson** | Nominations Committee Chairman

At the end of 2013 the NIA had a drawing for a free 1 year subscription to Crown Jewels of the Wire magazine to be randomly selected from the members that had their dues current at the time.

**The winner was:**  
Gilberto Hedges-Blanquez, NIA # 3358, from Seattle Washington.





Exciting things are happening in the scholarship department. Very shortly we will have a great brochure outlining the scholarship program. Shaun has done a great job in designing and producing this piece—thank you Shaun. It is an attractive tri-fold brochure and will be given out at the National and sent to all show hosts throughout the year so that people will have a written reminder to tell folks about this great program. Please continue to spread the word about the program where ever possible. We especially would like to have more vocational applications.

After some research it has been decided to extend the deadline to April 1st instead of the original March 1st. This time frame is more popular with scholarship programs and we want to obtain as many applications as possible. Our scholarship program is listed on several on line sites.

I would like to welcome Jeanne Biel to the scholarship committee. She will join Jack Reisleman and myself. I do appreciate her willingness to serve on our committee.

Please remember when you talk about your hobby that we need new young collectors and the scholarship program is one way to grab their attention and maybe interest them in the hobby. So talk it up ! I am sure there are many of you that are involved in community work, church groups, etc so there are many opportunities to share this information.

*Kay Bryant*

### M-2770 EARLY RFI LOCKE INSULATOR FOUND.



The first reported Locke M-2770 was recently found in an old abandoned substation in Rhode Island. The insulator has an incuse marking of LOCKE / 23524. It was found by John Wilson. I did not hear back with any more details by the deadline time for this report.

While looking up info for this report, I found a photo of a second one that was never reported to Elton Gish. This one was found by Zac Mirecki back in 2006. So we now know there are at least two of these known. The photos on the left show Zacs brown one and Johns reddish brown one.

What makes these different is they are an early attempt for reducing radio interference (RFI). The crown of the insulator is iron.

The list of know styles with this unusual top is as follows: M-2343, M-2639, M-2770, M-2961, M-3245, M-3650, M-4343

There is a wonderful article by Elton Gish in the January 1997 Crown Jewels of the Wire Magazine (<http://goo.gl/ee2EY6>). It talks about how these insulators came to be. Really good read.

As you can tell by all the articles on porcelain insulator finds, this winter has been a good one for the Porcelain Insulator collector!

Shaun Kotlarsky



Update on the NIA Commemorative for 2014



2010  
Orange Amber



2011  
Pacific Surf



2012  
Sun Colored  
Amethyst



2013  
Crème de Mint



2014  
To be announced

The mold has been updated for the 2014 Farmington, NM - National and the color, we hope, will be a first ever done! The glass company is sample pouring a few new options now, so we should have a sample in hand by mid February. We generally pour in mid-March, and the commemoratives are shipped to us by early April.

We will be sending emails to those that have ordered before. However, if you do not get email, or have changed your email since last March, please contact me so I can send you updated ordering information on the 2014 commemorative.

We have only a few of the 2010, 2011 (both styles) & 2012 regular commemoratives available. There is a very limited number of solid pours for 2011,2012, 2013. Please call or email me with your order.

Full details of the 2014 commemorative will be posted to ICON, Crown Jewels and in the June issue of Drip Points.

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## Just a "Hemingray Oddity"

Battery Rest Insulator or Hemingray Oddity ... Where do I start?

Let's go back to December 1975 to an article that appeared in *Crown Jewels of the Wire* entitled "Something Different In Hemingray."

This article was written by Sandra and Glenn Drummond of Alabama. If you have not read this article, it is certainly worth finding an old copy and reading it. Sandra gets the actual credit for their "Hemingray Oddity FIND," and Sandra described the find by saying ... "You've got to see this to believe it." Sandra had just discovered one of the first Hemingray oddities, if not the first one.

We can now fast-forward to October 2013 when I received an email from a very excited Shaun Kotlarsky. He was excited because he had just acquired a piece he had "ALWAYS wanted" ... and it is referred to as a HEMINGRAY Oddity too. Shaun felt that this piece was a NEW Battery Rest - as did many others in the insulator collecting community. They thought this piece should have a CD number assigned to it.

H-U-M ... H-U-M ... Now I am thinking to myself ... "I wonder how many of these things are out there"? Can it be proved that this object really is a Battery Rest Insulator? ... I could NOT find anything that "PROVES" that it is a Battery Rest Insulator... and there must be proof in order to warrant the assignment of a new CD number

I started making some inquires and gathering information to document any information that I could find pertaining to how this object was used.

After conferring with Dario Dimare (now owner of the CD numbering system), it was determined that there just is NOT ENOUGH information at this time to confirm or to deny that this piece was used as a



BATTERY REST INSULATOR.

As the November 2013 Mid-Ohio Insulator Show was quickly approaching, it seemed like a good idea to put-out a request on "ICON" (Insulators Collectors on the Net). We needed to find answers to questions, like how many of these HEMINGRAY items were out there ... either in collections and/or just out-there ... and who owns them. Maybe we should try to get everyone that has one to bring it to the Mid-Ohio show so that we could see them all together in one place for an actual comparison.

Information trickled in for a couple of weeks with some outstanding leads. I was now able to contact the owners of these oddities to see if they were planning to attend the 2013 SPRINGFIELD Show. If they were planning to attend, I asked if they would bring their HEMINGRAY piece(s) with them so that we could measure and photograph them and then compare their oddity beside the others. All of the owners were more than happy to support this effort.

At this point in time, six of these objects have been located and verified and five have been photographed. They are all embossed (F-Skirt) HEMINGRAY, (R-Skirt) PATENT MAY 2 1893 (which just happens to be the patent date for drip points). Four of the five objects examined are very-very similar in dimensions and in color (aqua).

Five of the items measure approximately 6" in diameter and approximately 1 7/8" thick. All have a hole in the base that is 1 inch in diameter and about 1/2 inch





deep. All five have drip points like the ones found on some of the CD-257s, very big and sharp. The base extends about a ¼ inch below the drip points and the top on all examples show none to various stages of very slight wear.

One of the five examples stood out more than the others because it had a thickness of three inches and the hole in the base was one inch in diameter, and ¾ inch deep, and the color was a dark aqua. Surprisingly, this example has what I will call a four inch diameter "extended" base and is indented on the top ⅜ inch.

One unique feature of the HEMINGRAY object in Rick Soller's collection is the embossing which is Embossed (Front) HEMINGRAY (Rear) PATENTT MAYY2218833 "HEMINGRAY" over "HEMINGRAY" and "PATENT MAY 2 1883" over PATENT MAY 2 1883

**Other interesting facts that surfaced during this inquiry are ...**

- All of these HEMINGRAY items came from the Mid-West area.
- The HEMINGRAY name reads correctly when the drip points face down.
- They sit on a base ... not the drip points.
- Two sizes are known to exist. Are there other sizes waiting to be discovered?
- With all the research that has been done on HEMINGRAY, nothing has been brought forward as to documentation on the use of this oddity, i.e., catalogs, journals, advertisements, etc. that would



support the use of these items.

I would like to thank all the collectors that helped with this research and comparison. They took the time to bring their finds to the Mid-Ohio Show for Show and Tell. I would also like to thank all those that could not physically attend the show, but willingly found a way to get their find(s) to the Mid-Ohio show for the comparison (to be scrutinized by Shaun and myself). We really appreciated all their efforts and it was good that the insulator community was able to compare these pieces "all together in ONE location."

Special Thanks go out to ... Dennis and Jeanne Weber, Bill and Jill Meier, Shaun Kotlarsky, Rick Soller, Jim Crandall (sent insulator to the show via Bob Stahr), Sandra Drummond (sent the measurements of her Hemingray Oddity to the show via myself), and last but not least, thanks to Glenn Drummond for his continued support in the research that goes on within the insulator hobby.

This article would not be complete without recognizing, Shaun Kotlarsky, the photographer that gave of his time and talent in taking the pictures for this article. We had made a deal in the beginning ... I was to get the information together for the article and Shaun was to take the photographs. He kept his end of the deal and did a great job. Thanks Shaun.

After reading this article, if you find that you have any additional information on this oddity ... please contact Shaun or myself.

"It Is What It Is" ... and in this case "It Is a Hemingray ODDITY."

**Photos by: Shaun Kotlarsky**





## Gray M-3451 and two Cobalt M-2322s found



By Greg Nanney

I get the majority of my insulators from garage sales, craigslist, auctions or antique stores. Probably much like other collectors. Last year, I joined Facebook, which changed my collecting world. Before that, I had collected on my own, with zero contact with other collectors. In fact, I really had no idea of the CD system, U and M system for porcelain insulators. Joining Facebook put me in contact with other collectors, and exposed me to so much knowledge and experience. Shortly after joining, I started to trade with other Facebook collectors, which allowed me to access harder CD styles than I could get locally.

I generally preferred to collect glass, but in my local area, porcelain is really prevalent over glass. So in a short period of time, I amassed a large porcelain collection. Since I have only been collecting for a few years, I really had no knowledge of the U and M system. Two years ago, I had purchased three brown multiparts at a garage sale for \$10, and knowing nothing of them, I just added them to the collection.

Not long after, I noticed a few multiparts listed in an upcoming auction. There were three brown ones, and one gray one. Since I already had some brown ones, I decided to put in a \$40 absentee bid. The day after the auction, I received a call from the auction house telling me I had the winning bid. The winning bid was a whopping \$20, plus \$2.50 fee and tax. After joining Facebook, I started posting some photos of my collection, and that is when Shaun Kotlarsky gave me the M number for it (M-3451), but I still had no idea of the rarity, or value. I met Steve Coffman through Facebook, and discovered we live maybe 30 minutes apart. He immediately fell in love with it, so I reluctantly decided to trade it to him for glass insulators. He



informed me what the value was, and we came to agreeable terms for a trade.

That now brings us to the blue M-2322. I was at a Christmas service at my local church, and I ran into a friend, who's dad owned an antique store. I asked how his business was doing, and if he had any insulators (I hadn't been there in a few years, even though it was only two miles from my home). She said she thought he had quite a few in, so during a trip into town, shortly after, I decided to stop in and do a quick check. All he had were a bunch of over priced common glass and porcelain. But as I got down to the bottom shelf, tucked in the back, were the two blue porcelain multiparts. I didn't think they were all that old, or rare, but I loved the cobalt blue color, and being a mini multipart, I figured they'd display nicely on my shelving. They were priced \$45 each, or \$90 for the pair. I got him down to \$75, which I felt was still a bit steep, but I had to have them. After I brought them home, I posted them on Facebook, and that is when Shaun asked about them, and identified them for me. Shaun now proudly owns one and the other is in my collection

### Editors Note:

The **Gray M-3451** is a No Name Thomas with the unmistakably Thomas blue-jean seams. It is one of six confirmed units by Elton Gish.

The **Cobalt M-2322** is an incused with the Lapp insulator logo. There are now five confirmed units by Elton Gish. Note the odd hardware on the bottom. It is for mounting in a substation. There is a patent for this hardware, Patent number [1,663,007](#) - March 20, 1928.

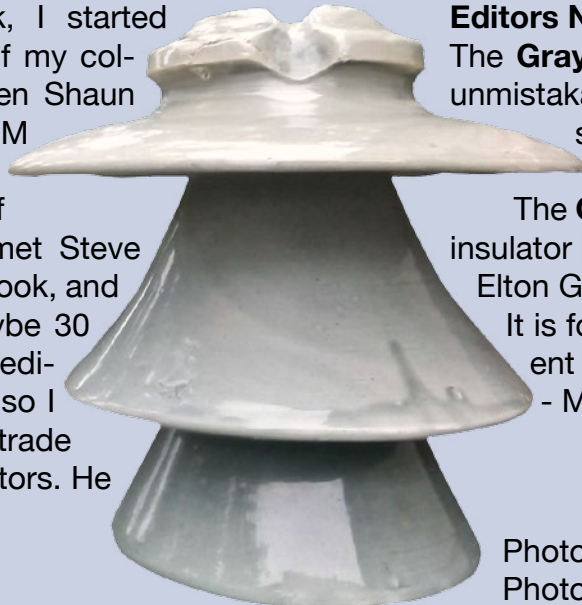


Photo of blue M-2322 by: **Shaun Kotlarsky**  
Photo of gray M-3451 by: **Steve Coffman**





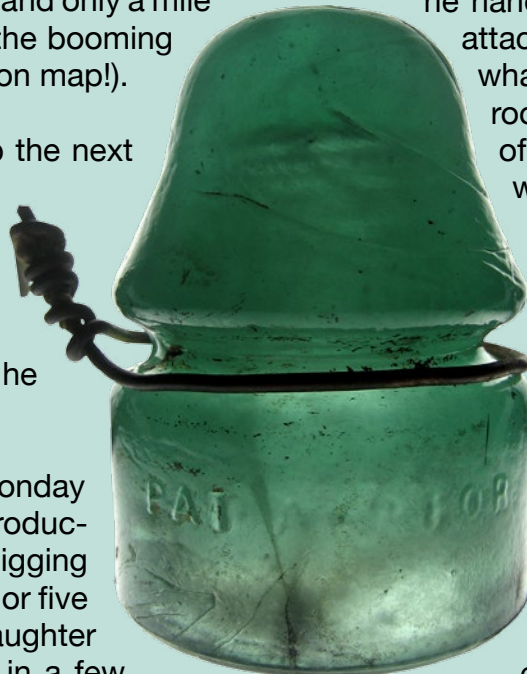
I frequently check Craigslist for listings that mention insulators and old bottles. On a Sunday evening I came across a listing that described an old house that was full of junk and was soon to be torn down and burned. They were inviting folks to come out and dig through the contents. I quickly made a phone call and after a few minutes of conversation, I found out the house was part of a large farm and only a mile or so from my office, which is in the booming town of Paint Lick, KY (look it up on map!).

I made arrangements to show up the next day around lunch and quickly called my boss to see if he was interested in some of the house's wood work since he is renovating a few of the historical buildings in downtown Paint Lick. Of course, he was interested as well.

We showed up at the house Monday around 11 am, made our introductions, and then quickly started digging through the house's attic and four or five outbuilding/barns. The owner's daughter reminded us that if it's not gone in a few weeks, it's getting bulldozed and burned! I was mainly keeping an eye out for insulators and bottles, but I am always looking for other neat antiques. Directly behind the house, a large two story concrete block building caught my attention and we proceeded up the dilapidated stairs. Upstairs, a few relatives of the owners were digging through stuff looking for

items they thought were valuable so they could haul it off to local antique shops to make a few dollars.

I let them know I was looking for insulators and old bottles so to please keep an eye out for me. Not a minute later and guy yells from inside a small room, "hey is that what you are looking for?" Sure enough, he handed me three or four dirty insulators attached to wooden side pins. "Yep, that's what I'm looking for!" I hurried into the room where he had just found a stash of insulators and unearthed a few more, what ended up being the four CD 133.1's (including one that is milky aqua) and few Hemingray No. 9's.



Still being new to the hobby, I wasn't totally sure what we had found, only that they weren't a common CD No. and that they were in relatively good shape. I safely put them aside and continued to the other out buildings. After about two hours, I had piled up nearly two dozen insulators and some other random junk I wanted. We made a deal for the pile that I

had accumulated and the pile the boss had accumulated, loaded the truck and headed back to the office. I didn't have my price guide with me, so I quickly jumped on ICON Picture Poster and looked up the primary embossing, quickly realizing that I had found a pretty neat set of four CD 133.1 PAT APP FOR!





### International Lineman's Museum Insulator Show, April 18-19, 2014

Just a few short months ago, I welcomed many of you to the NIA National Show and Convention in Franklin, Tennessee. While NIA Nationals are large, well-attended events, there is one show that usually tops them in number of sales tables and attendees. Of course I'm speaking of the fabled, long-running Mid-Ohio show in Springfield, Ohio.

I am pleased to announce a brand new insulator show that is a direct result of the excitement generated by the Mid-Ohio extravaganza. The First Annual International Lineman's Museum Show will take place in Shelby, North Carolina, just a little west of Charlotte, on Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19, 2014.

Last year Jenna Rawe, Thomas Rawe and Murray Walker, representatives of the International Lineman's Museum and Hall of Fame, set up an informational table display at Mid-Ohio. It was their first time. If you have ever been to a Mid-Ohio show, you remember your first time there and can understand what they experienced.

It is likely a number of you talked to Jenna, Thomas or Murray at that show, and perhaps bought chances on a great display of CD164 Maydwell – 20 milk glass insulators that helped raise funds for the museum. Some of you also donated items to their museum. That is where I first met them and learned a little about their museum. If you didn't have the pleasure of meeting them in Springfield, they were featured prominently in the Mid-Ohio report in the January 2014 Crown Jewels of the Wire Magazine.

Less than two weeks after Springfield, I got a call from Jenna, explaining that they were extremely excited by what they'd seen at Mid-Ohio. They really wanted to host an insulator show "like Mid-Ohio" near the International Lineman's Museum in North Carolina, and they wanted to make it an annual event. When I broke the news about the prospect of an an-

nual show in the southeast at our November Dixie Jewels swap meet, the enthusiasm was unanimous. It was suggested some time in spring would be best. Coincidentally, Jenna and friends planned to visit Chattanooga two days later and they would be staying just a block from my office at the Tennessee Aquarium. Could I meet with them to discuss the possibilities of enlisting the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club to help them put together a brand new show? Would we like to help? The proposed show would be located in our club's "territory" – the southeastern U.S. (North Carolina), and since our club has great connections within the hobby due to our recent hosting of the national NIA event, we had plenty of experience with how an insulator show should be run. Needless to say, Jenna had my full attention, and no arm twisting was necessary.

Jenna explained the museum was already planning an event called the Bikes, Butts and BBQ Fundraiser and Ride, which will incorporate a motorcycle ride and lots of good barbeque. That event will start with a deep rumbling Vroom! Vroom! Murray stated many linemen are bike riders, which was news to me, but the more linemen the merrier. So all you insulator collectors / bike riders / linemen make plans to come on down for the party! For more info on this part of the event, go to [linemanmuseumride.org](http://linemanmuseumride.org).

Their excitement was contagious! All of them felt their museum and an insulator show was a natural fit, so why not make an insulator show a part of the big event? I had to agree. We settled on the dates of April 18-19, 2014. Note: It is not mandatory that you ride a Harley to the insulator show. However, if you have one and wish to, it should be a fun time! (Are you paying attention, Bear Spittle?) If you ride your "hog" you will need extra saddlebags to pack all those insulators you'll undoubtedly purchase at the show. It should be stressed that non-bike riding insulator collectors – and linemen – are welcome too. Before that meeting was over, we'd already begun working out some of the logistics for the first annual International Lineman's Museum Show. Murray,

a very enthusiastic guy, even volunteered that if we could make this inaugural show happen, he'd cover costs for tables, electricity and rental of the facility at the nearby Cleveland County Fairgrounds. And the show was on!

### **SALES AND DISPLAY TABLE DETAILS:**

Both insulator and go-with sales tables and displays are sought for the show. Awards will be presented for best-of-show and people's choice displays. All sales tables and display tables are FREE. Each person is asked to furnish your own white table coverings. Each six foot table will be within an 8 X 8' booth with a wall behind each booth and a divider about table height between booths. Chairs will be provided. There is no limit on the number of sales or display tables per person. For example: If you wish to have a couple of sales tables, the divider between two booths will be taken out, which means you'd have 16 feet available for 12 feet of tables. Electricity to booths and tables is FREE, and each person needing electricity should bring a 10-20 foot drop cord. Each dealer or displayer must fill out a registration form for sales tables, displays and electricity requests. You will find a form online at [www.linemanmuseumshow.org](http://www.linemanmuseumshow.org) or feel free to contact Bill Haley at [wgh@tnaqua.org](mailto:wgh@tnaqua.org) or (423) 326-9248. All sales table and displayer registration forms should be mailed to Bill Haley, 215 McFarland Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37405 or faxed to Attn: Bill Haley at (423) 267-3561. The deadline for receipt of forms is Tuesday, April 15, but the earlier you can get them mailed in, the better. At press time we already have three displayers and several sales tables reserved.

### **SHOW VENUE INFORMATION:**

The show will be held at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 1751 East Marion Street, Shelby, North Carolina, in the Dorton Exhibit Hall. Shelby is a short distance west of Charlotte, North Carolina. The fairgrounds is not far from the International Lineman's Museum and Hall of Fame, and museum personnel will be happy to provide directions from the show hall to the museum.

### **SHOW HOURS:**

On Friday, April 18, the show hall will open at 8:30 for dealer and displayer check-in. Set-up for dealers and displayers will be from 9:00 to 10:30. Show opens to the general public from 10:30 to 2:00. Doors to the show hall will be locked at 3:00. Afterwards, everyone is invited to visit the museum, which will be kept open for touring from 4:00 to 6:00. You don't want to miss the many interesting displays, including an insulator wall and Lineman's Hall of Fame at the museum! On Saturday, April 19, the hall will open at 8:30 and the show will run from 9:00 to 2:00. Everyone is asked to vacate the show hall by 3:00 that day. Awards will be presented at nearby Skooterz Saloon after the show.

### **ACCOMODATIONS:**

The Lineman's Museum has negotiated a special rate of \$79.99 at the Comfort Inn Shelby, 2012 East Marion Street, Shelby, NC 28152. Phone (704) 482-5666 and use code Lineman Museum. The hotel is a mile from the show venue. If you wish to bring a camper and camp at the fairgrounds for \$25 per day, please call (704) 487-0651.

### **FOOD:**

Snacks and drinks will be available at the venue during the show. Within a 5 mile radius of the show is any kind of food you'd like – fast food to sit down. And how about the promised BBQ? When the show ends on Saturday, the festivities will move to nearby Skooterz Saloon. They will supply delicious BBQ plates, including iced tea, for \$11 per person after 2:00. You can pre-order a BBQ dinner online at the [linemanmuseumshow.org](http://linemanmuseumshow.org) website. At Skooterz the awards for best-of-show and people's choice awards will be presented, (and I suspect massive amounts of BBQ will be consumed as well).

### **CONTACT THE MUSEUM:**

You can learn more about the International Lineman's Museum and Hall of Fame, which was founded in 1997, online at [www.linemanmuseum.com](http://www.linemanmuseum.com), or e-mail them at [ilm@linemanmuseum.com](mailto:ilm@linemanmuseum.com). Their phone number is (704) 482-7638. Donations to their collection or nominations for the Lineman's Hall of Fame are always welcome.



# INSULATOR WORD SEARCH PUZZLE #5

Created by DeeDee Hall

P	X	D	B	A	B	Z	S	E	G	T	E	A	N	D
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Find and circle the listed words in the diagram.  
They run forward, backward, vertically, horizontally and diagonally.

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| AUCTION    | EBAY           | GREEN       | PLUTO |
| BOXBOROUGH | EXHIBIT        | HOBBY       | POLE  |
| BRACKETS   | FEDEX          | INSULATOR   | PONY  |
| COLLECT    | FIND           | MICKEYMOUSE | SKIRT |
| COLOR      | FRIENDS        | SPRINGFIELD | MOLD  |
| DIG        | GINGERBREADMAN | OLD         | WADE  |
| DOME       | GLASS          | PIN         | WIRE  |

## 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.

**Shaun Kotlarsky** | Drip Points Editor [newsletter@nia.org](mailto:newsletter@nia.org)





# Suspension disc time capsule substation



By Shaun Kotlarsky



Ran across this substation in my home town. It is amazing just how diverse of a selection of suspension discs there are in it. Classic light blue J-D ST-6800s on the bottom of a really cool switch, ST-1135 Hewlett style and some lovely orange ones that look to be either the odd 9 inch ST-4475 that is used here in Michigan or possibly a standard 10 inch. There are also some older line posts in there too.

Really nice to see this old stuff still in service! If you run across this sort of thing be sure to get a photo of it for me!

# Spring 2014 NIA Products

## GOLF / POLO SHIRTS

**Colors:** Call or email for colors

**Info:** All with embroidered logo some with pockets, pockets, 2X **\$3.00** extra

**Price:** **\$38** or **\$41**

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

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

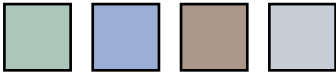
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**Total Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## T-SHIRT

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



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

**Price:** **\$20** or **\$23**

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

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

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

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

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

## CREW NECK SWEATSHIRTS

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## BUTTON FRONT SPORT SHIRT

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



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

**Price:** **\$32** or **\$35**

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

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

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

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

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

## HENLEY T-SHIRT

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



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

**Price:** **\$25** or **\$28**

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

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

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

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

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

## HOODED SWEATSHIRT

**Colors:** Lt. Steel Gray



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

**Price:** **\$35** or **\$40**

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

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

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

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

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

## DENIM SHIRTS

**Colors:** Stonewash Blue or Natural



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

\*ladies order comparable men's size, see chart

**Price:** **\$35** or **\$38**

**Embroidered logo**

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

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

\* S/Sleeve \_\_\_ \*L/Sleeve \_\_\_

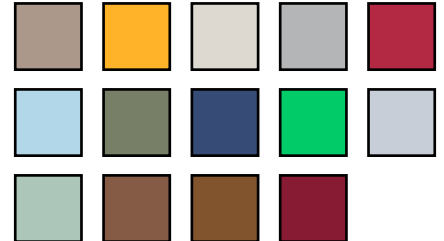
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**Total Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## EMBROIDERED LOGO T-SHIRT

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



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

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

**Price:** **\$20** & **\$23**

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

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

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

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

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

### EMBROIDERED CAP

Colors: Khaki, Stone, Blue, Gray, Orange, and Pink, Red (\$2 extra)  
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Price: \$20 or \$22 (Red)

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

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

### NIA NAME BADGE

Info: Engraved; beveled edges | pin back (free) OR Magnetic back add \$1.00

Price: \$13 or \$14

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

### COLLECTORS PATCH

Price: \$4

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

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Info: For NIA position or local club

Price: \$4

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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)

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

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Thank you for supporting the NIA!

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\$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

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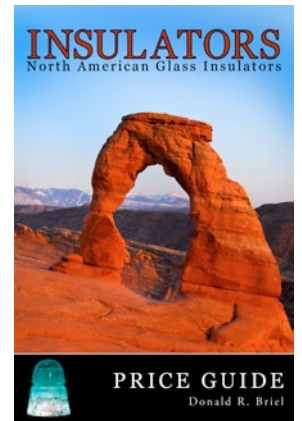
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# INTERNATIONAL LINEMAN'S MUSEUM INSULATOR SHOW

## April 18th & 19th

**Admission & Registration:** FREE

**Event Venue:** Cleveland County Fairgrounds, Dorton Hall  
(Address: 1751 East Marion Street, Shelby, NC 28152)

**Host Hotel:** Comfort Inn Shelby - 704-482-5666  
(Address: 2012 East Marion Street, Shelby, NC 28152)

**Show Hosts:** International Lineman's Museum & Hall of Fame

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### Friday April 18th

8:30 am Dealer/Vendor Registration

9:00 am - 10:30 am Dealer/Vendor Setup

10:30 am - 2:00 pm Show Open

8:00 am - 6:00 pm Museum Open

### Saturday April 19th

8:30 am Dealer/Vendor Registration

9:00 am - 2:00 pm Show Open

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Food,

Fun & Dancing at Skooterz Saloon

3:45 pm Drawings & Awards

at Skooterz Saloon

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For more information or to register go to [www.linemanmuseumshow.org](http://www.linemanmuseumshow.org)  
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Hosted by  
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July 3-6, 2014  
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**Show Host: Tommy Bolack**



### Thursday, July 3, 2014

9:00 am – 4:00 pm NIA Members Only (Ask about becoming a member)

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm NIA General Membership Meeting

### Friday, July 4, 2014

9:00 am – 4:00 pm General Admission

9:00 pm – 10:00 pm Fireworks on B-Square Ranch  
(For NIA Member Show Attendees Only)

### Saturday, July 5, 2014

9:00 am – 4:00 pm General Admission

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm Banquet & Awards Program

### Sunday, July 6, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm General Admission



### Headquarters Hotel: The Red Lion Hotel

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**MARCH 7 – 8, 2014 (Friday-Saturday)**

**CHICO, CALIFORNIA**

48th Annual Antique Bottle, Jar, Insulator & Collectibles Show and Sale at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair Street, Chico, CA. Dealer Unloading & Early Bird Admission on Friday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., \$5.00 early admission fee. Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. free entrance. SHOW INFO: Randy Taylor, 530-518-7369 cell; [rtjarguy@aol.com](mailto:rtjarguy@aol.com), P. O. Box 1065, Chico, CA 95927.

**MARCH 8, 2014 (Saturday)**

**TRACY, MISSOURI**

The 12th Annual NW Missouri Insulator & Bottle Show has a new location (Close to Kansas City & St. Joseph) It will be held at the Platte County Fairgrounds located at 1st St. & Treble St., Tracy, MO 64079. Set up time will be 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM, then open to the general public from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This is a new larger facility and we are looking for a larger group of dealers and a larger public turnout due to the proximity to Kansas City..Sales tables are only #25 each and there will be FREE admission to increase traffic. Contact DARRYL WAGNER, 816-719-0801 or email at [nwmoshow@dwagnerkc.com](mailto:nwmoshow@dwagnerkc.com).

**MARCH 14 – 15, 2014 (Friday-Saturday)**

**DELAND, FLORIDA**

The Deland M-T Bottle Collectors Club Presents Their 44th Antique Bottle & Insulator Show. Location is SR 44 & I-4 at the Volusia County Fairgrounds (Exit 118) Deland, Florida. Dealer setup 1 -6 PM Friday. Fee for early buyers Friday 3 – 7 PM and before 8 AM Saturday is \$20. Regular show Admission and parking for all buyers on Saturday 8 AM – 3 PM is FREE. (160 Sales Tables will be available for this show) For Information Please Contact: Show Chairman: BRIAN HOBLICK, 11721 NW County Rd 236, Alachua, Florida 32615. Email: [hoblick@aol.com](mailto:hoblick@aol.com) Phone: 385-804-9635 Asst. Show Chairman: DWIGHT A> PETTIT Jr.I, Phone 386-575-0293 Email: [pettit9119@bellsouth.net](mailto:pettit9119@bellsouth.net) Show contract available at our website [www.m-tbottleclub.com](http://www.m-tbottleclub.com)

**MARCH 22 , 2014 (Saturday)**

**SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

25TH Annual Emerald City Insulator and Bottle Collector's Show & Potluck sponsored by the Jefferson State Insulator Club. 9:00 AM until 4:00PM/ Set up at 8:00. Some tables available; please bring your own. There will be a \$10 charge per table space. Bring main dish/salad for potluck. NEW LOCATION: The Lutheran Church Of The Good Shepherd, 2116 E Union St, Seattle, WA 98122. Information and Directions: GILBERTO HEDGES-BLANQUEZ 206-218-7936, ROBIN HARRISON 206-522-2135, WIN & BONNIE TRUBLOOD 360-491-1285.

**MARCH 22, 2014 (Saturday)**

**HELOTES, TEXAS**

The 5th Annual One Alamo Insulator Potluck will be held Saturday, March 22nd from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM at 9211 Putnam Drive, Helotes, Texas 78023. Bring a table and chair. Lunch will be provided. Bring a side dish. For information contact JIM FIELDING 210-684-7679 or email at [jfielding@satx.rr.com](mailto:jfielding@satx.rr.com)

**MARCH 28 – 29 (Friday – Saturday)**

**MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA**

The 46th Annual Morro Bay Antiques Bottle Show and Sale. Located at the Morro Bay Veterans Hall, 209 Surf St., Morro Bay, CA Friday 1 pm – 6 pm. Saturday 9 am – 3 pm. Free Early Bird and free admission. San Luis Obispo Bottle Society, contact RICHARD TARTAGLIA 805-543-7484 or [dirtydiver53@gmail.com](mailto:dirtydiver53@gmail.com)

**MARCH 30 , 2014 (Sunday)**

**BREWERTON, NEW YORK**

44th Annual Empire State Bottle Collectors Association Show & Sale, Sunday, March 30 from 9:00 to 3:00 at the Brewerton Fire Hall, 9625 Rt. 11, Brewerton NY. Over 50 show tables. Admission: \$3 donation. Free parking. Info: KEON KELLOGG, [kkell32369@aol.com](mailto:kkell32369@aol.com), phone: 315-963-8681

**MARCH 30, 2014 (Sunday)**

**ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club Annual Spring Insulator, Bottle, and Tabletop Collectibles Show and Sale. American Legion Hall, 566 Enfield Street (US Route 5), Enfield, Connecticut 06082. Show hall is 1 mile from Exit 49 of I-91 (20 minutes from Hartford as well as the Mass Pike) Show Hours 8 AM to 2 PM. Dealer Setup 6 AM to 8 AM. Free Admission. 30+ sales tables as well as several displays. For dealer contracts, display information, or any other details – please contact JOHN RAJPOLT (203) 261-1190. E-mail: [rajpolt@earthlink.net](mailto:rajpolt@earthlink.net)

**APRIL 4 – 5, 2014 (Friday – Saturday)**

**YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS**

Formerly the WHEATON show. Set up and come to buy, sell or trade Friday night, Dealers set-up Friday 5pm - 9pm. Free Admission. Saturday 8am - 3pm. Contact JASON TOWNSEND 630-667-3357, [jtins76@hotmail.com](mailto:jtins76@hotmail.com). This is the 5th year at Yorkville., Kendall County Fairgrounds. This is a huge facility in a great location! 115 tables are available, \$30 each! No rules. Website: [www.midwestweathervaneinsulator-show.com](http://www.midwestweathervaneinsulator-show.com).

**APRIL 5, 2014 (Saturday)**

**NATRONA HEIGHTS, PENNSYLVANIA**

Western Reserve Insulator Club's 14th Annual Allegheny Valley Insulator Show & Sale at VFW Post #904; 894 Veterans Lane, Natrona Heights, PA 15065. Show hours 9:00am – 3:00pm. Dealer setup 7:30am. 8' table \$20. Info: RON BARTH 724-845-8439 [rkb Barth@windstream.net](mailto:rkb Barth@windstream.net). Directions: Route 28 Exit 16 (Freeport), follow to Natrona Heights, Right at signal (Freeport Rd.), Right at signal up lane to VFW.

**APRIL 11 – 12, 2014 (Friday – Saturday)**

**ANTIOCH, CALIFORNIA**

48th Annual Golden State Historical Bottle Society Antiques and Collectibles Show at the Sunset Hall, Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, 1201 West 10th Street, Antioch, CA. Dealer Unloading & Early Bird Admission on Friday, 12 noon – 6 p.m., \$10.00 early admission fee. Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. free entrance. SHOW INFO: GARY or DARLA ANTONI, 925-373-6758; [packrat49er@netscape.net](mailto:packrat49er@netscape.net)

**APRIL 26, 2014 (Saturday)**

**FRESNO, CALIFORNIA**

Rhode Ranch BBQ and Tailgater. At the Rhode Ranch, 12441 North Friant Rd., Fresno, CA. 7 am – 4 pm. Insulator Club members in good standing are invited to this event hosted by the Rhode Family. You will enjoy free of charge the famous Deep-pit BBQ feast courtesy of our gracious hosts: Don and Bill Rhode. Bring insulators for sale or trade. Numerous tables are provided by our hosts; but, you may bring your own, or just open your tailgate and sell and trade!! Swapping stories and bringing your recent finds are strongly encouraged. Bill's extensive porcelain insulator collection will be open for public viewing – a must see for porcelain collectors. For info contact BILL RHODE 530-701-4377.

**MAY 16 – 17 (Friday – Saturday)**

**COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA**

One of the biggest little shows! Columbia City Insulator and Collectibles Show. Whitney County 4H Center, 581 West Squawbuck Road, Columbia City, Indiana. May 16-17th, 2014. Dealer setup Friday noon – 3PM. Public 3-5PM, Seminar @ 6 PM. Saturday dealer setup 6-8AM, Public 8-3PM. First 8' table \$28, 2 tables \$48, 3/\$60, 4/\$75, 6/\$85. Contact GENE HAWKINS 3847 North Prairie Street, Warsaw, IN 46582 or [gene.hawkins@mchsi.com](mailto:gene.hawkins@mchsi.com)

**MAY 17, 2014 (Saturday)**

**MOUNTAIN HOME, NORTH CAROLINA**

The spring 2014 Dixie Jewels Insulator Club swap meet, hosted by Fred Pittman, will be held at Mountain Home, North Carolina on Saturday from 9:00-3:00 at the Mountain Home Fire and Rescue on U.S. Highway 25. This is always a popular meeting location and we'll expect collectors from all over the Southeast, so mark your calendar and don't miss it! Bring a table and any insulators you wish to show or sell. There is no charge to set up. Add to your collection and enjoy a day of fellowship with other collectors surrounded by the beautiful mountains of North Carolina. A noon meal will be served and side dishes and desserts are appreciated. Please contact FRED PITTMAN at (828) 692-6236 or e-mail at [trailat@bell-south.net](mailto:trailat@bell-south.net) for more information, directions, or to let him know you are coming and what you can contribute to the meal.

**JUNE 7th 2014 (Saturday)**

**COLORADO SPRINGS, CO**

Springtime in the Rockies Show: The 5th annual Triple-Ridge Insulator Potluck and show will be held in Colorado Springs from 8am to 3pm on June 7th 2014 at 2905 North Cascade Ave. We have room for 30+ tables, both inside and outside. There's never an admission or table setup charge and most tables are but a step or two from a beautiful view of Pikes Peak and the spectacular Rocky Mountain Front Range. We are expecting to have collectors from several states attend, and a great selection of glass & porcelain insulators, as well as go-withs, bottles and hobby related goodies. A delicious lunch of burgers, assorted chips, dips and drinks will be provided, and folks are encouraged to bring a side dish, dessert or other munchies to fill the tummy. Come join us for a great day of fellowship with other collectors, and enjoy a little Springtime in the Rockies

**JUNE 14, 2014 (Saturday)**

**PERKIOMENVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA**

41st ANNIVERSARY of the annual Pennsylvania Insulator Show and Sale. Come one, come all. Buy, sell & trade insulators and related items. Swap hunting stories and have a good time with collector friends. Please bring a food item for the insulator picnic. Saturday, June 14 from 9:00 AM until the last person leaves. Location: 1837 Perkiomenville Road, Perkiomenville, PA 18074. Info: STEVE BOBB 610-539-6533 or CLAUDE A. WAMBOLD 215-234-8413.

**JUNE 28 - 29, 2014 (Saturday – Sunday)**

**CERVIA, ITALY**

5th European insulator collectors meeting. We know that this timing is not very good for US collectors, since you'll have your National the following week end, but this date can not be changed. Still some collectors from USA may choose to attend. Cervia is not far from Bologna and Rimini airports from where there are flights to intercontinental airports at Milano Malpensa or Roma Fiumicino. It is possible to attend the Cervia show and still to be back home in time for the National. More information will be added later with hotel packages and discounts. Contact GUIDO BOREANI, [boreani@libero.it](mailto:boreani@libero.it) or [isolatori@gmail.com](mailto:isolatori@gmail.com)

**JULY 3-6, 2014 (Thursday – Sunday)**

**FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO**

45th Annual National Insulator Association Show and Convention in Farmington, New Mexico. Thursday-Sunday The Show is at the McGee Park Convention Center, #41 CR 5568, Farmington, NM 87401. Your Show Host is Tommy Bolack. The headquarters hotel is the Red Lion Hotel, 700 Scott Ave., Farmington, NM 87401. For reservations call (505) 327-5221 or on-line: [redlion.com/our-hotels/new-mexico/farmington/](http://redlion.com/our-hotels/new-mexico/farmington/). Use code "Nati0630" for the group rate. For more information and/or a show packet, please contact TOMMY BOLACK, B-Square Ranch, 3901 Bloomfield Hwy., Farmington, NM 8740. Phone: (505) 325-4275 or (505) 325-7873. You can also contact LOU HALL, 363 W. Stuart Ave., Fresno, CA 93704-1544 Phone: (559) 435-1740 or cell (559)284-4211 or email: [louhall@pacbell.net](mailto:louhall@pacbell.net).



**JULY 26, 2014 (Saturday)**

**SALEM, OREGON**

13th Annual Mid-Willamette Valley Insulator Swap and Pot-luck. Friday evening BS session and dinner for early arrivals and swap on Saturday at the home of NATHAN LAMKEY, 1446 63rd Avenue NE, Salem, OR 97317, (503) 580-5872, [glassinsulators@yahoo.com](mailto:glassinsulators@yahoo.com)

**AUGUST 9, 2014 (Saturday)**

**MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA**

15th Annual Shenandoah Valley Insulator Show & Sale, sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club, will be held Saturday, August 9th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Calvary United Methodist Church, 220 W. Burke St. Martinsburg, West Virginia. Dealer set up begins at 7:00 AM. 8-foot tables are \$25 for the first and \$20 for each additional. Admission is \$1. Info: JEFF HOLLIS 304-671-5559 or email: [redoak1953@gmail.com](mailto:redoak1953@gmail.com)

**AUGUST 9, 2014 (Saturday)**

**GRANDVIEW, WASHINGTON**

The 3rd SSS Gathering. (SSS=Sun, Swim, Show). At the home of TERRY DROLLINGER, 1621 Bethany Road, Grandview, WA 98930. It's a rural setting in the middle of a cherry orchard, with panoramic views of the Yakima Valley. Show starts Saturday at 9:00 AM, till the last person leaves. Friday early arrivals are welcomed. Things to Note: Tables provided if reserved in advance, please bring your own if possible. There will be lunch Saturday, salads and desserts are appreciated. Refreshments will be provided. Camping available for tents and self contained RV's. Bring sunscreen and swim suit. Jefferson State Insulator Club sponsored event. But most important don't forget your INSULATORS and go-withs. Directions off I-82 take Exit 73 (at Grandview). Then turn right onto Yakima Valley Hwy. Travel about.4 mile turn right on Higens Way. At first left turn on Bethany Road. Continue North about 1 mile. If lost call Terry (509) 830-2809. RSVP would be appreciated. Hope to see you there! Email: [terrymdroll@yahoo.com](mailto:terrymdroll@yahoo.com)

**AUGUST 22 - 23, 2014 ( Friday - Saturday)**

**HELENA, MONTANA**

Info: RON YUHAS 406-443-6154 or 406-439-4573 or [gramapig@bresnan.net](mailto:gramapig@bresnan.net) or JUSTIN MARTIN 406-533-8440 or DOUG RUSHER 406-461-7341. We will have T-shirts Available to Pre Order, with a Coolie or Muncie this year, all have Pockets, light Gray in color. Contact Doug to Order: [ddrusher@aol.com](mailto:ddrusher@aol.com). Price \$25.00 if you pick up at the show, shipping extra, (Please have your Order in by August 1st).

**SEPTEMBER 5 - 7, 2014 (Friday - Sunday)**

**MERRITT, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

Info: BOB SCAFE 250-378-2787 or email: [bobscafe@telus.net](mailto:bobscafe@telus.net)

**OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 2, 2014 (Friday - Sunday)**


**SPRINGFIELD, OHIO**

Contact: LOIS BLAIR 740-8520-3148 or CURT BOSTER 614-301-5125

More info about these shows at: [www.Insulators.Info/shows/](http://www.Insulators.Info/shows/)



**Triple-Ridge Insulator Club  
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**ANNUAL SHOW & SWAP**  
**INSULATORS\*\*INSULATORS\*\*INSULATORS\*\*INSULATORS**  
**\*\*BOTTLES AND RELATED COLLECTABLES\*\***

**Saturday JUNE 7th 2014**      **From: 8am - 3pm**  
2905 N Cascade Ave Colorado Springs, Co 80907  
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- \*Free admission\***
- \*Free Tables\*** (call to reserve while they last, or bring your own)
- \*Free Lunch\*** (donations appreciated)
- \*Free Appraisals\*** (want to know what it's worth, bring it)

**Plenty of Indoor & paved outdoor space is available**  
**\*\*Please Contact/RSVP one of the following so that we have plenty of food, chairs and tables\*\***  
Dan Gauron: [Alyeska@comcast.net](mailto:Alyeska@comcast.net) or 719-492-0181  
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**Come Join the Fun**  
**\*\*Show Hosts Not Responsible For Accidents\*\***

**13th Annual Montana Big Sky  
Insulator Swap Meet**



**August 22nd and 23rd (Friday-Saturday)**

13th Annual Montana Big Sky Insulator Swap meet, hosted by Ron & Peggy Yuhas, Friday and Saturday August 22 & 23. Friday: Social gathering at Yuhas home, 895 Lodestar Road from 6:00 PM to Dark. Saturday's meet will run from 9:00 to 3:00 at the Yuhas Millwork Company, 2201 Hauser Blvd in Helena. BBQ at noon. Free drawing for Coolie Hat, Muncie and Pyrex 441 at 1:00. Info: RON YUHAS 406-443-6154 or 406-439-4573 or email: [gramapig@bresnan.net](mailto:gramapig@bresnan.net) or JUSTIN MARTIN 406-533-8440 or Doug Rusher 406-461-7341 We will Have T-shirts Available to Pre Order, with a Coolie or Muncie this year, All Have Pockets, light Gray in color Contact Doug to Order [ddrusher@aol.com](mailto:ddrusher@aol.com) Price \$25.00 if you pick up at the show, shipping extra, (Please have your Order in By August 1st)





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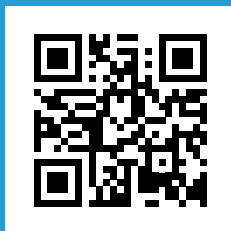




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