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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

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

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. 78 Insulator with No. 77 Sleeve

No. 76 (9-INCH) MUNCIE TYPE

83918 96000 90000 22000 16 11250 375.00
 Dimensions, inches: Height, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$; diameter, 9;
 groove, $\frac{3}{8}$.

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 96000 33000 8 18125 637.50
 Dimensions, inches: Height, 13 $\frac{3}{4}$; diameter, 9;
 groove, $\frac{3}{8}$.

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 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 or 614-301-5125 or LOIS BLAIR 740-852-3148. Additional info at: www.insulators.info/shows/springfield