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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, as I am writing this President's message, we are looking forward to the Dixie Chapter meet in early November. Terri and I attended the recent Heartland Chapter event in Fulton, Missouri. We had a great time renewing old friendships and meeting new members. There was lots of interesting cast iron and aluminum collectables there, and we had some great social activities. Special thanks to Russ and Marlene Howser for inviting everyone to their house to see a very special collection.

As I'm sure you know, our next national convention is next March in Erie Pennsylvania. We are making plans already, and hope to see our old friends and make new ones there. If you have attended one of our conventions then you know how great they are for information, socializing, and of course, great cast iron and aluminum. And if you haven't yet been to one, this would be a great time to start. More information is available in this issue and on our website at gcica.net. The convention registration forms are included in this issue and are also available in printable form in the members section of our website. For those who have not as yet signed up on the member section, please consider doing so soon. We are working to improve our website and making progress to include new information of interest to our members.

Finally, stay safe and good hunting. I look forward to seeing you at Erie in March!

Art Chatfield

Email me at artchatfield@gmail.com or phone at 513-673-1875.

DUES REMINDER

Yearly memberships end on December 31st. Please renew your memberships for 2024 before that date. Dues should be sent to the secretary, Malinda Fontenot. Her contact information is at the back of the newsletter. Checks and payment should be made out to G&CICA, not to Malinda. Dues can also be paid online, at the G&CICA web page (gcica.net).

A dues increase was proposed, voted on, and accepted at the annual convention in Baton Rouge. A \$5.00 increase per person was approved. Individual membership for 2024 is \$30, and family membership is \$40. The student rate will remain \$10.

WEST COAST CHAPTER MEETING SEPTEMBER 15TH & 16TH

The West Coast Chapter meeting took place at the home of Chuck Foster and Tina Ramires in Albany, Oregon. Friday's "Greet and Meet" was attended by 31 members who shared a meal of pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw and other various salads and desserts. No one left hungry. New friendships were formed and old ones renewed. We had one new member join our chapter. Other chapter members from New York and Missouri were also in attendance.

Members had plenty of time to view and discuss Chuck and Tina's iron collection as it contains many unique and unusual pieces. There was plenty of iron conversation that went on well into the late evening.

Saturday's event began 9:00am at the Elks Lodge with coffee and muffins. 36 members were in attendance. Our business meeting was held at 9:45am followed by the show and tell. Russ Howser and Russel Froemming did an outstanding job of discussing the many pieces of iron that members brought. An outstanding taco bar lunch with many sides and soft drinks followed. We want to thank Neil Ousnamer, Gary Nelson and Chris Hoxmeier for their contributions of raffle items. Our raffle has been a great success over the past four years. A new activity was added to our chapter meeting this year. Eight members contributed cast iron items that were auctioned off by member Steve Lindley, who did a great job as the auctioneer. Auctions are always a hit and we hope that members' contributions and Steve will make this a tradition.

On behalf of our members, I would like to thank our hosts Chuck and Tina for all the work they put in on this year's meeting. A thank you also goes out to all those who helped in making this event happen. Next year's gathering host/location is yet to be determined. If anyone would be open to hosting, please let me know. Until that time when good friends gather, may all your cast iron be rust free.

Rick Hoxmeier, West coast Chapter President

NORTHEAST CHAPTER MEETING, OCTOBER 6 & 7

The Northeast chapter meet was a great success. Many thanks to Annette Long and Diane Bingaman for hosting. The motel and the meals were all very good choices. More than 30 members gathered from many states to enjoy the "family" reunion. As usual, the long journey from Louisiana was made by a few of our beloved friends. The "official" meet started Friday evening with dinner at a local restaurant. Once again, a fine choice by our hosts. After dinner we gathered at the motel and swapped a few great iron stories.

The items of business were completed first on Saturday morning. President Annette Long and Vice President Sonny McCarter have been relieved of their 4-year duties. Andrew Kost has been voted in as new chapter President. His cohort and good friend, Jon McNamara was elected Vice President. I applaud them for stepping up and carrying the torch forward. New volunteers and members are always a great asset to the club. Several members, holding past and present national club positions were recognized for their service.

Following the business part, the fun began. Show and tell is very interesting to me. I'm always intrigued by items that I do not collect, or restorations made by fellow members. As usual, Cal Smith brought a nicely restored unusual burner stove. I'm impressed by the effort and quality of his work. Other items of interest were an unusual European oval roaster, a #2 aluminum wood handle skillet, a Wagner low kettle, a unique colored porcelain 5 Griswold skillet, and several unique pieces. It is always a treat to have members share their passion.

After the show and tell, a very nice catered lunch was served. Seems like we eat a lot at these meetings. Not to mention we had doughnuts and drinks before we started. I guess all the heavy iron moving really gets one's appetite up. Our hosts seemed concerned we might run out of drinks or food but I assure you we had more than enough. Thank you ladies.

After lunch we had a small swap meet. I did manage to snag a few cool items. It is never easy among all the craziness to get to everything first. However, I think I heard someone say, "Sonny already bought it". Hope I did well! Then it was time to wrap up, clean up, pack up, and say our goodbyes. The endings are never as fun as the beginnings.

A few closing comments regarding business. The 2024 meet will be hosted by Jon and Andrew in Owego, New York. The tentative dates are the 13th and 14th of September. Further details will be published as they are completed. The Comfort Inn in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania was very clean and a great place to stay. Friday at the Grateful Goat Brewing was nice. Simply Turkey and More did a great catered lunch. And, last but not least, thank you to our hosts. I hope they do it again in a few years.

This article is just one man's opinion, but I think everyone that attended would agree. See you all in March at the National convention in Erie, Pa. I'm already excited for what next year brings. Stay warm and blessed.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sonny McCarter

PHOTOS FROM THE NE CHAPTER MEETING



GROUP PICTURE



GATHERING AT FRIDAY DINNER



ETHAN SCHWARTING WITH FAVORITE



CAL AND HIS Z BURNER



SONNY AND ETHAN DISCUSS A LID



UNUSUAL PORCELAIN 5



ED BOTHSFORD WITH HIS 5



JOSH DELP ADMIRES A 2



JON McNAMARA SHOWS SOME BLING



DAVE LANGE WITH SOME SMALLS



SOME OF OUR LOUISIANA FAMILY

DIXIE CHAPTER MEETING; NOVEMBER 3 & 4

Photo Report by Joseph Zawadowski

The Dixie Chapter meeting took place, as it has for some years, at Echo Mountain Inn, Hendersonville, N.C. It got underway on Friday afternoon/evening with dinner and a social. Chapter President Clayton Mitchell and his crew of helpers from Louisiana, along with other chapter members, worked up a great meal, including chicken wings, etouffee, gumbo a table of desserts and other delicious items. Cooking was done outdoors, along with socializing and sampling. The meal was served in the inn's dining areas.



Dinner was served buffet style, with plenty of food for the 35 or so folks, members and guests, in attendance.



Socializing and enjoying good food on Friday afternoon.



Visiting and festivities carried on into the night outdoors at the fire pit.

Sunrise on Saturday morning accompanied breakfast supplied by Echo Mountain Inn.



The Show and Tell followed breakfast on Saturday. Tables of Show and Tell items.



Traditon was altered a bit this year. Those who brought show and tell items got to explain and demonstrate what they had brought, rather than have a panel of 'experts' talk about them.



Eric McAllister shows a small pot he found while picking on Friday. The pot has a round bottom gate and was made with a three piece pattern.



Brad Schwarting talks about a single plate gas burner he picked on Friday. It is unique in having four individual gas jets.



Chris Kendall discusses miniature & regular bunt pans and an Atlanta Stove Co. cooler. The cooler is sheet metal and still has the label. One of perhaps 6 known.



Joseph Zawadowski speaks about his collection of Lodge hammered mini toys, advertisers, souvenirs and commemoratives.



Clayton Mitchell discusses a group of very rare and unique Lodge and Griswold skillets with three pour lips.



Gary Taylor shows a Wagner Sidney O aluminum pan marked 3 ½, and two unique Griswold employee I.D. badges.



A special moment occurred in Gary’s show and tell presentation when he showed and discussed a glass paperweight with an image of the Griwold foundry. This paperweight sat on George Griswold’s desk. He gifted it to the late Joe Noto because he knew Joe would preserve it. Joe then passed it on to Gary, knowing it would have a safe and appreciative home. After discussing that, Gary called Chapter President Clayton Mitchell to come forward and become the next keeper of this small, but historic piece. It will now be housed and preserved in Clayton’s museum in Baton Rouge, LA. Emotions ran high and memories of times past were made new again.

A short, to the point, business meeting, presided over by President Clayton Mitchell, was held between the Show and Tell and Swap Meet. Highlights included the continuation of the present officers for another year and setting next year’s Dixie Chapter meeting for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 17-19 at the Echo Mountain Inn again.



Views of the items offered for the swap meet. Some great items were offered and exchanged.



HOMAGE TO A LOST FRIEND

I lost a good friend recently, and although we had a lot of laughs, our conversations always turned to his knowledge of his namesake. I was like a sponge trying to soak up the information he shared with me about his family and their company business. He lived in Metairie, but his heart was always in Erie. Over the years I wound up buying several pieces that I will cherish forever. Some were passed down from his family and to me those are priceless. I'll share this picture of us taken at his home several years ago. He couldn't get over that his name was on my arm, LOL, no matter how many times I would tell him I didn't have George anywhere in the tattoo.



George and I, 2018

George Griswold, Jr. Obituary

George Turnure Griswold, Jr., age 66, of Metairie, LA, passed away at his home on Saturday, August 12, 2023. George is survived by his wife of 31 years, Tracy Tooker Griswold. Born in Erie, PA, on May 29, 1957, he was the son of the late George Turnure Griswold and Dorothy Dunn Griswold.

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION, ERIE, PA REGISTRATION DETAILS

Location- Erie, PA **Dates-** March 14, 15 and 16

Registration Fee- \$145 per person. Mail check to Josh Delp (address in contacts on last page of the newsletter). **MAKE CHECK OUT TO 'GCICA 2024'**, NOT to Josh.

Make your hotel reservations- hotels are located together and one is pet friendly.

Also think about items you want to place in the Friday auction.

Registration forms and auction item submission forms are included as loose inserts in this newsletter.

The convention hotels are:

Courtyard by Marriott	Hilton Garden Inn Erie
Erie Ambassador Conference Center	2225 Downs Drive
7792 Peach St.	Erie, PA 16509
Erie, PA 16509	(814) 866-1390
(814) 866-8300	

Both are off I-90 in Erie, PA Peach Street

Room rates are \$129 (king or double) + tax approx. a 13% rate. They will be honored for 3 days past the event. When making a reservation, please ask for the G&CICA group rate. Both hotels have complimentary high-speed internet, on-site bar, fitness center, and indoor pool.

Airport shuttle for Hilton Garden Inn upon request.

The 32nd annual convention activities are being planned and some the the traditional activities are being considered.

Show and tell; bring the most interesting pieces that you have found, and show them to others.

Hospitality room; Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. For those conducting room sales; remember no room sales during scheduled convention events.

To make this convention successful, volunteers will be needed. If you're willing to assist, please contact me, the convention host. Gary Baran 814-464-3446. Email; garybarancjl@gmail.com

2024 G&CICA Heartland Chapter Regional Meet

When: September 28, 2024

Location: American Legion Post 163
2020 East 4th Street
North Platte, Nebraska 69101

Hosted by: Doug and Kathy Wenz
doug.shpro@yahoo.com or wenz415@gmail.com
308-530-8507 (Doug) or 308-650-1351 (Kathy)

For those who *arrive* on Friday, September 27th, there will be a gathering for dinner at a local restaurant at 6:00 pm. Following the dinner, Doug and Kathy will host a dessert at their home, and you can view their collection. Their address is: 203 North Bryan Ave.

Saturday, September 28

The hotel does not serve breakfast, so we will have a breakfast, coffee, and rolls available at the American Legion.

Show and Tell. Bring your new treasures that you found along the way, or some of your favorite pieces to educate the group. If we have seen it before, we can see it again and enjoy the story behind the collection.

Business meeting. Review yearly agenda items.

Lunch

Swap meet

Adjourn

Rooms can be reserved at the Motel Studio 6, 2701 Halligan Drive, North Platte, NE 69101. Phone 308-252-7038. This is a new hotel just off Exit 177 or 179. Let them know it is the Griswold & Cast Iron Cookware Association, Heartland Chapter. We have a rate of \$74.99 for a single or \$79.99 for a double.

Consider coming in early. North Platte has a lot of area attractions.
Discover More at VisitNorthPlatte.com or call 800-955-4528

2024 DIXIE CHAPTER MEETING

Location: Echo Mountain Inn, 2849 Laurel Park Hwy, Hendersonville, NC 28739. Phone 828-693-9626

Dates: Thursday, Friday, Saturday. October 17, 18, 19.

Make your reservations as early as you can. Folks that attended this year's meeting have already booked for next year and rooms will quickly be filled with autumn "leaf peepers".

2024 CONVENTION AUCTION-ITEM ENTRY REMINDER

Hello fellow collectors. Please consider entering items in the Friday night auction at our national convention. Enclosed in this newsletter are the appropriate forms to enter your items. I'm sure everyone has a piece or two they can part with. Remember, all the entry money goes directly to our club. Don't miss out on this exciting time. Lastly, please send legal-size, self-addressed envelopes, with stamps, for your tags. Small envelopes are just not big enough for tags. Thank you and stay warm.

Thank you,

Sonny McCarter

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