



GREATER CHICAGO INSULATOR CLUB

Newsletter

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Mid-Ohio Show Report

The Last newsletter didn't have enough room to do a full show report so this newsletter contains more of the activities of the show. Even then, I had to get back to Chicago on Saturday night and missed the banquet and all the wheeling & dealing that went on Sunday.

Several club members displayed at the November Springfield, Ohio show. **Roger Lucas** titled his display "Chunks"- A Sampling of Hemingray Factory Cullet. He had some enormous chunks of glass on the table as the picture below shows. I think his digging at the factory now exceeds 10 years.



Rick Soller displayed a sampling of his collection of porcelain truncate insulators. Included in the display was a dump piece that had not been glazed, nor trimmed. The display showed a variety of colors (white, yellow, brown, turquoise, green, sky blue, cobalt blue, black), radio treatments, markings (Macomb, Westinghouse, Pinco, Ohio Brass), a marking error of a backwards N on a FINDLAY marked piece, a Russian version, and glass versions. The picture below shows the display. Oddly enough, both of these displays were not shown on insulators.info so I'm glad I got a picture of them.



Alan Stastny showed off his extensive collection of Mickey Mouse CD 257 insulators. I especially liked the big poster of Mickey Mouse and the patriotic touch of two flags that went along with the display. It's hard to compile such an extensive collection, especially one that is in such good condition. He also had the five commemorative Mickey Mouse insulators made many years ago by the McDougalds. There was also an odd frosted one and the fake carnivalized one.



Jay Dondorf labeled his display “CEECO Fantastic Plastic” and, as a collector of these salesman’s samples, I have to agree. He told me of his good luck in purchasing these in the Chicago area where I long suspected they were made. He had some metallic colored ones, swirled ones, solid colors, and a black one he labeled as a “prototype.”





**January 26, 2013 (The last Saturday of January)
GCIC “Beat the Winter Blahs” Swap Meet**

This swap meet is about a week away and it looks like it will be well attended. So far, the following people have sent an RSVP: **Riley Armstrong, Rick Soller, Bob Stahr, Roger Lucas, Steve McCollum, Dennis Seltrecht, Justin Perault, Tom Nugent, Russ & Marge Frank, Tim Clark, Richard Case, Mike McLaughlin, Jay Dondorf**, and the hosts, **Arlen & Tina Rienstra**.

As in the past, there will be a club auction around 11 a.m. with a break around noon for lunch and the auction starting up again around 1 p.m. Rick Soller says he is bringing a collection that he just bought consisting of 500 insulators. He is selling these in lots ranging from 1 to 30 insulators in size. Many have been cleaned and a tag added to identify them. He plans to start all the auctions at \$1 with no reserve. Buyers pay no fees although sellers are charged a 10% commission that goes to the club to defer expenses. Other collectors are sure to bring other insulators for the auction or to sell at a fixed price.

At least two club members (**Roger Lucas** and **Arlen Rienstra**) have booths in antique malls and will need insulators to replenish their stock. I heard that **Roger Lucas** is looking for large powder blue J-D porcelain insulators as well as amber Whitall-Tatum insulators.

A few new collectors are expected to be at the swap meet as well as seasoned collectors so dealers should bring a variety of insulators. Last year, a collector from England came to the swap meet so maybe the rumors of a collectors coming from Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, central Illinois, and Michigan aren't so unbelievable.

Classified Advertisements (free for members)

WANTED: Marked COOK insulators including pin-types, multiparts, suspensions, johnny balls, spools, etc. Let me know what you have. Top dollar paid. **Dan Ling**, Ambered257@hughes.net.

FOR SALE: The latest insulator price guide, \$45 postpaid. Sealed in plastic, mint condition. I'll bring a couple to the Crown Point swap meet, send check/money order or use PayPal to **Rick Soller**, 4086 Blackstone Ave., Gurnee, IL 60031. You can also telephone at (847) 782-8602 or email me at Com574@clcillinois.edu

WANTED: CD 160 Baby signals. I'll be at the Yorkville show and have a sales table to bring them there or drop me a line ahead of time so I can check to see if I have it already. **Dan Ling**, Ambered257@hughes.net.

FOR SALE: CD 232.2 [10] (skirt) HEMINGRAY-513 (rear skirt) MADE IN U.S.A. / 11-47., corrugated base, clear glass. mint condition, \$125 postpaid. Will consider trades. Send check, money order or use PayPal to **Rick Soller**, 4086 Blackstone Ave., Gurnee, IL 60031, telephone at (847) 782-8602 or email me at Com574@clcillinois.edu

Upcoming Shows

January 26, 2013 (The last Saturday of January) GCIC "Beat the Winter Blahs" Swap Meet Crown Point, Indiana

Put this one on your calendar because I'm sure you'll want to do something insulator related then. Held at the home of Arlen & Tina Rienstra, 6527 W. 93rd Avenue, Crown Point, Indiana 46307. When the date of the swap meet is closer, you can call to let them know you are coming (219-365-7913) or you can email them at ariens@att.net. An auction is planned at the swap meet with over a thousand insulators for sale. Sellers pay 10% of the sale price to the club which goes to help pay for the food at swap meets and other club activities. Each year the auction seems to be bigger and better with more insulators, more dealers bringing insulators, and more fun. Bring a table if you are planning to set up or a couple tables will be available. There will be plenty of room outside in the freezing cold but there should be room for everyone in the "heated" garage.

March 9, 2013 11th Annual Northwest Missouri Insulator/Bottle Show & Sale St. Joseph, MO

The 11th Annual Northwest Missouri Insulator/Bottle Show & Sale will be held at the American Legion Pony Express Post #359, 4826 Frederick Ave. Show hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free Admission. Sponsored by the Missouri Valley Insulator Club. Insulators, bottles, lightning rod balls & arrows, telephones and advertising. We will have 70 Tables available for 2013. For information and/or a show packet contact: DARRYL WAGNER, 14615 NW Skyview Ave., Smithville, MO 64089, 816-719-0801. Email: kcinsulators@kcba.co

April 5-6, 2013 (Friday & Saturday)
Antique Insulator, Lightning Rod, and Bottle Show
Yorkville, Illinois

Located at the Kendall County Fairgrounds, 10826 Illinois 71, Yorkville, IL (Route 71 & East High Point Road). Hours on Friday are 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. Saturday hours are 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Free admission, free table for displays, \$30 for sales tables. 110 tables available. For more information, contact show host Jason Townsend at 630-667-3357 or email him at jtins76@gmail.com

May 17 – 18, 2013 (Friday & Saturday)
Insulator, Bottle, & Antique Show
Columbia City, Indiana

The 2013 Columbia City, Indiana Insulator, Bottle & Antique Show will be held May 17 & 18 at the Whitley County 4H Fairgrounds, 581 W. Squawbuck Rd, just off US Why 30 and one mile South on Lincoln Way. Friday hours: Dealer set up from Noon to 3:00 p.m.; show from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., Seminar from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday: Dealer set up from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m. and show from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. First 8 foot table is \$28; additional at \$20 each. CHUCK DITTMAR 5209 Forest Grove Dr, Fort Wayne, In 46835. Phone: 260-485-7669. Or, GENE HAWKINS: gene.hawkins@mchsi.com

July 19-21, 2013
44th National Insulator Association Convention, Show & Sale
Franklin, Tennessee

The 44th National Insulator Association Convention, Show & Sale, sponsored by the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club, will be held July 19-21 at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, 700 Cool Springs Blvd, Franklin, TN 37076, located just 10 miles south of Nashville. 130 dealer tables and at least 25 display tables are available. For info contact the show hosts: BILL HALEY 423-326-9248 or email: wgh@tnaqua.org ; STEVE ROBERTS 615-419-7905 or Steve_Roberts@comcast.net ; KEN ROBERTS 256-656-1636 or kroberts@apprser.om

July 26-27, 2013 (Friday & Saturday)
19th Annual Hog Roast
Arcanum, Ohio

The 19th Annual Hog Roast hosted by Alan and Joan Stastny will be held on Friday, July 26, 2013 with an insulator swap meet on the following day (Saturday, July 27). Come hungry but you won't leave that way. For more information, contact Alan at 8784 Grubbs Rex Rd., Arcanum, OH 45304 or by phone at (937) 884-7379 or (937) 546-4745 (cell) or you can email Alan at FuzzyFace42@aol.com.

Dues are Due

If you need to renew your membership, the next page contains the form to renew your membership. You can renew for multiple years if you like.

Join the Greater Chicago Insulator Club!

You are invited to join the Greater Chicago Insulator Club (GCIC). Membership runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 and costs \$10. If you are 16 or younger, dues are \$5. Checks should be made out to the Greater Chicago Insulator Club and sent to Bob Stahr, 515 Main St., Unit 403, West Chicago, IL 60185

Your dues entitle you to a variety of benefits:

- Newsletter 6-8 times a year
- Free food at swap meets
- Club directory of members and their specialty
- Club hunts
- A network of club members looking for insulators to sell or trade to you
- Free ads in the newsletter
- Notification of insulators free for the taking
- Discounts on the prestigious club patch
- Collectible membership card
- Input into the hobby
- Opportunities to serve in positions of leadership
- Promotion of the hobby so you can share your collection with others
- A chance to practice your public speaking skills

Join or renew today by completing the following form. Check the box before any line if you **don't** want that information printed in the club directory.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail: _____

I want to receive the newsletter via email _____ or in printed form sent in the mail _____ .

Interests/wants/specialties: _____

(Mail to Bob Stahr, 515 Main St., Unit 403, West Chicago, IL 60185)