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Amazing New Discoveries...



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Amazing New Discoveries

There has been many amazing finds recently. Cover shows five of the ones featured in this issue of Drip Points Magazine.

Do you want to keep Drip Points full color?

You or your club can sponsor the color printing! Contact NIA President Lou Hall for more information.
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Editor

Shaun Kotlarsky | NIA # 4993



Last issue I talked about a newly discovered Pyrex from England. It has recently been assigned a CD number, CD 529.7

Since the last issue of Drip Points Magazine there have been some awesome stuff found. You will see some of these in this issue. I like to feature these type of articles because it shows there is still good stuff out there you just need to go look for it! I hope the articles motivate you to go find some awesome stuff. When you do remember to let me know about it, you never know, you may see it in Drip Points Magazine.

I also included a couple of the recent eBay sales of amazing insulators from people that are not in the hobby, because in a way they are new insulators to the hobby. The two featured ones this month are a CD 127 W1 in Emerald green and a CD 126 RD 149959 in Jade green.

There is in depth coverage of this years National including lots of photos of the displays and show floor you will also find a show report and winners of awards.

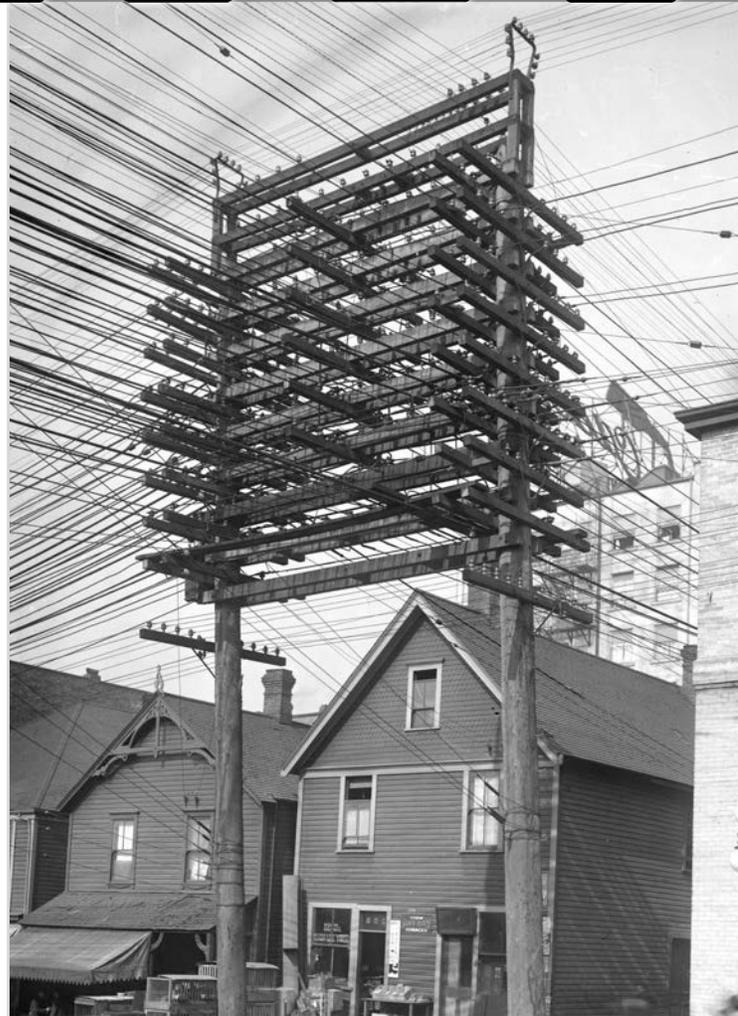
I love getting articles for our readers so feel free to contact me if you have an article idea or have made a cool insulator find!

See many of you at Springfield this November.

Shaun Kotlarsky



CD 529.7



Cool photo sent in by Jim White, photo taken in 1914

Source: City of Vancouver Archives #LGN 1241

Image URL: <http://goo.gl/KJ5vRb>

43RD MID-OHIO INSULATOR SHOW & SALE - UPDATE

- 1) Community Display this year is CD I 13, Hemingray 12's in Embossing Index Number [130] (F-Skirt) HEMINGRAY/NO 12 (R-Skirt) PATENT/MAY 2 1893 SDP. Contact is Kim Borgman (kborgman@nwscorp.com) for those wishing to participate.
- 2) Ray Klingensmith will present the history of "The Collins Line" on Saturday evening following the banquet.
- 3) "Mid-Ohio After Hours" begins Friday evening at 6 p.m. once the show is closed. The event features a celebration of the life of Mid-Ohio show co-host, Steve Blair. Food, beverage, and tributes. AND, the first Mid-Ohio Insulator Show AUCTION including many of Steve's most treasured insulators and go-withs. Consignments are also being accepted for auction items submitted by others plus anything interesting that walks through the door Friday afternoon.



President

Lou Hall | NIA # 7185



For those who attended the 2013 National in Franklin, TN, I hope you had a safe journey home. I drove to the show along with Mike Doyle who handled the navigational duties and prepared a video recording of most of our trip. We encountered only one discouraging moment when the van's alternator had to be replaced. We added another 4850 miles to the Lou and Mike Show.

There were a number of items discussed at the Board of Directors meeting the day before the show. Important decisions that were approved by the Board include the following:

Beginning with the 2015 NIA National Show, the National will be ONLY a three day show and the days the shows will be held are to be ONLY Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Scholarship Fund Award was increased by \$500.00. The total of the Academic and Vocational Scholarships were increased to \$2,000.00 per year. The Scholarship Committee will have the discretion to award the funds as they deem appropriate. The Academic Award cannot be less than \$1,000.00 and the Vocational Award cannot be less than \$500.00 per year.

The NIA contribution to the publishers of Crown Jewels of the Wire Magazine will increase to \$3.00. This contribution only applies for members who use their "Crown Jewels" renewal coupon which they receive in their confirmation letter from the NIA when they renew their annual NIA membership. The contribution increase from the NIA to "Crown Jewels" will take effect with the 2014 membership renewals starting in October, 2013.

The NIA is increasing its contribution to insulators.info (ICON) to \$100.00.

The NIA Commemorative Coordinator's recommendation to destroy an excess inventory of past commemorative insulators was approved. Excess inventory will be reduced to approximately ten for each year represented since the NIA has produced the commemoratives.

The Association will supply all Board members, Advisors and Committee Chairpersons with bars for their NIA name badges identifying their responsibility or position within the NIA.

A second printing (with proper editing) of 2,500 copies of the informational pamphlet "What Are Insulators?" was approved.

The Rules and Procedures Advisor was directed to prepare a policy regarding the liquidation of insulator collections donated to the NIA. This policy is to be submitted to the Board of Directors for review and comment before being adopted.

The Board members approved a request that the NIA continue to research and pursue information concerning the possibility of outsourcing the planning and implementing of the NIA National Show and Convention event.

The Board directed the Membership Director to submit once each year to the Drip Points Editor a list of deceased NIA members who have died in the previous year. This list is to be published in the Drip Points magazine annually.

Now that the 2013 National is behind us it is time to look forward to the next one. The 2014 NIA National is going to be held in Farmington, New Mexico. Mr. Tommy Bolack will be our host. Between fireworks on the 4th and tours of his museums this is an event you won't want to miss. More information is to be found elsewhere in this issue of Drip Points. Get this one marked on your calendar NOW!

Lou Hall





Central Region VP

Bear Spitler | NIA #8803



The 44th Annual NIA Association Show and Convention is over and quite a successful show it was. Held in Franklin, Tennessee just south of Nashville. Coming in on Wednesday the 17th from the north thru part of Kentucky and into Tennessee was scenery was just absolutely awesome. The area is just full of beautiful dense timber that was green any where you looked. The black top highway looked like a ribbon running through the timber with nice wide curves. Kind of reminded me of Spearfish Canyon in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Instead of being setup to cruise through on a Harley the highway was set up to cruise in a four wheeler.

The show was fantastic with great display's and some awesome glass and mud to be purchased for your collection. I met a lot of new collectors and dealers for the first time. Hats off to Bill Haley, Ken Roberts, Steve Roberts and The Dixie Jewels Insulator Club for putting on one heck of a Show & Convention. This being my only second one that I have attended. I want to give Ken Roberts a Big Thank You for filling a spot in my selective H.G.CO. CD 162 collection for a southern down home price.

Thee biggest highlight of the weekend was when I caught up with Doug Williams at his sales table on Friday and after catching up on things from the last time met in Kansas City.



Doug told me about a surprise that he had found for me. Checking out an area that is not to far east of me he stopped and pulled this one down which he handed me an awesome blue colored H.G.CO. " K " Mold Beehive. He said that he thought it would look great in my H.G.CO. Letter Mold Beehive collection. Man, I couldn't say Thank You enough. It totally looks Awesome in my H.G.CO. Beehive line up.

Again Doug, A Special Thanks to an Awesome friend. Picture is included in this report.

Next year there will be a Regional Show held in Lebanon, Indiana on February 22nd & 23rd sponsored by Kim Borgman and Jim White. More details down the road.

There are some great meets coming up in the Central area before Springfield in November so check out ICON and Crown Jewels of the Wire mag for more details.

Speaking of Springfield, hoping to experience it for the first time this year.

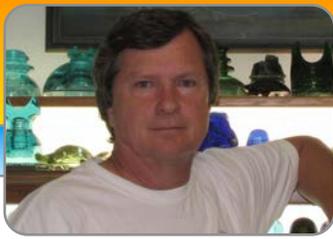
Bear Spitler

CD 742 FOUND IN ONTARIO, CANADA

It was May 5th 2013 and I thought it would be a good idea to take a walk down an abandoned railway where I've had some success late last year.

The train tracks were removed in the 1990s and several farmers gained a little more land and in the last couple of decades their tractors have been ploughing the areas where the telegraph poles once stood. I'm always finding threaded and threadless fragments along with the odd railroad spike but I didn't expect to find anything intact. I was only out here less than 10 minutes when to my left I noticed a large blue chunk of glass poking up through the surface and right away I knew it was threadless but I didn't get too excited since I figured it was probably half an insulator. I then took out my trowel and carefully dug the insulator out of the soil and to my surprise it was all in one piece. I've been in the hobby 3 years now and this is the best and most beautiful insulator I've ever found. ~"Ace"





Western Region VP

Dan Gauron | NIA # 8176



A big “WET” greeting from the Western Region, where here, in Colorado, this summer’s drought has finally succumb to our plea for a “cease and desist”. Though the parched and rock hard ground has now been replaced by lush green meadows, and the backcountry is as full of color, flowers and berries as I’ve ever seen it, the welcomed rains have also brought with it massive flooding and destruction downhill of the burn scar areas left behind as a result of this and last year’s widespread wildfires. Lightening and flashfloods are always of concern this time of year in Colorado, but this year is particularly bad.... so if you’re coming out this way, please be careful while walking those old lines and rail beds looking for glass. You can always stop in at my place and see tons of glass from the safety of my house, shop or warehouse. ☺ Here’s to hoping the weather in your neck of the woods is a bit more tame than it has been here of late, and finds you already walking some of the historic lines in your part of the country.

As an aside: get permission before entering private property. It’s because of our watchful eye as we walk old lines, search thrift stores, yard sales and auctions that there’s been some pretty cool finds of late to add to the growing list of new CD’s. Just when you think our hobby has recorded all made pieces, another unique piece pops up. This is pretty cool stuff for all, but especially for those who didn’t experience the explosion of newly acknowledged pieces coming forth in the 60’s and 70’s.

With the return of summer come all those great shows, tailgaters and back yard get-togethers that most of us can’t wait to attend. More power to the closet collector, but for most, these events fulfill a desire for camaraderie, sharing, and tall-tale telling. Those that spend the time organizing and preparing these events deserve a big round of applause and our support by attending whenever possible.

Having just returned from the National in Tennessee a few weeks back, I gotta say.... this is one of the best examples of what a great hobby this truly is. I took a couple hundred photos but they don’t come close to capturing the great time folks were having. I like to think that no matter what part of the country you live in, putting two bucks a day in your “National Show” piggy bank will get you a much better rate of “enjoyment” return than any IRA ever will. ☺ Truly though, the folks putting together a National work very hard at providing us an amazing three day experience that can’t be beat, and this one surpassed all expectations. Thanks to all those who made it possible.

Next year’s National will be hosted in the Western Region, I hope to see you there.

Good Collecting, and hope this year brings you that special piece you’ve been looking for.

Dan Gauron





Eastern Region VP

Matt Grayson | NIA # 387



It is hard to believe that another National has come and gone. For those of you that were there, you know what I mean when I say the days just flew by. What an outstanding, seamless event, The organizers and their fellow Dixie Jewels club members deserve a standing ovation for a superior show. If you were not there, I am sure you have heard and seen many reports by now, so I will leave the details to others. As EVP, I was pleased to see Claude and Arlene Wambold receive lifetime membership awards for their long term dedication to the hobby. It would be fantastic if many of you could make it to Claude's back yard swap meet in September and congratulate him personally, as I hope to do.

I was pleased to see the NIA award two scholarships this year, one to Powell Brown. I am sure many of you know him as an insulator collector from New Mexico. The Scholarship award has been increased for next year. For those of you with college age children or who are planning to study a vocational or higher education course, please check out the application details elsewhere in this addition. I believe providing scholarships to worthy candidates is a wonderful way to use our resources and promote the hobby.

As I am certain you already know, next years national will be held in Farmington, NM with Tommy Bolack as our host. Tommy has graciously decided to subsidize the event with free sales tables, banquet and food at the convention center on NIA day. I understand Tommy's 4th of July fireworks are fantastic. After Daryl Wagner incredible display in Kansas City, I will have something to compare it to. I expect it will be very different from the bottle rockets and M-80's I was used to seeing growing up.

Farmington may seem along way to travel for a show, but if you consider flying and renting a car, you might be surprised that it is not that expensive after all. You will certainly be limited in what you can bring or buy, but Farmington, in the four corners region, where Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado meet, has within a days drive, some of the most beautiful National Parks and Monuments in the Country. Arches National Park (take a look at Don Briels price guides cover for an idea of what awaits you) Great Sand Dunes, Mesa Verde, Chaco Canyon, to name a few. Numerous National forests, the Navajo reservation, Silverton and Durango Railroad, and other places that will take your breath away.

There are a number of airports in the region, ranging from Denver and Albuquerque to Grand Junction, Farmington, and others. I suggest looking at websites like Kayak to find the lowest cost flights and car rentals. You will probably be very surprised at the trips affordability, if you can share expenses with another collector or make it into a family vacation, you will find it well worth the effort. I expect to see a huge contingent of collectors from the East at next years event. In the meantime, I hope to see you at a show this fall.

Matt Grayson



CD 126 RD IN JADE FOUND

In Early August a non collector posted (on eBay) a hard to find CD 126 that is embossed with the british patent number RD 149959. This insulator is hard to find in any color but this one is in an amazing Jade green milk! The final selling price was a very reasonable \$1,358.33

The CD 126 RD comes in the following colors: Green Aqua, Light Green and Jade Green Milk

If you look up the patent number you get the following information:

RD 149959 - 22 May 1890, registered by James Bridger, Upper Edmonton. Glass Merchant.



Executive Secretary

Steve Roberts | NIA #7935



Well, the 44th NIA National has come and gone. I hope those of you who came to Tennessee had a good time. For those of you who couldn't go to the National this year, don't despair. The 2014 National should be a great event and hopefully you will be able to participate next July in New Mexico. My wife and I have already made our hotel reservations in Farmington. I can't wait to see that area of the country, and to have an opportunity to see great friends that we only get to see once a year.

Over the past several years we have made many wonderful friends all across our Nation. One of the great things about the National is that it rotates between the three regions of the country. Therefore, if friends from distant parts of the country couldn't attend the most recent National, there is always the possibility of seeing them next year. For my wife and I, the National is like a big family reunion. Don't get me wrong, I love looking for E.C&M's and California's to add to

my collection; however, as long as we are able to attend, we go to the National to see our insulator family!

In closing let me express my appreciation to each of you who were able to support the National this year. While I know my comments are inadequate, the best I can offer is "thank you for your support". Additionally, I would like to thank Ken Roberts and Bill Haley for their involvement. The three of us as co-hosts were like the proverbial "three legged milk stool". It will still stand on uneven ground. Even when things were hectic, these guys were stellar. Thank you Ken and Bill. Finally, attached, please find the minutes from the General Membership Meeting held in Franklin, Tennessee. Please email me if you have any questions concerning the minutes.

Best Regards,

Steve Roberts



CD 127 W1 "BEAVER FALLS" FOUND

In mid July a non collector posted (on eBay) a gorgeous emerald green CD 127 W1, Made by the Beaver Falls Glass Company in PA. Some lucky collector ended up getting this beauty for \$3,185.50. Truly a beautiful, rare and early threaded telegraph insulator.

The Beaver Falls Glassworks was formed in Pennsylvania in the year 1869, four years after the Cauvet patent for threaded insulators. The founder, a William Modes, had owned previous glasshouses in the Pittsburgh area before buying land in Beaver Falls. The property was purchased May, 1869 so it is possible that no insulators were even manufactured until the year 1870.

It would have been necessary to build the factory, furnaces and other infrastructure to support such an endeavor. In 1879 the glassworks changed hands, and there is no research indicating that the new owners continued to produce telegraph insulators.

The No Name ones with W1 on the dome come in the following colors: Aqua, Light Blue, Dark Green, Dark Yellow Green, Emerald Green and Milky Emerald Green.

Historic information from: <http://www.insulators.info/articles/beaver.htm>



Membership Director

Donald Briel | NIA # 7218



As Jeanne and I returned home from the NIA National show in Franklin, Tennessee I found a note saying it's time for the next Drip Points article. That was good timing in that we were still pumped up from the wonderful time we had at the show plus several days of touring the Nashville and Franklin areas. First, I have to say THANK YOU to our show hosts Steve Roberts, Ken Roberts, Bill Haley, their wives, and all those who helped make this the wonderful show that it was. It seemed like everything about the show was perfect. The location was great, the Marriott staff was exceptional, the show hall was roomy and well organized, etc., etc., etc. However, like all shows, the best part was the collectors themselves. Insulator collectors are a fine group of people that continually go out of their way to be friendly, helpful, and very uplifting. These good people keep up my interest in the hobby and they draw new collectors in as well. For those collectors that have yet to attend a show, you simply have no idea of what you are missing. Shows, whether large or small, are where the hobby comes alive.

This year's National will be hard to beat, but it does look like next year's will be another great show as well. I'm already anxiously awaiting the time to pack up and head to Farmington, New Mexico. In the meantime, there are plenty of smaller local shows that will help pass the time. Be sure to lend your support to the local shows in your area. Here in Utah the local shows are typically 400+ miles away, but the trips are part of the adventure and usually generate some interesting stories to share at the show. Jeanne and I try to attend a few different shows each year. We enjoy each one and wish we had the time and resources to attend more.

As of this writing, which comes after all renewal and new member applications from the National show have been processed, the NIA membership count stands at 1638 current members. I expect that to increase before the end of 2013. Just as a reminder, the NIA membership year goes

from January 1st through December 31st for everyone. Those that renew their memberships on or before January 1st receive a full year of NIA benefits. Those that renew later often complain that they have been short changed. They are correct -- they have! But, it is their choosing! Renew early and don't miss out on any of the benefits!

There are incentives for renewing early. Next year is an election year where the office of President, Western Region Vice President, and Secretary are all up for election. Only current primary members are allowed to vote. Also, the NIA has received donations in the form of insulators. It was decided at the last Board meeting that those with an estimated value over \$50 would be auctioned off. Only NIA members that are current at the time of the auction will be allowed to bid.

Early October is when renewal reminders will go out for 2014 dues. Members that renew in September avoid the reminder and help keep expenses down so funds can be better used for other NIA projects. Also, there have been many donations along with dues payments. For those that have included a donation -- THANK YOU! While some donations have been substantial, the many small donations add up as well. Remember, donations to the NIA are generally tax deductible. Consider adding some extra with your dues payment to support the many projects taking place.

I hope the rest of the year will be great collecting for each of you!

Don Briel

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To switch, email: **Donald Briel** membership@nia.org





Treasurer

Bill Rohde | NIA # 1219



National Insulator Association

2012 - 2013 financial statement

Year ending Jun. 30, 2013

Beginning Balance **\$34,538**

Revenues

Membership Dues	\$19,142
Donations	\$13,047
Product Sales	\$2,813
Commemorative Sales	\$9,352
Insurance Income	\$650
Miscellaneous Income	\$267
Drip Points Advertising	\$208
Scholarship Income	\$100

Total Income **\$45,580**

Expenses

Drip Points	\$12,239
Membership Expenses	\$4,664
Commemorative Insulators	\$4,062
Taxes, Fees, legal & Insurance	\$2,060
National Show Awards	\$1,293
Scholarship Expense	\$1,232
Advertising	\$696
Marketing Product Expenses	\$566
Crown Jewels rebate & Directory	\$449
Historian Expense	\$420
Web Hosting	\$416
Research & Education	\$134
Plaque Expenses	\$28

Total Expenses **(\$28,259)**

Increase **\$17,321**

Ending Balance **\$51,859**

Bill Rohde



Information Director

Michele Kotlarsky | NIA # 5370



As Information Director I would like to ask for you to send information my way. I need to know what is going on. If anyone has a list of show hosts that are going on throughout the year I can use this information to get NIA information to them and help to promote their shows. Hosts, send me that data also. I am working on an awareness campaign for the NIA and can use any information on shows, what you are doing to promote the hobby especially to youngsters. We need to all get on board and do the same. So let me know how/what your clubs are doing. I will coordinate things and be in touch with some suggestions thanks!

Michele Kotlarsky



A very cool "Ponds" insulator that was at the 2013 National. Looks to be in remarkable condition too. For more info on the "Ponds" insulator see: <http://goo.gl/tPoyDh>

Photos by: Kevin Jacobson

Heartland Glass Collectors 2014 Central regional insulator/bottle show

Saturday February 22 9AM - 3PM

Free admissions | Free insulator appraisals

At Boone County Fairgrounds
Lebanon IN, Exit 138 off of I-65

Show will take place in a heated room.



For information contact:
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Phone: (317) 698-9177





Product Marketing

Tina Rienstra | NIA # 8045



It is always nice to go to a National show and this year was no exception. We took in some sites before the show which made for a nice vacation. We traveled through Kentucky and Tennessee and it is beautiful country. The highlight of the vacation was taking in a show at the Grand Ole Opry.

I have acquired many club bars. If you are a member of a local club and need a club bar (or name tag), please send in an order form which is included in this edition of Drip Points.

I have also purchased some NIA embroidered caps. They are for sale for \$20 and the colors include: khaki, stone, blue, gray, orange, and pink. The red caps are for sale for \$22.

For me, being at an Insulator Show is about the people. I enjoy reconnecting with so many people that I might only see once or twice a year. It brings a smile to my face when I see someone that I have not seen in a while, and I miss the people who were not able to come. There were several I thought about this year that were either missing or who have passed on.

Thanks to everyone who made a purchase at the NIA Products table. I enjoy meeting each and every one of you.

The next show I will be at is Springfield, OH. I hope to see you there.

Tina Rienstra



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 or U Number study). I also want stories about hunts and finds! If you want to submit an article or have questions about doing an article contact me.

Shaun Kotlarsky | Drip Points Editor newsletter@nia.org



NIA Promotions Chair

Jim White | NIA # 1127



Show Promotions – “Hold Harmless”

When I returned to the insulator hobby a few years ago I recall hearing of a show host that had been sued by an attendee who had been injured during a show. The experience was not a good one for the host and caused that person to ultimately leave the hobby and show hosting. I do not want to get into all the gory detail but rather I want to touch upon the importance of protecting yourself and the others involved in hosting the event.

The world is not without risks and while we do things with good intent and for our, and others enjoyment, we need to take precautions. Nothing can prevent someone filing a legal action. In the State of Indiana an organization I belong to worked to get legislation passed to help minimize frivolous lawsuits.

If you are a show host, considering being a show host or involved with an organization hosting an event(s), you should go full force ahead but make sure you have the proper protections in place. One such protection is insurance. Many carriers will cover you for the limited time of the show. Some organizations are part of a “federation” or parent organizations that offers insurance at nominal or no cost for officially sponsored events.

Another protection is the contract itself. The bottle club I am involved with is currently planning a fall show. Having work with contracts and administered them, I agreed to review the document. My company’s counsel offices next me

and so I asked him to review and comment on the document since I am not an attorney. Attached is an example of a contract with a “Hold Harmless” section. I encourage anyone involved in sponsoring an event to do their homework, after all, once the contract is established it is good for years to come. As the saying goes: “Better safe than sorry”.

Check with affiliated organizations who may already have boilerplate language. Check with other show hosts and review the documents they use. Employ legal counsel if needed. I have been fortunate to be involved with organizations where we had counsel on the Board or as members and who volunteered their expertise in such matters of drafting or reviewing documents. And remember that the law varies from state to state and so local review is appropriate.

My prime duty is to encourage people to host shows and to attend shows; however, I do feel it appropriate to offer this article so that hosts and sponsors can enjoy their events with comfort of knowing that they have taken reasonable action to protect themselves and others involved as sponsors. We want all show hosts to continue their work in growing our hobby. Thanks and good collecting.

Jim White

Table Reservation and Rental Contract

Name (print) _____, as “Lessee” agrees to hold harmless and indemnify, the show sponsor, Indianapolis Circle City Antique Bottle & Glass Club, it members, officers, and show Chairman Martin Van Zant, acting as “Lessor”, from all expenses, damages, costs, judgments, claims, fines, attorney’s fees and costs, actions and charges which arise from or relate to Lessee’s leasing, use, control or occupancy of space located at _____, Indianapolis, Indiana, including claims arising in contract or in tort, and for damage or injury to property or person (“Claims”).

Lessee further agrees that that Lessor shall have no liability for any Claims by any customer, client or invitee of Lessee in conjunction with Lessee’s leasing, use, control or occupancy of space located at _____, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Name (“Lessee”): _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ Phone: () _____

City: _____ State: _____ Email: _____

No. of 8 FOOT Long Sales Areas: _____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____ .00

Electricity Needed? (First Come Basis: Add \$15.00 to above total.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Payable to: Martin Van Zant

Name Tags Needed:

Name: _____ City/State: _____

Name: _____ City/State: _____

Return form and payment (check, money order) to:
Martin Van Zant, 208 Urban Street, Danville, IN. 46122
If Paypal, send to: mdvanzant@yahoo.com



Scholarship Committee

Kay Bryant | NIA # 4099



The scholarship fund has exciting news ! The NIA Board has increased our budget to \$2000 !

This means that at the discretion of the committee an applicant has the opportunity to be awarded up to \$2000. The basic scholarships will remain the same: academic \$1000 and vocational \$500. An outstanding applicant could be awarded up to the \$2000.

Our scholarship criteria is especially designed for those who have had some association with the hobby. Hopefully this will spark interest in the hobby for young collectors. Please go to nia.org and read about it. As always we are interested in all suggestions to make our program better each year.

This year two scholarships were awarded, one academic and one vocational. Please read about our winners in this issue of Drip Points.

We hope this will increase the applications we receive. Please help us by spreading the news to your schools, clubs and networks.

A big thank you to Eloise and Butch Haltman for their contribution to the scholarship fund!

Remember the donations received are tax deductible. This is a wonderful way to recognize outstanding members of your club. Please spread the word.

Our scholarship poster was displayed at the National in Nashville. The poster does prompt conversations about the scholarship program. It will be at Springfield in November so look for it and come by. Hope to see you there.

Kay Bryant



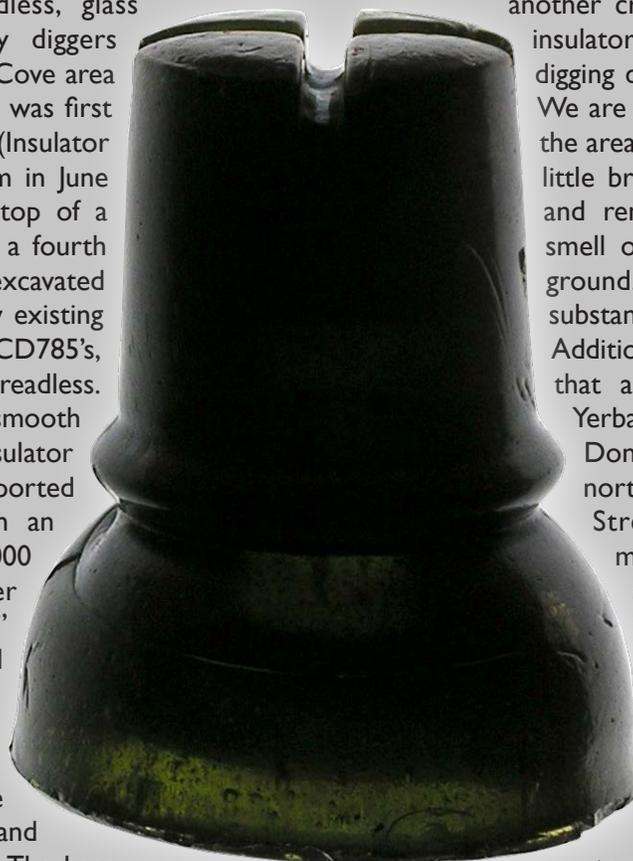
Four CD 287.2s found! See page 16 For full story.

2 ½ CD 785 Threadless Cross Tops Found!

By Colin Jung

An exciting new find of threadless, glass insulators has been reported by diggers working in the former Yerba Buena Cove area of San Francisco, California. The find was first publicly announced on the ICON (Insulator Collectors on the Net) email forum in June 2013. Two “whole” insulators, the top of a third insulator, and a base shard of a fourth insulator were recovered from an excavated site approximately 19-20 feet below existing street grade. The finds were all CD785's, better known as, the cross top threadless. This CD has no embossing and a smooth base. In the 2011 Briel Glass Insulator Price Guide (1), this CD has been reported in four different glass colors with an estimated price of \$7,500 to \$10,000 for a very near mint or better condition example. The two “whole” insulators and the top of the third are all in a listed bubbly dark olive green glass. One of the “whole” ones was made with slag glass which has numerous impurities: fine bubbles, amber swirls, milk swirls and many pot stones of numerous sizes. The base shard was determined to be piece of yet another CD785 based on two factors: 1) the mold characteristics of the shard are identical to the bases of the two “whole” examples, and 2) the quality of the glass in the shard is very similar to the whole examples with many fine bubbles in the glass and pitting of the exterior glass surfaces. The base shard is in a dark orange amber glass color which may or may not be the color listed in “Insulators, A History and Guide to North American Glass Pintype Insulators, Volume 2 (2).

In an interview, the diggers described their excitement making the finds: I revisited a portion of the dig site where I had previously found shards of an 1850's- era pickle jar. Additional grading had occurred, exposing the side profile of the insulator on the surface of the ground. I mistook the shape as a broken bottle and call over the other digger to look at the artifact. When I flipped it out with my shovel, I noticed the threadless pinhole and knew at that moment I had found a good insulator. What it was, I did not know, but it was a good one. Additional digging around the find, turn up the top of another insulator. After encouragement from insulator collectors, we returned to the discovery site and started digging again in ever widening concentric rings. At about 9 feet distance from the initial discovery, we found



another cross top threadless insulator and the insulator shard. The soil was very sandy, so the digging down to the native soil was very easy. We are confident we did not miss anything in the areas we dug. The soil was very clean; very little broken glass, just some pieces of brick and remnants of wooden planks. A strong smell of tar sometimes emanated from the ground. We cleaned flecks of a tar-like substance from the insulator finds.

Additional research by the author indicates that an early dominating industry in the Yerba Buena Cove neighborhood was the Donahues' Gas Works. Located at the northeast corner of First and Howard Streets, the plant distilled coal to manufacture illuminating gas. It successfully introduced gas lighting to San Francisco early in 1854, over the years absorbing all competition and re-incorporating in 1905 as the PG&E (Pacific Gas and Electric Company). At first, coal gas technology, less than forty years old, was quite primitive; distillation temperatures were too low to separate

byproducts. The sludge waste was dumped into still-open water at Fremont Street on the eastern edge of the plant's compound (3).

This sludge killed the shellfish and the industry that harvested them, and it spread such an odor that the neighborhood was nicknamed "Tar Flat." Without environmental controls, the gas company continued producing the toxic coal tar wastes until better technology recovered by-products and more gas. Also, by about 1867 the dumping had become complicated because the nearby tidewater had been filled (3).

During its aboriginal occupation, the Yerba Buena Cove area was either under water or a sandy peninsula on San Francisco Bay. 100-foot tall sand dunes characterized the area. As the area was settled after the Gold Rush, the tall sand dunes were leveled and used as fill material in San Francisco Bay (4).

How many CD785's are known in the hobby? Knowledgeable threadless insulator collectors have only been able to account for five examples of the CD785's prior to this find. All prior finds came from either San Francisco



or Sacramento, California (5). So, who made the CD785? To date, collectors and researchers have found no direct evidence of the manufacturers of most pre-1900 glass telegraph and telephone insulators used in the West. This includes: the California Electrical Works insulators- CD's 120, 130 and 130.1; the Electrical Construction and Maintenance Company (E.C.&M. Co. S.F.) of San Francisco insulator- CD123; the "no name", cobalt blue blobs- CD140.5;

the threadless "egg" style insulators with the through pinholes- CD700 and 700.1; The so-called "California Sleeve", a cylindrically-shaped, block, threadless insulator- CD 1010; and of course the cross top threadless- CD785. The only early California insulator that can be safely attributed to a glass manufacturer is the Seilers Patent telegraph insulator- CD130.2, which has the Hemingray-assigned patent of Dec. 19, 1871 for forming glass insulators embossed on the rear skirt.

Researchers have had to rely on indirect methods of connecting insulators of interest with various glass houses. For example, comparing known years of operation of different glass houses with known years of telegraph line construction where insulators of interest have been found, or comparing the age, glass color and quality of known glass house products with suspected insulators.

With these limitations in mind, and given the CD785's very limited distribution in California, it is possible they were made in California, rather than being shipped from an eastern glass works. The CD785 may have been a product of Baker and Cutting Glass Works of San Francisco, which was the first glassworks established in California in 1859 on Beale Street between Howard and Mission Streets (6). Baker and Cutting has already been tied to insulator production for the Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph Company in 1859 (7). According to collector Dwayne Anthony, these insulators were likely the California sleeves, CD1010. A bottle digger who spoke to Dwayne verbally confirmed his discovery of glass sleeve shards while digging the Baker and Cutting site several years ago (7). The exact location of the Baker and Cutting dig on Beale Street was not discussed by Dwayne. All of this information about the California sleeves is discussed in this article because the CD785 finds were made in the vicinity of the Baker and Cutting Glassworks location. Unfortunately, there was very little broken glass near the insulator discovery site to connect the discovery site with the Baker and Cutting Glassworks property. It appears the insulator finds represent

a single telegraph pole site.

All written information about Baker and Cutting Glass Works indicates it went out of business in less than a year because of poor quality manufacturing and materials. Pickle jar shards attributed to Baker and Cutting are all very crude and bubbly glass in numerous colors. This also aptly describes the CD785 glass. A cursory comparison of photographs of California sleeves and the CD785's show a strong similarity in the glass colors and glass quality, and thus the suspected connection to Baker and Cutting. Hopefully, in the future, researchers will be able to compare other Baker and Cutting, and other early San Francisco glass works bottles and jars with these very early threadless insulators to help confirm their origins.



Colin Jung, NIA #7055

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CD 164 H.G.Co. In SCA Found!



By John Sheehan

On Sunday, June 2nd I went to the Brick, NJ bottle show... it ended up being a very small show with about 15 tables... I picked up a Harden's fire grenade for \$40 and felt like because of that deal the trip was not wasted...

So, on my way home I decided to hit up an antique store that I have literally been in 50 to 100 times in the past... I have only found common insulators in there, and thought "maybe I don't want to waste the 20 minutes by walking around and I could get home sooner", but in the end ~ I stopped...

I went straight to the booth where the insulator dealer is and as usual found only "overpriced" commons... I thought to myself, "well there is 20 minutes I won't ever get back!"

Just as I was heading for the door, I figured as long as I am here, let me have a look around the rest of the store, just in case... And as usual, my browsing turned up nothing... I arrived at the third from the last booth and in-between the knick knacks, china plates and antique dolls... Sat this light purple insulator!

I thought to myself "Oh, cool! A light purple CD 162..." Upon a closer look I noticed the damage and then saw the price tag for \$28.00 and felt like it was a good find... I figured it might be worth a few hundred even with the damage...

I took it to the register and was pleased that it was a 20 percent off day so I only paid \$22.00... I left the store a very happy boy!

During my drive home, I decided to unwrap it (while driving) because I just wanted to see it again... Upon re-inspection I discovered it was not a CD 162 but indeed a CD 164! I thought to myself "oh my! I think these are a little more valuable than the 162's" and I could not wait to get home to look it up...

When I arrived home I came in and announced to the wife "I think I found a good insulator!" I parked myself on the couch, grabbed my price guide and looked it up...

I turned to page 136 in my price guide and realized it was the [040] embossing index... And nearly fell off the couch when I

realized what I had found! I then handed the book to my wife and told her to double check by reading down the colors in the price guide. When she got down to the color purple, she threw the book down on the ground, started to cry and ran out of the room screaming "No! I can't believe it! I can't believe it!" And that is when I knew that I had found one of the rarest Hemingray CD 164's of all

John Sheehan



CD 287.2 BROOKFIELD discovery, times four!

By Zaphir Shamma



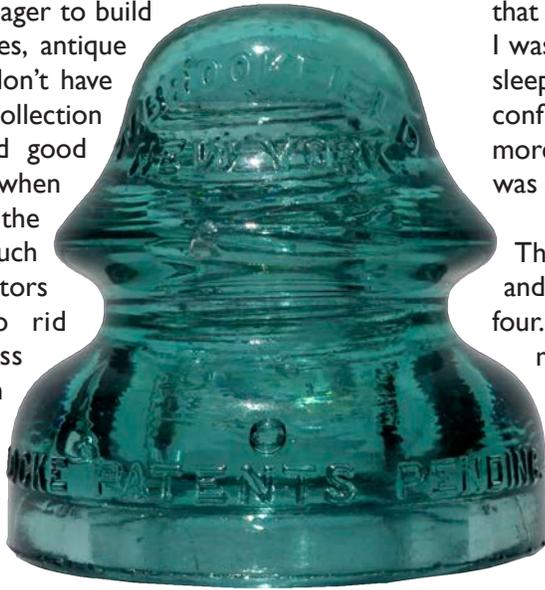
As found, before being cleaned.

As a new collector, I am eager to build my collection. Often times, antique stores and flea markets don't have enough variety and my collection grows slowly. I have had good luck at times however when I've been able to get into the basements, garages and such of people that have insulators and they're looking to rid themselves of this glass while making a little coin in the process. With that thought in mind, I placed an advertisement on Craigslist in the Syracuse, NY area. "Glass Insulators Wanted" along with a brief description and some pictures.

A very nice lady responded saying she had some from her father's barn. I asked for some pictures before agreeing to a meeting. She responded with several photos...all common 145 & 162. I thanked her for her time, but told her I wasn't interested. She said she had a couple more at camp and would send me pictures of those later. I actually forgot about the exchange until a few weeks later when she wrote me back. She attached a photo of two insulators that I didn't recognize. A little help from Google and the PG and I quickly figured out what I was looking at (CD 287.2). I responded

that I was interested in these pieces and we set up a meeting. I was so excited the night before our meeting that I couldn't sleep. When I called her on the morning of the pickup to confirm our meeting, she informed me that she found two more of the same kind and had four insulators for sale if I was interested. Why yes...yes I am interested!

The meeting went very well. There were two wide dome and two narrow dome CD 287.2 insulators. I purchased all four. I also picked up the brackets that these insulators were mounted to while in her father's barn. She asked if I was interested in the common ones that I had passed on as she wanted to get rid of those as well. I purchased those too and will put them on the fence or in the garden. She was quite happy with the transaction and so was I. I plan on keeping one pair (wide/narrow) and then selling/trading the other pair. It is hunts/finds such as this that are so appealing to me as a collector...the thrill of the chase.



All cleaned up and ready for display.

The 2013 NIA National - Insulator Fun in Franklin

By Bill Haley

The 44th annual National Insulator Association Convention and Show, sponsored by the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club, took place in Franklin, Tennessee July 19-21, 2013. It was the first NIA National ever held in the state of Tennessee. Show hosts were Steve Roberts, Ken Roberts and Bill Haley.

Following are some facts and figures to give an idea of the scope of the show. The large show hall held 118 sales tables. Dealers were present from 27 states, with Bernie Warren from Anchorage, Alaska traveling the furthest. Displayers from 11 states presented 18 great educational displays. Walk-in traffic was quite good, especially on Friday and Saturday, with around 215 people coming through the door to enjoy the show. Due to high demand for rooms, our show hotel, the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, filled 100 room nights above the original block reserved.

To help defray show expenses, the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club accepted donated items for silent auctions which took place all three days of the show. Thank you to all who donated auction items, and to all those who had a great time bidding on the items. Over 40 different silent auction lots were offered during the show. One item receiving a lot of attention was a beautiful lighted display box made by Dan Goodrich that was auctioned Saturday afternoon.

Dudley and Sandy Ellis coordinated all silent auction efforts. In the periods between auctions, Dudley found time to sell his brand new hot-off-the-press book, "Canadian Pony Insulators". Many folks went home with a copy, signed by the author. Illustrated in color, this book is sure to increase everyone's appreciation for Canadian CD102's.

Any insulator show, from the smallest swap meet up to the "biggies" such as the National, is made special by the people who attend. Some folks came a few days early to do "touristy" things around Franklin and Nashville. Many more began arriving on Thursday, July 18, as both dealers and displayers would be granted entrance into the show hall beginning at 6:30 that evening. An electric sense of excitement prevailed in the hotel lobby as one after another collector from around the country arrived to be greeted by friends. It is not a coincidence when an insulator show is compared to a family reunion. It is always wonderful to greet and talk to friends that you may only see once or twice a year. The hotel lobby was abuzz with smiling faces and great insulator stories.

That evening as I manned the table at the show entrance, passing out dealer packets and greeting new people, the excitement continued to build. Everyone was bringing sales stock into the show hall and eagerly looking forward to the official opening of the show Friday morning, NIA Day.

Friday, the insulators were placed on the tables, NIA members streamed through the show hall entrance and the wheeling and dealing began in earnest. Man, it was fun! The first tour around the show hall was pure sensory overload. There was truly something there for everyone, from the seasoned collector looking for that special high-end piece to the beginner starting their collection on a shoestring



budget. I should mention that there was even a table full of free insulators near the front entrance. (They were all gone by the end of the show.)

NIA Day ended at 4:00 and 15 minutes later it was time for the NIA membership meeting, where the 2014 National was announced. I'm looking forward to Farmington, New Mexico, hosted by Tommie Bolack, early next July! I already have my table and hotel room reserved.

The Friday fun wasn't over yet. That evening Ray Klingensmith gave an extremely informative talk, with fantastic illustrations, about early Southern insulators. Thanks to Ray for a great presentation everyone enjoyed. It is inspiring to know good insulators are still out there to be discovered.

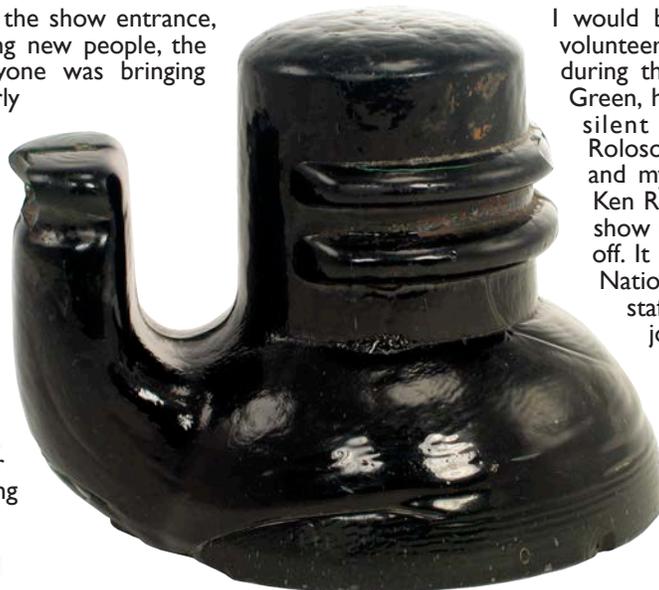
Saturday morning saw a line of people waiting to enter the hall at 9:00 and the crowd kept coming all day long. Those with sales tables reported good sales and everyone had a fine time visiting with old collecting friends and making new ones.

One hundred people attended the awards banquet Saturday evening, enjoying the meal, the fellowship and the awards presentations afterwards. Limited edition 2013 NIA National commemorative insulators with extra milk swirls were given by the show hosts in appreciation to each displayer. Please note that this year's NIA National commemoratives have been extremely well received and less than 20 regular and solid pour insulators remain available for purchase.

Be sure to check the NIA website (and this issue of Drip Points) for photos of all the displays and individual award winners. Everyone who attended the show was encouraged to vote for their favorite display, and many displays got votes. It was a close contest, not decided until the very last vote in the ballot box. The People's Choice award was won by Jeffrey Kraemer. He was displaying for the first time at a National, and was also attending his first one ever.

Sunday is always more laid-back, but the deals continued. In fact this is the day to sometimes get the very best deals! As the end of the show approached and sales tables and displays were packed up, the insulator stories and great deals were mixed with many fond goodbyes...until next time. From comments made during the show and on the ICON listserv afterwards, all in attendance agreed it was a great show.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank all the fine volunteers who helped out in many capacities during the show. Special thanks go out to Mike Green, head of security; Dudley and Sandy Ellis, silent auctioneers extraordinaire; Keith Roloson, who tracked down many displayers; and my fellow show hosts Steve Roberts and Ken Roberts. Together, we started planning the show in August 2011 and all our planning paid off. It was an honor to present the 44th NIA National in Franklin. I tip my hat also to the staff at the Marriott who did a magnificent job of assisting your hosts in making this a smoothly-run and successful show. I hope everyone enjoyed their stay and time spent in the Nashville area and that you came away with the feeling of true southern hospitality. See you next year in Farmington!



44th National Insulator Show - Franklin, TN | Displays



Jeff Hogan - Star (General Electric) Insulators



Jeff Katchko - The Scranton Dunmore & Moosic Lakes Railroad (1902-1928)



Grahm Barns - The Beginnings



Elton Gish - Ink & Ears



Jeff Markwat - Seldom Seen Porcelain



Ken Willick - **After The Threadless, Early Threaded Glass**
(Circa 1865-1885)



Doug Williams - **Colors & Shapes, The Early Years**



Bob Berry - **Yellow Porcelain Insulators**



Jack Roach - **Rare & Early Color**



Arlen Rienster - **Hemingray Insulators, D Is For Distribution**



Ross Baird - **Boston Bottle Works**



Jeffery Kraemer - South Carolina's Hydroelectric History Told Through Insulators



NIA - Altered Insulators



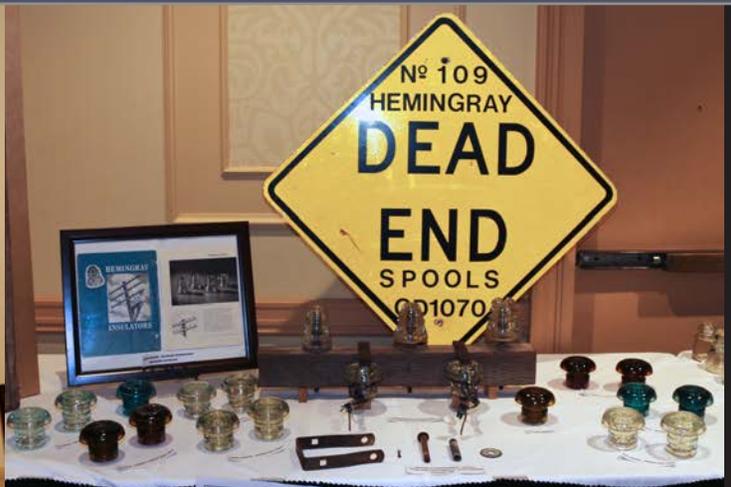
Kerry Lavendoski - Hats



Justin Stoudt - Lynchburg Glass



Lou Hall - Insulator Pins & Brackets



Roger Lucas - CD 1070 - No. 109 Hemingray Dead End Spools



Ed Brown - Insulators From Italy



Bill & Jill Meier - Is it a different CD ... or Not?



44th National Insulator Show - Franklin, TN | Show Floor





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

Friday, July 4, 2014

9:00 am – 4:00 pm General Admission

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

Saturday, July 5, 2014

9:00 am – 4:00 pm General Admission

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

Sunday, July 6, 2014

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2013 NIA Lifetime Membership Award

With NIA member numbers 5085 and 5086 our recipients of the NIA Lifetime Membership Award are Dudley and Sandra Ellis.

The list of accomplishments and involvement in the insulator collecting hobby as well as the National Insulator Association are almost synonymous with his name.

He has been in the hobby for 25 plus years. He has been a member of the NIA for 22 years.

He has served the NIA holding the following positions:
Nominations Committee Chairman (1996 – 2000)
Treasurer (1999 – 2004)
President (2004 – 2006)
First Past President (2006 – 2008)
Second Past President (2008 – 2010)

He is a charter member of the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club serving that club as President from November, 2003 to May, 2005 and again from February, 2008 to May, 2009. He also served as Secretary for 10 years and Treasurer for eight years. Some of these years were served concurrently.

He has been a dealer and/or attendee at 17 NIA Nationals and 15 Regional shows from Atlanta to San Jose, CA.; has been a dealer and/or attendee at 78 Dixie Jewels swap meets; attended 17 Mid-Ohio shows in London, Washington Court House and Springfield, OH plus numerous local insulator and bottle club shows throughout southeastern states. He hosted the 32nd NIA Convention in Atlanta, GA. Along with his wife, he devoted many hours planning and hosting that show. They have also hosted and 13 Dixie Jewels Insulator Club swap meets.

He displayed Canadian Ponies at the 28th NIA Convention in Chicago in 1997, receiving the Best of Color Award, He also display Canadian Ponies at the 38th NIA Convention in Orlando in 2007 winning Best of Color, the Milholland Award for Education and the People's Choice Award.

He has written numerous articles over the past 20 years. These have been published in Dixie Jewels (the club newsletter), Drip Points, and Crown Jewels of the Wire. He has finished



writing and has published his book on Canadian Ponies.

Our recipient instructed a 4th grade class on the invention and use of the telegraph system and the necessity of insulators. He gave each student an insulator. He gave a seminar on Canadian Ponies at the 2007, 38th NIA Convention in Orlando and also at the 2009, Mid Ohio Show in Springfield, OH.

A hallmark of his tenure as NIA President and Past President was his focus on involving the youth in our hobby. His gentle, but persistent admonishments to take a child to a show was heard loud and clear by the membership. His vision is the first step in ensuring that our hobby has a future.





2013 NIA Lifetime Membership Award

The NIA Lifetime Membership Award is the highest honor that can be given to a fellow hobbyist. Recipients include NIA members who have donated significant portions of their lives for the betterment of collecting. The effort taken to recognize those who have given hundreds or thousands of hours and/or dollars to the hobby should not be taken lightly.

Lifetime Membership is for a couple, as the spouse is often involved, or at least very supportive of the primary person honored. In some cases, the spouse is also involved in the hobby in a formal capacity and, in that case, the contributions of both people are recognized.

This year a Lifetime Membership Award goes to Claude and Arlene Wambold.

“He” was born December 14, 1938, in Sellersville, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. His interest in the hobby began 45 years ago. His first encounter with insulators was in the summer of 1968 while he was vice president of rolling stock on the Quakertown & Eastern Railroad.

“He” first met his wife in the winter of 1971 at the Town and Country Lanes in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. They married September 30, 1972.

“She” shares his interest in insulators to a degree. She has been with him on hunts and walked the lines with him when they were on vacation. Her main hobby is antiques. She collects Moderntone depression glass, old scales, and the “Open Apple” pattern of Purinton Slipware pottery.



“He” started out working in the carpentry business. He later went to work for American Olean Tile Co. He then went into heavy and highway construction working at carpentry or truck driving.

As for awards given by the hobby, he has received many awards for displaying at national and local shows.

“He” served as the East Coast Correspondent for Crown Jewels of the Wire from March, 1988, to May, 2003, (15 years). His reporting was used an example of how to write a show report by author H. G. Bea Hyve (Clarice Gordon) in 1995.

“He” has attended at least 12 Nationals and 10 regionals; traveling in Pennsylvania, California, Minnesota, Illinois, New York, Maryland and Tennessee.

“He has co-hosted five NIA Eastern Regional Shows. This couple has opened their home to insulators for a local show for over 40 years. The Pennsylvania Show is one of the longest running local shows.

He served the NIA as Executive Director from 1994 to 1996.

If you have ever taken time to address a letter to our recipients plan on some extra time what with two “Perkiomenvilles (Perky-omen-ville) and Pennsylvania”.

“He” has been quoted as stating, “I hope to see our hobby grow and continue its high standards of ethics and honesty.” His NIA member number is 1717 and hers is number 2155.

Photo complements of: Daniel Ling



U-202 IN BLUE FOUND

In Early June a non collector posted (on eBay) a hard to find U-202 No Name (Pittsburg) in a stunning blue glaze. The ending price was \$588.00

These insulators where made by Pittsburg High Voltage Insulator Co. Approximately 20 are know in this stunning color.

Note: Photo is from our website <http://nia.org> and not of actual one in the auction as the photo was not up to printing standards.

NIA Hall of Fame Inductee | Marion and Evelyn Milholland



Marion Collier Milholland was born August 20, 1885 in Roxbury, PA. Marion spent most of his school days in Seattle, WA, and as a young businessman in Olympia. After working as a carpenter for a number of years he

took up contracting in building. Later he studied and became an architectural designer of buildings, from which he retired. During his time in Olympia he was a Scout Master.

Marion began collecting insulators as far back as 1964, in Sequim, WA. On page 68 of his last book, Milholland's Most About Glass Insulators, 4th Revision, he tells us how he got started in his own words. "With the afternoon sun setting, we looked through this stack of helter-skelter crossarms and behold; most of the colors of the rainbow came to life. A more beautiful sight in colors would be difficult to find... that moment I was really taken into the insulator hobby."

Marion passed away on January 17, 1976. But his years of work on behalf of our hobby will live on in his many books which he and Evelyn created out of an intense love of insulators.

Evelyn Sofia Milholland was born in Beloit, WI, on March 15, 1904. She lived there until she was fourteen, when her family moved to Everett, WA. Twice widowed, Evelyn met Marion in Seattle at a dance. They were married in Seattle on May 17, 1968, and she became his partner in life as well as in insulator collecting. Clarice Gordon has written, "If I had to describe he in just one word, it would be "gracious". However, she's also pleasant, friendly, kind, sympathetic, and fun to be with. Another one of her qualities is that she really listens to what people say, and she cares for people. To know her is to love her."

The Milholland's love for insulators was reflected in many ways, just one of which was the many books they wrote on the subject. N. R. Woodward created the CD numbering system, but Marion popularized its usage when he authored the earliest complete book about glass insulators in 1967. Marion, and later Evelyn, were prolific writers and would update their standard reference four times as well as produce price lists and other books between 1967 and 1976.

For collectors of insulator books here is the list:

1. Milholland's Glass Insulator Reference Book, 1967
2. Milholland's Glass Insulator Reference Book No. 2, 1969
3. Supplement to Milholland's Glass Insulator Reference Book, 1970
4. Most About Glass Insulators, (First Hardcover) 1971
5. Most About Glass Insulators Revised, 1972
6. Milholland's Most About Glass Insulators, 2nd Revision, 1973
7. Milholland's Most About Glass Insulators, 3rd Revision, 1974
8. Brookfield Insulators, Reprint, 1974
9. Milholland's Most About Glass Insulators, 4th Revision (Bicentennial Edition), 1976
10. Six Price Guides.

That's quite an impressive list, and one that represents a lot of work and dedication. Marion already had the first book out when he and Evelyn were married in 1968.

Another facet of the Milholland's love for insulators was seen in the many miles they traveled each year in pursuit of new finds. Over a period of eight years, right up until Marion became unable to travel, they logged up to 25,000 miles a year. Traveling was very easy for Evelyn and Marion. According to Evelyn, "Marion was a good driver, with a new car every other year, and he drove carefully, observing all the rules." Their travels took them all across the nation. They visited a great many collectors in their homes, as well as attending shows, looking for new finds for their collection and to add to the book.

Their years together in the hobby brought them many recognitions and awards. In 1982, Evelyn was awarded Lifetime Membership by the National Insulator Association at the Berea, OH National Show. In the early 1970's the NIA instituted the presentation of the Milholland Educational Award to be given for "the one exhibit which most effectively achieves an educational theme." This award is given to the qualifying displayer at each national show "in recognition of Marion and Evelyn Milholland, for their tireless work over many years to research and publish information on glass insulators, all of which contributed immeasurably to the growth and enjoyment of the hobby."

Evelyn Milholland passed away in Tacoma, WA on February 22, 1999. Carol McDougald wrote: "Evelyn never forgot who you were, where she met you and what special interests you had in the hobby. And, we as collectors will never forget your pioneering spirit."

NIA Hall of Fame Inductee | John & Carol McDougald

John and Carol McDougald started in the insulator collecting hobby back in the early 1970's. Both have been extremely active in the hobby for many years. Both have worked endlessly as a team over the years promoting the hobby in many ways. Until recently, both were a permanent fixture at insulator shows as NIA officers, dealers, and genuinely caring people.

Their work brought many new collectors into the hobby and into the NIA. They have also been instrumental in helping the hobby mature through various educational endeavors.

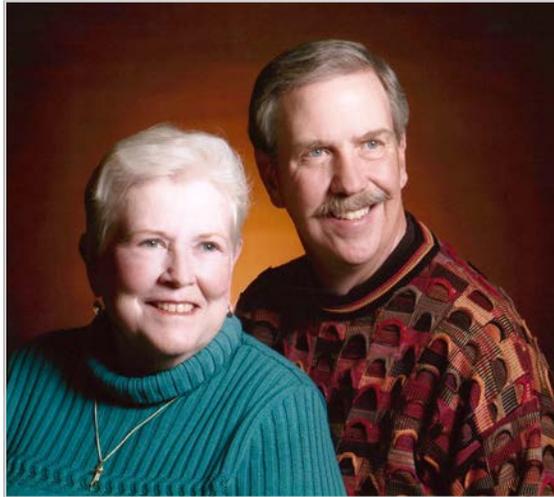
John graduated from the College of Wooster in 1965 with a degree in mathematics. He was employed by Ohio Bell Telephone Company. He retired from Ameritech in 1992 and began studies required to receive a Masters in Accountancy/Taxation. He received his degree in December, 1995. He is a CPA. He then taught in the College of Business at Northern Illinois University until 2003.

Carol also graduated from the College of Wooster with a degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. John and Carol were married June 25, 1966. They have two sons, Bob and David. Carol taught school for three years before retiring to raise their family and do volunteer work. John began collecting insulators when Carol purchased a few at a garage sale and gave them to him for paper weights.

John is a charter member of the NIA, joining in 1974, being assigned member #698. Carol joined the following year, receiving member #1076.

He served in several positions in the NIA including NIA President (1977-1978), Ethics Committee Chair (1984-1985), Bylaws Committee Chair (1985-1996), and Authentication & Classification Committee Chair (1996-2006). His NIA service has spanned nearly 30 years and he recently volunteered to serve as a member of the Finance Committee. Carol served as Treasurer (1976-1978) for the NIA as well as Historian (1982-1984).

Carol was editor of "Crown Jewels of the Wire" Magazine from 1985-2003. John wrote a column for the magazine titled



"Believe It or Not." John also had a website named Grampa Mac's Insulator Emporium.com.

John and Carol are co-authors of "A History and Guide to North American Glass Pintype Insulators", 1990 and "A History and Guide to North American Glass Pintype Insulators – Price Guide", 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007. Carol has traveled the country photographing insulator collections. In 1991, Carol accompanied collector friend Marilyn Albers on a research trip to Europe.

They produced the NIA Commemorative Insulators from 1979-2009. In 2009 they graciously donated the insulator mold to the NIA.

They were also show hosts for the 1976 Berea, Ohio National. Additionally, they hosted numerous local insulator shows and backyard barbeques.

Their other collecting interests include lightning rod balls, glass tail weather vanes and pre-WWII sheet music. Carol has stated that her first love is the glass (any and all) but she also treasures colorful porcelain glazes and insulators that have "arms," "noses" and stripes! For forty years John has been involved in barbershopping. He has been the assistant director of the Elgin (Illinois) Minutemen Chorus and sang with a quartet, the Nickelodeon Sound. John and Carol both enjoy golfing.

Both Carol and John are two time NIA Outstanding Member award recipients (1982 & 1990) as well as NIA Lifetime Member award recipients (1984).



NIA Hall of Fame Inductee | Elton Gish



In a September, 1989, article in Crown Jewels of the Wire, author Clarice Gordon wrote: "To describe Elton in just one word that word would have to be "nice." Along with that, you could add "quiet", "intelligent", and polite". Then there's "friendly", helpful", and "hospitable". So I guess if you rolled all of those words into just one, it would have to come out "nice" anyway.

Elton was born December 29, 1948, in Port Neches but he lived in Nedarland, Texas. He graduated from Lamar University in 1972 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. After college he lived in Port Neches until he and Kathy married September 8, 1989, exactly 1 year after Jack Tod died. Kathy is a teacher and counselor. They currently live in Lumberton, Texas. They have three children.

Elton started work at Texaco's first oil refinery at Port Arthur, TX, June 3, 1968, as a co-op chemical engineering student. This company is now Motiva Enterprises LLC, which is a joint 50/50 partnership between Shell Oil Co. and Saudi Refining Co. It is now the largest oil refinery in the U.S. He has worked for 45 years and plans to retire Dec. 3, 2013, just a few days after his 65th birthday.

Elton is a charter member of the NIA being #41 and Kathy is NIA #4521. Elton's first national show was in Kansas City in 1972.

Elton started collecting Brookfield insulators in 1970. He still collects Brookfield insulators but by the mid-1970's his major collecting interest became early porcelain. He specializes in Fred Locke, Imperial, New Lexington, Lima, Macomb, early Thomas, patent tops, G.P. Co, dry process, and multipart porcelain. He also collects cleats, knobs, spools and other specialty porcelain styles with particular interest in brown wall tubes.

Another interest he has is collecting historical information about our hobby. From personal research at university libraries and trading with several other collectors he knows has, Elton has an extensive file of insulator related historical information. You can obtain copies of over 2,260 patents, advertisements, and other historical information relating to our hobby by going to the 'Insulator Research Service' section of his website r-infinity.com.

Elton has a few other collecting interests. He has been collecting old Texaco cans and porcelain signs since about 1973. Much of the refinery history where he worked was being thrown away, so Elton started searching through old files, offices, and buildings to preserve what was left. In 1980 he started collecting historical photographs, paper items, can, etc.



from around the refinery. He is now the unofficial local company historian and archivist.

Here are a few more of Elton's accomplishments:

- o He developed the M-number system for porcelain multipart insulators.
- o He did extensive research and published the Fred M. Locke biography.
- o He took a survey of all the major porcelain collectors and collected colors, markings, and variations of the known styles – then published a quality price guide covering both U and M numbers.
- o He took over publishing and significantly expanded Jack Tod's U-number books and assignments.
- o He researched insulator related patents and compiled by far the most complete list in the hobby.
- o Elton was a key participant in the "Insulator Gazette" on-line research project for both content and entry.
- o He took over the bi-monthly column "Porcelain Insulator News" in Crown Jewels of the wire from Jack Tod in July of 1984 through the present.
- o He has reprinted a number of historic catalogs and historic pictures.
- o He is very active in the Lone Star Insulator Club having served as club President and newsletter editor. He coordinates the club's yearly N. R. Woodward award.

Elton's activities that relate specifically to the National Insulator Association include:

- o He served as the Ethics Committee Chairman for 11 years (1990-2001)
- o He was a show host for the 1988 and 1994 Houston Nationals.
- o He received the Outstanding Service Award in 1990 and again in 2010.
- o He and Kathy received the Lifetime Membership Award in 1996.

Quoting from the article in Crown Jewels of the Wire, September, 1989; Elton stated, "There is more to the hobby than just collecting insulators. The many fine people make insulator collecting truly unique. The many friends that one makes over the years make the hobby very rewarding. Where else could you have friends all over the country who would welcome you into their home and share their collection and tales with you.

"There is a wealth of undocumented information that should be made available to all collectors. It should be preserved for current and future collectors, who would like to learn more about our wonderful hobby."



NIA Outstanding Service Award | Dario DiMare



The "Outstanding Service Award" may be presented to an NIA member who has performed outstanding service for the NIA and contributed substantially to the insulator hobby.

This year's recipient is a member of the Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club.

He joined ICON in November of 1998 and is a frequent contributor.

He collects books, maps, catalogs, railroad passes, and other literature pertaining to insulators.

The New York Times press facility, designed by our recipient, has received three design awards including Best Industrial Interiors, Best New Construction – Landscaping and Best New Construction – Industrial.



If you want a great meatball and sauce recipe check out his website. He was a co-host of the 2010 National Show, Boxborough, MA.

He most recently secured the rights to all of N. R. "Woody" Woodward's research files, authored works, and the assignment of Consolidated Design (CD) numbers. Through this effort one of the most valuable assets in our hobby, the CD numbering system, will be carried forward for another generation.

This year's recipient is NIA member #5302, Mr. Dario DiMare



THIRD KNOWN CD 152.2 FOUND

I picked the insulator up at the Shupp's Grove Bottle Show in Adamstown, Pa. on early buyers Friday July 26, 2013. That is one of the shows that I try to attend every year because I usually find something for my collection there. I had gotten up at three am that morning and left the house about five am after a shower and breakfast. It's a long drive from my home town of Ruckersville in central Virginia to Adamstown, Pa. I like to leave early because I can check out my usual haunts along the way. Usually, I can pick up an insulator or two before I even get to Adamstown. Once in Adamstown I like to check out the antique malls and flea markets before slipping over to Shupp's Grove. The dozen or so antique malls in Adamstown keep me fairly busy until early buyers are allowed into the show at 5 pm. There were several insulator collectors set up at the show. Claude Wambold, Jim Frustieri, Karl Furr, Greg Druck, Allen Klapaska and several others had already been there for some time before I arrived. And, of course, Mark Evans was there.

After a couple of hours of trudging around the grove (Shupp's Grove is outdoors in a wooded area) I was beginning to get tired and a little frustrated as I had not really seen anything that whole day that I wanted to buy. I probably walked by Mark's table a dozen times. Mark always has an assortment of insulators even though he is, I think, a bottle guy. I really don't know him that well as I have only seen him once a year at Shupp's Grove for about the last five years. Of course, Mark wanted to see the show and he wasn't always at his table when I walked by. Mark is a nice guy and it is always nice to chat insulators with him when I need a rest from the trudging. I must have picked up each of his insulators 5 or 6 times that day. Except for the Hemingray 40's. I had not picked up the three or four that he had in a row at the back of his table. A quick glance told me they were not green or milky or full of amber, so I was not interested.

I have gotten a few insulators from Mark at this show and he usually has one or two better insulators squirreled away somewhere so I just asked this question. "Mark, what kind of sleeper do you have with you this year?" His reply was (as he handed me one of the Hemingray 40's) "How about this one?" I almost fell backwards over a tree root.

Of course, I asked how much he wanted for it. Mark told me he was asking \$350, but would go \$300 if I was seriously interested. To tell the truth, I was turned off by the damage and did not want to pay the \$300. For some reason I was thinking the book value was somewhere around \$500 to \$600 and that there were about five or six known in the hobby. I was about to pass when Mark dropped to \$275. I still started to say thanks and walk away, but I got to thinking about the American Pickers Show and their saying. "if you haven't seen it before, buy it". So I bought it and I am so glad I did.

I had no idea the new price guide had more than doubled the CD 152.2's value from the past guide and I had no idea there were only two known before mine. The one I have is from the same mold as the other two. Mine has a ground inner skirt. Not sure yet if the others do. ~ Fred Collier



2013 NIA Scholarship Award

Earl Seppanen



In order to encourage growth and public awareness of the insulator hobby through collecting, dealing, and educational endeavors the Association has established the NIA Scholarship Fund. Grants may be awarded as an Academic Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 and/or a Vocational Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00. Academic Scholarships and Vocational Scholarships are not renewable.

It is the intention of the NIA and its Board of Directors to award at least one scholarship each year. Gifts to the scholarship fund can

be made at any time and in any amount.

Our Scholarship Committee Chair, Kay Bryant, received 27 applications for the scholarships. After much deliberation by the committee, they submitted their selection to the Board of Directors for final approval.

The 2013 NIA Vocational Scholarship Award of \$500.00 is awarded to Earl Seppanen.

Earl has always found pride in a job done with his own hands. In the year 2000 his dad was severely injured in a construction accident leaving him unable to work the farm. Earl has had to work the farm, without help, from raking hay to repairing equipment. Working independently and making the most of what he has is one of the positive lessons he has learned. Not being able to afford having a certified mechanic maintain the farm machinery provided Earl the opportunity to discover a natural skill and mechanical ability for fixing things. Somewhere along the line he learned to weld good enough to hold the pieces together and keep the equipment running on a tight budget.

Earl transferred to Waubay High in 2009 near the end of his freshman year. Here, with the opportunity to take shop classes, he honed his arc welding skills and learned to wire feed weld. As a member of Future Farmers of America, Earl has won two silver land judging medals, one range judging medal, a gold ag mechanics medal and achieved his FFA chapter degree. Later this year he will apply for his FFA state degree. Earl is also a member of the National Honor Society. He has been on the Straight A, A, or B honor rolls all during high school.

Earl was a co-captain of the football team. He was also a volunteer worker at the local rodeo, working all aspects of the various rodeo events.

Butler Machinery in Aberdeen, South Dakota has accepted Earl into their "ThinkBIG" program. As part of this program Earl will attend Lake Area Technical Institute, Watertown, South Dakota where he will study Diesel Technology.



Forest Brown



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The 2013 NIA Academic Scholarship Award of \$1,000.00 is being awarded to Forest Brown.

Forest is a graduate of Silver High, Silver City, New Mexico. He will be attending New Mexico State University. His goal is to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering.

A fascination with building toys such as Legos and Erector Sets as a child sparked his interest in things structural. Time spent walking along railroads, visiting ghost towns, and hiking old roads generated an admiration for the engineers of the past. Forest says "It's no wonder I want to build the things I've always admired."

Forest would not have been to some of the places he has visited if he hadn't been chasing glass [insulators of course]. He has been collecting insulators for as long as he can remember. His family was introduced to the hobby by a collector in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. He and his family used to walk the railroad tracks in the desert searching for insulators. Collecting has evolved since then, he says, but nothing beats getting out on a weekend to look for insulators, even after ten years and many other new interests. Forest has attended several New Mexico insulator shows. He hopes to bring the hobby with him to college. He has stated, "College will be the perfect place to share insulator collecting with new people."



NIA General Membership Meeting - Friday, July 19th, 2013



Lou Hall called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm. Lou welcomed everyone to the meeting and then shared a poem. The poem was used as a brief version of what would have been his opening remarks.

Lou asked for reports from the Board of Directors and the Committee Chairpersons.

Secretary - Steve Roberts advised that the Minutes of the 2012 General Membership Meeting were published in the 2012 Fall Edition of Drip Points. (Volume 40, No. 1). A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as printed. The motion was approved. Additionally, Steve reported that the NIA Corporate papers were filed with the State of Arizona, and they are current.

Treasurer - Bill Rhode advised that the NIA expenses were within 7% of the budget. He also stated that the income for the year was very good.

Membership - Don Briel stated that as of July 19, 2013, the membership of the organization was 1632. Don reminded everyone that the membership year is from January 1st thru December 31st. Additionally, Don stated that there may be incentives in the future for members to renew their membership during the month of January.

Information - Lou spoke on behalf of the Information Director and advised that we would launch a more aggressive advertising campaign. Additionally, we would be sending press releases to a variety of publications.

Western VP - Dan Gauron expressed his thanks to the 44th National Show Hosts. He also express his appreciation to those who are attending for their support of the show. Dan stated that he had been in the hobby for ten years and has been consistently drawn to the hobby during that time; however, he has been especially drawn to the people. He asked the membership to keep giving to the hobby at whatever level you can. He also asked everyone to converse with new people and introduce them to the hobby. In conclusion, Dan invited folks to come and participate in the shows in the west.

Central VP - Bear Spitler opened his comments with his positive impression of the people associated with insulator collecting. He was very complimentary with of the NIA organization and the character of the people who are associated with the NIA. Bear encouraged the membership to communicate with our youth the history and influence that the insulator has made on our past and present. Bear also stated that the shows in the Central Region are strong and growing. He further commented about the excellence of the clubs in their region. Bear thanked the membership and expressed his appreciation of the organization. He concluded with an announcement that the 2014, NIA Central Regional Show will be held in Lebanon IN., on February 20th and 21st.

Eastern VP - Matt Grayson thanked the 2013 National Show Hosts. Matt shared that he had attended several shows in the eastern region in the past year. He observed that the clubs in the east are strong and that the shows had drawn good attendance.

Additionally, Matt has attended several shows in other areas of the country and observed that the attendance was good in these locations as well. Matt encouraged everyone to either host or support local shows as this is the foundation of the hobby.

1st Past President - Bob Stahr advised that we have raised sufficient funds for the Covington Hemingray plaque. He is currently working with the Covington authorities to determine the location for the placement of the plaque. We may not be able to place it on the original Hemingray plant property. However, we have determined that if we can't secure permission to place the plaque on the original site, we can place it on the property across the street. Bob stated that the plaque should be placed and dedicated by the end of the year, or early in 2014. He also advised that we have more than enough funds for the Covington project and possibly enough for the next project which may be a plaque for the Fred Locke plant.

2nd Past President - Kevin Jacobson was at the event; however, he was unavailable to make a report.

Authentication - Lou reported on behalf of Paul Greaves. He stated that Paul was doing a great job of watching eBay and other sources for questionable insulators and quickly advising the membership if he suspects or identifies any insulator that may have authentication issues.

Awards - Gene Hawkins advised that he is prepared for the awards presentations. Also, NIA Award ribbons are available for the NIA sanctioned regional shows.

Ethics - Lou commended David Wiecek for his handling of any ethics issues which come up. Lou stated that David handles these very quietly and successfully.

Historian - Lou report on behalf of Miles McLall. Lou said that Miles is in the process of storing and making an inventory of all of the items that have been sent to him.

Drip Points Editor - Lou commended Shaun Kotlarsky for his outstanding publication of the Drip Points magazine. Lou also advised the membership that with their annual renewal to the NIA they are entitled to post one free want ad and one free for sale ad in Drip Points.

NIA Commemorative Coordinator - Carolyn Berry reported that we currently have 24 regular and 8 solid pours left of the 2013 commemoratives. Carolyn stated that she thinks the 2013 edition will be a sell-out. Additionally, she reported that the Board of Directors approved the destruction of the excess quantities of the 2010, 2011 and 2012 commemoratives. Only a few commemoratives from each of these years will be available.

Event Advisory Committee - Darryl Wagner advised that the committee is available to assist anyone who wishes to submit a proposal to host a National or Regional show, or anyone who needs advise on hosting a local show. Please call them. They are there to help you.

Nominations Chairman – Matt Grayson advised the membership that elections will occur this year for the following positions: President, Secretary and Western VP. Individuals who are selected to fill these positions will begin their respective term of responsibility at the 2014 National.

Philanthropy – Rick Jones thanked everyone for their donations to the NIA. He asked everyone to continue to give. Every amount given helps. Lou thanked Rick for his assistance concerning the interpretation of the 501 (c) (3) non-profit rules and regulations.

Product Marketing – Tina Rienstra stated that there are many items to purchase and that sales are good. Please continue to support the NIA with your purchases.

Research and Education – Jacqueline Linscott-Barnes stated that she interviewed Steve Blair and Charles Brandon last year. She will continue to interview as many as she can at this year's National. Jacque is working on producing a video of the interviews and hopes to have it available to the membership in the near future.

Rules and Procedures Advisor – Mike Doyle didn't have anything to report at this time concerning Rules and Procedures; however, he did advise everyone that he has posted, and will continue to post, pictures and videos on the internet for those who could not attend the National.

Scholarships – Kay Bryant requested that when we attend an insulator show, please inform people that two scholarships are available. If an individual is interested they need to turn in an application to the scholarship committee. This year there were 27 applications that were reviewed. Both the academic and the vocational scholarships were awarded. Additionally, as information, the Board of Directors approved an increase concerning the amount of money given each year for the respective scholarships.

Webmaster – Bob Berry thanked those who have submitted information concerning the Foreign Insulator database. The data is continuing to grow. He advised that Google Check-Out will cease in November. We will eventually utilize PayPal. Bob made an appeal to anyone who has information concerning previous Nationals. He is trying to compile a report of each National and place the information on the NIA website.

Lou advised the membership that there were a few items of interest which took place during the last year.

1) The following people were appointed to the Finance Committee: Bill Snell - Chairman, Jack Roach, John McDougald, Roger Ziesak, and the NIA Treasurer - Bill Rhode.

2) The title "National Show Advisor" has been renamed "Event Advisory Committee". The Chairman of the committee is Darryl Wagner. Additional members of the committee are: Dwayne Anthony – the Western Region Representative, Bob Berry – the Central Region Representative, Dario DiMare – the Eastern Region Representative, and Bob Stahr - the 1st Past President.

3) On December 17th, 2012, the ModernLitho Printing Co. printed 2500 copies of "What Are Insulators?". Prior to the printing of this pamphlet, the copyright for the publication was transferred from the author, Clarice Gordon, to the NIA. Almost all of this printing has been distributed to the public. Therefore, the NIA will edit the pamphlet and print another 2500 copies.

4) The NIA Best of Show Award was renamed to the "Steve Blair Memorial Best of Show Award".

5) There were two Board of Directors' positions that were filled this year. They were the Treasurer and Eastern VP. Bill Rohde agreed to continue as the Treasurer, and Matt Grayson agreed to fill the Eastern VP position.

The Board of Directors approved a proposal for a Central Regional Show for 2014. (Please see the Central Region VP report for the details of the show dates and location.) Literature concerning the show is available from Bob Stahr.

Last, but certainly not least is next year's National. Lou announced that the 2014 National will be held in Farmington, New Mexico. The Show dates are July 3rd – 6th, 2014. The event will be held in the McGee Park Convention Center. The headquarters hotel is the Red Lion Hotel, located at 700 Scott Ave., Farmington, NM. 87401. The Show Host is Tommy Bolack, with Lou Hall assisting. Additional information concerning the 2014 National will be disseminated in the near future. Lou stated that he has Dealer Packets and Show Brochures which will be available immediately following the membership meeting.

Following were a few brief announcements concerning activities which are scheduled for the current National.

There will be a seminar tonight at 7:30. The seminar will be conducted by Ray Klingensmith. He will present pictures and commentary concerning "Early Southern Insulators, 1845 – 1875". The Banquet and Awards Presentation is tomorrow, Saturday, July 20th, at 6:00 pm. The Banquet is sold out.

There will be a Devotional on Sunday, July 21st, at 8:00 am., in the Williamson conference room.

At 5:20 pm. Jacque Barnes made a motion to adjourn. Bob Stahr seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the members.

Submitted By:

Steve Roberts

Secretary





2013 Rohde Roundup & BBQ show report

By Michael Doyle

Hello fellow insulator enthusiasts and welcome collectors of all ages and disciplines. This is a new chapter in the seventeen year history of a fantastic back yard insulator collecting hobby swap meet and deep pit BBQ called the Rohde Insulator Roundup. The event, co-hosted by Don Rohde and his son Bill, was held on Saturday, April 20th, 2013 at the Rohde Ranch in the San Joaquin Valley, Fresno, California, USA.



Saturday morning was as cool and clear as any perfect California spring morning should be. The mid-April weather was perfect and the Rohde's tree shaded backyard was a familiar, comfortable, festive venue for the hundred plus hobbyists and visitors who enjoyed the fellowship, the collecting opportunities and, of course, the fantastic BBQ at this year's event. A feeling of sadness and loss was deeply shared by family and friends as we mourned the recent passing of our hostess and friend of many years Camille Rohde. I am neither qualified nor equipped to comment further as there are so many who knew her much more closely than I. These words by Kat Mcclanahan captured, as well as any, the feelings of so many at the day's event:

I would like to pay tribute to a wonderful woman in my life who passed away this week. Her name is Camille Rohde. I've only known her for the past six years, but in that time she has given me a life time of motherly love that was missing in my life. She was a very loving and generous woman. She always made me feel like I was a special person for every little thing that I did. She constantly praised me for the smallest of things.

In her life time she worked hard on her family farm working in the fields along with her husband and son. She also held different jobs to supplement the family farm. She was a very talented artist, her specialty was painting barns, so she was known as "Barney".

She passed away peacefully in her sleep last Monday [March 25th] after a battle with cancer.

Matt Grayson who is the Eastern Region VP for the NIA was visiting from Queens, New York. Matt's a 'Mud Collector' which means that his hobby interests are in porcelain and pottery insulators rather than glass or other materials. This show is traditionally exciting for mud collectors because the Rohde Ranch hosts one of the most important (not to mention incredible) North American porcelain insulator collections known to exist in the world. Begun by Mike Guthrie decades ago, Bill acquired the collection, put it together with his own, and has continued to expand and develop the awe inspiring assortment of electrical hardware, signage, and related material such that it now occupies about a thousand square feet of vertically displayed awesomeness stacked nearly 20 feet high!

Matt & I arrived during breakfast and the morning crowd was finishing their first cup of coffee. Friday is setup day and a number of long time Rohde family friends including Lou 'Pin-Man' Hall, Bill Heitkotter, Bob McLaughlin, Dave LeForge, Dwayne Anthony, and many others arrive a day or two early to assist with the extensive setup process that helps make this such a wonderful event. This year's setup included a ceremonial pole-standing in the rose bed fronting the ranch house for which more than a few willing post-hole diggers were gathered. As we arrived we had to appreciate the wonderful

street machines parked out by 'The Shop' which shone brightly in the morning sun. The hot rods were displayed by Rick Morgan, Mike Doyle, and Don & Bill Rohde.

This event seems to get better and better as time goes on due to the friendship and hard work of many folks. Friendships shared at this event go back to the '60s and '70s. Family, friends and hobbyists from all over make this great show possible and they are a very important part of the behind the scenes support staff that works hard for days to make this event a continuing success. As with many families, when a member is unable to attend a traditional event the others offer their prayers and share their feelings of concern for those missed.



Last year we noted the absence of our favorite Union Pacific Railroad specialty collectors Norma and John Giudici. Longer than many of us have been active in our various hobbies Norma and John have been attending shows across the west. They are both very entertaining in conversation and they'll take time to share some of the best stories you'll ever hear told at any show. At one point they had one of the greatest collections of UP hardware and

go-withs ever assembled in a private setting. Last year, we signed an insulator and wrote a card which we sent their way and the good Lord brought Norma & John up to the show this year to share in the celebration and memorial for Camille. It sure was good to see them again!

No Rohde Roundup report would complete without sharing a look at the unparalleled deep pit BBQ banquet featured at this event. This year's 'Long Distance' visitor was England's James Bancroft who rang the chow bell calling over 100 people to take their turn in the fast moving serving line where they were treated to shredded, deep pit BBQed, sirloin tip steak (YUM!!) extraordinary ranch beans, fresh toasted garlic bread, tossed salad, fresh shelled shrimp, nuts, chips and dips (served in porcelain and glass insulators!) deserts, ice-cream sandwiches, milk (white, chocolate, and strawberry), water, soda, OJ, and much more. No one goes hungry at the Roundup! During the meal, Don and the crew literally walk from table to table offering hot seconds and making sure that everyone has exactly what they need to make their lunch extra special. Our hats are off to Don, Bill and their many helpers for another fantastic show!

With seventeen years of the Rohde Roundup in the books we turn our attention to the next shows that are right around the corner. Watch <http://GSIC.INFO> for western show dates including a new Placerville show hosted by Steve Marsh. The Merzoian's vineyard swap meet is near the end of August at Hummingbird Hollow in Porterville, CA. Big Sky at Helena, MT is also in August. The D&D swap meet at Grand Terrace, CA is in early October and Springfield, Ohio is on the same weekend as the Tulare show in early November. Shoot! Before you know it we'll be planning to go to Farmington, NM for the 2014 National! See <http://nia2014.org> for more info.



National Insulator Association 2013 Commemorative

"Now in the 44th year of continuous production"



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"Crème de mint"

(7-up with green milk swirls)



Standard commemorative

Standard commemorative (ONLY 6 LEFT!):

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Solid Pour



Dome embossing



Base embossing

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 1/4 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 will go to benefit the National Insulator Association, a 501(3)c.

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Colors: Call or email for colors

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

Price: \$38 or \$41

Size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___
2XL ___ 3XL ___

Color: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Total Price: _____

BUTTON FRONT SPORT SHIRT

Colors: White, Red, Blue, Brown, Tan



Info: All with embroidered logo
(no pockets)

Price: \$32 or \$35

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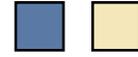
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Info: Nicely weighted denim, pre-shrunk cotton, left-side pocket

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Price: \$35 or \$38

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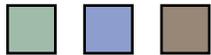
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Colors: Stonewash Green, Stonewash Med. Blue, Pebble (Sand), Lt. Steel Gray



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Price: \$20 or \$23

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Colors: Black and Lt. Steel Gray



Info: Only come with embroidered logo.
3 button placket

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Name _____ NIA# _____ City _____ State _____ Pin Magnet

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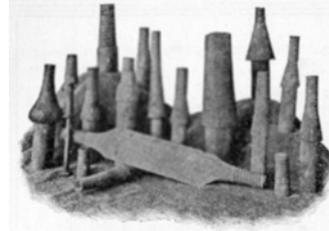
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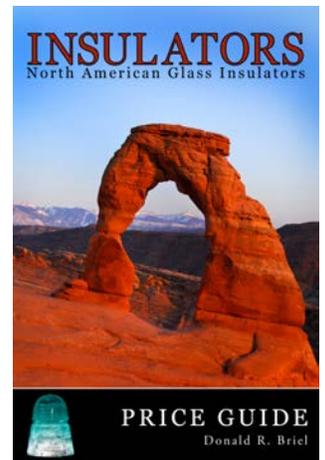
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Annual insulator swap at the Insulator Ranch, 3045 Spanish Creek Place, Merritt, B.C. Use exit 286 off Coquahalla Hwy 5, and head towards Merritt. Turn left onto Coldwater Road, proceed 4 blocks to Spanish Creek Place. Just follow the "Insulator Show" signs. Motor homes, trailers, RV's all welcome. Bev provides a delicious Chili 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, NIA #6233, 250-378-2787 or email: bobscafe@telus.net

SEPTEMBER 7, 2013 (SATURDAY)

Racine, Wisconsin

13th Annual Greater Chicago Insulator Club "End of Summer" Picnic and Swap Meet, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Lunch will be served at noon. Please let us know if you plan to attend so enough food can be prepared. Brats, hot dogs, and various other picnic type food is on the menu this year. We will be having the Famous Rick Soller Auction again. He has hundreds of insulators ready to auction. If you want to put something in the auction, by all means bring it with you. The event will go on rain or shine. It will be held at the home of RANDY WESNER, 434 Blaine Ave., Racine, WI 53405 (262) 633-0756. Email: randysdodge@gmail.com. Call or email if you need directions. Looking forward to seeing YOU!!!

SEPTEMBER 14, 2013 (SATURDAY)

Houston, Texas

The 22nd Annual Houston Insulator and Collectibles Show, sponsored by the Lone Star Insulator Club, will be held September 14th in the Pasadena Room of the Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport, 9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, Texas 77017. Show hours are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM with free parking and free admission. Dealer tables are \$40. Guest rooms are \$82 per night for show attendees. Fly into Hobby and take a free shuttle to and from the hotel. Info: CHRIS 281-461-9652 or e-mail: crenaudo@aol.com; KEITH, NIA #1494, 979-245-2558 or e-mail: keithbrooking@spcglobal.net; or JOHN 281-992-5717 or e-mail: j.hall@ix.netcom.com.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2013 (SATURDAY)

East Hampton, Connecticut

Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club Annual "On Golden Pond" Swap Meet and Cookout on Saturday, September 21, 2013. Hours 8 AM to 2 PM at the home of Larry and Mary Jo Emmons, 68 Long Crossing Road, East Hampton, Connecticut. East Hampton is about 30 minutes from Hartford, CT and about 45 minutes from New Haven, CT. Free Setup / Free Admission / Free Fun. Come for the whole day, come for a little while – all are welcome! Please bring your own table(s) and chair(s) if you plan to setup. A hamburger/hotdog cookout lunch will be served around noon. \$10.00 per person "donation" for lunch. Questions or to RSVP, JOHN RAJPOLT, (203) 261-1190 or Rajpolt@earthlink.net. LARRY EMMONS, (860) 267-8584.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2013 (SATURDAY)

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Enchantment Insulator Club / New Mexico Historical Bottle Society 26th Annual Insulator, Bottle, Barbwire and Collectibles? Show and Sale. Grace Church, 6901 San Antonio NE, Albuquerque. Show setup and dealer trading Friday afternoon & evening, September 27. Saturday September 28 show hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Info: MIKE GAY, NIA #1428, (505) 899-8755. E-mail: cdn102@centurylink.net ? or TOM KATONAK, NIA #3567, 1024 Camino de Lucia, Corrales, NM 87048, (505) 898-5592. ?E-mail: tkatonak@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER 28, 2013, (SATURDAY)

Richfield, Ohio

The Western Reserve Insulator Club's 3rd Annual "Oktoberfest" Insulator Show at the Masonic Hall, 3750 Grant Street, Richfield, OH 44286 (near the southwest corner of Routs 303 & 176). 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Free admission. 8-foot Dealer Tables \$20.00. Dealer Setup 9-10:00 a.m. Bratwurst and Root Beer available for lunch. Contact JOHN HOVANEK (440) 237-2242, or cell phone (216) 392-3622, email wric@clubs.insulators.info for details or dealer contract.

OCTOBER 4 - 5, 2013 (FRIDAY - SATURDAY)

Canyonville, Oregon

2013 Jefferson State Antique, Bottle, Insulator & Collectible Show will be held October 4 – 5 at Seven Feathers Casino Resort, Canyonville, Oregon. Dealer set up Friday from noon to 7:00 PM and again Saturday morning from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Admission for early buyers is \$10.00 per person. General admission is from 9:00 to 3:00 Saturday. Info: BRUCE SILVA (541) 899-8411 or email: jsglass@q.com.

OCTOBER 5, 2013 (SATURDAY)

Grand Terrace, California

6th Annual Double-D Insulator Tailgater Extravaganza, hosted by Dave & Dwayne, sponsored by the Golden State Insulator Club. Location is Wilden Park, 22069 Van Buren St., Grand Terrace, CA. Set-up officially begins at 8 am. Bring your tables and chairs, or sell right from your tailgate. Lunch is served at noon (at a nominal donation to the club). Admission is free! DAVE LEFORGE (909) 783-3423 or leforge@roadrunner.com; DWAYNE ANTHONY ((909) 862-9279 or insulators@open-wire.com; or for additional info please go to <http://www.insulators.info/shows/dde/>. Please RSVP.

OCTOBER 6, 2013 (SUNDAY)

Chelsea, Michigan

Annual Huron Valley Bottle and Insulator Club's show will be held on Sunday October 6, 2013 at the Comfort Inn Conference Center in Chelsea, Michigan, Exit 159 (M-52) off I-94. 9 am until 2 pm. Info: MIKE BRUNER, NIA # 1483, 248-425-3223 or ROD KRUPKA, NIA #1308, 249-627-6351, or e-mail: rodkrupka@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 1-3, 2013 (FRIDAY - SUNDAY)

Springfield, Ohio

43rd Mid-Ohio Insulator Show a& Sale will be held November 1 – 3 at the Clark County Fairgrounds (Exit 59 off I – 70), Springfield, Ohio. Friday hours 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Saturday: 8:00 to 4:00. Sunday: 9:00 to ??/ Info: LOIS BLAIR, NIA #248, (740) 852-3148 or CURT BOSTER, (614) 301-5125, email: cboster@woway.com

NOVEMBER 23, 2013 (SATURDAY)

Milford, Ohio

St. Andrew Antique Bottle Show, Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 to 1:00 at St Andrew Parish Center, 553 Main Street, Milford, Ohio (two minutes from I-275). Admission \$4. Early Admission at 7:00 AM is \$15. Info: STEVE SINGER (513) 732-2793 or email: singersams@yahoo.com.

DECEMBER 8, 2013 (SUNDAY)

Enfield, Connecticut

Yankee Pole Cat Insulator Club's FIRST ANNUAL "BEAT THE SNOW" insulator, Bottle and Tabletop Collectibles Show and Sale. American Legion Hall, 566 Enfield Street, (U.S. Route5), Enfield, Connecticut 06082. We experienced a very exciting and well-attended spring show with a lot of requests for a second "formal" show, so we listened to our New England and Mid-Atlantic collectors and scheduled this NEW show for the Pole Cats! Insulators, bottles, jars, lightning rod equipment, flasks, stoneware, telephone & telegraph collectibles, railroadiana, advertising & paper ephemera, and small table top antiques. Show hall is 1 mile from Exit 49 of I-91 (20 minutes from Hartford as well as the Mass Pike). Show hours 8 AM to 2PM. Dealer Setup 6 AM to 8 AM. FREE ADMISSION. Room for 40+ sales tables. For a dealer contract, display information, or any other details – please contact JOHN RAJPOLT (203) 261-1190. E-Mail: Rajpolt@earthlink.net.

FEBRUARY 21 - 22, 2014 (FRIDAY - SATURDAY)

Lebanon, Indiana

2014 NIA Central Regional Show aka 4th Heartland Glass Collectors insulator and Bottle Show. Located at the Boone County 4H Fairgrounds, 1300 E 100 S (exit 138 off of I-65), Lebanon, IN 46052. (765) 482-0750. Kim Borgman and Jim White are the show hosts. Dealer tables are \$25.00 before 2/1/2014 and \$30.00 after that date. For dealer and exhibitor contracts, information about hotel accommodations, etc. contact KIM BORGMAN, 1056 E US 136, Pittsboro, IN 46167. Phone: (317) 892-1399 or email: kim.borgman@rndc-usa.com.

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



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