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Crown Point, IN Swap Meet Report

A beautiful day greeted attendees at the Saturday, January 27, 2018 club swap meet in Crown Point, Indiana, hosted by Arlen & Tina Rienstra. The warmer weather encouraged a good crowd of both dealers and new collectors to show up at the fairgrounds location and enjoy a club auction, lots of insulators on dealer tables, and plenty of food.

The swap meet was held at the county fairgrounds instead of the previous location at a local church because the church location was not available. The new facility did not disappoint. It was easy to bring cart loads of insulators into the building since there were no steps, there was plenty of lighting, and there was more room for tables to be set up. The only down side was the \$10 charged each dealer to help defray the cost of the facility which did not seem to concern those in attendance.

At least 34 people were at the show. Names of people I knew or learned included Mike McLaughlin, Tom Nugent & grandson, Kim Borgman & wife, Rick Soller, Mark Gilmore, Josh Dondorf, Riley Armstrong, Andy Wadysz, Arlen & Tina Rienstra, Russ & Marge Frank, Roger Lucas, Dennis Seltrecht, Dick Schroeder, Greg Delia & mother, Richard Case, J. Brown, Justin Perault, Gene Hawkins, Dave & Josephine Ramp, James Bancroft, Bob Stahr, Ross, Jen, Angie, Doug, and Kirk.

By far, James Bancroft traveled the farthest, flying from England. A distant second was Riley Armstrong who left for the show the day before, stayed at Ross' home the night before, and came the rest of the way with Ross in the morning.

The auction offered a variety of insulators for every level of collector/dealer. Angie had a bunch of common insulators that might normally be seen on a free table but sold for \$6 in the auction. At the higher end, James Bancroft brought a variety of foreign insulators that sold well but still at bargain prices. As an example, Rick Soller spied a metal coated porcelain insulator from the Netherlands in one lot and, as a collector of foreign porcelain, knew the value since he had recently purchased one for his collection. As a result the \$25 he paid for the insulator returned a four-fold return when he sold the piece for \$102.50 on eBay. Dick Schroeder was probably thinking along similar lines when he bought a lot of CD 208 crosstop insulators. Josh Dondorf had nothing to complain about when he agreed to take a lot with old telephones in it if he was paid a dollar.

Results of the auction are shown on the net pages. The auction generated \$129 in commissions charged to sellers which, when coupled with the \$10 charged dealers, helped defray expenses of the swap meet. A large portion of the auction (80 lots) was finished by the noon lunch break with the remaining 31 lots completed between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. If you like these auctions, the next one will be at the Columbia City, Indiana show.

#	Seller	Description	Price	Buyer
1	Angie	Misc. flats, 3@\$2 each	\$6	Allison
2	James Bancroft	Netherlands Metal Coated	\$25	Rick Soller
3	James Bancroft	4 Australian insulators	\$20	Doug
4	James Bancroft	Swedish – Hungary insulators	\$28	Rick Soller
5	James Bancroft	English – Hungry insulators	\$16	Justin Perault
6	James Bancroft	Green McL and Canadian Pacific Ry	\$25	Jake
7	James Bancroft	3 compositions – England	\$21	Greg Delia
8	James Bancroft	Polish insulator	\$32	Dave Ramp
9	Rick Soller	Six CD 155s	\$20	Josh Dondorf
10	Rick Soller	Crosstops	\$80	Dick Schroeder
11	Rick Soller	Commemorative + CD 203 + plastic	\$12	Greg Delia
12	Rick Soller	1871, Lunchburg	\$3	Jen
13	Rick Soller	Fireplug, Misc Porcelain, OB	\$5	J. Brown
14	Rick Soller	CD 214, Transposition	\$5	Jen
15	Rick Soller	Brookfield, Hemingray	\$3	Jen
16	Rick Soller	H.G. Beehives	\$16	Josh Dondorf
17	Rick Soller	Misc. porcelain	\$6	Jen
18	Rick Soller	Smooth base Hemi, NEGM, ATT	\$42	Kirk
19	Rick Soller	Telephones	\$1	Mike McLaughlin
20	Rick Soller	Telephones	-\$1	Josh Dondorf
21	Rick Soller	CD 109, 162, 155	\$1	Ross
22	Rick Soller	Beehives	\$10	Angie
23	Rick Soller	#9, 112	\$1	Jen
24	Rick Soller	#9	\$1	Jen
25	Rick Soller	121 Locke, Brookfield, Star	\$4	Jen
26	Rick Soller	145, NEGM	\$5	Doug
27	Rick Soller	Locke, Hemi-62, McL	\$1	Ross
28	Rick Soller	Bfld, 133, 106, Maydwell	\$8	Doug
29	Rick Soller	Beehives, CD 168	\$3	Dave Shaw
30	Rick Soller	Am. Tel, Lynch, Bfld.	\$7	Kirk
31	Rick Soller	Stars	\$2	Dieter Holz
32	Rick Soller	Good, #2 Cable, H.G.Co.	\$10	Jen
33	Rick Soller	LRIs	\$14	Doug
34	Rick Soller	Bfld, spool, CD 106	\$24	Doug
35	Rick Soller	Transposition tops & bottoms	\$20	Riley Armstrong
36	Rick Soller	CD 145s, Hemi-50s	\$15	Dieter Holz
37	Rick Soller	145 + Hemi-50s	\$20	Josh Dondorf
38	Rick Soller	145s, 154s, 122s, 162s	\$6	Kirk
39	Rick Soller	#4, Am. Tel, 9's, 112	\$1	Greg Delia
40	Rick Soller	Multipart	\$10	Greg Delia
41	Rick Soller	Multipart, 2 @\$6	\$12	Dick Schroeder
42	Rick Soller	Multipart	\$3	Greg Delia
43	Rick Soller	145s, 154	\$3	Dave Shaw
44	Rick Soller	Transposition	\$40	Jacob

45	Rick Soller	Rubber, 511A, 154, 122	\$8	Jen
46	Rick Soller	Porcelain	\$6	Justin Perault
47	Rick Soller	CN Pony, NEGM	\$6	Richard Case
48	Rick Soller	#15, CD 168	\$16	Riley Armstrong
49	Rick Soller	Amber	\$47	Dieter Holz
50	Riley Armstrong	Porcelain	43	Greg Delia
51	Riley Armstrong	German, Pittsburg	\$1	Greg Delia
52	Riley Armstrong	Blue JD	\$15	Dick Schroeder
53	Riley Armstrong	Grey Suspension	.50	Jen
54	Riley Armstrong	Rubber	.50	Greg Delia
55	Dave Ramp	24 porcelain	\$10	Greg Delia
56	Dave Ramp	1 row of porcelain	.50	Jen
57	Dave Ramp	2 rows of glass	\$7	Jacob
58	Dave Ramp	3 rows of glass	\$6	Bill
59	Dave Ramp	Box of glass	\$1	Jen
60	Dennis Seltrecht	Box of Glass	\$6	J. Brown
61	Dennis Seltrecht	Insulators	\$5	Russ Frank
62	Dennis Seltrecht	Jade CD 145	\$13	Greg Delia
63	Dennis Seltrecht	Box of tolls, 122 Jade	\$30	Doug
64	Dennis Seltrecht	Steels, 102s	\$22	Dave Shaw
65	Dennis Seltrecht	Tray of glass	\$14	Josh Dondorf
66	Dennis Seltrecht	Box of glass	\$28	Kirk
67	Kim Borgmam	Box of Hemi 9s	\$5	Greg Delia
68	Greg Delia	Porcelain on pin – donation	n.s.	
69	Mike McLaughlin	Victor mug, porcelain	\$1	Rick Soller
70	Mike McLaughlin	Wisconsin porcelain	\$3	Dick Schroeder
71	Mike McLaughlin	Good, Pat.Appl, Amer	\$21	Greg Delia
72	Mike McLaughlin	Royal purple	\$11	Jen
73	Mike McLaughlin	Lt. purple 102, BGM 3@\$5	\$15	Richard Case
74	Mike McLaughlin	Glass	\$11	Richard Case
75	Mike McLaughlin	Box Glass	\$3	Doug
76	Mike McLaughlin	Box glass	\$6	Richard Case
77	Mike McLaughlin	Misc. glss	\$3	Angie
78	Mike McLaughlin	102s	\$5	Angie
79	Mike McLaughlin	Box porc., fireplugs	\$15	J. Brown
80	Mike McLaughlin	Book	\$10	Doug
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81	Mike McLaughlin	Book	\$5	Richard Case
82	Mike McLaughlin	Book, 3@\$1 each	\$3	Justin Perault
83	Mike McLaughlin	Book	\$6	Rick Soller
84	Mike McLaughlin	Book	\$1	Justin Perault
85	Mike Davis	Box glass + porcelain	\$42	Richard Case
86	Russ Frank	Amber CD 162	\$32	Gene Hawkins
87	Gene Hawkins	Empty boxes (4)	\$7	Dieter Holz
88	Gene Hawkins	Box glass	\$1	Richard Case

89	Josh Dondorf	Bottle	\$1	Dick Schroeder
90	Josh Dondorf	Box bottles	\$5	Angie
91	Josh Dondorf	Pitts – Spools	\$10	Rick Soller
92	Josh Dondorf	Box glass, green ice 154, rubber	\$1	J. Brown
93	Josh Dondorf	Box porcelain	\$7	Rick Soller
94	Josh Dondorf	Box porcelain	\$1	Rick Soller
95	Josh Dondorf	5 bottles	\$7	Dick Schroeder
96	Josh Dondorf	5 bottles	\$8	Dick Schroeder
97	Josh Dondorf	5 bottles	\$10	Dick Schroeder
98	Josh Dondorf	6 bottles	\$14	Richard Case
99	Josh Dondorf	Crate porcelain	\$30	Justin Perault
100	Josh Dondorf	Box porcelain fuses	\$15	Tom Nugent
101	Josh Dondorf	Crate porcelain	\$12	Jen
102	Josh Dondorf	Crate porcelain	\$7	Riley Armstrong
103	Josh Dondorf	H & H private issue	\$21	Russ Frank
104	Josh Dondorf	Insulators, 3 @ \$5 each	\$15	Richard Case
105	Josh Dondorf	122.4	\$7	Kirk
106	Josh Dondorf	Crate porcelain	\$12	Greg Delia
107	Josh Dondorf	Clear tramps	\$9	Richard Case
108	Josh Dondorf	Crate glass & porcelain	\$30	Kirk
109	Josh Dondorf	Crate porcelain	\$6	Jen
110	Josh Dondorf	Crate glass	\$5	Kirk
111	Josh Dondorf	Crate glass + porcelain	\$30	Greg Delia
		END at about 1:30 p.m.		
		Total	\$1294	

Upcoming Shows

Platte City, Missouri

Saturday, March 17, 2018

The Annual NW Missouri Insulator & Bottle Show will be held at the Platte County Fairgrounds, 15730 Fairgrounds Rd., Platte City, MO 64079. This is between Kansas City & St. Joseph, just off of I-29. It will again be the same weekend as another long standing antique show, which allows both shows to have more attendees. The demand for dealer tables has been high the last couple of years, so the earlier you reserve your space the better. There will be a food vendor on-site. Set up time will be 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM, then open to the public from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Sales tables are \$25 each and admission is FREE. Contact DARRYL WAGNER at 816-719-0801 or email at nwmoshow@dwagnerkc.com for information and/or show packet.

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Saturday, March 24, 2018

The North Western Insulator Club invites you to the 2nd annual North Suburban End of Winter Insulator Sale & Swap Meet located at the VFW Hall at 1919 Coon Rapids Boulevard, Coon Rapids, MN. Hours are 11am – 4 pm. Tables are free and lunch is potluck. Our host is DARYL LAWRENCE. Info: contact Daryl at 763-300-4071 or dlaw116@msn.com

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@clcollinois.edu, (847) 782-8602.

Numerous tables have already been sold (over 70 as of this writing). Advertisements have been placed in the Crown Jewels, and on Facebook. Flyers were passed out at the Mid-Ohio show and the show will be listed in the Drip Points, and in various bottle magazines too. Bottle collectors have been contacted about setting up at the show as well as Lightning Rod item collectors so a large number and variety of dealers are expected.

Columbia City, Indiana**Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, 2018**

Free Admission, Free appraisals, Free air too! at the annual Columbia City, Indiana Insulator, Fruit Jar, Bottle & Collectibles show to be held at the Whitley County 4H Center, 581 Squawbuck Road, Columbia City, IN on May 4 & 5th. Plenty of parking, RVs welcome (no hookups) Friday dealer setup noon -3 PM, Public 3-5 PM, Pizza 5PM, BRING SOMETHING FOR THE SHOW & TELL at 5:30 PM, Open House at the home of Josephine & Dave Ramp 6:30 PM. Saturday Dealer setup 6AM - 8AM, Public 8 AM until the last dealer leaves. First dealer table \$28, 2/\$48, 3/\$60, 4/\$75, 5/\$80, 6/\$85. For discounts on local hotels or for more info email GENE HAWKINS at: gene.hawkins@mchsi.com or call 574-377-0171.

Tama, Iowa**Saturday, June 2, 2018**

The 21st Annual Hawkeye State Insulator Swap Meet will be held on Saturday, June 2nd at the Tama Civic Center from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM. The Civic Center is located at 305 Siegel St. in downtown Tama, IA, just two blocks West of Highway 63 on 3rd Street. Dealers can plan on setting up at 7:00 AM. There will be no cost to set up and lunch will be provided to those attending. This annual event tends to be fun and relaxed and draws a good variety of of dealers and friends from the Midwest. We again look forward to hosting and providing you another great time in the Hawkeye State! For additional information and table reservation, please contact DAVE SHAW at (641) 484 5463 or e-mail at dashaw@mchsi.com

Mount Brydges, Ontario, Canada**Saturday, June 2, 2018**

15th Annual Southwestern Ontario Insulator Meet will be held Saturday, June 2, at the home of Henry and Hilary Nicpon near Mount Brydges, Ontario. There's a \$10 charge for a table, with the fee helping to cover the cost of food and beverages. Please RSVP by May 26th if you are coming. Info: TOM IANNELLI 519-641-0098 or email: tiannelli0098@rogers.com or BARRETT NICPON 519-670-8796 or email: barrett.nicpon@gmail.com

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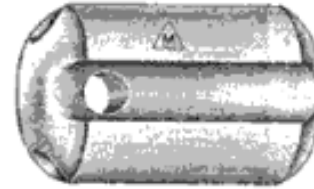
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