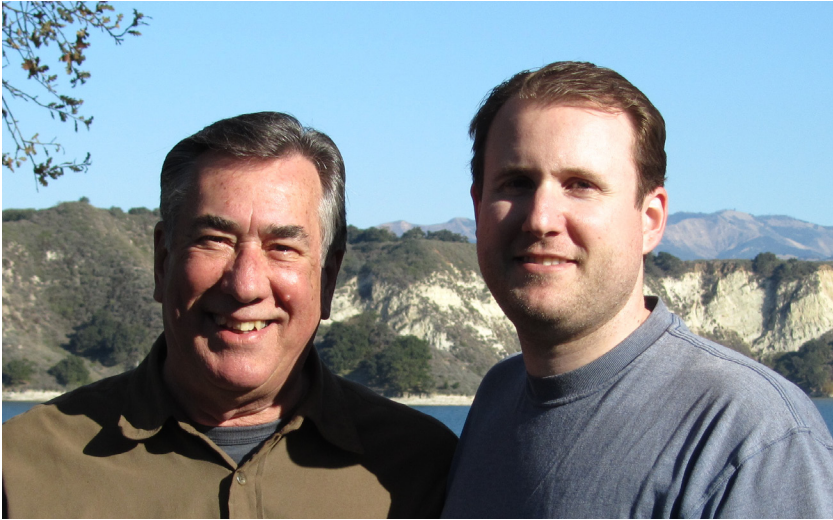


# ABOUT THIS EXHIBITOR



**Bud Willis      Christian Willis**

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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 on a shelf. 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.

In 1993, Christian began focusing on insulators manufactured by Hemingray (after all, his first insulator was a Hemingray-42!) and still continues to specialize in them today. He especially loves to focus on Hemingray embossings, errors, and rare & experimental styles.



At age 16 in 1996, Christian began drawing “Laugh Lines” for Crown Jewels of the Wire Magazine, a comic for the insulator collecting hobby. He continues to draw them to this day, and is grateful for the opportunity.

Christian is also the webmaster for Hemingray.info, a website featuring a database of all known Hemingray insulator CDs and embossings, with some photos from his personal collection.

Today, Christian resides in Parker, Colorado with his wife Maggi, and two children Christian Jr. and Caitlin. He is a lifetime member of the Golden State Insulator Club, and has enjoyed 19 years of membership so far with the NIA.