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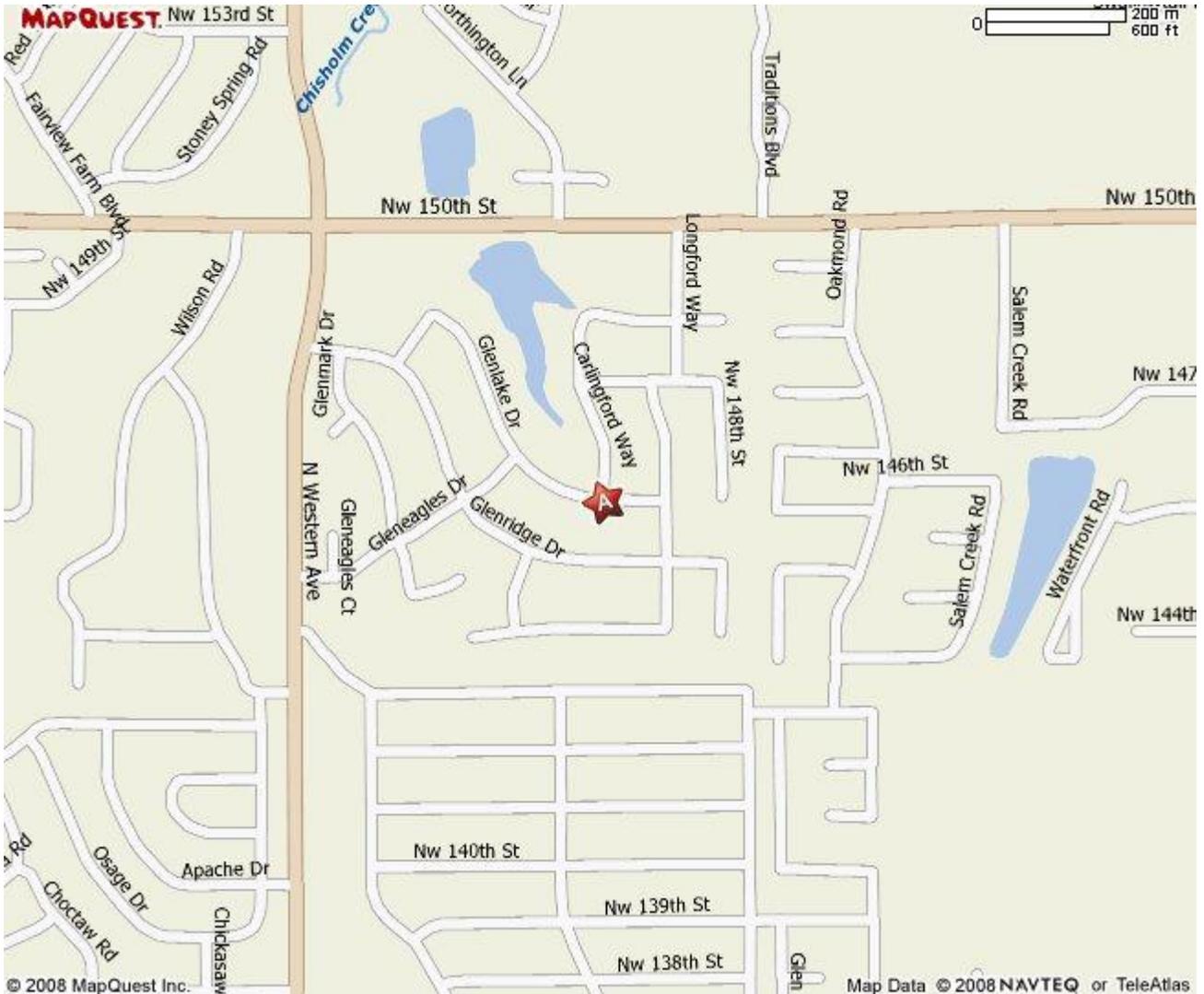
# OKVRC Christmas Party!!

Our Christmas Party will again be at the home of Jim and Julie Collings, 14704 Carlingford Way, Edmond, OK 73013. The date is Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please arrive around 6 PM, as the catered meal will be ready to eat at 6:30. The menu will consist of pork tenderloin and/or salmon. The cost is \$20 per person (\$40 per couple) this year, the same as last year. The OKVRC is again subsidizing a portion of the meal. This is made possible thru purchase and sale of items in our monthly donation auctions. Please RSVP to the Collings at 755-4139, or [jrcradio@cox.net](mailto:jrcradio@cox.net) by Monday, Dec. 3. We will have the usual white elephant/dirty Santa gift exchange. So everyone needs to bring a gift valued at ~\$10. These have been a lot of fun in the past. We are hoping for a big turnout, and of course all are welcome. Call if you need directions. It's one of our few events where the women are especially included and get to socialize.

Julie and I attended the VRPS meet in Dallas (Mesquite) the weekend before Thanksgiving. It was a good meet, very similar to those in the past, and attendance seemed to me to be about the same as last year. The silent auction on Friday morning was not as large as last year, and seemed to end a little too early, as several bidders came to bid after it had ended. But it is a nice way to sell smaller items that do not meet the minimum \$10 bid in the later auction. Late Friday afternoon was the tube and paper auction. Some of the better audio tubes went very high, but more common tubes for radio use were very reasonable. After a short break for dinner the Friday night auction with lesser items with a \$10 minimum bid began. It was pretty much a buyer's auction, as almost everything went cheap. There were not as many items in this auction as well as the main Saturday auction, so both ended at reasonable times. I believe the difference was that there were not many estate items as in previous years. I purchased more than I sold in the Friday auction. The main Saturday auction began at about 11 AM, and I expected it to be a buyer's auction, like the previous night, but after a few items had sold, I knew I was wrong. Almost everything went at fairly high prices. There were some very nice items, and I only purchased a few things. I worked the computer during the auctions, and everything went fine, with no glitches. The contest was good, with quite a few impressive displays, but not as many items as in the past. I was most impressed by a Crosley advertising sign from the 1930's featuring an optical illusion where the woman's face on the poster would turn and watch you wherever you went! The Saturday night banquet and contest awards presentation was typical of past meets. Carolyn and Jerry with Julie and I provided the entertainment with a show of songs of the radio era

interspersed with radio facts and commercials. This was very similar to what we did at our Christmas party last year. It was well received. The Sunday morning swap meet was somewhat of a dud. I did not purchase anything and only sold a couple of items. There were some items that were brought specifically for the swap, as well as unsold items from the auctions. Overall it was a good meet, and I will plan to attend again next year.

Please make plans to attend our Christmas Party. The more the merrier, and I'm sure it will be a fun time.



## Report for the OKVRC Meeting 11/10/2012

November is here, and autumn is here in earnest. It's one of the best times of the year in Oklahoma, the pleasant temperatures of spring without the danger of "severe" weather. Christmas will be here soon, too, and that means our annual Christmas party at club president Jim Colling's home. You won't want to miss that!

We had a fair turn out of about sixteen OKVRC members for our monthly meeting and dinner at Swadley's barbecue restaurant in Bethany. We enjoyed dinner from about 5:30 to 7:00 PM, before Club President Jim Collings called the meeting to order. Jim talked about a few upcoming events, such as the VPRS convention in Dallas and, of course our Christmas party.

The subject of tonight's program: New acquisitions and restoration projects. This topic is a chance for our members to show any item that they have recently acquired or completed work on. Gary Swymiller started out by showing a very ornate 1931 Crosley "Buddy Boy" repwood cathedral style radio. These sets were made from a sort of plastic wood material which can be poured into molds, allowing the cabinet to be made in any shape; much like was done later with Bakelite or other non-wood plastics. The style of the cabinet is very ornate and elegant, and resembles hand-carved wood. This table model is also very heavy! Best of all, Gary picked up this beauty for the give-away price of thirty dollars!

Mike Swinney brought in a most unusual set, a Bulova clock radio from about 1933. This ornate table model certainly in no way resembles those little plastic combo units that have sat on nightstands around the world for the last sixty years or so. This large tombstone radio has a clock built into the speaker grill. And like a modern clock radio, it can turn on the radio at a preset time, so the family back then would be reminded when it was time to listen in on their favorite radio program.

Roger Knop displayed a sharp 1924 Atwater Kent model 10A breadboard radio. AK breadboards have always been a huge favorite of battery-set collectors, no collection of twenties radios is complete without at least one of these most unusual looking sets. The 1921 Atwater Kent model 5 breadboard is one of the "Holy Grail" radios for battery set collectors, much like the Zenith Stratosphere is for thirties set collectors. Interestingly, Atwater Kent never used the phrase "breadboard" to describe them. They were referred to in AK literature as "Open Mounted Style" radios. The passage of time was hard on many breadboards, unlike AK's late twenties metal sets, which are practically atom-bomb proof, many breadboards were damaged or lost parts with the passage of years. Roger's 10A breadboard is certainly a particularly nice surviving example.

Jim Collings brought in a new acquisition, a sharp Zenith black style tombstone radio from about 1936. BIG tombstone radios from the thirties are always prized by radio collectors, and Zenith sets are a particular favorite. Jim's set is also in amazing condition. And he found it right here in Oklahoma City. Jim also brought in an AALCO loop antenna from the mid-1920s. Unlike most loop antennas that can only be turned at different angles, the shape of the AALCO antenna can be changed to vary the induction.

After such a parade of amazing and rare sets, your secretary was almost ashamed to display a very common set, a 1925 Stewart-Warner model 300. But the topic included restorations, and I did recently finish work on this. I picked it up several years ago very cheap, and I probably got what I paid for. It was very dirty, and the paint on the metal portions of the cabinet was chipping off. But when I began cleaning it, I found that under all the crud everything was compete and in good shape, with no rust. Once everything was cleaned, and the metal portions of the cabinet repainted, the set reassembled, and a new set of tubes installed, it was almost good as new!

We finished up the evening with the usual donation auction. A Radiola four cabinet from 1922, incomplete, a bunch of speakers, a RCA table radio from 1952, some new old stock on/off switches that mount on potentiometers, a lot of 78 RPM records, and some other electronic odds and ends all went to new homes.

See you at the Christmas party!





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