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Walter Jurgensen Obituary

One of the earliest members of the Greater Chicago Insulator Club, Walter Jurgensen of Chicago, recently passed away. Walter started collecting in the early 1990s and attended the club's formative meeting at the home of John and Carol McDougald in October 1992. He joined prior to the meeting and was club member #4

The first club membership directory listed his interests as different embossings, commemorative insulators, and glass Bell telephone paperweights. Bob Stahr, who bought his collection, confirmed this as he reported that Walter had a variety of railroad marked insulators (e.g., M.P. CPR, CNR), over 30 Bell telephone paperweights, and an extensive run of the NIA national show commemoratives, among various other kinds.

Walter's son, Alan, contacted the Crown Jewels after Walter's death and Howard Banks gave him the names of several area collectors who looked over the collection and made offers. Alan and Rick Soller also communicated about material that might be of interest for the NIA archives and Alan found and donated a few such items including a couple letters from collectors (Ken Willick, Jack Foote, Ken Pollard) and a business card from Tom & Alice Moulton.

Below is the published obituary for Walter:

Walter Gerald Jurgensen

March 11, 1920 - October 12, 2010

Loving Husband of the late Ruth Evelyn (nee Wilderson).

Loving Father of Barbara Sue, Alan Scott (Peggy), and Paul Thomas Jurgensen.

Proud Grandfather of Treva and Scott Nebel.

Proud Great Grandfather of Ryan Nebel.

He was a World War 2 Veteran as an Engineering Officer in the US Navy from 1943-1946 and retired as a Research Chemist for Swift and Co. after 36 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Gustav Jurgensen and Grace (nee Stussi) Jurgensen. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Honor Flight Chicago, 2001 West Churchill Street, Chicago, IL 60647

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Time to Renew Your Membership

Enclosed is a form to renew your club membership. You can mail the form to Bob Stahr or pay in person at the January 29, 2011 swap meet in Crown Point, Indiana

Racine, Wisconsin Club Swap Meet Show Report

On Saturday, September 11, 2010, Randy Wesner hosted his 10th annual GCIC swap meet in Racine, Wisconsin. Once again, the auction exceeded previous records in sales. In addition, collectors from six states made it to Racine and a number of unusual items changed hands. To commemorate the growth of the swap meet, Randy created special commemoratives for each attendee.

Once again the auction set a record for the number of insulators sold and the amount raised for the club. A total of \$1734 worth of insulators was sold in 109 lots to 17 bidders. \$147 was made in commissions and \$262 came from the donation of the proceeds from the sale of the Nelson's collection. Of this amount (\$409), \$150 went to Randy Wesner to pay for the tent needed because of the rain and \$100 was used to reimburse Randy for food. This left \$159 for the GCIC coffers.

The auction ran from 11 a.m. to noon, broke for lunch and restarted at about 1 p.m. Lois and Willard Nelson brought their porcelain collection and sold it in the auction and Rick Soller brought a large quantity of porcelain insulators too as well as some glass. Dave French brought some better insulators for the auction. Randy Wesner included some commemoratives made especially for the swap meet and 3 other collectors included items in the auction. Auction results are listed below.

Lot	Seller	Description	Buyer	\$\$\$
1	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Rick Soller	\$8
2	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain with lot #2	Jay Dondorf	\$1
3	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain with lot #2	Jay Dondorf	
4	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Rick Soller	\$25
5	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Dennis Seltrecht	\$20
6	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Tim Haraf	\$20
7	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Justine Perrault	\$4
8	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Tim Haraf	\$6
9	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Justin J. Perrault	\$11
10	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Colin Yennie	\$32
11	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Dave French	\$36
12	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Dave French	\$9
13	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Justin J. Perrault	\$1
14	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Tim Haraf	\$5
16	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Don Archer	\$21
17	Mike McLaughlin		Richard Case	\$17
18	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Arlen Rienstra	\$3
19	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Rick Soller	\$2
20	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Larry Compton	\$7
21	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of Porcelain	Dennis Seltrecht	\$32
22	Rick Soller	Box of Porcelain	Richard Case	\$4
23	Rick Soller	Box of Porcelain	Justin J. Perrault	\$1
24	Rick Soller	Box of Porcelain	Colin Yennie	\$18
25	Rick Soller	Box of Porcelain	Larry Compton	\$18
26	Rick Soller	Box of Porcelain	Colin Yennie	\$22
27	Rick Soller	Box of Porcelain	Tim Haraf	\$1
28	Rick Soller	Box of Porcelain	Tim Haraf	\$3
29	Rick Soller	Box of Porcelain	Jay Dondorf	\$22
30	Rick Soller	Box of Porcelain	Mike McLaughlin	\$8
31	Rick Soller	Box of Denvers	Arlen Rienstra	\$25

32	Rick Soller	Box of Porcelain	Larry Compton	\$8
33	Rick Soller	CD 162.1s, CD 145s	Jay Dondorf	\$21
34	Rick Soller	Maydwells, milk glass	David Shaw	\$41
35	Rick Soller	Glass signals	Tim Haraf	\$6
36	Rick Soller	Glass Beehives	Dennis Seltrecht	\$37
37	Rick Soller	CD 152s	Dave Shaw	\$17
38	Rick Soller	CD 121s	Richard Case	\$42
39	Rick Soller	Choice of insulator	Richard Case	\$24
40	Rick Soller	Choice of insulator	Richard Case	\$21
41	Rick Soller	Choice of insulator x 2	Dennis Seltrecht	\$40
42	Rick Soller	Choice of insulator	Colin Yennie	\$16
43	Rick Soller	Box of good stuff	Richard Case	\$66
44	Rick Soller	3 boxes of porcelain	Tim Haraf	\$7
45	Rick Soller	2 multiparts	Tim Haraf	\$3
46	Rick Soller	Star glass insulators	Colin Yennie	\$14
47	Rick Soller	CD 145 B's	Arlen Rienstra	\$1
48	Rick Soller	4 boxes of porcelain	Richard Case	\$11
49	Rick Soller	8 boxes of porcelain	Justin Perrault	\$1
50	Rick Soller	Box of glass	Larry Compton	\$5
51	Rick Soller	Box of glass	Jay Dondorf	\$20
52	Rick Soller	Boxes of porcelain 2 @ \$1 each	Jay Dondorf	\$2
53	Rick Soller	Boxes of porcelain	Justin Perrault	\$1
54	Rick Soller	Box of glass	Richard Case	\$60
55	Rick Soller	Box of porcelain	Richard Case	\$1
56	Lois & Willard Nelson	Ohio Brass multipart	Jay Dondorf	\$24
57	Lois & Willard Nelson	2 blue JD's 2 @ \$11	Tim Haraf	\$22
58	Lois & Willard Nelson	Multipart	Mike McLaughlin	\$1
59	Lois & Willard Nelson	Multipart	Dennis Seltrecht	\$1
60	Lois & Willard Nelson	Multipart	Justin Perrault	\$1
61	Lois & Willard Nelson	Multipart	Jay Dondorf	\$1
62	Lois & Willard Nelson	Multipart	Rick Soller	\$1
63	Lois & Willard Nelson	Wood shelf	Richard Case	\$25
64	Rick Soller	Crate of insulators	Colin Yennie	\$23
65	Rick Soller	Crate of insulators	Don Archer	\$1
66	Rick Soller	Multiparts	Richard Case	\$3
67	Dave French	Battery oil jars	Don Archer	\$5
68	Dave French	Amber CD 162 and Olive CD 162, 2 @ \$90 each	Rick Soller	\$180
69	Dave French	7up CD 162 and CD 151, 2 @ \$75 each	Dennis Seltrecht	\$150
70	Dave French	Amber CD 102	Colin Yennie	\$55
71	Dave French	Olive CD 145	Jay Dondorf	\$46
72	Dave French	CD 135	Dennis Seltrecht	\$39
73	Dave French	CD 102 & Bullets, 2 @ \$27	Tim Haraf	\$54
74	Dave French	Purple 143	Dennis Seltrecht	\$11
75	Dave French	2 boxes	Tim Haraf	\$19
76	Rick Soller	Box of glass	Dave Shaw	\$20
77	Rick Soller	Crate of glass	Larry Compton	\$11
78	Rick Soller	Crate of insulators	Don Archer	\$11
79	Rick Soller	4 crates	Dave Shaw	\$3
80	Russ Frank	Miley stove with insulator belly	Richard Case	\$11

81	Russ Frank	Lighthouse	Dave French	\$2
82	Russ Frank	Shelf	Richard Case	\$1
83	Russ Frank	Pole Climber on insulator	Rick Soller	\$1
84	Russ Frank	Insulator Lamp	Dave French	\$1
85	Russ Frank	Fence Insulators		NS
86	Russ Frank	Crown Jewels	Richard Case	\$12
87	Rick Soller	Box of Glass	Larry Compton	\$12
88	Rick Soller	Glass	Dave Shaw	\$45
89	Rick Soller	3 boxes of porcelain	Richard Case	\$3
90	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of suspensions	Mike McLaughlin	\$5
91	Lois & Willard Nelson	Box of insulators	Rick Soller	\$1
92	Lois & Willard Nelson	3 boxes of insulators	Rick Soller	\$1
93	Rick Soller	1 Crate of insulators	Dennis Seltrecht	\$1
94	Rick Soller	2 crates of insulators	Richard Case	\$1
95	Rick Soller	Pins	Richard Case	\$40
96	Rick Soller	3 boxes of glass	Richard Case	\$1
97	Rick Soller	3 crates of insulators @ \$1 each	Richard Case	\$3
98A	Rick Soller	Box	Richard Case	\$1
98B	Randy Wesner	Commemorative Insulator	Richard Case	\$8
99	Randy Wesner	Commemoratives, 3 @ \$3	Steve Mattson	\$9
100	Randy Wesner	Commemorative	Russ Frank	\$3
101	Dave Shaw		Richard Case	\$5
102	Dave Shaw	2 @ \$3	Richard Case	\$6
103	Dave Shaw		Larry Compton	\$3
104	Dave Shaw		Richard Case	\$1
105	Rick Soller	5 boxes	Tim Haraf	\$1
106	Rick Soller	6 boxes	Tim Haraf	\$1
107	Rick Soller	Cobalt Porcelain	Dennis Seltrecht	\$2
108	Rick Soller	2 insulators	Justin Perrault	\$1
	Total	109 lots	17 bidders	\$1734

Upcoming Shows

When:	January 15 (Saturday
Where:	Strongsville, OH
What:	Western Reserve Insulator Club's 12th 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 (440)237-2242, E-mail wric@clubs.insulators.info
When:	January 29 (Saturday), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where:	Crown Point, IN
What:	4th annual Greater Chicago Insulator Club 'BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS' swap meet in the home of Arlen & Tina Rienstra. Lunch provided. Bring a box of your collection to swap, show & tell, or add to the famous Rick Soller conducted auction. Larger amounts can be arranged on tables (bring your own if possible) in the attached (but unheated) garage for die-hards. Club business meeting, socializing, swap indoors. 6527 W. 93rd Ave, Crown Point, IN 46307 - RSVP (219) 365-7913 or ariens@att.net

Join the Greater Chicago Insulator Club!

You are invited to join or renew your membership in 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, 515 Main St., Unit 403, West Chicago, IL 60185

Your dues entitle you to a variety of benefits:

- Newsletter 6-8 times a year
- 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
- Access to an extensive club library
- Discounts on the prestigious club patch
- 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 (indicate any information you don't want printed in the club directory):

Name _____ (List any changes below)

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail: _____

Interests/wants/specialties: _____

(Mail to Bob Stahr, 515 Main St., Unit 403, West Chicago, IL 60185)