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Sorry for the Delay!

Although this issue is dated “February 2021,” it did not get sent out until March. I did not want to put a March date on it since there will be another newsletter issued in March before the Wheaton show.

The Crown Point Swap Meet Report

I would not have thought there were 59 people at the January 30, 2021 Beat the Winter Blahs GCIC swap meet but that is how many signed in at the front door. There were probably a few more than this as some small children were not included in the list. The size of the building, the spacing of the tables with wide aisles, and with parts of the swap meet (auction lots and food station) around corners of the building, it did not seem like there were many people in attendance. Apparently, a lot of collectors needed to let off some steam since many other shows have been cancelled.

Kudos should be given to all attendees as caution was exercised at the show. The lunch was “plated” for everyone and mask-wearing was evident throughout the show. Distancing during lunch was noted and there was little crowding around sales tables. Many thanks go to those who helped make service at lunch run smoothly. I saw five volunteers scooping food on plates, offering cheese or onions for sandwiches, and offering beverages to the thirsty.

Chairs were at a premium during the auction. Since the swap meet was kicked out of the 4-H building so area residents could be vaccinated against the corona virus, chairs and tables had to be moved to the Industrial Arts building from the 4-H building. Because the gathering was supposed to be limited in size, only enough chairs and tables to handle a smaller group were provided. That left 6 chairs and 1 table for the auction unless buyers moved a chair from their sales table to the auction area.

There were 14 different sellers in the auction. Surprisingly, **Greg Delia** only had four lots in the auction and only one included insulators. It seems the snowstorm before the show made it impossible for Greg to get up the hill where he had insulators to put in the auction. We’ll look forward to seeing these at the next event. **Mike McLaughlin** brought several lots on Friday, but his family would not let him attend the show itself. This was the first time **Ephraim Podgorski** had a lot in the auction. He has bought a lot in past auctions so maybe some of those insulators are making a return trip through auction hands. It is also the first time **Jack Snyder** has put items in a GCIC auctions. **Richard Case** brought some of the biggest lots. He had flats of common insulators that had to be combined with other flats in order to sell them. The lucky (?) bidders went home with dozens of common insulators (e.g., CD 128s, CD 152s, CD 154s) for \$1.

Prices seem more predictable in the auction now that the club has hosted dozens of them. Multiparts continue to sell for \$1 each. Seven of them sold at this price. The exception was a chocolate brown porcelain multipart made by Ohio Brass that had a clamp top. It sold for \$26 to **Ephraim Podgorski** who was looking for a large multipart to put in the yard.

| # | Seller | Description | Price | Buyer |
|-----------|-----------------|---|-------|-------|
| 1 | Rick Soller | Brown porcelain suspension, no cap | \$1 | 32 |
| 2 | Rick Soller | Brown multipart, incuse Illinois | \$1 | 23 |
| 3 | Rick Soller | LAPP/R brown multipart | \$1 | 23 |
| 4 | Rick Soller | Glaze resist marked LOCKE multi | \$1 | 23 |
| 5+6 | Rick Soller | Lapp pumpkin, dirty multipart + Incuse marked Lapp pumpkin multi | \$1 | 23 |
| 7 | Rick Soller | OB S-T brown multipart | \$1 | 23 |
| 8 | Rick Soller | Dark multipart, porcelain | \$1 | 23 |
| 9 | Russ Frank | 2 glass streetlight covers | \$3 | 11 |
| 10 | Russ Frank | Phones | \$3 | 33 |
| 10A | Josh Dondorf | Jar of marbles | \$7 | 33 |
| 11 | Russ Frank | 9" x 14" glass shelves, 17 pieces | \$1 | 27 |
| 12 | Russ Frank | Three-10"x 20"x 3/8" glass shelves | \$5 | 34 |
| 13 | Russ Frank | Amber jar, cone, 8 choc. spools | \$2 | 26 |
| 14 | Russ Frank | Box of glass & porcelain insulators | \$1 | 34 |
| 15 | Russ Frank | 4 glass and brown spool | \$1 | 34 |
| 16- 17 | Russ Frank | 7 chocolate Porcelain spools + box of glass & porcelain | \$1 | 34 |
| 18 | Russ Frank | Top hats, 6 glass insulators | \$3 | 34 |
| 19 | Rick Soller | 11 glass insulators, "Bell" | \$12 | 14 |
| 20 | Rick Soller | 4 gray & black porcelain insulators | \$1 | 29 |
| 21 | Rick Soller | 7 glass, green star, blue tramp | \$14 | 34 |
| 22 | Rick Soller | 11 porcelain ponies | \$5 | 36 |
| 23 | Rick Soller | 10 porcelain ponies | \$1 | 32 |
| 24 | Rick Soller | 11 porcelain ponies | \$7 | 26 |
| 25 | Rick Soller | 13 porcelain ponies | \$9 | 36 |
| 26 | Rick Soller | 9 clear glass CD 128s | .50 | 33 |
| 27 | Rick Soller | 6 glass transpositions | \$2 | 19 |
| 28 | Rick Soller | 13 glass ponies | \$5 | 34 |
| 29 | Rick Soller | 6 tramps | \$7 | 19 |
| 30 | Rick Soller | 13 porcelain ponies | \$1 | 32 |
| 31 | Rick Soller | Porc. T-bar, helmet, Lapp | \$13 | 32 |
| 32 | Rick Soller | Radio strains, fireplug, metal guy | \$32 | 26 |
| 33 | Rick Soller | 11 glass: ponies, tramp, CD 122 | \$5 | 32 |
| 34 | Rick Soller | Mickey, CD 152s, 9 glass total | \$40 | 34 |
| 35 | Rick Soller | 7 glass, Jade 145, 2 tramps | \$4 | 34 |
| 36 | Rick Soller | 8 glass, 2 CD 252s | \$1 | 34 |
| 37 | Rick Soller | 2 Mickeys, aqua, Patent-Other | \$44 | 12 |
| 38 | Rick Soller | Model Engineer Magazines | \$1 | 7 |
| 39 | Mike McLaughlin | Insulator books | \$8 | 32 |
| 40 | Mike McLaughlin | Carnival CD 234, amber frog | \$28 | 25 |
| 41 | Mike McLaughlin | Big box, 17 glass, 3 porc. Bakelite | \$1 | 26 |
| 42 | Mike McLaughlin | 15 glass, 2 white porcelain | \$1 | 26 |

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| 43+ 44 | Mike McLaughlin | 14 glass, 1 white porcelain + 11 glass, 1 white cable top | \$7 | 34 |
| 45 | Mike McLaughlin | 10 glass, 1 porcelain pony | \$1 | 30 |
| 46 | Mike McLaughlin | 11 porcelain, 2 glass insulators | \$1 | 34 |
| 47 | Mike McLaughlin | 4 nail knobs with horns | \$32 | 1 |
| 48 | Mike McLaughlin | 7 LRIs + mystery piece of porcelain | \$15 | 24 |
| 49+ 50 | Mike McLaughlin | 4 porcelain exchange, 9 glass + 10 glass, 4 porc.-white, exchange | \$6 | 32 |
| 51 | Mike McLaughlin | Thomas brown multipart | \$1 | 33 |
| 52 | Mike McLaughlin | Gray arrestor | \$1 | 33 |
| 53 | Mike McLaughlin | 13 glass insulators (8 ponies) | \$1 | 34 |
| 54 | Mike McLaughlin | 12 glass, U-257 | \$1 | 30 |
| 55 | Mike McLaughlin | 7 glass, 2 rubber, 2 Bakelite | \$1 | 30 |
| 56 | Mike McLaughlin | 14 glass CD 106s | \$1 | 34 |
| 57 | Mike McLaughlin | Wall tubes , knobs, cleats | \$1 | 1 |
| 58 | Mike McLaughlin | 8 porc. 7 glass, rubber insulators | \$6 | 11 |
| 59 | Mike McLaughlin | 10 rubber, 2 porc., 1 glass, jar | \$1 | 29 |
| 60 | Mike McLaughlin | 3 glass insulators | \$1 | 30 |
| 61 | Mike McLaughlin | 3 glass insulators, 2 CD 154s, 151 | \$1 | 34 |
| 62+ 63 | Arlen Rienstra | 4 porcelain, 5 glass + 5 porcelain, 1 glass box lots | \$1 | 11 |
| 64 | Dale Glendenning | 10 glass, Hemi-109, 4 tramps, cable | \$11 | 24 |
| 65 | Dale Glendenning | 12 glass beehives | \$13 | 26 |
| 66 | Dale Glendenning | 10 glass, 8 hives, YG CD 121 Bkfld | \$4 | 34 |
| 67 | Dale Glendenning | 12 glass, fizzy 112, green 152 Hemi | \$6 | 24 |
| 68 | Dale Glendenning | 12 glass bells with hangers | \$15 | 30 |
| 69 | Dale Glendenning | 2 CD 164 milk Maydwells, 145s | \$12 | 33 |
| 70 | Dale Glendenning | 6 amber glass insulators | \$5 | 32 |
| 71 | Dale Glendenning | 2 Mickeys, tramp, 13 glass insltrs | \$42 | 10 |
| 72 | Dale Glendenning | 17 glass insulators, CD 106s | \$15 | 16 |
| 73 | Dale Glendenning | 8 hives, 4 peacock Bells, 2 power | \$50 | 26 |
| 74 | Riley Armstrong | Brown clamp top OB multipart | \$26 | 32 |
| 75 | Riley Armstrong | Carnival suspension | \$7 | 27 |
| 75B | Riley Armstrong | Glass suspension | \$4 | 27 |
| 76 | Riley Armstrong | Clamp top polymer | \$1 | 23 |
| 77 | Riley Armstrong | Multiskirt polymer w/saddle top | \$5 | 7 |
| 78 | Josh Dondorf | Basket, suspension, tramp, spool | \$2 | 26 |
| 79 | Josh Dondorf | 12 CD 162s with tier wires | \$1 | 26 |
| 80 | Josh Dondorf | 6 porcelain phone line arrestors | \$5 | 1 |
| 81 | Gene Hawkins | 5 white porcelain, CPR, CNR | \$6 | 22 |
| 82 | Gene Hawkins | Books, 800 ins., Gish value guide | \$1 | 24 |
| 83+ 84 | Gene Hawkins | 6 porcelain saddle tops + 8 glass, 2 spools, 3 CD 168s, 2-122s | \$6 | 11 |
| 85 | Gene Hawkins | 8 porcelain, spool, 4 saddle top | \$1 | 32 |
| 86 | Gene Hawkins | 8 misc. insulators | \$2 | 11 |

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| 87 | Gene Hawkins | Framed lineman in snowstorm | \$20 | 34 |
| 88/9 | Richard Case | Flat of glass + flat of glass | \$1 | 23 |
| 90 | Richard Case | Flat of glass, cobalt U-802 hi-top | \$29 | 11 |
| 91-93 | Richard Case | Aqua flat of CD 154s + 2 nd flat + 3 rd flat | \$1 | 23 |
| 94 | Richard Case | Flat of glass Hemingrays | \$1 | 23 |
| 95+96 | Richard Case | Clear CD 128s + Flat of aqua glass + U-802 Cobalt Locke Hi-top | 32 | 2 |
| 97+98 | Kirk Miller | Flats of glass | .25 | 23 |
| 99 | Kirk Miller | Flat of glass | \$15 | 11 |
| 100 | Kirk Miller | Flat of glass | \$4 | 28 |
| 101 | Kirk Miller | Flat of glass | \$12 | 34 |
| 102-104 | Kirk Miller | Flats of glass | \$1 | 26 |
| 105 | Kirk Miller | Flat of glass | \$1 | 22 |
| 106 | Kirk Miller | Flat of glass, spool & bracket | \$21 | 34 |
| 107/108 | Kirk Miller | Flat of glass | \$1 | 29 |
| 109/110 | Kirk Miller | Flat of glass | \$1 | 29 |
| 111/112 | Kirk Miller | Flat of glass | .25 | 33 |
| 113 | Ephraim Podgorski | Crate of insulators | \$5 | 26 |
| 115 | Jack Snyder | 2 RR globes | \$4 | 11 |
| 116 | Jack Snyder | Pencils | \$1 | 29 |
| 117 | Jack Snyder | 4 ashtrays | \$1 | 23 |
| 118 | Jack Snyder | Norfolk Southern safety rules, clock | \$1 | 24 |
| 119 | Jack Snyder | Misc. books | \$1 | 24 |
| 120 | Tom Nugent | Club donation-crate of suspensions | \$2 | 23 |
| 121 | Greg Delia | Rolling tape measure | \$32 | 33 |
| 122 | Greg Delia | Arrestor and strain | \$11 | 26 |
| 123 | Greg Delia | Detector | \$1 | 24 |
| 124 | Greg Delia | Lineman's belt | \$5 | 11 |

Upcoming Shows

Saturday, April 10, 2021

Wheaton, Illinois

The DuPage Collectors Expo will be held Saturday, April 10th at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton, Illinois. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Items for sale & trade include insulators, lightning rod items & weathervanes, telephone & telegraph items, bottles, jars, etc. For information, contact Bob Stahr at bob@hemingray.com (630) 793-5345 or Rick Soller at com574@clcollinois.edu (847) 782-8602.

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Bovey, Minnesota

The North Western Insulator Club invites all to our Spring Sale and Swap Meet in the beautiful Lake Country of northern Minnesota. Rick and Mary Augustyn will host the meet at their home at 34879 Scenic Hwy, Bovey, Minnesota 55709. Hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Rick and Mary have plenty of room to spread out so we can follow COVID precautions and catch up with old and new friends. Please bring your own tables and chairs and we will be outdoors but will have protection from any spring showers. "Go-withs" are welcome and there is usually that unique piece or two that no one has ever seen so be sure to bring those along. Lodging and camping are available near by if you want to enjoy the lakes or do some fishing. Please RSVP to Rick and Mary at augies9ers@gmail.com or 952-240-3960. We'll see you in May!

[Editor's note: For those who do not know where Bovey, MN is located, it is 202 miles north of Minneapolis (3 hours and 23 minutes). From Gurnee, it takes me about 5-6 hours to get to the twin cities so this would be a long haul for our club members but it might mean you would see a lot of new faces.]

Saturday, June 5, 2021

Tama, Iowa

The 23rd Hawkeye State Insulator Swap Meet will be held on Saturday, June 5th 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. Dealers planning on attending can start setting up at 7:00 AM. The event is at no cost to those attending and lunch will be provided close to noon. This event seems to be well attended by collectors from the Hawkeye and surrounding states and tends to be a very relaxed atmosphere. There will be an auction scheduled with part of the proceeds going to support this and future events. Donations towards this event are welcome. We look forward to hosting you and provide some Hawkeye hospitality here in the Midwest. For any additional information and table reservation, please feel free to contact DAVE SHAW at (641) 484-5463 or e-mail at dashaw@mchsi.com.

Friday-Sunday, July 2-4, 2021

Farmington, New Mexico

The National Insulator Association's 52nd Annual Show and Convention.

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. **NEW! Pay by PayPal Friends and Family to Bob@Hemingray.com and save a postage stamp!**

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- Free food at swap meets
- 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
- Notification of insulators free for the taking
- Free sales table at swap meets
- 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

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Bonus Content for Those Receiving the Newsletter Via E-Mail

There are still many insulators that do not have a numbering system associated with them. I find myself gravitating toward them and this is one of my latest additions. I have a variety of wall tubes but this one is the widest one I have. It was probably made by Fred M. Locke around 1901-04 and came out of an interurban powerhouse. It is a recent find that I am delighted to own. I hope to get more information about where it was used and write about it in a future newsletter.

