

The Dixie Jewel

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Spring Dixie Jewels Swap Meet

Sat., May 19, 2018

Mountain Home, NC

9:00-2:30

The spring Dixie Jewels Insulator Club swap meet will be Saturday, May 25 at the Mountain Home Fire and Rescue on U.S. Hwy. 25 in Mountain Home, North Carolina from 9:00-2:30. Fred Pittman will be our host. This is always a popular meeting location and collectors are expected from 6 to 10 states. If you have insulators, go-withs and collectibles to show, sell or trade, you will need to bring your own table(s). There is no charge to set up.

A noon meal will be served and side dishes and desserts are appreciated, but certainly not mandatory. Everyone is invited to dine with us. We always have plenty of food. If you go hungry at a DJIC swap, it's your own fault!

Please contact Fred at **(828) 768-5060** or e-mail at trailat@bellsouth.net for more information, directions, or to let him know you will be able to attend. Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, May 19 and plan to join us! This will be a great opportunity to add to your collection and enjoy a day of fellowship with other collectors surrounded by the beautiful mountains of North Carolina.

Host: Fred Pittman

(828) 768-5060

Trailat@bellsouth.net

Directions to Mountain Home Fire & Rescue

If coming from Knoxville, TN :

1. Take I-40 East into North Carolina;
2. Get on I-20 South;
3. Follow I-26 to U.S. 25, Exit 44;
4. Excluding lights at interstate, go through 3 more lights (2nd light is at G.B. Shoes);
5. Mountain Home Fire and Rescue is on the left, about 200 yards past Post Office (on the right).

Note: Total distance from I-26 to fire dept. is 2.3 miles.

From the Atlanta area & points South:

1. Exit I-85 to Georgia-South Carolina line;
2. Take Hwy. 11 to U.S. 25;
3. Exit U.S. 25 to I-26 and continue to exit 44
4. Follow directions from # 3 above.

Important note: Everyone setting up sales tables is welcome to park in front of the fire department to unload. After unloading, please pull your vehicle around to the back of the station and park in the gravel lot there.

All swap meet attendees are asked to please park behind the fire station in the gravel lot.

See page 7 for things to do in Western North Carolina and some hotel listings in the Mountain Home / Hendersonville / Asheville area

See you in Mountain Home!

February Swap Meet Report

Roy Hale did a great job hosting the February Dixie Jewels swap meet at the Butler County Fairgrounds in Greenville, Alabama. While we didn't have as large a crowd as usual, a good time was had by all in attendance. The BBQ meal was great too!

The weather started off a little chilly, but warmed up into the low 70's, which was a welcome thing when everyone was loading up that afternoon.

Those setting up sales tables were: Roy Hale, Steve and Robin Ruppel, Bill and Candy Haley, Dudley Ellis, Dave and Geny Collins, Ralph Dean, John Gasko, and Ray and R.J. Harris. Several folks had more than one sales table, so there were lots of insulators to choose from. Many of us went home with some new treasures for the collection.

Roy Hale showed a CD731 threadless that he bought, complete with the original pin it had been found on. The pin still had burlap wrapped around it. On close examination, the burlap had a white substance on it, maybe pine pitch? That is a great find, Roy!

John Gasko shared a CD164 Brookfield that had everything going for it. Fizz, junk, carbon in glass, milky swirls in glass and bubbles. Nice!!! Now that was one insulator with plentiful CHARACTER! I sure wish I could come up with great pieces like that from antique malls. John seems to find them regularly.

Future 2018 Dixie Jewels swap meets have all been set, and are listed below:

- May 19th: Fred Pittman to host in Mountain Home, NC
- August 18th: Dave Erickson host in Winston-Salem, NC
- November 17th: Stephen & Robin Ruppel, Loudon, TN

How about 2019? We are already looking for future swap meet hosts!

The May meeting is time to elect new club officers. We only have three elected positions: President, Treasurer and Secretary. All those positions have been held by the same folks for several years and it would be nice for others to step up. Please let me know if you are interested in any of these positions, or we will nominate folks from the floor at the May meeting.

Bill Haley, DJIC President

February 2018 Swap meet attendees:

Dave & Geny Collins	Eatonton, GA
Dudley Ellis	Stockbridge,GA
Bill & Candy Haley	Chattanooga,TN
Roy Hale	Greenville, AL
Dave Kingston	Chester, SC
Stephen & Robin Ruppel	Loudon, TN
John Gasko	Augusta, GA
Ray & R.J. Harris	Kensington, GA
Jim & Pat Moore	Muscle Shoals, AL
Teddy Mitchell	Robertsdale, AL
Jim Hoffman	Cedar Rapids, IA
Horace & Becky Jackson	Deatsville, AL
Lyndel Glover	Montgomery, AL
Morris Salter	Montgomery, AL
Ralph Dean	Milton, GA
Tommy Bradford	AL
Jerry Fischer	McDavid, FL
Rick & Gail Sharp	Somerville, AL
Jason Bradley	Greenville, AL
Carolyn & Marilyn Hale	Greenville, AL



Here is a photo of Roy Hale's display at the February swap meet, which featured an unembossed CD 731 threadless insulator that came with it's original pin. The photo below shows a close-up of the pin, with the remarkably preserved burlap that helped hold it to the insulator. Not sure what the white substance on the burlap is.



A note from your President:

Time for Our Spring Insulator Swap!

Spring has sprung, so another Dixie Jewels swap meet can't be far behind. Our May swap will take place in Mountain Home, North Carolina on Saturday, May 19. It will be hosted by Fred Pittman. If you've ever attended a swap meet at Mountain Home Fire and Rescue, you know they are always well-attended and feature many, many insulators for purchase or trade. See you soon!

The Dixie Jewels Insulator Club has swap meet venues set for the remainder of 2018. On August 18 we'll head to Winston-Salem, North Carolina and David Erickson will host. November 17 we'll all converge on Loudon, Tennessee, with Stephen and Robin Ruppel hosting. Be sure to put these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend.

The 2018 NIA National Show and Convention in Kansas City will be exciting! It will be held at the same venue as in 2012. If you attended that show, you know it was a very good one. Dates are June 22-24, 2018. If you wish to have a sales table, reserve for the awards banquet, for a special trip before the convention, or for family night at Darryl Wagner's home, featuring a special fireworks show produced by Darryl, get those reservations and payments in soon. (*Look for more info later in this newsletter*). You should also be thinking about hotel accommodations while there and reserve your room very soon. I know many of our members will attend.

Thank you to Roy Hale for hosting the February swap meet in L.A. It was good to see everyone after being cooped up by winter weather. Afternoon temperatures in the low 70's gave us a nice preview of the coming spring. Great job and very much appreciated, Roy!

The following is important: May is traditionally when the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club holds an election for new club officers. Your present officers have now held their posts for a number of years. Every organization needs to periodically have new people coming along to lead it. Our club has only 3 elected positions: President, Treasurer and Secretary. I've been calling around, with some success, to find qualified folks to fill these positions. As always, any member in good standing may also make nominations from the floor at the May meeting.

President's message, cont.

Cal Baker has turned in his resignation as DJIC Treasurer, effective after the May 2018 meeting. He has served in that position for the past 14 1/2 years, and has done a very fine job. I have worked closely with him during my 9 years as President of the club and I appreciate his dedication very much. The Treasurer position is very important to keep our club running smoothly. The Treasurer is in charge of collecting dues, distributing membership renewal cards, reimbursing swap meet host expenses and keeping the membership list information up-to-date.

As soon as I received Cal's resignation, I began the search for someone who might be able to assume this role, and I am very happy to announce that Dave Collins, who lives in Eatonton, Georgia, has agreed to take over the Treasurer position. Dave is a very well-known figure at Dixie Jewels swap meets, and I'm certain he'll do a fine job. He will become the new club Treasurer after our May meeting in Mountain Home. Thank you Dave!

Roy Hale, from Greenville, Alabama, has volunteered to be the new club Secretary. He will assume the position now held by Bill Grieser. Roy comes to most of our quarterly swap meets, and was the host in February. I appreciate Roy's willingness to serve the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club in this capacity.

It looks like our Treasurer and Secretary spots have now been filled. That leaves President. I would love to see someone step up to the plate and volunteer to lead the club, starting in August 2018. Please let me know if you would like to be considered for this position. A challenging and important role for the President is to line up swap meet hosts and venues each February, May, August and November, and then send in an announcement to be published in *Crown Jewels*, *ICON* and *Drip Points*. You would also be in charge of running the short club meetings after our noon meals, working closely with the Treasurer on any club business and representing the club at NIA National shows.

Once again, our August swap meet will be hosted by David Erickson in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Mark your calendars for a trip to the middle of North Carolina on Saturday, August 18.

- Bill Haley, DJIC President

Photos from the February DJIC Swap Meet



Roy and Daughters: Roy Hale, our swap meet host, and his twin daughters Carolyn and Marilyn look over a sales table at the swap meet. *(Please don't ask me which one is Carolyn and which one is Marilyn, I can never tell them apart!)*



Jason Bradley looks at Dave Collins' table. Also in photo: (from left) John Gasko, Dave Kingston, Carolyn (or Marilyn) Hale, Ralph Dean, Dave & Geny Collins, Steve Ruppel.



From left: Ralph Dean, Dave Collins and Jim Hoffman, check out the insulators in Bill Haley's lightbox.



Bill Haley chats with Teddy Mitchell

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Insulator 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.**

After the May 2018 meeting: Our new Treasurer will take over. **Dave Collins, 147 Rock Springs Rd., Eatonton, GA 31024-5212. (706) 484-1061, dpc1@bellsouth.net.**

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

NIA National Convention and Show

June 22-24, 2018

KCI Expo Center

11730 NW Ambassador Drive

Kansas City, MO 64153

Host hotel: Holiday Inn KCI

11728 NW Ambassador Drive

Kansas City, MO 64153

Be sure to tell them "National Insulator Association Block"

Holiday Inn KCI Airport is located at 11728 NW Ambassador Dr., next to the KCI Expo Center. A special convention room rate of \$120 per day will apply from June 15th to June 29th (if rooms are available in the block). Room rates are subject to tax (currently 16.225%), plus a taxable \$1.77 per room per night (mandatory KC Arena fee). The negotiated group rate does not include breakfast and Holiday Inn Kids Eat Free program is not valid on group room rates. Room block will be 100 rooms Thurs., Fri. and Sat., with a smaller number before and after. For reservations call (816) 801-8400 or use the following link: [Insulators](#). Be sure to mention National Insulator Association block for the block rate. *Please be aware: The hotel is undergoing some room renovations, so if you have any issues, call 816 801-8400, M-F 8-5 and ask for Jennifer Jarett and identify yourself as being with the National Insulator block.* Reservations made after May 20 are accepted based on room type and group rate availability.

Display tables: Free 8' of display space. If you need more space contact show host. Free electricity. Either adults or juniors under 18 years. **Categories:** Threadless, Threaded glass, Threaded Porcelain, Specialty (one company, one style, patents, errors, etc.), Color (glass, porcelain, or any combination), General (doesn't fit certain category), Non-competitive, Pole Line Hardware & Equipment, and Go-Withs.

Sales tables: Aisle table (8' table)	\$60.00
End space (Two 6' tables)	\$100.00
Extra aisle table (8' table)	\$50.00
Electricity, per 5 amp plug-in	\$20.00

Thurs., June 21:

8:15-5:45: Special KC tour - Arabia Steamboat Museum, Streetcar, Union Station, WW1 Memorial, transportation provided. \$60 per person, special pricing for children.

5:00-9:00: Dealer unloading only, Exhibitor setup

Fri., June 22:

7:00-9:00: Dealer / displayer unloading and set up

9:00-4:00: NIA Day (must be NIA member to enter)

4:15-5:15: NIA General membership meeting.

6:15-11:00: Family Night/Cook Out, seminar and private professional fireworks display. Wagner residence, transportation provided from hotel. \$38 per person, make checks payable to Darryl Wagner.

Sat., June 23:

8:00-9:00: Dealer set up.

9:00-4:00: Show open to everyone, \$3 general admission

5:30-6:30 Reception / cash bar.

6:30-9:30: Awards banquet, \$38 per adult, \$18 per child under 11. Make checks payable to NIA.

Sun., June 24:

8:00-9:00: Sunday devotion

9:00-1:30: Show open to everyone, \$3 general admission

1:30-4:00: Dealer and displayer teardown.

Raffles: Numerous raffles are scheduled each day during the show. Items up for raffle will be donated insulators, paintings, go-withs and many other items. If you wish to make a donation, you can contact:

Dennis & Jeanne Weber
3609 Jackson Street
St. Joseph, MO 64507
(816) 364-1312
dennisrweber@aol.com

Art Competition: There will be an art competition. The only requirement is that it must be insulator-related in some way. Bring your artwork and join the fun!

Hosts will be the Missouri Valley Insulator Club and Darryl and Margaret Wagner.

For more information, contact:

Darryl Wagner
P.O. Box 1135
Smithville, MO 64089
nwmshow@dwagnerkc.com
(816) 719-0801

Upcoming Insulator Events

June 22-24, 2018

49th Annual NIA National Show

Kansas City, MO

(Same venue as the 2012 National. See page 5 of this issue for more information.)

Now seeking donated items for the many raffles that will be held during the show. See page 5 for more details. *Any donations are appreciated!*

Sat., August 18, 2018

Summer DJIC Swap, Winston-Salem, NC
Bible Life Church, 2510 Gumtree Road, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27107. David Erickson will be our host.

Nov. 2-4, 2018

Mid-Ohio Show, Springfield, OH

Sat., Nov. 17, 2018

Fall DJIC Swap, Loudon, TN

Bethany Baptist Ch., Hosts Steve & Robin Ruppel

June 14-16, 2019

NIA National Show, Orlando, FL

The National Insulator Association's 50th Annual Show and Convention will be held June 14-16, 2019 in the Oceans Convention Center at the Doubletree by Hilton Orlando at Sea World, 10100 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32821. In June 2018, show information will be available on the NIA website and at the 49th National show in Kansas City.

Plan to be a part of "Celebrating 50 Years of Meets/Shows". The show hosts are Clay Bledsoe, NIA # 5581, Graham Barnes, NIA # 115 and Jacqueline Linscott-Barnes, NIA # 1380. For additional show information contact Jacque at: (321) 480-1800 or e-mail her at bluebellwt@aol.com.



7-UP Green: Stephen Ruppel mans his table as Roy Hale checks out what looks to be a small insulator in 7-UP green. From left, Stephen, Jason Bradley, Dave Kingston, Roy Hale and daughters. Despite a relatively small turn-out at the February swap, we had a lot of insulators to choose from and the fellowship with fellow collectors was priceless.

The Jim Overstreet Memorial Award

Every year at the NIA National the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club presents the **Jim Overstreet Memorial Award** to a displayer. This award is in memory of Jim Overstreet, founder of DJIC, and a fervent insulator collector who specialized in threaded glass North American CD's. Jim attempted to obtain one of every CD. The award is in recognition of his life as a collector, friend and mentor to other collectors, and one who always shared his time and collection for as long as you cared to talk or visit. It is said Jim was never one to end an evening or conversation on insulators. This award is voted on *only* by Dixie Jewels Insulator Club members in good standing who attend the National.

Criteria:

1. Displayer shows a love of the breadth of **North American threaded glass** with a **variety of CD's**.
2. Displayer shows through presentation a love of the hobby and an appreciation for ALL insulators, not just rarity or color.
3. Winning display shows a zeal and promotion of the hobby WITHIN the displayer's capability and budget.
4. Display promotes the hobby through the varied CD presentation and creativity to capture the audience's attention and shows love and enthusiasm for his/her hobby.
5. Display may include damaged items if it is evident that the displayer's intent is to present his collection in its breadth and variety, and is proud of his effort within the limitations of his budget. This again relates to "enthusiasm" and "zeal" to promote insulator collecting.

Non-criteria:

- Most rare insulators is not a clincher.
- Most different CD's is not the primary judging criteria.
- Most expensive display (i.e. materials, etc.) is not a primary criteria.
- Education is not a primary criteria.

Some Hotels in the Mountain Home / Hendersonville / Asheville Area:

Mountain Inn and Suites

447 Naples Road
Hendersonville, NC 28792
(828) 684-0040
(closest to Mountain Home Fire Dept.)

Econo Lodge, Asheville Airport

196 Underwood Road
Fletcher, NC 28732-8634
(828) 684-1200

Budget Motel

250 Underwood Road
Fletcher, NC 28732-9634
(828) 684-2200

Holiday Inn Express

111 Commercial Boulevard
Flat Rock, NC 28731-7747
(828) 698-8899

Quality Inn and Suites

201 Sugarloaf Road
Hendersonville, NC 28792-9386
(828) 692-7231

Ramada

150 Sugarloaf Road
Hendersonville, NC 28792-9236
(828) 697-0006

Days Inn

102 Michelle Drive
Hendersonville, NC 28792
(828) 697-5899

Things to do in Western North Carolina:

Biltmore House and Gardens. Built by George Vanderbilt. It is the largest privately owned house in the United States. George Vanderbilt at one time owned as far as he could see out his back door. There is a winery, behind-the-scenes tours and restaurants, so your visit could take up a whole day. (Rather pricey, but an experience!) www.biltmore.com

Great Smoky Mountain Railroad. Runs from Bryson City to the Nantahala Outdoor Center and back to Bryson City. <http://www.gsmr.com>

Harrah's Cherokee Casino is located on the Cherokee Reservation. <http://www.harrahsherokee.com>

DuPont State Forest is probably the best day hike and you can see three really nice waterfalls.

Blue Ridge Parkway. The prettiest drive in the world! It is 450 miles long, and very easy to access in the Asheville area. www.blueridgeparkway.com

Great Smoky Mountains National Park. There is so much that people never see. Easy to get to through Cherokee that goes through Gatlinburg. www.great.smoky.mountains.national.park.com

Chimney Rock State Park is a very nice day trip. <http://www.chimneyrockpark.com/>

Appalachian Trail has 10-15 access points, most about 2 hours from Hendersonville. www.appalachiantrail.org

Historic Downtown Hendersonville has lots of antique shops and restaurants. They cater to tourists and it is a very nice downtown. www.hendersonville.com

