

In "Illegal Of The Day-Kentucky 2 posted on 9/24/10 I told the story of Billy Speaks, Ed Piper, and Jack Briggs. Three long time illegal operators in and around Lexington, Ky. In the eary days they had a couple of Clubs named in that post. From the 1980's untill the early 2000's they operated in private homes around Lexington.

The LV hub (Las Vegas) appears to be the same type of operation. The "Era Of The Illegals" has come and gone when the chips were delivered, in my opinion. But the gambling still goes on as it always has and always will. Are they what we refer to as "illegals?" IMO yes, but I use a * to define them in my records. I have a number of such defined chips. Besides, they are Hubs and I collect Hubs.

Mike Vuolo found this lot on ebay. He has some to trade and or sell. I am sure he will be along soon.



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Kurt Connors 141 Winston Drive Battle Creek, MI 49015 100 blue, 200 green 6/4/76

Kurt Rowland Conners, born 14oct1936 (age 39 when chips ordered). Not sure what he was doing in 1976; delivery address is a residential address. Conners is still alive and in Battle Creek (just turned 75).

Pretty sure this is current info:

Info withheld as I got the info he has,

Per Kurt: Used in Blackjack and poker games at floating residences. Three guys involved, Kurt Connors, Kenny, and Ted. Game was in Ted's basement for some time. He did not remember what the initials LV stood for. He is 76 years old. <g>

My note: Kurt says there were several orders of the chips. We did not find any reorders in the Mason records. I am thinking there could be other molds out there with LV on them. Those KY boys mentioned above had several different molded chips in use at the same time.

Per Kenny: The LV on the chips stands for Las Vegas. They were used in moving poker games and Blackjack games. The poker games were raked. Both would have been illegal under Michigan laws.

Sounds a lot like the operations I was involved in back in Kentucky in the 1960's and 70's.