

THE

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Newsletter of the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club

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YOUR 2011 DIXIE JEWELS INSULATOR CLUB DUES ARE DUE! Your 2010 dues expired Dec. 31! See page 5 for directions to renew, or attend the February swap and renew there.

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Club Meeting Announcement

**MAY DIXIE JEWELS SWAP MEET
SAT., MAY 21, 2011
8:30am - 3:00pm
Carrboro, North Carolina**

The Dixie Jewels spring swap meet will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 8:30-3:00 Eastern time in the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) community room, located at 400 Jones Ferry Road in Carrboro, North Carolina 27510. The day will be hosted by Ed Holland. A few 6 foot by 2 foot tables will be available for the first callers who reserve them, so please contact Ed if you're interested. No setup or registration fee, but covered dishes, desserts, or other contributions to the meal will be welcomed. Main courses will likely be local BBQ (pork, of course) and fried chicken. Carrboro is located right next to Chapel Hill in north-central North Carolina, so please mark your calendars for a spring day of excellent insulators and outstanding fellowship in the Southern Part of Heaven! Contact Ed Holland at (919) 489-9809 (H), (919) 451-6085 (cell) or e-mail him at edholland@hotmail.com to let him know that you are coming.

**Host: Ed Holland - (919) 451-6085 (cell) - (919) 489-9809 (H),
e-mail: edholland@hotmail.com**

DIRECTIONS TO ORANGE WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

*Swap meet will be downstairs in the Community Room of Orange Water & Sewer Authority
400 Jones Ferry Rd., Carrboro, NC 27510*

See <http://www.owasa.org/about/map.aspx> for Google Map directions

From Henderson/Oxford, NC:

- Take southbound I-85 to Durham, NC;
- Bear right to US 15-501 South (follow signs for "US 70 BUS/Hillsborough Rd/Chapel Hill);
- Continue south approx. 12 miles to Chapel Hill until US 15-501 merges with NC 54 West;
- Turn right toward Carrboro;
- Go approx. 1/2 mile to OWASA on the left, park in lower lot.

From Greensboro:

- Take eastbound I-40 to Exit 148 (NC 54 toward Chapel Hill/Carrboro);
- Turn right (eastbound) on NC 54;
- Go approx. 20 miles to Carrboro, take Jones Ferry Rd. exit;
- Turn left toward Carrboro;
- Go approx. 1/2 mile to OWASA on the left, park in lower lot.

From South Carolina:

- If coming into NC via I-85, follow the directions from Charlotte or Greensboro.
- If coming into NC via I-95, exit at I-40 toward Raleigh, follow directions from Raleigh.

From Charlotte:

- Take I-85 north to Greensboro, where I-85 merges with I-40 - then follow directions from Greensboro.

From Raleigh:

- Take I-40 West toward Durham/Chapel Hill, approx. 30 miles;
- Take exit 273 A and merge onto NC54 West toward Chapel Hill;
- Go approx. 3 miles, pass under hwy. bridge, and bear right to where NC 54 merges with US 15-501;
- Follow NC 54 approx. 2 miles to the Jones Ferry Rd. exit in Carrboro;
- Go approx. 1/2 mile to OWASA on the left, park in lower lot.

From Laurinburg, NC:

- Take US 15-501 north approx. 90 miles to Chapel Hill;
- Exit left to NC 54 West toward Carrboro;
- Go approx. 1 mile to Jones Ferry Rd. exit, turn right toward Carrboro;
- Go approx. 1/2 mile to OWASA on the left, park in lower lot.

Your host, Ed Holland, will be at the venue around 7:00am.

He can be reached by cell phone at (919) 451-6085

Home phone: (919) 489-9809

E-mail: edholland@hotmail.com

(See pg. 8 for a listing of affordable local motels)

FROM THE PRESIDENT....

Time sure flies! Has it been three months since our last get-together? Now I am getting excited and preparing for another great Dixie Jewels swap meet! Ed Holland will be our host in Carrboro, near Chapel Hill, North Carolina. I hope to see many of you there.

Many other clubs host annual shows or swap meets at set locations every year. Our club has a different strategy. Due to our widespread membership base, every three months our swap meets move around to different venues within the southeastern United States. At least one should be near enough to allow any DJIC member to attend. Mark your calendar, start saving your pennies, and make a point of coming to a Dixie Jewels swap meet near you. Even if it means a lengthy drive, you'll be glad you made the effort. The fellowship with other club members is one thing that makes this hobby so enjoyable. The colorful selection and numbers of insulators you can purchase at any swap doesn't hurt either!

One important thing we do at our May meetings is elect new officers for the coming year. Our only three elected positions are President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you'd like to serve our club as an officer, be sure to let me know. Dixie Jewels is a volunteer organization and we need....volunteers!

Speaking of volunteers, I am also looking for someone to host our November 2011 meeting. If interested, please contact me and I'll be happy to answer questions and work with you on publicity and logistics. Together we can make it happen.

Our February swap in Greenville, Alabama was hosted by Roy Hale. He did a fine job, and I'd like to thank him for being willing to host for the second February in a row. The building at the Butler County Fairgrounds once again proved to be a nice place to have a meeting. While I didn't get an exact sales table count, I know we had over 20 sales tables full of insulators. We also picked up several new members. It was nice to welcome some new faces to the club and greet some members we hadn't seen for awhile.

The NIA National will be held in San Jose, California July 8-10, 2011, and I'm sure a few of our members will attend. Our club is currently looking into putting a bid in for the National in 2013. Steve Roberts has been talking to a facility which would certainly fit our needs in Franklin, Tennessee, a short distance south of Nashville. While we have a tentative date, that may change. We'll keep you updated as new information is gathered.

You can contact me at (423) 756-4106 (H), (423) 326-9248 (cell) or wgh@tnaqua.org. I hope to see you soon at a swap or show!

Bill Haley
DJIC President

Upcoming Shows and Swap Meets

July 8-10, 2011: San Jose, CA 42nd Annual NIA National Show

The 42nd National NIA show will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose, CA on July 8-10, 2011. There will be 100+ sales tables and at least 24 displays. Rooms are \$99. To make reservations use code NIA: Call 1 408 453-4000 or www.dtsj.com. For show information, contact Colin Jung, (408) 732-8736.

August 12-13, 2011: Martinsburg, WV 2011 NIA Eastern Regional Show

The Chesapeake Bay Insulator Club will host the Eastern Regional at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, West Virginia. There will be 45 sales tables and 12 displays. Rooms are \$89. Call 1 800 862-6282, and be sure to let reservations know you are with the CBIC show. For info packet, contact Charlie Irons (302) 422-5712, or e-mail ironsjrc@verizon.net, or the CBIC website: <http://www/insulators.info/clubs/cbic>.

Saturday, August 20, 2011: Toccoa, GA Dixie Jewels Summer Swap Meet

The Dixie Jewels Insulator Club's summer swap, hosted by Tom, Mike and Casey Herron, will be held in Toccoa, Georgia at Mitchell Allen Memorial Hall, located in the historic Toccoa Depot and Currahee Military Museum on Saturday, August 20th from 8:00am to 4:00pm. The Toccoa Depot was built in 1915 and is located beside the Southern Railroad, which still operates the line to this day. The Toccoa Depot has been restored to its original appearance in 1940 and showcases the history of Toccoa and Stephens County, Georgia, along with many artifacts detailing the lives and experiences of the men who trained for combat missions at Camp Toccoa, made famous by the hit Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks HBO miniseries, Band of Brothers. Tours of the museum can be arranged for those interested. Around 12 tables will be available, so please contact Mike before the swap to reserve your sales table, or feel free to bring your own. Admission is free and there will be no charge to set up. Fried chicken will be provided for the noon meal and others are asked to bring a covered dish, dessert or drinks to complement the meal. Mark your calendars now for a wonderful summer day of awesome glass and fellowship with other collectors in beautiful Northeast Georgia! Please contact **Mike Herron** to let him know that you will be coming or for directions to the depot. You may contact Mike by cell phone at (706) 599-4705 or e-mail him at hern@windstream.net.

**DIXIE JEWELS INSULATOR CLUB FIRST QUARTER MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2011, GREENVILLE, ALABAMA
HOSTED BY ROY HALE**

Bill Haley welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He gave special thanks to Roy Hale for hosting another swap meet at the Butler County Fairgrounds. Bill offered a prayer before the noon meal. A nice meal, consisting of Southern BBQ, baked beans, potato salad and cole slaw was enjoyed by all. A great selection of desserts and drinks were brought by the members and everyone enjoyed the meal.

The committee of Steve Roberts, Ken Roberts and Bill Haley are still working to find a location for the 2013 National. A Franklin, Tennessee location was found and it may be possible to have it there, if the location is acceptable and the NIA panel approves the submission. That panel is made up of Glenn Drummond, Steve Blair and Dewayne Anthony. Glenn stated that other clubs may also submit bids for that national.

Bill informed the club that this May was time for election of new officers and if anyone wanted to serve let it be known. Several members were mentioned as still having health problems and Bill asked that we remember them in prayer, Juanita Ewing (husband Billy) and Ayako Gasko (husband John).

This past year (2010) DJIC missed making our \$50 contribution to ICON, so it was decided to make the 2011 and 2010 contribution to ICON in the amount of \$100.

A new price guide is due out in 2011 and it was asked if the club could purchase a small quantity at a reduced rate, make a few dollars for the club, and possibly have some on hand to sell at the swap meets to newer members. Donald Briel, the new price guide editor, will be contacted to check on this.

Upcoming swap meets have been set, with the May 2011 meeting to be in Carrboro, North Carolina and hosted by Ed Holland, and the August 2011 meeting to be in Toccoa, Georgia and hosted by Mike, Casey and Tom Herron. A location for November 2011 is needed.

- No other new business was discussed so it was time for show and tell.
- Dave Kingston showed a composite material cable top that was unusual. he also had an Edison porcelain piece.
- A CD112 Lynchburg in clear was shown adn also a CD154 No. 48-40 no embossing was interesting.

There were approximatley 40 in attendance.

Respectfully submitted
John Henderson, DJIC secretary

November 2010 attendees:

Michael Green	Mableton, GA	Gary & Elizabeth Tilson	Madisonville, TN
Roy Hale	Greenville, AL	Keith Roloson	Cummings, GA
Jim Colburn	Green Acres, FL	Jeff & Anne Markwart	Pealand, TX
Dave Kingston	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	John Henderson	Hixson, TN
Bill Haley	Chattanooga, TN	Dudley Ellis	Stockbridge, GA
Ken Roberts	Huntsville, AL	J. D. Booker	Toney, AL
Fred Pittman	Mountain Home, NC	Rich Mullins	Toney, AL
John & Shirley Lewis	Cantonment, FL	Jerry Fisher	Century, FL
Cal Baker	Hendersonville, NC	Rick Moore	Jackson, MS
Joe Riels & family (4)	Seminary, MS	Ray Raybon	Pearl, MS
Glenn Drummond	Notasulga, AL	Steve Bahre	Arcadia, FL
Paul & Betty Deriso	Orange Park, FL	Carolyn Hale	Luverne, AL
Steve & Shirley Millette	Tifton, GA	Marilyn Hale	Luverne, AL
Faye Scott	Greenville, AL	Tommie & Clay Bradford	Ocean Springs, MS
Gene Daniels	Mobile, AL	Marshal Fant	Molino, FL

Some Photos from the February 2011 Swap Meet in Greenville, AL



Photo by
Mike Green

Checking out the selection at Bill Haley's table. Is that Jeff Markwart looking at a GLASS insulator?



Photo by
Dudley Ellis

Gary and Elizabeth Tilson from Madisonville, TN



Photo by
Rich Mullins

Always some jewels in Dudley Ellis' light box!



Photo by
Dudley Ellis

Roy Hale, host, and daughters Marilyn and Carolyn

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 per year, 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.

More Photos from Greenville, Alabama, February Swap Meet



Photo by Dudley Ellis

Porcelain Anyone? J.D. Booker and his sister Mary joined us and brought a huge load of porcelain insulators. Here J.D. talks with Elizabeth Tilson.



Photo by Jeff Markwart

Unusual Porcelain Walk-In: A local lady brought this very unusual porcelain multipart to the swap meet. Kind of looked like someone had taken two completely different insulators and joined them together. Jeff Markwart had his porcelain multi-part book and finally figured out what it was. It is a Lapp M2670. I think Jeff took this home to Texas with him.



Photo by Mike Green

John Henderson's table: John Henderson sets up his sales table. He had a good selection of insulators with lots of variety, thanks to his recent purchase of a small collection.



Photo by Dudley Ellis

First timer: Stephen Bahre, from Arcadia, Florida, attended his first Dixie Jewels swap meet. Several people, including your editor, made purchases from his sales table using his discount coupon. Welcome!



Photo by Dudley Ellis

L.-R.: Mike Green, Cal Baker and Fred Pittman



Photo by Rich Mullins

Tea Time? A threadless porcelain "tea-pot", was a not-often-seen insulator on Keith Roloson's table.

More February Photos!



Photo by Rich Mullins

Texas Friends: Anne and Jeff Markwart, in foreground, drove all the way from Pearland, Texas. It is always great to welcome folks from other areas of the country to a Dixie Jewels swap meet. This was at least their third time with us and it was wonderful to visit with them.



Photo by Dudley Ellis

Always Good to See Glenn: Glenn Drummond, on right, came down from Notasulga, Alabama to share his extensive insulator knowledge of early Hemingray production.



Photo by Rich Mullins

Cracked, But Still a Beauty! Rich Mullins was pleased to obtain this beautiful peacock H.G. Co. signal for his collection.



Photo by Rich Mullins

Nice Glass! Ken Roberts always has a great selection and the array of green CD122 McLaughlins and CD132 "bullets" on Ken's table was outstanding.



Photo by Mike Green

Need Purple? Here is a sampling from Ken's table.



Photo by Mike Green

More Color: Mike Green's table had some really nice color pieces available, both porcelain and glass.



Photo by Rich Mullins

Swirls from North of the Border: Purple-swirled CD143 Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.'s in Dudley Ellis' display case. Beautiful!

Affordable Motels Near Carrboro, North Carolina

Crossland-Durham/Research Triangle Park
5008 NC 55, Durham, NC 27713
(919) 484-1878
www.crosslandstudios.com

Extended Stay America - Durham/University
3105 Tower Blvd., Durham, NC 27707
(919) 489-8444
www.extendedstayamerica.com

Red Roof Inn Chapel Hill - UNC
5623 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd., Durham, NC
27077
(919) 489-9421
redroof.com

Microtel Inn and Suites - Hillsborough
120 Old Dogwood St., Hillsborough, NC 27278
(919) 383-1551
www.microtelinn.com

Days Inn/Durham / near Duke University
3460 Hillsborough Rd., Durham, NC 27705
(919) 383-1551 www.daysinn.com

Days Inn Chapel Hill
1312 North Fordham Blvd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514
(919) 929-3090 www.daysinn.com

Chapel Hill University Inn
1301 North Fordham Blvd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
(919) 929-2171
www.hichapelhill.com

Hampton Inn Chapel Hill
1740 Fordham Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514
(919) 968-3000
hamptoninn.hilton.com

Motel 6 Burlington
2155 Hanford Rd., Burlington, NC 27215
(336) 226-1325 www.motel6.com

Insulators in the Office *How Does Ray Get Any Work Done?*

I often receive e-mails from various Dixie Jewels members, usually (but not always) about insulator-related stuff.

Last week I opened an e-mail from Ray Harris and found an attached photo of the insulators displayed in his office window at work. It was quite a

treat to look over this photo, noting all the neat shapes and beautiful colors. It was also nice to revisit several insulators he's purchased from me over the past few years. I suspect this insulator display generates some interest from people who come into his office too. Ray did say that many (but not all) of the more colorful examples have a bit of damage. He also said that he makes sure his office door is locked every day when he leaves work.

I enjoyed the photo so much that I asked Ray if I could include it in the newsletter and he graciously gave me permission.

Would you be willing to share an insulator story or photos of a favorite insulator display, either at work or in your home, with fellow Dixie Jewels Insulator Club members?

Attach your story or photos (with a bit of background info) and e-mail to WGH@tnaqua.org.

