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ALMOST TIME FOR YOUR 2010 DIXIE JEWELS INSULATOR CLUB DUES! Your 2009 dues expire Dec. 31! See page 5 for directions to renew, or attend the November swap and renew there. **GET THIS NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY!** E-mail Bill Haley at WGH@tnaqua.org with your e-mail address to be put on our electronic mailing list. Save the Club the cost of postage, envelopes and paper!

Club Meeting Announcement

**NOVEMBER DIXIE JEWELS SWAP MEET
SAT., NOVEMBER 21, 2009,
9:30 until...**

JAEMOR FARMS, ALTO, GEORGIA

Make plans to attend the November DJIC insulator swap meet hosted by Mike and Tom Herron in Alto, Georgia. Jaemor Farms will be a great swap meet location!

November is a beautiful and exciting month in north Georgia. The show will be in a large hall especially made for events like ours. 24 eight foot sales tables will be furnished, but you may bring your own. Jaemor Farms is known for their apples, peaches, jellies and homemade country furniture, among other things. They claim to have the best homemade apple pie in the south! Whether you have sales stock or just want to browse, you need to come and enjoy this fall experience. Barbeque, chips and drinks will be furnished for the noon meal, but if you wish to bring another side or (especially) a dessert, it would be greatly appreciated. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend our fall DJIC swap meet to share a great insulator experience with your friends.

Sales tables are available and should be reserved before the swap meet.

Please call or e-mail Mike to let him know you are coming and if you will need a table.

Mike Herron

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DIRECTIONS TO JAEMOR FARMS, ALTO, GEORGIA

The swap meet address is:
Jaemor Farm Market, 5340 Cornelia Hwy., Alto, GA 30510

From points North:

- Take I-75 South into Atlanta;
- From Atlanta, take I-85 North for 29 miles;
- Turn a slight left onto I-985 North / Lanier Parkway (exit 113) for 35 miles;
- I-985 automatically becomes 365 past Gainesville;
- Continue North to mile marker 35;
- Turn right onto Jaemor Farm Road (you will see the big red building on the right before you turn).

From points West:

- Take I-20 East into Atlanta and follow the directions above.

From points Southwest (Alabama):

- Take I-85 North into Atlanta and follow the directions above.

From points South, out of Florida:

- Take I-75 North into Atlanta and follow the directions above.

From points East and Northeast:

- Take I-85 South towards Atlanta;
- Take the GA 17 (exit 173), towards Toccoa.
- Continue to follow GA 17 North (***DO NOT** take the alternate route!*) until it becomes South 365 / Tommie Irvin Parkway and follow this for 17 miles;
- Turn slight left onto Jaemor Farm Road. (You will see the big red top building on the left before you turn.)

If you get lost, call Mike Herron at (706) 599-4705



Photos from the August 2009 DJIC swap meet courtesy of Dudley Ellis

FROM THE PRESIDENT....

Fall weather has finally arrived in the southeast. With the cooler temperatures, another great Dixie Jewels swap meet can't be far behind! I am really looking forward to our November swap in Alto, Georgia. This will be our first swap meet in that area and I'm sure it'll be another good one.

Notice I say ANOTHER, because it is a proven fact that all Dixie Jewels Insulator Club swaps are good ones, and the word is getting around in the insulator collecting world. The regular appearance at DJIC swaps of collectors from other parts of the country is a testament to the great assortment of insulators and the friendly, laid-back atmosphere to be found at our swaps. Visitors are always welcome.

Our swaps meets have really grown in attendance the past couple of years, and it is not unusual to see over 100 collectors at each one. What started years ago as small backyard get-togethers with 8-10 people now more closely resembles a full-blown insulator show....without the fees, rules and regulations.

If you have been wondering what a DJIC insulator swap meet is like, or if you haven't attended one in awhile, give yourself a treat and show up in Alto, Georgia on November 21. You will surely find something to add to your collection.

You might even consider setting up a sales table if you have extra insulators you wish to sell. There is no cost for a table, so give it a try! See page one for information on reserving a sales table.

From what Mike Herron has told me about Jaemor Farms, it sounds like it is a wonderful facility. I understand they have lots of jams and jellies, as well as other good stuff for sale in their shop, so if there is any money remaining after purchasing insulators you may wish to do some Christmas shopping in their store.

When I look back at the swap meet Gary and Elizabeth Tilson and Charles and Billie Hall hosted in Tellico Plains in August, all I can say is WOW! Mr. Hall was very kind to offer his wonderful facility, the Charles Hall Telephone Museum, to DJIC for the swap meet. There was plenty of room for sales tables in his newest building and we set an all-time attendance record, with well over 130 people who came from seven different states. I certainly went home with some new goodies to display and I know many other folks found homes for new additions to their collections. Elizabeth and her daughters made sure our noon meal featured lots of delicious food too. That's another attraction of our swap meets. We always eat well!

Our November swap will be held two weeks after the Mid-Ohio show in Springfield, Ohio. Many of our members will be going to that show, as it is widely regarded as one of the very best in the country. I plan to

have a sales table at Springfield and I know several other DJIC members will as well. If there is any way you can make it, you will be dazzled with the sheer volume of insulators and insulator collectors. We will all have some good Mid-Ohio stories to share in Alto.

Looking a bit further into the future, Jackie Shaver has volunteered to host the February 20, 2010 swap in L.A. (Lower Alabama) at his home in Ozark. He's working hard to get his "insulator house" finished before we arrive for the swap! His home features a wrap-around porch, so there should be ample space to set up sales tables. An insulator trip to South Alabama is a great way to beat the winter blues.

Even further ahead, our May 2010 swap meet will be hosted by Cal and Barbara Baker and Fred and Becky Pittman in Mountain Home, North Carolina. We've had several swaps at the volunteer fire department building in Mountain Home and it is a favorite of club members. It isn't too early to mark both the February and May dates in your 2010 calendar so you won't miss a single DJIC swap meet in the coming year.

Anyone out there who wishes to step up and host a swap in August 2010? Be sure to let me know if you'd like to be our host next August. Our swap meets are always held quarterly on the third Saturday in February, May, August and November.

Our club is still looking for someone with the expertise to manage the DJIC website on ICON and bring it up to date. So far nobody has stepped up who can help with this project. Please get in touch with me if you would like to give this a try.

Speaking of ICON (Insulator Collectors on the Net), our club voted a few years back to help support this insulator website with an annual donation. We recently sent them a check for \$50. ICON is an invaluable resource for the collecting community, and often a person's first connection to insulators and the hobby of insulator collecting. I'm glad we support it.

Don't forget that Dixie Jewels Insulator Club dues run from January 1 to December 31. It is time to think about renewing for 2010. An easy way to do this is at the swap meet in Alto on November 21. If for some reason you can't make the swap, see page 5 for information about renewing your membership.

I'm always looking for feedback on ways we can improve our club. If you have any suggestions please feel free to contact me at (423) 756-4106 (H) or (423) 326-9248 (cell), or you can e-mail me at WGH@tnaqua.org.

See you soon in Alto, Georgia!

Bill Haley
DJIC President

**DIXIE JEWELS INSULATOR CLUB 3RD QUARTER MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2009, TELlico PLAINS, TN
HOSTED BY GARY & ELIZABETH TILSON AND CHARLES & BILLIE HALL**

Bill Haley welcomed everyone and offered a prayer before the noon meal. A fabulous meal was enjoyed by all, thanks to the efforts of Gary and Elizabeth Tilson and their daughters. Bill introduced Mr. Hall and thanked him for hosting the swap meet along with the Tilsons. Mr. Hall has built a very nice museum of telephones, telephone equipment, insulators and all kind of related equipment. Mr. Hall thanked Gary for all of his hard work.

Cal Baker gave a treasurer's report with a balance of \$2777.62.

The next several meetings have been scheduled and were discussed. The November meeting will be in Alto, Georgia and will be hosted by Tom and Mike Herron at the Jaemor Farms.

The February 2010 meeting will be in Ozark, Alabama and will be hosted by Jackie Shaver. Next May's meeting will be in Mountain Home, North Carolina and will be hosted by Becky and Fred Pittman and Cal and Barbara Baker.

Bill talked about ICON (Insulator Collectors on the Net), with many DJIC collectors as subscribers. The DJIC website needs to be updated and a volunteer is needed for that job. Bill noted that it had not been updated since 2002.

A short report was made about the recent national NIA meeting in Coralville, Iowa by Dave Justice. It was noted that attendance was down but a number of attendees were from DJIC. Next year's national meeting will be in Boxborough, MA.

Those in attendance at this meeting were:

Dave deShay	Hall County, GA	Greg Fields	Hall County, GA
Bill Wiemer	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Dave & Dillon Justice	Lake Placid, FL
John Henderson	Hixson, TN	Bill Haley	Chattanooga, TN
Dudley & Sandy Ellis	Stockbridge, GA	Mike Green	Mableton, GA
Gary & Elizabeth Tilson	Madisonville, TN	Roy Hale & friend	Greenville, AL
Ken Roberts	Huntsville, AL	Charles & Billie Hall	Tellico Plains, TN
Ray, Sarah & R.J. Harris	Kennesaw, GA	Cal Baker	Hendersonville, NC
Jackie Shaver	Ozark, AL	Keith Roloson	Cumming, GA
Howard & Cindy Hackelberg	Clarksville, TN	John & Shirley Lewis	Cantonment, FL
Casey Herron	Martin, GA	Jim Colburn	Greenacres, FL
Mike, Tom & Eli Herron	Toccoa, GA	Dave Kingston	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Kerry & Carolyn Lavendoski	Tamassee, SC	Ben Haralson, Jr.	Tellico Plains, TN
Dave & Geny Collins	Eatonton, GA	Mark Haley	Knoxville, TN
Ed & Zandra Overstreet	Walhalla, SC	Christopher Cross	Kingsport, TN
Dave & Faye Wexler	Kingsport, TN	Jim Moore	Tellico Plains, TN
Stewart Wilkey	Marietta, SC	Larry & Sue Wofford	Phenix City, AL
Charles & Martha Yonce	Franklin, NC	Seth & Kim Pittman	Tellico Plains, TN
Jim & Patti Kraft	Hendersonville, NC	Steve Gellinger	Maryville, TN
Darl and Brenda Mayle	Cleveland, TN	Keith Holder	Florence, AL
Bill, Juanita & Cheyenne Ewing	Nortonville, KY	Harry Williams	Florence, AL
Roger & Pat Shay	Blairsville, GA	Howard Choate	Madisonville, TN
Keith & Jackie Holder	Killen, AL	Danny & Sarah Fagg	Riceville, TN
Dennis & Mary Caldwell	Englewood, TN	Kathy Lee	
Stephen, Robi, Kayla, Madison Ruppel	Loudon, TN	Kent & Pam Mathews	Powell, TN
Gary & Ruthe Short	Ashland City, TN	Jim Johnson	Oak Ridge, TN
Larry & Jeff Kraemer	Anderson, SC	Bill Johnson	Oak Ridge, TN
Joe Riels	Seminary, MS	Janet Gilson	Louisville, TN
Mary Thompson	Martin, GA	Louisa Kirkland	Tellico Plains, TN

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DJIC Attendees List, August, continued from page 4:

Steve & Jana Roberts	Madison, TN	Sharron & Emma Thompson	Tellico Plains, TN
Ed Brown	Hayesville, NC	Elissa & Angie Lane	Knoxville, TN
Graham, Jacque & Grant Barnes	Florida	Paul & Betty Deriso	Orange Park, FL
Craig Myers	Greenville, SC	Cal & Barbara Baker	Hendersonville, NC
Ben & Sabine Kelley	Winston, GA	Fred & Becky Pittman	Mountain Home, NC
Peggy Wall	Niota, TN	Jacob Kirkland	Tellico Plains, TN
Eula McDaniel	Madisonville, TN	Joe Kirkland	Tellico Plains, TN
Jake Moore	Madisonville, TN	Jim & Doris Potter	Loudon, TN
Amos & Odessa Atkins	Madisonville, TN	Beulah Stormer	Knoxville, TN
Jimmie Lee Giovannini	Tellico Plains, TN	Daryl Massingale	Tellico Plains, TN
Zac Lane	Knoxville, TN	Emily Keefer	Knoxville, TN
Glen & Arlene Best	Tellico Plains, TN	Ernest & Glenda Pierce	East Ridge, TN
Jane, Carriejean & McKenzie LaRue	Rockwood, TN	Lewis Jones	
Sammy & Tara Stephens & children	Maryville, TN	Sean McAusland	Asheville, NC

Respectfully submitted, John Henderson, Secretary

August 2009 Swap Meet, Tellico Plains, TN: Whether you come to visit with old friends or to make new ones, Dixie Jewels swap meets are fun! In the first photo, from the left, John Lewis, Howard Hackelberg, John Henderson and Keith Roloson check out the sales tables. The second photo gives you an idea of the crowd and the selection of insulators at this swap meet.



Photos by Dudley Ellis

MEMBERSHIP IN THE DIXIE JEWELS INSULATOR CLUB

*A membership in the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club runs from January 1 to December 31. Dues are \$10 annually, and they are due on January 1st of each year. Please mail a check or money order made out 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 the year, you can e-mail him at **calb@bellsouth.net** or you may phone him at **(828) 697-9410** to find out if you are current.*

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

Photos from the August Swap Meet in Tellico Plains, TN



A photo of Dudley Ellis' tables before everyone else arrived.



Bill Haley and Jim Colburn.



All ages welcome! Jacque Barnes, her grandson and Shirley Lewis visit behind John and Shirley's sales table.



Talking about the telephone business: Graham Barnes, retired telephone lineman, swaps stories with Charles Hall, retired telephone company owner, and his wife Billie. Mr. Hall and his wife were hosts for this swap meet.



Some of the folks in the background are checking out Tom Herron's "buy of a lifetime". A few weeks earlier at a flea market he purchased four E.C. & M. Co. insulators from California, complete with original side pins, tie wires and backplates, for which he paid the princely sum of \$40. He has since been offered thousands for the best one. Also, notice the museum's impressive "insulator wall" behind them.



Looks like John Henderson made a sale! There is something at our swap meets for everyone.

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