

The Dixie Jewel

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Fall Dixie Jewels Swap Meet

November 18, 2017

Harmony Community Association Hall

Eatonton, Georgia

We hope to see you at the fall Dixie Jewels Insulator Club swap meet, hosted by David and Geny Collins, on Saturday, November 18 from 9:00-2:30 at the Harmony Community Association Hall, 1081 Lake Oconee Parkway, Eatonton, GA. This new venue is located on GA Hwy. 44 about 9 miles south of I-20, exit 130, and is about 11 miles north of Eatonton. Sales table set up is always free, and you do not have to be a DJIC member, so bring insulators, go-withs, bottles, or other collectibles to sell. A limited number of sales tables will be available, or you may bring your own. A noon meal will be served, featuring Dave's famous Boston butt pulled pork, smoked in his Big Green Egg. He'll also supply beans and slaw. If you wish to contribute to the meal, desserts, side dishes, chips or drinks will be appreciated, but are not required. We always have plenty of food, so plan to stay for lunch. Contact Dave Collins ahead of the swap meet date by calling (706) 484-1061 or e-mailing dpc1@bellsouth.net to reserve sales tables or to let him know you will be attending or bringing food. A crowd of collectors from 6-10 states is expected. Come for the great fellowship with fellow collectors and add some nice insulators to your collection! See directions to the swap meet on [page 2](#). For more info contact:

Dave and Geny Collins

(706) 484-1061

If you come in town the day before...

Dave Collins has rolled out the welcome mat at his home, 147 Rock Springs Road, Eatonton, GA 31024, the day before the swap meet. Here's a chance to visit him and view his very impressive collection, containing many hard-to-find CD's. If you haven't seen Dave's collection, you are in for a real treat! If you let him know you are coming, he *might* even feed you!

Directions to Dave Collins' home from I-20 :

1. Take I-20 exit 130 (GA 440 at Greensboro, GA, go south);
2. Go 10.4 miles and turn left onto Old Phoenix Rd. at traffic light. (McDonalds on right);
3. Go 5.6 miles on Old Phoenix and turn left where it deadends into GA 16;
4. Go 3.9 miles to GA 16E and turn left onto Long Shoals Rd. (Marathon station here);
5. Go 2 miles and turn slightly right onto Harbor Drive;
6. Go about 1 mile and at 4-way stop, turn right onto South Rock Island Drive;
7. Go 200 yards to first street and turn left onto Rock Springs Road;
8. Go 3/10 mile to 147 on mailbox. Come down drive by mailbox for parking.

...and another bonus! Dixie Jewels member Ed Overstreet contacted me and said he and Zandra haven't been able to make many recent DJIC swap meets, but they plan to be at the one in November. Ed stated they probably live closer to the swap meet site than Dave. He says anyone who would like to view his collection the day before the swap meet is welcome at his home. Ed lives in a gated community, so you need to call him at (706) 453-0438 for directions and to let him know what time you'll be coming, so he can let the gatehouse know.

DIRECTIONS TO THE NOVEMBER DJIC SWAP MEET

**Harmony Community Association Hall
1081 Lake Oconee Pkwy., Eatonton, GA 31024**

From Interstate 20:

- Take exit 130;
- Go south on GA Hwy. 44 (Lake Oconee Pkwy);
- Travel about 9 miles south on Hwy. 44;
- Look for the Harmony Community Association Hall sign on the right.

August 2017 Swap Meet Report:

Jim Wright hosted the DJIC August swap meet at Webb School, in Bell Buckle, Tennessee. It was his first time to host a DJIC event, and all in attendance felt he did a wonderful job. Thank you for your efforts Jim!

The Webb School had a beautiful campus and first-rate facilities. We were set up in the school gymnasium. The lighting was good, air conditioning made it very comfortable (it was around 90 degrees outside that day), there was plenty of room for all the sales tables and the BBQ lunch with all the fixin's, which the school prepared for us, was absolutely delicious. If you missed this one folks, you really missed a treat.

Collectors from 9 states showed up and there were about 25 sales tables full of glass, porcelain and assorted go-withs. Lots of insulators changed hands and found new homes. We had folks from Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, Louisiana, Missouri and Iowa. Come to a Dixie Jewels Insulator Club swap meet and you'll find out that the insulator hobby is alive and well!

At our short meeting after lunch, Bill Haley announced our November swap meet will be hosted by Dave and Geny Collins at the Harmony Community Association Hall in Eatonton, GA. Our May meeting, with host Fred Pittman, will be in Mountain Home, North Carolina and in August, we'll be in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, with David Erickson as host.

News Flash! Stephen and Robin Ruppel have volunteered to host our November 2018 swap in Loudon, TN!

August Swap meet attendees:

Dudley & Sandy Ellis	Stockbridge,GA
Bill Haley	Chattanooga,TN
Mike Funderburk	Franklin, TN
Clifford & Vicki Hudgins	Cleveland, TN
Jim Moore	Muscle Shoals, AL
Tim Baggett	Clarksville, TN
Lindsey Baggett	Clarksville, TN
Ken Roberts	Huntsville, AL
Gary & Elizabeth Tilson	Madisonville, TN
Roy Hale	Greenville, AL
Jason Bradley	Greenville, AL
Jim Wright	Bell Buckle, TN
Jim Hoffman	Cedar Rapids, IA
John Gasko	Augusta, GA
Stephen & Robin Ruppel	Loudon, TN
Michael & Erika Green	Mableton, GA
Travis & Abigail Taylor	Lebanon, TN
Justin & Leslie Freeman	Gadsden, AL
Steve & Jana Roberts	Madison, TN
Robert & Martha Johnson	Pearl River, LA
Jason, Natalie & Lilly Stevens	Spring Hill, TN
Alan & Chris Fischer	Murfreesboro, TN
Robert & April Frye	Chattanooga, TN
Gerald & Pamela White	Huntsville, AL
Matt Hunter	Huntsville, AL
Patrick Yates	Fayetteville, TN
Andrew Brown	New Market, AL
Eric & Chris Howell	Goodlettsville, TN
Dave & Geny Collins	Eatonton, GA
Joe & Krista Ponseti	Smithfield, VA
Billy Ewing	Nortonville, KY
Melody Ewing	Nortonville, KY
Cheyenne Ewing	Nortonville, KY
Ciara Ewing	Nortonville, KY
Paul Willis	Russellville, AL
Alex Hoffman	St. Louis, MO
Donna & Joe Price	Benton, TN
Ima Hunter	Kirkwood, MO

If you were there at Bell Buckle and you don't see your name listed above, there is a good reason for that. Next time be sure to put your name(s) on the sign-in sheet! See you in November.

NIA National Report, Colorado Springs

The NIA National show, which took place July 21-23 in Colorado Springs, Colorado was possibly one of the best National shows ever. Many Dixie Jewels members were in attendance, and I've included a few photos.

While I didn't get any photos of DJIC member Dan Goodrich, I wanted to lead off with a photo of his beautiful display, featuring the most colorful assemblage of CD162 Hemingray and H.G. Co. signals I've ever seen. All I can say is WOW! He won the Missouri Valley Insulator Club's award for *Best Use of Midwest Colored Glass*, and it was well deserved. Of course Dan featured his glass in custom light boxes he built.



I'll follow that up with the winner of the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club's award, the Jim Overstreet Memorial Award, voted on *only* by Dixie Jewels members. Our founder, Jim Overstreet was a renowned CD collector, so the award goes to the person who makes the best use of a variety of North American glass CD's in their display. This year there were many worthy displays, but Denny Hackthorne's display titled "California or Bust" (shown above) was impressive and he won by a large margin.

Dixie Jewels Club Dues

Membership dues for the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club are \$5 per year. Membership runs from January 1 to December 31. You can pay at the next swap meet, or mail a check or money order, payable to **Cal Baker**, our club 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 phone him at (828) 697-9410.

Important: If your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address should change, please contact both Cal Baker, who keeps up with the membership list (*see info above*), and Bill Haley, Dixie Jewels editor (WGH@tnaqua.org, (423) 326-9248) to furnish your new contact info.

We cannot send a quarterly newsletter if we don't know where to send it!



This neat little stagecoach sat in front of Denny's "California or Bust" display. —also see photo, pg. 8.

NIA National (cont.)

Another display I particularly liked was titled “Look Closer, Hemingray Embossing Errors”, by Christian Willis. As you can see in the photo below, a range of embossing errors is well represented in the Hemingray line, encompassing many different CD’s. It was a treat to look them over, and chuckle at some of them, such as a CD115 that was embossed **MAD IN U.S.A.** I’ll have to look for that one down the road!



Glenn Drummond and Jim Colburn

There were big crowds all weekend in Colorado Springs!



Ross Baird’s table was a “sea of blue”!

There was a first time ever National art competition. I entered a painting, and titled it “Sentinel”. *(I finished it the day before we left home)*. It features a pole and crossarm with a CD 126 skirt-embossed W. Brookfield, (complete with old copper tie wire). It is standing guard over bright orange Trumpet Creeper blooms. I decided to include a Ruby-throated Hummingbird coming in for a sip of nectar. It took 2nd place!



Ron Yuhas, from Montana, had a table filled with great glass and some really large porcelain.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the weekend was seeing a Dixie Jewels club member who we haven’t heard from in a long while. Everyone was happy to see and visit with Glenn Drummond, who showed up the first day of the show. Glenn seems to be doing well and said to tell everyone in DJIC hello.

Photos from the August Bell Buckle, TN Swap



Interesting Bell Buckle, TN mural on local store.



Photo by
Billy Ewing

Mike Funderburk had some interesting blues and bluish-purples on his table!



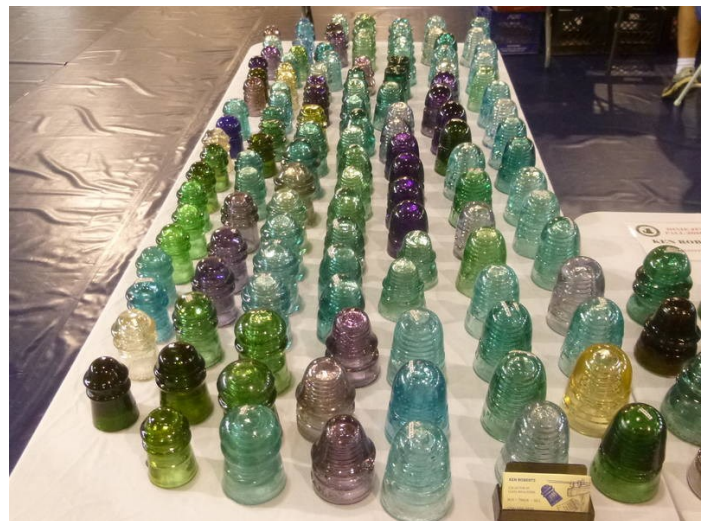
Mike and Erika Green had both glass and colorful "mud"



Pam and Gerry White from Huntsville, AL



Part of the selection at Paul Willis' table.
- All photos except top right by Tim Baggett



There was a good selection on Ken Roberts' tables!

Upcoming Insulator Events

Nov. 3-5:

47th Annual Mid-Ohio, Springfield, Ohio

The annual Mid-Ohio show, held at the Clark County Fairgrounds, 5 miles east of Springfield, Ohio, will take place Friday Nov. 3-Sunday, Nov. 5. Show hours are Fri. 3:00-6:00, Sat., 8:00-4:00, Sun. 9:00 till? There will be a banquet Saturday night. The host hotel, Comfort Inn, is already booked up, but there are a good number of hotel options on Leffell Lane in Springfield, only 5 miles from the show. This year's show will be in a different building, which will be a bit smaller than usual. Don't worry, it'll still be great! We hear it will be carpeted and have better lighting as well. For more information, contact Curt Boster (614) 301-5125 or e-mail cboster530@att.net.

Still looking for DJIC Swap Meet Host
for Feb. 17, 2018

Contact Bill Haley, wgh@tnaqua.org

Sat., May 19, 2018

Spring DJIC Swap, Mountain Home, NC
 Mtn. Home Fire and Rescue, Hosted by Fred Pittman

Sat., August 18, 2018

Summer DJIC Swap, Winston-Salem, NC
 Bible Life Church, Hosted by David Erickson

Sat., Nov. 17, 2018

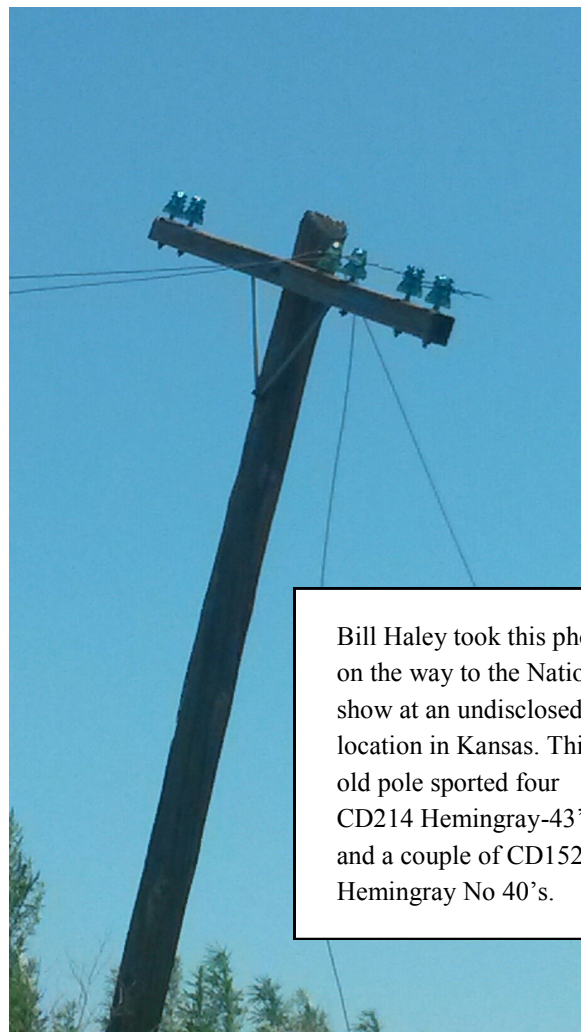
Fall DJIC Swap, Loudon, TN
 Bethany Baptist Ch., Hosts Steve & Robin Ruppel

June 22-24, 2018

NIA National Show, Kansas City, MO
 (Same venue as the 2012 National)

June 14-16, 2019

NIA National Show, Orlando, FL



Bill Haley took this photo on the way to the National show at an undisclosed location in Kansas. This old pole sported four CD214 Hemingray-43's and a couple of CD152 Hemingray No 40's.



Meet "The Twins": My wife Candy is used to my strange insulator addiction. When we discovered that railroad in Kansas with poles full of insulators, she knew I'd have to stop for a closer look. Turns out they were loaded with Hemingray-43's! After walking a couple hundred yards, I found the pole pictured above. The crossarm dipped a bit and seemed like it might be within reach...if I only had something to spin them down with. Five minutes later, I managed to break a dead limb off a nearby cottonwood tree, and with a little work and some scratched legs, the rest is history. Nice tie wire job! A lineman years ago made sure those wires would never come loose.

Insulators in Interesting Places Out West

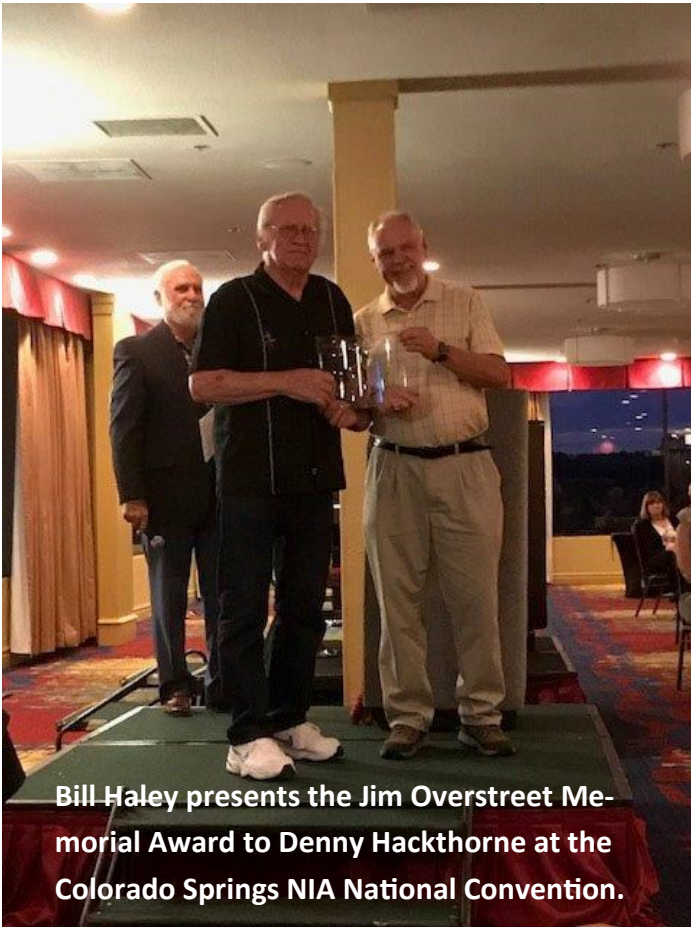


We stopped in all manner of museums, both large and small, on our western adventure. This wood-covered Wade, some ramshorns to the left and 2-3 CD127's to the right were discovered in the Wyoming Pioneer Museum (free admission) in the small town of **Douglas, Wyoming**. We also learned that Douglas is where the Jackalope originated!



The tiny town of **Chugwater, Wyoming** was a memorable stop. (*You gotta love that name!*) When you walk into the Stampede Saloon and Eatery and see the armadillo chugging a bottle of MD 20/20, you know it'll be a fun place. How is this insulator-related? Imagine our surprise when we sat down at a table and I discovered that the "mood lights" on each table were made from deer antlers, barbed wire and INSULATORS with tea lights in the pinholes. Right behind the restaurant was a railroad line and when I asked where they got the insulators, they responded that they'd picked them up years ago and decided to use them in their restaurant's décor. They probably thought I was crazy when I went around the whole place and took photos of each one of the table "lights". To the right are 3 examples.





Bill Haley presents the Jim Overstreet Memorial Award to Denny Hackthorne at the Colorado Springs NIA National Convention.



It was good to see Martha and Robert Johnson at the August Bell Buckle swap meet. They live in Pearl River, Louisiana



Obviously Jason Stevens is bringing up his two little girls, Natalie and Lilly the right way. They are learning to appreciate insulators at a young age. Here they look at the pretty glass on Mike Funderburk's table.



Vicki Hudgins, from Cleveland, TN, visits with Dave and Geny Collins from Eatonton, GA at the August swap. Dave and Geny will be our hosts in November.



Completely non-insulator related. Dave Collins sent this photo of his car hood, covered in crescent suns, taken during the solar eclipse on Aug. 21. He was parked under a tree.



The Three Amigos. These three guys (I'm sorry, I can't remember their names), all work as linemen. They have just started collecting, and decided to drive up from Alabama. They all went home with some new jewels for their growing collections.