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INSULATOR CLUB  
NEWSLETTER**

Club member of the month: Tina Rienstra

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**Ottawa, Illinois GCIC Show Report**

Many thanks go to all those who contributed to an outstanding show held on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at the home of Tom and Mary Nugent.

My top thanks goes to the club member of the month, Tina Rienstra for her behind-the-scenes accounting of each auction lot winner's bill. As each sheet of winning bids was filled, it was run over to her to transfer the information to individual bidder sheets. The job was made especially difficult for a number of reasons. First, there were 38 bidders, 29 of whom won something in the auction but there were not enough bidder sheets for that many people so she quickly improvised and kept track of four bidders on the back of one of the auction result sheets. Second, there were a record number of lots in the auction with the total reaching 171. The previous record was 154 at the Ottawa swap meet held last year in 2022. Third, auction lots were sold at a blistering pace, taking only 105 minutes to get through all of them. The hour and 45 minutes tied the record for longest lasting auction previously reached at the 2019 Tama, Iowa show. Despite the pace, at the end of the auction, Tina only needed a few minutes to have every successful bidder's bill calculated.

Of course, Tom, Mary, and the entire Nugent family should be thanked for a well-organized, and high-quality event. The food on Saturday was excellent and early arrivals on Friday were treated to pizza and beverages. Delicious doughnuts were available Saturday morning and multiple desserts were enjoyed Saturday afternoon. Some people even took food home to eat afterwards. A huge open-sided tent was set up on the lawn which was needed when the rain finally let loose around noon. Several tables were available for those who did not bring one. By Sunday, the family had already taken everything down and put it away.

Thanks to all the bidders. There were a record number of successful bidders although by the fifth lot of the auction, it seemed like Nathan Velasquez was going to win every lot. In total, 29 people were successful in winning at least one lot which exceeded the previous record of 28 held by the January 2022 "Beat the Winter Blahs" show. Thanks to Ben Nicholas for breaking Nathan's grip on all the auctions and opening the floodgates for other bidders.

Thanks to all those collectors who added items to the auction. The 16 sellers were a record number. Tom Nugent was especially glad to sell so many insulators. Now he mostly has sales stock left. The 10% earned on every sale netted the club \$136 which was turned over to the Nugents to help cover expenses.

Greg Delia and his mother deserve a big, "Thanks." Greg recorded all the results for the auction and his mother ran them from the auction to Tina Rienstra so she could compile results while the auction was taking place.

I was not thankful for the weather for some of the swap meet. Although the cool temperatures were nice, it started to rain during the auction and was heavier in the early afternoon when people were leaving.



Justin Perault with his car stuffed with his auction winnings.

### Auction Results

#	Seller	Description	\$	Buyer
1	Dieter Holz	Ponys	\$1	Nathan Velasquez
2	Dieter Holz	Box of insulators	\$2	Nathan Velasquez
3	Dieter Holz	Beehives	\$.50	Nathan Velasquez
4	Dieter Holz	Box of insulators	\$.50	Nathan Velasquez
5	Dieter Holz	Another box of insulators	\$10	Nathan Velasquez
6	Dieter Holz	Ponys	\$36	Ben Nicholas
7	Dieter Holz	Guess what? A box of insulators!	\$1	Cole King
8	Dieter Holz	More insulators, in a box, no fox.	\$17	Jennifer Alley-Fisher
9	Dieter Holz	Even more insulators, boxed.	\$21	Nathan Velasquez
10	Dieter Holz	Insulators, in a box lid	\$12	Ben Nicholas
11	Dieter Holz	Several insulators, on a box lid	\$6	Nathan Velasquez
12	Dieter Holz	Insulators + box	\$7	Travis Cirkland
13	Dieter Holz	Two! boxes of insulators	\$1	Cole King
14	Dieter Holz	Box of insulators with Mickey	\$52	Richard Case
15	Dieter Holz	Box of glass insulators	\$7	Seve Mattson
16	Dieter Holz	Box of glass, all insulators	\$11	Arlen Rienstra

17	Dieter Holz	Another box of glass, all insulators	\$25	Travis Cirkland
18	Dieter Holz	Nice box of glass insulators	\$25	Arlen Rienstra
19	Richard Case	Rack	\$6	Brian Maloney
20	Richard Case	Miscellaneous Pile	\$10	Brian Maloney
21	Dave Shaw	Ponys	\$10	Nathan Velasquez
22	Dave Shaw	Ponys	\$15	Nathan Velasquez
23	Dave Shaw	Ponys	\$13	Richard Case
24	Dave Shaw	Power pieces	\$12	Arlen Rienstra
25	Dave Shaw	Box of glass	\$14	Nathan Velasquez
26	Dave Shaw	Box of miscellaneous glass	\$34	Mike Bauer
27	Dave Shaw	Box of glass insulators	\$11	Robert Schultz
28	Dave Shaw	Box with insulators, all glass	\$8	Robert Schultz
29	Dave Shaw	Box of porcelain, choice of box	\$24	Jennifer Alley-Fisher
30	Dave Shaw	Box of porcelain insulators	\$5	Mike McLaughlin
31	Dave Shaw	4 boxes of porcelain	\$1	Cole King
32	Mark Gilmore	Box lot of glass	\$10	Cole King
33	Mark Gilmore	Boxed up glass insulators	\$34	Cole King
34	Mark Gilmore	Really good box of insulators	\$87	Ben Nicholas
35	Mark Gilmore	CJ magazines	\$15	Cole King
36	Mark Gilmore	Drip point magazines	\$20	Rick Soller
37	Mark Gilmore	Box of glass worth at least...	\$12	Dave Shaw
38	Mark Gilmore	Quality box of insulators in glass	\$55	Travis Cirkland
39	Mark Gilmore	Insulators, glass, box lot	\$48	Dave Shaw
40	Mark Gilmore	Speakers and a couple insulators	\$20	Steve Jones
41	Mark Gilmore	Mirror	\$1	Steve Jones
42	Rick Soller	Ponies	\$16	Nick Barman
43	Rick Soller	Insulators, boxed up	\$16	Josh Dondorf
44	Rick Soller	Glass insulators, box lot	\$7	Steve Nugent
45	Rick Soller	Box of porcelain	\$31	Tim Nugent
46	Rick Soller	Glass insulators	\$5	Nathan Velasquez
47	Rick Soller	Insulators that are glass	\$5	Nick Barman
48	Rick Soller	Several insulators made of glass	\$7	Nathan Velasquez
49	Rick Soller	More insulators made of glass	\$14	Richard Case
50	Rick Soller	Even more glass insulators	\$10	Steve Nugent
51	Rick Soller	Insulators of porcelain, not glass	\$16	Dan Fester
52	Rick Soller	Boxed and ready to go insulators	\$10	Dennis Seltrecht
53	Rick Soller	Shot glass	\$11	Dieter Holz
54	Rick Soller	Box of glass	\$9	Steve Mattson
55	Rick Soller	Box of good glass	\$30	Tim Nugent
56	Rick Soller	Box of glass, not as good as the last	\$5	Nathan Velasquez
57	Rick Soller	Pyrex carnival suspension	\$7	Robert Schultz
58	Rick Soller	440 volt sign	\$8	Brian Maloney
59	Riley Armstrong	Terminal can	\$2	Richard Case
60	Riley Armstrong	Box of okay porcelain	\$6	Jennifer Alley-Fisher
61	Riley Armstrong	Miscellaneous porcelain	\$20	Steve Nugent

62	Riley Armstrong	Box of general glass insulators	\$8	Steve Nugent
63	Riley Armstrong	Clear power insulators	\$6	Tim Nugent
64	Riley Armstrong	Line posts	\$1	Jennifer Alley-Fisher
65	Riley Armstrong	Misc. box	\$1	Nathan Velasquez
66	Mike McLaughlin	Glass nicely boxed	\$5	Nathan Velasquez
67	Mike McLaughlin	Insulators, all glass	\$1	Cole King
68	Mike McLaughlin	Phones	\$4	Greg Delia
69	Mike McLaughlin	Box of glass	\$20	Russ Frank
70	Mike McLaughlin	Jar lids	\$9	Steve Nugent
71	Mike McLaughlin	Porc. Misc.	\$7	Riley Armstrong
72	Mike McLaughlin	4 insulators	\$25	Riley Armstrong
73	Mike McLaughlin	Insulators, box lot	\$12	Cole King
74	Mike McLaughlin	Insulators, glass, box lot	\$2	Richard Case
75	Mike McLaughlin	Mini Spools, C.O.P. embossed	\$7	Rick Soller
76	Mike McLaughlin	Blue bell	\$4	Steve Nugent
77	Mike McLaughlin	4 insulators	\$14	Ben Nicholas
78	Mike McLaughlin	Box of glass that Cole wanted	\$20	Cole King
79	Mike McLaughlin	Box of misc. glass	\$10	Robert Schultz
80	Mike McLaughlin	Box of various glass insulators	\$36	Ben Nicholas
81	Josh Dondorf	Salt dishes	\$1	Richard Case
82	Russ Frank	Misc. stuff	\$12	Richard Case
83	Russ Frank	Misc. porcelain	\$3	Robert Schultz
84	Russ Frank	Box of glass	.50	Nathan Velasquez
85	Russ Frank	Strains	\$22	Jennifer Alley-Fisher
86	Randy Wesner	A different box of glass	\$20	Tim Nugent
87	Randy Wesner	Cardboard tubes	\$1	Nathan Velasquez
88	Randy Wesner	Blue multipart	\$6	Richard Case
89	Mike Davis	Box of misc.	\$46	Rick Soller
90	Mike Davis	Bottles & misc.	\$1	Greg Delia
91	Nathan Velasques	Radio	\$1	Steve Mattson
92	Nathan Velasques	RR Bell	\$10	Arlen Rienstra
93	Nathan Velasques	Record Player	\$10	Arlen Rienstra
94	Nathan Velasques	Radio	\$10	Arlen Rienstra
95	Nathan Velasques	Pile of junk	.50	Dave Bader
96	Nathan Velasques	DD light	.50	Dave Bader
97	Nathan Velasques	Radio	\$1	Greg Delia
98	Nick Barman	Box of glass	\$2	Nathan Velasquez
99	Nick Barman	2 boxes of glass	\$10	Richard Case
100	Nick Barman	Ponies	\$5	Nathan Velasquez
101	Nick Barman	Box of insulators of the glass type	\$4	Steve Nugent
102	Greg Delia	Blue Lapp suspensions (2)	\$5	Rick Soller
103	Greg Delia	Crossarm	\$29	Rich Feehan
104	Greg Delia	Fire King and clock	\$1	Jennifer Alley-Fisher
105	Greg Delia	2 boxes of pins	\$1	Steve Nugent
106	Greg Delia	Meter	\$1	Riley Armstrong

107	Greg Delia	8 boxes	\$1	Rich Feehan
108	Greg Delia	LA and belt	\$1	Justin Perault
109	Greg Delia	Box of porcelain	\$1	Jennifer Alley-Fisher
110	Greg Delia	Pile of porcelain	-\$1	Justin Perault
111	Greg Delia	Misc. pile	-\$1	Justin Perault
112	Greg Delia	Bottles x 2 boxes	\$2	Nathan Velasquez
113	Greg Delia	Porc. Bells	\$1	Brian Maloney
114	Greg Delia	Fiber arms	\$1	Riley Armstrong
115	Greg Delia	Green bells	\$8	Justin Perault
116	Greg Delia	Washboard	\$1	Brian Maloney
117	Greg Delia	Crossarm	\$2	Brian Maloney
118	Greg Delia	Lightbulb	\$5	Nathan Velasquez
119	Greg Delia	Car horns	\$3	Brian Maloney
120	Justin Perault	Table	\$1	Steve Nugent
121	Justin Perault	Tie wire	\$1	Riley Armstrong
122	Tom Nugent	Wood box	\$1	Jennifer Alley-Fisher
123	Tom Nugent	Crate full of insulators	\$1	Riley Armstrong
124	Tom Nugent	Milk crate full of insulators	\$2	Steve Nugent
125	Tom Nugent	Multiparts	\$6	Greg Delia
126	Tom Nugent	Line posts	\$6	Justin Perault
127	Tom Nugent	Crate full of insulators	\$1	Justin Perault
128	Tom Nugent	Braces	\$1	Dave Bader
129	Tom Nugent	Blue bell+crate	\$1	Brian Malone
130	Tom Nugent	Crate full of insulators	\$1	Riley Armstrong
131	Tom Nugent	Crate filled with insulators	\$1	Rich Feehan
132	Tom Nugent	2 crates	\$1	Justin Perault
133	Tom Nugent	2 multiparts	\$1	Justin Perault
134	Tom Nugent	Test equipment	\$1	Richard Case
135	Tom Nugent	Fiber arms	\$1	Rich Feehan
136	Tom Nugent	Big insulators	\$2	Ross Berndt
137	Tom Nugent	2 insulators	\$2	Jennifer Alley-Fisher
138	Tom Nugent	Choice: 1 insulator from hay wagon	\$1	Riley Armstrong
139	Tom Nugent	1 insulator from hay wagon	\$1	Greg Delia
140	Tom Nugent	Suspensions	\$4	Steve Nugent
141	Tom Nugent	Suspensions	\$4	Riley Armstrong
142	Tom Nugent	Suspensions	\$4	Jennifer Alley-Fisher
143	Tom Nugent	Suspensions	\$1	Mike McLaughlin
144	Tom Nugent	Suspensions	\$1	Jennifer Alley-Fisher
145	Tom Nugent	Suspensions	\$1	Justin Perault
146	Tom Nugent	Arrestors	\$2	Riley Armstrong
147	Tom Nugent	Crate full x 2	\$1	Justin Perault
148	Tom Nugent	Crate of glass	\$1	Richard Case
149	Tom Nugent	Tool kit	\$10	Cole King
150	Tom Nugent	Hats	\$4	Richard Case
151	Tom Nugent	Box of misc.	\$17	Jennifer Alley-Fisher

152	Tom Nugent	Box of porcelain	\$9	Riley Armstrong
153	Tom Nugent	Test equipment	\$4	Richard Case
154	Tom Nugent	Equipment	\$1	Greg Delia
155	Tom Nugent	Phones	\$2	Richard Case
156	Tom Nugent	Phones	\$2	Richard Case
157	Tom Nugent	Tub of phones	\$1	Riley Armstrong
158	Tom Nugent	Tub of misc.	\$10	Cole King
159	Tom Nugent	Fiberoptic box	\$1	Greg Delia
160	Randy Wesner	String of glass suspensions	\$1	Cole King
161	Tom Nugent	Hershey's can	\$7	Mike McLaughlin
162	Tom Nugent	Harley-Davidson phone	\$1	Richard Case
163	Tom Nugent	Paperwork misc.	\$2	Arlen Rienstra
164	Tom Nugent	Rubber gloves and bag	\$5	Cole King
165	Tom Nugent	Phone	\$14	Cole King
166	Tom Nugent	Phones	\$1	Richard Case
167	Tom Nugent	Lineman tools	\$6	Steve Mattson
168	Tom Nugent	Phones	\$8	Cole King
169	Tom Nugent	Phone parts	\$2	Richard Case
170	Tom Nugent	Cedar shingles	\$1	Jennifer Alley-Fisher
171	Tom Nugent	3 bell tool kits	\$4	Richard Case

### Upcoming Events

**Friday – Sunday, November 3-5, 2023**

#### **Springfield, Ohio**

53<sup>rd</sup> Mid-Ohio Show. Clark County Fairgrounds. 4401 South Charleston Pike. Exit 59 off I-70. Springfield, Ohio. Show Hours: Dealer set up at 10 AM, Friday Noon - 6 PM, Saturday 8 PM - 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM - ??? CONTACT: Curt Boster (614) 301-5125

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At the Rochester, Indiana swap meet, a box of spools embossed C.O.P. was sold by Mike McLaughlin. Unfortunately, no one knew what the embossing stood for. Another box of these spools was sold by Mike at the Ottawa swap meet but this time Mike knew what the marking meant. It stood for Carey, Ohio Porcelain.

If you would like to buy one of these spools, both Jennifer Alley-Fisher and Rick Soller now own a quantity of them.

Bonus Pictures for Those Who Get the Newsletter Electronically



Mike McLaughlin (left) and Bob Fisher looking over items in the auction



(left to right) Marna, Marge Frank, and Russ Frank at the Frank's sales table



Gene Hawkins at his sales table.



Bob Reams in front of his sales table.





Josh Dondorf and his three tables of wares for sale.