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**Editor**



**Shaun Kotlarsky - NIA# 4993**

My first issue of Drip Points Magazine was winter of 2010. I agreed to take over doing it when asked by Lou Hall. Back then it was just a newsletter. I agreed to take on this task as I felt I could do better and take it to the next level. I turned a newsletter that many didn't read in to a full color magazine that people look forward to receiving. I achieved my goal of making it a top rated magazine and moving the hobby forward. I had hoped the rest of the NIA would keep pace with the changing times, unfortunately this is not happening. Sadly some in the hierarchy would rather hold on to the hobby that was around in the 1960s, instead of embracing modern technology, fresh ideas and realizing things have to move forward if the hobby is to stay healthy.

I have noticed this behavior over the last couple years but the final straw was when a member wanted to put some religious fodder in his article. I have always had a policy of no politics, religion or "hot button" issues in the Magazine as I want it to appeal to a broad range of collectors. My wanting to edit this out caused a disproportionate and emotional response that I will not tolerate.

For me to make best use of my "hobby time" and continue to promote our hobby. It is time to part ways and retire as NIA Drip Points editor.

I have some exciting stuff in the works for both my [hemingray.net](http://hemingray.net) and [allinsulators.com](http://allinsulators.com) websites that will help promote the hobby in new and exciting ways.

Thanks to the readers for the positive comments over the years. I appreciate the support. While this is the last Drip Points I will be producing, it is not the last of my contributions to the hobby, many more things to come from me in the future!

*Shaun Kotlarsky*



On a lighter note, I figured some may like to see my new Hemingray hobby cards! Die-cut in the shape of a CD 196, using one of my favorite Hemingray ads as the inspiration. I am quite proud of them as they were in the works for a couple years. Yes, the card even has drip points! The printer was not happy about that as it added complexity to the die, but well worth it to me.





**President**



**Steve Roberts - NIA# 7935**

As I sit and prepare this article for Drip Points I am aware that it is only a couple of days before Veterans Day. By the time you read this article Veterans Day will have passed, but ever day is a good day to thank those who have served our Nation and ultimately all of us. So, to all our NIA Members who have served in our Armed Forces, Thank You Very Much! Our Constitutional Rights are preserved because of your service and sacrifice. We owe you an unpayable debt of gratitude! The most we can offer is our heartfelt THANKS.

Recently there have been numerous posts on various social media concerning altered and faked insulators. Additionally, several of the NIA leadership have received private communications concerning this subject. However, prior to this topic arising our Authentication Advisor shared with the Board of Directors that he has been compiling photos of suspected insulators. Additionally, he asked the Board if we could post these pictures on our website. The Board held a conference call several weeks ago and discussed a variety of topics including this issue. As a result, I took an action item to discuss Paul's concept with our NIA Attorney. Without going into all of the details of the call, the Attorney advised us to move forward with this plan. He gave us a few guidelines that we must follow; however, we should be able to accomplish our goal of creating a photo library of those insulators that we suspect have been altered.

There is virtually nothing that can be done to prevent the altering of glass and porcelain as that practice is not illegal. There are literally hundreds of locations across the US, Canada and Mexico that have the capability of radiating glass, and we do not have the abil-

ity to stop any of them. However, what we can do is attempt to educate our fellow hobbyist. Therefore, for educational purposes, I have asked our Authentication advisor, Paul Greaves, and our Webmaster, Bob Berry, to work together and create a photo library on our website. They have recently received this request and they are still working on the details; however, as soon as we can we will begin to make these photos available to you so you can better educate yourself of what a suspect insulator looks like.

At the end of the day the NIA can not stop a private practice of something that is not illegal, but we can attempt to better educate our membership. The key here is education. Our hope is that the photo library will help you when you are considering the purchase of an insulator. If you suspect that it is not correct, don't buy it. If people stop buying suspected glass and porcelain, then there is no market for these items. If there isn't a demand for the product, there is no need for the supply. Again, the key to the demise of this issue is EDUCATION.

Finally, you should receive your Drip Points magazine prior to Christmas. My hope is that each of you will reflect on the Blessings that you received this year. There are many things that take a higher priority than collecting. Always try to keep things in perspective and remember the source of every Good Gift.

Merry Christmas!

*Steve Roberts*

## CONTRIBUTE ARTICLES TO DRIP POINTS!



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

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

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**First Past President**

**Don Briel - NIA# 7218**

As I write this Drip Points article, Jeanne and I just returned from the Mid-Ohio show in Springfield to find snow covered mountains here in Utah. Winter is on its way. However, we were buoyed up by the excitement of a great show. I can't thank the show hosts enough for the wonderful job they do each year. Each year they rise above the criticism and put on a fabulous show that seems to attract more collectors every time. This year was no exception. My thanks go out to Lois, Curt, Alan, and every other individual that helped make this show a complete success.

As 1st Past President, I don't have much responsibility and not much to report. But I do know first-hand how much time and effort every Board member, Committee Chair, and Committee member puts in to make this organization function. They rise above the noise of the critics and just keep working to make things function better. My sincere thanks go out to each and every volunteer – THANK YOU!!!

As we approach the end of the year please give serious consideration to making a tax deductible donation to the NIA. NIA dues are intentionally kept as low as possible to encourage young collectors and families to join and become long term members. NIA dues cover the basic NIA member benefits (i.e. Drip Points, membership cards, membership service bars, mailings, etc.). However, many of the programs that are pursued (National show sponsorship, web site, recognition plaques, scholarships, etc.) have expenses well beyond the cost of providing those everyday member benefits. Please help move these programs along with a generous donation if you can or whatever you are able to contribute.

As the end of the year approaches I hope everyone has a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Happy Collecting!!!

*Don Briel*





**Western Region VP**



**Mike Doyle - NIA# 5932**

Best In Collecting to all of you wild and crazy folks out there who make this hobby So Much Fun! Thank you again to all of the potential 2020 show hosts with whom I have spoken. The November 1st deadline for preliminary drafts of proposals has come and gone and we have some great, competitive, national proposals in the works. Thank you to the Events Advisor and his team for all of their hard work and attention to detail while helping to shape the proposals for all the nationals that they're reviewing.

The recent creation of an altered insulator information page on Facebook has captured my attention. There is an amazing amount of information pouring out of collectors onto that Facebook page. I recommend that everyone make a little time to familiarize themselves with the information that is to be found there. Additionally, the Authentication & Classification team is working with the Board of Directors to bring even more information on fake and altered insulators. This project targets a very exciting and important aspect of the NIA's education outreach and I think it's an important project that is full of potential for collectors across all ranges of hobby experience.

Special Projects is continuing to explore ways to bring you hobby news, education and information through the [NIA.ORG](http://NIA.ORG) website. Our web guru, Bob Berry and our information czar, Christian Willis, are working with David Baron, related hobby advertisers and many others to expand and increase the visibility of our web presence and our participation in social media outlets such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. I am also soliciting inputs from authors of past periodicals and hobby reference books. Please contact me about digitizing your work so that we may make it available for everyone online. Clarice Gordon's Hemingray book will soon be available online and I am reaching out to Ron & Patty Norton to ask their permission to digitize all of the issues of Rainbow Riders' Trading Post magazine. As always, I encourage you to contact me directly with any and all comments, questions and suggestions that you may have. Just be prepared to hear my favorite comeback: "Hey, that's a great idea! What is your proposed solution and who have you collected to work with you on it?" I am continuing to bring Western Region interests to the big table and I need your help to stay in touch with your hopes and dreams for our great hobby.

Thank you,

*Mike Doyle*





**Eastern Region VP**



**Gus Stafford - NIA# 8871**

Returning from the Springfield show, I found myself taking a “walk along the tracks” of my own insulator journey. For me, the journey started in 1968 – just before man walked on the moon for the first time. My family moved into a home in Sunol, California with a large brick barbeque in the back yard. There was a shelf above the grill, and there were several insulators on it – including a CD 162 Star in aqua. It was my favorite, and now, nearly 50 years later, I am back where I started, collecting Stars again, but first a California memory from the Eastern Region Vice President.

Back in the day, I would sneak out of the house at two o’clock in the morning, put my Dad’s 30 foot extension ladder on my Schwinn Stingray seat and handlebars, and walk a mile down to the train tracks to climb poles. Not the brightest move, but very exciting.



Those moonlit treks never produced anything very exciting, just more insulators that I didn’t have. They gave me playground stories to keep my friends enthralled, and built up my personal credibility. My parents never found out what I was doing, and would have kept it up were it not for a purple CD 152 California on the top of a four crossarm pole on Foothill Road. Here’s a picture of the pole today, minus the

top three crossarms, insulators and wires:



I navigated to the pole under cover of darkness, hauled the extension ladder to position, and climbed to the first metal brace. I then climbed between the wires to the top crossarm, making sure I didn’t look down. My nine year old arms weren’t long enough to do much more than hug the pole with the left and barely touch the purple hoop skirt with my right. I couldn’t get the tie wire off, so I nudged the insulator slowly

around the pin until it was almost off, then I tried to wiggle it out of the tie wire grip. About that time, the California came loose of the pin and launched out of my sweat drenched fingers – straight into the air! The twang and hum of the insulator bouncing in a four foot oscillation above the pole scared the heck out of me. I clung to the pole, in fear of my life. I had visions of the bouncing wires hitting another line and showering Dr. Frankenstein lighting strokes thus ending my young life. This didn’t happen, and the wire and insulator came to rest 3 feet above the crossarm – forever out of reach. That was my last clandestine mission with an aluminum extension ladder... I visited the pole on that same Stingray with my buddies and the suspended California became the North Star leading to my wild boy reputation with the other 4th Graders.

Throughout my early collecting days in California, Stars remained elusive. I found Hemingray, Brookfield, California, McLaughlin, and Maydewell, but only the random star. I found a CD133 Star and a CD133 No Name No 20, and convinced myself that there had to be a Star No 20 out there somewhere. It was years later when I found out that none had ever been found. Fast forward to today. Stars once again hold thrall with my collector’s eyes. Living on

the East Coast, they are plentiful, and I am off to the races. I lack the luck of Fred Collier's East Coast Antique Store bonanzas (CD 127 Paisley):



Nor do I have the time, skill, and patience of Jeff Katchko hunting the old Erie, N.Y. line (CD 731):



So Stars it is! Star insulators are generally inexpensive (by modern standards), well documented and discussed, but they do demonstrate how a small collection can grow to a large one in a short period of time. One might set out to get one of each shape – easy enough: CD 102, CD104, CD106, CD112, CD 113, CD 133, CD 134, CD 145, CD161, CD162, CD 162.1, CD 164, CD 185, CD 200, and CD 260. Of

course there is one CD 126 that showed up at the Yankee Polecat Insulator Club Milford Swap Meet in 2010 – but it is made of unattainium, so write that one off.

You now have a collection of 15 insulators. Then you start noticing that there are variances within the CDs: CD 102 (5 or more styles), CD112 (2 Styles), CD 133 (2 styles), CD 145 (5 styles), CD162 (3 or more styles), CD 164 (2 or more styles), and CD 260 (2 styles). You

are now up to over 30 different insulators, and you notice that three styles have sharp drip points and two have wedge drip points (over 40). You can more than triple that number taking into account embossing: one star, two stars, large stars, small stars – not to mention 360 degrees of star orientations. If you crosswalk all of this with color variations and junk in glass you can easily amass a collection of almost 1000 Stars.

This is how an insulator collection takes shape. You find one at a reasonable price (free); look for the common varieties, notice the variations, seek every embossing, every color, and finally the unusual character pieces. Before you know it, your garage is full, you're driving to Ohio, and asking yourself not only, "How did I get here" but, I wonder what's under that show table?" Is this a great hobby, or what? Here's hoping all of you have Happy Holidays, and may you find an insulator or two under your tree (in your living room as opposed to a hillside).

Epilogue: That Schwinn Stingray sells for over \$2500 today on eBay today... hmmm







**Membership Director**

**Andrew Gibson - NIA# 2422**



I'm late, I'm late! This time of year marks the start of my busy time as Membership Director. Beginning October 1, I mail out 2018 membership cards for life members and anyone who pre-paid for next year. Then I mail out renewal reminders to everyone who was a member this year or last and who has not renewed yet. This year, though, I got part way through this process and ran out of envelopes. I had ordered envelopes from the post office in plenty of time to get them, or so I thought. But my order got hung up due to an "internal system error" in their web site, and I just didn't notice it until too late. As a result, I have mailed out a few hundred renewal reminders, but the majority of them have not been sent yet. I have just received my order, so I hope that by the time you read this, they will all have been mailed out. If you have not renewed, and do not receive a renewal reminder shortly, please do let me know!

In case you are interested, there were 121 envelopes in the first batch of life members and people who have already renewed. There are 953 in the second batch of renewal reminders. That's a lot of envelopes to stuff, and I am grateful that both of my kids have been helping me out. Kyrie is a member of National Junior Honor Society, and she is always looking for things she can do to fill her "community service" hours requirement. Ian just enjoys helping out with the NIA stuff – he's my official "assistant membership director"!

Last weekend I was happy not to have the envelopes, as I was off to Springfield for the yearly Mid-Ohio extravaganza. This year, in spite of issues with a different show hall and concerns about the Friday auction, I think it was an exceptionally good show. I had a great time catching up with people and being able to have discussions in person, meeting new folks, and acquiring more than a few baby signals for my collection. My thanks to Curt and Lois (and all their helpers) for their hard work and dedication putting this show on year after year. Every time I get to a show, I realize all over again how much I appreciate all the effort it takes.

It is, unfortunately, the time of year when shows become few and far between. Time for me to start pulling insulators down, counting drip points, and comparing mold characteristics! Taking a closer look gives me a great excuse to dust them all, which my wife certainly appreciates.

I wish you all a happy holiday season!

*Andrew Gibson*





Information Director



Christian Willis - NIA# 5185

It's hard to believe another year has almost come to a close! As we look towards 2018, I have several little bits of news and suggestions that I'd like to share with everyone:

- **Free Ad for All Active NIA Members!** Yes, you read that right. Every active NIA member is entitled to a free 25-word advertisement in Drip Points once per calendar year. I know I might sound like a broken record, but I just wanted to remind everyone. Take advantage of this, you never know if another NIA member might have what you're looking for! Just send an email to me at [information@nia.org](mailto:information@nia.org), or give me a call at (949) 338-1404 and let me know what you'd like your ad to say. I'll take care of it!

- **Purchase an Ad in Drip Points** – If you're looking for more space or would prefer to provide your own artwork, I'm the one to see! Drip Points has very reasonable ad rates, and multi-issue discounts. See the advertisement section near the end of this issue for available ad sizes and rates. Need some help with designing your ad? No problem, I can help; just email me at [information@nia.org](mailto:information@nia.org) or give me a call at (949) 338-1404 to discuss.

- **Consider Going Paperless** – A good percentage of NIA members are already taking advantage of this! Choosing to receive the electronic version of Drip Points rather than a paper copy saves on printing costs and postage, saves paper, and saves space at home! I know it's not for everyone, but I've switched just about all of my subscriptions and bills to paperless and I'm so glad I did. Not to mention, with an electronic copy you get features that you don't get with paper copies, such as one-click links to take you straight to an article, being able to search for a specific term, zooming in without needing a magnifying glass, or even have the articles read to you with text-to-speech if your PC or mobile device has that feature. Consider giving it a try next year! If you don't like it you can always switch back to paper copies.

- **Spread the Word** – I know many of you already do this, whether it's by word of mouth or sharing on Facebook. Do you have a friend or family member who would be interested in learning more about insulators and the NIA? How about your local library, museums or antique shops? We have several pamphlets available about the NIA, our scholarship opportunities, and just insulators in general. If you have an idea about how we can continue to promote the hobby, or would just like some information sent, I'm here and happy to help. Just send me an email, give me a call, or write me a letter. My contact info can be found at the back of every issue of Drip Points.

- **Google AdWords** – Our online advertising campaign through Google not only provides valuable exposure for the NIA, but also gives us a window into the demographics and technology in use. In the third quarter, we had 1,818 people clicking on our ads, and over 388,000 ad impressions. "Glass insulators" continues to be the most searched for term, and 55-64 is the most common age group. It's also interesting to note that mobile and tablet devices have officially taken over as the majority of the devices which are being used to search for these terms.

- **FOHBC Ad Trade** – Lastly, I would like to thank the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors for agreeing to swap ad space with us! You can see their advertisement on page [32](#). In turn, an ad for the National Insulator Association will appear in their publication, "Bottles and Extras". We welcome them as a sister hobby. I'm always looking for other sister hobbies and publications that might be interested in participating, so if you have any ideas please let me know!

*Christian Willis*



**Historian**



**Rick Soller - NIA# 2958**

Andrew Gibson made a surprising finding recently. He found a previously unknown and early insulator price guide book. The find is especially surprising because the guide was published in 1970, giving 47 years for collectors to learn about it, especially those who actively and persistently pursue building a collection of them. Kevin Lawless was the first person I knew that had an extensive collection of these and who produced a list that guided later collectors. This list has been incorporated and updated by Bob Berry on the [NIA.org](http://NIA.org) site. I picked up the challenge many years ago and thought I had a near complete collection as well as building the NIA collection to the same level. Now there is one more addition to search for that neither Bob Berry nor I had heard about.

An email from Andrew indicated, "It's just called "Insulators," and is a 10 page, 8.5 x11 price guide from 1970, written by G. F Bouza of Boise, Idaho. It says he intended to update it every 6-8 months, so there may be other versions out there. My copy has a green cover, and is just stapled down the side with 3 staples.

It contains some use of CD numbers, but certainly not on all entries and it has a page of what look to be hand drawn outlines of a bunch of shapes, with their nicknames. One oddity is that the CD number is listed AFTER the embossing and before the color and price. It just looks funny that way!

I looked Bouza up in the NIA records, and there is a Gordon Bouza in Meridian, ID. But he joined in 2003,

was a member for 10 straight years, and hasn't been a member since 2012. I sent him off an email on the off chance it's still a valid one. There is also a question in the Research Division of CJ in 1981, from Gordon F Bouza in Boise."

Besides Andrew's research, I checked [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), and the Advanced Book Exchange with no luck. An email was posted to ICON asking for a copy for the NIA (and me) and additional information. Let me know if you can help.

At the Mid-Ohio show in Springfield, Ohio held November 3-5, several collectors had new business cards that were added to the business card collection of the NIA. A couple show displays were also added dealing with Square-D insulators and Samuel Oakman's influence on insulators.

As part of my role as the historian, I thought I should step up my game for next year's Mid-Ohio show by offering to organize a combined display of solid pour insulators (excluding private issue and commemorative insulators). If you have one that you would be willing to include in the display or provide information about, please let me know. I would like to get a census of what solid pours exist and how many are out there.

*Rick Soller*

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**Development Committee Chairperson**

**Michael Green - NIA# 3175**



Greeting Fellow Collectors,

I hope you are well and enjoying a beautiful late autumn. As the leaves fall it is also once again membership renewal time. Most of you should have already received your forms. You also received a letter that gives you the opportunity to help the NIA in many different ways. This is the second year that the Development Committee has included this chance to do more for our hobby. Please take the time to look over this form and consider doing a little extra to help the NIA promote shows, education, scholarships, and technology. Last year we did very well and it would be awesome to do even better this time. Thank you so much for your consideration.

I am pleased to announce a new member to the Development Committee. Darryl Wagner has stepped forward and volunteered to help the committee in its efforts to support the NIA and our members. Please help me in welcoming Darryl to our team.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy, and blessed holiday season. It's hard to believe Thanksgiving is almost here and the wonderful Christmas season to follow. I hope and pray you are able to spend lots of precious time with your loved ones. We all care a great deal about our hobby but it pales in comparison to the love and devotion of family. Take time to make that the most important thing during this wonderful time of year.

Lou, Bill, Darryl, and I would like to wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

*Mike Green*





**NIA Events Committee Chairperson**

**Darryl Wagner - NIA# 8671**



Hello fellow members! Springfield 2017 was, as always, a great show. Little different building, but think everyone enjoyed it. Lois, Curt and Alan continue to provide us with a great venue.

Letters of intent for the 2020 NIA Western National were due in by November 1st, 2017. If there is anyone still thinking about submitting a bid for 2020, you need to contact this committee very soon. The preliminary bids for the 2020 National are due by January 1, 2018.

We are also looking forward to potential National sites for 2021 and beyond. If you have an interest in possibly doing a show down the road, please talk to your Regional representative on the Events Advisory Committee, your Regional NIA Vice-President, or myself. We are here to answer your questions and assist you in preparing for submitting a proposal.

We are also looking for hosts interested in doing Regional shows. If you have an interest in this, please contact someone on this committee for assistance. The idea of regional shows are to provide NIA members with an opportunity to attend a show in their region, if that year's National is in another region. If you are currently a host of a yearly show, it might be a small step to become a regional. Contact one of us if you have an interest.

Generally speaking, shows around the country continue to grow and attendance seems to be strong. Get out, participate and support the shows and the show hosts in your area and around the country.

The members and contact information for the NIA Events Advisory Committee are:

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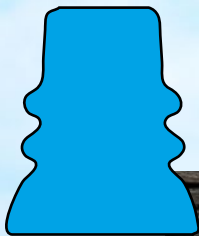
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Happy collecting!

*Darryl Wagner*





**Product Manager**

**Margaret Wagner - NIA# 8711**

NIA Members.

Christmas is quickly approaching, so if you have someone who might appreciate an NIA T-shirt, button down or maybe a hooded sweatshirt, check out the NIA product line-up. As the product pages are still not updated, below is the current list of the colors available for various products.

**Screen Printed T-shirts**

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

**Embroidered T-shirts**

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

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

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

If you need to special order an item, just send me an email with your request. Don't forget to update your NIA name tag with any special badge bars that you might need, such as an officer bar of your insulator club.

If anyone has suggestions for new products or possibly for a yearly "special" product, please forward your ideas to me.

Margaret Wagner



## 47th Mid-Ohio Insulator Show



By Curt Boster



### 47th MID-OHIO INSULATOR SHOW

November 3-5, 2017

Despite an unforeseen change in venue, the 47th Mid-Ohio Insulator Show may be remembered as the best and certainly the most well attended show ever in Springfield, USA. There were many new faces and novice collectors in attendance with plenty of quality glass and porcelain for everyone.

The Friday After Hours Auction, prophesied as the end of days by many, was nothing short of historic with more than 6000 insulators--courtesy of [insulatorstore.com](http://insulatorstore.com)--being sold in less than four hours. Although display space was limited this year, Graham Barnes took home the Steve and Lois Blair Educational Award for his amazing Oakman display.

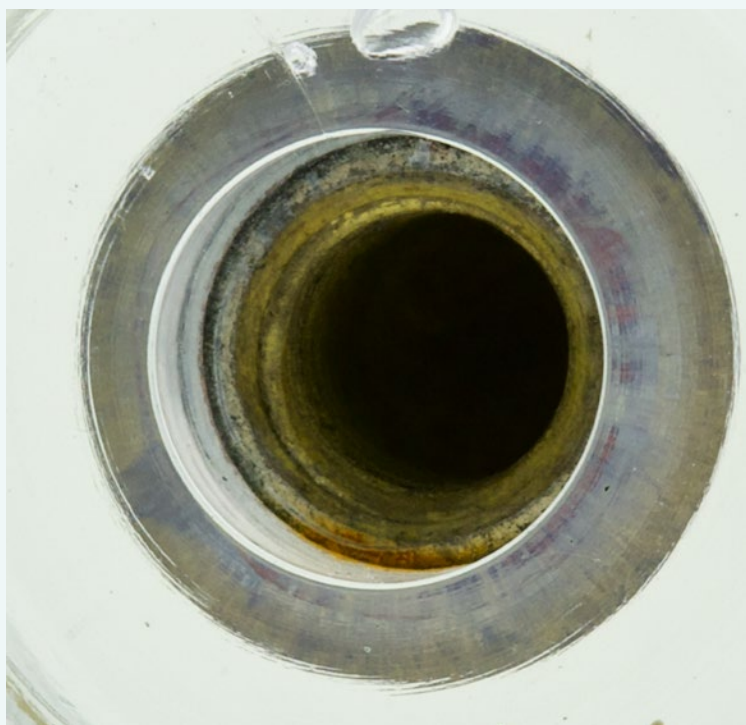
The 48th Mid-Ohio Insulator Show returns to its normal venue at the Clark County Fairgrounds the weekend of November 2-4, 2018. Rick Soller has already stepped forth to host and organize the Community Display featuring overpours. Your hosts wish to thank everyone who continues to make the Mid-Ohio THE show to attend each year.





**CD 196 - O.V.G.CO.**

Bill Plunkett brought this CD 196 O.V.G.CO. for show and tell. Not many of these CD 196 O.V.G.CO are known, this one is even more special having a smaller top. It was generally agreed that it's an under-pour (Photo on the right shows a "normal" top) and not a contender for a new CD. Neat piece either way.



**CD 128 Hemingray with odd threading.**

Mike Funderburk brought this odd ball Hemingray Made CD 128. This one has a brass busing inserted at the factory instead of threads. Only known example.







### **Glass Oddity**

Odd ball piece that is similar to the Hemingray wall tubes. This unit has a solid nut top. Most likely a Hemingray product. Thanks to Dwayne Anthony for sharing it.



### **CD 136 B&O**

#### **In Light Lime Green**

Dale Glendenning brought his recent auction find, a stunning Hemingray made CD 136 in a very unusual light lime green.



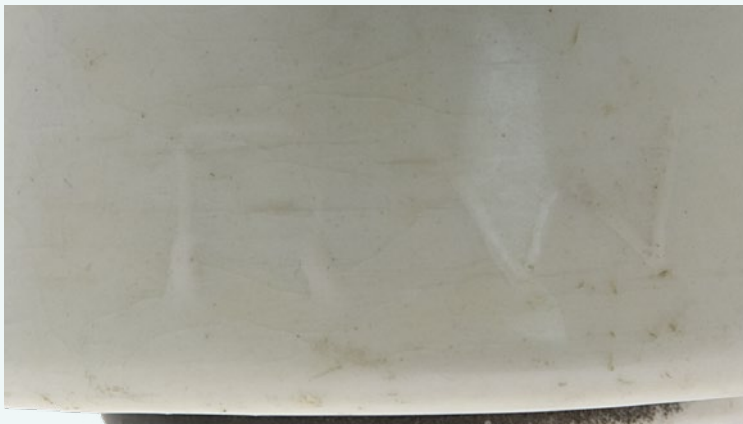
### **CD 1095.5**

Dwayne Anthony brought an odd spool to show, it's a new CD! This spool has two wire grooves. Possibly a Hemingray made item.



### M-3660 Pittsburg in Blue!

A new discovery by Ted Willish, a light blue 3 part multi part made by Pittsburg. If that's not amazing enough, this one is marked. A very scarce thing for Pittsburg porcelain. This piece had the porcelain collectors at the show fired up!



### U-170 Haystack with odd marking

This haystack has a hand written "RW" on the skirt. Lee Southern picked it up at an antique store in Western NY on the way to the mid-Ohio show.



### CD 162 Twins

Matthew Willett brought these beautiful matching signals. One on the left is a S.S. & Co. (Hemingray made). One on the right is a H.G.CO. almost identical in color! The one on the right is a recent eBay score. Real vivid in person, almost a depression glass green like you see the Hemingray lamps and glassware come in.





White glass M-232  
 Phoenix Light and Fuel Co  
 Acetone Glass Ball (Phenol) base  
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Don Mecklenborg  
 New Richmond, OH  
 Exhibitor



Jason Stoudt  
 Kutztown, PA  
 Exhibitor





## Second Annual South Lake Tahoe, Back Yard Show & Sale

By Mike Doyle

Saturday, July 8th, 2017

Hosted by George & Judy Klingler

For this event, show goers were treated to fresh, pine scented, morning air, towering trees and sparkling, azure-blue skies in one of the most majestic high country destinations that California has to offer: George & Judy Klingler's back yard! This show was a big hit in its first year and we were all very gratified to see such a great turn-out this year. After doing their homework, the Klinglers were able to find a weekend that fit pretty well into the western region show-scape. Our gracious and experienced hosts were completely prepared for the early arrival of dealers and collectors. Coffee, fresh fruit and pastries were tastefully presented amongst Judy's wonderfully arranged, fresh cut flowers in collector jars and vases of all shapes and sizes. My faves were the lavender and golden mixed irises in the battery jar. Gorgeous!

When Lou and I arrived in town, after mid-day on Friday, we checked into our nearby rental room which Judy arranged for us, (Thank you, Judy!) and headed over to the Klingler's to find Mid Norris and a few more hobbyists unloaded and ready to go. We greeted our host and hostess while they were busily working to put the finishing touches on their back yard set-up. The rest of the afternoon was increasingly exciting as more and more of our friends and fellow hobbyists arrived. We saw Dave & Shirley Brown from Exeter, Bill Rohde & Kat McClanahan from Fresno, Steve & Terri Bava from Antioch, Dale & Davila Huber from Colfax, Arnie & Kathy Lowenstein from Hayward, Erich & Joanne Schultz from Alamo, Steve Marsh from Placerville, Bart Magoffin from El Dorado Hills, Gary & Beverly Yarborough from Browns Valley, Robert and Kristine Baumann from Irvine, Larry Shumaker from Rocklin, Matt Leissring, Heather McDonald, Erik Krepper, Krissy Smith, Matt Jones, Don Bimstock, Eddie Goymerac, as well as Eric & Virginia Thelin.

We were pleasantly surprised to see Jeanne and Don Briel, down from Providence, Utah. Don posted these comments later on

<http://www.insulators.info/icon/>

Jeanne and I just returned home from a really great little insulator show. I say little, but it was full of great people, great food, and put on by very gracious hosts. ... Their whole backyard is a fascinating museum, shaded by very old, mature trees, and delight to wander around in. Their hospitality can't be beat. The number of people walking through was continuous all day. Sales were good and the visiting even better. A special THANK YOU to George, Judy, and all that attended!

We greeted May & Colin Jung who were up from the San Francisco Bay area. They brought a broad and interesting assortment of collectibles. Colin posted these comments later on

<http://www.insulators.info/icon/>

We had a wonderful time at the 2nd annual tailgater ... The snow pack was much heavier than normal this year, so some people were skiing at the higher elevation resorts into July while most visitors were enjoying the forest shade or cool temperatures of the lake while the rest of California was roiling in heat. We met up with friends for Friday setup and shared a lasagna meal prepared by George and Judy. The highlight of the sales setup was seeing an early Fred Locke porcelain power collection acquired by Dave Brown that was collected in the pre-Jack Tod era if that were possible. It has been a long, long time since I have seen Bill Rohde purchase multiple insulators and then go back for seconds. The Saturday show was great with plenty of newer faces at the tailgater that I don't see at the other shows ... A bunch of neighborhood kids stopped by so it was fun introducing them to the hobby with free insulators. Thanks George and Judy!!

Golden State Insulator Club president, Bob McLaughlin (Yes, That McLaughlin!), also stayed in the local rental arranged for us by Judy. Bob had these comments to share on <http://www.insulators.info/icon/>

On behalf of the Golden State Insulator Club, I would like to thank George & Judy Klingler for their fantastic hospitality in hosting this year's Fantastic South Lake Tahoe's Backyard Tailgater. Very gracious hosts who are great to be around. Thank you for all your hard work. This year's show was well attended, great Friday evening lasagna for those who showed up early and a wonderful Taco, salads, and desert lunch on Saturday. Always plenty to eat & drink, great glass, and good collector friends. See Bob's pictures starting [HERE](#).  
<http://www.insulators.info/pitures/?id=504220263>  
Thanks again George & Judy.

If you haven't already come to your own decision about this show then please permit me to gently suggest to you that y'all really should seriously consider adding this exceptional event to your summer show calendar. According to Nathan Lamkey, no northwestern shows are currently scheduled for this weekend in 2018. There are so many shows in the west between Anderson, California in January and Roseville, California in December that it can be hard to choose which shows to attend. Western shows span half the USA from Seattle, Washington to Yuma, Arizona and all the way east to Colorado Springs. Lou and I try to mix it up from year to year and we often drive 1000 miles just to say Hi! Whether it's Ron & Peggy Yuhas' Big Sky show in Helena, Montana or Mike Gay's Enchantment Insulator Club get together in Albuquerque, New Mexico, there is always something happening across our great hobby in the western region. The South Lake Tahoe Backyard Show & Sale is a 'Bring Your Own Table' (BYOT) show with all of the best that top-tier western region shows have to offer. Please contact George and Judy using [judyklingler@charter.net](mailto:judyklingler@charter.net) for the most up to date information about their [Etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com) marketplace and their next Insulator Collecting Hobby event.

All you thread-heads, Listen Up: Getcher glass and mud traders into a good, sturdy box. Getcher swap lists and price guides updated. Flip open yer Crown Jewels and Drip Points to Coming Events and click on <http://www.insulators.info/shows/> for details of the next swap meet or tailgater in your area. Dig that dusty wad of cash out-o-the Fred Locke pinhole and get all yer friends together for an insulator road trip because.....

IT'S SHOWTIME!



One of many towering, spectacular High Voltage hardware exhibits in the back yard.



Jeanne and Don Briel were down from Providence, Utah.



Don & Jeanne Briel's insulators sparkling in the early morning sunlight.



(From left) Bill Rohde, Judy Klingler, Kat McClannahan and Shirley Brown talk about the cobalt porcelain signal raffle.



Even with all of the sales tables set up, there was still plenty of comfortable dining area for the wonderful lunch we enjoyed on Saturday



The gathering was very well attended all day. Two long rows of tables held a sparkling assortment of cool collectibles



Street light pole cap with a nice high voltage cable style on top.



Amethyst warehouse window pane makes a cool foreground for a shiny porcelain beehive on Colin's table





The highest honor one can receive in the insulator hobby is that of “Lifetime Membership” in the National Insulator Association. According to the NIA Handbook, this award may be bestowed upon “... any member for cumulative meritorious service to the NIA or the insulator collecting hobby.”

When the names of recipients are published in the report of the National Show each year, seldom does the record convey the full amount of work over a period of many years that the receiving members have contributed to the hobby. This article is intended to show the kind of effort that our collecting friends make, often times under the radar.

This year’s recipients, Bob and Carolyn Berry of Round Rock, Texas, earned their recognition for a body of work in many areas of the hobby over a period of over 39 years!

Bob and Carolyn attended shows together before they were even married. After they started their family, the insulator hobby became a total family affair with their daughter attending her first show at the ripe old age of five months. They attended 24 year nationals as a family with their kids. Bob has attended a total of 28 nationals including the last 25 in a row. They have been NIA members for a combined total of 68 years and counting.

In their 29 years of marriage the Berrys served in a variety of NIA positions for 20 of those 29. Bob was the NIA Research and Education Advisor for 12 years and the NIA webmaster from the beginning in 1998 until now, 19 continuous years. Not only did he create the website, he also designed and built the massive Insulator Identification Galleries on the site. If you haven’t visited the Galleries, you have missed out on something special. For those who have ever attempted photo editing, you know the amount of time it

takes to process a single photo to make it suitable for publication. Imagine doing it for most “CD” and “U” numbered insulators, both foreign and domestic! Between the website and Galleries, Bob estimates he has volunteered several thousand hours of his life to this self described “labor of love.”

Carolyn has also been very busy during their insulator lives. As chair of the Product Marketing Committee of the NIA from 1998-2011 Carolyn spent over 2,000 hours of her time with the many components of design, production, and delivery of all of the NIA products you find in Drip Points and Crown Jewels. Her work generated over \$34,000 in gross sales for the NIA over those many years. She also was the coordinator for the NIA National Show commemoratives from 2009-17. Spending an additional 1,200 plus hours, she generated gross sales for the NIA of over \$50,000 from eight commemorative issues.

In addition to the “heavy lifting” described above, the Berrys managed to: amass a significant collection; serve in various capacities with the Lone Star Insulator Club; attend a total of 28 Nationals (co-hosting one) and countless local shows; host a show at their home for many years; display at seven national shows; participate in research expeditions; and the list goes on.

For those who don’t have much exposure to the service awards given by the NIA, you can see from the example of the Berrys that they are not given lightly and are well deserved. The Berry family has created a lasting legacy in the insulator hobby which will be enjoyed by generations to come. On behalf of the entire collecting community, thank you Bob and Carolyn for all you have given so that every collector can enjoy the hobby to the fullest.

Mike Guthrie  
NIA Past President



# The National Insulator Association Glass Commemoratives

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

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

## "Chameleon"

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

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

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

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



Embossed on the base of the commemorative



Embossed on the dome of the commemorative

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



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

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

### Please remit order and payment to:

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

### Please make checks payable to: NIA

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

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

**Paypal available:** see note below

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

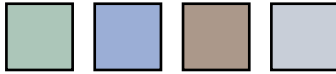
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If you have questions, or live outside the continental USA, please contact me by phone or email.

# Winter 2017 NIA Products

## T-SHIRT

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

## CREW NECK SWEATSHIRTS SCREEN-PRINTED

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

## HOODED SWEATSHIRT

**Colors:** Lt. Steel Gray



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

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

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

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

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

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

## BUTTON DOWN SPORT SHIRT

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



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

**Price:**

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

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

**Short sleeve:**

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

**Long sleeve:**

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

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

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

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

## HENLEY T-SHIRT

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

## DENIM BUTTON DOWN SHIRTS

**Colors:** Stonewash Blue or Natural



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

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

**Price:**

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

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

**Short sleeve:**

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

**Long sleeve:**

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

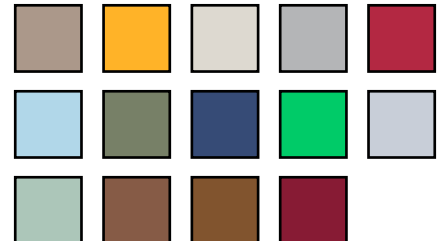
**Color:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## EMBROIDERED LOGO T-SHIRT

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### EMBROIDERED CAP

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



Price: \$15

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

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

### NIA NAME BADGE

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

Price: \$12

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

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

### COLLECTORS PATCH

Price: \$4

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

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

### BADGE BAR

Info: For NIA position or local club

Price: \$4

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

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

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

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

Price: \$25

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

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

### NIA WINDOW DECAL

Info: for outside car window.

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

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

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

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

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

### TOTE BAG

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

Price: \$15

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

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

### 16 OZ TRAVEL TUMBLER

Info: 4 color imprint

Price: \$14

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

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

### Name Badge Engraving Information:

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

### U.S. Postage:

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

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

Name Badges are \$0.85 each to mail.

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

### Shirt Sizing Chart:

#### Adult/ Mens

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

2X 48-50 | 3X 52-54

#### Ladies

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Send completed form to:

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



# NIA Fund Raising Info.

Dear Fellow Collector,

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



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



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



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



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

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

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

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

## **NIA Development Committee**

Mike Green, Chairman

Bill Rohde, NIA Treasurer

Lou Hall, Committee member

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



# NIA Fund Raising Pledge & Gift Form



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Payment Information

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

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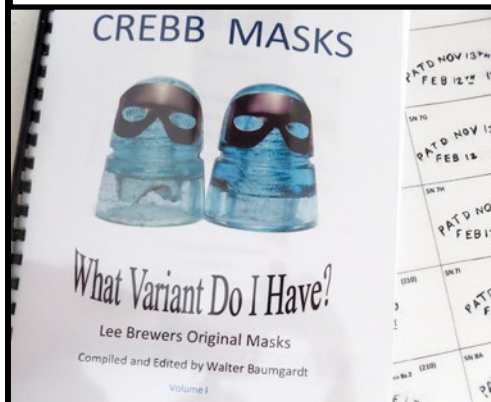
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**DECEMBER 1-2, 2017 (Friday-Saturday)**

**ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA**

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**ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

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**JANUARY 20, 2018 (Saturday)**

**MAITLAND, FLORIDA**

The annual Central Florida Insulator Collectors/Antique Telephone Collectors Association (CFIC/ATCA) Show and Sale will be held Saturday. The show will be held at The Germaine Bldg., 220 W. Packwood, Maitland, FL. Tables are: First table= \$25.00. Each additional table is \$20.00. Set-up is from 7:30-8 am with the public allowed in beginning at 8:00 am. until about 3:00 pm. There will be coffee and donuts for dealers and lunch concessions will be available on the premises. This is a one-day Show and Sale held annually on the same weekend as the huge "Renningers Antique Extravaganza" in Mt. Dora, FL which begins for "Early Buyers" on Friday, January 20th. For information and reservations contact: PAUL MIKULA, NIA# 7466, 650 East Chapman Road, Oviedo, FL 32765, Tel: 407-365-4686, email: [wecoman@bellsouth.net](mailto:wecoman@bellsouth.net)

**JANUARY 20, 2018 (Saturday)**

**STRONGSVILLE, OHIO**

Western Reserve Insulator Club's 19th Annual Winterfest / Swap Meet & Club Meeting will be held Saturday, January 20th at the Spyglass Hill Recreation Center, 13201 Compass Point Drive, Strongsville, Ohio 44136. Dealer setup: 9:00 AM; show hours: 10:00 to 3:00. Club meeting and lunch from 12:00 to 1:30. There are no admission or table charges, but space is limited so please contact us ahead of time if you plan to set up! Info: JOHN HOVANEC 216-392-3622 OR EMAIL: [jrhovanec@ymail.com](mailto:jrhovanec@ymail.com)

**JANUARY 27, 2018 (Saturday)**

**MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA**

The 10th annual "Beat the Winter Blahs" insulator swap meet is Saturday, January 27. Doors open 8am – 2pm. Hosted by Arlen and Tina Rienstra and the Greater Chicago Insulator Club. This is the 3rd year at Living Hope Church, 9000 Taft St., Merrillville, IN 46410. Meeting in the Fireside Room which is spacious, well lighted and warm. Tables supplied at \$10 each, lunch provided. Bring insulators or related collectibles to show and tell, sell or trade. All are welcome to experience Hoosier hospitality, plenty of space, GCIC auction, business meeting and a warming fireplace. Located easily from I80/94 and I65. RSVP [ariens@att.net](mailto:ariens@att.net) or (219) 226-4975

**FEBRUARY 3, 2018 (Saturday)**

**YUMA, ARIZONA**

The Grand Canyon State Insulator Club is hosting its 19th annual insulator show/tailgater from 9:00 AM until late afternoon. Show will be at the Riverside Park, which is adjacent to the Yuma Territorial Prison State Park. Specific directions: Exit Interstate 8 at the Giss Parkway exit (exit #1, Yuma Territorial Prison exit). Follow signs to the Yuma Territorial Prison. Just before you get to the Prison parking lot there is a turnoff to the right that goes down the hill into the park. There will be signs posted saying "GCSIC PICNIC". If selling insulators please bring tables, or set up in the back of your truck, no reservations are required and there is no cost to setup. Questions? Contact ROGER NAGEL at 623-566-0121 (no calls after 9pm (PST) please), or email to: [mr.162@cox.net](mailto:mr.162@cox.net)

**FEBRUARY 11, 2018 (Sunday)**

**COLUMBUS, OHIO**

The 48th Annual Columbus Bottle Show, sponsored by the Central Ohio Bottle Show, will be held Sunday, February 11th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Early admission is \$20 from 7:00 to 9:00. Regular admission is \$3. The location is the Doubletree Inn, 175 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. Info: ROJER MOODY 740-703-4913 or email: [rtmoody@juno.com](mailto:rtmoody@juno.com) or CLARK WIDEMAN 614-439-8005 or email: [clarkwideman@aol.com](mailto:clarkwideman@aol.com)

**MARCH 17, 2018 (Saturday)**

**PLATTE CITY, MISSOURI**

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

**APRIL 7, 2018 (Saturday)**

**WHEATON, ILLINOIS**

The Dupage Collectors Expo will be held Saturday, April 7th, at the Dupage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton, Illinois, Hours are 9:00 to 3:00. Items for sale & trade include: Insulators, Lightning Rod items & Weather-vanes, Telephone & Telegraph items, Bottles, Jars, etc. Info: BOB STAHR: [bob@heminggray.com](mailto:bob@heminggray.com) (630) 793-5345 and RICK SOLLER: [com574@clcollinois.edu](mailto:com574@clcollinois.edu) (847) 782-8602.

**APRIL 13-14, 2018 (Friday-Saturday)**

**ANTIOCH, CALIFORNIA**

The Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society's 52nd Annual Antiques and Collectibles Show will be held at the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, Sunset Hall, 1201 West 10th St, Antioch, CA on Friday & Saturday April 13-14. Friday: Noon to 5:00 for dealer set up and \$10 early buyers' admission. Saturday: 9:00 to 3:00. Free admission. Info: GARY or DARLA ANTONE, 925-373-6758 or email: [packrat49er@netscape.net](mailto:packrat49er@netscape.net)

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Western Reserve Club's 18th Annual Allegheny Valley Insulator Show and Sale will be held Saturday, April 21st at the West Leechburg Fireman's Recreation Hall, 1116 Gosser St, West Leechburg, PA 15656. Show hours: 9:00 to 3:00. Dealer set-up at 7:30. 8' table = \$20. Info: RON BARTH 724-845-8439 or email: [rktbarth@windstream.net](mailto:rktbarth@windstream.net)

**MAY 12, 2018 (Saturday)**

**CAYUCOS, CALIFORNIA**

The 26th Annual Golden State Insulator Club's Spring Insulator and Collectibles Show will be held Saturday, May 12th under the Big White Tent behind the Lions Veterans Hall, 10 Cayucos Drive (at the pier and inches from the beach). Hours are 8:00 to 3:00. 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: PAULETTE KOTAN: [gyp-syduo795@gmail.com](mailto:gyp-syduo795@gmail.com) or 619-985-9085 or BOB MERZOIAN: [bobmerzoian@mac.com](mailto:bobmerzoian@mac.com) or 559-359-2826.

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

**KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**



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

**JUNE 29-JULY 1, 2018 (Friday-Sunday)**

**AUSTRIA, EUROPE**

The 2018 International Insulator Collectors Meeting will be held June 29 – July 1 in Wildon, Austria. More information will be announced in the coming months. If you have an interest in attending, please contact DANIELE VORMWALD at: [daniel-evormwald@web.de](mailto:daniel-evormwald@web.de)

**JUNE 14-16, 2019**

**ORLANDO, FLORIDA**



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



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The Missouri Valley Insulator Club, Margaret & I invite you to again, join us in Kansas City for the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual National Insulator Association's Convention & Show. The show will be held in a 35,000 square foot area of the KCI Expo Center. There will be 175+ dealer tables and 35+ display tables.

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