

HISTORY

THE NOR-CAL INSULATOR CLUB EARLY LETTER & NEWSLETTERS

Dear Collector,

This is a letter we are sending to the known collectors in Northern Calif., to see how many of you are interested in getting a Insulator Club started.

We would like to know if you are interested, if you would actively participate, and if you have any ideas of your own.

We are sending this to the collectors who take Crown Jewels because we had to have a starting place for names and addresses. We know from our own experience that there are many collectors who do not take Crown Jewels. But we do not know how to reach them in your area. That is the reason we are sending you each five copies of this letter. You can pass them around to other collectors that we can not reach.

I am going to list a few of the things we have talked about so far.

(1) There will only be 4 to 6 meetings a year. These will be all day family outings such as picnics in the summer and indoor pot lucks in the winter. Each meeting will be a SWAP MEET for trading and selling insulators.

(2) We are going to try to keep the meeting place as central as we can. That way everyone will be able to drive to and from in one day.

(3) We feel this is the best way to keep the interest of the collectors we have now and to get beginners started in the hobby that we enjoy so much.

If you have any ideas of your own please write and let us know. We would like to hear from as many as possible.

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19 Southview Dr.

Oroville, Calif. 95965

916-533-6289

Thank You

William J. Galloway
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DEAR INSULATOR COLLECTOR:

THIS LETTER IS TO INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO A ALL-DAY GET TOGETHER APRIL 19th AT HEWITT PARK, OROVILLE, CA. OUR OBJECT IS TO FORM A NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INSULATOR CLUB. WE WILL START THE MEETING AT 10'o'clock sharp to discuss plans and organize. At noon we will all enjoy a picnic lunch (each bring his own) then if we are done organizing OUR club and have future plans all made, we can finish out the day with a good fashion swap meet. HOW ABOUT IT ???

Bring the whole family, Your lunch, and your insulators, let's make a day of it and get the ball a-rolling.

We'll look forward to seeing you April 19th.

Your friends and fellow insulator
collectors,

Bill & Karen Galloway, Oroville, Ca.

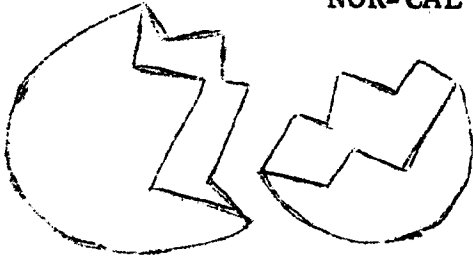
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Hello, Fellow Insulator Collectors! Did everyone see the great write-up of our first meeting and organization in the June 1975 CROWN JEWELS? I think that DON & DORA HARNED should be given some credit, too, for supporting BILL GALLOWAY'S planning because where insulators are concerned DON & DORA are right there boosting all of the way! Since that first great meeting BILL & KAREN and LARRY THOMAS (with JO ANN'S help, of course!) have been doing a lot of leg work getting our new club into orbit! GORDON & PAT MARSH have been making arrangements for our next meeting in June near their home town. Don't miss it! BOB & ARLENE JACKSON are saving up their money for a vacation trip to Southern California to include the San Diego Show, Disneyland and other goodies. RUSS GARDNER is all excited about collecting again since he got the Silers. Maybe he'll make it to Corning. DON & "THIMBLE" BURGER are turning out more of those clever insulator switch plates. BRIAN SMITH plans to fly to the National for one day. We know that PAUL BELLANYI is going to all of the flea markets to find a great treasure (because we've seen him at them all!) Wonder if RALPH & IRMA HOLMES have found display space for all of those insulators they got from WALLY & VIRGINIA WRIGHT? W & V have been waiting for the snows to melt to get up in the high country to do some digging. They are hot on the trail of some buried treasure--they Hope-- (and so do we!) PAT PATOCKA was able to get four feet of that premium display space at San Diego to show his California collection. Haven't-cont.

Look out world! Here we come!

PRESENT ROSTER:

- President and Secretary-Treasurer:
 Bill and Karen Galloway
 19 Southview Dr. Oroville 95965
- Vice President:
 Larry and Jo Ann Thomas
 3354 Argonaut Ave. Oroville 95965
- Paul Bellanyi
 2740 9th Ave. Sacramento 95818
- Frank and Thelma Lee Feher
 1624 Maryland Ave. W.Sac.95691
- Paul Greaves
 4831 Keane Dr. Carmichael 95608
- Don and Dora Harned
 Rt 1, Box 475 Chico 95926
- Ralph and Irma Holmes
 4801 Euclid Ave. Sacramento 95822
- Bob and Arlene Jackson
 402 Monte Vista Dr. Woodland 95695
- John and Donna Jarrett
 Rt.1 Box 423B Durham 95938
- Gordon and Pat Marsh
 458 Chestnut Corning 96021
- Pat and Shirley Patocka
 P.O.Box 326 Penryn 95663
- Bob and Shelley Peck
 94 El Rancho Lathrop 95330
- Roger and Grace Pundt
 9325 Single Oak Dr. Lakeside 92040
- Brian Smith
 4312 Virgusell Cr. Carmichael 95608
- Rex and Carol Vaughn
 1720 Lucille St. Anderson 96007
- Wally and Virginia Wright
 8100 Golden Field Way Sac. 95823
- cont. - heard any news about REX & CAROL VAUGHN or PAUL GREAVES or BOB & SHELLEY PECK or FRANK & THELMA FEHER, but we can be sure that we'll see them at the June meeting and picnic!
- Be sure to keep us posted on all interesting happenings! Send your news or views to Bill or Shirley.
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 * * * N E X T M E E T I N G * * * * *
 June 14, 1975 A Saturday
 at Woodson Bridge State Park
 near Corning, California
 * * * * * See Ya!

Who said that Summer is a lazy time? It has certainly been a busy time for all insulator collectors! We had the bang-up beginning with the great picnic meeting at Corning on June 15th. That was a great place for the whole family--shady tables for talking, water for swimming and water skiing, which was really the high light of the day, featuring super stars BILL GALLO-WAY and DON HARNED! Thanks to GORDAN and PAT MARSH for arranging such a memorable day! After a brief rest, it was time for the National at San Diego on July 11, 12, and 13th. It is interesting to note that there were more Nor-Cal members at the National Show than showed up at the picnic at Corning! And then, after a briefer rest, there was the Reno Show the next weekend--July 19 and 20th. Lotsa members were there too! Even though the over all pace of both shows seemed to lack the old wheelin'-dealin' of shows of previous years, lots of glass changed hands and several happy members carried treasures home! BOB JACKSON acquired one of those beat up California drips. (It takes time, but after a while, ARLENE, you'll think it looks great too.) It was good to have the National on the West Coast, and that so many of our members could attend! We've got a going group! PAUL BELLANYI'S brother (who is not an insulator collector) was visiting him from Europe, so he could not make it. PAUL GREAVES didn't make it to San Diego, but did show up at Reno with some more of the E. C. & M. s he has been finding! Next time you see the WRIGHTS, ask VIRGINIA about the temperature of the water in the mountains in June. If she is with a guy with whiskers, be sure to say, "Hello!" because you may know him! Have you ordered your name tags (\$1.50) and bumper stickers (50¢) from LARRY and JO ANN? Because of the Santa Rosa Bottle Show on August 16 & 17th, our August meeting has been changed to August 23rd. We should support all of our local shows! See ya there? MARVIN and GLORIA COLLINS didn't make it to the Nat. because of their Eureka Show.

NEW MEMBERS:

WELCOME!

- Don and Jean Burger
Rt. 3, Box 554C Woodland 95695
- Marvin and Gloria Collins
2460 Cherry Court Eureka 95501
- Gregory Conrad
324 Weatherly Way Vacaville
- Ron and Karen Griffen
10300 San Carlos South Gate 90280
- Bill and Madeline Heitkotter
35 East Cornell Fresno 93705
- Garry and Kathy Nelson
460 Madera Ave. #2 Sunnyvale 94086
- Keith and Elsie and Mark Ornbaum 89508
9000 Lemon Valley Drive Lemon Valley, Nev.
- Ray and Jeanne Robinson
Rt. 1, Box 40A Orland 95963

In checking over the information sheets that our members have filled out, it is apparent that we have at least 2 comics in the group! The only part of G. MARSH'S that was printable was the part about wanting a cobalt blue E. C. & M. --the rest of the info was censored. He did get his cobalt at San Diego--ask him about it! KAREN GALLOWAY seems to have this thing about phone bills. She says that she has been collecting them ever since BILL has been collecting insulators! Sound familiar, Gals? Thanks for your responses on these questionnaires! Don't stop--keep the info coming in! DORA is always interested in news and views for the Crown Jewels too, so jot things down and send them along to her. She needs everone's support, so send in articles, poems, (subscriptions,) cartoons, (ads,) and other items of interest to others!

 * * * N E X T M E E T I N G * * *
 August 23, 1975 A Saturday
 in Sacramento
 at Discovery Park Just off I-5

Bring your "Show and Tells"....

Hope all of you can make it!

NOR-CAL INSULATOR CLUB

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Greetings, Fellow Insulator Collectors! It is time to get with it again! What have you been doing during the late summer? Nary a word has been received here from anyone concerning any great activities, any great finds, any great needs, any great news from Nor-Cal Insulator Club members! The hottest thing right now is the forthcoming Woodland Show which is scheduled in place of a fall meeting. Be alert for this ****SUPER CALL**** for members to send in reservations and money for sale tables and notification of any display space needed! The Sacramento meeting in August was a great disappointment because of the poor attendance! Our special guest was Jesse M. Smith, the State Historian of the Interpretive Planning Section, who is making plans for the early telegraph display in Old Sacramento. We had an informal gab session with him, but sure didn't show him much as far as membership! Too bad, because Pat and I had hoped that this might be the big central meeting place for a once a year pow-wow that everyone might be able to make--we would be happy to host it. DORA had an encounter during the picnic (it was with a ¢@#*&%\$ dirty bird) so save all of your old umbrellas for her to use during subsequent picnics! The Oroville Antique Insulator and Collectors Jamboree on September 6th and 7th drew Nor-Cal Insulator Club Members like old home week! Lotsa members made it, some as sellers, some on the other side of the table. The Oroville Jamboree Dance Club met Saturday night at the Table Mountain Tavern, and both participants and spectators were treated to an evening of fun and spirit(s)! The smiling faces of REX and CAROL VAUGHN showed up at Oroville behind a sale table. Knowledgeable MARVIN COLLINS wandered around. ROGER and his Mom, GRACE, made the long trek from

NEW MEMBERS:

WELCOME!

- Glen and Ann Sievert and Family
20157 Suisun Drive Cupertino 95014
- Wallace and Karen Richards
406 West Locust No. 12 Lodi 95240
- Russ and Barbara Gardner
1627 Grove Ave. Woodland 95695

Lakeside. GARY AND KATHY NELSON, (Oh-oh! Garry, not Gary) who had to miss the San Diego Show because of his duty assignments showed up at Oroville! What has happened to BOB and SHELLEY PECK? Missed you guys at the picnic and at Oroville! Hey, RAY and JEANNE ROBINSON, what have you been doing? RON and KAREN GRIFFEN from South Gate, and BILL and MADELINE Heitkotter from Fresno were sellin'. RALPH H.OLMES and FRANK FEHER were both lookin'! If any and all of you members can't make it to a meeting (WALLY and VIRGINIA forgot about the Sacramento Picnic) (and they live in Sacramento!) or have something newsy going on or know something that I don't know that the rest of the members should know, etc., please let me know!!!! It is difficult to report news when there isn't any! OKAY!! Let's get with it for the Woodland Show! If you haven't reserved your sale table, do it right now! Phone the fellows and get your check in the mail today! If you are going to display -- and WHY NOT? --All of you who have collections and have not yet shown your pride and joys--DO IT NOW! You are among friends, so share with us now. This Woodland Show is OUR show, so support it, and let's educate the public!

NEXT: WOODLAND INSULATOR SHOW
Sponsored by Nor-Cal Insulator Club
Saturday, Nov. 15th at the Elks Lodge
9:00 to 5:00 - Contact Bob Jackson or
Russ Gardner for Sale Tables or Displays
Seeya there!

Howdy! Are you ready? Get in gear because it is going to be a busy spring! Instead of a "Newsletter", we have a NEWSCALENDAR for you this time:

November 15, 1975--The Woodland Show was great! BOB JACKSON, RUSS GARDNER AND DON BURGER did a bang-up job of putting on a very successful show!

January 10, 1976--Business meeting at DON & DORA HARNED'S in Chico. Lots of plans, news and the agenda for the coming months were discussed. I'll try to fill you in as we go down the page. It was a full, newsy meeting, so read on, and be sure to hang on to this for a reference for show dates!

Dues are due in April!

January 31 and February 1-- Southern Nevada A.B.C. Show and Sale in Las Vegas. Who's going? Well, the GALLOWAYS & the THOMAS'S & the HARNEDS & the JACKSONS & the PATOCKAS & HOW MANY MORE?

February 14 and 15--San Francisco Area Bottle Collectors Show and Sale at San Mateo.

February 14 and 15--Collectors Jamboree of Stockton Antique & Modern Collectable Sale at the Holiday Inn.

February 29--An insulator show at San Luis Obispo. More info may be in the next "Crown Jewels" or contact Sid Marques of the S.L.O. Insulator Club or Dora.

March 6 and 7--Stockton Historical Bottle Show and Sale at the Stockton Ball Room on Thornton Road.

March 13 and 14--Bidwell Bottle Club Show and Sale at the Chico Fairgrounds. Get your table and display space reserved now.

April 3--Picnic Meeting of Nor-Cal Insulator Club (that's us) at Hewitt Park in Oroville. It was decided to try a pot luck type lunch this time.

Families whose last names start with
A - H Bring hot dish plus another goody.

I - Q Bring a salad plus some other tasty.

R - W Bring desert plus some other yummy.

X, Y & Z Just bring yourselves.

NEW MEMBERS, WELCOME!

Doug Pruitt

3461 Beacon Dr. Anderson 96007

Bart Magoffin

Whitney Hall Rm. 927 Chico 95926

April 3, cont.

Dues--have you paid yours?

Election of Officers--Suggested for 1976-77 slate: The Patockas for the Pres.-Secty. combo with Brian Smith on the drums--I mean for Vice-Pres. The ballots are not yet printed (they may never be) so please submit any additional names. If you need a ballot printed in either Spanish or Chinese see Ms. Eu.

May 1--One Day Nor-Cal Insulator Show at Reno. KEITH, ELSIE & MARK ORNBAUM are setting it up at the VFW Hall. 6ft. tables are \$8.00 and 8 ft. tables are \$10.00. Display space available (no judging.) This promises to be another great day for insulator collectors so get your money for tables and requests for display space in now! Show off those treasures!

???????????--A summer Picnic Meeting Somewhere Sometime.

October 23 and 24--Tentative dates for the tentative Western Regional Show in Oroville. Our Nor-Cal Club is putting in a bid for hosting the show there in the fall. We will keep you posted as we get more info on this!

Whew! We are going to be a busy bunch!

Book Discount: On an order of 10 or more books, club members can get a 30% discount on any of Milholland's books! The new price guide (which Bill Galloway says is quite realistic) is out for \$3.00. If you intend to get one, contact Karen, and we will all save!

WELL LEST: VIRGINIA WRIGHT is just hunky-dory fine! Just itchin' to get to the mountains to hunt cobalt E.C.&M.s.

Circle April 3rd & May 1st!**