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Editor's Note

I wanted to compile this newsletter last month but due to all the excitement of loading lots of insulators purchased at the GCIC swap meet in Ottawa, Illinois hosted by Tom and Mary Nugent, I left one box behind which contained the auction results and my notes about the swap meet (as well as a couple nice insulators).

Thanks to **Josh Dondorf** for giving me a call that day letting me know of my lapse in checking to see if I had everything. I was already on the road and an hour away when I got the call so we arranged for him to deliver the box at the Springfield, Ohio show in November. I had a lot of catching up to do after the Mid-Ohio show so I've had to wait until my Thanksgiving break to finally put this newsletter to rest.

GCIC Swap Meet in Ottawa, Illinois

Tom and Mary Nugent hosted a wonderfully successful swap meet for members of the Greater Chicago Insulator Club on Saturday, September 14, 2019. The swap meet was held at their home in Ottawa, Illinois and included great weather, delicious food, perfect accommodations, warm friendships, and incredible insulator transactions.

The show was held a week later than when it was hosted in Racine, Wisconsin one week after Labor Day by noted speed boat racer, **Randy Wesner** (You can see his racing skill at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNLA91jDaGY> or by going to YouTube and typing in "Randy drives a 250 cc hydroplane). The change in date allowed Tom to attend the Sandwich County Fair the week before. The change also allowed **Jason Townsend** to make the swap meet.

I picked up **Greg North** on my way to the show and then made a detour to visit **Robert Winkler** in Michigan City, Indiana. I picked up some insulators from Robert and then headed west for Ottawa, arriving at 5 p.m. Greg and I shared a hotel room on Friday night. After checking in, we popped over to Tom & Mary's house to check out Tom's collection and chat with other collectors. We left a couple hours later, had dinner, and hit the hay so we could get up early and get to the swap meet before anyone else. Nevertheless, several collectors beat us to the show.

Some terrific insulators showed up. **Jason Townsend** brought a recently purchased collection that had collectors swarming his table. I managed to nab a CD 196 H.G.Co. that was in a sage color with a little purple swirling in the dome plus a battery rest with an unlisted embossing (pictures on next page). Finds like this are why I get to as many shows as I can. A few hours into the swap meet, Jason and I negotiated a price for what was left of the collection and I took home a very full truck of insulators since I also bought a box or so of insulators from **Mark Gilmore** so he didn't take anything home from his sales stock (as far as I know).

I also picked up a CD 102 Harloe (Hawley) with the embossing twisted to the left. In the last year and a half, I've acquired three insulators like this. The one from the Ottawa swap meet had the most extreme distortion. Besides another CD 102, I also have a CD 112 like this.



(top) CD 196 [10] H.G.Co. // PAT.MAY 2 1893, sd, Sage with purple swirls.
(bottom) Left is a CD 102 with twisted embossing from the Ottawa swap meet. The others were acquired within the last year and a half.



Ne listing for a CD 51 (embossed on skirt) NATIONAL BATTERY CO.
 (embossed on skirt, opposite side) UNIT ACCUMULATOR.
 This embossing is known for the CD 24, but not for the CD 51.

The auction ran smoothly now that dozens of them have been held over the years at a variety of shows. When I arrived on Saturday morning, **Tom Nugent** already had his lots in boxes and lined up on tables. **Mike McLaughlin** had his auction lots already lined up too.

The auction was a little smaller than usual in terms of sales but featured a large number of bidders and a good number of sellers. The auction resulted in \$676 being exchanged for 83 lots of insulators. This netted the club \$68 in commissions added to the \$9 in donations of auction items. Thirty bidders registered for the auction and eight collectors sold items in the auction. Although the top lot sold for \$63 which consisted in a variety of glass insulators, most lots sold in the \$1 to \$10 range. Results are shown below.

#	Seller	Description	Price	Buyer
1	Tom Nugent	Lightning arrestors	\$2	Bob Remus
2	Tom Nugent	Box of porcelain	\$3	Dan Fester
3	Tom Nugent	Box of glass WTs, #9, beehives	\$5	Greg Delia
4	Tom Nugent	Glass beehives	\$5	Steve McCollum
5	Tom Nugent	Clear 45s (pink) #17	\$1	Greg Delia
6	Tom Nugent	Star, rubber, WT, Petticoat	\$5	Greg Delia
7	Tom Nugent	Beehives, amber, H.G. Petticoat	\$5	Gary Calhoon
8	Tom Nugent	Clears 151, 168	\$1	Greg Delia
9	Tom Nugent	Stars, 145, Brookfield, #19	\$4	Gary Calhoon
10	Tom Nugent	Clears, 145, Hi-top, 147, 151	\$4	Richard Case
11	Tom Nugent	Box of porcelain	\$1	Riley Armstrong
12	Tom Nugent	Ponies	\$4	Steve Nugent
13	Tom Nugent	Porcelain spools	\$2	Dan Fester
14	Tom Nugent	Box of porcelain, Lapp	\$2	Dan Fester
15	Tom Nugent	Glass	\$1	Greg Delia
16	Tom Nugent	Box of porcelain	\$1	Dick Schroeder
17	Mike McLaughlin	Pyrex battery jar	\$11	Steve Nugent
18	Mike McLaughlin	Cobalt signal	n.s.	
19	Mike McLaughlin	Pair of glass ponies	\$4	Greg Delia
20	Mike McLaughlin	Choice of glass	\$12	Richard Case
21	Mike McLaughlin	Choice of glass	\$3	Gary Calhoon

22	Mike McLaughlin	Choice of glass	\$2	Richard Case
23	Mike McLaughlin	Box of porcelain, cable top, HK Porter	\$1	Riley Armstrong
24	Mike McLaughlin	Box of porcelain, Macombs	\$18	Rick Soller
25	Mike McLaughlin	Box of porcelain	\$3	Riley Armstrong
26	Mike McLaughlin	Box of porcelain	\$1	Justin Perrault
27	Mike McLaughlin	Box of porcelain	\$7	Riley Armstrong
28	Mike McLaughlin	Wire holders	\$1	Greg Delia
29	Mike McLaughlin	Porcelain	\$3	Riley Armstrong
30	Mike McLaughlin	Porcelain	\$3	Dan Fester
31	Mike McLaughlin	Box of porcelain	\$12	Riley Armstrong
32	Mike McLaughlin	Porcelain, CPR, Gisborn, Illinois	\$6	Steve McCollum
33	Mike McLaughlin	Box of porcelain	\$6	Riley Armstrong
34	Mike McLaughlin	Box of porcelain, radio treatment	\$1	Greg Delia
35	Mike McLaughlin	White porcelain	\$11	Rick Soller
36	Mike McLaughlin	Box of porcelain	\$15	Greg Delia
37	Rick Soller	Metal brackets	\$10	Gene Hawkins
38	Rick Soller	Box of glass	\$63	Benjamin Nicholas
39	Rick Soller	Box of glass	\$4	Richard Case
40	Rick Soller	Box of colored porcelain	\$10	Dan Fester
41	Rick Soller	Box of ambers	\$9	Gary Calhoon
42	Rick Soller	Box of porcelain	\$4	Dan Fester
43	Rick Soller	Box of porcelain	\$10	Gary Calhoon
44	Rick Soller	Box of glass	\$10	Richard Case
45	Rick Soller	Box of glass	\$45	Benjamin Nicholas
46	Rick Soller	Box of glass	\$21	Benjamin Nicholas
47	Rick Soller	Box of porcelain	\$5	Dan Fester
48	Rick Soller	Choice of porcelain power \$4x2	\$8	Gary Calhoon
49	Rick Soller	Blue porcelain	\$5	Steve Nugent
50	Rick Soller	Box porcelain	\$11	Gary Calhoon
51	Rick Soller	Box of glass	\$8	Greg North
52	Rick Soller	Porcelain cutout + strain	\$5	Riley Armstrong
53	Rick Soller	Box of glass	\$1	Greg Delia
54	Rick Soller	Glass & porcelain	\$5	Dan Fester
55	Rick Soller	Box of glass	\$1	Greg Delia
56	Russ Frank	Crossarm	\$2	Ross Berndt
57	Russ Frank	Crossarm, \$2 x 2	\$4	Greg Delia
58	Russ Frank	Picture	\$1	Justin Perrault
59	Russ Frank	Box of porcelain	\$5	Richard Case
60	Russ Frank	Box of glass	\$5	Greg Delia
61	Russ Frank	Box of glass	\$1	Greg Delia
62	Russ Frank	Lightning rod balls	\$32	Richard Case
63	Russ Frank	Porcelain + milk bottle	\$10	Steve Nugent
64	Russ Frank	Crocks, \$10 x 2	\$20	Gary Calhoon
65	Russ Frank	Scale	\$10	Steve Nugent
66	Riley Armstrong	Lauckner repros, \$7 x 2	\$14	Dan Fester

67	Riley Armstrong	Oil lamp	\$2	Rick Soller
68	Riley Armstrong	Carnival suspensions (7)	\$31	Josh Dondorf
69	Riley Armstrong	Big OB porcelain	\$6	Steve Nugent
70	Mike Davis	DONATION – box of glass	\$7	Russ Frank
71	Josh Dondorf	Box of glass	\$22	Bob Remus
72	Josh Dondorf	Crate of bottles	\$3	Gary Calhoon
73	Rick Soller	Box of porcelain	\$5	Riley Armstrong
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75	Rich Tillison	Box of glass	\$11	Greg Delia
76	Rich Tillison	Box of glass	\$1	Greg Delia
77	Rich Tillison	Box of glass (1 insulator)	\$5	Josh Dondorf
78	Rich Tillison	Box of glass	\$2	Greg Delia
79	Greg Delia	Blue Lapp suspension, 4 x \$3	\$12	Riley Armstrong
80	Greg Delia	Blue Lapp suspension, 4 x \$3	\$12	Rich Tillich
81	Greg Delia	Blue Lapp suspension, 3 x \$3	\$12	Jason Perrault
82	Greg Delia	Carnival suspension, 8 x \$3	\$24	Jason Townsend
83	Greg Delia	Blue Lapp 1 suspension	\$9	Tom Nugent
	Total		\$683	

Upcoming Shows

Springfield, Ohio

Friday – Sunday, November 1-3, 2019

The 49th Mid-Ohio Insulator Show will be held November 1-3 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 or (614) 301-5125 or LOIS BLAIR (740) 852-3148. Additional info at: www.insulators.info/shows/springfield/

Strongsville, Ohio

Saturday, January 18, 2020

The Western Reserve Insulator Club's 21st Annual Winterfest / Swap Meet & Club Meeting will be at the Spyglass Hill Recreation Center, 13201 Compass Point Drive, Strongsville, OH 44136. Dealer Setup: 9:00 AM; Show Hours: 10:00 AM -3:00 PM. Club Meeting and Lunch: 12-1:30 PM. There are no admission or table charges, but space is limited, so please contact us ahead of time if you plan to set up! Info/RSVP to JOHN HOVANEK (216)392-3622, E-mail jrhovanec@ymail.com

Crown Point, Indiana

Saturday, January 25, 2020

The 12th annual "Beat the Winter Blahs" insulator swap meet is Saturday, January 25. This is the 3rd year at this location, bigger and better than ever: Lake County Fair, 889 S. Court St., Crown Point, IN. (SE entrance). Meeting in the 4H Building which is spacious, well lighted

and warm. Tables supplied at \$20 each, additional \$10 each. Lunch provided. Bring insulators or related collectibles to show and tell, sell or trade. All are welcome to experience Hoosier hospitality, plenty of space, GCIC auction, business meeting and a great new larger location. Doors open 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Hosted by Arlen and Tina Rienstra and the Greater Chicago Insulator Club. Located easily from I80/94 and I65. RSVP ariens@att.net or (219) 226-4975

Wheaton, Illinois

Saturday, April 4, 2020

The Dupage Collectors Expo will be held Saturday, April 4th, at the Dupage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton, Illinois, Hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Items for sale & trade include: Insulators, Lightning Rod items & Weathervanes, Telephone & Telegraph items, Bottles, Jars, etc. Info: BOB STAHR: bob@hemingray.com (630) 793-5345 and RICK SOLLER: com574@clcillinois.edu (847) 782-8602.

Columbia City, Indiana

Friday & Saturday, May 1-2, 2020

Free Admission, free appraisals, and free air too! at the annual Columbia City, Indiana Insulator, Fruit Jar, Bottle & Collectibles show to be held at the Whitley County 4H Center, 581 Squawbuck Road, Columbia City, IN on May 1 & 2nd. Plenty of parking, RVs welcome (no hookups). Friday dealer setup Noon to 3:00 PM, Public 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Pizza 5:00 PM, BRING SOMETHING FOR THE SHOW & TELL at 5:30 PM, Saturday Dealer setup 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM, Public 8:00 AM until the last dealer leaves. First dealer table \$28, 2/\$48, 3/\$60, 4/\$75, 5/\$80, 6/\$85. For discounts on local hotels or for more info email Gene Hawkins at: gene.hawkins@mchsi.com or call (574) 377-0171.

Tecumseh, Michigan

Saturday, June 27, 2010

The first ever official All Insulators - Crown Jewels of the Wire Insulator Show! Held in Tecumseh, MI. Located in lower Michigan near the tri-state borders (Michigan, Ohio, Indiana) only 45 minutes from the Michigan Ohio border and 1h 30 minutes from form Michigan Indian border. Show welcomes all types of insulators and closely related go-withs. The show will be at the AJ Smith Recreation Center, 810 N. Evans St., Tecumseh, MI 49286. Eight foot tables are available for \$30 each. Electricity will be available in a limited basis for an additional \$10. Dealer setup will be at 9:00 AM. Dealer information is available at: <https://allinsulators.com/hobby/show/dealer/>

Loudenville, Ohio

Saturday, July 25, 2020

2nd Mohican Country Insulator Swap Meet.

Springfield, Ohio

Friday to Sunday, November 6-8, 2020