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**Newsletter Update**

It has been a while since the last newsletter since I was very busy hosting the National Insulator Association's National in Muncie and am in the final stages of writing my dissertation. I have a brief break now between semesters and now that the national is over. Since the last newsletter, however, there was a show in Yorkville, a show in Tama, Iowa, Alan Statsny's Hog Roast in Ohio, and the National in Muncie to report on. In addition, there are upcoming shows to let collectors know about such as the one below and to report on.

Due to the backlog of material, I plan to put out several newsletters within the next month. The first two will be to catch up on past shows and the third one will report on the Racine swap meet. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the Yorkville show nor the Hog Roast so I'll have to rely on information from others about what happened at the shows.

## **GCIC 2016 PICNIC**

**The Greater Chicago Insulator Club invites you to join them for  
the 16th annual End of Summer Picnic and Swap Meet**

**Saturday, September 10th 2016  
From 9 AM to 3 PM Rain or shine.**

**At the home of Randy Wesner  
434 Blaine Ave, Racine, Wisconsin  
Lots of food, and lots of insulators.**

**Rick Soller will be holding his famous auction.  
Let me know if you are coming. (262) 633-0756  
or email me at [randysdodge@gmail.com](mailto:randysdodge@gmail.com)**

## Tama, Iowa Swap Meet

For the second year in a row, the June Tama, Iowa swap was moved from the shelter house at the nearby park to an inside location near the railroad tracks. The change was once again a great choice. The inside location makes it easier to serve food at lunch, the facility has better climate control than the great outdoors, trains run by the facility frequently which provides an interesting distraction during the show, great lighting, and the parking is much better. I also appreciate that I don't have to get to the facility at 6 a.m. in order to get a prime table since the facility is locked until Dave gets there and he doesn't open the place that early. The downside of the facility is that there is a fee to use it but donations and an auction at the show help greatly to defer expenses.

As usual, collector's arrived on Friday before the show to congregate at the home of Dave Shaw to talk and see his collection before heading to the local casino for the buffet. Collectors partaking of the feast included Russ & Marge Frank, Riley Armstrong, Rick Soller, Dennis & Jeanne Weber, Dave Shaw, Dennis Seltrecht, Pat & Larry Whitlock, Bear Spitler & his wife, Gene Hawkins, Bill & Linda Connell, Kim Borgman, Darryl Wagner, and many others.

This year's auction did not have very many lots but generated plenty of income. In total, \$1461 was sold in the auction. Normally this alone would generate \$146 in commission but there were also \$40 in donations. Below are the results of the auction.

| #           | Seller           | Item Description                                       | Price | Buyer            |
|-------------|------------------|--|-------|------------------|
| 1           | Bob Reams        | 10 Beehives  | \$1   | Ben Tucker       |
| 2           | Rick Soller      | Misc. Porcelain: Brown & White                         | \$1   | Sean Duffy       |
| 3           | Rick Soller      | Romanian glass, box of misc.                           | \$6   | Bill Snell       |
| 4           | Rick Soller      | Fuse Cutout & Hewletts                                 | \$36  | Sean Duffy       |
| 5           | Webers           | Cobalt CD 162 choice                                   | \$150 | Gene Hawkins     |
| 6           | Webers           | CD 162 Amber choice                                    | \$60  | Bear Spitler     |
| 7           | Webers           | Box of glass   | \$90  | Gene Hawkins     |
| 8           | Rick Soller      | Carnival CD 168  | \$27  | Dennis Weber     |
| 9           | Rick Soller      | 3 boxes of glass                                       | \$1   | Sean Duffy       |
| 10          | Rick Soller      | Carnival CD 235 Pyrex                                  | \$27  | Russ Frank       |
| 11          | Rick Soller      | Transposition  | \$12  | Ross             |
| 12          | JER Collectibles | Beer Taps & Insulator – Donation                       | \$7   | John Rosenberger |
| 13          | Richard Shearer  | Telescoping Hot Stick – Donation                       | \$5   | Gene Hawkins     |
| 14          | Rick Soller      | 2 Lightning rod stands                                 | \$35  | JER Collectibles |
| 15          | Dave Shaw        | Porcelain: Cobalt, lt. blue, white, brown              | \$39  | Rick Soller      |
| 16          | Dave Shaw        | Coke Crate of Misc. porcelain                          | \$10  | JER Collectibles |
| 17          | Dave Shaw        | Large Porcelain – 4 Pittsburgs                         | \$65  | Duffy            |
| 18          | Dave Shaw        | Milk crate: brown, yellow, white, CPRs, blue porcelain | \$15  | Riley Armstrong  |
| LUNCH BREAK |                  |  |       |                  |
| 19          | Dave Shaw        | 5 glass power pieces                                   | \$70  | Sean Duffy       |
| 20          | Dave Shaw        | Power Glass (choice) Flat top                          | \$27  | Ross             |
| 21          | Dave Shaw        | Power Glass (choice)                                   | \$27  | Sean             |
| 22          | Dave Shaw        | Power Glass (choice) 2 @ \$16                          | \$32  | Sean             |
| 23          | Dave Shaw        | Power Glass (choice) Group of 3                        | \$27  | Sean             |

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| 24 | Dave Shaw    | Porcelain multipart (choice)                                    | \$30   | Darryl Wagner  |
| 25 | Dave Shaw    | Porcelain multipart (choice) 3 @ \$10                           | \$30   | Sean           |
| 26 | Dave Shaw    | Box of strains & Misc.  | \$50   | Rick Soller    |
| 27 | Dave Shaw    | Dry spot, 6 lightning arrestors, glass rings                    | \$22   | Caleb          |
| 29 | Gene Hawkins | Brookfields, porcelain, HG Co, Star, Hemi Signals, Frog, CD 168 | \$12   | Caleb          |
| 30 | Gene Hawkins | Mike McLaughlin lot – glass & porcelain                         | \$18   | Caleb          |
| 31 | Dave Shaw    | Glass 145s, 203, Kegs, 151s, 162, 168s                          | \$8    | Caleb          |
| 32 | Rick Soller  | Flat of ponies, Lynchburg, Star, Kegs                           | \$10   | Caleb          |
| 33 | Rick Soller  | Flat of kegs  | \$10   | Bill Sharp     |
| 34 | Steve        | 145s, Kegs, Hawleys, 162, 143                                   | \$15   | Sean Duffy     |
| 35 | Steve        | 162s, 121s, 145s, 133s  | \$14   | Daryl Lawrence |
| 36 | Steve        | 145s, 216, 133, 210, 145, 162, 154, Postal, plastic             | \$10   | Caleb          |
| 37 | Steve        | 162, 145, 216, 100, 154   | \$10   | Blain          |
| 38 | Steve        | 162, 145, 143, 147, 126   | \$11   | Sean Duffy     |
| 39 | Steve        | 145, 128, Plastic, 143, 216, 162                                | \$9    | Sean Duffy     |
| 40 | Steve        | 151, 154, plastic, 147, 128, 152, 154                           | \$12   | Caleb          |
| 41 | Steve        | 162, 145, kegs, 134, 124  | \$13   | Bill Sharp     |
| 42 | Steve        | Porcelain haystacks, hi-tops, 154, 145, plastic                 | \$16   | Caleb          |
| 43 | Steve        | 145, 154, 216, 151, 147, plastic, 162                           | \$9    | Sean Duffy     |
| 44 | Steve        | 126, 162, 152, 162  | \$10   | Sean Duffy     |
| 45 | Steve        | 154, 162, 122, 145, 151, 106                                    | \$1    | Bill Sharp     |
| 46 | Steve        | 152, 145, 154, 162, 147, plastic                                | \$6    | Bill Sharp     |
| 47 | Steve        | 145s, 20 insulators   | \$1    | Sean Duffy     |
| 48 | Steve        | 122, 106, 151, 121, 162, 133                                    | \$5    | Sean Duffy     |
|    |              | TOTAL   | \$1461 |                |

There were some walk-ins to the show. Riley Armstrong and Rick Soller had an opportunity to purchase them. Both Rick and Riley ended up with a Lapp insulator with several vertical skirts although Rick later sold his at the show to another collector who saw it at his table. Rick also purchased a letter from the walk-in collector had that was sent from Ohio Brass providing some information about the insulators.

Andy Wadsyz made it to the show but sold insulators out of the trunk of his car. He had purchased a collection and offered it to collectors at the show. There was quite a swarm of collectors there for a while and he managed to move quite a few insulators.



Wayne Alexander brought his insulator man to the show. It is constructed of polymer suspensions for arms, legs, and torso with suspension insulators used to make the head and the feet. Next to him is show host Dave Shaw. Dave is the shorter one.

I visited with Wayne after eating at the Casino. I enjoyed looking over his collection of insulators and was able to help him add a couple CD 203 Holly City insulators to his collection.

Thanks to Wayne Alexander for the picture.



Gene Hawkins had this great glass block and holder for sale on his table. He was asking \$430 for it. I would have bought it if I had a chance but it must have been quickly bought by someone because I didn't know about it until after the show.

Thanks to Wayne Alexander for the photo.

Some other interesting insulators at the show were brought by Darryl Wagner. He had a variety of French insulators including "The Bustle" robots, T-bars, gingerbread men, and nosers.

There was also a Twiggs on Rick Soller's table for \$7500.



No. 76 Insulator  
with No. 77 Sleeve

**No. 76 (9-INCH) MUNCIE TYPE**  
 83918 26000 80000 22000 16 11250 375.00  
 Dimensions, inches: Height,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ; diameter, 9;  
 groove,  $\frac{5}{8}$ .

**No. 77 (9-INCH) MUNCIE SLEEVE**  
 83919 ..... ..... ..... 32 5400 262.50  
 Dimensions, inches: Height, 8; diameter,  $5\frac{1}{4}$ .

**No. 78 (9-INCH) MUNCIE TYPE ASSEMBLED**  
 83920 110000 95000 33000 8 18125 637.50  
 Dimensions, inches: Height,  $13\frac{1}{2}$ ; diameter, 9;  
 groove,  $\frac{5}{8}$ .

## **Rich Penn Auction**

The Tama, Iowa insulator show wasn't the only insulator action going on in Iowa at the beginning of summer. On April 29-May 1, the auctioneer Rich Penn presented an auction of the collection of the late Fred Schwartz and others. The auction included hundreds of weather vanes, lightning rod balls, and insulator lots. I purchased a copy of the auction catalog as well as one for the NIA library and included the prices realized for the auction.

Many bargains were had by bidders. Some lots were not listed on the internet so only those in attendance had a chance to bid on them. Other lots seemed to not accept bids from internet bidders since I know I bid more than the final bid on a couple lots yet did not win them.

Some of the pieces for sale included Jumbos, Cutters, CD 202 transpositions, LSV Jumbo private issues, Mickey Mouse insulators, and many more glass insulators. I picked up a blue Ohio Brass porcelain exchange, and a moss green porcelain pony.

## **Upcoming Shows**

### **Racine, Wisconsin**

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### **River Falls, Wisconsin**

#### **Saturday, September 24, 2016**

The North Western Insulator Club invites all to join us for our fall swap meet in beautiful River Falls Wisconsin. Mike Braun will be our host and we will return to the Moose Lodge at 620 Clark St from 9 to 3. This is a spacious facility with lots of windows for comparing those elusive colors. Tables and chairs provided-no fee. An auction is planned and all are invited to contribute-this is a great way to move your own stock and pick up some surprises. Lunch will be Mikes famous pulled pork-just bring a side to share. Please RSVP to Mike at [mbraun61@yahoo.com](mailto:mbraun61@yahoo.com) to reserve your space or contact him at 715-426-0887 for questions.

### **Springfield, Ohio**

#### **Friday – Sunday, November 4-6, 2016**

The 46th Mid-Ohio Insulator Show will be held November 4-6 at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield, Ohio. Show hours are Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Saturday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 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)