

The Dixie Jewel

Newsletter of the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club

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Winter Dixie Jewels Swap Meet

February 17, 2018

Greenville, AL

The winter Dixie Jewels Insulator Club swap meet, hosted by Roy Hale, will be held on Saturday, February 17, at the Butler County Fairgrounds, 260 American Legion Road, Greenville, AL. Beat the winter blues with a trip to L.A. (Lower Alabama) and enjoy a day of fellowship with fellow collectors. We have met at this venue several times before and there will be plenty of space for everyone and lots of sales tables filled with insulators.

There is no charge to set up a sales table. If you are trying to thin out the collection or maybe move from one specialty collection to another, this is a good chance to do that. Around 20 sales tables will be available. Please contact the show host before the date of the swap meet to reserve your table(s). We always expect collectors from at least 6-7 states, and they will be looking for insulators to buy.

Everyone is invited to join us for our noon meal. (Nobody starves at a DJIC swap!) Roy will provide delicious BBQ pork and he asks that others bring side dishes to go along with his BBQ to round out the meal.

To reserve a sales table or let Roy know you are coming and what you can contribute to the noon meal, please contact:

Host: Roy Hale

(334) 382-7463

rdhale423@centurylink.net

Directions to the Butler County Fairgrounds

260 American Legion Road, Greenville, AL 36037

From Points North :

1. Take I-65 South from Montgomery, Alabama;
2. Take exit 128 (Hwy. 10 East), turn left;
3. Go 1.4 miles and turn right onto American Legion Rd., (immediately past the National Guard Armory);
4. Swap meet will be at Butler County Fairgrounds, 260 American Legion Road.

From Points South:

1. Take I-65 North;
2. Take exit 128 (Hwy. 10 East), turn right;
3. Follow directions from # 3 above.

If you get lost, call Roy Hale at

(334) 437-0820

Motels at Exit 130

(2 miles away)

Best Western (334) 382-9200

Comfort Inn (334) 383-9595

Days Inn (334) 382-3118

Hampton Inn (334) 382-9631

Holiday Inn Express (334) 382-2444

Baymont Inn (334) 382-6300

November Swap Meet Minutes

President Bill Haley called the meeting to order and graciously thanked Dave and Geny Collins and Ed and Zandra Overstreet for hosting the meet, as well as the open house the night before where some attendees got the treat of viewing Dave's awesome collection.

We met at the Harmony Community Association Hall in Eatonton, GA, and while the Collins' have hosted the DJIC before, this was our first time at this venue. The weather was perfect and the hall provided more than adequate space for our needs. As advertised, Dave and his large crew of family and friends provided a great lunch of pulled pork and more than enough side dishes for everyone at this well-attended event.

As usual, we had collectors from many states, with the farthest distance travelled being Dan Gauron from Colorado. It's safe to say that guy sure gets around! We all found it a real pleasure to meet Dan and talk about our insulator experiences and collections. Thanks to Dan for making the effort to visit us! He is practicing a well-advertised statement in our hobby and that is "Get to a show!" Nowhere else will you have the ability to meet collectors and gain knowledge. As Bill stated, it's always good fun and good fellowship!

We discussed the upcoming DJIC schedule. Our meetings are held quarterly, on the 3rd Saturday of the month, in February, May, August and November. The current 2018 schedule looks like this:

Feb. 17th: Still looking for a host to volunteer.

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

Treasurer Cal Baker was available to collect dues, which are \$5 annually. Those of you who have paid dues will continue to receive the neweletter, which is sent out in the weeks leading up to each swap meet.

Today's show & tell item by John Gasko was a photo showing a red CD162 McLaughlin commemorative, proving that red insulators really do exist! Tom Heron donated a purple H&H Electric Company commemorative (SI 269) for silent auction, with the proceeds to be donated to the Dixie Jewels club. Thank you Tom!

- Respectfully submitted, Bill Grieser, Secretary

November Swap meet attendees:

Dave & Geny Collins	Eatonton, GA
Dudley & Sandy Ellis	Stockbridge, GA
Bill Haley	Chattanooga, TN
Dan Gauron	Colorado Springs, CO
Ed & Zandra Overstreet	Greensboro, GA
Tom Herron	Toccoa, GA
Mike Herron	Toccoa, GA
Eli Herron	Toccoa, GA
Ken Roberts	Huntsville, AL
Gary & Elizabeth Tilson	Madisonville, TN
Roy Hale	Greenville, AL
Paul & Chris Irby	Flowery Branch, GA
Dave Kingston	Chester, SC
Phil & Janelle Collins	Alpharetta, GA
Jack & Sam Collins	Alpharetta, GA
Stephen & Robin Ruppel	Loudon, TN
Michael & Erika Green	Mableton, GA
Chris Kinsler	Lebanon, TN
Maryann Rodriguez	Evans, GA
Zack Soucie	Evans, GA
John Gasko	Augusta, GA
Bill Grieser	Kernersville, NC
Melvin & Gail Burdette	Inman, SC
David Little	Greer, SC
Ray & R.J. Harris	Kensington, GA
Lisa & David Needham	Warner Robins, GA
Mabel & Tom Hicks	Eatonton, GA
James Lee	Floravilla, GA
Ange Clem	Madisonville, TN
Hugh Boykin	Claxton, GA
Bill Carman	Eatonton, GA
Ralph Dean	Milton, GA
Bonnie Amburgey	Eatonton, GA
Barbara Fisher	Eatonton, GA
Jim & Judy Plumb	Greensboro, GA
Cal & Barbara Baker	Hendersonville, NC

If you note the people in attendance at our Dixie Jewels swap meets, you'll see that we get a different crowd at each one. Some of the regulars make almost every one, but others might only be able to get to one a year. We strive to move our club swap meets around so we will be reasonably close to you at least once each year. See you at one of our 2018 swaps.

A note from your President:

Welcome to 2018!

I trust everyone had a very nice holiday season and is doing well in this new year. It is almost time for our February swap meet and I hope to see many of you there.

We'll be heading to **L.A.** in February. That's right—**L**ower **A**labama. Roy Hale will host at the Butler County Fairgrounds in Greenville, Alabama on Saturday, February 17. We have met here several times in the past and always have a good time. Mark your calendar and plan to beat the winter blues by spending some time with your Dixie Jewels collector friends. See the first page of this newsletter for more information.

I am happy to announce that the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club has a full slate of swap meet venues already finalized for 2018, starting in Greenville, Alabama on Saturday, February 17. Our May swap will take place in Mountain Home, North Carolina on Saturday, May 19. On August 18 we'll head to Winston-Salem, North Carolina and on November 17 we'll all converge on Loudon, Tennessee. Be sure to put these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend as many as possible.

The NIA National Show and Convention should be exciting in 2018, as it will be held in Kansas City at the same venue as in 2012. If you attended that show, you know it was a very good one. Dates for that are June 22-24, 2018.

Our November 2017 swap meet in Eatonton, Georgia at the Harmony Community Center was a big success and was very well attended. This new venue was just the right size and we filled it with nice insulators and nicer insulator collectors. Thank you Dave and Geny Collins and Ed and Zandra Overstreet for hosting that event. It was a real treat to have Dan Gauron, from Colorado Springs, Colorado as one of our guests. If you read about or attended the NIA National this year, you probably recognize Dan as one of the hosts of that fun event.

Even though it is only February, I'd like you to think about our May meeting. You may be wondering, what will happen in May? May is traditionally when the Dixie Jewels Insulator Club holds an election for new club officers for the upcoming year. All of your present officers have now held their posts for a number of years.

President's message, cont.

Every organization needs to periodically have new people coming along to lead it. Our club has three elected positions: President, Treasurer and Secretary. I would really like to see some of our members step up to the plate and volunteer to be an officer starting in August 2018. Please let me know if you would like to be considered as a new officer.

- Bill Haley, President

Dixie Jewels Members at Mid-Ohio Show:

Dave Kingston thought it would be fun to compile a list of DJIC members at the Mid-Ohio show in Springfield, Ohio Nov. 3-5. Our club is always well-represented, and we came up with a pretty long list. I should have kept a running list *during* the show, but never got around to it. Instead we relied on our collective memory (*a risky thing to do, at least in my case!*) If you were there and don't see your name, you can blame my memory! Following is who we came up with:

1. Dave Kingston
- 2-3. Dudley and Sandy Ellis
- 4-5. Bill and Candy Haley
- 6-7. Gary and Elizabeth Tilson
- 8-9. Dave and Geny Collins
- 10-11. Steve and Jana Roberts
- 12-13. Mike and Erika Green
- 14-15. Dan and Shirley Goodrich
- 16-17. Jeremy and Maranda Gregory
- 18-19. Donnie and Leslea Grace (joined there)
20. Jim Colburn
21. Roy Hale
22. John Gasko
23. David Little
24. Ralph Dean
25. Fred Pittman
26. Doug Williams
27. Ron Gaylord
28. Tim Baggett
- 29-30. Ray and R.J. Harris
- 31-32. Graham and Jacque Barnes
33. Jeff Hogan
34. Jeffrey Kraemer
35. Rick Soller
36. Jim Hoffman

Photos from the November DJIC Swap Meet



Set-up time: As we set up at the Harmony Community Association hall, there was a sense of excitement with each new insulator out of the box.



From left: Dan Gauron, Roy Hale and Bill Grieser.

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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.**

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!



Dave Collins, our host, chats with Paul Irby

More Photos from the November Eatonton, Georgia Swap



Fancy Swap Meet Sign: Dave Collins had a special sign made to advertise the Eatonton swap meet. Afterwards he donated it to the club to use at future swaps. Thanks Dave!



Mike Green and Roy Hale examine an insulator closely.



Ed Overstreet, swap meet co-host, and Mike Herron



Paul Irby, one of the first Dixie Jewels members, brought some sales stock that hasn't been seen in years and all the "vultures" began circling his table.



John Gasko, Eli Herron and Tom Herron.



It was good to see Dan Gauron from Colorado Springs, CO!

Upcoming Insulator Events

Sat., May 19, 2018

Spring DJIC Swap, Mountain Home, NC
Mtn. Home Fire and Rescue, Hosted by Fred Pittman

Sat., August 18, 2018

Summer DJIC Swap, Winston-Salem, NC
Bible Life Church, Hosted by David Erickson

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 22-24, 2018

NIA National Show, Kansas City, MO
(Same venue as the 2012 National)

June 14-16, 2019

NIA National Show, Orlando, FL



Stephen Ruppel, who will host the August 2018 DJIC swap talks with Tom Hicks. Tom and his wife Mabel live in the Eatonton area. He is primarily a bottle collector, but he bought a number of insulators to sell in their antique mall space.



This photo gives you a bit of vertigo, but rest assured, no insulators slid off Bill Haley's table.



Ralph Dean, Dave Kingston and Bill Grieser catch up on the latest insulator talk.



Sandy Ellis and Erika Green were having a conversation behind Dudley Ellis' table....and it is a safe bet they probably weren't talking about insulators.