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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Happy New Year! It's the start of another year and I hope that everyone had a great Christmas. If you missed the OKVRC Christmas party it was a lot of fun! I think everyone had a good time. Jerry and Carolyn put on a musical show with a little help from Julie and I, which featured songs from significant years in radio development, complete with commercials. Afterward Carolyn played the piano and with Jerry's help, wished us Merry Christmas in song. The dirty Santa gift exchange was next, and was fairly tame, compared to previous years. Then for those who stayed, Jerry Brown joined in with us on the guitar and we had a jam session of singing and playing that lasted until the wee hours of the morning. In my opinion, the musical events were the highlights of the party. I believe everyone had a good time.

Next month, I'll provide my annual calendar of upcoming radio meets, but the Houston meet will be coming up sooner. The Houston Vintage Radio Association annual meet will be on February 10th and 11th on the north side of Houston, to be easier driving for out of town attendees. I have not attended this meet in a few years, but they have an active group down there, and it would be worth attending.

For our next meeting, Dale will give a program on making replacement knobs. It's a follow up to a previous presentation, and this time we will actually see the knobs being made. I'm looking forward to it. Our meeting is on January 14th at 7 PM at the Hometown Buffet on NW Expressway between Portland and NW 63rd Street. This is preceded by dinner with first arrivals about 6 PM. Also, you are welcome to bring any new radios you received over the holidays, or maybe completed your restoration over the holidays. I've recently done some sorting, etc., so will have lots of radio goodies for the donation auction. So, we should have a good donation auction, and we had an extra month to accumulate items due to the Christmas Party. See you there!

Report for the OKVRC Christmas Party 12/10/2011

Wow, another year has passed us by! 2011 will be gone soon, but what a great Christmas Party we had this December 10th! Once again Jim and Julie Collings graciously opened their beautiful Edmond home to us for the event. Club members began arriving well before 6PM at Jim's festively decorated home, and as guests arrived, we all enjoyed soft drinks, mixed drinks, wine, and conversation as we waited for dinner. Of course we all got to once again view Jim's incredible collection of historic radios, phonographs, juke boxes and music boxes, including some new items Jim has acquired in the last year. The meal was again catered by Nancy's Kitchen of Oklahoma city, and was excellent as always. Roast pork, salmon, several vegetables, rolls, and lots of deserts soon had everyone well filled.

After dinner, we played the "dirty Santa" game. Each guest brought along a small gift, which was placed under Jim and Nancy's Christmas tree. We each then picked a number from a hat, and in that order picked a gift from under the tree to open. The "dirty" part of the game is that instead of picking a new gift from under the tree, you can "steal" an already opened gift from someone else, who then picks a new gift. This gave an advantage to those with high numbers. A lot of fun items were opened, and a few of the better gifts were "stolen" at least once!

We enjoyed a special treat this year, musical entertainment by the very talented duo of Jerry Myers and Carolyn Esmon. They sang a series of songs for us, accompanied on the piano and guitar, spanning the age of early radio, starting with the wireless era. The songs were interspersed with historical commentary and vintage radio commercials from the golden age of radio broadcasting. Who ever thought listening to commercials could be fun? They are if they were radio commercials from long before you were born! It was a great presentation and everyone enjoyed it a lot. Thanks, a lot, Jerry and Carolyn!

As nine o'clock rolled around, many guests began to say their goodnights. But there are always a few of us (and the number grows every year) who stay for some additional musical entertainment. Jim Collings and club member Jerry Brown brought out their guitars, and joined Jerry and Carolyn in playing and singing a wide range of musical numbers, from traditional Christmas carols to classic rock. We all enjoyed the music and a glass of wine or two. It was a great way to wrap up a wonderful evening.

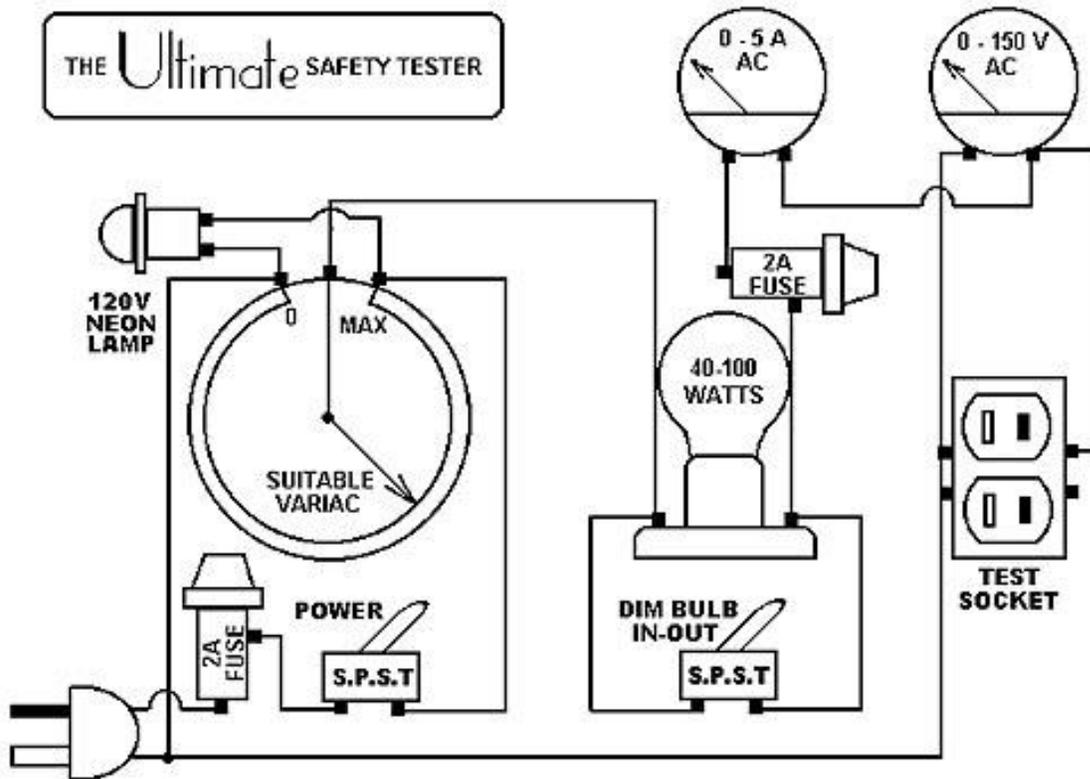
Thanks again Jim and Julie for again hosting the holiday event, and also those who provided the entertainment. It was a great evening, and I wish each of you a happy and prosperous 2012. See you at next month's (1/14) OKVRC meeting at the Hometown Buffet in Oklahoma City!











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