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Mid-Ohio Show Report

The 48th Mid-Ohio show held during the first weekend of November (Nov. 4-6) in Springfield, Ohio drew a huge crowd. Club members that I remember seeing at the show included Dave Shaw, Russ & Marge Frank, Rick Soller, Bob Stahr, Arlen & Tina Rienstra, Les & Judy Christensen, Jason Townsend, Dave & Josephine Ramp, Josh Dondorf, Mike & Deb Fowler, Richard Case, Mark Gilmore, Kim Borgman & Daughter, and John Weber. The 379 photographs of the show posted on insulators.com indicate the popularity of the show.

Dealing started early on Friday. Collectors and show hosts set to work to get the show ready to go on Friday morning with a goal of opening the doors at noon. A faster set-up resulted in people getting in and starting the fun earlier.

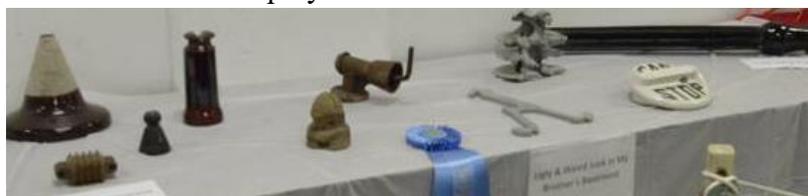
Displays were disappointing this year. Usually there are quite a few but this year there were only 9 competitive and 1 community display. Four of the competitive displays were by GCIC members. Richard Case had three insulators that had been turned on a lathe into the shape of glass insulators. Arlen Rienstra had an assortment of CD 154s from different manufacturers. Les Christensen's display consisted of a map of the United States and commemoratives from national shows from around the country. Rick Soller brought ugly and unusual insulators from his collection. Rick also coordinated the community display of solid pour insulators with contributions from Rick, Bob Stahr, Russ Frank, Dennis & Jeanne Weber, Dwayne Anthony, and Bill Rohde.



Arlen Rienstra's Display of CD 154s.



Les Christensen's Commemorative Display



Rick Soller's Ugly & Unusual Insulators



Richard Case's display.

On Friday night after the show closed, an auction was held. It was a little smaller than in the past but had some quality items at prices that were reasonable. A large Reddy Kilowatt sign stood out the most but better pieces included an aqua CD 269 Jumbo, purple CD 194/195 Hemingray 54A&B, numerous power Pyrex pieces, and a light aqua CD 317 Chambers. I kept a list of the prices realized but could not find it when I was writing this. Marge Frank did a great job of helping out during the auction by holding up pieces, walking around with them, and taking them to the winner bidder. She didn't drop a single insulator!



Ray Klingensmith also had the equivalent of auction at his tables. He had set up lots of about 16 insulators and took "sealed" bids for each lot. Most of the lots had something interesting in them. I ended up with two of them. One included a couple mine insulators that I did not have. They were unthreaded mine insulators so are not included in the porcelain pintype insulator book. The other box lot had some slip cast insulators that fit a small collection of these that I own.

Naturally there were quite a few negotiations held at the show. Jason Townsend had multiple tables of insulators that he was intent to completely sell. By Saturday afternoon, he succeeded by making two deals with Rick Soller. Rick bought two tables of common insulators in the first deal and two more tables of insulators in the second deal. Rick then did some cherry picking of a couple boxes of insulators and then sold the rest of them to a couple other collectors. Since the show, many of these were listed on the for sale page in the picture poster section of insulators.info.

On Saturday night, there was a hospitality room at the hotel. James Brancroft (from England) wondered how many "litres" of ale were consumed there and, while the actual amount is not known, it was sure to be a lot.

While the show was going on, in the adjoining building there was an auction of cars and car parts. Bob Stahr brought to my attention that one of the early model cars had a glass ashtray of the type that is frequently confused for an insulator. In addition, the sick shift had a glass knob of the same type of swirled milk glass.

I brought a few insulators to the show given to me by Joan Crandall. Noted multipart collector Justin Perrault was in the parking lot when I was unloading and I quickly realized he would be the perfect recipient for Joan's insulators. In the picture below, you can see how happy Justin was to get this three-part sub-station piece.



(Left) Justin Perralt with a new addition to his collection. (Right) Shift knob and ashtray in a classic car. The ashtray is often mistakenly believed to be an insulator.

Lots of rare and unusual insulators were at the show. My two favorites, as a collector of oddball insulators, were the two shown below. One was a huge spool that supported a power cable leading into a mine. The other was a rare “no tie” cleat marked NASHOLD CLEAT. / NO. 2 / PAT. JULY 3 1904.



Upcoming Shows

Strongsville, Ohio

Saturday, January 19, 2019

Western Reserve Insulator Club's 20th Annual Winterfest / Swap Meet & Club Meeting at the Spyglass Hill Recreation Center, 13201 Compass Point Drive, Strongsville, OH 44136. Dealer Setup: 9:00am; Show Hours: 10:00am-3:00pm. Club Meeting and Lunch: 12-1:30pm. There are no admission or table charges, but space is limited, so please contact us ahead of time if you plan to set up! Info/RSVP to JOHN HOVANEK (216)392-3622, E-mail jrhovanec@ymail.com

Crown Point, Indiana

Saturday, January 26, 2019.

The 11th annual "Beat the Winter Blahs" insulator swap meet is Saturday, January 26. Note: New Location, bigger and better than ever! This is the 2nd year at Lake County Fair, 889 S. Court St., Crown Point, IN. (SE entrance) Meeting in the 4H Building which is spacious, well lighted and warm. Tables supplied at \$20 each, additional \$10 each. Lunch provided. Bring insulators or related collectibles to show and tell, sell or trade. All are welcome to experience Hoosier hospitality, plenty of space, GCIC auction, business meeting and a great new larger location. Doors open 8am - 2pm. Hosted by ARLEN and TINA RIENSTRA and the Greater Chicago Insulator Club. Located easily from I80/94 and I65. RSVP ariens@att.net or (219) 226-4975.

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@clcollinois.edu (847) 782-8602.

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

Join the Greater Chicago Insulator Club!

You are invited to join the Greater Chicago Insulator Club (GCIC). Membership runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 and costs \$10. If you are 16 or younger, dues are \$5. Checks should be made out to the Greater Chicago Insulator Club and sent to Bob Stahr, 360 S. Kenilworth Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Your dues entitle you to a variety of benefits:

- Newsletter 6-8 times a year
- Free food at swap meets
- Support of local shows
- Club directory of members and their specialty
- Club hunts
- A network of club members looking for insulators to sell or trade to you
- Free ads in the newsletter
- Collectible membership card
- Input into the hobby
- Opportunities to serve in positions of leadership
- Promotion of the hobby so you can share your collection with others
- A chance to practice your public speaking skills

Join or renew today by completing the following form. Check the box before any line if you **don't** want that information printed in the club directory.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail: _____

Do you want to receive the newsletter via email _____ or in printed form sent in the mail _____ ?

Interests/wants/specialties: _____

(Mail to Bob Stahr, 360 S. Kenilworth Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137)

For Sale

I have the following insulators for sale. I generally would not bring most of them to a show since they have a low dollar value but if you see something you like, contact Rick Soller at COM574@elcillinois.edu or call (847) 782-8602 and let me know and I'll bring it to the Crown Point, Indiana swap meet.

CD 102 [70] (embossed on skirt) B.T.Co. of CAN / [diamond] // [blotout of B.T.Co. of CAN.] / [diamond], smooth base, light aqua, VNM, \$3

CD 102 [160] (embossed on skirt) [diamond] // [diamond], light aqua, mint, \$5

CD 102 [50] No name-Canada (embossed on skirt) [bar] // [bar], smooth base, royal purple, very near mint, \$30

CD 115 [20] (embossed on skirt) BROOKFIELD, smooth base, VNM, green, \$25

CD 115 [13] (embossed on skirt) (arc) WHITALL TATUM / No 3 // (arc) MADE IN U.S.A. / [numbers and dots] / {"A" in circle} / {tiny #}, smooth base, clear, mint, \$1

CD 122 [35] (embossed on skirt) DOMINION-16 // [D in diamond] 54 / 6, smooth base, light straw, mint, \$1

CD 122 [010] (embossed on skirt) KERR No. 2 // MADE IN U.S.A. {mold #} {year}, 1973 date code (72.), blue tint, mint, \$2

CD 122 [30] (embossed on skirt) HEMINGRAY-16 // MADE IN U.S.A., round drip points, aqua, mint, \$1.

CD 129 [10] (embossed on skirt) KERR T.S. // MADE IN U.S.A. [Numbers and dots but with "72." date code], off clear, mint condition, \$2

CD 2013 [10] (embossed on skirt) HEMINGRAY-56 // MADE IN U.S.A. / [#s and dots], corrugated base, \$1

U-94 (embossed in an arc around pinhole) O.B. CO. / MANSFIELD, O., white glaze, dry process, mint, \$35

Composition pony, 2.25" diameter x 3.25" tall, weathered light tan outside, smooth darker brown inside pinhole, \$20