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Crown Point, Indiana Swap Meet

A great time was held on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the home of Arlen and Tina Rienstra who hosted the club's "Beat the Winter Blahs" swap meet.

The auction once again proved to be a popular event at the swap meet. This year exactly 100 lots were offered for sale with 96 of them selling. The auction was split into a morning session and an afternoon session with 44 lots selling in the morning and the rest in the afternoon after lunch.

The auction generated \$1100 in sales which was more than last year's auction total of \$690.05 (but still not as much as the most recent action at the club auction at the Racine, Wisconsin swap meet). Of this amount, \$33 in sales was donated to the club and another \$108 was collected from sellers in commissions for a total of \$141.

The auction also saw a number of first-time sellers and buyers and collectors from a wide range of states. New sellers included Dan Ling from Shelecta, Pennsylvania, Dale & Greg Glendenning from Ohio, Deb & Mike Fowler from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and Riley Armstrong from Vermillion, South Dakota. Others traveling from out of the area included Justin Perault from Wisconsin, Dennis Seltrecht from Iowa, Dave Shaw from Iowa, and Andy Wadysz from Michigan. Others from a little closer included Jim White (Indianapolis, IN), Mark Gilmore (Moorsville, IN), Mike McLaughlin (Warsaw, IN), Gene Hawkins (Warsaw, IN), Kim Borgman (Pittsboro, IN), Tom Nugent (Ottawa, IL), Russ & Marge Frank (McHenry, IL), Rick & Nedra Soller (Gurnee, IL), Josh Dondorf (Hinkley, IL), Richard Case (Rockford, IL), Bob Stahr (West Chicago, IL), Tim Haraf (Western Springs, IL & Grand Rapids, MI), Steve Haraf (Western Springs, IL), Steve McCollum (Gurnee, IL), Mark & Elaine Corriero (Park Forest, IL), Scott Elliot (Hammond, IN), Rich Tillich, Robbie & Tory Reed (Elkhart, IN), Vicki, and Pat Reed (Elkhart, IN).

Some notes to improve the auction next time: 1) Move the auction to the other side of the garage so the auctioneer can stand on the stairs making the items for sale more visible; and 2) Avoid double layered boxes and crates because many people did not see what was in the bottom of the box/crate. For the first time, there was not enough space for the auction and sales stock so crates and boxes of insulators for the auction were shoved under tables until time for the auction.

The official start of the swap meet was 10 a.m. on Saturday so it was no surprise that people showed up the night before. Rick Soller and Riley Armstrong stopped by to help lay down cardboard on the floor, set up tables, and bring in crates for the auction. Deb & Mike Fowler drove down from the UP so were in the area early and stopped to chat and look at Arlen's collection.

On Saturday, the first arrivals occurred before 8:30 a.m. Glen & Dale Glendenning (who didn't realize they were in a different time zone than Ohio) were setting up when Rick & Riley arrived. Russ & Marge Frank arrived a few minutes later at 8:40 a.m. At 8:45, Tim & Steve

Haraf showed up. This was followed by Bob Stahr at 8:50, Mike McLaughlin at 8:56, Dan Ling at 8:57, Richard Case at 9:05, Jim White & Mark Gilmore at 9:07, Josh Dondorf and Tom Nugent at 9:09, Dennis Seltrecht at 9:10, Deb and Mike Fowler at 9:20, Dave Shaw at 9:54, and Andy Wadysz at 9:55.

Those who came after the start of the swap meet included Kim Borgman (10:10), Joe Gomez (also 10:10), Justin Perault (10:25), and Steve McCollum (10:20). I didn't see when several people sneaked in including Robbie, Tory, Vicki, Scott, Mark & Elaine Corriero, Rich Tillich, Pat, and Gene Hawkins.

The weather was about 37 degrees Fahrenheit outside and the garage was only a little warmer at the start. Very quickly, however, the portable heater and all the 36 people had the place warmed up very nicely. According to Tina, the coziness of the garage "smelled like a sweaty men's locker room."

At noon, everyone broke for lunch, provided by the hosts. There were sloppy Joes, chips, vegetables, soda pop, desserts, cookies, and more. Later in the afternoon, Marge Frank brought some of her famous no-bake cookies on a plate to the garage and passed them around until they were gone.

After the auction, a club meeting was held. There was a great deal of discussion about the three bids for the 2012 National show various club members were preparing. Most of the discussion revolved around the amount of support the club was expected to provide. After much discussion and clarification, a letter was to be drafted providing the NIA with this information. In general, everyone was excited about the possibility of having the 2012 National in the area.

| # | Seller | Item Description | Price | Buyer |
|-----|--------------------------------------|---|-------|------------------|
| 1 | Deb & Mike Fowler – donation to club | Beehives found in the UP, CD 145 bar/bar, wood box | .50 | Rick Soller |
| 2 | Dan Ling | Provo | \$5 | Jim White |
| 3 | Dan Ling | Multipart | \$10 | Josh Dondorf |
| 4 | Dan Ling | Board with various insulators | \$5 | Arlen Rienstra |
| 5 | Dan Ling | Lightning arrestor | \$5 | Riley Armstrong |
| 6 | Dan Ling | Box of different porcelain | \$6 | Riley Armstrong |
| 7 | Mike McLaughlin | 20 books | \$14 | Rick Soller |
| 8 | Mike McLaughlin | 12 glass insulators | \$4 | Joe Gomez |
| 9 | Mike McLaughlin | Basket with porcelain electrical house insulators | \$21 | Riley Armstrong |
| 10 | Mike McLaughlin | Hemingray dump glass, opalescent CD 128 tops and more | \$15 | Kim Borgman |
| 11 | Mike McLaughlin | Pins and suspension insulators | \$1 | Riley Armstrong |
| 12 | Dale Glendenning | Small glass insulators | \$11 | Richard Case |
| 13 | Dale Glendenning | Box of glass insulators | \$15 | Richard Case |
| 14 | Dale Glendenning | Railroad book | \$6 | Arlen Rienstra |
| 14b | Dale Glendenning | Box of porcelain, 12 pieces | \$10 | Riley Armstrong |
| 15 | Dale Glendenning | Box of porcelain | \$25 | Rick Soller |
| 16 | Dale Glendenning | Box of glass insulators | \$15 | Jim White |
| 17 | Josh Dondorf | Box of glass insulators | \$12 | Dennis Seltrecht |
| 18 | Jay Dondorf | Box of glass insulators | \$21 | Richard Case |

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| 19 | Mark Gilmore | Glass Cable insulators | \$22 | Riley Armstrong |
| 20 | Mark Gilmore | Blue LSV Jumbo | \$16 | Dave Shaw |
| 21 | Mark Gilmore | Two purple insulators | \$35 | Dennis Seltrecht |
| 22 | Mark Gilmore | Two glass insulators | \$22 | Dave Shaw |
| 23 | Dale Glendenning | Box of glass insulators (12) | \$12 | Richard Case |
| 24 | Dale Glendenning | Box of 12 glass insulators | \$24 | Richard Case |
| 25 | Dale Glendenning | Box of glass insulators (bakers dozen) | \$50 | Richard Case |
| 26 | Bob Stahr | Power glass insulator | \$23 | Dan Ling |
| 27 | Bob Stahr | Clear Insulator, Pyrex 441 | \$19 | Rick Soller |
| 28 | Bob Stahr | Carnival suspension, 1941 date | \$16 | Deb Fowler |
| 29 | Bob Stahr | Green suspension insulator | \$3 | Deb Fowler |
| 30 | Tim Haraf | Box of bottles, 2 magazines | \$5 | Josh Dondorf |
| 31 | Tim Haraf | Junk in glass mix | \$14 | Pat Reed |
| 32 | Tim Haraf | 24 glass insulators | \$26 | Riley Armstrong |
| 33 | Tim Haraf | Sign | \$5 | Mark Gilmore |
| 34 | Tim Haraf | Hardware and pins | \$2 | Richard Case |
| 35 | Josh Dondorf | 25 bottles and bucket | \$17 | Arlen Rienstra |
| 36 | Josh Dondorf | 1 bucket of bottles | \$11 | Mike McLaughlin |
| 37 | Tim Haraf | Box of 24 glass insulators | \$8 | Robbie Reed |
| 38 | Rick Soller | Multiparts | \$10 | Josh Dondorf |
| 39 | Rick Soller | 2 insulators | \$12 | Dennis Seltrecht |
| 40 | Rick Soller | Crate of insulators, porcelain | \$1 | Josh Dondorf |
| 41 | Rick Soller | Porcelain Insulator | \$5 | Riley Armstrong |
| 42 | Rick Soller | Multipart | \$1 | Riley Armstrong |
| 43 | Rick Soller | Crate of porcelain | \$3 | Riley Armstrong |
| 44 | Rick Soller | Crate of porcelain | \$2 | Justin Perault |
| *** | | End of morning session | | |
| 45 | Dan Ling | Box of 12 glass insulators | \$1 | Robbie Reed |
| 46 | Dan Ling | Box of radio strains | \$10 | Mike Fowler |
| 47 | Dan Ling | Box of glass insulators | \$6 | Robbie Reed |
| 48 | Dan Ling | Box of Hemingray 9's (24) | \$1 | Richard Case |
| 49 | Dan Ling | Box of 10 glass insulators | NS | |
| 50 | Dan Ling | Box of glass | \$10 | Scott Elliot |
| 51 | Dan Ling | Box of glass | NS | |
| 52 | Dan Ling | Box of glass | \$4 | Scott Elliot |
| 53 | Dan Ling | 24 Hemingray 12's | \$1 | Josh Dondorf |
| 54 | Dan Ling | Box of 12 glass CD 145s | \$12 | Mike Fowler |
| 55 | Dan Ling | Box of glass CD 145 B's | \$12 | Scott Elliot |
| 56 | Dan Ling | Box of glass insulators | \$8 | Russ Frank |
| 57 | Dan Ling | Box of glass PRR's | \$21 | Rick Soller |
| 58 | Dan Ling | Box of glass PRR's | \$21 | Rick Soller |
| 59 | Dan Ling | Box of miscellaneous house porcelain | \$15 | Riley Armstrong |
| 60 | Dan Ling | Box of ponies | \$10 | Mark Gilmore |
| 61 | Dan Ling | Misc. glass insulators | \$8 | Robbie Reed |
| 62 | Dan Ling | 24 Hemingray 9's | \$1 | Richard Case |

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| 63 | Dan Ling | Misc. glass | \$10 | Dennis Seltrecht |
| 64 | Dan Ling | 3 boxes of glass | \$1 | Richard Case |
| 65 | Josh Dondorf | Imperial porcelain | \$15 | Riley Armstrong |
| 66 | Josh Dondorf | JA Lomax blue bottle | NS | |
| 67 | Josh Dondorf | Box of misc. | \$8 | Riley Armstrong |
| 68 | Dale Glendenning | Eggo box of glass | \$40 | Richard Case |
| 69 | Dale Glendenning | Priority box of glass | \$20 | Richard Case |
| 70 | Tim Haraf | Brackets and pins | \$2 | Rick Soller |
| 71 | Tim Haraf | Box of glass insulators | \$6 | Robbie Reed |
| 72 | Jim White – Donation to Club | Box of RR date nails | \$10 | Riley Armstrong |
| 73 | Jim White – Donation to Club | Crate of pins and misc. | \$6 | Scott Elliot |
| 74 | Rick Soller | Box of misc. porcelain | \$3 | Riley Armstrong |
| 75 | Jim White – Donation to Club | Fluorescent light | \$5 | Mike McLaughlin |
| 76 | Rick Soller | Crate of misc. porcelain | \$7 | Riley Armstrong |
| 77 | Rick Soller | Crate of misc. porcelain | \$5 | Riley Armstrong |
| 78 | Rick Soller | Choice of CD 164 milkglass Maydwell, mint, \$9 each x two | \$18 | Dennis Seltrecht |
| 79 | Rick Soller | Two CD 164 milkglass Maydwells, mint | \$11 | Robbie Reed |
| 80 | Rick Soller | Six CD 151s | \$30 | Dennis Seltrecht |
| 81 | Rick Soller | Hemingray toll | \$39 | Dennis Seltrecht |
| 82 | Rick Soller | Crate of glass | \$13 | Robbie Reed |
| 83 | Rick Soller | Box of power glass insulators | \$23 | Josh Dondorf |
| 84 | Pat | Box of glass insulators | \$11 | Joe Gomez |
| 85 | Rick Soller | Glass suspensions, no metal | \$5 | Dale Glendenning |
| 86 | Rick Soller | Box of porcelain | \$1 | Jim White |
| 87 | Rick Soller | Crate of brackets | \$6 | Richard Case |
| 88 | Rick Soller | Box of porcelain | \$15 | Riley Armstrong |
| 89 | Rick Soller | Crate of porcelain | \$1 | Richard Case |
| 90 | Rick Soller | 12 under arm brackets | \$4 | Josh Dondorf |
| 91 | Riley Armstrong | 2 suspensions | \$7 | Mike Fowler |
| 92 | Rick Soller | Mickey Mouse | \$20 | Richard Case |
| 93 | Rick Soller | Glass power piece | \$21 | Josh Dondorf |
| 94 | Rick Soller | Mickey Mouse | \$14 | Tom Nugent |
| 95 | Dan Ling | Bucket of Hemingray 12s | \$5 | Dennis Seltrecht |
| 96 | Dan Ling | Bucket of Hemingray 9s | \$3 | Scott Elliot |
| 97 | Riley Armstrong | Jade Hemingray 9 | \$3 | Mike Fowler |
| 98 | Riley Armstrong | Hemingray | \$5 | Dan Ling |
| 99 | Riley Armstrong | Star | NS | |
| 100 | Rick Soller | Power Piece | \$1 | Richard Case |
| | Robbie | Donation to club | \$7 | |
| | Mark Gilmore | Donation to club | \$5 | |

