



GREATER CHICAGO INSULATOR CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Dupage Collectors Expo Show Report

The biggest insulator show within 300 miles of Chicago was held on Saturday, April 1, 2023 with dealer setup and a dealer-only auction on Friday, March 31. As the only show with a dealer-only auction and with a large number of lightning rod equipment dealers, the show is unique in two ways.

The two buildings were filled with a total of 58 dealer tables. Lightning rod equipment dealers filled 21 of those tables and insulator collectors filled the remaining 37 tables. Besides the tables filled by show hosts Rick Soller and Bob Stahr, other insulator dealers included Matthew Payne (1st time dealer), Russ & Marge Frank, Arlen & Tina Rienstra, Josh Dondorf, Dave Shaw, Dennis Seltrecht, Tom Nugent, Jean Nugent, Gene Hawkins, Mike McLaughlin, Larry Veneziano, Mike Davis, Les Christensen & Tammy Walsh, Dick Schroeder, Jason Townsend & Tammy Anderson, Riley Armstrong, Dustin, Capelle, and Richard Case. Lightning rod dealers included Bob & Deb Overfield, Ted Storb, Jeff Ralston, Rod & Sandy Krupka, John Gephart, Russell & Mark Myers, Richard Elwood, Bonnie St. Denis, Cathy Burris, Tony & Judith LaBarbera, and Doug Marshall.

There were some surprises and welcome walk-ins. Former club member Doug Pfau showed up and hung around long enough to learn about a planned insulator hunt later in the week and agree to participate. Robert Schultz, who recently rejoined the club, floated the idea of the hunt a few weeks ago and Rick Soller and Larry Rotheiser jumped at the chance to see what they could find. Eileen Kelley and Jim Cagle toured the hall. We only see them once a year, so it was good to catch sight of them. Jack Riesselman made it to the show this year after missing several years due to Covid. He was on a buying spree at the show. A collector that Rick Soller knew from eBay was there with his wife and two kids. It turns out the kids are the ones who collect, and they hauled home a lot of insulators from the free table including a lightning arrestor that did not sell in the auction.

Auction results were similar to the previous year's results. Last year, there were 79 lots while there were 85 this year. Last year had 13 successful bidders and 8 sellers while this year had 14 successful bidders and 11 sellers. Total sales equaled \$619 last year and \$772 this year, about half of what the auction generates at club swap meets making Bob and Rick consider not having an auction at next year's show. A total of 20 bidders signed up for this year's auction. Results can be found below, and Richard Case posted a comprehensive set of photographs of the lots in the picture poster on insulators.info. More photos are on page 5.

#	Seller	Description	Price	Buyer
1	Richard Elwood	Battery jar with guts + lid	\$24	Richard Case
2	Richard Elwood	WMG Corn cob LRB lamp	\$21	Rick Soller
3	Rick Soller	Choice of LRBs 5 x \$52	\$260	Dick Schroeder
4	Rick Soller	Box of 20 glass insulators	\$5	Matthew Payne
5	Rick Soller	Box of insulators	\$1	Matthew Payne

6	Rick Soller	Radio lightning arrestors	\$5	Mike McLaughlin
7	Rick Soller	Radio strains	\$6	Richard Case
8	Rick Soller	Box of insulators	\$1	Matthew Payne
9	Rick Soller	Six CD 143s Canadian Pacific RY	\$8	Richard Case
10	Rick Soller	Bottles	\$21	Dick Schroeder
11	Rick Soller	Glass insulator	\$1	Matthew Payne
12	Rick Soller	11 glass insulators	\$4	Les Christensen
13	Rick Soller	Broken glass insulators	\$4	Greg Delia
14	Rick Soller	Box of glass	\$10	Josh Dondorf
15	Rick Soller	Battery jar	\$13	Greg Delia
16	Rick Soller	Purple glass spool from Columbia	\$12	Mike McLaughlin
17	Rick Soller	Beehives	\$3	Matthew Payne
18	Rick Soller	Box of crackle glass	\$1	Matthew Payne
19	Rick Soller	Porcelain knobs and spools	\$1	Greg Delia
20	Rick Soller	Green Cutter, clean break in half	\$55	Russ Frank
21	Rick Soller	Multipart	\$1	Greg Delia
22	Ephraim Podgorski	Box of 7 clear insulators	\$1	Matthew Payne
23	Ephraim Podgorski	7 ponies	\$1	Matthew Payne
24	Ephraim Podgorski	Clear Power glass insulators	\$1	Richard Case
25	Ephraim Podgorski	3 boxes of porcelain	\$1	Tom Nugent
26	Ephraim Podgorski	Box of glass	\$1	Matthew Payne
27	Ephraim Podgorski	Box of glass	\$1	Matthew Payne
28	Ephraim Podgorski	7 amber glass insulators	\$21	Riley Armstrong
29	Ephraim Podgorski	2 boxes of porcelain	\$1	Richard Case
30	Ephraim Podgorski	2 boxes of glass, crackle glass	\$3	Greg Delia
31	Ephraim Podgorski	Box of glass	\$3	Matthew Paine
32	Ephraim Podgorski	3 boxes of porcelain	\$1	Richard Case
33	Ephraim Podgorski	2 boxes of glass	\$1	Matthew Paine
34	Ephraim Podgorski	Box of glass	\$1	Matthew Payne
35	Ephraim Podgorski	3 boxes of porcelain	\$1	Greg Delia
36	Wisconsin Collection	4 multiparts	\$2	Greg Delia
37	Wisconsin Collection	Box of glass	\$1	Matthew Payne
38	Wisconsin Collection	Box of porcelain	\$1	Greg Deli
39	Wisconsin Collection	LRIs, Amber glass insulators	\$14	Richard Case
40	Wisconsin Collection	Box of glass	\$3	Matthew Payne
41	Wisconsin Collection	Box of porcelain	\$1	Richard Case
42	Wisconsin Collection	Box of glass	\$1	Matthew Payne
43	Wisconsin Collection	Box of glass	\$1	Matthew Payne
44	Bob Stahr	Wood side pins	\$18	Rick Soller
45	Russ Frank	Displays, 2 x \$5	\$10	Jean Nugent
46	Josh Dondorf	Meter	\$1	Richard Case
47	Josh Dondorf	Jug	\$3	Richard Case
48	Josh Dondorf	Bottles	\$5	Jean Nugent
49	Josh Dondorf	3 gray lightning arrestors	0	Free table
50	Josh Dondorf	2 porcelain	\$1	Greg Delia

51	Josh Dondorf	Bottles, insulators, bucket	\$1	Greg Delia
52	Josh Dondorf	Bottles	\$1	Greg Delia
53	Josh Dondorf	Bottles, case	\$1	Greg Delia
54	Josh Dondorf	Glass insulators	\$14	Dustin Capelle
55	Josh Dondorf	19 LRIs	\$10	Richard Case
56	Josh Dondorf	Amber dump piece, CD 221s	\$20	Mike McLaughlin
57	Josh Dondorf	Amber dump piece, CD 221	\$6	Rick Soller
58	Josh Dondorf	Hemingray syrup	\$5	Rick Soller
59	Matthew Payne	4 porcelain brown spools	\$1	Riley Armstrong
61	Riley Armstrong	String of suspension insulators	\$13	Les Christensen
62	Riley Armstrong	String of suspension insulators	\$12	Richard Case
63	Riley Armstrong	4 suspensions	\$11	Greg Delia
64	Riley Armstrong	Clear Hemingray	\$1	Greg Delia
65	Riley Armstrong	Case of porcelain	\$1	Richard Case
66	Riley Armstrong	Battery jar	\$11	Russ Frank
67	Riley Armstrong	Beacon lights (2)	\$11	Jean Nugent
68	Riley Armstrong	“Chicken leg” polymer suspension	\$1	Greg Delia
69	Riley Armstrong	Belt hooks for climbing poles	\$1	Richard Case
70	Riley Armstrong	Multipart	\$1	Greg Delia
71	Mike Davis	2 plates	\$1	Richard Case
72	Mike Davis	Jar, brush pottery	\$4	Gene Hawkins
73	Mike Davis	CJ Magazines	\$1	Greg Delia
74	Dustin Capelle	Crate of porcelain	\$26	Dick Schroeder
75	Dustin Capelle	Bottles	\$6	Josh Dondorf
76	Dustin Capelle	Box of bottles	\$5	Richard Case
77	Greg Delia	Crossarms	\$1	Matthew Payne
78	Greg Delia	Crossarms	0	Matthew Payne
79	Greg Delia	Misc. porcelain	\$4	Tom Nugent
80	Greg Delia	Lamps	\$13	Riley Armstrong
81	Greg Delia	Lamps	\$5	Riley Armstrong
82	Greg Delia	Manuals	\$1	Richard Case
83	Greg Delia	Slides	\$1	Richard Case
84	Greg Delia	Suspensions, 2 x \$3	\$6	Riley Armstrong
85	Greg Delia	Blue Lapp suspensions, 4 x \$6	\$24	Rick Soller

Upcoming Shows

Saturday, April 29, 2023 Strongsville, Ohio

The Western Reserve Insulator Club’s 24th Annual Swap Meet and Club Meeting will be at the Clubhouse (formerly Spyglass Hill Recreation Center), 13201 Compass Point Drive, Strongsville, OH 44136. This show was formerly our ‘Winterfest’ but shifted to ‘Springfest’ last year. 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 very limited, so please contact us ahead of time if you plan to set up! Info / RSVP to JOHN HOVANEK (216)392-3622, E-mail jrhovanec@ymail.com

Upcoming Shows

Friday & Saturday, May 5-6, 2023 Columbia City, Indiana

The 2022 Columbia City, Indiana Collectibles Show is May 6 & 7 at the Whitley County 4H Center, 581 Squawbuck Rd., Columbia City, IN. This is one of the least expensive shows to attend or be a dealer. A single table is \$30, two tables are \$55, three tables are \$75, and four are \$90. Show info, contact Gene Hawkins gene.hawkins@mchsi.com or Mike McLaughlin 574-377-5490 for other show info or for dealer tables. Friday dealer setup noon-2 PM Open to public at 2 PM Friday 5 PM Pizza. Friday 5:30 PM Show & Tell, where folks bring really cool stuff with special stories. Always interesting stuff comes off collector's shelves for discussion, things you won't see unless you visit them as it often isn't for sale, just special! PLEASE Bring something with a story to share with us! Saturday doors open for dealer set up at 6 AM, public at 7 AM. Saturday at 10 AM will be another auction, so clean out the closet & bring your clutter! Dealers can pack up whenever they need to do so.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This year the theme of Show & Tell will be K.C.G.W. glass insulators so bring your King City Glass to the show as well as any company go-withs.

Saturday, May 13, 2023. Bovey, Minnesota

The North Western Insulator Club Spring Show and Sale will be at the home of Rick And Mary Augustyn on Saturday, May 13 located at 34879 Scenic Highway in Bovey MN. This is an outdoor event in the Augustyn's spacious yard under the Northwoods pines. Canopies are welcome if you have them. Hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Rick will be grilling for lunch. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Bring your own tables and chairs as you need. This is a great location with plenty of room to spread out your inventory and finds and all are welcome. No fees for this meet. Please notify Rick if you are coming or if you have questions at augies9ers@gmail.com or 952-240-3960. Bovey is 3 hours (190 miles) north of the twin cities.

Saturday, May 20, 2023. Berlin, Ohio

The Amish Country Insulator Show & Swap Meet will be held at the Comfort Suites Hotel & Conference Center, 4810 TR 366, Berlin, Ohio 44610 on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Setup time is 9 a.m. with the show running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables are 6 feet by 30 inches. One for \$10 or two for \$15. Work is under way for a block of rooms. The show is in the heart of Amish Country with multiple antique stores and great Amish cooking! Lunch is provided. For more information or to reserve a table, contact Tom Nelson at (330) 231-9579 or email him at tomnelson1960@yahoo.com.

Saturday, June 3, 2023. Tama, Iowa

The 26th Hawkeye State Insulator Swap Meet will be returning to Tama and is being held at the Tama Civic Center on Saturday, June 3rd from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The Tama Civic Center is located at 305 Siegel St, Tama, IA 52339. Dealers planning on setting up can do so starting at 7:00 AM. There will be no cost to those planning on attending though dealers wishing for table space will need to contact the show host in advance. This event tends to attract collectors from Iowa and surrounding states and is a very relaxed atmosphere which is greatly enjoyed by those attending. We look forward to hosting you again and wish to provide you with some Hawkeye hospitality. For any additional information and to request table space, please feel free to contact Dave Shaw at (641) 484-5463 or e-mail at dashaw@mchsi.com

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 9-11, 2023
Logan, Utah**

The National Insulator Association's 54th Annual Show and Convention will be held at the Cache County Fairgrounds in Logan, Utah. The fairgrounds is located at 450 South 500 West, Logan, UT 84321. There will be plenty of dealer space and exhibit space plus a multitude of things to do in the area. Complete show information will be available in 2023 at the Gettysburg National and subsequently online. Show Hosts are: DON & JEANNE BRIEL, (435) 753-5786, Don.Briel@comcast.net and BRIAN & CATHY WEESE, (801) 201-5187, brianlweese@gmail.com

**Saturday, July 8, 2023
West Leechburg, Pennsylvania**

The Western Reserve Insulator Club's 23rd Annual Allegheny Valley Insulator Show & Sale will be held in the West Leechburg Fireman's Recreation Hall, 1116 Gosser St., West Leechburg, PA 15656. Show Hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with dealer setup starting at 7:30 AM. 8' tables are \$20. Free Admission Contact: Ron Barth rktbarth@windstream.net (724) 845-8439.

Dupage Collectors Expo Show Photographs



Rick Soller (in red) selling a carnival suspension to a couple collectors. Josh Dondorf at one of his sales tables in the picture on the right.



(On left) Tina Rienstra. (On right) Bob Stahr staffing his sales tables.



Matthew Payne at his sales table filled with some of his auction winnings.



Mike Davis at his table of insulators, fruit jars, bottles, and more.