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# DIXIE JEWEL



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*Newsletter of the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club*

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**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR DIXIE JEWELS INSULATOR CLUB DUES FOR 2016? Your 2016 dues are long overdue! See page 4 for directions to renew, or you can renew at the May swap.**

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## Summer Dixie Jewels Swap Meet

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2016**

**8:30-2:30**

**SODDY-DAISY, TN**

*The 2016 Dixie Jewels summer swap meet will be hosted by Bill Haley on Saturday, August 20 from 8:30-2:30 at the Daisy United Methodist Church, 9508 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379. Daisy United Methodist, located about 20 miles north of Chattanooga, is a favorite with many DJIC members, as it is located right alongside the highway just up the way from the local WalMart and we always have lots of walk-in traffic. This guarantees a good number of lookers and potential customers. If you've ever wanted to set up at a swap meet to sell excess inventory, this might be the one for you! We always expect collectors from all over the southeast, so don't miss it! Bring a table and any insulators you wish to trade or sell. There is no charge to set up a sales table, so join the fun. Bill will have a limited number of 8' tables available, but you need to reserve one before the day of the swap. A noon meal BBQ will be served and side dishes, drinks or desserts are appreciated. Everyone is invited to eat with us. If you can't bring anything, don't worry - we always have plenty of food. Please contact Bill to let him know you are coming and what you can supply for the meal. Add to your collection and enjoy a day of fun and fellowship with other collectors. Make plans now to spend the day with your Dixie Jewels Insulator Club friends!*

*For additional show info, table reservations and other questions,  
please contact:*

**Bill Haley - (423) 326-9248, [wgh@tnaqua.org](mailto:wgh@tnaqua.org)**

**DIRECTIONS TO DAISY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
9508 DAYTON PIKE, SODDY-DAISY, TN 37379**

**If coming from Knoxville and points north (I-75 South):**

- Take I-75 South;
- Take exit 4 (Hwy. 153 N), stay on Hwy. 153 for a little over 12 miles;
- Take the Hwy. 27 N exit, stay on Hwy. 27N for a little over 3 1/2 miles;
- Take the Harrison Lane exit, turn left on Harrison Lane;
- In less than 1/2 mile road T's into Dayton Pike, turn right;
- The church is less than 1/2 mile on right. Fellowship building is on far side of church.

**If coming from Atlanta and points south (I-75 North):**

- Take I-75 North;
- At I-75 / I-24 split, stay right on I-75;
- Take exit 4 (Hwy. 153 N) in about 2 1/2 miles;
- Follow directions from 3rd step above.

**If coming from the west, Nashville, Huntsville (I-24 East):**

- Take I-24 East to exit 178, Downtown Chattanooga (Hwy. 27 N);
- Stay on Hwy. 27N for approximately 17 miles;
- Take Harrison Lane exit, turn left on Harrison Lane;
- In less than 1/2 mile road T's into Dayton Pike, turn right;
- The church is less than 1/2 mile on right. Fellowship building is on far side of church.

**If coming from Dayton, TN or points north on Hwy. 27 South:**

- Take Hwy. 27 South;
- Take the Harrison Lane exit, turn right on Harrison Lane;
- In less than 1/2 mile, road T's into Dayton Pike, turn right;
- The church is less than 1/2 mile on right. Fellowship building is on far side of church.

**If you get lost, please call Bill Haley, (423) 326-9248**



**Motels Closest to the DJIC swap meet in Soddy-Daisy, TN**

**Hometown Inn, 222 W. Sequoyah Rd., Soddy-Daisy, TN (1.6 miles away from swap) - (423) 332-7755**

*The other hotels listed are in Hixson, TN, approximately 9-10 miles away and are located near Hwy. 153, which is the connecting highway between I-75 and US 27, on the north side of Chattanooga.*

**Quality Inn, 4833 Hixson Pike - (423) 877-8388**

**Country Inn & Suites, 5000 New Country Drive - (423) 308-2333**

**Hampton Inn, 1920 Hamill Road - (423) 875-4672**

**Holiday Inn Express, 4820 Hixson Pike - (423) 877-6464**

**Home Away Extended Stay, 1949 Northpoint Blvd. - (423) 643-4663**

## A Word From Your President...

Fred Pittman hosted another wonderful Dixie Jewels swap meet in Mountain Home, NC in May. We had collectors from six states. My thanks and appreciation to Fred for hosting us once again. He always does a great job and everyone has a fine time in the mountains of North Carolina. There was lots of great fellowship and quite a few tables full of insulators for sale or trade. Many insulators went home with proud new owners.

I am looking forward to hosting the August swap meet in Soddy-Daisy, TN at the Daisy United Methodist Church. We've met there several times before and those who have attended know how busy it can get! Folks coming by on the highway see some activity at the church and they have to stop and check it out. They may not have a clue what an insulator is when they arrive, but after talking to the enthusiastic collectors in attendance and learning a little about the glass and porcelain jewels on our tables, they leave with several to put on the windowsill at home. More than a few curious folks have gotten their start in collecting at this swap meet, and we've gained a few members there too. I hope you will consider making the trip to Soddy-Daisy on Saturday, August 20 to join me and the rest of the Dixie Jewels crew. This will be only three weeks after the NIA National, so there is sure to be some new sales stock!

Looking even further down the road to November, it will be time once again to journey up to Southeastern Ohio for the Mid-Ohio show in Springfield, Ohio. It is slated for November 4-6 this year and, as always, I'm sure quite a few of our members will attend.

Just two weeks after that Dixie Jewels will be in the north Georgia mountains for our fall swap meet on Saturday, November 19. Mike and Tom Herron have agreed to host that swap. Look for more information and directions in the next newsletter.

As of right now, I don't have any firm commitments for swap meet venues (or hosts) in 2017. If you have never hosted a swap meet, or haven't hosted in awhile, please give it some consideration. I would love to have some 2017 swap meets in brand new places! Give something back to the hobby you enjoy so much. I think you'll find that hosting is a rewarding experience. If you have held back because of the cost, the club will help defray your expenses for the meeting place rental and food. I will certainly do whatever I can to help you along the way as well.

For those of you who like to mix travel in with insulator shows, (or vice-versa) there are possibilities almost every month of the year. Look on ICON, in Crown Jewels or Drip Points magazines for listings of upcoming shows.

In late June, Mike Funderburk and I had sales tables, and represented the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club at the Insulator Collectors of America show in Washington, Pennsylvania. This show, sponsored by the Western Reserve Insulator Club, had 70-75 sales tables.

It was unseasonably warm in Pennsylvania. Temperatures were above 85 degrees and the metal building had no air conditioning. Someone commented to me that being from the south I should be used to the heat. I replied, "Yes I am, but we've invented air conditioning down south!" Despite the discomfort, I enjoyed the show and visiting with insulator friends from around the country.

The seminars in Washington, PA were great. I especially enjoyed Jeff Katchko's presentation, with photos of the process involved as he tracked down the path of a very early threadless line in New York. This involved many hundreds of hours of research and much ground-truthing over some *extremely* forbidding terrain. Jeff, Ken Willick, Steve Bobb and several other collectors have made some stunning finds, and all I can say is that they earned every single one of them with their blood and sweat. My hat is off to Jeff for his dogged determination to locate and excavate old pole sites along this line. These collectors didn't give up and the story of their efforts was an inspiration! I now know I haven't tried nearly hard enough on old lines that predate the Civil War in my area!

By the time you read this the NIA National in Muncie, Indiana will be history. There are sure to be some good stories told at the swap meet about that big annual get-together. Dixie Jewel's club member Steve Roberts is the new NIA President. Way to go Steve!

Next year's NIA National was announced at the members meeting on July 29. It will take place in Colorado Springs, CO, July 21-23, 2017. This will be a good chance to mix a vacation out west with the big insulator show. At least that is what I'll be planning. I've already got a sales table reserved and am looking forward to it.

It was my honor to once again present our club's Jim Overstreet Award to a person whose display was voted by DJIC members as the best selection of North American CD (Consolidated Design) numbers. Jim, the founder of Dixie Jewels Insulator Club, was a dedicated CD collector. The award this year went to Shaun Kotlarsky, who had a very creative display featuring old Hemingway ads, with the actual glass insulator inserted and backlit, in place of the printed photo. It was impressive!

Dixie Jewels Insulator Club officers elections are held every May. Your officers for the coming year are Bill Haley, President, Cal Baker, Treasurer and Bill Grieser, Secretary.

I did not hear from anyone with a story or article for the newsletter. I'd love to print your story. Please consider submitting something for the November newsletter. You can contact me at [wgh@tnaqua.org](mailto:wgh@tnaqua.org). I'll see you soon!

On a sad note, I recently learned that long-time Dixie Jewels member Jackie Shaver passed away a couple of months ago. Jackie hosted several swaps in southern Alabama, but had been out of the hobby the last 3-4 years.

Bill Haley, President, DJIC

***If You Missed the Mountain Home, NC Swap Meet, You Missed a Good One!***



Clifford Hudgins visits with Stephen Drake.



Dave Kingston, (seated on left), talks insulators with our club treasurer, Cal Baker.

We had a fine time at the May Dixie Jewels swap meet in Mountain Home, North Carolina. Thanks to Fred Pittman for hosting us at the Mountain Home Fire and Rescue station once again!



**All Ears:** Marty and Lori Boatwright get some insulator collecting insight from Kerri Lavendoski.

**Mountain Home, NC Swap Meet Attendees:**

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Fred Pittman               | Flat Rock, NC      |
| Shiela Savage              | Flat Rock, NC      |
| Dave Kingston              | Chester, SC        |
| Mike Funderburk            | Franklin, TN       |
| Jim Colburn                | Greenacres, FL     |
| Roy Hale                   | Greenville, AL     |
| Stephen Drake              | Mills River, NC    |
| Bill Haley                 | Chattanooga, TN    |
| Bill Grieser               | Kernersville, NC   |
| Sandy & Dudley Ellis       | Stockbridge, GA    |
| Gary & Elizabeth Tilson    | Madisonville, TN   |
| Marty & Lori Boatwright    | Aiken, SC          |
| Stephen & Robin Ruppel     | Loudon, TN         |
| Ray & R.J. Harris          | Kennesaw, GA       |
| Nancy Galyean              | Asheville, NC      |
| Clifford & Vicki Hudgins   | Cleveland, TN      |
| Cal & Barbara Baker        | Hendersonville, NC |
| Dan & Shirley Goodrich     | Dana, NC           |
| Ralph Dean                 | Milton, GA         |
| Randy Mocrell              | Fletzler, NC       |
| James Kraft                | Hendersonville, NC |
| Kerry & Carolyn Lavendoski | Tamassee, SC       |
| Nick Mika                  | Anderson, SC       |
| Dick Bargman               | Otto, NC           |
| David Beaver               | Hendersonville, NC |
| Marty Arrowood             | Mills River, NC    |
| Sean McAusland             | Asheville, NC      |
| John & Tammy Binn          | Blairsville, GA    |
| David Wexler               | Kingsport, TN      |
| Eddie Loudy                | Kingsport, TN      |
| Jim Moody                  | Monroe, NC         |



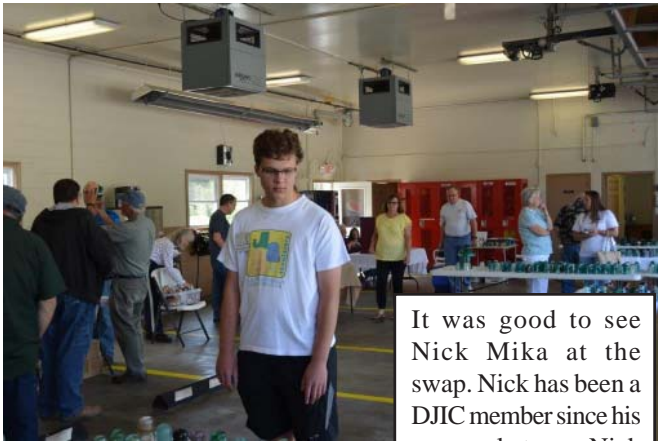
**MEMBERSHIP  
IN THE  
DIXIE JEWELS  
INSULATOR CLUB**

*A membership in the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club runs from January 1 to December 31. Dues are \$5.00 annually, and they are due on January 1st of each year. Please mail a check or money order made to our Treasurer, **Cal Baker**. The mailing address is **Cal Baker, 230 Carriage Summit Way, Hendersonville, NC 28791**. If you are not sure whether you've paid your dues for 2016, you can e-mail him at [calb@bellsouth.net](mailto:calb@bellsouth.net) or you may phone him at **(828) 697-9410** to find out.*

**IMPORTANT: If your e-mail address, mailing address or phone number should change, please contact Treasurer **Cal Baker** *and* **Bill Haley**, the newsletter editor, to furnish the new information. **Bill's e-mail is [WGH@tnaqua.org](mailto:WGH@tnaqua.org). You will NOT get a newsletter electronically if you have not furnished a current e-mail address.****



# Photos from the Mountain Home, North Carolina Swap Meet



It was good to see Nick Mika at the swap. Nick has been a DJIC member since his very early teens. Nick was sporting a vintage Dixie Jewels Insulator Club t-shirt.



Swap meets are an excellent way to learn more about insulators. Here Bill Haley shows a new collector a dark olive, amber-swirled CD 152 Brookfield, explaining that the dark amber swirls were made by iron impurities in the glass batch.



DJIC has enjoyed many swap meets at Mountain Home Fire and Rescue. Thanks Fred!



Sandra Ellis and Gary Tilson catch up on the latest news.

Vicki Hudgins checks out a good selection of color on Dudley Ellis' sales table. There is no better way to purchase insulators for your collection than to attend a swap meet or show. You get to inspect all that is available before making the decision of what to purchase.



Thanks to Dudley Ellis for all swap meet photos.



**Gotta Get That Insulator Spacing *JUST RIGHT!*** Bill Grieser seems to be paying close attention to arranging the insulators on his sales table. Every Dixie Jewels swap meet features at least 15-20 tables of insulators and other collectibles.

## Snapshots from the 2016 NIA National Convention



Dan Gauron, host of next year's 2017 NIA National in Colorado Springs, poses with a dark olive green (unlisted color in the price guide) CD 126.4 W.E. Co. He flew from Colorado to Knoxville, TN, camped on the front porch of the place where they were holding an estate sale and got it for the princely sum of \$3.00! An amazing story shared at the National, but only one of many!



Colorful assortment on the sales table of Andy Wadysz.



Dwayne Anthony had a "Scratch and Dent" sale at his table, of which this quite rare Fischer was one example. This damaged piece could have been yours for only \$2800!



Jack Roach, from Texas, with two sweet CD 134 Diamond P's.



- More National photos



Green Jumbo, Pluto, and a squat Chambers, hanging out with “low dollar” insulators - E.C. & M and a Chicago diamond groove. A small portion of the nice glass on this table.



National shows are a great place to talk with some of the “names” in the hobby. Linda and Howard Banks, from Lostine, Oregon, are editors of *Crown Jewels* magazine. Another neat thing about the big shows - you can hold and drool over insulators you may never be able to afford. At the Kansas City National, Howard showed me a very valuable green E.C. & M. Co. with upside-down embossing that he owns.



Plenty of porcelain color too. Al and Carol Fix’s table below.



Bill Meier (on left) discusses an insulator with Graham Barnes. If you are a member of the ICON (Insulator Collectors on the Net) listserv, then you are familiar with Bill’s work. He is the creator and webmaster of the [insulators.info](http://insulators.info) website and ICON listserv. Check it out if you are not a member!



- Dixie Jewels Insulator Club members at the National



Dave and Geny Collins



Jim Colburn



Dave Kingston

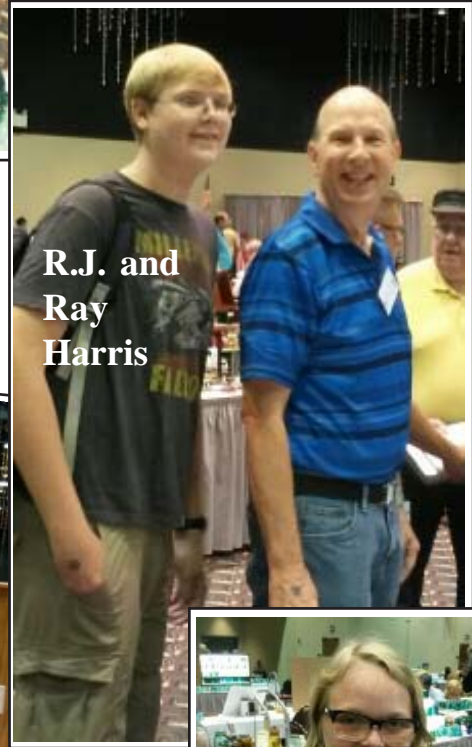


John Gasko



Duke Ellis

There were many other DJIC members at the National that I did not get photos of. Sorry I couldn't include everyone!



R.J. and Ray Harris



Bill Haley



Jeff Markwart and Steve Roberts



**What it's all about:** The insulator hobby draws us all together with a shared love of historic glass, porcelain and other go-withs, but it offers much more in the fellowship we enjoy with each other. Oakley, pictured at right, isn't a member of Dixie Jewels, but she may be one day. Attending her first show ever with her mom she was thrilled to own a CD 257 Mickey, offered at a substantial "kids discount" at Bill Haley's table.

All photos pages 6-8 by Bill and Candy Haley.