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Ottawa, IL GCIC Swap Meet

The Saturday, September 17, 2022 GCIC swap meet in Ottawa, Illinois was a delight. The weather was mild, the food was plentiful and delicious, the accommodations were well planned, the auction was immense, and the company was pleasant. Hosts Tom and Mary Nugent, with the ample help of their large clan, are commended for everyone having a great time.

When I arrived on Friday early evening, the place was already set up. The long tent under the trees had multiple tables filled with auction items and a couple dealers (Dave Shaw, and Mike McLaughlin) already had their wares displayed. I added a couple tables of auction items to the four filled tables already filled and then enjoyed some pizza, browsing, and conversation. A few more dealers arrived (Deb & Mike Fowler among others), but as dusk approached and the bugs came out of hiding, the travelers left for the time.

In the morning, more auction items showed up from other collectors. A few more tables were scrounged, but this auction had a record number of lots (155) that resulted in some lots sitting on the ground. Altogether, \$1130 worth of goods were sold in the auction which, with donations, resulted in \$150 in revenue to pay for the expenses of the swap meet.

Lot	Seller	Description	Price	Buyer
1	Tom Nugent	4 boxes of phones	\$1	Richard Case
2	Tom Nugent	Books	\$2	Josh Dondorf
3	Tom Nugent	Pay phone	\$10	Josh Dondorf
4	Tom Nugent	Batteries, lids, jars	\$4	Justin Perrault
5	Tom Nugent	Box of phones	\$1	Richard Case
6	Tom Nugent	Street light hood, green enamel top	\$6	Arlen Rienstra
7	Tom Nugent	Wall tubes, knobs	\$2	Justin Perrault
8	Tom Nugent	Meters, phones	\$10	Justin Perrault
9	Tom Nugent	2 boxes of phones	\$1	Richard Case
10	Tom Nugent	ATT slides, test box	\$10	Robert Schultz
11	Tom Nugent	Klein tool bags	\$1	Richard Case
12	Tom Nugent	5 phones	\$1	Richard Case
13	Tom Nugent	Books	\$1	Justin Perrault
14	Tom Nugent	Wire blocks	\$1	Richard Case
15	Tom Nugent	Insulators	\$6	Rich Feehan
16	Tom Nugent	Metal bells	\$1	Richard Case
17	Tom Nugent	Glass insulators	\$12	Josh Dondorf
18	Tom Nugent	Glass & porcelain insulators	\$1	Nathan Velasquez
19	Tom Nugent	Bag, belts, RF Screen	\$1	Richard Case
20	Tom Nugent	Porcelain insulators	\$1	Nathan Velasquez
21	Tom Nugent	Tools and cords	\$1	Richard Case
22	Tom Nugent	Tool belts	\$4	Steve Mattson
23	Josh Dondorf	Ashtrays, box of several	\$1	Steve Nugent
24	Josh Dondorf	Gray plastic bus bar spacers with connecting bolts	\$2	Justin Perrault
25	Josh Dondorf	Bracket meter	\$4	Arlen Rienstra

26	Josh Dondorf	Wall tube, lids	\$1	Justin Perrault
27	Josh Dondorf	Crock	\$5	Steve Nugent
28	Josh Dondorf	Glass Block, large size	\$1	Gene Hawkins
29	Dave Shaw	LRI	\$28	Bob Stahr
30	Dave Shaw	Magazines, Trains, Power engines	\$1	Arlen Rienstra
31	Dave Shaw	Glass power, 2 insulators	\$37	Dick Schroeder
32	Dave Shaw	Glass power, 2 more insulators	\$35	Dick Schroeder
33	Dave Shaw	CD 154 glass insulators	\$23	Nick Barman
34	Dave Shaw	24 kegs and ponies, Star marking on some	\$16	Gene Hawkins
35	Dave Shaw	Beehives, kegs	\$1	Nathan Velasquez
36	Dave Shaw	Lightning rod insulators (LRIs)	\$15	Dick Schroeder
37	Dave Shaw	Beehives	\$10	Dan Fester
38	Dave Shaw	Beehives glass insulators	\$1	Steve Nugent
39	Dave Shaw	Beehive glass insulators	\$5	Rick Feehan
40	Dave Shaw	Beehive glass insulators	\$11	Nathan Velasquez
41	Dave Shaw	Porcelain strain insulators	\$26	Justin Perrault
42	Mike McLaughlin	Yearbooks, one from 1950 (wow that's old!)	\$7	Justin Perrault
43	Mike McLaughlin	Ponies, CD 152s, CD 121 tolls	\$15	Tom Nugent
44	Mike McLaughlin	CD 155s, 112s, 122s, 102s	\$10	Rich Feehan
45	Mike McLaughlin	Jade CD 121 toll Am. Tel. & Tel	\$25	Tom Nugent
46	Mike McLaughlin	Pins	\$3	David Bader
47	Mike McLaughlin	3 test sets	\$1	Richard Case
48	Mike McLaughlin	Jade CD 164 Hemingray, chipped	\$10	Dieter Holz
49	Mike McLaughlin	Glass mix	\$12	Nick Borman
50	Mike McLaughlin	Glass mix, stars	\$1	Nathan Velasquez
51	Mike McLaughlin	Glass power	\$30	Dick Schroeder
52	Mike McLaughlin	Books	\$4	Robert Shultz
53	Mike McLaughlin	Books, photocopies of books	\$1	Nathan Velasquez
54	Mike McLaughlin	Date nails	\$5	Richard Case
55	Mike McLaughlin	Carnival power glass insulator	\$70	Mike Boyce
56	Mike McLaughlin	Tolls	\$6	Tom Nugent
57	Mike McLaughlin	163s/164s	\$1	Nathan Velasquez
58	Mike McLaughlin	Lime green bullet	\$35	Dick Schroeder
59	Mike McLaughlin	Porcelain insulators	\$5	Nathan Velasquez
60	Mike McLaughlin	Wood Joselyn crates, 3	\$1	Dustin Capelle
61	Mike McLaughlin	Beehives	\$1	Nathan Velasquez
62	Mike Davis	Misc. glass	\$15	Rich Feehan
63	Mike Davis	CD 230, Illinois porcelain	\$11	Robert Schultz
64	Rick Soller	Bottles	\$21	Arlen Rienstra
65	Rick Soller	Beer sign (choice)	\$7	Steve Nugent
66	Rick Soller	4 beer signs	\$1	Steve Mattson
67	Rick Soller	Multipart	\$1	Robert Shultz
68	Rick Soller	Multipart	\$3	Nathan Velasquez
69	Rick Soller	Multipart (3)	\$10	Justin Perrault
70	Rick Soller	2 JD blue suspensions + plastic crate	\$4	Justin Perrault
71	Rick Soller	2 lightning arrestors, 1=Line material	\$1	Robert Schultz
72	Rick Soller	Box of porcelain	\$1	Nathan Velasquez
73	Rick Soller	Strains and spools	\$1	Justin Perrault
74	Rick Soller	Telephone Pioneer commemoratives (5)	\$10	Dan Fester
75	Rick Soller	Box of glass insulators	\$6	Nick Barman
76	Rick Soller	Plastic reproduction small suspensions	\$4	Greg Delia
77	Rick Soller	Slumped CD 152 made by Randy Wesner	\$20	Cole King
78	Rick Soller	Box of porcelain	\$1	Nathan Velasquez

79	Rick Soller	Lightning arrestor and key	\$1	Steve Mattson
80	Rick Soller	Atomizer bottle	\$2	Cole King
81	Rick Soller	Box of glass insulators	\$6	Dave Shaw
82	Rick Soller	Pins	\$7	Steve Mattson
83	Rick Soller	Box of porcelain insulators	\$5	Robert Schultz
84	Rick Soller	Box of porcelain insulators	\$4	Dan Fester
85	Rick Soller	2 Hemingway water bottles, 2 QT, clear, green	\$14	Cole King
86	Rick Soller	Box of porcelain insulators	\$9	Dan Fester
87	Rick Soller	Box of porcelain insulators	\$11	Richard Case
88	Rick Soller	Box of porcelain insulators	\$3	Nathan Velasquez
89	Russ Frank	Box of electrical stuff	\$1	Richard Case
90	Russ Frank	Box of electrical stuff	\$2	Steve Mattson
91	Russ Frank	3 glass hats	\$13	Justin Perrault
92	Russ Frank	Tools	\$3	Steve Mattson
93	Russ Frank	Glass and purple	\$1	Cole King
94	Dieter Holz	3 boxes of Crown Jewels	\$2	Richard Case
95	Dieter Holz	Box of glass insulators	\$1	Cole King
96	Dieter Holz	Box of glass insulators	\$1	Cole King
97	Dieter Holz	Box of glass insulators	\$25	Cole King
98	Dieter Holz	Box of glass	\$9	Richard Case
99	Dieter Holz	4 McLaughlin 19s	\$6	Nick Barman
100	Dieter Holz	Glass and pins	\$1	David Bader
101	Dieter Holz	CD 151s and Brookfield	\$1	Cole King
102	Dieter Holz	Box of glass insulators	\$1	Cole King
103	Dieter Holz	Box of glass insulators	\$1	Cole King
104	Dieter Holz	Box of glass insulators	\$1	Cole King
105	Dieter Holz	Box of glass insulators	\$5	Cole King
106	Dieter Holz	Box of glass insulators	\$20	Cole King
107	Dieter Holz	Box of glass insulators	\$1	Cole King
108	Dieter Holz	Box of glass insulators	\$10	Mike Hauser
109	Dieter Holz	2 boxes of porcelain	\$1	Cole King
110	Dieter Holz	Box of glass insulators	\$6	Greg Delia
111	Dieter Holz	Box of glass insulators	\$1	Cole King
112	Dieter Holz	Box of plastic	\$1	Greg Delia
113	Dieter Holz	Box of glass	\$5	Cole King
114	Dick Schroeder	Fruit jars	\$1	Cole King
115	Dick Schroeder	Lightning rod balls	\$30	David Bader
116	Dick Schroeder	Glasses and crackle glass insulator book ends	\$1	Mike Hauser
117	Dick Schroeder	Lightning rod balls	\$29	Ross Berndt
118	Dick Schroeder	RR time tables and maps	\$3	Cole King
119	Nick Barman	Crate of glass	\$21	Cole King
120	Nick Barman	3 piece Lapp	\$20	Cole King
121	Nick Barman	Suspension and arrestor	n.s.	Not sold
122	Bob Stahr	Box of glass insulators	\$30	Cole King
123	Dustin Capelle	Bottles	\$8	Justin Perrault
124	Bob Stahr	Box of glass insulators	\$14	Mike Hauser
125	Bob Stahr	Box of glass insulators	\$6	Tom Nugent
126	Bob Stahr	2 Boxes of glass insulators	\$1	Cole King
127	Bob Stahr	Crate of porcelain insulators	\$7	Rick Soller
128	Bob Stahr	Glass and porcelain	\$1	Rich Feehan
129	Bob Stahr	Choice of box of porcelain, 2 @ \$1 each	\$2	Richard Case
130	Patrick Scott	Streetlight clear glass lens cover	\$1	Mike Hauser
131	Patrick Scott	Pins	\$1	Justin Perrault

132	Patrick Scott	Glass & porcelain	\$1	Justin Perrault
133	Patrick Scott	Grey suspension	\$2	Justin Perrault
134	Patrick Scott	Glass suspension string	\$16	Mike Hauser
135	Patrick Scott	Glass suspension string	\$16	Mike Hauser
136	Patrick Scott	Brown porcelain lightning arrestor cutout	\$20	Robert Schultz
137	Patrick Scott	Brown porcelain lot, fuses	\$13	Justin Perrault
138	Greg Delia	Large pins	\$8	David Bader
139	Greg Delia	Large metal pulley	\$13	David Bader
140	Greg Delia	Suspension	\$1	Justin Perrault
141	Greg Delia	Strains and spool rack	\$3	Richard Case
142	Greg Delia	Cable sections, aluminum and copper	\$1	Steve Mattson
143	Greg Delia	5 boxes of porcelain	-.25¢	Justin Perrault
144	Greg Delia	Arrestors	\$1	Arlen Rienstra
145	Greg Delia	Box of porcelain	\$1	Richard Case
146	Greg Delia	Box of books	\$1	Steve Mattson
147	Greg Delia	Box of bottles	\$5	Gene Hawkins
148	Greg Delia	2 pins	\$1	Gene Hawkins
149	Greg Delia	Relay	\$1	Justin Perrault
150	Greg Delia	Trolley box and 2 posts	\$1	Justin Perrault
151	Greg Delia	Porcelain	\$1	Richard Case
152	Greg Delia	Porcelain aerial spacer	\$2	Robert Shultz
153	Greg Delia	Porcelain	\$1	Justin Perrault
154	Greg Delia	Blue Lapp suspension	\$2	Rick Soller
155	Donation	Robert Schultz – ATT Slides	\$1	Greg Delia
	Donation	Cole King	\$5	
	Donation	Steve Mattson	\$5	
	Donation	Robert Schultz	\$16	
	Donation	Rich Feehan	\$5	
	Donation	Dustin Capelle	\$6	

Obituary – Dave Ramp

For how many years can a person collect insulators? What kinds of fun, finds, and friends can a collector have during those years? The passing of Dave Ramp, NIA #286, on October 1, 2022 can perhaps answer some of those questions.

Fun

Dave was a frequent dealer or attendee at area shows, some of these quite noteworthy. In 1970, he attended the first National show in New Castle, Indiana. Robert Winkler recalled that is the show where he first met Dave. In 2019, he set up at the 1st Mohican show hosted by Tom Nelson in Ohio. Throughout the years, he frequented the Mid-Ohio show, the Columbia City, Indiana show, the Wheaton, Illinois show, and numerous Greater Chicago Insulator Club (GCIC) swap meets. At the May 4, 2018 Columbia City, Indiana show, he and his wife Josephine had an open house for collectors to see his collection and enjoy some socializing.

In the early years, when more shows included displays, Dave won the Gerald Brown Book Award for his porcelain display at the 1973 Columbia City, Indiana show (Haupt, 1973). At the 2017 Colorado Springs National, Dave entered the art contest held there.

In later years, besides attending shows, part of Dave's fun was attending auctions. The November 2017 GCIC Newsletter recounts how he drove from eastern Indiana to Missouri to attend an auction of a lineman's estate that included a near clear CD 134 and multiple-colored signals. At one auction in Indiana selling rare Akron High Potential 2-part insulators used on an interurban line, several collectors combined forces to buy most of the lot of them and split them up afterwards allowing us all to leave with a bargain.

Finds

M-2202 Lima Break-Away Insulators. Dave's long-time friend, Robert Winkler, found an article about the Eveleth insulator in the "General Electric Company" Bulletin No. 4808 dated Dec. 1910, which indicated the location of line where M-2202 (7-inch style) was used. In 2006, Elton Gish reported:

In the late 1960's or early 1970's, Dave Ramp removed four M-2202's on the Illinois Terminal Interurban in rural Illinois. They were used in a few select locations only as the support for the primary guide cable for the catenary on the main line where single wood poles supported the line. The insulator was clamped to an angle iron support arm that was attached to wooden poles. When the line was converted to diesel in the early 1950's, the M-2202 units were removed. This comprises all that now exist (4 or 5). In 2004, one M-2202 was sold on eBay and it likely was from the original discovery.

In 2009, I purchased one from a collector in Taylorville, Illinois that was probably from that original discovery. I'm happy to know the connection to Dave.



M-2202 on original pin.



CD 1085 [10] M.A. KNAPP // CHICAGO spool.

CD 1085 M.A. Knapp spool. In the Columbia City, Indiana courthouse, Dave found an aqua CD 1085 spool embossed (front skirt) M A KNAPP (rear skirt) CHICAGO. The current price guide lists this as a CD 1087 but the ½" x ½" size fits the CD 1085 much better. The rarity of the piece is such that few collectors have had the opportunity to catch the misclassification. In 2008, Robert Winkler called to see if I was interested in buying Dave's collection. Upon hearing that the Knapp spool was in the collection, I couldn't get to Dave's house quick enough to buy it. After the sale, Dave started amassing insulators again. I guess once a person is a collector, they are always a collector.

Westinghouse glass insulators. Dave was a lineman for United Telephone Service starting in February 1969. At that point, the company was wrecking out open wire lines by the hundreds as they were being replaced by mostly buried cable. He hunted those lines heavily and managed to find five scattered around that small exchange of less than 700 lines located in northeastern Indiana. Dave wrote about his experiences in a Drip Points article published in October 2020.

U-966A unmarked New Lexington High Voltage Porcelain Co insulator. In the Porcelain Insulator News column by Elton Gish (2002), he wrote that “It has been reported that Dave Ramp found all the U-966A's around 1972-75 at old copper/iron mines in upper Michigan” (p. 44).

Other gems. After a CD 181 Pluto turned up at a GCIC club swap meet, it reminded Dave that he once owned two of them (Soller, 2019). In Tod's (1974) column, Dave reported owning a scarce U-376A.

Friends

A 2004 Gallop poll found that the average American has about 9 close friends (Carroll, 2004). I think Dave far exceeded that number. As a Boy Scouts of America-Anthony Wayne Area Council member, he served in numerous positions, including the Executive Board, and was a Scout Master for Laud Troop 83. A member of the Over-the-Hill Gang, the group would do repairs and light construction at BSA Chief Little Turtle Camp. He belonged to the Indiana Archaeological Society, receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2020. With his work as a lineman, he joined the National Insulator Society collecting old glass insulators used on old telephone/telegraph poles. Finally, he was interested in Indian artifacts and belonged to Prehistoric America and the Indiana Central States. I know I'll miss his friendship.

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Upcoming Shows

Friday to Sunday, November 4-6, 2022, Springfield, Ohio -SOLD OUT

The 52nd Mid-Ohio Insulator Show will be at the Clark County Fairgrounds, 4401 South Charleston Pike. Exit 59 off I-70. Springfield, Ohio on November 4-6, 2022. Show Hours: Friday Noon - 6 PM, Saturday 8 PM - 5 PM, and Sunday 9 AM - ????. Display tables are always free with advance notification. CONTACT: Curt Boster (614) 301-5125 OR cboster530@att.net Visit www.insulators.info/shows/springfield for more information.