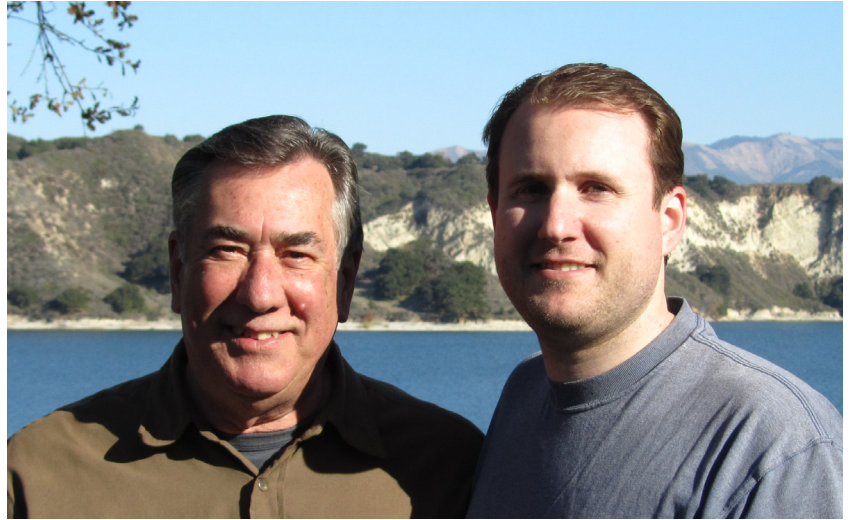


ABOUT THIS EXHIBITOR

Christian Willis began collecting insulators in 1990 at the age of 10, when his father Bud took him to an antique shop in Orange, CA. Christian had exactly \$3.00 to spend, and the only thing he could find priced for that amount was this weird green glass thing sitting on a shelf. He visited the local library, and once he learned what it was, he was in touch with Crown Jewels of the Wire magazine, and the National Insulator Association. Pretty soon he had amassed a small collection, and his interest only grew from there.



Bud Willis Christian Willis

In 1993, Christian began focusing on insulators manufactured by Hemingray and still continues to specialize in them today. He especially loves to focus on Hemingray embossing errors, mine insulators, spools and wall/floor tubes.

Christian is the webmaster for www.hemingray.info, a website featuring a database of all known Hemingray insulator styles and embossings.



Today, Christian resides in Castle Rock, Colorado with his wife Maggi, and three children: Christian Jr., Caitlin, and Ethan. He currently sits on the NIA Board of Directors as the Information Director (2014 to present), is a member of the Triple Ridge Insulator Club, a lifetime member of the Golden State Insulator Club, and has enjoyed 23 years of membership with the NIA (and counting!)

 **Christian's First Insulator, a CD 154 Hemingray-42**