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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. I trust that you are enjoying a wonderful summer. This edition of our fine newsletter is mostly about our recent national convention and I am proud to say that it was a great success! Over one hundred club members converged in Florence Kentucky in late April and brought with them some cast iron, aluminum, fellowship, and great stories about the hobby.

First of all, I want to thank all those who helped out in planning, organizing and working at our convention. Thank you to my lovely wife Terri for hosting, to Josh Delp for handling registration, to Doug and Kathy Wentz, Jane Brymer and Roy Meadows, Chet and Mindy Mitchell, and Diane Nicholas and Stephanie Roten, and Brian and Jo Wheeler for all around help. Special thanks go to seminar presenters Russ Weimer and Farold Hoover. Thank you to Sonny McCarter and Scott McCarter and Tommy Lewis for the great auction. Thanks also to Trish Shafer for getting the computers ready for the auction, and for working the auction along with Gail and Butch Parthree. And thank you to the members who brought Table Topics: Eric McAllister, Shirley Willard, Blake Williams, Scott McCarter and Sonny McCarter. I'm sure I forgot someone and I apologize for that!

I want to take this opportunity to make two announcements. First, I have appointed Doug Wentz to chair the Membership Committee. If you have ideas, or want to help out with this vital area, please contact Doug. I am happy to announce that Brad Schwarting has stepped up to become our new Club Historian. Thank you to Brad and Doug for volunteering to help out our club!

In closing I am looking forward to our several regional club meetings coming up this fall. Details about these are listed elsewhere in this issue. Hope to see you there!

Finally stay safe and good hunting!

Art Chatfield

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AN APOLOGY

Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this newsletter. I experienced a medical condition in early June that had serious effects on my ability to concentrate and focus. It, and the medication I was put on, made me tired and apathetic. Things finally improved in the last few weeks and I have been able to get back to working on the Quarterly. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Joseph Zawadowski, newsletter editor

And the Countdown Continues for my Top 50ish List....

Greetings everyone and hope all has been going well and you have been enjoying your summer. Hopefully, you have been able to make a few shopping trips and add some cast iron to your collection. I was happy to see some rain this past weekend and some cooler weather. We had been stuck in triple digits for weeks and very dry – just like my iron buying has been since the convention. Maybe all my cast iron luck was used up in Florence at the convention. Have you ever had this dry spell and not able to find any iron? Luckily one of my personal pickers came thru and found me an awesome 12 slant Erie Dutch Oven, and cleaned and delivered it to me this past weekend – hopefully that will open up some more finds.

So, in the last four or so years I have talked about my favorite piece of cast iron/aluminum and what steps and decisions that were needed to identify that all-time favorite piece, the one I must have, would grab and secure in an emergency, dream about, and of course would never part with. I have shared the first items that I have ranked in my top 50ish – I can only guess that will change over time, so please do not hold that against me – plus I have found some new items at the last few conventions that will modify the list and have extended it beyond 50 items...stay tuned.

So, after much thought and sleepless nights thinking about this, I will reveal the next **4** items on my top 50ish list. Remember it is not about the retail value of an item – it is a piece that I enjoy looking at and treasure. So, some items on the top 50 will not always be high priced but they will be a treasure in my eyes.

Drum roll please for the top items to continue down the list, and see that we have more items to share, and try and narrow the list down. How fun is that? So now on to the list and some of the items that have tied for the top spots, and on our way to one at some point.

#2 (tie) – Starting off the list today are the awesome #3 hammered cast iron skillets with hinged lids.

The one on the left is a sharp chrome piece that I was able to purchase at the National Convention Friday night auction. Love the chrome pieces and how they really enhance the collection and displays.

Middle skillet and lid are what I would call nickeled – unusual to see in this size of skillet and lid. I was lucky to open this for Christmas – must have been good that year.

The skillet and lid on the right are good ole black iron that we all love and enjoy. Found this jewel on a table in the Saturday morning swap meet. Have I ever mentioned all the great iron you will see when you attend a convention? So, when you put all three together you can see the variances.



#2 (tie) – Continuing on down the list with the #12 cast iron skillet with the slant logo, Erie, and highlighting with the wood handle. The wood handle would have been nice to cook with and kept you from burning your hand on a hot skillet handle. However, many handles do seem to have been hot and charred from all of the use.

In my opinion, all cast iron wood handle skillets are hard to acquire in collector quality. Not sure why, but wood handle skillets are tough to locate and put a set together. This set, the slant logo Erie, for sure has the 3-12 (could be a 2 hiding out there) and it is a challenge to locate all sizes and complete the set. I found this skillet at the convention a few years ago and was excited to bring it home.



#2 (tie) – The next on the list today are the deep #10 Griswold skillets. For some reason I have always liked the #10 deep skillets. The deep skillets come in many variations and today I am sharing the slant logo, Erie versions.

The one on the left is the #10 deep slant Erie with outside heat ring. This set was made in 8, 9, and 10 and is a tougher set to put together. The 8 was the last one I found to complete this set.

The skillet to the right is the #10 deep slant Erie with inset heat ring. This set also comes in the 8-10 with all 3 sizes being tough to locate.



#2 (tie) – Finishing the list today is the amazing #15 oval skillet and lid in red and cream porcelain. I have always thought the red and cream pieces were made to add some color to the kitchen and they did not disappoint with this skillet and lid. I am so glad that the customer who made this purchase decided to not use the skillet and maybe just used as a display piece.





And for **#1** – Well you will have to wait just a bit longer for our next couple of Newsletters to see the big reveal, and what is next in the top 50 countdown...

I also believe when you mix in some chrome, porcelain, aluminum, and nickel in the collection it helps add a little pop to the collection and really stands out well within the black iron.

So, you start to see the dilemma on identifying that one favorite piece – is it possible and how do you decide on that? Whatever your answer, and however you can get to one favorite piece, it really is about the journey, the stories, and the amazing times.

So please share your list, bring that favorite item to the next convention in April 2023 at Baton Rouge, LA. We would love to hear the story. Take a few minutes, write a quick story & send to Joseph for the next newsletter.

Please feel free to contact me with your ideas, concerns, your passion to volunteer, ideas for a future article, or wanting to host a convention.

Take care & see you soon. My contact info is: Phone/text: 479-866-2421, evenings & weekends are best. Email / slmccarter@cox.net

Thanks Scott McCarter

2022 ANNUAL CONVENTION, A PHOTO ESSAY

by Joseph Zawadowski

The Griswold and Cast Iron Cookware Association 2022 annual convention was held at the Airport Hilton in Florence, Kentucky from Thursday, April 28 to Sunday, May 1. Thursday began with breakfast for registered hotel guests. Convention registration ran from 8 am to noon. The Board had their meeting from 3 to 4 pm. A BBQ dinner buffet was available from 6 to 8 and the hospitality room ran from 8 to 11. Room sales were open on this and every day of the convention when no official events were underway.

BBQ DINNER, THURSDAY EVENING



SHOW AND TELL/STUMP THE EXPERTS, FRIDAY 9:30 TO 10:30 A.M.



Brad Schwarting, Russ Howser and Gary Taylor talk about rare and unique pieces

PRESENTATION; THE JOY OF ALUMINUM by RUSS WEIMER



Russ discusses a waffle iron Art Chatfield talks about a Griswold prison plate

WAFFLES, WAFFLES, WAFFLES; by FAROLD HOOVER



Waffle iron afficiando Farold Hoover reviews rare and collectable examples

THE AUCTION; FRIDAY FROM 6 PM UNTIL DONE



Association members preview the 146 items entered in the auction



Getting ready for the bidding to commence



Auctioneer Randy Moore and auction coordinator Scott McCarter making it happen

SWAP MEET; SATURDAY FROM 9:30 TO 11:30



The swap meet offered plenty of variety, choices, bargains, deals and negotiations for all to enjoy.

TABLE TOPICS; SATURDAY FROM 1:30 TO 3:00



Shirley Willard-Griswold Advertising



Eric McAllister-Griswold Hammered Cast Iron

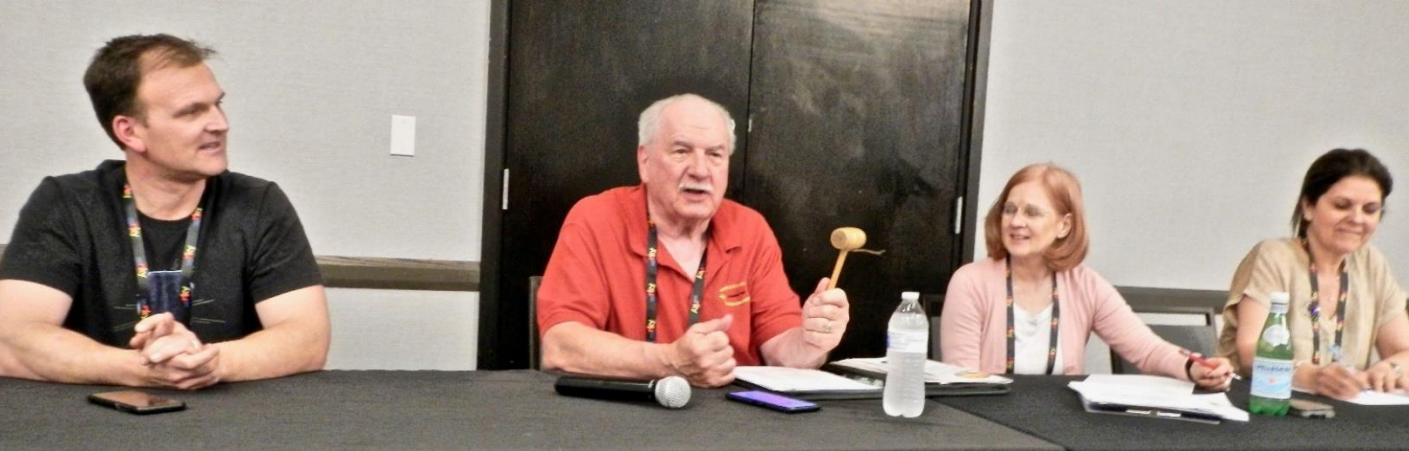


Blake Williams-Unusual Waffle Iron Waffle Patterns Scott McCarter-Chrome and White Enamel Griswold.



Sonny McCarter-Small Logo, Wood Handled, Griswold Aluminum Michael Brotherwood-Aluminum, Wood Handled Griswold

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING; SATURDAY, 3:30 TO 4:30



VP Josh Delp, President Art Chatfield, Treasurer Brenda Bernstein and Secretary Malinda Fontenot administering the business meeting.



Membership attendance at the business meeting

THE LAST HOURS; RAFFLES, CLOSING BANQUET, AWARDS



Raffle ramrods Annette Long and Diane Bingaman, the Queen and the Dutchess, did a great job of selling raffle tickets for; free room, 50/50, cast iron, and chapter basket donations



Some of the goodie baskets donated by our regional chapters



The Saturday night banquet was enjoyed by all



Some of the raffle winners

AWARDS



Scott McCarter gets President’s Award, Convention chef awarded a skillet, Lesa Mizell for courage and positive attitude battling cancer and determination to attend the Convention



Russ Howser, Marge O’Neil and Russ Weimer get Lifetime Service and Contribution Awards



Blake Williams, Tommy Lewis for help on Convention and Auction. Kenny Swidley for working on and supporting the Convention

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE G&CICA 2023 NATIONAL
CONVENTION-31st ANNIVERSARY, BATON ROUGE, LA, APRIL 20-23

As handed out at the 2022 Convention.

The convention (Embassy Suites) hotel is conveniently located in the heart of Baton Rouge's corporate district and is close to the Louisiana State University Campus and downtown Baton Rouge. Other attractions include the Baton Rouge River Center, the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport, the USS KIDD Veterans Memorial and Museum and the Louisiana State Capitol Building.

Embassy Suites-Baton Rouge, 4914 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
225-924-6566

Room rate is \$129 (king or double)+tax, approximately 13%. Rate will be honored for three days before and after the base convention period. Rate includes made to order breakfast served each morning in a lush open-air atrium. When making reservations, please ask for the "G&CICA Group Block". Complimentary high-speed Internet access and airport shuttle available.

The hotel does have elevators and easy access to the convention meeting rooms, all of which are on the ground floor. If you have special needs, please mention such when making your reservation. The hotel has ample rooms and convention meeting space, complimentary internet access, on site restaurant, bar, well-equipped fitness center, and indoor pool.

THE CONVENTION HOTEL IS NOT PET FRIENDLY

The two closest pet friendly hotels are the Marriot Residence Inn, 7061 Commerce Circle, Baton Rouge, 225-925-9100 and Crown Plaza, 4728 Constitution, Baton Rouge, 225-925-2244. Both are near the convention hotel.

The 31st annual convention activities are being planned. Some of the traditional activities being considered are:

- Show and Tell. Bring several of your more interesting pieces to share with others.
- Seminars, table topic displays, auction, swap meet.
- Cajun food and music at Thursday evening function.
- Hospitality Room for Friday and Saturday evening.
- For those conducting room sales; remember, no sales during scheduled convention events.

In order to make this very special event successful, volunteers will be needed at the convention.

If you are willing to assist, please contact one of the convention hosts:
Malinda Fontenot, 225-772-0071; Brenda Lewis, 337-268-1324; Mendy Mitchell; 337-351-5849.

OBITUARY; Clifford Dennis Rutt

It is with great sadness that we need to make known to our members the passing of G&CICA member Clifford Rutt. The editor became aware of his passing at the 2022 national convention where this obituary was circulated. Cliff was a wonderful friend to all and a great contributor to the association. I goes without saying that he will be missed, but will be kindly remembered by all that knew him over his years with the club.



Cliff Rutt

Clifford Dennis Rutt, 76, of Johnstown passed away on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born on December 9, 1945 in Longmont, CO to Elmer Duane and Frances Mildred (Drieth) Rutt and raised on the family farm in Johnstown.

He attended Johnstown High School as a Phantom for three years. He graduated in 1963 as part of the first Rough Rider class from the new Roosevelt High School.

After high school, he began working for Anderson Lumber in Johnstown before moving to Fort Collins. He later moved to Brighton where he worked as a yard foreman until 1968. In 1969, he returned to the Johnstown area as a third-generation farmer. In his spare time, he raced motorcycles and cars. He married Donna (Hohn) in 1965 and they raised two sons, Chris and Darrin, later divorcing.

In 1989, he met his soulmate, Lydia Frances Duran and her two daughters, Kendra and Stefanie. Cliff and Lydia were married on December 24, 1991 in Greeley, becoming their own Brady Bunch. They continued farming and become very popular and well known at the Johnstown and Fort Collins Farmers Markets for their sweet corn.

In 1994, they started their own business, CDR Propane Company. The company became so successful that they had to quit farming in 2005 to keep up with their customer demands. In 2006, they constructed a Bulk Plant east of Milliken which kept Clifford, Lydia, Darrin and Kendra very busy. The business was honored with an in-depth featured in Bulk Transportation magazine. He was also a member of the National Propane Gas Association.

Cliff had many hobbies, one of which was collecting cast iron. He began his collection in 1994, acquiring many skillets, bowls, muffin pans, Griswold accessories, toys, and miniatures. He loved his '67 Buick Grand Sport and collected cars over the years. His shops and collections were meticulous and he never missed a good garage sale or antique shop.

He was a member and Director of the GCICA (Griswold Cast Iron Cookware Association) after attending his first convention in St. Louis, MO in 2009. He attended every GCICA convention thereafter, traveling all over the nation.

Those thankful to have shared his life include his wife, Lydia, children; Chris (Heather) Rutt, Darrin (Dawn) Rutt, Stefanie (Carlos) Garcia, and Kendra Winters Rutt, ten grandchildren; Jacob and Allison Rutt, Nickolas, Delaney and Samuel Rutt, Monique, Matthew, Ramon, Hugo and Joel as well as a great-grandchild, Ezekiel, siblings; Rod Rutt and Debbie (Joel) Gray, a niece and nephew and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his beloved pup Gizmo.

A visitation will be held Thursday April 21, 2022 from 5-7 p.m. at Adamson Life Celebration Home 2000 47th Ave in Greeley, CO. Cliff's Life Celebration will be held April 22, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Community Church, 2033 West South 1st Street in Johnstown, CO. Cremation will follow the service.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to "American Cancer Society" in care of Adamson, 2000 47th Ave., Greeley, CO 80634 and condolences sent to AdamsonCares.com.



Cliff and wife Lydia receive an award of appreciation at the 2021 national convention.

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