

The Dixie Jewel

Newsletter of the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club

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President's Message

I want to extend a big thank you to David Erickson, who hosted the August swap meet in Winston-Salem, NC. I appreciate your efforts and everything you did to help make it a successful swap Dave. It was another memorable get-together. We had collectors from seven states, including Texas, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

This month we are heading to the Bethany Baptist Church in Loudon, Tennessee. Stephen and Robin Ruppel will be our hosts. I'm looking for a big turnout. Be sure to mark the date, Sat., Nov. 17, on the calendar and join us.

I want to thank all the folks who have hosted swap meets this year. Your willingness to find venues and host swap meets for everyone to enjoy is one thing that makes our club great! I'm still looking for hosts in 2019. The only swap meet venues I currently have nailed down for next year are Saturday, Feb. 16 in Soddy-Daisy, TN and Saturday, November 16 in Toccoa, GA.

I had originally announced I'd host the May swap in Soddy-Daisy, but due to the change-over in Crown Jewels, I decided to move it to February so we could get it published in the Crown Jewels December issue. I now need May and August, 2019 locations.

I'll be traveling to Springfield, Ohio, to the big Mid-Ohio show, very soon. It will be Nov. 2-4. I know I'll see many of you there.

As we approach the end of 2018, remember our club membership runs from January 1 to December 31 each year. It is time to renew your Dixie Jewels membership. Dave Collins, our treasurer, has made it easy to pay dues through PayPal, so you might want to check out that option. For more information on that see page 2. If you will be at the November swap, you can pay Dave then too.

Christmas is right around the corner. Why not buy a Dixie Jewels membership to give a friend this year?

- Bill Haley, President, DJIC

Fall Dixie Jewels Swap Meet

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Bethany Baptist Church

3568 Hwy. 72N, Loudon, TN 37774

Enjoy a day with fellow collectors at the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club fall swap meet, hosted by Stephen and Robin Ruppel It will take place at Saturday, November 17 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 off I-75, exit 72.

Bring insulators, go-withs, bottles, or other collectibles. Set up is free for DJIC members, and \$5 for non-members. The good news is that after you pay \$5, you will be a DJIC member, and since you'll be joining late in the year, your membership will extend through 2019. 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, desserts or drinks it will be appreciated, but is certainly not required. A good crowd of collectors from 6-10 states is expected. Enjoy great fellowship with fellow collectors and plan to add some nice insulators to your collection!

For More Information, Contact:

Stephen Ruppel

(865) 708-4911

50th Anniversary Crown Jewels Directory Might be the Last!

Many of you have heard that Howard and Linda Banks will soon turn over publication of our hobby's premier magazine, *Crown Jewels of the Wire*, (CJOW) to Shaun Kotlarsky. The Banks have published Crown Jewels for a number of years and have done a fabulous job. Shaun has been editor of the quarterly NIA magazine Drip Points and he will be instituting some changes to *Crown Jewels*.

In the August 2018 issue, Howard announced that work had begun on the 2019 50th Anniversary Directory, but stated it may be the last printed version. It will be available ONLY to those who order and pay for it in advance. He stated *only the number pre-ordered will be printed* this year. The deadline to pre-order and pay was **OCTOBER 1**. (So sorry, that deadline has already come and gone!)

The first directory came out in February 1969, a month before the first issue of *CJOW*. By 1970, Dora Harned of *Crown Jewels* magazine took over the idea and began publishing the directory of subscribers. The rest is now history. Howard mentions a directory may be available online in the future.

DIRECTIONS TO THE NOVEMBER SWAP IN LOUDON, TENNESSEE:

Bethany Baptist Church

3586 Hwy. 72N, 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. There is a convenient way to pay dues! Make your payment via PayPal. The address is dixiejewelsinsulatorclub@gmail.com. If your paypal account is linked to a credit card, the friends and family option should be used so DJIC receives the entire annual membership dues of \$5. You can also pay at the next swap meet, or mail a check or money order, payable to **Dave Collins**, our club Treasurer 147 Rock Springs Rd., Eatonton, GA 31024 .

Important: If your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address should change, please contact both Dave Collins, who keeps 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!



Sandy Ellis was all smiles at the Winston-Salem swap meet.

Photos from the Winston-Salem Swap Meet, August 18, 2018



The Bible Life Church in Winston-Salem was the place to be in August. This photo shows our host, Dave Erickson, at his table, which featured many nice insulators and bottles. A good time was had by all. Thanks Dave!



Dixie Jewels is Going to the Dogs! John Gasko and his beagle visit with Sheila and Fred Pittman and their dog Bo. Both dogs are exceedingly well-mannered and are always welcome at our Dixie Jewels swap meets.



We Welcome Collectors from Everywhere! One of our very favorite insulator collectors, Jack Roach, of Wimberly, Texas, joined us in Winston-Salem. Jack had purchased a plane ticket to another show and didn't get to use it. Rather than let it go to waste, he decided to join his Dixie Jewels buddies. This is at least the 3rd DJIC swap he has attended. It is always great to visit with Jack.



Paul Simpson and his wife Patty drove down from Pennsylvania, and Paul set up a sales table at his first DJIC swap. Some of you may recognize Paul from the Mid-Ohio show in Springfield, OH, which he regularly attends. Sorry I didn't think to take a photo when Patty was there! It is always nice to have collectors from other parts of the country.

Meeting Minutes, Summer Meet August 18, 2018, Winston-Salem, NC

Our business meeting was called to order by President Bill Haley. Bill thanked Dave Erickson for hosting our swap meet. There were approximately 18 tables with a wide variety of insulators to choose from. The pizza and fixings for lunch were great. Overall, an excellent swap meet.

Bill mentioned our next meeting will be in November in Loudon, TN, hosted by Steve and Robin Ruppel. Slots are still open for Feb., Aug. and Nov. of 2019. Anyone interested in hosting one of these meets should contact Bill Haley. The May 2019 swap meet will be hosted by Bill Haley in Soddy-Daisy, TN.

Dudley and Sandy Ellis will be conducting a silent auction at the 2019 National Show in Orlando, FL. Dudley asked for donations for this auction. It does not have to be insulators, but go-withs or any other items will be greatly appreciated.

For Show and Tell: Bill Grieser had an impressive collection of porcelain ponies and John Gasko had an unusual purple/lavender lightning rod insulator he found on the World's Longest Yard Sale. Neat!

Bill reminded everyone that 2019 dues will soon be due. Dues are \$5 per year and should be paid to Treasurer Dave Collins.

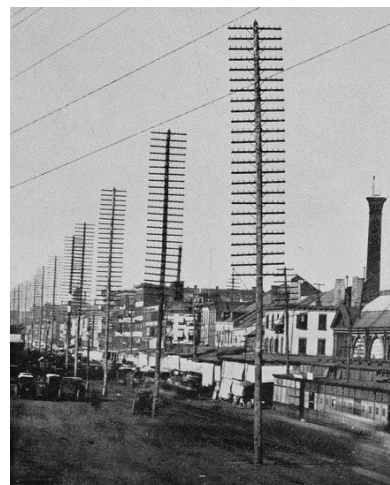
-Respectfully submitted, Secretary Roy Hale

Swap Meet Attendance, Aug. 18, 2018:

David Erickson	Lexington, NC
Dudley & Sandy Ellis	Stockbridge, GA
Paul & Patty Simpson	Indiana, PA
Stephen & Robin Ruppel	Loudon, TN
Andrew Levin	Chapel Hill, NC
John Gasko	Augusta, GA
Jack Roach	Wimberly, TX
Roy Hale	Greenville, AL
Debbie Lawson	N. Myrtle Beach, SC
Doug Williams	Ocean Isle, NC
Phil McDonald	High Point, NC
Bill Grieser	Kernersville, NC
Fred & Sheila Pittman	Flat Rock, NC
Robert Longe	Charlotte, NC
Dave Collins	Eatonton, GA
Bill Calvert	Charlotte, NC
Randy Kiger	Rural Hall, NC
Richard Robbins	Kernersville, NC
Bill Haley	Chattanooga, TN
Ralph Dean	Milton, GA
Alyssa Williams	Winston-Salem, NC
Antoine Williams	Winston-Salem, NC
Mort Bello	Durham, NC
Rod Poole	Salisbury, NC
Randy Simmons	Winston-Salem, NC
Rick & Marie Ruhland	Monroe, NC
Elijah Barger	Yadkinville, NC
Chase Tramble	Lenoir, NC
Mark Anderson	Morganton, NC
Dan Mattson	Baltimore, MD
Lindsay Swanson	Winston-Salem, NC
Matt Gaylor	Oxford, NC



Doug Williams and Debbie Lawson at Winston-Salem swap.



Elton Gish posted this vintage photo on ICON of a pole line on West Street, in New York city. Before I went cross-eyed trying to count the crossarms, I came up with either 25 or 26. **That is a LOT of insulators per pole!**

HEAVY POLE LINE CONSTRUCTION, WEST STREET, NEW YORK.

More Photos from the Winston-Salem Swap



Dudley's New Alarm System? This wasp was at Dudley Ellis' table, guarding a Derflinger insulator. How did the "alarm system" work? All Dudley had to do was listen for the scream of whoever picked this one up! While the alarm was activated, (*before it flew off*), nobody did.



The new DJIC Treasurer, Dave Collins



Andrew Levin seemed happy to be there!



Congratulations to Sheila and Fred Pittman, who were married on June 1. Sheila has attended several DJIC swaps in the past with Fred, so was already one of the gang. We wish them many years of happiness together, and look forward to seeing them and Bo at many future swaps.



More of David Erickson's table. Note the cobalt whiskey bottle, that said it was "Made by Honest North Carolina People". (*Sounds suspicious to me!*)

UPCOMING INSULATOR SHOWS

November 2-4: Mid-Ohio, Springfield, Ohio

The 48th annual Mid-Ohio Insulator Show will be held Nov. 2-4 at the Clark County Fairgrounds, 4401 South Charleston Pike, Springfield, Ohio. Exit 59 off I-70. Show hours are Friday 3:00-6:00pm, Saturday from 8:00-to 5:00, Sunday from 9:00 till ? For info, contact Curt Boster, e-mail: cboster530@att.net, or (614) 301-5125 or Lois Blair (740) 852-3148.

You can find additional information at:

www.insulators.info/shows/springfield

Sat., Nov. 17: DJIC Swap, Loudon, Tennessee

(See pages 1-2 this issue)

Sat., Jan. 19, 2019: Maitland, Florida

The Central Florida Insulator Collectors / Antique Telephone Collectors Association Show and Sale.

First table is \$25. Each additional table is \$20. Set up is from 7:30-8:00, with the public allowed in at 8:00-3:00. This is a one-day show and sale held annually on the same weekend as the huge "Renninger's Antique Extravaganza" in Mt. Dora, FL, which begins for "early buyers" on Friday, January 18th. Contact Paul Mikula, (407) 365-4686, or e-mail wecoman@bellsouth.net.

Feb. 16, 2019: DJIC Swap, Soddy-Daisy, TN

Daisy United Methodist Church, 9508 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379. Host Bill Haley.

May 18, 2019: DJIC Swap, Location?

June 14-16: NIA National, Orlando, Florida

The NIA's 50th Anniversary Show and Convention will be held June 14-16, 2019 in the Convention Center by Hilton Orlando at Sea World, 10100 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32821. Plan to be a part of "Celebrating 50 Years of Meets/Shows"! Show hosts are Clay Bledsoe, Graham Barnes and Jacqueline Linscott-Barnes. For more information contact Jacque at (321) 480-1800 or e-mail: bluebellwt@aol.com.

July 26-28, 2019, NIA Western Regional, Helena, Montana

The 2019 NIA Western Regional show will be held July 26-28 at the Radisson Colonial Inn in Helena, Montana. Show host Doug Rusher, along with co-hosts Ron Yuhas and Jay Bernasek welcome all insulator collectors to the first regional show in 15 years, and the first time ever in Montana. 74+ sales tables and 20 display tables will be available. This is close to Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. There will be a community display of Insulators of Montana and a banquet Saturday evening. Info at www.nia.org/shows/westernregional.

NIA National Fireworks! Hosts Darryl and Margaret Wagner invited Kansas City National attendees to their home for a special fireworks display on Friday, June 22. Below are photos of a small part of Darryl's "yard collection" and of the fireworks crowd.

