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Crown Point, Indiana Swap Meet Report

The January 31, 2015 swap meet hosted by Tina and Arlen Rienstra was blessed with moderate weather, distant travelers, and a full auction at this year's event. It was also challenged by a competing auction nearby and difficult weather for those traveling from afar.

Before the show, Andrew Gibson from New York found himself in the middle of a snow storm that would have resulted in his turning back if he had not entered it so gradually. After the show, severe weather coming from the west delayed Riley Armstrong's return to South Dakota until the afternoon of Sunday, February 1. During the show, however, the weather was clear and local collectors managed to get home before snow hit.

Rick Soller is normally the auctioneer at the swap meet but he brought insulators for the swap meet and then attended an auction in nearby La Porte, Indiana. Riley Armstrong was nice enough to conduct the first part of the auction in Rick's absence and Scott Reed stepped in and finished the auctioning. With Rick missing, Marge Frank handled the difficult task of compiling how much each buyer owed and how much each seller should receive minus the club commission. Russ Frank handled the recording details and his easy-to-read handwriting allowed the results to be presented below.

Auction sales reached \$740 which would have netted the club \$74 in commissions but several items were donated to the club for the auction. Donations by Roger Lucas were especially lucrative for the club as the glass blocks he contributed saw spirited bidding and his total donation brought in \$144. Although the donation eliminated \$14 in commission, it added \$130 in revenue resulting in \$210 going to the club after taking into account other donations by Arlen Rienstra, and Riley Armstrong.

Attendees also had the opportunity to buy insulators from several dealers. Dealers included Russ Frank, Arlen Rienstra, Gene Hawkins, Roger Lucas, Jay & Josh Dondorf, Mike McLaughlin, Tom Nugent, and Dan Ling. Mark Gilmore had a couple insulators for sale. Arlen had great deals on aqua CD 254 Hemingray No. 3 cables that came from a local steel mill. He had at least a dozen of them, one that went home to Gurnee, IL. Also ending up in Gurnee in Rick Soller's collection was a U-205 unmarked Lapp transposition in a pumpkin color from Jay Dondorf, and a junky CD 135 Chicago in blue from Dan Ling. Andrew Gibson added another CD 160 to his extensive collection of baby signals. It was the [080] version in Hemingray blue embossed on the front HEMINGRAY -14 / PETTICOAT and on the back MADE IN U.S.A ["H.G.Co." blotted out] / PATENT MAY 2 1893 with sharp drip points. Although it had a chip out of the wire ridge, he thought the piece was undervalued in the price guide at \$15-20 for VNM pieces and was happy to pay \$10 for it. Other collectors in attendance included Steve McCollum, April & Don Cook, Riley Armstrong, Bob Stahr, Rich Tillich, Richard Case, Les Christensen, Kim Borgman, Mark & Elaine Correiro, Pat Reed, and Scott Elliott.

A short club meeting was held after lunch and the end of the auction. Bob Stahr gave a

report on this year's National show to be held in Yorkville, IL and raised the idea of planning for a National show in 2018 in Muncie, Indiana when a new hotel will be completed there, providing enough hotel rooms to support such a show. Dues were collected from members. If you haven't paid, please send your check to Bob.

After the show, I received further information from the treasurer. After deposits of monies collected at the swap meet, the club had \$3944.88 in the treasury. This amount includes \$180 for expenses of the swap meet and NIA club dues of \$50 (up from \$12) but does not include the cost of mailing newsletters last year, the postage to mail postcards promoting the swap meet, nor a proposed contribution to ICON.



A nice picture of Arlen's telephone fuses in his collection. Picture by Steve McCollum



Panoramic picture by Steve of action in the auction. From right to left: Russ Frank recording, Riley Armstrong, Mike McLaughlin holding the insulator up for bid, Jay Dondorf, Scott Reed calling the auction, Gene Hawkins, Roger Lucas, Richard Case, Arlen Rienstra, Les Christensen in ball cap, a bit of the head of Rich Tillich, Josh Dondorf, Mark Correiro, and Mark Gilmore.

Lot	Seller	Description	Price	Buyer
1	Arlen Rienstra	Brown porcelain and suspension bracket – Donation to club	\$1	Bob Stahr
2	Rick Soller	3-54 McLaughlin Patent	\$1	Rich Tillich
3	Rick Soller	BTC #10s	\$4	Kim Borgman
4	Rick Soller	121s, #17s, #9s Combined with lot 5		
5	Rick Soller	CD 133s, 162s	\$2	Arlen Rienstra
6	Rick Soller	2 boxes of porcelain, brown and white	\$2	Riley Armstrong
7	Rick Soller	CD 205, 162, H.G. Beehive	\$2	Scott
8	Rick Soller	CD 162 H.G. Beehive with milk, smooth base 19 Combined with lot 9		
9	Rick Soller	CD 164s, 162s, Brookfield	\$2	Mark Gilmore
10	Rick Soller	Brown porcelain – 4 boxes	\$1	Roger Lucas
11	Rick Soller	White plastic, #9s, 121s	\$9	Jay Dondorf
12	Rick Soller	Hemingray-40s	\$1	Rich Tillich
13	Mike McLaughlin	Hemingray dump stuff – box	\$25	Bob Stahr
14	Mike McLaughlin	Surge pin	\$2	Russ Frank
15	Mike McLaughlin	Fuse cutout and strain	\$7	April
16	Mike McLaughlin	Hemingray-63 dump piece	\$29	Richard Case
17	Mike McLaughlin	Choice of Transposition	\$5	April
18	Mike McLaughlin	Choice of Transposition	\$6	Richard Case
19	Mike McLaughlin	CD 162*, blue porcelain choice	\$2	Scott
20	Mike McLaughlin	Tramp Am Tel & Tel	\$8	Richard Case
21	Mike McLaughlin	Hemingray 53s, light blue porcelain	\$1	April
22	Mike McLaughlin	5 root beer Armstrong	\$10	Les Christensen
23	Mike McLaughlin	Green suspension, no hardware	\$2	Roger Lucas
24	Mike McLaughlin	Hemi 4 – D514	\$2	Rich Tillich
25	Mike McLaughlin	H.G. Co. Narrow short \$40 reserve	N.S.	
26	Roger Lucas	Club donation – Six boxes choice	\$3	Jay Dondorf
27	Roger Lucas	Club donation – Whitall Tatum box	\$3	Rich Tillich
28	Roger Lucas	Club donation – 4 insulator boxes	\$16	Les Christensen
29	Roger Lucas	Glass Blocks – choice 2 @ \$26	\$52	Kim Borgman
30	Roger Lucas	Glass blocks	\$25	Andrew
31	Roger Lucas	Glass block	\$17	Gene Hawkins
32	Roger Lucas	Glass block	\$28	Mark Gilmore
33	Mark Gilmore	Beehives	\$1	Steve McCollum
34	Mark Gilmore	Six CREBs	\$10	Scott
35	Mark Gilmore	102's box and misc.	\$14	Arlen Rienstra
36	Mark Gilmore	7up Hemingray-9	\$15	Scott
37	Mark Gilmore	Beehive Lynchburg-152	\$6	Richard Case
38	Dan Ling	CREB CD 145 beehive	\$11	Les Christensen
39	Dan Ling	Square Johnny Ball, pin, porc. bushing	\$4	April
40	Dan Ling	A.T.& T. training manual	\$15	Scott
41	Dan Ling	Sombrero – 2 other carnival	\$24	Bob Stahr
42	Dan Ling	2 cutouts with knives, P & S, choc.	\$8	Riley Armstrong

43	Dan Ling	White foreign porc. GWR Gisborne	\$13	Josh Dondorf
44	Dan Ling	Anderson time switch	\$31	Josh Dondorf
45	Dan Ling	Books, choice of pile, 2 @ \$10	\$20	Richard Case
46	Dan Ling	Books	\$8	Les Christensen
47	Dan Ling	3 piles of books	\$12	Les Christensen
48	Dan Ling	Mica beehive, mica spool	\$12	Jay Dondorf
49	Dan Ling	Tree insulator, Knox, Thomas, N.N.	\$1	Riley Armstrong
50	Dan Ling	2 boxes of porcelain	\$12	Riley Armstrong
51	April	Transposition bracket – club donation	\$1	Richard Case
52	April	Box of porcelain – club donation	\$1	Riley Armstrong
53	April	3 white porcelain – club donation	\$1	April
54	April	5 clear glass – club donation	\$1	Scott
55	Mike McLaughlin	4 metal pins	\$2	April
56	Mike McLaughlin	Glass root beer spool, carnival, 205	\$11	Richard Case
57	Mike McLaughlin	Tramp A.T.& T., spool	\$15	Richard Case
58	Mike McLaughlin	Pair of CD 281's	\$2	Roger Lucas
59	Mike McLaughlin	Hemingray Blue	\$6	Riley Armstrong
60	Mike McLaughlin	Pair of porcelain grey LG spool	\$5	Roger Lucas
61	Mike McLaughlin	Green Sombrero suspension	\$6	Roger Lucas
62	Mike McLaughlin	GE fuse cutout	\$6	April
63	Jay Dondorf	Brown porcelain – choice	\$14	Dan Ling
64	Jay Dondorf	Brown porcelain – choice	\$1	Riley Armstrong
65	Jay Dondorf	Brown porcelain – 5	\$1	Roger Lucas
66	Jay Dondorf	Smooth Base CD 162 Hemi-19	\$6	Mark & Elaine
67	Jay Dondorf	Glass choice – CD 102 Pony	\$7	Mark Gilmore
68	Jay Dondorf	Choice of glass – CD 104	\$7	Mark & Elaine
69	Jay Dondorf	Glass choice – CD 145 yellow green	\$12	Steve McCollum
70	Jay Dondorf	Glass choice – CD 104, Jade beehive	\$8	Richard Case
71	Jay Dondorf	Glass choice	\$1	Richard Case
72	Jay Dondorf	Glass (2)	\$2	Les Christenson
73	Jay Dondorf	Glass	\$4	Riley Armstrong
74	Jay Dondorf	Glass	\$2	Les Christenson
76	Jay Dondorf	CD 121 Brookfield	\$6	Riley Armstrong
77	Jay Dondorf	Glass	\$3	Richard Case
78	Jay Dondorf	Glass 121, 102, 145	\$7	Pat
79	Jay Dondorf	Brown porcelain	\$1	Riley Armstrong
80	Jay Dondorf	152's, tramps	\$1	Scott
81	Jay Dondorf	152 and 145	\$2	Rich Tillich
82	Jay Dondorf	Illinois, OB, Macomb spool	\$1	Riley Armstrong
83	Jay Dondorf	Glass	\$1	Mark & Elaine
84	Jay Dondorf	SB Lynchburg, Sterling, Bfield, AU	\$3	Scott
85	Jay Dondorf	Glass – club donation by Mark	\$1	Arlen
86	Pat Reed	White and Brown – club donation	\$3	Josh Dondorf
87	Rick Soller	Blue J.D.	\$15	Richard Case
88	Rick Soller	Westinghouse	\$1	Kim Borgman

89	Rick Soller	Suspension	\$1	Riley Armstrong
90	Rick Soller	Brown porcelain	\$1	Richard Case
91	Arlen Rienstra	Irradiated Tel. Pioneer	\$7	Les Christensen
92	Rick Soller	Choice	\$2	Scott
93	Rick Soller	Color porcelain	\$2	Riley Armstrong
94	Rick Soller	3 boxes of glass	\$1	Richard Case
95	Rick Soller	Green Brookfield	\$5	Gene Hawkins
96	Rick Soller	2 boxes	\$12	Les Christensen
97	Rick Soller	2 boxes – 280 + white milk glass	\$3	Russ Frank
98	Rick Soller	Box porcelain	\$2	Riley Armstrong
99	Rick Soller	Green Brookfields	\$17	Josh Dondorf
100	Rick Soller	2 boxes glass – 145s, 152s	\$1	Scott
101	Rick Soller	2 boxes glass *	\$1	Richard Case
102	Rick Soller	Box glass	\$25	Richard Case
103	Rick Soller	2 boxes glass	\$1	Mark & Elaine
104	Rick Soller	2 boxes of glass	\$2	Mark & Elaine
105	Les Christensen	Box glass-Lynchburg, Brookfield, Petticoat Hemingray	\$1	Riley Armstrong
106	Rick Soller	Box of glass	\$1	Scott
107	Rick Soller	Box of glass	\$1	Riley Armstrong
108	Rick Soller	Box of glass	\$1	Russ Frank
109	Riley Armstrong	Club donation – 4 suspensions	\$1	Arlen Rienstra
			\$740	

Upcoming Shows

February 28, 2015 (Saturday)

5th Annual Lebanon, Indiana show, Lebanon, IN

5th annual Lebanon IN show. Saturday Feb 28th. 9am thru 3pm. At the Boone County fairgrounds right off of I65 at exit 138. 25 miles NE of Indianapolis. Large heated room with great lighting. Get out and welcome in spring with great get together. Both bottles and insulators. As always, great meal served to all vendors. KIM BORGMAN 317-698-9177 or kim.borgman@rncd-usa.com

March 21, 2015 (Saturday)

13th Annual NW Missouri Insulator & Bottle Show, Tracy, MO

The 13th Annual NW Missouri Insulator & Bottle Show will be held at the Platte County Fairgrounds, 1st & Tribble St., Tracy, Missouri 64079. In between Kansas City & St. Joseph, just off of I-29, only 6 miles from the Kansas City International Airport. 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. The facility was full and had great traffic last year and we expect more of the same. Sales tables are \$25 each and admission is FREE. Food on site. Host hotel is Quality Inn & Suites, 1201 Branch St., Platte City, MO 64079 (about a mile from the fairgrounds). Special room rate available until February 15th. Mention “Insulator & Bottle Show” for discount. After that date, ask for Divya Patel for possible discount. Contact DARRYL WAGNER at 816-719-0801 or email at nwmoshow@dwagnerkc.com for information and/or show packet.

**April 10-11, 2015 (Friday and Saturday)
Yorkville, IL**

Antique Insulators, Lightning Rods, & Bottle Show. Set up and come to buy, sell or trade Friday night, Dealers set-up Friday 5pm - 9pm. Free Admission. Saturday 8am - 3pm. Contact JASON TOWNSEND 630-667-3357, jtins76@gmail.com This is the 6th year at Yorkville., Kendall County Fairgrounds. This is a huge facility in a great location! 115 tables are available, \$30 each! No rules.

**April 18, 2015 (Saturday)
NWIC Spring Swap Meet, Austin, MN**

The North Western Insulator Club will hold its Spring Swap Meet on Saturday, April 18, 2015 in Austin MN. Gordy Cassidy will host this event for the second year and we will be indoors at the American Legion building located at 809 12th St SW, Austin MN. Hours are 9-3 with set-up starting at 9:00. Some tables indoors will be available for your use. Weather permitting, we will also be able to set up outside but supply your own tables for outdoors. Food will be available for purchase during the entire time we are there, including breakfast and lunch so no one will be hungry. An auction is planned for noon so clean out all those garages, sheds and corners and bring your sales stock as this is a good place to move some volume of inventory. This is a great location in southern Minnesota with very close access to interstates 90 and 35.

**May 15-16, 2015 (Friday & Saturday)
Columbia City Insulator & Collectibles Show, Columbia City, IN**

One of the bigger little shows! Columbia City Insulator & Collectibles Show, Whitley County 4H Center, 581 West Squawbuck Road, Columbia City, Indiana May 16-17th 2014. Dealer setup Friday noon - 3PM, Public 3-5 PM, Seminar@6 PM. Saturday dealer setup 6-8AM, Public 8-3PM. First 8' table \$28, 2 tables \$48, 3/\$60, 4/\$75, Contact: GENE HAWKINS gene.hawkins@mchsi.com.

**June 6, 2015 (Saturday)
18th Annual Hawkeye State Insulator Swap Meet, Tama, Iowa**

The 18th Annual Hawkeye State Insulator Swap Meet will be held on June 6th from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Tama Civic Center, 305 Siegel St. in downtown Tama, IA. Dealer set up starting at 7:00 AM. There will be no cost to set up and lunch will be provided for those who attend. We again look forward to hosting many great Midwest collectors and friends that have shown up over the years to support this fun and relaxed traditional event. We encourage you to join us for what hopes to be a great time in the Hawkeye State! For additional information feel free to contact DAVE SHAW at (641) 484-5463 or e-mail at dashaw@mchsi.com

**July 3-5, 2015 (Friday to Sunday)
46th Annual National Insulator Association Show, Sale, & Convention, Sandwich, IL**

46th Annual National Insulator Association Show and Convention. 135+ Dealer tables, 25 Displays. This year it will be held at the Timber Creek Inn & Suites and Convention Center. 3300 Drew Ave., Sandwich, IL 60548 for hotel reservations call: 630.273.6000 and mention NIA for special rates. For more show information visit: www.2015niashow.com Host: JASON TOWNSEND, call: 630-667-3357 or email: jtins76@gmail.com or BOB STAHR 630-793-5345 or email: bob@hemingray.com