

The Dixie Jewel

Newsletter of the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club

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Spring Dixie Jewels Swap Meet

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Bethany Baptist Church,

3568 Hwy. 72N, Loudon, TN 37774

Enjoy a beautiful spring day with the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club. Our May swap meet, hosted by Stephen and Robin Ruppel, will take place at Saturday, May 20 from 9:00-2:00 at the Bethany Baptist Church, 3586 Hwy. 72 North, Loudon, TN 37774, Loudon is located a short distance south of Knoxville, TN and the church should not be difficult to find, as it is only 1 1/4 miles off I-75, exit 72. Bring insulators, go-withs, bottles, or other collectibles. Set up is free, and you do not have to be a DJIC member. The more the merrier! There will be some sales tables available, or you may bring your own. Please contact Stephen Ruppel, (865) 228-7086 ahead of the swap meet date to reserve sales tables. A noon meal will be served. If you wish to bring a side dish, dessert or drinks it would be appreciated, but is certainly not required. This will be a new venue and new hosts, and a good crowd of collectors from 6-10 states is expected. Expect great fellowship with fellow collectors and plan to add some nice insulators to your collection!

For More Information, Contact:

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President's Message

The Dixie Jewel Newsletter

is Now 100 Issues Old!

I chose to lead off my president's message with the great news that our newsletter is celebrating its 100th issue. Over the years, our club newsletter has been the glue that has helped hold the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club together. Mix that with a truly fine and dedicated bunch of collectors and our club has grown to become a well-respected part of the insulator hobby.

Figuring four issues per year, that is 25 years worth of newsletters. We actually had five issues a couple of years back when we had to cancel in February due to a severe ice storm in Augusta, Georgia and then I published an extra March issue to announce the make-up date in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee.

It has been a privilege to edit this newsletter since I took over as editor in February 2007, with issue #59. Over the past 10 years a number of our collector friends in the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club have passed on, but the good news is that we are constantly gaining new members and the club remains strong.

A huge thank you to David Erickson for hosting a fine swap meet in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in February. We had a nice day in the 70's and a really good turnout. This was Dave's first time hosting, but I don't think it'll be his last. He is already asking when we can come over and see him again! I appreciate everything you did to help make it a successful swap Dave.

Our May swap is right around the corner and I am really looking forward to it. This will be our first time in

President's Message, (cont..)

Loudon, Tennessee. I know it will be another successful Dixie Jewels get-together with lots of nice insulators, good food and plenty of great fellowship with other collectors. As always I anticipate collectors from all over the southeastern U.S., and likely some from further away too. Get in on the fun and join us for a nice spring day.

This summer you have a choice of fine insulator shows to attend. I'm planning on being at the 2nd annual Insulator Collectors of America Expo in Washington, Pennsylvania on June 23-24. You might want to put the Washington, PA show on your to-do list of insulator shows to attend if you can't make it all the way out to Colorado Springs for the NIA National July 21-23.

Speaking of the NIA National, I truly think this will be one of the best Nationals ever. If you are planning on attending the National, bear in mind that only NIA members are admitted on Friday, so join up or renew your membership before mid-June if you haven't already. Saturday and Sunday are open to everyone. I know a good many DJIC members will make the trek out to Colorado, and my wife Candy and I are planning to make it part of a longer, extended vacation.

There are many opportunities out there to see some of this beautiful country and enjoy a quality insulator show or two during your travels! You can learn more details about upcoming shows on the website *insulators.info* or in *Crown Jewels of Drip Points* magazines.

Our August Dixie Jewels swap meet will be hosted by Jim Wright in Bell Buckle, Tennessee. You'll want to check out this quaint little town, located a short distance off I-24, south of Nashville, Tennessee!

I am still searching for a host for the November meeting. Maybe that could be YOU! Please let me know if you'd be interested in hosting a swap on Saturday, Nov. 18.

We will vote on club officers at the May meeting. Positions are available for President, Treasurer and Secretary. Let me know if you would be interested in being a DJIC officer for the coming year.

Bill Haley,
President DJIC

DIRECTIONS TO THE MAY SWAP IN LOUDON, TENNESSEE:

Bethany Baptist Church

3586 Hwy. 72 N, Loudon, TN 37774

This location should be very easy to find!

- ***Take Interstate 75;***
- ***Exit 72, if coming from the south, you'll go right on Hwy. 72 towards Loudon;***
- ***Exit 72, If coming from the north, turn left onto Hwy. 72 towards Loudon;***
- ***In 1 1/4 mile the church will be on the left***

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!

Photos from the Winston-Salem Swap Meet, February 18, 2017



The Bible Life Church in Winston-Salem was the place to be in February if you were an insulator collector. This photo gives you a good view of the crowd.



Welcome! Jeremy and Maranda Gregory attended their first insulator swap meet ever. Gregory is a new collector and is very enthusiastic. Here they are visiting with club president, Bill Haley. The Gregorys are now Dixie Jewels members.



Bill Grieser brought this display for everyone to drool over. It included some of his personal favorite pieces. Although some of us tried to purchase one or more, Bill was quick to inform us that all insulators in this section were *NOT FOR SALE!*



Making a list and checking it twice: John Gasko is looking over his list to see if he already has that one.



Turned out Bill Grieser also had a FOR SALE section!



Our host David Erickson, had a very nice table of colorful insulators and bottles. Dave did a great job hosting his first Dixie Jewels swap meet!

Meeting Minutes, Winter Meet, February 18, 2017, Winston-Salem, NC

President Bill Haley called the meeting to order and graciously thanked Dave Erickson for hosting the meet at Bible Life Church in the Gumtree area of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. This was Dave's first time hosting and another step toward president Haley's goal of encouraging first time hosts for all of our upcoming meets. This started with the November 2016 meet which was hosted by Tim Baggett in Clarksville, Tennessee.

We discussed the upcoming DJIC schedule, noting that our meetings are held quarterly on the 3rd Saturday of the month, in February, May, August and November. The current schedule looks like this:

May 20th—Meet will be hosted by first-timers Stephen and Robin Ruppel at the Bethany Baptist Church in Loudon, Tennessee. Stephen and Robin were at the Winston-Salem meet and passed out flyers with details of their meet.

August 19th—Another first timer, Jim Wright, will host in Bell Buckle, Tennessee. Details will be announced in future newsletter.

November 18th—We are looking for a first-time host to volunteer for this date.

Also, don't forget about some large, upcoming insulator gatherings such as the ICA Expo in Washington, Pennsylvania June 23rd and 24th and the NIA National in Colorado Springs, Colorado July 21st-23rd. Pre-show "Buzz" is that this one will be something special and not to be missed.

2017 dues are due, and Treasurer Cal Baker was available to collect. Those of you who have paid will continue to receive the newsletter, which is faithfully and expertly written and produced by President Haley, in the weeks leading up to each meet.

Bill announced that long-time collector Phil McDonald was selling his collection at our meet today. Phil has collected for 49 years and has a colorful and varied collection. Amongst the many available pieces were a CD317, (2) CD269 eared Jumbos, (2) CD303/310 Muncies, numerous Mickeys and Columbias and lots of carnival. Also, Phil is selling a nice lighted display case.

Today's show-and-tell items included Dave Kingston's old scratch-built dead-end bracket that employed two cut-down Continental Rubber Works insulators. Dave Erickson showed off a light purple CD145 H.G. Co. Petticoat found in a used furniture store, of

all places. This insulator traded hands at the show. Ralph Dean had an interesting CD127 straight-side with hardly any threads and some odd incuse embossing.

Bill Haley welcomed visitors and the meeting was adjourned with no further discussion.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted
by Bill Grieser, DJIC Secretary

Note from your Editor: *Regrettably, I misplaced the sign-in sheet from the February swap meet. The list below is only the people I can recall from the swap. I'm sure I've left someone out and any visitors are not listed, so you'll have to take it from me that we had more attendees than what is shown below. My apologies if I forgot to put your name in....and apologies if you are on the list and weren't there!*
- Bill Haley

Swap Meet Attendance, Feb. 18, 2017:

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| David Erickson | Lexington, NC |
| Dudley & Sandy Ellis | Stockbridge, GA |
| Cal & Barbara Baker | Hendersonville, NC |
| Stephen & Robin Ruppel | Loudon, TN |
| Gary & Elizabeth Tilson | Madisonville, TN |
| John Gasko | Augusta, GA |
| Chris & Shannon Hernandez | San Antonio, TX |
| Roy Hale | Greenville, AL |
| Jason Bradley | Greenville, AL |
| Mike Funderburk | Franklin, TN |
| Phil & Gerry McDonald | High Point, NC |
| Bill Grieser | Kernersville, NC |
| Jeremy & Maranda Gregory | |
| Jim Hoffman | Cedar Rapids, IA |
| Fred Pittman | Flat Rock, NC |
| Shiela Savage | Flat Rock, NC |
| Dave Kingston | Chester, SC |
| Jim Colburn | Greenacres, FL |
| Bill Haley | Chattanooga, TN |
| Ralph Dean | Milton, GA |
| Kathleen Edwards | |
| Jimmy Fulp | |

More Photos from the Winston-Salem Swap



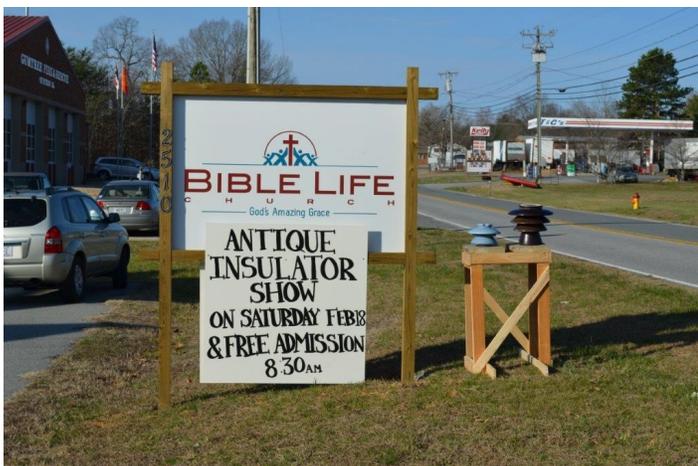
Jason Bradley and Roy Hale, from Greenville, Alabama



Kathleen Edwards and Jimmy Fulp, who live fairly close to the venue set up a sales table. Kathleen had both insulators and a nice telegraph sign at her table.



DJIC webmaster Ralph Dean may have found a goodie!



David Erickson put out a nice big sign along the road to attract curious locals. Note the nice multiparts he cleverly used as "bait". Several folks dropped by to see what was going on.



Dave Kingston, from Chester, South Carolina, found a new porcelain "spyglass" to play with. Dave is one of the most enthusiastic porcelain insulator aficionados in the club. He has collected "mud" for a good many years, but we're told he also has a bit of glass at home!

Summer Insulator Fun!

June 23-24, 2017

2nd Annual Insulator Collectors of America Expo
Washington County Fairgrounds, Washington, Pennsylvania

Fri., June 23:

1-3pm: Dealer and Exhibitor set-up
3-6pm: Early admission, Show Open
6-8pm: Friday Night BBQ
8-11pm: Gathering at Hyatt Place-Parlay Bar & Hospitality Suite

Sat., June 24:

7:30-9am: Dealer set-up & early admission
9am: Show open to general public
3-4pm: Show tear-down
6-10pm: Saturday evening party at Meadows Racetrack.

Early Admission—2 day pass, only \$5 if prepaid, \$10 at door
Saturday General Admission: \$3 (one adult & kids under 18 free)
Friday evening BBQ & Saturday breakfast & Lunch Pass: \$25 per person. (Highly recommended if you'll be there both days. Food was great last year!)
Saturday evening party: \$25 per person. Join us afterwards for more food and fun, cash bar. Meadowlands Raceback & Casino.

More Info?

Contact John Hovanec (216) 392-3622, jrhovane@ymail.com
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Want a Sales Table or to Set Up a Display?

Tables are 6' X 30", no charge for electricity. Bring covers.
1 table \$35 2 tables \$65 3 tables \$90, additional over 3 \$25 ea.
Add an end cap table for \$20 more*. (* limited supply)

www.InsulatorCollectorsofAmerica.com

Sat., August 19:

Summer Dixie Jewels Swap Meet, Bell Buckle, TN

Our summer swap meet will be at the Webb School, 319 Webb Road East, (TN Hwy. 82E), Bell Buckle, TN, from 8:30-2:30 Central. Jim Wright will be our host. This will be a new venue for DJIC, located south of Nashville off I-24. Sales tables will be available. Contact Jim (615) 708-4911, or sjwright@frontiernet.net ahead of the swap meet date to reserve. Mark your calendar and plan to join other collector friends from around the southeast!

July 21-23, 2017

48th annual NIA National Convention and Show
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Hotel Elegante, 2886 S. Circle Dr., (719) 576-5900

Thurs., July 20:

5-8:30: Dealers/Exhibitors pick up dealer info packets
5 -8:30: Dealer unloading (no setup) /Exhibitor setup
5:00-10:30: Hospitality room -Aspen/Breckenridge Rm. , 3rd fl.

Fri., July 21: NIA Day

7-9: Dealer & exhibitor setup
9-4: Show open to NIA members ONLY (Grand Ballroom)
4:15-5:30: NIA general membership meeting
5:30-11:00: Hospitality room social
7-8:30: Seminar (Mershon), Rick Soller
7-8:30: Sunset walk through the Garden of the Gods (meet main lobby at 6:45)

Sat., July 22: General Public

8-9: Dealer setup
9-4: Show open to general public
5:30-6:30: Cocktail hour @ banquet room, (2nd floor, Summit Ballroom)
6:30-9: NIA Awards Banquet (2nd floor, Summit Ballroom)
9-11: Hospitality room social

Sun., July 23: Last Day of Show!

8-8:30: Devotional (3rd fl., Aspen/Breckenridge Rm.)
8-9: Dealer setup
9-3: Show open to general public
3: Dealer break-down

Sat. Night Awards Banquet: "All you can eat" chuckwagon buffet style meal, Adults \$35, Children 5-11 \$15, free under 5

www.nianational2017.com

Directions to Hotel Elegante:

(From points East of Colorado Springs on Hwy 24) :
- Follow Hwy. 24 to I-25 South (exit 141);
- Follow I-25 South for approximately 5 miles to South Circle Rd. (exit 138)

Show Hosts:

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