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Editor



Shaun Kotlarsky - NIA# 4993

Over the winter I spent some time redesigning and updating the layout for Drip Points. Fresh new look for 2016! Same easy to navigate layout as before but with fresh graphics and colors. I hope you enjoy it.

Hard to believe, but the National will soon be here. As a Hemingray collector I really am looking forward to this one. I have an idea for a unique display. The trick will be finding the time to create it.

Speaking of Hemingray (and I always am ;), here is a photo of my first Hemingray buy of 2016, and it's a good one! it's an Elgin Oil can that was patented in 1877. There is only three to four of them known. Mine, like all but one, is missing the spout, but it's still a killer item.

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Shaun Kotlarsky



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President



Don Briel - NIA# 7218

Greetings! It is the middle of winter here in Utah as I write this article. The temperatures are in the single digits and there's 2+ feet of snow on the ground. This is the time of year that I really enjoy the insulator collection as I prefer to stay indoors where it's warm. However, a bright spot was attending the January Maitland insulator show in Florida where we were able to spend a few days after the show warming up in 75+ degree days and nights in the 60s. The show was small and largely telephone collectibles, but very enjoyable.

This is the time of year to submit nominations for members to receive NIA awards. Nominations go to the Awards & Recognition committee chairman, Gene Hawkins. Gene's email is: Awards@NIA.org. All nominations must be in by April 1st. Please give some thought to which NIA members are deserving of the "Lifetime Member" or "Outstanding Member" award and gather the needed information. The nomination form can be found at www.nia.org/archives/index.htm. General guidelines for qualifications for each of these awards can be found in the Membership Handbook. When you fill out the form please know that the information you provide is what is used by the Awards & Recognition committee and Board of Directors to determine whether the member truly deserves the award. The information you provide must be sufficient enough to justify the award.

The NIA also recognizes individuals, member or non-member, for induction into the NIA Hall of Fame. These are people that have contributed significantly to the insulator industry or the insulator collecting hobby. To nominate someone for this recognition a biography of the person as it applies to insulators must be submitted. If you have a photo of the person being nominated, particularly deceased nominees, that is very helpful as well.

As you are well aware by now, this year's election of NIA officers includes NIA President, Eastern Region

Vice President, and Secretary. As promised previously, there will be an election this year. Be sure to read the bios of the candidates in this issue of Drip Points. A ballot is included with this issue as well and must be filled out and submitted to the NIA Membership Director no later than May 1st. Normally the ballots are submitted to the NIA Secretary, but since the Secretary is a nominee for President the Membership Director will tally the votes. Only the final results are shared with the candidates. Individual votes are kept confidential.

Donations have fallen off from the highs in 2011 and 2012, but we still received just over \$2,000 in 2015. A very special THANK YOU goes out to each of those that have contributed. Your donations help keep the NIA moving forward doing more and better things. For those that have not yet donated, please consider joining those that do contribute by offering a donation this year.

The NIA National show in Muncie Indiana is right around the corner. If you have not done so yet, now is the time to make table reservations, hotel reservations, and put together your plans for attending. It's shaping up to be another fabulous show. The locale is also very significant in insulator history as this was one of Hemingray's factory locations. I hope to see many of you there!

I am looking forward to another great year of collecting and hope you are as well!

Don Briel



Western Region VP

Ron Yuhas - NIA# 1993



The New Year has kicked off and it seems to me that the insulator hobby is active and doing well. This is the time of year for me to look at what shows to try and make and what are the possibilities for local hunts and collections to try and track down.

This year I did not make the Yuma AZ show and had major withdrawal symptoms since it is a great break from the Montana winter scene. I look forward to a report on this Western Region show. There are plans in the works for me to make the Spring Seattle show, Rohde Ranch, the Burger Blast, and the Utah Swap Meet. If you have not made a show I strongly encourage you to do so. There are fun and interesting people at the shows that are happy to share their expertise and help especially to younger collectors.

Speaking of younger collectors I would like to share something from the Christmas season with you. I had an email from a mom of a younger collector in Idaho that wanted to get a Hemingray No. 79 for her son for Christmas. I was able to locate one and give her a very reasonable price on it. After Christmas she emailed me photos of her son opening the box with

the insulator. It was a great sight and she said he was extremely pleased. We as NIA members need to encourage younger collectors in what means may be available to us. This can be seen in the NIA's new Junior Collector display benefits at the National.

It really seems to me that this is a great time in insulator collecting with real possibilities this late Winter and early Spring. There are great shows in the Western Region to attend, a number of different insulator auctions with super pieces and a great variety in all price ranges, and Winter Ebay sales for those of you behind the computer or electronic devices I don't understand.

I look forward to seeing you at the shows and you can always bend my ear there or call about concerns you have.

Good collecting,

Ron Yuhas





Eastern Region VP

Matt Grayson - NIA# 387



As senior Vice President, I am also responsible for nominations. Elsewhere you will find Biographies of the persons who have offered their time to fill the three positions that will be vacated after the next board meeting. You will also find directions on how to vote for these candidates. Please, take the time to vote. I am certain each and everyone of these individuals will be pleased to see a vote in their favor. Positive votes will offer these persons the confidence to work towards those goals that are in the interest of all NIA members.

One of the oddest winters on record in the east is quickly coming to end. A long list of shows and swap meets are listed in the calendar. I have been pleasantly surprised to see gasoline under two dollars a gallon here in NY. Wow, how long has it been since fuel has been that cheap here, I can't remember. Just this morning, I heard a report that one dollar gasoline is definitely a possibility. I am planning my show trips already. Hope to make at least one a month between now and the National, maybe more.

The other oddity given low fuel costs, is rising postal rates. Shipping insulators has gotten a lot more expensive. I tend to think logically, my only conclusion from all of this, is to attend more shows. Yes, shows, insulators are generally cheaper, no need to spend an hour to create bullet proof packing for those gems and worrying endlessly whether the package will arrive as promised. If you pay or buy with cash, you will sleep well knowing that there is no check to bounce or paypal police to deal with.

So, now that you're convinced, I will see you at my table at the next show!!

Happy collecting!

Matt Grayson

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Membership Director

Vickie McConnell - NIA# 8395



Although my tenure has been short compared to some, I have enjoyed working with the members of the National Insulator Association. I have made friends and acquaintances I would have missed out on in the hobby otherwise. The correspondence of sincerity that arrived with renewals will be missed. I enjoyed helping where and when I could. A special "tip of my hat" to Noel Dawson, your positive notes to Arthur and me will always be treasured. Carl Liba, wasn't the Post Office fun? Carl had a renewal letter lost for over a year. When it arrived, it had been in a dead letter office where someone finally looked and found it to be correctly addressed after all with the correct postage. It was en route to Mexico but lacked sufficient postage. Imagine that! (I believe it got stopped at the border ;) It appears that there is a Corrales, Mexico, as well as a Corrales, New Mexico. I questioned the Postmaster and to quote her, "it's not the first time and won't be the last." So many other souls too numerous to mention. Thank you all.

It is with immense pleasure that I introduce and congratulate Andrew Gibson for accepting the call to serve as NIA Membership Director. Andrew has the skill set, desire and love of the hobby to fill this role. As with my tenure, the transition has already commenced. Andrew will serve as assistant Membership Director beginning April 1, 2016 and will handle all the day to day tasks starting at this time. He will officially assume the Membership Director position at the 47th NIA Membership Meeting on July 29, 2016. All NIA membership renewals, new members and any changes to your membership profiles will need to go through Andrew beginning on April 1, 2016.

Please give Andrew a hardy welcome and your full support. I know that he and his family are going to do a great job.

Andrew's contact information is as follows:

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Membership Stats

Year	Active	Eastern	Central	Western
2016 to date	1396	452	471	473
2015	1638	519	594	525
2014	1721	555	545	620

Vickie McConnell





Treasurer



Bill Rohde - NIA# 1219

National Insulator Association

2015 - 2016 financial statement

6 months ending Dec. 31, 2015

	Beginning Balance	<u>\$49,245</u>
<u>Revenues</u>		\$18,354
<u>Expenses</u>		<u>-\$11,784</u>
	<i>Increase/Decrease</i>	\$6,570
	Ending Balance	<u>\$55,815</u>



Awards & Recognition Chair

Gene Hawkins - NIA# 421



KIDS! Please put together a display for the Muncie National! You will win spendable (only at the show) Kid Kash and a neat award!

Adults! We need displays from collectors like YOU! Please consider displaying your collection. The rules are simpler this year.

Everyone! The time to nominate deserving NIA members for awards is here!

Any National Insulator Association member can be nominated for the Outstanding Service Award or Lifetime Membership. You can find the forms here: <http://www.nia.org/archives/index.htm> Past winners are shown there also. PLEASE read the requirements and fill out the form as completely as you can & email it me BY APRIL 1st. Current NIA board members & committee chairs are NOT eligible.

The NIA also has the Hall of Fame to honor contributors to the hobby, living or deceased, NIA member or not. This can be seen here: http://www.nia.org/hall_of_fame/index.htm To nominate someone, you need to send me a paragraph detailing their contributions to the hobby and send it to me BY APRIL 1st.

This is an all volunteer hobby, and YOU can help recognize them for their hard work!

Encourage others to GET TO A SHOW!!

Gene Hawkins





Information Director



Christian Willis - NIA# 5185

Since my last report, I've been working on expanding and improving our Google AdWords campaign for people who search online for information on insulators. Here's what's been going on behind the scenes:

- 1. Added additional keywords.** As Google learns what people are searching for, they suggest we add additional keywords—terms that I wouldn't necessarily have thought to include. In some cases, these are very specialized searches that people have used, such as "telephone pole insulators" or "glass insulator crafts."
- 2. Removed irrelevant keywords.** Of course, with positive keywords also comes negative keywords—that is, keywords we do not want our ads to appear next to, such as "fiberglass insulation" or "conductors".
- 3. Added additional ads.** In addition to our standard ad (shown in my last report), I've added a couple of specialized ads for Hemingray and Brookfield insulators. The ads still urge the user to visit www.nia.org, but if they're searching for information on that particular manufacturer, they may be more likely to click on the ad.
- 4. Added URL tracking for each ad.** Along with the new ads, Google allows you to add custom attributes that will show up in the URL when the user clicks on the ad. Basically, this allows us to better track which ads people have clicked on to reach www.nia.org.

Here are the total statistics since beginning the ad campaign in August:

- **733,955 impressions** (how many people have seen our ads)
- **3,275 clicks** (how many people have seen our ads and clicked on them)

In closing, I'll put on my "Drip Points Ad Manager" hat for a bit. As we gear up and look ahead to the spring and summer shows, please consider placing an ad in the upcoming issues of Drip Points! Whether you're hosting a show or just want to get the word out on your specialty, graphical ads are highly visible and all proceeds go straight to the NIA. Please contact me at admanager@nia.org or give me a call at (949) 338-1404. We'd love to see your ad here!

Christian Willis





NIA Events Advisor



Darryl Wagner - NIA# 8671

By the time this article is published, the final bids should be in for the NIA 2017 National in the Western Region, so.....we will be looking for and accepting bids, for the NIA 2018 National in the Central Region. If anyone has an interest, or any questions about hosting a show, the new NIA host assistance plan, etc., please reach out to any of the NIA Event Advisory Committee members for assistance. It should probably be explained again that the NIA plan for assisting hosts if revenue should fail to pay for the show, is exactly that. An assistance plan, not a financing plan. Each bid will still be reviewed and expected to generate enough revenue to pay all expenses, as the NIA is only there if the revenue falls short. This is still great for show hosts, relieving them of the financial burden if the unexpected happens and revenue is an issue.

Also, we are always looking for potential Regional shows. Hosting a regional might be an extension of an existing show that you currently have, or it might be an independent effort, but we are here to help if you need it.

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

The members of the NIA Events Advisory Committee are:

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Darryl Wagner





Scholarship Committee

Kay Bryant - NIA# 4099



Very soon your scholarship committee will be choosing the winner for the 2016 scholarship. It has been a banner year thus far with 50 applications as of this writing. We are looking forward to more before the deadline on April 1st. So if you know a high school senior or a current college student that needs some money for college send them to the NIA website for all the information.

Do you know if there are any local groups in your area that assist teens in seeking out scholarships for college funds? If so please let me know and I will forward the information on the NIA program.

Currently at our local library branches there is a program that helps teens find funds for college. It is presented by the volunteers that are Homework Helpers. I have contacted this group and sent them the information on our scholarship. A great way to

get the word out to the teen group. There are many teens that do not have parents to search the Internet for college scholarship funds.

Please remember that the scholarship fund needs donations to continue. This is a wonderful way to honor a fellow collector or commemorate an exceptional insulator collector. All donations are tax deductible.

Still looking for some wonderful tech savvy person to do an insulator app !

Hope to see everyone in Indiana.

Kay Bryant

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR SEAT CHANGE



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NIA Commemorative Committee

Carolyn Berry - NIA# 4336

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Embossed on the dome of the commemorative

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

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

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NIA President - Steve Roberts

My name is Steve Roberts. Several months ago I was approached and asked if I would think about volunteering as the NIA President. After long discussions with my wife, and many conversations with some of the past Presidents, I have agreed to submit my name for your consideration. I hope there are other names submitted for this position; however, even if I am the only candidate, I have insisted that a ballot be sent to the membership for you to have an opportunity to vote. Please express yourself by casting your vote, and please vote according to your preference.

As information, I am sixty-five years old and have been involved in some level of insulator collecting for most of my life. Back in the old Bell System days my father worked for Ma Bell. He was an Outside Plant Manager and brought home truckloads of crossarms with the insulators still on the pins. He didn't care about the glass, he just wanted the crossarms for fence posts, so I kept the glass.

In the late 1960's I also went to work for the Bell System. I was a lineman for several years and taught climbing school for the company for over two years. And, yes, I did work on open-wire routes. In the mid 1970's I transferred to our Marketing Department and spend twenty-nine years in various management positions until my retirement.

My collecting varies to some degree. To simply state it, if I like it and can afford it, I buy it. So, I have a lot of different CD's in my collection. However, over the last six or eight years I have primarily focused

my collecting toward West Coast glass... E.C.& M.'s, California's, C.G.I.'s, C.E.W.'s and Cal Elec.'s. Granted, I only have a few of some of these, but they are my current interest.

Related to serving on the Board of Directors, for the past three and one-half years I have served as the NIA Secretary. I have worked very closely with the current President, the 1st Past President, and the Treasurer and therefore have a general understanding of how the NIA works. Additionally, I served as a co-host for the NIA National Convention that was held in Franklin, Tennessee, so I have a good understanding concerning what is needed to implement our annual National Show.

In closing let me share my opinion about serving as the President of the NIA. Being the President is not about a position of prestige, it is about being a servant to the people. Do I know everything? No. Can I fix everything? No. Will I please everyone? No. Will I make mistakes? Not deliberately, but Yes, I probably will. At the end of the day, my goal is to lead us forward and do my best to add value to the organization.

Thank you for your consideration,

Steve Roberts

CONTRIBUTE ARTICLES TO DRIP POINTS!



I always welcome interesting insulator related articles. It can be anything from a general research paper or to something very specific (Like a CD, M, U or ST Number study). I also want stories about hunts and finds!

If you want to submit an article or have questions about doing an article contact me.

Shaun Kotlarsky | Drip Points Editor publications@nia.org

Eastern Region Vice President - Gus Stafford

I've been collecting insulators since 1969. I started in Sunol, California and continued the hobby around the world during a 33 year Army career. Deb and I retired in 2014 and settled in Mechanicsburg, PA where we will be until it's time to move on to assisted care.

We held our first annual insulator swap meet at our house last fall, and will continue the event until we are done with the retirement home. The swap meet was a gift from Claude Wambold who graciously passed on the hosting duties after many years in Perkiomenville.

I've served as the President of the Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club for a number of years, and annually

host the Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club Maryland Line Show in Shrewsbury, PA every March. I've also had the honor of drawing all CDs for the Insulator Price Guide since 2001, I've attended three Nationals, and served as a cohost for the National in Williamsburg, I truly enjoy the hobby and the people in it, and I look forward to continuing to contribute to our great hobby.

Gus Stafford

MILKY CD 133 FIND



Evan was at the Columbus Farmers Market in Columbus NJ with his father, Dave. Something caught his eye on one of the outside tables while walking the aisles... It was an insulator. He went over for a look and found that the price was \$1.00. He quickly made the purchase of the CD133, excited about the fact that the price was so cheap. It wasn't until he got home & looked under the light (he likes to shine flashlights up from underneath to really check out the glass) that he realized it almost had the appearance of having a cloth shoved up underneath... but it was some type of swirling in the glass. That night, Evan's friend John Sheehan, who is a very active & educated insulator collector, came over. John was our old neighbor, and gave Evan his very 1st insulator about 5 yrs ago, first sparking Evan's interest in collecting! John took a close look and explained to Evan that the odd appearance was actually "milk & snot"! He explained to us all that it was a great find and definitely worth more than \$1.00!!! Since then, it's been proudly displayed in our large front window, with 17 other favorite finds, using white Christmas lights underneath to highlight their beauty in the nighttime. At 10 yrs old, Evan is the proud collector of over 300 insulators, a member of the NIA, and attends the shows in Perkiomanville and Chesapeake Bay, as well as small get-togethers with local collectors. ~ Maria McCown

Secretary - Walter Baumgardt

My name is Walter (Walt) Baumgardt, NIA 8007. My wife Anne and I live in Tonawanda, NY, near Buffalo, where we raised 5 wonderful children. A graduate of both the State University of New York and Syracuse University, I'm recently retired after working for Occidental Chemical Corp (now Sumitomo Bakelite NA) for 39 years.

I've been collecting insulators for about 17 years and regret I didn't start sooner. I remember as a child growing up close to the Delaware River between NY and PA, the open wire lines that paralleled the river and the old Erie RR tracks. Today, as in most of the country, that open wire along the Delaware is gone. Had I started collecting sooner I could have hunted those lines. Now all I have is those childhood memories.

I collect both glass and porcelain with sub collections of Radio Strains, Lightning Arrestors, Suspensions, Glass Whimsies and Go-Withs. Although I have yet to specialize on a specific CD(s), I do collect Crown

Embossed Brookfield Beehives (CREBS) and have completed the sequence of Shop Numbers for them.

I attend as many shows as I can, having been to 7 Nationals and many Springfield and other regional Shows. I'm a member of ICON and the Western Reserve and Chesapeake Bay Insulator Clubs. Collecting insulators has given me both pleasure and a sense of accomplishment by preserving a part of history.

As many of you have expressed, it is the people that make the difference in this hobby. I've made so many wonderful friends and hope to make many more. The NIA and, more importantly, the people have brought me to the point where I want to give back to the hobby.

Walter Baumgardt



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CD 718's

When it comes to color in Threadless CD's the 718's stand out especially the Canadian pieces, ice aqua to deep cobalt, lavenders, cranberry, 7up Green etc.

Names like Saratoga Minnesota, Tillotson Mt. Washington Canadian Banded Base, American Black Glass. Thames Primarily used in the Northeast US and Canada with some also used in northern Minnesota and Wisconsin (I've been told this "Minnesota" style has also turned up in southern Manitoba). A few show up in crazy places like all CD's.

Based on my research and talking to both US and Canadian hunters the earliest seem to have been made around the mid 1850's those used in the Mt Washington line. These, although not confirmed, were likely made at Sandwich Glass. Canadian pieces appear on the telegraph lines around 1858. The last lines in both countries were likely used until the late 1860's.

This Egg style was made in numerous mold styles. The tallest was the Mt Washington and also the heaviest style, designed this way to withstand the brutal weather the mountain is known for including the highest winds ever recorded. The shortest is a stubby based Blackglass style used in the U.S. Northeast; inches separate these two molds. One style that grabs my attention is the Canadian Banded Base; these have been found in very intense colors including Smoky Peach, Light Green, and Lavender.



By Mike Deloia

The Tillotson is probably my favorite; the embossing and colors produced were certainly eye catching and the only known U.S. (Non black glass) Colored glass 718's known (With the exception of the 3 known Mt Washingtons) The holy grail of 718's is the Thames embossed piece made in CT; to date one complete piece is known. A full crown exists as well as a small shard; these were most likely a prototype.

The "Saratoga" style no one can confirm but the rumor is some bottle diggers excavating an old glass house area came across some 718's. A full piece showed up at auction with a sticker inside stating it was dug during a Saratoga bottle dig!!



**Jade Green
Mt Washington Style**
Deloia Collection



**Dark Cobalt
Canadian**
Deloia Collection





**Fizzy/Jade Aqua
Canadian**
Deloia Collection



**Lt Jade Green
Canadian**
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**Ice Aqua (unlisted color)
Canadian**
Deloia Collection



**Cornflower/Lt Cobalt
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**Lt Cornflower
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Canadian**
Deloia Collection



**Emerald/7up Green
Narrow Dome Canadian**
Deloia Collection



**Amber
Canadian Banded Base**
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**Smoky/Peach
Canadian Banded Base**
Photo by Anonymous



**Dark Purple
Canadian Banded Base**
Deloia Collection



**Lt Aqua
Canadian Banded Base**
Deloia Collection



**Dark Yellow/Olive/Amber
Tillotson**
Photo by Gary Kline



**Amber/Olive
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I would like to thank my sons Mike, Sam, Skylar who I collect and hunt Railroads with.



Score of the century..... So far

When you collect insulators, you often find your friends and family trying to hook you up with them, albeit usually commons, or pieces you already have. Such is the case with my circle. One in particular, let's call him Ed, sits next to me in the office, and is always scanning a local on-line auction house for deals on farm equipment and the like.

Time after time, Ed would come across a batch of insulators and say "Hey Pat, are these worth anything?", and time and time again, I would say "Sorry Ed, those are common junk, but keep on trying!" Then one day, he calls me over to his monitor to look at some insulators and bottles in a box lot. Expecting the usual, I humored him and went over for a look.

Hmmmmm.....

In the crappy picture, I saw some jars, a few clear common insulators, and a CD 257 in what looked aqua. Due to the low quality pic, and the fact that it was sitting on a piece of carpet so I couldn't get a look at the drips, I figured if it was a nice aqua mouse, it has to be worth \$25, so I had Ed bid that amount.

Well, since it was a 2 week auction, I had forgotten about the whole thing until Ed shows up one morning with a box reminding me that I won the auction. I immediately grabbed the mickey (of course) and noticed something strange about the color—it was not like any shade of aqua I had ever seen.

Hmmmmm.....

Upon further investigation, [price guide look up] I realized I had just won a lite electric blue mouse.....for \$14 ! Rather clean, very little damage, and a glower in the sun.

Folks, I'm here to say, nice stuff really is still out there to be found!



By Pat Barkwell

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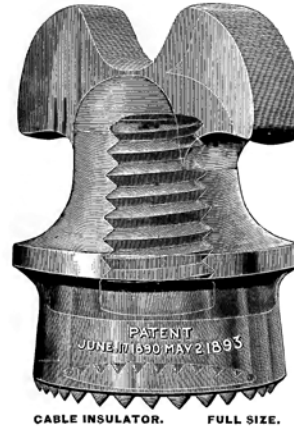


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2 Block Insulators Found in Baton Rouge, LA

“Watcha got?”, I asked my son, Mark Reilly, as I continued to metal detect along the banks of the creek that runs along-side of Highland Road in south Baton Rouge, on a muggy day in November of 2015. “Some strange glass relic”, Mark replied. I walked over to where he was standing, to check it out. He was cleaning a very-attractive, but very-strangely shaped deep emerald-green colored glass object. I had a fairly good idea that it was some sort of insulator when I examined it, but I had no idea about what, exactly, it might be, until after we got back to the house, and started doing some research.

We got on my computer, and googled up “unusual glass insulators”, and about 5 or 6 items down on the google list of articles that popped up, was a link to a page called “Early and Unusual Telegraph Insulators”, a site set up by someone named Mike Guthrie. From there, it took only a few moments to see that what Mark had found was called a “Block Glass Insulator”, dating from around 1848-1850! To say that we were ‘excited’, would be an understatement, and the more we researched, the more excited we got.

Mark found a contact for an insulator collector, a man named Michael Doyle who lives in California, and we all started to converse. We sent him a few pictures via the phone, and Michael was also very excited about the find, and he suggested that we join a couple of Facebook groups that specialize in insulator collecting, which we did, so we could share this piece with collectors. During our conversation, he also mentioned something called “The People’s Telegraph Line”, which ran from Louisville, Kentucky to New Orleans, Louisiana.

I found a few bits of information regarding that line, but at first, I didn’t think it was relative to our find, because what I found said that it ran through Jackson, Mississippi, and continued to New Orleans, meaning that Baton Rouge was probably not in its path...but then I found a map, and sure enough, The People’s Telegraph Line did a dog-leg out of Jackson, Mis-



By Ward Reilly

issippi, and came through Baton Rouge, and from here, went on to New Orleans. Bingo! I was now convinced that Mark’s insulator came from The People’s Telegraph Line, which was built around 1850.

Fast forward to 2 weeks later, December, 2015... we had a couple of hard rains since our last relic hunt, so I headed back over to our spot, this time with a friend of ours named Anna Byars, who was just learning how to metal detect. I knew there was a good chance that she could find a couple of Civil War bullets here, because we have been finding them here for over 25 years, since I first discovered and hunted this site, which is only a few hundred yards from my house. As Anna was detecting, I strolled a few yards downstream to check some eroded areas... and there, rinsed-out on the side of the creek, was another Block Insulator! I knew exactly what it was this time, because it had the same basic shape as Marks find, except instead of being made of glass, this one was ceramic. I was shaking with excitement, but took a few photos of the ceramic block, still sitting where it was found, and then I called Mark to share my excitement, right from the creek!

One interesting (and ironic) bit of trivia that we found out about The People’s Telegraph Line was that the section that ran through Baton Rouge was called the “O’Reilly Line”, which was just fine with these 2 {lucky} Reilly boys. It was obviously meant to be.

So there you have it...2 Block Insulator variants to be added to the historical record of these fine pieces of Americana, one a Block Glass, and one a Ceramic Block. As far as I have been able to find out, these are the first 2 of either style to be found in Baton Rouge, and perhaps, to have ever been found in Louisiana. For a couple of history lovers, it doesn’t get much better than that.



Mark Reilly, standing in the creek with the Block Glass Insulator he had just found



Block Glass with some Civil War relics found by it the same day



Ceramic Block with some Civil War relics found by it the same day



Ward Reilly, standing in the creek with the Ceramic Block insulator he had just found



Our 2 finds, side by side



Ceramic Block right where it was washing out of the bank



CD 134 Pennycuick Find



By Mark Newton



I started digging the Lyndeboro glass factory in 2003 knowing nothing about Insulators; I've been a bottle digger/collector since 10 years old. The first day digging the site I started finding insulator shards with embossing on the base (American Insulator Co. NY) so decided to start researching insulators, not realizing I

would catch the "Bug"! I became fast friends with a handful of collectors who taught me everything I needed to know about the pieces I was digging up. I spent every spare moment trying to get a whole example of every different insulator CD I dug up.

Shards of the unembossed CD 134s, Pennycuick threads were coming out of the ground too so once I learned about them I started to realize how rare they are. My friend David Whitten emailed me one day saying he found me an example at a show down South and mailed it to me. Turns out it was a CD 134 Pennycuick but in a nice green color! I finally picked up a nice aqua one to go with it a few years later and also dug into a pile of rejects all twisted up and thrown away at the site. (see picture) . A while later I dug shards of a light amber one too and had heard of an example but of course had no chance of finding one to buy.

Fast forward a few years and I dig this big chunk of red amber insulator. My friend said it was unlisted so I put it on Facebook—sure enough it was. I wish it was whole but am glad to have this much of one on my shelf. In the right light you can't tell it has a big chunk out of the side!



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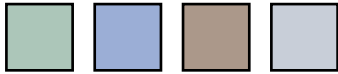
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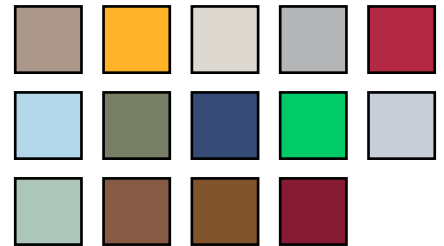
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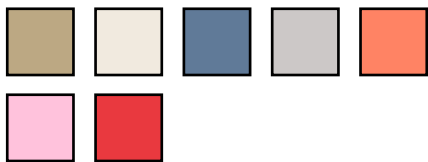
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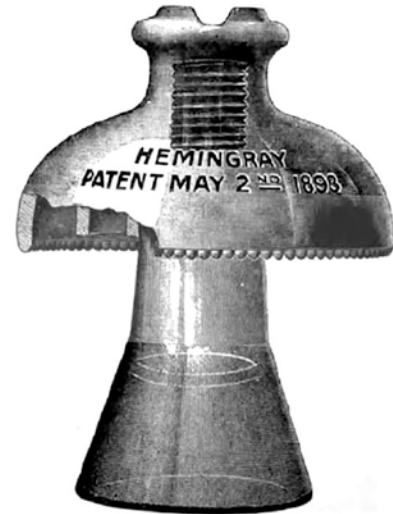
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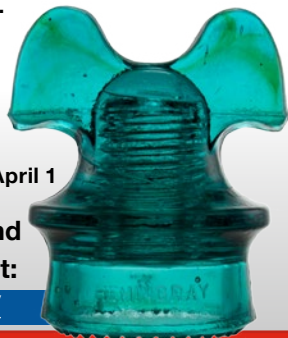
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Annual Jefferson State Insulator Club meeting will be held Saturday March 5th at the Oregon Department of Forestry Office, 5286 Table Rock Road, Central Point, Oregon. Meeting starts at 10:00. Bring your sales stock and show & tells. Potluck at noon. Info: BILL OSTRANDER 541-776-1245 or email: billo@ecandm.com

MARCH 11-12, 2016 (Friday-Saturday)

CHICO, CALIFORNIA

50th Annual Antique Bottle, Jar, Insulator & Collectable Show & Sale, Friday March 11, from 10 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Saturday March 12, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair Street, Chico, CA. Dealer setup and early buyers' admission of \$5 on Friday. Free admission on Saturday. Info: RANDY TAYLOR (530) 518-7369 or email: rtjarguy@aol.com

MARCH 12, 2016 (Saturday)

SHREWSBURY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club hosts the 28th Annual Shrewsbury Insulator Show and Sale, Saturday March 12, 2016 at the Shrewsbury Fire Hall, 21 W. Forrest Ave, Shrewsbury, PA 17361. Show runs from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission is FREE. For more info, contact: GUS STAFFORD at 717-790-9183 or email: gus.stafford@gmail.com

MARCH 18-19, 2016 (Friday-Saturday)

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The Deland M-T Bottle Collectors Club presents its 46th Antique Bottle, Insulator & Table Top Collectibles Show, March 18th & 19th at the Volusia County Fairgrounds - SR 44 & I-4 (Exit 118) in Deland, Florida. Fee for early buyers Friday from 3:00 to 7:00 and before 8:00 AM Saturday is \$20. Regular show admission and parking for all buyers on Saturday from 8:00 to 3:00 is FREE. (160 sales tables are available for the show). For table reservations, contact BRIAN HOBLICK, 11721 NW County Rd 236, Alachua, Florida 32615. Phone: 386-804-9635 or email: hoblick@aol.com Or, DWIGHT PETTIT, Jr 386-956-8033 Email: pettit9119@bellsouth.net. Show contract available at: www.m-tbottleclub.com

MARCH 19, 2016 (Saturday)

TRACY, MISSOURI

The 14th Annual NW Missouri Insulator & Bottle Show will be held at the Platte County Fairgrounds, 1st & Tribble St., Tracy, Missouri 64079. Half way between Kansas City & St. Joseph, off of I-29. We will again this year have it the same weekend as a longstanding antique show in Platte City. Last year this increased our traffic flow and we will again use that to increase our visitors. This is a fairly large show with over 60 tables, with food on-site. Set up time will be 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM, then open to the public from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Sales tables are \$25 each and admission is FREE. Host hotel is Quality Inn & Suites, 1201 Branch St., Platte City, MO 64079 (about 1 mile from the fairgrounds). Special room rate available until February 15th, mention "Insulator & Bottle Show" for discount. After that date, ask for Divya Patel for possible discount. Contact DARRYL WAGNER at 816-719-0801 or email at nwmoshow@dwagnerkc.com for information and/or show packet.

MARCH 26, 2016 (Saturday)

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APRIL 3, 2016 (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 8AM to 2PM. Dealer Setup 6AM to 8AM. Free Admission. 30+ sales tables as well as several displays. Free display space available. For dealer contracts, display information, or any other details - please contact JOHN RAJPOLT (203) 261-1190. E-Mail: rajpolt@earthlink.net

APRIL 3, 2016 (Sunday)

WILMINGTON, OHIO

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APRIL 8-9, 2016 (Friday-Saturday)

ANTIOCH, CALIFORNIA

50th Annual Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society Antiques & Collectibles Show & Sale, Friday April 8, from 12 noon - 6:00 p.m.; Saturday April 9, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, Sunset Hall, 1201 West 10th Street, Antioch, CA. Dealer setup and early buyers' admission of \$10 on Friday. Free admission on Saturday. Info: GARY or DARLA ANTONE (925) 373-6758 or email: packrat49er@netscape.net

APRIL 16, 2016 (Saturday)

PERTH, ONTARIO, CANADA

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APRIL 23, 2016 (Saturday)

NATRONA HEIGHTS, PENNSYLVANIA

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APRIL 23, 2016 (Saturday)

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CENTRAL POINT, OREGON

The Jefferson State Antique Bottle & Insulator Expo will be held May 6-7 at the Jackson County Expo Olsrud Pavilion, 1 Peninger Road, Central Point, OR 97502. The event will be held in conjunction with the regional Rogue Valley Antique Show. (Note: This event replaces the Canyonville, OR show which has previously been held in October.) Friday from 9:00 to 10 AM will be dealer setup and \$10 early admission. Regular show hours are 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Admission is \$3 or \$5 for two people. Saturday hours are 10:00 to 3:00 with same admission prices. Info: BRUCE SILVA 541-821-8949 or email: jsglass@q.com

MAY 13-14, 2016 (Friday-Saturday)

COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA

One of the bigger little shows! Columbia City Insulator & Collectibles Show, Whitley County 4H Center, 581 West Squawbuck Road, Columbia City, Indiana. Dealer setup Friday noon to 3:00; public from 3-5 PM. Pizza @ 5PM. Show & Tell 6 PM- Bring something awesome to share! Saturday dealer setup 6 to 8 AM and open to public from 8:00 to 3:00. First 8-foot table is \$28. Two tables for \$48. 3/\$60; 4/\$75; 5/\$80; 6/\$85. GENE HAWKINS gene.hawkins@mchsi.com

MAY 20-21, 2016 (Friday-Saturday)

CAYUCOS, CALIFORNIA

The 24th Annual Golden State Insulator Club's Spring Insulator & Collectibles Show will be held May 20 - 21 at the Lions Veterans Hall, 10 Cayucos Drive (at the pier and inches from the beach). Friday 2 - 6 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Free Admission. Free appraisals and evaluations. There will be a barbecue Saturday after the show. RV Park, motels and restaurants nearby. Please bring recent finds for show & tell. Info: BOB MERZOIAN bobmerzoian@mac.com or 559-359-2826 or PAULETTE KOTAN gypsyduo795@gmail.com or 619-985-9085.

MAY 20-21, 2016 (Friday-Saturday)

KENT, WASHINGTON

May 20 & 21 Washington Bottle Collectors Association Annual Spring Insulator, Bottle and Collectible Show. Largest combined bottle and insulator show in Northwest Washington. Join us at the Kent Commons Event Center, 525 Fourth Ave N, Kent, WA. Dealer set up and early admission (\$5) Friday, May 20, 1-5 PM and free general admission Saturday, May 21, 9 - 3 . Close to the population centers in NW Washington and we had quite a few full tables of insulators last year. For more information and table reservations contact: NIEL SMITH (206) 783-0215 wbcaweb@gmail.com or PETE HENDRICKS (253) 335-1732 insulator related questions: ROBIN HARRISON (206) 522-2135 robin3250@comcast.net

MAY 21, 2016 (Saturday)

MOUNTAIN HOME, NORTH CAROLINA

The spring 2016 Dixie Jewels Insulator Club swap meet will be held at Mountain Home, North Carolina on Saturday, May 21, 2016 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 collectors are expected from all over the Southeast. Bring a table and any insulators you wish to show, trade or sell. There is no charge to set up. FRED PITTMAN will be our host. A noon meal will be served and side dishes and desserts are appreciated, but certainly not mandatory. Everyone is invited to dine with us. Please contact Fred at (828) 768-5060 or e-mail at trailat@bellsouth.net for more information, directions, or to let him know you will attend. Be sure to mark your calendar for the third Saturday in May and plan to join us! Add to your collection and enjoy a day of fellowship with other collectors surrounded by the beautiful mountains of North Carolina.

MAY 27-28, 2016 (Friday-Saturday)

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

The Umpteenth Annual Spudfest & Spokaneistan Insulator/Bottle Show & Swap will be held Saturday, May 28th. Friday night B.S. Saturday show begins at 9:00 AM. Please RSVP for lunch. The Burger Compound is at 8925 S Cheney-Spokane Road, Spokane, WA 99224. Ask for directions or look for the buried school buses. Info: BRENT: 509-953-4150 or BILL 509-443-9037.

JUNE 4, 2016 (Saturday)

LOGAN, UTAH

The Cache Valley Insulator Swap Meet will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016 starting at 8:00 am. The location is indoors at the Cache County Fairgrounds Pavilion. The fairgrounds is located at 450 South 500 West, Logan, UT 84321. Lunch will be provided at noon. Admission is free. Please RSVP to reserve a table and to help us plan the food. Info: DON BRIEL (435) 753-5786 or Don.Briel@comcast.net Approximately 25 tables are available. Camper sites are available at the fairgrounds for \$20 + tax per night. Several hotels are within 1 mile of the fairgrounds. An open house will be held at the Briel home on Friday evening from 6:00 to 9:00. The address is 275 Peacock Lane, Providence, UT 84332.

JUNE 4, 2016 (Saturday)

DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

1st annual swap meet held at the home of Curtis Erickson from 9am to 3pm. The swap meet is the same day and area as the famous Edison Street Sale. Set up is free, please bring your own table. Walking distance from the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. Only a 45 minute drive north of the Michigan/Ohio border. Contact CURTIS ERICKSON (248) 515-4612 crerickson1@gmail.com Show location 22101 Olmstead St Dearborn, MI 48124

JUNE 4, 2016 (Saturday)

TAMA, IOWA

The 19th Annual Hawkeye State Insulator Swap Meet will be held on Saturday June 4th from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM at the Tama civic Center in downtown Tama, IA. The Civic Center is located two blocks West off Highway 63 on 3rd Street in Tama. There is no cost to set up and lunch will be provided to all those in attendance. Many great Midwest collectors and friends attended last years event at this new location and feedback was positive. This annual event is fun and relaxed and those whom have supported it make it a great traditional show that we enjoy hosting. Come join us in the Hawkeye state for a great time. For additional information you can contact DAVE SHAW at (641) 484-5463 or email dashaw@mchsi.com.

JUNE 11, 2016 (Saturday)

PERKIOMENVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

42nd 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 11th, from 9:00 AM until the last person leaves. Location: 1837 Perkiomenville Road, Perkiomenville, PA 18074. Info: STEVE BOB 610-539-6533 or CLAUDE A. WAMBOLD 215-234-8413.

JUNE 24-25, 2016 (Friday-Saturday)

WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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

JULY 8-10, 2016 (Friday-Sunday)

LOHR A. MAIN, GERMANY, EUROPE

The International Insulator Collectors Meeting will be held July 8-10 in Lohr a. Main, Germany. For info email DANIELE & LOTHAR VORMWALD at: danielevormwald@web.de

JULY 15-16, 2016 (Friday-Saturday)

BEND, OREGON

Annual Tres-Amigos Tail-Gater will be held July 15-16 at the home of Jim Sinasek, 64420 Research Road, Bend, OR 97703. Story time around bonfire ring Friday evening. BBQ served Saturday at 11:30. Side dishes / deserts appreciated. Some tables available; bringing your own is recommended. Be sure to bring your GO-WITH's, other treasure's and your show and tells. RSVP appreciated. Info: JIM SINASEK at 541 383-8067 or oregonjim@q.com; MID NORRIS at 541 281-2715 or mudhen50@aol.com; ERNIE CARLSON at 503 622-3573 or ecarlson6@frontier.com

JULY 29-31, 2016 (Friday-Sunday)

MUNCIE, INDIANA

The National Insulator Association's 47th Annual Convention and Show will be held July 29-31 at the Horizon Convention Center, 601 S. High St., Muncie, IN 47305. Muncie was the home of the Hemingray company from 1888 to 1972 and special activities are planned related to this. Show information can be found at <http://www.nia.org/national> or you can contact BOB STAHR at 630-793-5345 or email Bob@hemingray.com or RICK SOLLER at 847-782-8602 or email Com574@clillinois.edu.

AUGUST 13, 2016 (Saturday)

MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

The 17th annual Shenandoah Valley Insulator Show and Sale sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club will be held Saturday, August 13 from 9 AM to 1 PM, once again, by popular demand, at the B&O Roundhouse in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Dealer setup from 7-9 AM. 8 foot tables are \$25 for the first table and \$20 each additional. There is no admission charge. For more information or directions contact JEFF HOLLIS at 304-671-5359 or email redoak1953@gmail.com.

AUGUST 13, 2016 (Saturday)

GRANDVIEW, WASHINGTON

The SSS Gathering. {SSS=Sun, Swim, Show}. At the home of Terry Drollinger, 1621 Bethany Road, Grandview WA 98930. Show starts Saturday at 9:00 AM, till the last person leaves. Friday early arrivals are welcomed. Jefferson State Insulator Club sponsored event. Tables provided if reserved in advance, please bring your own if possible. There will be lunch Saturday, salads and desserts are appreciated. Camping available for tents and self contained RV's. Bring sun screen and swim suit. But most important don't forget your INSULATORS and go withs. Info: TERRY DROLLINGER 509-830-2809 or email: terrymdroll@yahoo.com

AUGUST 26-27, 2016 (Friday-Saturday)

HELENA, MONTANA

15th Annual Montana Big Sky Insulator Swap Meet, hosted by Ron & Peggy Yuhas, will be held Friday and Saturday August 26-27. 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 Yuhas Millwork Company, 2201 Hauser Blvd, Helena. Lunch at noon. Free drawing for Coolie Hat, Muncie & Pyrex 441 at 1:00 PM. Info: RON YUHAS 406-439-4573 or email: gramapig@bresnan.net or DOUG RUSHER 406-461-7341 or email: ddrusher@aol.com or JUSTIN MARTIN 406-490-3888 or email: wendymartin8@aol.com Please RSVP Ron or Doug for your tables & head counts.

SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2016 (Friday-Sunday)

MERRITT, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Annual Insulator Swap at the Insulator Ranch, 3045 Spanish Creek Place, Merritt, B.C. Use exit 286 off Coquihalla Hwy 5, and head towards Merritt. Turn left onto Coldwater Road, proceed 4 blocks to Spanish Creek Place. Just follow the "Insulator Show" signs. Motor homes, trailers, RV's all welcome. Bev provides a delicious Chilli and Rolls lunch on Saturday, and a coffee, bacon and eggs breakfast on Sunday morning. There is no charge, our way of putting something back into a great hobby. Tables are provided. Info: BOB SCAFE 250-378-2787 or email: bobscafe@telus.netrecent finds are strongly encouraged. Bill's extensive porcelain insulator collection will be open for public viewing. Info: BILL at 530-701-4377 or KAT at 559-434-2162.

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