

There are still good ones to be found!!!!



Bill Harrison

I have to share this find with you and if you want to put it in the newsletter, that is fine with us.

I have been hearing about a box of insulators this guy in town has for a couple years. I finally hooked up with him the other day. The box was up on the top shelf and when I pulled it down what was lying right on top was an **EC&M** "B" mould in aqua. It was hard to restrain myself. There were 21 insulators in the box, no more EC&M's. Two 162 purple Cals, 3 purple Tatums a sage 162 Cal and a 7 up 214. The rest were commons. Very exciting. The guy was a local retired lineman here in Manteca. We talked about insulators for quit a while. In his day they were told Lead caused the glass to turn purple. I thought that was interesting. He was surprised at the real story.

Dwayne Anthony Southern VP

After much discussion, followed by a final vote, we are all now jointly united as members of the Golden State Insulator Club! Although the physical names of the Nor Cal and Central & Southern Counties clubs are now retired, the history of both will be forever carried over and retained as the original foundation stones for the Golden State Insulator Club.



With a support force now covering the entire state of California (plus adjoining states), we hope to thwart the growing trend of collector lethargy that was affecting each of the previous two clubs. Continuing to host and support shows and tailgaters is important to our hobby--without them what fun is there to collecting? With all politics aside, we need everyone's support. You might consider volunteering for an officer's position. Try to attend as many local shows as possible. You can even work in the background, if you prefer, by volunteering to assist at shows with planning, setup, food services, admissions table, cleanup, etc. Shows don't "just happen"; they require much hard work provided by a few select volunteers that are passionate about our hobby. Why not do your part in some small way to ease the burden?

Speaking of shows, the newly organized Placerville Show debuted as a success. Replacing the summer Auburn Show, the new location was excellent. Attendance from the general public was good, but we missed seeing a few of our regular show attendees. Overall, though, the dealer tables were full of quality items and the buying and selling aspect of the show went well. Most impressive were the displays, equaling that of a Regional or even a National level show! The primary movers and shakers getting this show off the ground were Larry & Alice Shumaker and Bill Rohde. Our gratitude to you for a job well done!

There's not a whole lot report here in the south for this quarter. The Los Angeles Bottle club recently held their show in Arcadia and a respectable number of buyers and sellers were present. I was just informed that a date will be chosen soon for the Yuma Tailgater (Jan. or Feb.), so watch CJ and Insulators.com for announcements. This is a continuously growing event that gets better with each year. The Las Vegas Bottle & Collectibles Club will be moving their huge annual show to Henderson, NV. Dates for 2008 are Feb 15-16 and will be held at the Henderson Convention Center. Ofelia and I will be there with a table, as well as Norm James, Dave Hall and others.

Bill Rohde and I will be attending the Mid Ohio/Springfield Show in November and we hear that other club members may be making the journey, as well. I'm also looking forward to seeing you all at the Auburn Show in December. ***Wishing everyone a joyous Holiday Season!***

From:
Bob Merzoian, Central V.P.



I am honored to have been elected to the Board of our new, **bigger and better club.**

Thanks to all of you who voted to combine California forces to form what is probably one of the strongest groups of collectors in the country. We Golden State members should show the way in promoting our hobby.

We will also continue to host some of the best shows and tailgaters around. I strongly urge you to support all of these get-togethers. For me, these types of events are the heart-and-soul of the insulator hobby. I must admit I have a special fondness for the Cayucos show (clean sea air perhaps?)...if you haven't attended, please make a point of doing so. I promise it will become one of your favorites as well. We hope the Three Amigos will reunite for next year. Our shindig (the Merzoian tailgater) is "set-in-stone". And, of course, the newest addition, Placerville, is destined to become "big" (thanks Larry!). Dave Brown assures me that we will pull together the Tulare show for '08 (we'll twist a few arms to help us out). So you can see, we have a lot of fun ahead.

I hope we will continue to add new members to our fold. We especially need to get the "young 'uns" involved. With the economy and glass prices down a bit, it's a good time for buyers. Be generous with some of your extra glass and mud...pass it on to those with limited budgets...kids in particular. I hope anyone out there with good promotional ideas and lots of energy will contact us. We've got a bigger and better "team" working together for you and with you now. Congratulations!

From Bill Rohde, Treasurer,

Hello everyone, WOW, what a busy summer!!!! **The Placerville Show was a HUGE success. Larry and Alice Shumaker** deserve HUGE credits for all the hours and work they put into making that show happen!! Larry and Alice put in SO many hours dealing with the fair people and all the advertising, but it DID pay off. WHAT AN IMPROVEMENT from the recent summer Auburn shows!!! The hall was full of sales tables, and the displays were AMAZING!!! Some veterans of the hobby were saying the displays rivaled the displays of some Nationals!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to all the displayers who went to all the work to display at the Placerville 2007 show. And THANK YOU to all who made the trip To Placerville to sell, buy, visit and eat. Thanks for YOUR support!!!!

We had LOTS of support from collectors from ALL OVER. Again, **Alice Shumaker and Don Rohde** did a TON of work in a **HOT** kitchen to keep everyone well fed with plenty of foods and drinks!! **Thanks so much** for having it all available for our convenience. Believe me, it IS A LOT of work!!!! Unfortunately, some CHARTER members and LONG time supporters were NOT able to be at the show and were SORELY missed. These were the Heitkotters, The Bayes and the Patockas. We know they will be at a show near you soon, and all will be "right" in the insulator world again.

At the general membership meeting, a vote was held to merge the two clubs into the new Golden State Insulator Club. Although it passed by about a 4 to 1 margin, it was discussed further and it was agreed that the vote to merge the two clubs would need to be sent out to ALL members of both clubs for a vote. **Kathy Greaves** was kind enough to handle this **HUGE** task of assembling and mailing out the ballots and later tallying and reporting the results to the club. At a cost of \$554.09 to the Club, the vote **again** showed that the idea of joining the two clubs was a **WINNER!!!!**

Thanks to all the new Vice Presidents and Board Members for volunteering to keep the momentum going for the GSIC. Your contributions and efforts are VERY much appreciated.

Larry Shumaker - President

Bill Rohde - Treasurer

Alice Shumaker - Secretary (for now)

Bill Harrison - Board Member

Dale Huber - Vice President - Northern Region

Howard Banks - Board Member - Northern Region

Bob Merzoian - Vice President - Central Region

Dave Brown - Board Member - Central region

Dwayne Anthony - Vice President - Southern Region

Ron Jenkins - Board Member - Southern Region

Thank You

On other business.....

Kathy Greaves has requested that the Club please find someone else to take over the duties of Secretary. The Club is very grateful to Kathy for her time and work for the Club. **THANKS!!!!**

To keep things going for the time being, **Alice Shumaker** has agreed to take on these duties for us with the agreement that we **ACTIVELY** recruit someone to permanently take over the duties. So... If ANYONE would like to help out the Club and carry the prestigious title of GSIC Secretary, please contact Larry Shumaker.

Another person who has done an **AWESOME** job for the Club is Lifetime Member - **Nathan Lamkey**. He created and maintained our **WEBSITE** for us. Nathan enthusiastically created a website for the Club when one was needed. His speed, creativity and on going maintenance of the site was very appreciated by the members. The Club was recently approached by **Christian Willis** who offered his assistance with the new Club website. Christian is very creative and has had **MANY** items published in Crown Jewels. Nathan has agreed to allow Christian to head up the new website. He has **ALREADY** got quite a site going for the Club. **THANKS NATHAN & CHRISTIAN.**

We appreciate everyone's patience with us as we get all the new logo items put together, ordered, printed, etc. We will be getting new membership cards to all current members at the first of the year.

If anyone has anything to contribute to the upcoming newsletters, please send them to Larry or me. Hunts, new finds, trips, ANYTHING that you would like to share with fellow members, get it to us so we can build up fun and informative newsletters that everyone will look forward to getting. The more the better!!!!!!!!!!!!

Oh yeah, one more item.....**PLEASE**, if anyone would like to receive their newsletter via EMAIL, please let us know. It will help save the Club A LOT of money.

Just email Bill Rohde at: norcalmud@ayhoo.com

And we will put your name on the electronic newsletter list, **THANKS!!!!**



Update on the 2008 National Show in Portland, OR.

By Howard Banks

By October 1st, only 26 sales tables remained available for the **2008 National Insulator Show** to be held July 4–6 at the DoubleTree Hotel and Convention Center in Portland, Oregon. 101 tables have been reserved. If you are hoping for a table at next summer's national, please make your reservation before they are all gone.

Twenty exhibit spaces have been reserved for the show, with about 20 remaining. Again, don't wait until it's too late to request display table.

A major attraction for the 2008 National will be a special exhibit of North American CD's. An attempt is underway to display every CD style from CD 100 to CD 365 and from CD 700 to CD 796. And not just every CD, but the best example possible. If we succeed, this could be the one and only opportunity to see every CD in one place at one time.

The DoubleTree is providing double-sized motel rooms for just \$89 per night for those who attend the National Show. You'd pay in excess of \$210 per night for one of these rooms if you reserved one on your own! The DoubleTree is also directly across the street from the Lloyd Center Mall, the largest shopping center in Oregon. Access is convenient from Interstate Five, or from the Portland International Airport by commuter train for just two bucks. The train stop is merely a half-block away.

The Golden State Insulator Club is one of the sponsors of the 2008 National. Please plan to attend.

Sales tables are \$45 for the first, \$40 for subsequent tables, plus \$10 per table for electricity if desired. To reserve at the DoubleTree, use the code "NIA" or say "National Insulator Show". The special room rate is valid July 2nd through July 8th. For reservations, phone 800-222-8733.

For sales tables, or display tables, or for a show packet, contact me at 541-569-2318 or email: hbanks@grantspass.com



We recently received this email and thought it was very interesting.....

Gentlemen and Lady:

My name is Gary Goff and I am a telephone collector. I live in Brea, CA. I am also the membership chair of TCI, Telephone Collectors International. One of my friends is Bill Meier who hosts our TCI website, etc. He gave me your names and email addresses.

TCI is very interested in having a combined telephone and insulator collector show from time to time, as has been done in Florida and elsewhere. My reason for contacting you today is that I sponsor two California "regional" shows each year, one in Orange County in March and one in San Jose in November. They are 1/2 day Saturday shows and attract a fair number of collectors and members of the public. The shows are staged in church social halls. The one in Orange County is the first Saturday of March and the San Jose show, staged in the Episcopal Church in San Jose, is always the second Saturday of November.

We would like to invite you and members of your group to join us in November, either as regular attendees who pay \$2 per person to enter and \$10 per table if you wish to display, sell, etc. The \$2 fee per person, and all of us pay it, goes to the church as "rent" for the space. The \$10 table fee pays for the 350 postcards that I sent out last week to known collectors and interested parties in CA, OR, WA, AZ, and NV. There are others from other states who will be coming as well.

We have a great time, buying and selling during the first couple of hours of the feeding frenzy. We also have a silent auction at 11A where goods can be sold in that manner for personal profit or for the benefit of the two telephone clubs, TCI and ATCA.

If you wish more information, send me your address by email and I will forward a postcard to you, or I will be happy to provide a few more details by email or phone. I can be reached at 714 528-3561.

Thanks!

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PS: You can visit my collection website via the link below. You can also visit my new domain, that is not yet fully developed, at www.telephoncollector.org

Gary's Website Link: <http://home.inreach.com/bgoff>