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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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Our next meeting is on February 11th at the Hometown Buffet on Northwest Expressway, with dinner around 6 and the meeting starting at 7 PM. The topic will be on Hints and Tips related to our hobby. It can be a product that can be purchased that you think is great, a handy tool, a method of doing something, or similar tidbit that will help our fellow members. Please bring the item, if possible, or a set where the tip was used to aid in presentation. Or even a demonstration can be given, as Dale did with knob making at the last meeting. Or course anything else you would like to bring for display, or to talk about is encouraged, as always. We will also discuss plans for our upcoming swap meet on April 14th. Don't forget to bring items for the donation auction. The March meeting will be on Western Electric.

To aid in planning your vacations this year to attend radio meets, here's my annual list of upcoming major radio events:

March 17, 2012	VRPS Spring Auction	Irving, TX
March 22-24, 2012	Carolinas Chapter AWA Meet	Charlotte, NC
April 14, 2012	OKVRC Annual Meet	Midwest City, OK
May 11-12, 2012	DVHRC Antiques Radio Show	Kutztown, PA
May 19, 2012	VRPS Spring Swap Meet	Irving, TX
June 23, 2012	HLARA Summer Sizzler	Broken Arrow, OK
July 12-14, 2012	MARC Extravaganza	Lansing, MI
August 2-4, 2012	ARCI Radiofest	Willowbrook, IL
August 21-25, 2012	AWA Conference	Rochester, NY
September 15, 2012	VRPS Summer Swap Meet	Irving, TX
Sept. 21-22, 2012	DVHRC Antiques Radio Show	Kutztown, PA
October 13, 2012	OKVRC Fall Swap Meet	Midwest City, OK
Nov. 16-18, 2012	VRPS Annual Convention	Mesquite, TX

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

Don't forget our big annual meet will be on Saturday, April 14th 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.

Report for the OKVRC Meeting 1/14/2012

Happy New Year! I hope every one of our members had a wonderful Christmas. I was hoping to find a Zenith Stratosphere under the Christmas tree this year, but...I guess Santa couldn't fit it into his sleigh...of well, maybe next year!

This being Oklahoma, I usually start out my monthly report with some comment on the weather. So far this winter seems to be the winter that wasn't. It's been quite warm, so lots of people wanted to be out last Saturday night, and we attracted a larger than usual turnout of twenty-one OKVRC members, spouses and guests for our usual meeting at the Hometown Buffet in Oklahoma City.

As always, we enjoyed numerous trips to the buffet before Club President Jim Collings called the meeting to order about 7:00 PM. We heard some announcements about the upcoming Radio Meet in Houston, a radio for sale in a local antique shop, and the continuing sale of the radios from the estate of Flip Livingston. We were also reminded to start thinking about the April Convention at the Midwest City Community Center.

The subject of tonight's program was: The casting of replica knobs. Club member Dale McLellan has lectured on this subject at our meeting before, but this time he brought in the materials and actually demonstrated the process for us. A mold is made of latex rubber, using an example of the desired knob. A junk knob with the type of base (half-shaft, set-screw or push-on) as the desired knob is found, and the entire knob except the area around the base is cut away. Then, a fifty-fifty mixture of the resin and hardener are poured into the mold, around the donor base. Some sort of a simple jig to keep the donor base upright and centered in the mold is helpful. The resin hardens quickly and can be painted to match the rest of the knobs. The Alumilite casting kit is available at Hobby Lobby. All you need is one sample knob to make the mold with, and it can be used to make as many knobs as you want. Dale brought in some sample knobs he had cast. Whether ornate or simple designs, they are almost indistinguishable from the originals unless you examine them very closely. Given the number of sets out there with missing knobs, Dale's technique is an excellent way to make the sets whole again. So you might want to think twice before you pass on that bargain set because it has missing or incorrect knobs. Dale is making a couple for me to go on a late forties RCA AM-FM table model: I can't wait to see them!

We wrapped up the evening with our usual donation auction. Thanks to some generous folks who brought in lots of goodies, we had a lot to bid on. Several flats of tubes, two 12" loudspeakers, Zenith, Stewart-Warner, Philco, Emerson, and Silvertone table radios, a Philco portable, a small RCA radio-phono, spools of wire, a set of bound QST magazines from 1930, Nintendo games and equipment, a trouble light with a retractable cord, a 1929 Victor radio dial assembly, several radio chassis, several boxes of parts and small speakers, a Sears Silvertone AM-FM stereo phono and more! Most items went for a buck, almost everyone took something home. Your club secretary took home a "junk" chassis with a green tuning eye tube. It turned out to be perfectly good and has now replaced a burned out unit in one of my consoles!

See you at next month's meeting!







Completed Push-buttons



Tyrrell's Completed

“Radio Pickers”



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