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Strongsville, Ohio Show Report

Even though the Strongsville, Ohio Winterfest and the Crown Point, Indiana “Beat the Winter Blahs” Swap Meet are separated by only five hours of driving (322 miles) that is almost all on the interstate, there is little overlap in dealers who set up at the show or collectors who attend. Since the two shows are only a week apart, that may explain why all but the most dedicated collectors attend both. This year I planned to attend both shows.

Early indications were that the Saturday, January 19, 2019 Winterfest swap meet would feature 10 dealers from 5 different states: Illinois (Rick Soller), Michigan (Andy Wadysz), New York (Ken Willick), Ohio (Dale Glendenning, John Hovanec, Joe Leuty, Jeff & Linda Maxwell), and Pennsylvania (Mary Ann & Tod Pike, Jim Frustieri, Ron Barth). These dealers fill most of the border of the Spyglass Hill Recreation Center, leaving room for three 8-foot tables in the center of the room for attendees to eat lunch at. The result is a cozy atmosphere at the show and plenty of time to see all the sales tables and still have time to socialize. In fact, the show pretty much shut down from about 11:40 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for lunch and a club meeting. Unfortunately heavy snow coming from the west before the show and proceeding east near the end of the show left many dealers at home rather than risk the blowing snows across the emptiness of Northern Illinois or slippery roads in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

As the 20th year of the swap meet, the occasion was more special than usual. Sharon made some delicious chili for those who braved the cold. Dale Glendenning made it to the show but few others. When I saw Glen at the Crown Point show, he indicated the walk-in crowd was less than 10 people. I hoped there might be a few pictures posted somewhere despite the small crowd but I have not seen any yet. Maybe next year I’ll be able to make it.

I’ve always enjoyed the show. One year I bought a collection in the parking lot that included a number of foreign insulators. The owner of the collection said they came from his father who traveled around the world but who had died recently. When I was selling aqua insulators to Tommy Bolack for his aqua mound, I would generally come back from the show with a truckload of pieces to add to the pallet loads I sent him. I would pay 25 cents each for the aqua insulators, cherry pick a couple (such as the C.D. & P. TEL. CO. CD 121s that were common in the neighborhood of some attending collectors), and send the rest to Tommy, making about 50 cents per insulator if I could ship 3000 or more at a time to keep the transportation costs down. Another year, I made a huge deal to get a CD 169 Hemingray Type 1 insulator. The last time I attended, I got to hold in my hand Mary Ann Pikes mint CD 1025 spool.

2019 Price Guide Deal

The new insulator price guide will be published soon. I plan on buying enough to get a quantity discount and plan on passing some of the savings on. I don’t know the price of these yet but if you are interested, please let me (Rick Soller) know at com574@clcollinois.edu so I know how many to get. Letting me know doesn’t commit you to buying one. Thanks.

“Beat the Winter Blahs” Show Report

The Strongsville, Ohio swap meet a week before was a potential harbinger of what might happen at the GCIC swap meet held on January 26, 2019 in Crown Points, Indiana. Instead, 16 dealers filling 24 tables made the 11th annual “Beat the Winter Blahs” show a success at its Lake County Fair location. This was the second year of the swap meet’s fair location having moved from Arlen & Tina Rienstra’s garage to a larger space at a local church to the spacious building at the fair. Results of the auction are found below. More about the show in the next newsletter.

#	Seller	Description	Price	Buyer
1	Rick Soller	5 boxes of 42s	\$1	Steve McCollum
2	Rick Soller	124s, Amber striped Hemingrays	\$19	Dick Schroeder
3	Rick Soller	U-188, Telephone arrestor, porc. Spools	\$3	Jennifer Alley-Fisher
4	Rick Soller	Westinghouse high tops with radio treatment	\$1	Riley Armstrong
5	Rick Soller	Beehives	\$8	Cole King
6	Rick Soller	NIA Comm, blue Bell, Mid-Ohio paperweight	\$11	Chris Hernandez
7	Rick Soller	Hemi 40 rock in dome, BFLD sdp, amber toll	\$40	Ross Berndt
8	Rick Soller	OVGs, Star, #4	\$16	Cole King
9	Rick Soller	Slumper, Hemi-9, Agee, CD 205	\$6	Jennifer
10	Rick Soller	GE Cutout, Porcelain signals	\$1	Chris Hernandez, Jr.
11	Dave Ramp	Pins, suspension, cutout	\$1	Riley
12	Dave Ramp	Six 512U’s rootbeer	\$19	Ross
13	Mike Davis	WP spools #36 two boxes	\$6	Chris, Jr.
14	Rick Soller	Iron Men Book	\$7	Les Christensen
15	Josh Dondorf	JD Suspensions and bracket	\$3	Riley
16	Mike McLaughlin	Oliver box	\$21	Les
17	Mike McLaughlin	Line Material pins, porcelain insulator	\$5	Rick Soller
18	Mike McLaughlin	Box of commons	\$1	Cole
19	Mike McLaughlin	162, 164, pink Maydwell, Canadian	\$13	Riley
20	Mike McLaughlin	Box misc, porcelain clears, Star, Beehive	\$1	Cole
21	Mike McLaughlin	2 with tie wires, 154, porcelain spool	\$8	Chris, Jr.
22	Mike McLaughlin	Ponies, Lynchburg	\$11	Jennifer
23	Mike McLaughlin	4 clear Kerrs	\$6	Chris, Jr.
24	Mike McLaughlin	4 Books	\$1	Rick
25	Mike McLaughlin	Transpositions	\$3	Cole
26	Mike McLaughlin	151s	\$4	Josh Dondorf
27	Mike McLaughlin	2 Mickeys	\$44	Dick Schroeder
28	Mike McLaughlin	Box porcelain	\$7	Riley
29	Mike McLaughlin	GNW, H.G.Co.	\$15	Cole
30	Mike McLaughlin	Amber Whitall Tatums	\$6	Ross
31	Mike McLaughlin	252	\$11	Jennifer
32	Mike McLaughlin	Purple AGEE bell	\$40	Dick
33	Josh Dondorf	Bell Hemi-42	\$6	Ross
34	Josh Dondorf	Threadless	\$25	Ross
35	Josh Dondorf	Box porcelain, spools, misc.	\$3	Riley
36	Josh Dondorf	Chair leg porcelain	\$4	Riley
37	Josh Dondorf	Bottle, 7up 9, Beehives	\$8	Jennifer
38	Josh Dondorf	Box misc., 147, Hemi 19 smooth base	.50	Jennifer
39	Josh Dondorf	Smooth base 19, Hemi 40	\$1	Cole
40	Josh Dondorf	H.G.Co., 12s	.50	Cole
41	Josh Dondorf	145s, bottle	.50	Jennifer
42	Josh Dondorf	Green star, bottle	\$4	Chris, Jr.
43	Dale Glendenning	145s	\$18	Ross

44	Dale Glendenning	Postal, #3 Trans, 162.3, Star, PRR	\$10	Kirk
45	Dale Glendenning	164, Postal, PRR, Brookfield	\$45	Dick
46	Dale Glendenning	Box of glass	\$16	Cole
47	Dale Glendenning	Green Brookfield, Hemi, Postal	\$26	Cole
48	Dale Glendenning	Hemi #23, US Tel & Tel, Hemi 9, Trans. HGCO	\$10	Les
49	Dale Glendenning	Box LRIs	\$41	Ross
50	Dale Glendenning	Box Beehives	\$21	Ross
51	Dale Glendenning	Beehives, 9's, 133.?	\$20	Jennifer
52	Dale Glendenning	Blobtop, Green Star	\$7	Jennifer
53	Dale Glendenning	Ponies	\$8	Les
54	Dale Glendenning	Beehives	\$5	Josh
55	Dale Glendenning	Eight CD 151s	\$1	Kirk
56	Dale Glendenning	Brookfield, frog	\$11	Jennifer
57	Greg Delia	Three crossarm braces	\$1	Riley
58	Greg Delia	1971 CJs	\$5	Steve Mc.
59	Greg Delia	1973 CJs	\$1	Jennifer
60	Greg Delia	Box of CJs, Rainbow Riders, Guardfrog CD	\$2	Steve Mc.
61	Greg Delia	Book	\$5	Rick
62	Greg Delia	42 and Crackle insulator	.25	Cole
63	Greg Delia	LRI ball	\$15	Dick
64	Greg Delia	Test set	\$1	Cole
65	Greg Delia	Light fixture	\$3	Chris, Jr.
66	Greg Delia	Photo lithograph negative	\$4	Kirk
67	Greg Delia	Box of 16 porcelain insulators	\$17	Jennifer
68	Greg Delia	Ashtray	N.S.	
69	Greg Delia	Lapp, strain, wall tubes, LRI	\$9	Rick
70	Greg Delia	Box LRIs, spools, wall tubes	\$15	Rick
71	Greg Delia	Box of Jars	\$6	Dick
72	Greg Delia	Strain, wall tube, stand off	\$16	Rick
73	Greg Delia	Toy truck, poles, speaker	\$14	Dick
74	Greg Delia	St. Louis Malleable, Ramshorn	\$16	Riley
75	Greg Delia	Hard hat	\$3	Riley
76	Greg Delia	Box of stuff	\$6	Riley
77	Greg Delia	Off-centered pins	\$11	Russ
78	Greg Delia	Repair Unit Box, empty	\$2	Jennifer
79	Greg Delia	Lima + misc. porcelain	\$2	Justin Perault
80	Greg Delia	OB hi-top	\$1	Ross
81	Greg Delia	Bottle	\$3	Kirk
82	Greg Delia	Oil lamp	\$2	Chris, Jr.
83	Greg Delia	Box of misc. porcelain	\$6	Justin
84	Greg Delia	133's bowl full	\$1	Jennifer
85	Greg Delia	Box misc. porcelain	\$1	Jennifer
86	Greg Delia	Box misc. porcelain, Haystack, pony	\$1	Riley
87	Greg Delia	Amber hi-tops, spools	\$3	Kirk
88	Greg Delia	9 power porcelain insulators, box	\$1	Jennifer
89	Greg Delia	9 station posts, OB	\$10	Rick
90	Greg Delia	7 hi-tops	\$1	Jennifer
91	Greg Delia	High Voltage sign	\$7	Justin
92	Greg Delia	Non flammable gas placard	\$11	Rick
93	Greg Delia	AB Quality sign	\$8	Justin
94	Greg Delia	Pesticide sign	\$10	Justin
95	Greg Delia	Canvas bag	\$3	Dale Glendenning
96	Greg Delia	Canvas bag	\$4	Russ Frank

97	Greg Delia	Bag	\$1	Kirk
98	Greg Delia	Pin	\$10	Mike McLaughlin
99	Greg Delia	Pin	\$7	Mike
100	Greg Delia	Multipart	\$1	Ross
101	Greg Delia	5 multiparts	\$1	Jennifer
102	Greg Delia	Lightning arrester	\$1	Riley
103	Greg Delia	Johnny ball	\$1	Jennifer
104	Greg Delia	Choice of suspension 2@ \$14	\$28	Rick
105	Greg Delia	Suspension	\$3	Ross
106	Greg Delia	Switch insulator	\$1	Riley
107	Greg Delia	Iron pins, buckets 2@\$1	\$2	Jennifer
108	Greg Delia	Bucket suspension	\$1	Jennifer
109	Greg Delia	Transformer lid, cast iron	\$1	Chris H.
110	Greg Delia	Tie wires	\$3	Chris H.
111	Greg Delia	Box porcelain	\$1	Chris H.
112	Greg Delia	Hog liver, spools, radio strain	\$1	Riley
113	Greg Delia	Spool, wire holder, strain	\$2	Justin
114	Greg Delia	Box of signals, porcelain	\$1	Jennifer
115	Greg Delia	41 ponies	\$3	Rick
116	Greg Delia	Spool	\$5	Rick
117	Greg Delia	MP truncates	\$1	Jennifer
118	Greg Delia	OB St. L. spool	\$1	Riley
119	Greg Delia	Power porcelain	\$1	Justin
120	Greg Delia	16 porcelain products	\$1	Jennifer
121	Greg Delia	Chrysler panel	\$15	Chris, Jr.
122	Greg Delia	OB, Thomas	\$2	Rick
123	Greg Delia	Brown porcelain, radio treatment	\$1	Rick
124	Kirk Miller	Box glass	\$1	Jennifer
125	Kirk Miller	Box glass, Fred M. Locke Merston	\$50	Dave Ramp
126	Kirk Miller	Box glass	\$11	Cole
127	Kirk Miller	Box glass, 3 boxes	\$13	Chris
128	Kirk Miller	Climbing belt and bag	\$12	Cole
129	Kirk Miller	Climbing belt	\$2	Greg
130	Riley Armstrong	Meters, 7 total	\$7	Justin
131	Riley Armstrong	Bell	\$6	Chris
132	Riley Armstrong	E3 (broken) and Brookfield	\$20	Greg Delia
133	Riley Armstrong	3 rubber neck – Board	.25	Greg
134	Riley Armstrong	2 maps	.25	Cole
135	Chris Hernandez	6 Australian glass insulators	\$31	Ross
136	Riley Armstrong	John Deere poster	.50	Justin
		Donation from Steve McCollum	\$2	
		Donation from Greg Delia	\$50	
		Donation from Jennifer Alley-Fisher	\$10	

Post Show Report

Attending a swap meet or show can be exhausting. Travel times especially during poor road conditions can make returning from a show stressful. Time changes on the way to or home from a show throw a person's body clock out of synch. Moving insulators into and out of a show hall put a physical strain on the body. Here are two tales of such exhaustion.

By early afternoon, Riley Armstrong was on the road heading back to Vermillion, South Dakota. Heading east from Crown Point, Indiana he was traveling straight into the oncoming snowstorm. At 4:12 p.m. the next day, I finally heard from Riley via a text indicating he had just

arrived home to rain. By then the roads were almost all salted so the driving was safer but his hands were “fuzzy from the road vibrations” and he was pretty tired.

Rick Soller left the show about 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and had clear weather until he crossed into Illinois. I-294 around Chicago was clear even with the snow because of all the traffic but four dump trucks were being driven side-by-side at 40 miles per hour as they dumped sand on the road. He had to drop some Hemingray bottles and lamps at Bob Stahr’s house on the way back so headed west at one point and encountered worsening roads. As he got closer and closer to Bob’s house, the roads got progressively worst since plows had not been in the residential areas yet. The poor road conditions resulted in a quick drop of Bob’s boxes and on to home before the roads got worse. As he headed north and east, the road conditions were manageable but heavy traffic and fearful drivers kept most drivers rolling along at 40 miles per hour. With each mile driven it seemed the GPS estimation of the estimated arrival time remained unchanged. After two or three minutes of driving, finally the drive time would drop a minute. What would normally take 1.5 hours to get home took 3.

Sleep is a great cure for fatigue. After getting to bed an hour early, sleeping an hour longer, and taking two 1 hour naps, Rick finally recovered from the demands of the day before.

Upcoming Shows

Coon Rapids, Minnesota Saturday, March 23, 2019

The North Western Insulator Club will host the 3rd Annual North Suburban Insulator Show and Swap Meet at the VFW Hall in Coon Rapids MN. We will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission and tables are free and all are welcome to join us. Lunch is pot luck-please bring a dish to share. The address is 1919 Coon Rapids Boulevard, Coon Rapids, Minnesota. Our host is DARYL LAWRENCE. For any questions and to RSVP, contact Daryl at dlaw116@msn.com or 763-333-4071. This show is guaranteed to beat the winter blahs!!

Wheaton, Illinois Saturday, April 6, 2019

The Dupage Collectors Expo will be held Saturday, April 6th, at the Dupage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton, Illinois, Hours are 9:00 to 3:00. 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.

Already there are about 75 tables sold for the show. Rick Soller plans to have an entire table filled with Crown Jewels, insulator auction catalogs, and hobby books so check to see what you are missing in your library. He says he’ll have another table with various high voltage signs.

Orlando, Florida Friday – Sunday, June 14-16, 2019

The National Insulator Association’s 50th Annual Show and Convention will be held June 14-16, 2019 in the Convention Center at the Doubletree by Hilton Orlando at Sea World, 10100 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32821. In June 2018, show information is available on the NIA web site. Plan to be a part of “Celebrating 50 Years of Meets/Shows”. The show hosts are CLAY BLEDSOE, GRAHAM BARNES, and JACQUELINE LINSOTT-BARNES. For more info call 321-480-1800 or email: bluebellwt@aol.com

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