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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By Jim Collings

Our last meeting on Valentine's Day was a good one, and was well attended. Look for Jim Tyrrell's report in this issue. Our next meeting is on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Hometown Buffet on NW Expressway at 63<sup>rd</sup>/Portland, 6PM. Our topic will be on crystal radios. This should be an interesting topic, as everyone should have at least one. If we ever talked about these before, it was a long time ago. I know I've gotten quite a few sets recently, so I'll bring them. Homebrew crystal sets are common, and can be very interesting, so bring those also. Also welcome are later germanium diode sets.

Now is the time to plan vacation time for the year. Here's a list of radio events this year to aid in your planning:

March 21, 2009	VRPS Spring Auction	Grapevine, TX
March 26-28, 2009	Carolinas Chapter AWA Meet	Charlotte, NC
April 11, 2009	OKVRC Annual Meet	Midwest City, OK
May 16, 2009	VRPS Spring Swap Meet	Irving, TX
June 20, 2009	HLARA Summer Sizzler	Broken Arrow, OK
July 10-11, 2009	MARC Extravaganza	Lansing, MI
July 30-Aug 1, 2009	ARCI Radiofest	Willowbrook, IL
August 15, 2009	VRPS Summer Swap Meet	Irving, TX
August 20-23, 2009	AWA Conference	Rochester, NY
October 10, 2009	OKVRC Fall Swap Meet	Midwest City, OK
Nov. 20-22, 2009	VRPS Annual Convention	Mesquite, TX

Everyone should plan to attend at least the local events, our two big meets in Midwest City.

Our big annual meet will be on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Midwest City Community Center, beginning at 8 AM. We will have a contest, swap meet, silent auction, and live auction. I will publish a list of contest categories in next month's Broadcast News, but they will generally be the same as last year's. If you have a category that you would like to see, please let me know so that it can be included. We usually feature a category that is different each year, and this has not been selected yet, but most likely will feature one manufacturer. We will discuss this at the March meeting. We will continue the People's Choice category, as it has well accepted in past years, and is a favorite at many of the large meets. So now is the time to complete your restoration projects to have them ready for next month. Also, gather your junk for the swap meet. We can make final preparations at the meeting. See you there!

### Report for the OKVRC Meeting of February 14th 2009

On a bright if chilly night in Oklahoma City, a fairly large crowd of about twenty-five OKVRC members, spouses and guests showed up for OKVRC's regular second Saturday of the month meeting at the Hometown Buffet in Oklahoma City. As this was Valentine's Day, more members than usual brought their spouses or significant others to the meeting. In fact, two of our members and their wives anniversaries were tonight! Roses were given to all of the ladies to take home.

We enjoyed dinner from about 6:00 to 7:00 PM in our private dining room. Jim Collings called the meeting to order at about 7:00. Some upcoming events, auctions and radio shows, were announced for the benefit of club members who might want to attend. Planning is also underway for the spring 2009 swap meet on the second Saturday of April, at the Mid West City Community Center. It's still two months away, but start planning now what items you want to sell or exhibit, or enter in the contest. Also, try to tell as many people as possible about the meet (and remind them admission is free!)

The topic for tonight's meeting, since it was Valentine's Day, was to bring in a radio that is a particular favorite of both the club member and their spouse. Julie Collings showed a 1930 Keller-Fuller Radiette 5-tube TRF table model set in a very art deco cabinet. It can be seen in the very back of Morgan McMahon's "Flick of the Switch" book. It is a typical example of the early table models pioneered by West Coast radio companies before the depression forced all makers to concentrate on smaller sets. Jim Collings showed us another art deco gem, a mint condition Airline model 62-600 from 1938. The radio appears to be completely veneered in wood burl, but it's actually a fake veneer or photofinish.

John Reynolds displayed a rare Wheeler 5-tube TRF battery set from 1925. The cabinet was also unusually solid and heavy for that type. It was purchased from a museum, which may account for its mint condition. John also brought in a National Panasonic portable from the early seventies, a radio with an extra heavy speaker and excellent sound quality. "National" Panasonic is not normally sold in the US, so a visiting tourist or serviceman probably purchased it in Japan.

Mike and Barbara Swinney displayed an Arvin "Hopalong Cassidy" radio from 1950. Several versions of this radio were made. Few have stayed in as nice of condition as Mike's, because these were marketed for kids and few survived intact. Chuck and Cathy DePaepe brought in three very sharp miniature sets from the late forties-early fifties. These were a black plastic Motorola with a removable cover and a green Aztec dragon motif on the speaker grill, a small white Zenith with a gold speaker grill and a carrying handle, and a tiny Stewart-Warner Air Pal.

Frank Karner showed a 1936 Schae broadcast-longwave table radio from Germany, in a large, gleaming, ebony cabinet with a Zenith-like round dial. It is a rare and beautiful set, seldom found in American collections. Bob and Dorothy Shindhelm displayed a Crosley 515 table model from the mid-

thirties. Bob found it in an antique store in Jenks, Oklahoma, and has restored it to like-new condition. Dale and Alexandra McLellan brought a very special miniature 1946 Silvertone table model, restored and expertly re-painted in a color it was never offered in new - bright pink! Dale restored this radio for his wife as a tribute to the Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Also very appropriate for Valentine's Day!

We concluded the meeting with the usual donation auction. Several boxes of tubes, a Burgess battery data book from the fifties, some bags of capacitors, several twenties battery set cabinets and front panels, and a computer firewall all went to new homes.

We had a lot of great items shared by our club members, thanks for bringing them all in. Sorry if I missed any!

Thanks to everyone who came to the meeting, see you next month!

Jim Tyrrell, Secretary, OKVRC











**The OKVRC Monthly Breakfast will be held at 8:30 AM, Wednesday morning, Mar.11, 2009, at the new Denny's just off of I-40 and the Douglas exit on Douglas Blvd. The address of the restaurant is 3130 S. Douglas Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73150**

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