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Columbia City, Indiana Show Report

It has been several years since I last attended the Columbia City, Indiana show. I am required to attend graduation at the College I teach at and it always falls on the date of the show. Once I was able to make it on Friday and, during another four year period, the union contract I negotiated obligated faculty to attend graduation only every other year but, as the union president, I wasn't able to take advantage of it. So I was understandably delighted when I heard that another event scheduled the facility on the usual day of the show, resulting in the show being moved to the week earlier.

The doors opened at noon on Friday, May 5, 2017 for dealers to unload and set-up with set-up going until 3 p.m. Not all dealers made it to the show on Friday so it was a relaxed atmosphere. A few collectors showed up who could not make it on Saturday. I saw Curtis Erickson filling his car with a two foot tall glass line post made by European company. I had seen this line post a few months earlier at a nearby antique store but was a few steps behind Dave Ramp who ended up buying it and a second one. Curtis also bought a four-part porcelain multipart made by Ohio Brass before he had to leave.

Late afternoon on Friday, an auction was held that generated \$630 in sales. The big buyer was Bob Kindmark who told me that he purchased 22 of the 57 lots for his son who is currently on a mission trip out west. He collects insulators and has been gone for 2 years so Bob wanted to surprise him when he returns soon. He planned to have sort of an Easter egg hunt for his son with the insulators when he returned.

Mike McLaughlin, Gene Hawkins, Russ Frank, Rick Soller, and Paul Hoste sold items in the auction. Twelve bidders were involved with buying the lots. \$56 was generated by commissions with an additional \$1 coming from a donation by Dick Bales, netting \$57. Officers of the club offered to donate the money to the show hosts to cover expenses but table rentals covered those expenses so the money was put into the club treasurer to support future shows. Results for each lot are shown below with more details about the show after this information.

Lot	Seller	Description	Price	Buyer
1	Mike McLaughlin	4 Brookfields	\$6	Bob Kindmark
2	Mike McLaughlin	2 cables, 1 glazeweld	\$1	Dave Ramp
3	Mike McLaughlin	U-190 A&B	\$20	Dave Ramp
4	Mike McLaughlin	No. 15 Blot Out	\$11	Bob Kindmark
5	Mike McLaughlin	CPR-Pittsburg	\$5	Les Christensen
6	Mike McLaughlin	D510, Sterling, Gayner, Beehive	\$9	Dave Shaw
7	Mike McLaughlin	Hemi blue ice 196-151	\$8	Bob Kindmark
8	Mike McLaughlin	GE, Diamond, 170.1, C&P Tel, 147	\$13	Dave Shaw

9	Mike McLaughlin	106 Milky swirls (2)	\$13	Mark Gilmore
10	Mike McLaughlin	Sage aqua 145 Hemi blue, green 145, fireplug, 161 age California	\$15	Bob Kindmark
11	Mike McLaughlin	162, 102, 122, 164, 106	\$2	Paul Hoste
12	Mike McLaughlin	Pat 132, HG Bubbly, 145, 106	\$32	Bob Kindmark
13	Mike McLaughlin	Cable, brown pony, 152, 145	\$5	Bob Kindmark
14	Mike McLaughlin	145s, 152, Brown porcelain, Pyrex	\$21	Bob Kindmark
15	Gene Hawkins	Drip Points newsletters	\$25	Dave Ramp
16	Gene Hawkins	Misc books – choice 2	\$18	Dave Ramp
17	Gene Hawkins	Klingensmith Calendar, Locke History, Misc books	\$16	Rick Soller
18	Gene Hawkins	17, 128, 152, 145, Dome cover glass	\$1	Bob Kindmark
19	Gene Hawkins	W-T, D512, Dry spot, pins	\$4	Bob Kindmark
20	Gene Hawkins	Pins, transposition Brookfield, hi-top, PP, Hemi-17	\$1	Dave Ram
21	Gene Hawkins	Pins, BKFLD blotout, 152, 162, Chance	\$4	Bob Kindmark
22	Gene Hawkins	D512, Spool, 154, 152	\$9	Bob Kindmark
23	Gene Hawkins	Porcelain Gizmo + Gadgets, Guy strain	\$1	Rick Soller
24	Gene Hawkins	Candle holders, teapot, Vaseline glass	\$6	Arlen Rienstra
25	Gene Hawkins	Hemi 9s, Lynchburgs, Star	\$3	Bob Kindmark
26	Gene Hawkins	Gayner, 162, Bfld	\$1	Bob Kindmark
27	Russ Frank	145, 154, 102, Pyrex, Am Tel	\$40	Bob Kindmark
28	Russ Frank	162, 151	\$10	Arlen Rienstra
29	Russ Frank	143, 102, Patent, 162, 121	\$13	Joe Gomez
30	Russ Frank	106, Olive D510, Kerr, 155	\$1	Jim Berg
31	Rick Soller	Plastic shelf	\$5	Bob Kindmark
32	Rick Soller	Triple bracket with porcelain saddles	\$6	Dave Shaw
33	Rick Soller	Clear 155s	\$1	Bob Kindmark
34	Rick Soller	Heavy cable Thomas	\$1	Dave Ramp
35	Rick Soller	Suspension	\$1	Bob Kindmark
36	Rick Soller	Pyrex 353 clear	\$14	Bob Kindmark
37	Rick Soller	Canadian Porcelain	\$4	Dick Schroeder
38	Rick Soller	Meter, Waumpler	\$3	Arlen Rienstra
39	Rick Soller	Fog Bowl, mustard, brown porcelain	\$7	Bob Kindmark
40	Rick Soller	Blues, Armstrong	\$6	Les Christensen
41	Rick Soller	Lynchburg, 125, 154	\$9	Bob Kindmark
42	Rick Soller	Fuse	\$1	Les Christensen
43	Rick Soller	Lynchburg, 127, diamond, 102, 106	\$33	Joe Gomez
44	Rick Soller	166, 154, 162	\$3	Jim Berg
45	Rick Soller	154, Lynchburg, #20, 145 Postal	\$10	Arlen Rienstra
46	Rick Soller	Rubber, composition, fireplugs	\$1	Arlen Rienstra
47	Rick Soller	Art shaped like a melting ice cream cone	\$4	Pat
48	Rick Soller	Choice Commemoratives 8@\$4	\$32	Dave Shaw
49	Rick Soller	Dump light yellow flashed yellow 252	\$25	Dick Schroeder
50	Rick Soller	Corriero wood commemorative	\$7	Les Christensen

51	Rick Soller	Transpositions	\$7	Bob Kindmark
52	Rick Soller	Italian	\$12	Dave Ramp
53	Rick Soller	Pins	\$11	Paul Hoste
54	Rick Soller	Multi on pin in wood	\$25	Dave Ramp
55	Rick Soller	Brookfield catalog	\$15	Joe Gomez
56	Rick Soller	LRI rod with sunburst point	\$50	Bob Kindmark
57	Paul Hoste	Amber	\$24	Russ Frank
58	Dick Bales	Donation	\$1	Dick Bales
		Total Sales	\$630	

The best part of the show occurred after the auction. Pizza was served and show-and-tell was held. Some great insulators were shown and some memorable stories told.

Gene Hawkins recounted how at the recent Missouri show, he talked to a man who picked up a San Francisco wood insulator on his table and remarked how he had a wooden insulator but that it was a different shape. Gene eventually figured out that the man was talking about a wooden cover for a Wade insulator although the man indicated that the glass was missing. Gene indicated what the price was on such pieces and the man took his card. As Gene was starting to pack to leave the show with Kim Borgman, he got a call from the man that verified that, yes indeed, the glass was in the piece but had been hidden by dirt and sand. He wanted to sell the piece and an agreement was made to meet at one of the exits off the interstate that ran around the city and intersected with the through-the-city interstate. The man did not know the exit number but described a major outdoor retailer that was at the exit. The directions the man gave, however, were to the west side of the city and Gene thought it was for the east side of the city on their way home. A call to the man finally clarified the location, the meeting was held, and Gene ended up with a wood covered Wade found in a sand bank in a nearby river.

Mike McLaughlin brought a box of insulators that had been put away for many years. Over the years, he had put insulators in the box and forgot about them. He then proceeded to pull out several colorful CD 162s.

Tom Nugent showed his Cutter insulator embedded into a tree. I've always admired the piece since I have several minor insulators embedded in trees. The piece was part of the display at the Coralville national.

Rick Soller brought a Ponds insulator. It is a wood insulator with a zinc cap made in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The pin was tarred into the insulator which is probably why so many of the known Ponds have broken skirts. The finder of the insulator apparently tries to screw the insulator off the pin and breaks the thin, fragile skirt.

Les Christensen brought a clear glass ashtray made by Hemingray. It had a label indicating it was made for the 1964 World's Fair so that would mean the insulator was made when Hemingray was owned by Owens-Illinois and also provides a date for when they were made.

Upcoming Shows

Tama, Iowa

Saturday, June 3, 2017

The 20th Annual Hawkeye State Insulator Swap Meet will be held at the Tama Civic Center on Saturday, June 3rd from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM. Dealers can set up starting at 7:00 AM. The Civic Center is located at 305 Siegel St. in downtown Tama, IA just two blocks off Highway 63. There will be no cost to set up and lunch will be provided to those in attendance. Over the past 19 years, many Midwest collectors and friends have joined us for this fun and relaxed annual event and this year should be no different. We look forward to hosting you again for a great time in the Hawkeye State and look forward to seeing you this June. For additional information you can contact show host DAVE SHAW at (641) 484-5463 or can e-mail me at dashaw@mchsi.com. Please contact show host for table reservation.

Dearborn, Michigan

Saturday, June 3, 2017

2nd annual swap meet held at the home of Curtis Erickson from 9am to 3pm. The swap meet is the same day and area as the famous Edison Street Sale (large city garage sale). Set up is free, please bring your own table. Walking distance from the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. Only a 45 minute drive north of the Michigan/Ohio border. Contact: CURTIS ERICKSON (248) 515-4612 crerickson1@gmail.com Show location, 22101 Olmstead St., Dearborn, MI 48124.

Mount Brydges, Ontario

Saturday, June 10, 2017

The fourteenth annual Southwestern Ontario Spring Insulator Meet will be held at the home of Henry and Hilary Nicpon, 3 km (2 miles) southeast of Mount Brydges and 10 km (six miles) southwest of London, Ontario on Saturday, June 10th. There's a \$10 charge for those wishing to set up a table. The fee will help cover the cost of food and beverages. RSVP required to make sure there's enough food. Please bring your own table if possible. Info: TOM IANNELLI 519-641-0098 or email: tiannelli0098@rogers.com or BARRETT NICPON

Wheaton, Illinois

Saturday, April 7, 2018

DuPage Collectable Expo held at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. Tables are \$40 for the first and \$35 for the second and subsequent table. \$10 if you want electricity. Contact Bob Stahr at 360 S. Kenilworth Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, (630) 793-5345, Bob@Hemingray.com or Rick Soller at 4086 Blackstone Ave., Gurnee, IL 60031, Com574@clcillinois.edu, (847) 782-8602.

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Friday, July 21, 2017 to Sunday, July 23, 2017

The 2017 National Insulator Show will be held in Colorado Springs, CO July 21 - 23. For dealer tables and show information contact: DAN GAURON 719-492-0181; MIKE GREEN 303-549-5028 OR DAVID BARON 303-888-8071. Or visit the website at: www.nianational2017.com



Above, two insulators sold at the Columbia City show. On the left is a foreign porcelain piece with brown speckles on the top that was sold by Dave Ramp. On the right is a CD 122 with only the embossing "NAPOLI" on it. Usually they also have "VMR ITALY" embossed on them. This was spotted on the table of Andy Wadysz.



Dale Glendenning brought three insulators that had coatings recently applied to them. The process is known as hydrographics in which a film with a design is placed on top of a tank of water, a solvent is sprayed on the film to dissolve it, leaving only the design. The insulator is then dipped into the tank and the design attaches to the insulator and adheres to it. A clear coat is finally applied to the insulator. This process can be used to decorate numerous products such as bike helmets, gun stocks (camouflage pattern), or auto dashboards.



Above: Two of the insulators in the show and tell portion of the Columbia City show. The porcelain piece has a beautiful blond glaze with dark highlighting. The cutter still has the bracket and has ribs on the base.



On the left is supposed to be the sales table of Dave Ramp but the only person I ever saw sitting there was his wife, Josephine. [I also noted that when Dave went to pay for insulators bought in the auction, Josephine was the one with the checkbook.]

There was a nice display of a multipart with information about the multipart. Club member Robert Winkler did some research on the line where the multipart came from and provided it to Dave who reproduced it for the display. Pictures of 9 of these multiparts that were sold in a recent auction were also included in the display. The 9 multiparts have already been widely distributed to other collectors.