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Racine, Wisconsin Swap Meet Report

I was originally going to write a scathingly negative report about this show. I showed up early in the afternoon on Saturday, perfect weather welcoming me, and there was no one there. Then I found out I was a week early for the show. Luckily this gave me a chance to drop off some stuff and bring more six days later.

This was the 15th annual GCIC “end of summer” swap meet held by Randy Wesner in Racine, Wisconsin. Although there was rain in the area the day before, the day of the show the weather was cool and sunny. Food this year consisted of Italian sausage, brats, hot dogs, potato salad, potato chips, baked beans, raw vegetables (carrots, celery), pickles, miniature chocolate cupcakes, cookies, pastries in the morning, and various beverages.

Tina Rienstra inspired a number of great ideas during the after show socializing. She wondered how the crowd at this swap meet compared to the previous one (I think there were more this year) which led several club members to suggest that the club should have a position of secretary to compile such information. I believe Mike Fowler nominated Tina for the position and it seemed that Russ Frank seconded the motion. A call for a vote ensued and Tina was approved for the position by all those present. We’ll have to see if the vote stands up to a court challenge. There was also admiration showered on Bill and LaVonne Sharp for the North Western Insulator Club tee shirts they were wearing. Someone remarked that it would be nice if our club had tee shirts which led to a discussion of who had clothing merchandising and purchasing experience. Once again, Tina’s name came up, was nominated for the position, the nomination quickly seconded, and a unanimous vote cast. Unfortunately, Tina turned down both positions.

Seven sellers had items in the auction for sale. Les Christianson had a single item and Dennis Seltrecht placed two lots in the auction but the rest of the sellers brought quite a bit of stuff to sell. Wayne Elmer’s insulators occupied three tables since he was getting rid of the last of his collection. Almost all of Wayne’s insulators were porcelain and included quite a few multipart. Although Wayne could not make it to the show, Rick Soller was kind enough to pick them up in Beloit and bring them to the show. Rick had about two tables of insulators consisting of mostly glass. Mike McLaughlin had 7 lots in the auction which included some oddball pieces such as a round third rail insulator, an insulator cut in half, and some blue J-D suspensions. Dave Shaw’s 12 insulator lots were the cleanest and came in white, pristine boxes with dividers which certainly drove the price higher. Arlen Rienstra brought bushel baskets of insulators that looked fresh out of a collection. Most of the insulators were glass and several baskets had some surprises in them.

Because there were some many multipart in the auction, many of those in Wayne’s collection were sold before the auction to insure a fair price since, with so few multipart collectors, there was concern that they would not sell for much. As a result, the listing of items

sold in the auction also includes many of the pre-auction sales that were observed. \$351 worth of items were sold in pre-auction deals.

The auction itself netted the club \$62 in commissions on \$622 in sales. This was less than in previous years, probably due to all the porcelain for sale rather than glass. Porcelain generally sells for less than glass. There were also fewer expensive lots. The top lot was one of the first for a multipart “tic” which sold for \$55. The top lots with multiple insulators sold for \$34, \$30, \$26, \$25, \$23, and \$21. Most lots seemed to sell in the \$1 to \$9 range.

| # | Seller | Description | \$ | Buyer |
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| PRE-AUCTION SALES | | | | |
| A | Wayne Elmer | 5 water bottles | 60 | Mike Fowler |
| B | Rick Soller | Purple side tab LRI | 10 | Mike Fowler |
| C | Rick Soller | Box: Canning jars, misc insulators | 10 | Deb Fowler |
| D | Wayne Elmer | 1931 Lapp Multipart | 10 | Stanley Broome |
| E | Rick Soller | 4 insulators, Lapps, other | 30 | Stanley Broome |
| F | Wayne Elmer | 3 part OB multipart | 10 | Chuck Robinson |
| G | Wayne Elmer | 9 multiparts | 90 | Chuck Robinson |
| H | Arlen Rienstra | 2 Lapp Multiparts (@ \$5, \$10) | 15 | Stanley Broome |
| I | Wayne Elmer | 3 pintypes, blue, metal top | 20 | Chuck Robinson |
| J | Wayne Elmer | Westinghouse incuse multipart 1121 | 5 | Justin Perault |
| K | Wayne Elmer | 3 rd rail insulator | 5 | Justin Perault |
| L | Wayne Elmer | Metal top multipart | 10 | Justin Perault |
| M | Wayne Elmer | 8 J-D uniparts, blue | 60 | Bob Stahr |
| N | Wayne Elmer | Unipart porcelain pintype | 1 | Justin Perault |
| O | Wayne Elmer | Unipart porcelain pintype | 1 | Richard Case |
| P | Wayne Elmer | Crate of porcelain pintypes | 5 | Justin Perault |
| Q | Wayne Elmer | Line post, Lapp | 3 | Justin Perault |
| R | Arlen Rienstra | 3 Lapp pintype porcelain insulators | 3 | Stanley Broome |
| S | Arlen Rienstra | Amber Whitall Tatum hi-top | 5 | Stanley Broome |
| AUCTION RESULTS | | | | |
| 1 | Les Christianson | Sheboygan Milk Bottle with cream top | 9 | Arlen Rienstra |
| 2 | Wayne Elmer | “Tic” brown multipart | 60 | Richard Case |
| 3 | Wayne Elmer | Table full of multiparts | 3 | Justin Perault |
| 4 | Wayne Elmer | Table full of multiparts | 6 | Justin Perault |
| 5 | Wayne Elmer | Crate, yellow pintype, deadend suspensions | 8 | Les Christianson |
| 6 | Wayne Elmer | Crate Lapp suspension | 3 | Stan Broome |
| 7 | Wayne Elmer | Crate Brown and black pintype porcelain | 4 | Stan Broome |
| 8 | Wayne Elmer | Crate Gizmo, 1929 Lapp | 4 | Richard Case |
| 9 | Wayne Elmer | Crate blue – Victor – large crate | 3 | Richard Case |
| 10 | Wayne Elmer | Crate MP pintype | 5 | Stan Broome |
| 11 | Wayne Elmer | Crate Haystack, Lapp, plastic | 5 | Stan Broome |
| 12 | Wayne Elmer | Crate Cutout, plastic, fault arrestor gizmo | 2 | Stan Broome |
| 13 | Wayne Elmer | Crate Pincos, hi-tops | 1 | Richard Case |
| 14 | Wayne Elmer | Crate Spools and coke case | 1 | Richard Case |

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| 15 | Wayne Elmer | Crate Brown porcelain | 1 | Richard Case |
| 16 | Wayne Elmer | Crate Brown porcelain | 2 | Richard Case |
| 17 | Wayne Elmer | Crate Hi top radio treatment | 1 | Stan Broome |
| 18 | Rick Soller | Box of clear insulators | 2 | Carol |
| 19 | Rick Soller | Box of CD 102s in colors | 8 | Larry |
| 20 | Rick Soller | Box w/commemorative, snake skin on clear insulator | 9 | Dean |
| 21 | Rick Soller | Box of beehives | 15 | Dieter Holz |
| 22 | Rick Soller | Box of amber glass | 6 | Bill Sharp |
| 23 | Rick Soller | Crown Jewels | 1 | Richard Case |
| 24 | Rick Soller | Box of tolls | 4 | Carol |
| 25 | Rick Soller | Box of CD 152s, toll blotout, 151 | 1 | Dean |
| 26 | Rick Soller | Box of Kegs 9's geen | 26 | Richard Case |
| 27 | Rick Soller | Box of tolls, 1871 patent | 34 | Richard Case |
| 28 | Rick Soller | Box of insulators | 4 | Stan Broome |
| 29 | Rick Soller | Delft CD 162, sage glass, beehive | 25 | Bill Sharp |
| 30 | Rick Soller | W/T set straw, lt. aqua, clear | 6 | Larry |
| 31 | Rick Soller | Hemi Ohio power piece + 5 in box | 10 | Richard Case |
| 32 | Rick Soller | CD 214 WT 10 10 error embossing | 11 | Stan Broome |
| 33 | Rick Soller | Canadian glass | 10 | Dave Shaw |
| 34 | Rick Soller | LRIs and green glass strain | 17 | Mike Fowler |
| 35 | Rick Soller | Dwight insulator, W.U. etc | 21 | Richard Case |
| 36 | Rick Soller | Beehive Jade milky NEGM Hawley | 30 | Stan Broome |
| 37 | Rick Soller | Box of clear glass | 3 | Carol |
| 38 | Rick Soller | Big box of beehives | 16 | Dieter Holz |
| 40 | Wayne Elmer | Mixed lot: Arrestors, Elec Supply, WP | 23 | Rick Soller |
| 41 | Dennis Seltrecht | Box of porcelain ponies | 10 | Rick Soller |
| 42 | Dennis Seltrecht | Box of porcelain ponies | 11 | Rick Soller |
| 43 | Mike McLaughlin | 3 blue suspensions | 3 | Lavonne Sharp |
| 44 | Mike McLaughlin | Round Ohio Brass 3 rd rail | 1 | Justin Perault |
| 45 | Mike McLaughlin | Ohio Brass multipart | 1 | Carol |
| 46 | Mike McLaughlin | Box of glass WT 10 9's 1/2 insulator | 5 | Carol |
| 47 | Mike McLaughlin | Porcelain | 1 | Shirley Robinson |
| 48 | Mike McLaughlin | 3 glass bfld Lynchburg | 5 | Richard Case |
| 49 | Mike McLaughlin | Box porcelain dry spot, IL, ITE | 3 | Justin Perault |
| | | LUNCH BREAL: NOON – 1:05 P.M. | | |
| 50 | Dave Shaw | Box of glass insulators | 15 | Larry |
| 51 | Dave Shaw | Box of glass insulators | 6 | Richard Case |
| 52 | Dave Shaw | Box of glass insulators | 5 | Carol |
| 53 | Dave Shaw | Box of glass insulators | 25 | Larry |
| 54 | Dave Shaw | Box of glass insulators | 4 | Dean |
| 55 | Dave Shaw | Box of glass insulators | 10 | Carol |
| 56 | Dave Shaw | Box of glass insulators | 10 | Larry |
| 57 | Dave Shaw | Box of glass insulators | 9 | Dean |
| 58 | Dave Shaw | Box of glass insulators | 10 | Arlen |

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| 59 | Dave Shaw | Box of glass insulators | 12 | Larry |
| 60 | Dave Shaw | Box of glass insulators | 7 | Carol |
| 61 | Dave Shaw | Box of glass insulators | 10 | Dieter Holz |
| 62 | Arlen Rienstra | Bushel Basket of clear glass | 3 | Carol |
| 63 | Arlen Rienstra | 2 porcelain boat anchors | 2 | Dean |
| 64 | Arlen Rienstra | Box of glass Lynchburg, Hemi | 4 | Richard Case |
| 65 | Arlen Rienstra | Box of glass | 1 | Carol |
| 66 | Arlen Rienstra | Basket of Hemi-43s | 9 | Bill Sharp |
| 67 | Arlen Rienstra | Box of insulators | 3 | Russ Frank |
| 68 | Arlen Rienstra | Basket of glass | 2 | Russ Frank |
| 69 | Arlen Rienstra | Box of insulators | 9 | Dave Shaw |
| 70 | Arlen Rienstra | Bushel basket of clear insulators | 3 | Shirley Robinson |
| 71 | Arlen Rienstra | Bushel basket of clear insulators | 2 | Steve Mattson |
| 72 | Arlen Rienstra | Bush basket of aqua/green insulators | 5 | Dave Shaw |
| 73 | Arlen Rienstra | Bushel basket of misc. porcelain | 2 | Justin Perault |
| | | TOTAL: \$662 | | |



(Left to Right) Bob Stahr, 1st time visitor, Rich Tillich, Deb Fowler, Arlen Rienstra, & Richard Case. The baskets were brought by Arlen for the auction.



Rick Soller standing in front of the display set up by Rich Tillich showing how insulators could be incorporated into sconces. Right, the food line with Mike Fowler, Deb Fowler, Austin, Marna, & Randy Wesner. Brats, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, carrots, celery, and moe.



Mike McLaughlin, Arlen Rienstra, Richard Case, and Gene Hawkins. The basket contained commemoratives brought by Jeannie Beres. Gene was finally able to add the clear Human Services commemorative to his collection from this laundry basket of goodies.

Upcoming Shows

November 6-8, 2015 (Friday to Sunday)

45th Annual Mid-Ohio Show & Sale

Springfield, Ohio

The 45th Annual Mid-Ohio Show & Sale will be held November 6-8 at the Clark County Fairgrounds (Exit 59 off I-70), Springfield, Ohio. Friday hours are 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 to ???. The Community Display for 2015 will feature "Lynchburg Glass." Information is available at: www.insulators.info/shows/springfield/ Contact: LOIS BLAIR 740-852-3148 or CURT BOSTER 614-301-5125; email: cboster530@att.net

July 28-31, 2016 (Thursday to Sunday)

47th National Insulator Association Convention, Show, & Sale

Muncie, Indiana

The National Insulator Association's 47th Annual Convention and Show will be held July 28-31, 2015 at the Horizon Convention Center, 601 S. High St., Muncie, IN 47305. Muncie was the home of the Hemingray company from 1888 to 1972 and special activities are planned related to this. Show information can be found at <http://www.nia.org/national> or you can contact show hosts Bob Stahr or Rick Soller. Bob can be reached at 630-793-5345 or at Bob@hemingray.com and Rick can be reached at (847) 782-8602 or at Com574@clcillinois.edu.



(Left to right) Dennis Seltrecht, Dieter Holz, Arlen Rienstra, Bob Stahr, unknown person's hat, Richard Case, Gene Hawkins, Jeannie Beres, & Larry Beauchamp