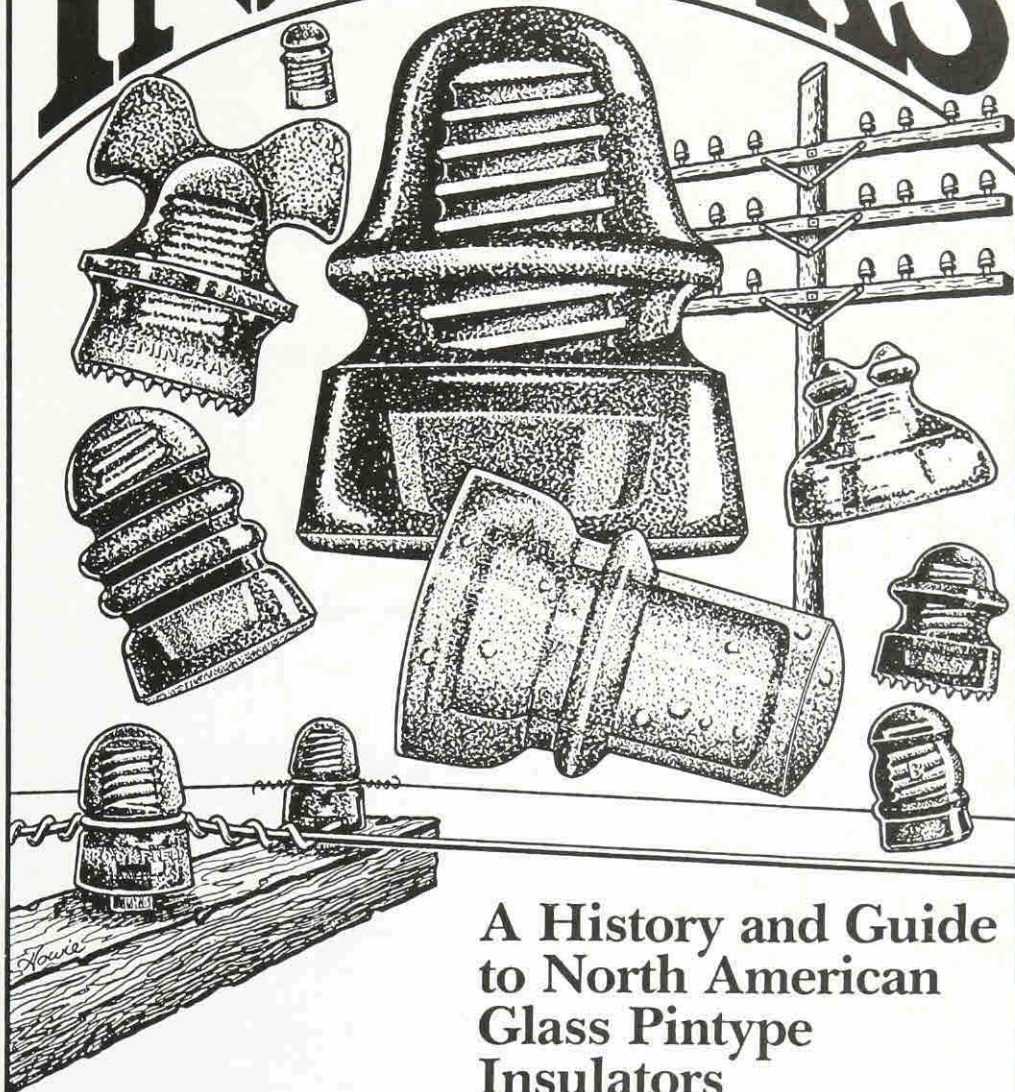


# INSULATORS



A History and Guide  
to North American  
Glass Pintype  
Insulators

— John and Carol McDougald —

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# ABOUT THE AUTHORS . . .

**John and Carol McDougald** have been actively involved in the insulator hobby for nearly twenty years. It all started when Carol bought a few aqua and clear glass insulators at a garage sale because she thought they would be nice "paperweights" for John who worked for Ohio Bell Telephone Company. The rest, as they say, is history.



(Photograph by Guido Galesloot)

Activities in the hobby since that time include accumulating a 4,500-piece collection (subsequently passed on to many other collectors); participating as dealers, local show hosts, National Show hosts (1976 in Berea, Ohio); serving the National Insulator Association as president (John), treasurer (Carol), ethics chairman (John), historian (Carol), by-laws chairman (John); in 1985 Carol purchased the hobby's monthly publication, *Crown Jewels of the Wire*, and is serving as editor. John and Carol also produce the glass insulator commemorative for the annual National Insulator Association convention. During the past three years, the McDougalds have traveled extensively to visit collectors and attend insulator shows and gatherings. Over 5,000 photographs have been taken and many hours spent verifying the existence of glass pintype insulators of North America during that time.

John graduated from the College of Wooster (Ohio) with a degree in mathematics. He has worked for "the telephone company" (now Ameritech in the

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Carol, also a Wooster graduate (biology, with a minor in chemistry), taught school for three years, retired to raise the family and do volunteer work for the P.E.O. Sisterhood (an educational sisterhood) until *Crown Jewels*

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Both John and Carol have been active in various church and civic responsibilities, as well as the activities of their children as they were growing up. Sons Dave (21) and Bob (20) were regulars on the insulator show circuit for many years with Mom and Dad until school and work demands got in the way.

This book represents an accumulation of data by the authors over the past twenty years. The effort continues; new or previously unconfirmed listings turn up with surprising regularity. If you have or know of any unlisted insulators that should be included in this book, please write:

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