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**June 2, 2018 Tama, Iowa Show Report**

The 21st Annual Hawkeye State Insulator Swap Meet was held on Saturday, June 2nd at the Tama Civic Center and was once again a terrific event marked by lots of socializing, great weather, a lively auction, strong sales, and a little drama.

For me, the socializing started early on Friday the day before. I visited an old collector on my way to the show and then spent time chatting with Wayne Alexander on Friday afternoon. Wayne has a nice collection of material about a short line rail line that ran from Toledo to Tama so I checked that out after leaving Wayne's house with no luck of finding anything insulator related.

The real socializing started at around 4 p.m. on Friday at the home of Dave Shaw. As the first to arrive, I am pretty sure of the time. Soon the dining table was populated with Russ & Marge Frank, Dennis & Jeanne Weber, Riley Armstrong, and many more. Once dinner time rolled around, a caravan of vehicles headed to the local casino to enjoy the buffet there and add Gene Hawkins and Arlen Rienstra to the group.

After the good times at the casino, a few leftovers went to the show hall to arrange tables and chairs for the next day's fun. Unfortunately, a group celebrating a high school graduation was still using the hall despite assurances provided to show host, Dave Shaw, that the event would be over by 9 p.m. and he could get in to set everything up. After some discussion with the other group and a long wait, Dave and his helpers were finally able to get in and get the hall arranged. After some good, physical work, all the tables were quickly arranged and a number of lots for the auction were set out.

As always, the auction garnered a lot of interest. Four sellers put insulators in the auction and 13 collectors won one or more lots. Proceeds from the auction added up to \$90 toward paying for the show hall and the lunch.

Lot	Seller	Description	Price	Buyer
1	Rick Soller	Crate of Miscellaneous glass	\$1	Andy
2	Rick Soller	Box of miscellaneous insulators	\$5	Andy
3	Rick Soller	Box of porcelain	\$1	Andy
4	Rick Soller	Wood box with insulators	\$1	Andy
5	Rick Soller	Box of misc. glass	\$5	Andy
6	Rick Soller	Box of misc insulators, phone, porcelain	\$15	Riley Armstrong
7	Rick Soller	O.V.G.s, American, 126, 160	\$6	Andy
8	Rick Soller	CD 164, 106, 122	\$1	Andy
9	Rick Soller	CD 145, 128, 110	\$1	Andy
10	Rick Soller	Box of insulators	\$6	Riley Armstrong
11	Rick Soller	CD 145 Stained glass window	\$26	Skip Lowe
12	Rick Soller	CD 145, 152, 147, 113	\$5	Andy
13	Rick Soller	Tie wires and glass insulators	\$4	Riley Armstrong
14	Rick Soller	Hemi-24, 140, 122	\$36	Nathan
15	Rick Soller	CD 106, 128, 122	\$1	Andy

16	Rick Soller	Brookfield, Lynchburg, Dominion	\$5	Nathan
17	Rick Soller	Good, CD 145, CD 154	\$5	Riley Armstrong
18	Rick Soller	Clear insulators	\$6	Greg
19	Rick Soller	Insulator lamp	\$1	Tom Murphy
20	Rick Soller	Amber, 2 tone Hemi-42, carnival power	\$22	Tom Murphy
21	Rick Soller	Bullet, spool, Brookfield, diamond, star	\$15	Gene Hawkins
22	Rick Soller	Colorful porcelain	\$36	Riley Armstrong
23	Rick Soller	Porcelain, plastic	\$16	Riley Armstrong
24	Rick Soller	Box of pins	\$5	Greg
25	Rick Soller	Multipart	\$10	Riley Armstrong
26	Rick Soller	Multipart	\$10	Greg
27	Dave Shaw	Book ends	\$1	Skip Lowe
28	Dave Shaw	Box of commemoratives and private issues	\$25	Rick Soller
29	Dave Shaw	Porcelain strains	\$20	Daryl
30	Dave Shaw	CNW glasses (5)	\$18	Skip Lowe
31	Dave Shaw	Purple glass tiles (4)	\$26	Arlen Rienstra
32	Dave Shaw	Twelve CD 145 H.G.Co. Petticoats	\$15	Bill Sharp
33	Dave Shaw	Amber signal, 145, 152	\$75	Dennis Seltrecht
34	Dave Shaw	147, 122, 128, 154	\$5	Andy
35	Dave Shaw	Ponies, light lavender, B, #9	\$17	Dennis Seltrecht
36	Dave Shaw	Ponies #9, #12, Star, 104	\$26	Greg
37	Dave Shaw	Green tint 128, 129, A.T. & T.	\$1	Andy
38	Dave Shaw	12 ponies, Brookfield, 102, 122, star	\$1	Andy
39	Dave Shaw	12 ponies, Star, #12	\$1	Andy
40	Dave Shaw	12 ponies	\$1	Andy
41	Dave Shaw	12 ponies, #9, #12, Lynchburg, Brookfield	\$17	Dennis Seltrecht
42	Dave Shaw	1 ponies, star, Brookfield, Surge	\$19	Dennis Seltrecht
43	Dave Shaw	Surge, #9, Christian Cross, Bubble	\$19	Dennis Seltrecht
44	Dave Shaw	CD 160s	\$22	Brian Riecker
45	Dave Shaw	CD 160s	\$38	Brian Riecker
46	Dave Shaw	Tolls	\$6	Arlen Rienstra
47	Dave Shaw	Beehives, #19, CD 162	\$1	Andy
48	Dave Shaw	Frosty CD 154s	\$1	Greg
49	Dave Shaw	Bracket, 2 @ \$18	\$36	Greg
50	Dave Shaw	Bracket	\$8	Rick Soller
51	Dave Shaw	Bracket	\$5	Tom Murphy
52	Dave Shaw	Brown porcelain ponies	\$26	Rick Soller
53	Dave Shaw	Brown porcelain ponies	\$34	Rick Soller
54	Dave Shaw	CD 145s, 2 pieces, 168, 2 tone	\$24	Nathan
55	Dave Shaw	143s	\$44	Nathan
56	Dave Shaw	145, 152, 154, 216, 168, 137	\$9	Andy
57	Dave Shaw	216, 154, 145, 162, 102, 106	\$13	Andy
58	Riley Armstrong	OB, spool	0	Not sold
59	Dennis Seltrecht	Lightning arrestors + 4 spools	\$1	Greg
60	Dennis Seltrecht	Switch	\$16	Riley Armstrong
61	Steve	Switch	\$15	Bill Sharp
62	Skip	145, 162	\$9	Andy
63	Skip	151, 145, star, 21	\$8	Dave Shaw
64	Skip	21, 154, 145, 216, 147	\$14	Dave Shaw
65	Skip	151, 164, 154	\$10	Dave Shaw
66	Skip	151, 145, 43	\$9	Andy
67	Skip	145, 152, 154	\$15	Andy
68	Skip	145, Date nails, white porcelain, Pinco	\$7	Andy

69	Skip	145, 151, 122 VMR Napoli, 106	\$15	Dave Shaw
70	Skip	145, 151	\$15	Steve
71	Steve	5 mugs and steins	\$1	Andy
72	Steve	Multipart	\$10	Rick Soller
73	Steve	Multipart 3 @ \$1 each	\$3	Greg
74	Steve	Radio strains	\$11	Nathan
75	Steve	Transposition	\$8	Russ
76	Steve	Carnival suspension	\$6	Russ
77	Steve	Porcelain + rubber + plastic	\$5	Riley Armstrong
		Total	\$902	

Some great insulators left the tables of dealers, often at great prices. Gary Kline reported picking up two CD 126.4 insulators, one embossed with PATENT APPLIED FOR in a nice light aqua and the other with a patent date in a dark teal blue. He also picked up a CD 122 aqua and clear two-tone Hemingray, a CD 106 Hemingray in lavender, and a CD 106 in a very light blue. Steve had a Westinghouse No. 6 (asking \$1600 for it) and a Westinghouse No. 4 (asking \$650 for it) for sale on his table. Both found new owners and both were a light celery green color. I believe Dennis Weber ended up with one or both of them. Rick Soller brought a few pieces that matched pieces recently sold in catalog auctions including a Westinghouse trolley insulator with a composition core in a metal casing, a white pyroglazed CD 214, a Purkey's patent, and a British barrel insulator (one of the oldest insulators at the show). Dennis Seltrecht picked up the pyroglazed piece. Colorful signals could be found throughout the show. Russ Frank reported picking up a two-piece purple diamond tramp for a very good bargain.

Gary Kline was in the mood to sell everything on his table so had bargain prices. Brian Riecker advertised that he would have a display case for sale at the show (\$550) and used the display case to highlight lots of colorful glass during the show including two peacock CD 151 N.A.T.Co's, and 7up green CD 122 and CD 106. There seemed to be a good number of radio strains on various tables throughout the show. The best I saw was one that was teal with amber in it.

There were quite a few collectors at the show but I don't recall any who walked in with insulators to sell. In previous years, some dealers who made last-minute decisions to come sold out of their car or area residents would show up with a few interesting pieces.



Hemingray and Westinghouse insulators on Steve's table



Rick Soller's table with insulators matching recent catalog auction lots.

Near the end of the show, relatives of Doris Wilson made an appearance. Doris recently passed away and I had made attempts to contact the family so I could write an insulator-related obituary for the NIA Drip Points. Doris lived a few miles from the show as do a few of her children and grandchildren. James Wilson, the husband of Doris, and Doris had a nice collection of area glass and porcelain insulators as well as lightning rod balls. I was able to talk to the relatives of Doris about the family's collecting activities and, thanks to Wayne Alexander, provided them with a picture of Doris standing next to Jack Bateman during one of the shows held in the shelter house of the park.

### **Kansas City, Missouri National Show Report**

In the next issue of the newsletter, activities from the National will be covered. That newsletter should be sent out at the end of August.

### **Upcoming Shows**

#### **Ottawa, Illinois**

#### **Saturday, September 8, 2018**

The Greater Chicago Insulator Club's annual fall swap meet will be at a new location this year. Tom and Mary Nugent are hosting the show on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at their home located at 1999 N. Columbus St., Ottawa, IL 61350. Bring a table if you can. Free lunch. Club auction with Rick Soller taking bids. For more information or to RSVP, contact Tom at (815) 434-5157 or [tnugent@ivnet.com](mailto:tnugent@ivnet.com).

After many years of hosting the fall swap meet, Randy Wesner decided to "retire" from the position and several people were contacted to determine their interest in taking over the time slot with Tom eventually taking over the reins. Tom's location is much closer to those coming from Iowa and Indiana plus allows travelers to avoid the traffic around the city. In addition, Tom has a fantastic collection so this is a wonderful opportunity to see that. The club has had swap meets at the Nugent home before but I'm sure Tom has added to his collection since then.

Tom has already sent out postcards informing area collectors about the date and I have already heard from one seldom seen collector (Greg North) that he plans to attend.

#### **Richfield, Ohio**

#### **Saturday, September 22, 2018**

The Western Reserve Insulator Club's 8th Annual 'Oktoberfest' Insulator Show at the Masonic Hall, 3750 Grant Street, Richfield, Ohio 44286 (near the southeast corner of Routes 303 & 176), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free Admission. 8-foot dealer tables are \$20. Dealer Setup is from 9-10 a.m., Bratwurst and root beer available for lunch. Contact JOHN HOVANEC 216-392-3622, email [jrhovanec@ymail.com](mailto:jrhovanec@ymail.com) or visit [www.InsulatorCollectorsOfAmerica.com](http://www.InsulatorCollectorsOfAmerica.com) for more details.

#### **River Falls, Wisconsin**

#### **Saturday, September 22, 2018**

The North Western Insulator Club invites you to join us for the Annual Fall Swap Meet at the Moose Lodge, 620 Clark St in beautiful River Falls. Hours are 9 to 3 and the host is Mike Braun. Tables are free, admission is free and shopping will be great. Bring a dish to pass for lunch. For info, contact Mike at 715-426-0887 or [mbraun61@yahoo.com](mailto:mbraun61@yahoo.com)

## Chelsea, Michigan

**Sunday, October 7, 2018**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Antique Bottle and Insulator Show sponsored by the Huron Valley Bottle and Insulator Club will be held on Sunday October 7th at the Comfort Inn Conference Center, 1645 Commerce Park Drive, Chelsea, Michigan. It is located just north of I-94 at exit 159 (M-52). Doors open at 9 am to the public and show closes at 3 pm. Admission is \$3.00, with children under 16 free. Dealer set-up begins at 7 am. Food available on premises. Items for sale include: insulators, bottles, jars, lightning rod balls and weathervanes, and other related collectibles. Contact ROD KRUPKA, phone 248-627-6351 or e-mail [rod.krupka@yahoo.com](mailto:rod.krupka@yahoo.com); or MIKE BRUNER e-mail [abbott4girl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:abbott4girl@sbcglobal.net).

## Springfield, Ohio

**Friday to Sunday, November 2-4, 2018**

The 48th Mid-Ohio Insulator Show will be held November 2-4 at the Clark County Fairgrounds, 4401 South Charleston Pike, Springfield, Ohio. Exit 59 off I-70. Show hours are Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Saturday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Sunday from 9:00 AM to closing. Info: CURT BOSTER email: [cboster530@att.net](mailto:cboster530@att.net) or 614-301-5125 or LOIS BLAIR 740-852-3148. Additional info at: [www.insulators.info/shows/springfield](http://www.insulators.info/shows/springfield)

Club member Rick Soller will have a special role at this show involving organizing the community display of solid pour insulators. Russ Frank will be including an insulator from his collection in the display as will Bob Stahr and Rick. Hopefully, a few other club members who have a solid pour will contact Rick with other entries.

The show still has room for displays although all sales tables have been sold. In the past, the club has had a strong presence among displays at the show so I look forward to that record being upheld at the 48<sup>th</sup> version of the show.

Thanks to Russ Frank for updating the web page for the show. All the information you need for the show can be found there.

## Classified Ads

Wanted: Fuse cutout made by Bryant or information on its existence. I have only seen this cutout in a catalog so don't know if it exists. I assume it would have the Bryant name on it. To the right is a picture of the catalog page. Contact Rick Soller, (847) 970-1686 or [Com574@elcillinois.edu](mailto:Com574@elcillinois.edu) if you can help.

