

The Dixie Jewel

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Winter Dixie Jewels Swap Meet
Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017
8:30-2:30

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

The Dixie Jewels Insulator Club's first swap meet of 2017 will be held Saturday, February 18 from 8:30-2:30 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina at the Bible Life Church, located at 2510 Gumtree Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27107. Our host will be David Erickson. You do not have to be a member to attend. Everyone is welcome, and we expect collectors from 6-8 states. There will be a good selection of insulators in all price ranges. If you have insulators you wish to sell or trade, consider setting up a table. Dave has tables available, and he asks if you'll please contact him before the day of the show to reserve your table(s). A noon meal will be served. If you wish to bring a side dish or dessert, it would be appreciated but it is certainly not required. Join your Dixie Jewels friends for some great winter fellowship and plan to add some jewels to your collection. See David's contact information below:

Phone: (336) 247-1928

E-mail: Dave.erickson1@aol.com



Have You Renewed Your Dixie Jewels Club Dues for 2017?

Your 2017 dues are now overdue. Membership runs from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31 each year. Dues are \$5 annually. You can renew at the February swap meet, or you may mail a check or money order payable to **Cal Baker**, our DJIC Treasurer. His mailing address is: **Cal Baker, 230 Carriage Summit Way, Hendersonville, NC 28791**. If you have lost track of when your membership expires, you can e-mail him at calb@bellsouth.net or you may phone him at **(828) 697-9410**. Cal suggests with dues that low, why not pay for 2-3 years at the same time?

Important: If your e-mail address, mailing address or phone number should change, please contact both Cal Baker and Bill Haley, (WGH@tnaqua.org, **(423) 326-9248**) and furnish the new information. We cannot send your DJIC newsletter electronically without a current e-mail address.

Notice a New Look? I've gotten a brand new computer at work. The program I used for years to publish the newsletter is now deemed "obsolete" and has been retired. My new machine and the old, trusty program cannot communicate. Please bear with me as I struggle to learn this new system!

Bill Haley, Editor

DIRECTIONS:

BIBLE LIFE CHURCH, 2510 Gumtree Rd. , Winston-Salem, NC 27107

Gray building with a bright blue roof, next to the fire department. Sign out front says Bible Life Church.

If coming from the WEST:

Travel East on Interstate 40 into Winston Salem;

Freeway splits into BUS40 and 140. Stay to the right on 140;

You will see signs for 140 GREENSBORO. (Continue onto 140 for 5.4 miles);

Take HWY 52 South to LEXINGTON. (You'll be on Hwy. 52 for 7 miles);

Take the HICKORY TREE exit. Go left on Hickory Tree, which dead-ends into old Hwy. 52 (S. Main St.)

Take a left on old Hwy. 52 and go ½ mile

Turn right onto GUMTREE ROAD. Stay on Gumtree Road for 4.5 miles. You are there!

If coming from the EAST:

Travel West on Interstate 40 and you will see signs for GREENSBORO.

When you get to GREENSBORO, stay on I-40 W and follow signs to Winston-Salem;

As you get close to WINSTON-SALEM, take the HWY. 52 SOUTH exit to Lexington;

You will be on Hwy. 52 South for 7 miles;

Take the HICKORY TREE exit and go right on Hickory Tree Road which dead-ends into old Hwy. 52, (South Main Street);

Take a left onto old Hwy. 52 and go ½ mile;

Turn right onto GUMTREE ROAD. Stay on Gumtree Road 4.5 miles. You are there!

If coming from the SOUTH:

Travel north on I-85. When you are about 40 miles north of Charlotte, NC start looking for HWY. 52 NORTH to WINSTON-SALEM/LEXINGTON exit;

Take that exit and continue North on HWY. 52 for 23 miles.

Take the HICKORY TREE exit, and go right on Hickory Tree Road, which deadends into old Hwy. 52 (South Main Street);

Take a left onto old Hwy. 52 and go ½ mile;

Turn right onto GUMTREE ROAD. Stay on Gumtree Road 4.5 miles. You are there!

If you get lost, call DAVID ERICKSON, (336) 247-1928

HOTEL INFORMATION:

(All are between 10 and 12 miles from the swap meet location)

Holiday Inn Express

2520 Peters Creek Pkwy.
Winston-Salem, NC 27127
(336) 788-1980 **\$90**

Comfort Suites

200 Capitol Lodging Court
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
(336) 774-0805 **\$72**

Hampton Inn

1990 Hampton Inn Court
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
(336) 760-1660 **\$105**

Microtel Inn

100 Capitol Lodging Court
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
(336) 659-1994 **\$64**

President's Message:

Welcome to 2017! I trust everyone had a nice Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. It will soon be time for our club members to shake the winter insulator doldrums and get together again. Hopefully Old Man Winter has no nasty surprises for us in the middle of February, because I'm looking forward to the Dixie Jewels winter swap meet in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. David Erickson will be our host at the Bible Life Church, 2510 Gumtree Road, Winston-Salem, NC, from 8:30-2:30 on Saturday, February 18, 2017. You will find directions to the swap on page 2 of the newsletter and a list of hotels on this page. As you may recall, I've made it a goal to encourage new hosts and new venues in 2017. I hope you will be able to attend as many DJIC swaps as possible.

Tim Baggett started the new host/venue trend in November when he did a wonderful job of hosting the November 19 DJIC swap meet in Clarksville, TN at the Hilldale Baptist Church Family Life Center. This was his first time hosting, and the event was a big success. Tim is to be congratulated for the ways he publicized the swap meet, which included wearing a bright orange shirt with the swap meet date and location at the big Mid-Ohio show in early November. He went around that show and invited as many people as possible. His efforts were rewarded as we welcomed guests from other parts of the country. In addition to DJIC regular members, Chris and Shannon Hernandez of San Antonio, TX, John Heiken and Susan Holland of Evansville, IN, Matt Grayson of Jackson Heights, NY, Mark Byrd of Parkersburg, WV and Peter Abbott from Stamford, CT joined the fun. A good time was had by all and the BBQ provided by the Tennessee Grand Champion BBQ Master was delicious. Thank you Tim. I will look forward to another trip to Clarksville in the future! I took all the photos that appear in this issue.

Our May swap will be in Loudon, TN at Bethany Baptist Church. First time hosts Stephen and Robin Rupel invite everyone to join us at this new location. Loudon is located just a little south of Knoxville, TN and the church is only 1 ¼ miles off exit 72 on I-75. I really expect a large crowd for this swap, so mark your calendars!

Further in the future, I just heard from Jim Wright with some great news. He will be hosting our August 19 swap at the Webb School in Bell Buckle, TN, off I-24, south of Nashville. I am still searching for a host for Nov. 18, 2017. I've got some tentative "nibbles" but nothing is finalized. Please let me know how those efforts are going and let's get that November show lined up and set in stone!

In 2017 there will be lots of opportunities for insulator shows and swap meets. In June the Insulator Collectors of America show will come back for its second year in Washington, Pennsylvania. It is a good lead-in to the summer's premier big show, the NIA National, which will take place in Colorado Springs, CO July 21-23. This show will be huge. All sales tables are already sold out and there will be over 40 displays. If you haven't booked a hotel room, you better do so soon. My wife Candy and I are planning an extended three week vacation trip out west, with the show sandwiched in between, as we did a couple of years back when the show was in New Mexico. We'll get to visit parts of the country we haven't explored before. The whole trip is going to be epic. Can you tell I am already very excited?

A quick word about club dues. If you haven't paid your dues yet, they were due on January 1. See the front page for dues information. You can't have as much fun anywhere else for the cost.

I hope everyone has a good 2017, loaded with lots of good fellowship, interesting travels and some great new insulators.

Bill Haley, DJIC President

Attendees at the November 2016 DJIC swap meet:

Bill Haley	Chattanooga, TN	Benjamin Gee	Hopkinsville, KY
Stephen & Robin Rupel	Loudon, TN	Steve & Jana Roberts	Madison, TN
Raleigh Sanford	Memphis, TN	Richard Albright	Clarksville, TN
Matt Scrip	Memphis, TN	Marvin Berwind	Clarksville, TN
Jim Wright	Bell Buckle, TN	Tim & Lindsey Baggett	Clarksville, TN
Howard Hackleberg	Clarksville, TN	Gerry & Pamela White	Huntsville, AL
John Gasko	Augusta, GA	Dennis Pulley	Clarksville, TN
Chris & Shannon Hernandez	San Antonio, TX	Roy Hale	Greenville, AL
John Heiken	Evansville, IN	Jason Bradley	Greenville, AL
Susan Holland	Evansville, IN	Melody Ewing	Nortonville, KY
Gary Tilson	Madisonville, TN	Cheyenne Ewing	Nortonville, KY
Elizabeth Tilson & Prissy	Madisonville, TN	Ciara Ewing	Nortonville, KY
Matt Grayson	Jackson Heights, NY	Billy Ewing	Nortonville, KY
Jeff & Diann Ball	Whites Creek, TN	Rick Koyama	Clarksville, TN
Robert Pickford	Clarksville, TN	Margaret Jones	Clarksville, TN
Missy Rye	Clarksville, TN	Cal Baker	Hendersonville, NC
Peter Abbott	Stamford, CT	Mark Byrd	Parkersburg, WV
Ray Harris	Kennesaw, GA		

Photos from the November Clarksville, TN Swap Meet



There were plenty of insulators at the swap meet. This shows one side of the parking lot before everyone got set up.



Here is the other side of the parking lot. There were also at least 8 tables of insulators set up inside the building.



Peter Abbott, from Stamford, CT, attended his first Dixie Jewels swap meet. He had a table full of beautiful glass.



Our host, Tim Baggett, (on left) did a great job organizing and publicizing the swap meet.



Matt Grayson, from Jackson Heights, New York, is a porcelain specialist. He always has a colorful table full of "mud" A few years back he attended a Dixie Jewels swap meet in South Carolina. This was his second time as a guest of the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club. We always welcome collectors from all over the United States

More Photos from Clarksville, Tennessee



(Left): Shannon and Chris Hernandez from San Antonio, Texas.

(Right): John Heiken and Susan Holland from Evansville, Indiana at their sales table, full of nice glass.

They were all first-time attendees at a Dixie Jewels swap meet. We hope to see them at a swap again in the future!



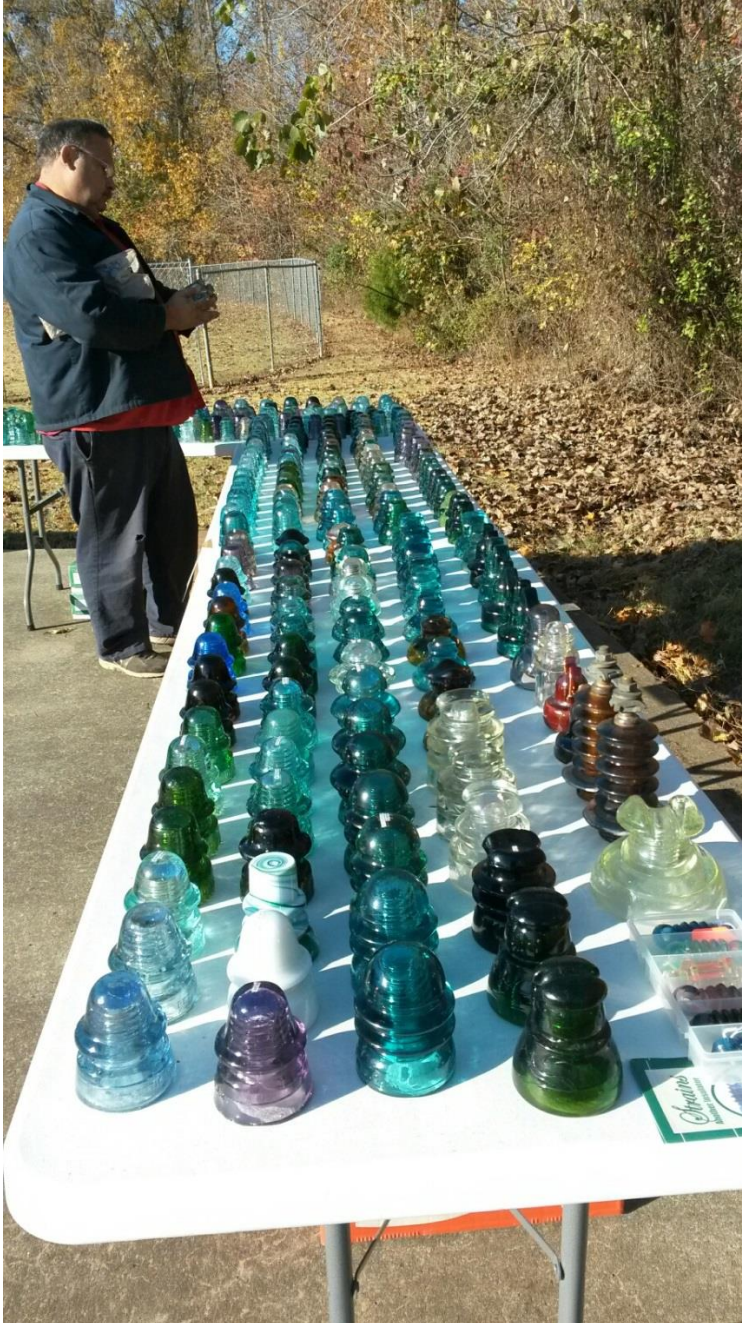
Rogues Gallery: From left: Matt Grayson from Jackson Heights, New York, Gerry White from Huntsville, Alabama, Ken Roberts (in background) from Huntsville, Alabama, Mike Funderburk from Franklin, TN and Peter Abbott from Stamford, Connecticut. We draw collectors from around the country. Join the fun at the next DJIC swap meet!

WANTED!

Your editor is always looking for material to put in **The Dixie Jewel** newsletter.

I would welcome stories about recent finds, insulator hunts, shows attended, or anything insulator-related!

Clarksville, Tennessee – You Should Have Been There. Make a New Year’s Resolution to Attend as Many DJIC Swaps as Possible This Year!



You are looking down the length of Ken Roberts’ sales tables, featuring many colorful insulators. These are just a small sampling of the great variety available at the November swap meet in Clarksville. Tim Baggett had even more tables than this!

UPCOMING 2017 DIXIE JEWELS SWAP MEETS

Saturday, May 20: Loudon, Tennessee

Enjoy a beautiful day this spring with your friends in the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club. The May swap meet, hosted by Stephen and Robin Ruppel, will take place Saturday, May 20 from 9:00-2:00 at Bethany Baptist Church, 3586 Hwy. 72 North, Loudon, TN 37774.. Loudon will be a brand new venue, and is within striking distance of many of our members Loudon is located south of Knoxville, TN and the church should not be difficult to get to, as it is only 1 ¼ miles off exit 72 on I-75. There will be some tables available, or you can bring your own. Please contact Stephen Ruppel, (865) 228-7086 ahead of the swap meet to reserve sales tables.

Saturday, August 19 Bell Buckle, Tennessee

The summer Dixie Jewels swap meet will be Saturday, August 19 at the Webb School, 319 Webb Road East (TN Hwy. 82E), Bell Buckle, TN. Our host will be Jim Wright. In keeping with our 2017 theme - another first-time host and brand new venue for our club! Hours for this swap are 8:30-2:30 Central, and setup will begin at 7:30. Bell Buckle is located south of Nashville, off I-24. Sales tables will be available, but please contact Jim, (615) 708-4911 or e-mail sjwright@frontiernet.net ahead of the swap meet date to reserve. What a great way to enjoy a summer day! Mark your calendar and plan to join us.



Ray Harris, from Kennesaw, Georgia, mans his sales table. (I took this photo quickly, while he was there – Ray typically does more looking than sales table minding.) It’s always good to see him.



Jason Bradley, a young collector from Greenville, Alabama often attends swap meets and shows with Roy Hale. Jason is relatively new to the hobby, with lots of good questions. Jason was fascinated by the colors and differing look and clarity of the glass in similar insulators. Some of this could be explained by small variations in the composition of the glass batch on different days. He had some great questions that I just didn’t have an answer for!



John Gasko, the ‘ol Marine, joined us from Savannah, Georgia. I found a nice, fizzy Am. Tel. toll on his table. On the right, the Ewing clan, Billy, Cheyenne, Ciara and Melody, came down from Nortonville, KY. Billy had free fossils! He also donated a nice CD113 Hemingray-12 clear/yellow two tone for a door prize. Thanks for your generosity Billy.



