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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By Jim Collings

Our next meeting is on February 12 at the Hometown Buffet on Northwest Expressway. Since it is close to Valentine's Day, we are encouraging the ladies to attend. They should pick out something from the radio collection that they like, and bring it for show and tell. If they do not wish to talk about the item, that will not be required. The idea is to have them participate, but not be uncomfortable. In addition, red radios will also be included in the meeting topic.

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

March 19, 2011	VRPS Spring Auction	Irving, TX
March 24-26, 2011	Carolinas Chapter AWA Meet	Charlotte, NC
April 9, 2011	OKVRC Annual Meet	Midwest City, OK
May 21, 2011	VRPS Spring Swap Meet	Irving, TX
June ?, 2011	HLARA Summer Sizzler	Broken Arrow, OK
July 7-9, 2011	MARC Extravaganza	Lansing, MI
Aug 4-Aug 6, 2011	ARCI Radiofest	Willowbrook, IL
August 20, 2011	VRPS Summer Swap Meet	Irving, TX
August 18-21, 2011	AWA Conference	Rochester, NY
October 8, 2011	OKVRC Fall Swap Meet	Midwest City, OK
Nov. 18-20, 2011	VRPS Annual Convention	Mesquite, TX

Everyone should plan to attend at least the local events, our two big meets in Midwest City. I'm not sure yet on the AWA Conference, but will update you if there is a change.

Don't forget our big annual meet will be on Saturday, April 9th at the Midwest City Community Center, beginning at 8 AM. We will have a contest, swap meet, silent auction, and live auction. It is not too early to begin planning, and to get publicity out. If you have a category that you would like to see for the contest, please let me know so that it can be included. See you at the next meeting with your wife/significant other and a red radio item.



Report for the OKVRC Meeting of January 8th 2011

Happy New Year! Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. A new year is upon us, and what better way to start out the month getting together with friends who share a common passion- a fascination with antique electronics? With the weather pleasantly mild (for January!) about nineteen OKVRC members' spouses and guests gathered for our regular monthly meeting at the Home Town Buffet in Oklahoma City. Guest arrived around 6:00 PM for dinner, and by 7:00 we were well fed when Club President Jim Collings called the meeting to order.

Jim told us about a couple upcoming radio events, everyone commented what a success the Christmas dinner / party was. Next month's program was discussed; we will be doing something special since the meet falls around Valentine's Day. Jim then turned over the floor to club members for "Show and Tell". This is where a club member can bring in anything to share with the club, even if it is not exactly the topic of the month's program. Club Treasurer Jim Rice showed as a mint Hickok 6000B Tube Tester. This unit is one of Hickok's later models, is solid state, and can also test miniature tubes and transistors. It does not use a roll-chart, rather includes a thick manual covering all the devices it tests (easier to update). Jim showed us an article written about Hickok tube testers by a man in Croatia! Good to know there are old radio buffs around the world. Dale McLellan showed us a tiny red two-tube Arvin table radio. Dale has a whole collection of these compact sets, which do with two-to-four tubes what most small sets do with at least five. Frank Karner brought in two stunning post-war French multi-band radios, an SNR Excelsior model 48 and a model 52 (you might remember the SNR Excelsior model 55 "butterfly" radio Frank brought in a while back). There are no words to describe these beauties: they are true works of art! Interestingly, one of these models was sold in Russia as the "Red Star" No doubt they were only for the Soviet top brass- few Russian workers could have afforded anything so elegant!

The main subject of tonight's program (although Frank's French radios were a tough act to follow!) was radios and radio items whose names begin with I, K, J, and L. Frank started off showing us something given to him by a man who found it in the trash: a large Jackson-Bell cathedral table radio from about 1932, with a tulip-flower patterned round grill. Parts of the speaker grill as well as the cone are gone, and the set needs a fair amount of veneer work. But the price was right, and the 45's were still in it. We are hoping Frank will bring it back, fully restored, to a OKVRC meeting sometime in the future. Jim Collings brought in a Belmont "Imperial" cathedral, as well as a bunch of radio related goodies. These included two Jefferson tube rejuvenators from the early twenties, one designed to rejuvenate one tube at a time, the other designed to be connected to the radio to rejuvenate all of the tubes at once. Jim explained these only work on early DC tubes, and must be used carefully, since leaving the tube connected to them too long can burn out the tube. Also brought in by Jim: a Jove crystal detector, a Jubilee crystal set, a Ken-Rad crystal set in a nice wooden cabinet, a rare three-tube Kelford amplifier from the late twenties and a neat Karas audio transformer from the early twenties, enclosed in a cylindrical case that makes it resemble a small motor.

Some radio clubs have a category in their contests for the biggest thirties table model radio, perhaps we should add one for the longest twenties battery set. If we had that category in our club's contest (call it the "dachshund" prize), the winner would have to go to Jim's 1925 Luetz model C eight tube superheterodyne radio. This impressive set is over four feet long, and once was part of the famous Dr. Ralph Muchow collection. Your club secretary brought in a twenties battery set of his own, a 1924 "The Imperial" from the Imperial Merchandise Company. No mention of them in Rider's so it must have been a small and short lived line. And two more unusual items were brought in by club members: a "Levi's" (as in jeans) pocket radio from the seventies and a Moss 247 Tube Tester,

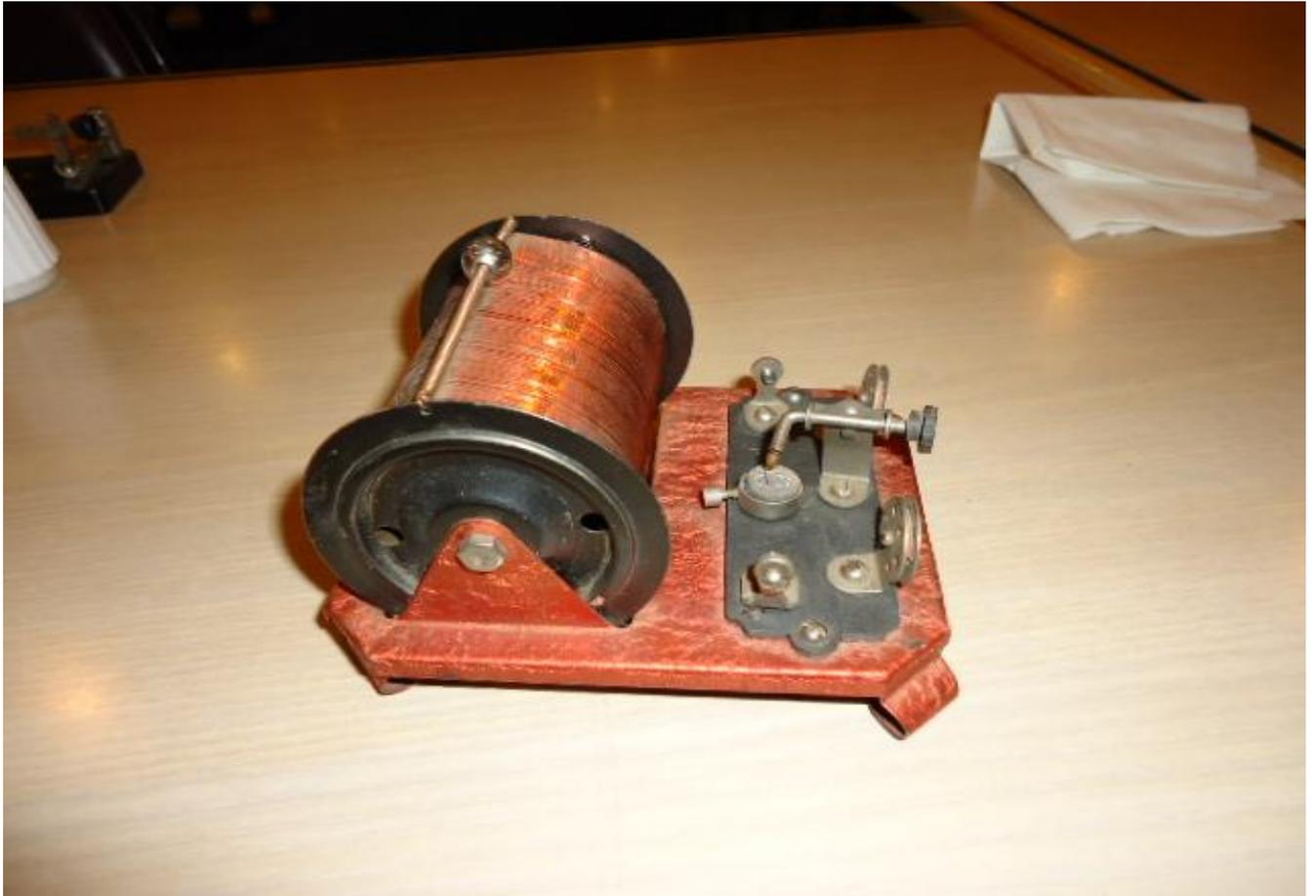
We finished up the evening with the "usual" donation auction. But this time we had a lot of really fun stuff to bid on. Normally I tell you: "Most items went for a buck or two". But this time some

of the nicer items brought from four to seven dollars. Here are some of the items that went home with club members: Some new speakers, several tape recorders, a working Geiger counter, several tube-type FM (radio) and UHF (television) convertors, a GE white plastic radio, a stack of QST magazines from the thirties, an RCA tube caddy, a Philco portable radio with loctal tubes, two vintage 9" B&W televisions in wood cabinets (one Sears, one RCA), some Audel's books, other vintage technical books, a box of knobs, a instrument for measuring moisture, complete with probes, a GE model 409 AM-FM table radio. An RCA 36X table radio, Westinghouse and Bulova portable radios, a frequency counter, a Belmont wood table radio, an 8-track player, several boxes of tubes, resistors, and misc electronic stuff, a "mystery" empty wood cabinet, Motorola walkie-talkies and more! Everyone brought home something fun home with them, and the club raised some needed funds. It was a great night; we didn't break up until almost 10 o'clock. See you next month!











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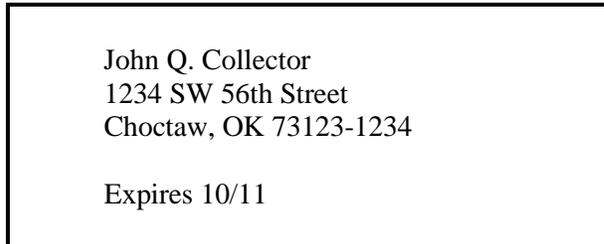
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