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Racine, Wisconsin Swap Meet

Randy Wesner's 5th annual swap meet on Sept. 10, 2005 was a wonderful, fast-moving time. The swap started at 11:00 a.m., lunch was at noon, and a charity auction was held in mid-afternoon. Before you knew it, it was over.

The auction raised \$315 for the Katrina Hurricane victims. The money was donated through Bob Stahr's company which matched the contribution so \$730 went to the victims as a result. Items sold, donors, purchasers, and hammer price are listed below. No actual hammer was used in the auction.

Russ Frank had numerous tables set up at the show filled with a variety of insulators and high voltage signs. There was a nice set of commemoratives from the Springfield, OH show as well as a full set of the tall CD 102 WGS pony insulators.

It was good to see Colin and Karen Yennie for the second year in a row. They came all the way from Oronoco, Minnesota the night before the swap meet and stayed at a local hotel. Colin brought and sold to Rick Soller about 360 aqua insulators that will end up in Tommy Bolack's pile in New Mexico. He also had several CD 226's embossed No. 115 in aqua that he was selling for a reasonable price. Karen went shopping for a while after the start of the show so we suspect that she spent whatever Colin made at the show. Racine has some great outlet malls nearby so we can't blame her.

Mark Grimek, another distant attendee, had some rare insulators on his table. It was unfortunate that most of them had damage. A CD 126.4 with a lot of milky snot was my favorite piece on his table but his asking price around \$600 was too much for me given the big crack in the skirt. I did end up getting from him a CD 293 light purple Locke with a chip off the ear. The \$100 he wanted for the piece seemed fair given the damage and that the book price was \$150-175 but the fact that he was willing to trade for something on my table sealed the deal. Mark drove all the way from Onalaska, Wisconsin (near the Minnesota border at LaCrosse, WI) in the morning, arriving about 11 a.m.

Ray Heim, Linda and Lindsey Kartye had an array of high quality, colorful pieces as usual. Lindsey was an active participant in the auction but did not end up getting anything in it.

Arlen Rienstra came with Tina and had a variety of interesting items on their table. Since Arlen does electrical work, he had a number of old house wiring insulators including receptacles and wall tubes. He also had a number of CD 302 "Muncie" type insulators that he had just picked up in a collection.

Tim Haraf's sales table seems to be getting more and more insulators on it every time we see it. I think he must be really searching the lines and having luck finding insulators. He also had some of his custom, insulator T-shirts for sale there. This is the

first time I've seen these. One of them garnered some spirited bidding in the auction, selling for more than the normal \$15 the shirts go for. The examples brought to the swap meet by Tim had five blue insulators on the front and four larger insulators on the back in various colors. These can be customized and a flyer with details is included in this newsletter.

Rick Soller recently bought a large collection of Holly City miniatures and was selling them individually. About half of them ended up being sold by the end of the swap meet. He also had about four tables of other glass and porcelain ranging from \$5 for a box of 60 porcelain pieces to pieces in the \$100-200 range. A large tick-shaped brown porcelain multipart sat on his table but Rick was happy to see that sell to Richard Case. Just what doesn't Richard collect?

Bob Stahr made it to the swap meet this year. Bob was glad the swap meet was only on Saturday since he was heading to a bottle show on Sunday.

When: August 28 (Sunday)

Where: Ross, OH

Description: The 10th Annual Tri-State Glass and Porcelain Insulator Show, Sunday 8 till 5 (indoor facilities available in case of rain) at 1476 Hine Rd., Ross, Ohio. Bring your own table to buy sell and trade. ALAN

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When: October 2 (Sunday)

Where: Auburn Hills, MI

Description: Huron Valley Bottle and Insulator show and sale 30th Anniversary! 9-3p at the Holiday Inn Auburn Hills, MI great access to I-75, automatic doors for dealers loading, great lighting, hotel, food, nearby attractions. Make it a family eventful weekend! Special hotel rates <http://www.hisauburnhills.com> See <http://www.insulators.com/clubs/hvbic/> for downloadable contract and flyer. MIKE BRUNER 248-623-1446, abbott4girl@sbcglobal.net

When: September 29 - 1 (Thursday - Saturday) **Where: Martinsburg, WV**

Description: NIA Eastern Region Show and Convention hosted by the Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club. Holiday Inn, 301 Foxcroft Ave., Martinsburg, W. Va. Friday 9am - 4pm show followed by banquet, Saturday 9am - 1pm show. Information from JEFF HOLLIS, 56 Corning Way, Martinsburg, W. Va. 25401. 304-263-6140 or wvacampfire@cs.com.

Racine, Wisconsin Auction results

<u>Seller</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
Colin Yennie	CD 226 No. 115, aqua, VNM-\$20 Reserve, Book value \$40-50	Russ Frank	25.00
Randy Wesner	CD 145 [Star], green	Carol	8.00
Rick Soller	2 boxes of porcelain (75+ pieces) Elaine apparently mistakenly left these behind in the back of Randy's garage	Elaine Corriera	4.00
Mark Corriera	CD 154 McLaughlin, blue gray \$15-20 book value	Steve McCollum	20.00
Rick Soller	Box of 24 \$1-5 insulators	Mark Grimek	22.00
Bob Stahr	CD 164 McLaughlin, green \$15 reserve, \$25-35 book value	Colin Yennie	26.00
Arlen Rienstra	CD 162 Whitall-Tatum, pink	Mark Grimek	9.50
Arlen Rienstra	CD 302 Muncie, aqua	Mark Grimek	15.00
Tim Haraf	Tee shirt with insulator pictures \$8 reserve, \$15 retail value	Ruth Wesner	21.00
Ray Heim	Green Hemingray-42	Arlen Rienstra	4.00
Tim Haraf	Hemingray-43	Jay Case	5.00
Rick Soller	6 tops/bottoms to CD 190/191	Jay Case	7.00
Rick Soller	Box of 20 insulators, \$1-10	Mark Grimek	40.00
Rick Soller	Box of 11 insulators, \$5	Colin Yennie	27.00
Russ Frank	Miley Liberty Bell Finely crafted in Marion, OH with A picture of Alexander Graham Bell on one side of the stand and A picture of George Washington Molded on the other. An insulator Was used as the bell. Wood base.	Tina Rienstra	15.00
Randy Wesner	Necklace, hand crafted by Randy \$20 retail value	Tina Rienstra	7.00
Mark Grimek	Ukrainian porcelain, neck chip	Jay	5.00
Ray Heim	CD 106 Hemingray-9, jade	Randy Wesner	7.00
Mark Grimek	CD 102 purple diamond	Russ Frank	20.00
Tim Haraf	7 Crown Jewel magazines	Elaine Corriera	7.00
Russ Frank	White porcelain radio strains	Jay	4.00
Russ Frank	3 High Voltage signs	Arlen	7.00
Mark & Elaine	CD 145 yellow green with Wood base. Hand made by Mark	Tim Haraf	30.00