

Golden State Insulator Club Newsletter

From the Presidents Corner

January 2008

I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas with insulators under the Christmas tree and we wish you a **Happy Insulator Collecting New Year.**

The Auburn Show was very interesting this year with a few eye catching insulators showing up. One was a glass Wade insulator a person was carrying in his shirt pocket trying to draw some attention and Colin Jung was the interested person to get that one.

Another for sale was a purple unembossed CD 120 CEW that a person from Reno had bought a few weeks back in a Citrus Heights antique mall for eighteen dollars and another that he did not bring with him that was two tone purple and green also for eighteen dollars that he was keeping which I don't blame him. I would like to find that kind of a bargain myself. He said he bought one at the antique mall and was going home when he decided maybe he should have bought the other one also and after talking to another bottle collector about the value he went back the next day from Reno and bought the other one. Frank Feher was the lucky one to get the purple unembossed CD120 CEW.

There were a lot of good buys on some insulator dealer's tables and even a purple California CD 191 top for a two piece transposition on one dealers table (Dennis Bryne) which did not sell so if you have the bottom for one here is your chance to complete the set. The person picked the tramp top himself several years ago and the bottom was broke so he left it.

Bill Rohde brought in a knife switch on the original slate board with four large glass insulators holding the switch. He had just set it on the floor under my table and it sold right away. Several people came to my table to buy those Christmas gift insulators for their husbands and sales were somewhat better this year than last year.

One young person Liam joined our club at the show, so welcome to our club Liam. I did give him a couple of insulators to get his collection off to a good start.

One person of interest who traveled from quite a distance to attend the show was Jack Riesselman from Montana.

Happy Holidays!

Larry Shumaker



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From the Southern Region

January 2008

Another Auburn Bottle show has come and gone. It's really hard to believe that I've already made the annual trek northward 17 times in the last 18 years to attend this show. I know some of you probably have me beat by many years. This has always been an amazing show over the years and I have many fond memories of some exciting purchases from walk-ins, as well as off bottle dealer tables. This year was a little less exciting for me for purchases during the show, but a group of quality pre-show purchases made up for it, plus I actually found a couple of decent insulators at bargain prices at an antique shop on the way up (this is rare for me—I've never been lucky at shops). I know there were many other happy collectors that scored some nice insulator purchases, a few from me, as well as other dealers at this show. On a personal level, this has always been one of those shows that has involved traveling and visiting with good friends. Now, having a good bottle collecting friend currently living near Auburn in Rocklin, CA, it has added even more fun to the trip. There were five of us staying at his place this year, including GSIC member Dave Hall, of Wilmington. Dave has been a pretty busy guy in recent years and it was great catching up on our longtime friendship, reminiscent of the good ole days back in the late 1980s and early 1990s when we'd travel to shows and hunts together.

The next upcoming shows that you might want to consider attending will be held in the month of February. The Grand Canyon State Insulator Club will be hosting the Yuma, AZ, Tailgater on Feb 4. This event seems to be growing in popularity as each year passes. Just bring your tables or open your tailgate and you're all set to begin selling. Some great glass and porcelain has changed hands at this show, so it's definitely one you don't want to miss! The Las Vegas Show is being moved to nearby Henderson, Nevada, and will be held on Feb 15-16. This show is not strong for insulator dealers (usually 3-4, including Ofelia and me), but one or two really good insulators seem to always appear on other dealer tables.

Nothing much more to report from the South Region. The only activity down here related to insulators was the local purchase of a "grandfather's accumulation collection". Included were 133 purple CD 154 Whitall Tatums. If anyone else from the So Cal area has anything interesting to report in the future please let me know so I can include it in my reports.

Wishing you all a very happy and joyous new year!

Dwayne Anthony
VP--Southern Region



Hi Everyone,

I hope 2008 is a much better year for all!

Here's my bit:

As I type this I can hear the welcome sounds of heavy rain pounding on the secure roof overhead . It's at these times that I give thanks for all the world has offered and a prayer for the world to evolve into a better, safer, and kinder place. Through our hobby I have made several very fine friendships and many acquaintances. For this I am thankful. I wish those dear to me good health, full hearts, and clear minds.

Although I continue to build a pretty fair collection, I know that without the wonderful people involved I would end my pursuit of glass and probably gravitate somewhere else where the focus is people. As I was reminded repeatedly during my long adventure producing my insulator DVD, we make the hobby what it is, not the objects we collect...as it was echoed so many times..."It's the people!"

A heart-felt wish for a recovery to good health to Don Bayes. We are pulling for him and Elaine. As we all know, they are two of the real "gems" in our world.

I hope to see you all at the next "bash"...Bill's place. And before we know it, we'll be enjoying the classic beauty of Cayucos. Time just moves along fast enough that we can't ever seem to catch up. I guess that's why I try to make every moment count. I know I'm not alone in that philosophy.

Best wishes to all!

Bob Merzoian

***The Merzoian Tailgator
Last weekend in August !!!***



GOOD FOOD, GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD WEATHER, OH YEAH, AND LOTS OF GOOD INSULATORS!!!!!!

THE DECEMBER AUBURN SHOW



So good to see
Here's **T-R-O-U-B-L-E**. Art & Dale Huber,
Dave Elliott and Dwayne Anthony



Janet Bond
with Terri Baya

Scott Prall with Frank Fehr, I bet
there was some talk about
E C & M's !!!!



Long time
member and
BIG CLUB
supported
Joe Clements
with his
daughter
Stephanie



Dave Hall & Dave
with a VERY full table of FUN

Bob McLaughlin
with LOTS of
?????
beautiful
stuff.
McLaughlins
on his table,



The
NORTHWEST BOULEVARD

BOYS
Dave Elliott
Lowenstein
taking a break
from cabinet
building to
visit with friends

Bill Vincent & Arnie

With TONS of neat glass



Larry
Shumaker
looking
nervous
with
New collector
Kat
McLanahan,



Upcoming Events

PLEASE CONTACT THE SHOW HOST TO VERIFY DATES AND TIMES

When: JANUARY 26
Where: ANDERSON, CALIFORNIA
Description: Superior California Antique Bottle Club 32nd Annual Show & Sale, (9 AM to 4 PM), at the Shasta County Fairgrounds, Anderson, CA. Info: **MEL HAMMER**, PH: (530) 241-4878 or **PHIL McDONALD**, PH: (530) 243-6903.

When: February 2, 2008 (Saturday)
Where: Yuma, AZ
Description: **Grand Canyon State Insulator Club** 9th annual insulator show/tailgater in Yuma, Arizona on Saturday, February 2, 2008, from 9:00 AM until late afternoon. Tailgater will be at the Riverside Park which is located next to the Yuma Territorial Prison. If selling insulators please bring tables or set up in the back of your truck, no reservations required. Questions? Contact Roger Nagel at 623-566-0121

When: FEBRUARY 16
Where: HENDERSON, NEVADA
Description: Las Vegas Antique Bottle & Collectibles Club 43rd Annual Show & Sale, (Sat. 9 AM to 4 PM, early buyers Friday Feb. 15th, 11 AM to 5 PM), at the Henderson Convention Center, 200 Water Street, Henderson, NV. Info: **BARBARA PIERCE**, 912 Smith Street, Las Vegas, NV. 89108, PH: (702) 646-1410, email: forgetmenotbp@aol.com

When: MARCH 14 & 15
Where: MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA
Description: The San Luis Obispo Bottle Society's 40th Annual Show & Sale, (Fri 3 to 7 PM & Sat. 9 AM to 3 PM), at the Morro Bay Veterans Hall, 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, CA. Info: call - (805) 543-7484.

When: March
Where: Chico, CA
Description: **42nd Annual Bidwell Bottle Club Show & Sale**
For more information contact Don Ayers, phone: (530) 791-4931 or Randy Taylor, P.O. Box 546, Chico, CA 95927, phone (530) 345-0519, rtjarguy@aol.com. email: twooldshus@yahoo.com

When: APRIL 19, 2008
Where: Fresno, CA
Description: Sat. 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Golden State Insulator Club & The Jefferson State Insulator Club** members in good standing are invited to this event hosted by the Rohde Family. You will enjoy free of charge the famous Deep-pit BBQ Feast courtesy of our gracious hosts: Don, Camille and Bill Rohde. Bring insulators for sale or trade. Numerous tables are provided by our hosts, but you may bring your own, or just open your tailgate and sell and trade!! Swapping stories and bringing your recent finds are strongly encouraged. Bill's extensive porcelain insulator collection will be open for public viewing—a must see for porcelain collectors. Contact: Bill Rohde 530-701-4377.

When: May
Where: Cayucos, CA

Description: **The Golden State Insulator Club's 13th Annual Great Insulator Show and Barbecue.** Fri. 2 p.m. -- 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. -- 3 p.m.; BBQ: Sat. 3:15 p.m. -- 4:30 p.m. BBQ is free to paid members & their minor children. Cost: \$7 per person for everyone else. Show located at the Lions Veteran Hall (at the pier), Cayucos, California. INFO: Paul Alleeson, 1766 First St. #D, Simi Valley, CA 93065; phone: (805) 527-1770; or Dwayne Anthony (909) 862-9279; email: insulators@open-wire.com.

When: **June 7, 2008 (Saturday)**

Where: **Farmington, NM**

Description: **2008 Bolack B-Square Ranch Insulator Tailgater.** Free admittance to all attendees. Sellers should provide their own sales tables. Tours will be available for Tommy Bolack's personal world class insulator collection, the Bolack Electromechanical Museum and the Bolack Museum of Fish and Wildlife. Hotels/motels in the area can be found at: http://www.findlocalhotels.com/bolack_museums-hotels-93496.html?sortby=distance
LOCATION: 3901 Bloomfield Highway, Farmington, NM 87401. INFORMATION: This is a RSVP event. All inquiries and RSVP replies should be directed to the event coordinator, DWAYNE ANTHONY, 909-862-9279, e-mail insulators@open-wire.com. (Additional information will be forthcoming)

When: **June 14**

Where: **San Diego, CA**

Description: **NEW SHOW!!!!!!!!!!**

For more information contact the San Diego Bottle Club. More information forthcoming.....

When: **July 4 - 6, 2008 (Friday - Sunday)**

Where: **Portland, OR**

Description: **39TH Annual National Insulator Association's Show & Convention,** Friday July 4th through Sunday July 6th, DoubleTree Hotel, Portland-Lloyd Center, 1000 NE Multnomah, Portland, OR 97232. 127 sales tables, 40 display tables. Sales tables are \$45 for first, \$40 subsequent, plus \$10 per table for electricity if desired. For reservations, phone 800-222-8733. For show info: Howard & Linda Banks: 541-761-9456 or email: hbanks@grantspass.com. Or, Steve Watkins 503-794-5691 or email: germsw@earthlink.net

When: **Sept. 26 & 27**

Where: **Placerville, CA.**

Description: **2nd Annual Golden State Insulator Club Show & Sale**

at the Placerville Fairgrounds, in the Marshall Building. Set up Friday at 10:00 am, open to public 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm. Saturday open to dealers 07:30 am, open to public 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. RV access available. For more information contact Larry Shumaker phone: (916) 415-1555 email: twooldshus@yahoo.com

THIS JUST IN>>>> The TULARE WILL BE BACK IN 2008<<<<<

November 7 & 8, CONTACT **DAVE BROWN** FOR MORE INFO. 1skychair@msn.com