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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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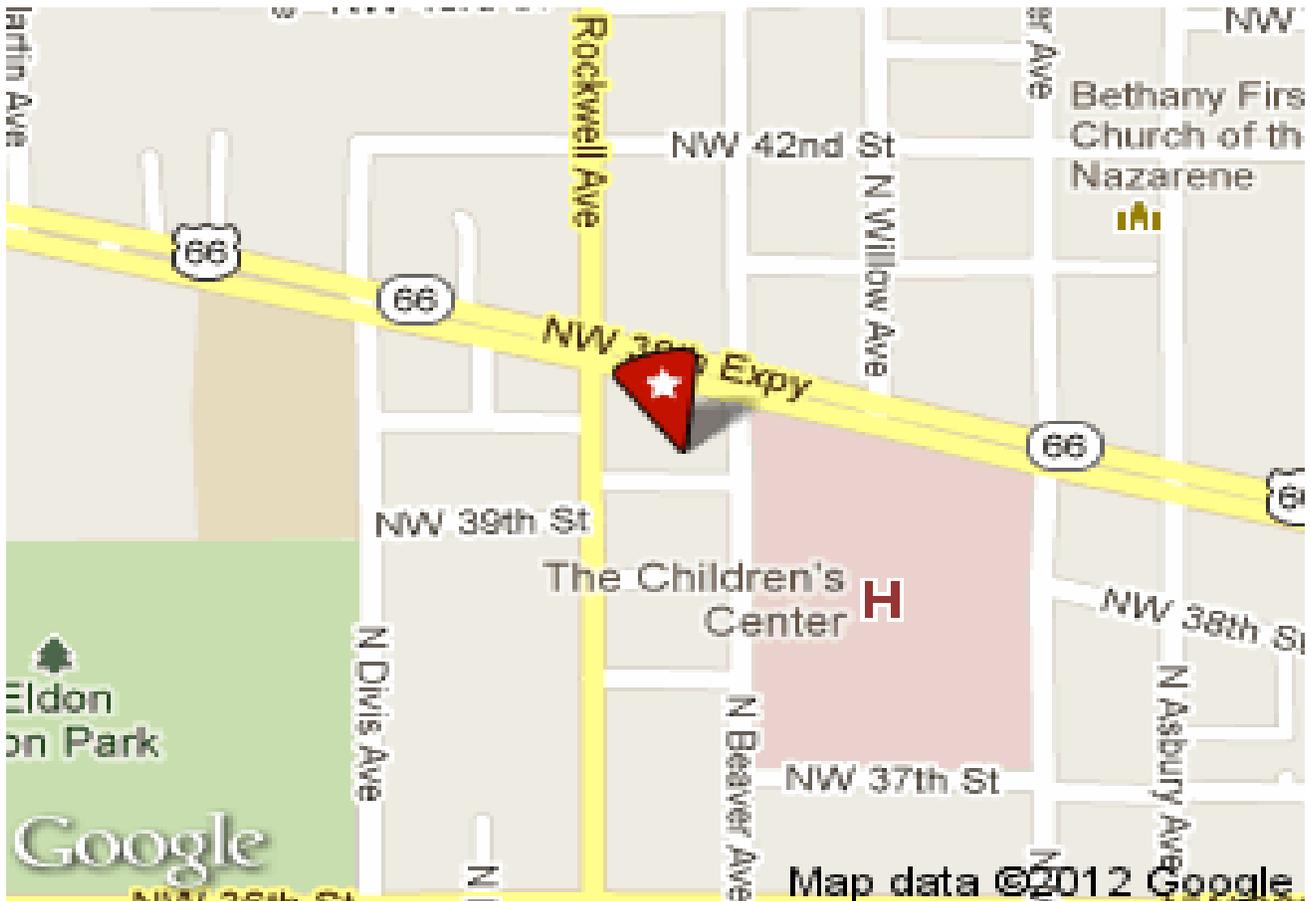
We will continue to meet at Swadley's BBQ on 3900 N Rockwell, Bethany, OK, same location as last month's meeting. This is at Rockwell and 39<sup>th</sup> Street (old highway 66). It is a little smaller than the space at the Hometown Buffet, but adequate for our needs. Also, the food was a welcome change. So the meeting is at 7 PM preceded by dinner about 6, on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

We discussed meeting topics and decided to feature foreign or non-US made radios for this month. Jim Tyrrell sent me a list of topics, and here is how he described it: "**NOT Made in the USA!** Today almost everything we buy of an electronic nature is imported; we all know that at one time almost all were built in the USA. Bring in something imported, the older and the more exotic the country of origin the better". Several members indicated they would bring items of this nature, so it should be a good meeting.

Of course, anything else of interest that you would like to bring to show is welcomed.

I have not been to any meets, etc. recently, so have nothing to tell you about. Next month I'll give you a review of the Jim Sargent auction to be held in Garland, TX on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

So, I hope to see everyone at the meeting. Be sure to bring something for the donation auction. I'm running out of junk, so will bring some better donations. I hate to go home empty handed, so bring something I would like!



### **Report for the OKVRC Meeting 5/12/2012**

After last month's convention at the Midwest Community Center, OKVRC members were back last weekend for our usual meeting at the Hometown Buffet in Oklahoma City..... No, we weren't! The Hometown Buffet restaurant, our club's second-Saturday-of-the-month home for many, many years, has closed its doors forever.... *Sic Transit Gloria!* But, we have a new home for our monthly dinner and meeting: Swadley's Barbeque restaurant in Bethany, only a few miles from our old meeting place. So why weren't more of you there? We had only thirteen members show up, but we had a great time anyways. We were given a room of our own, which we had to share with one other party because our numbers were small this month, but that presented no problems. The place is very western looking, with lots of artifacts on the walls like branding irons, barbed wire, gun holsters and the like, and the atmosphere is very relaxed and friendly. The food was excellent, the service attentive, and yes, they do have a door in our room we can open to bring in our stuff without having to drag it through the restaurant. Let's have as many members as possible come out next month, so we can fill the room! And if you have a hankering to wear your cowboy hat, you will be right at home.

Club President Jim Collings called the meeting to order about 7:00 PM as we were finishing our plates and the waitress was refilling our beverages. Jim gave us a recap of last month's convention highlights. The unsettled weather clearly scared off some folks, and attendance was down a bit. We still had a surprising number of out-of-towners, despite the weather. All agreed more sellers would have been nice. Your club secretary didn't buy a single radio for the first time in as long as I remember coming, though I did sell all of the items I brought to the silent auction. Some ideas were floated on how to improve attendance, such as a raffle. We also discussed trying to add to the club's appeal by reaching out to collectors of non-radio electronics, such as vintage stereo, guitar amps, telephones, and televisions. Jim also brought us up to date about some upcoming events, such as an upcoming radio meet in Irving, Texas, and the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Sargent radio sale, also in Texas.

The topic for tonight's program was: Small radios. Not knowing exactly the arrangements of our new home, we did not know if there would be room for larger items. (Our fears proved unfounded, as our new room has all the space we need plus a long cabinet perfect to display on.) Mike Swinney started out by showing a nice Zenith portable model L505 in green plastic, and a small four tube hand-held GM portable. Your club secretary brought in two small sets from the forties, a Philco Transitone and a Trav-ler as well as a Continental and a Knight (kit) from the fifties. Gary Swymeler displayed an 1948 Arvin "lefty" radio, what makes it different than most horizontal table sets is that it has the dial on the left and the speaker on the right side. Robert Padilla showed us a 1950 Jewell radio with a white Plasticon cabinet which he had repaired. Roger Knop displayed a 1939 Airline model 93BR in brown Bakelite, and a 1948 Arvin 243-T in a leaf green color. Jim Collings showed us the smallest tube set I've ever seen, a Zephyr coat pocket radio from the fifties. We also got to see a couple of examples of early transistor radios from the fifties, including a Coronet model STR-221 and a "boys" pocket radio, by Sakura Denki Kogyo, which contain a very primitive circuit: one diode (detector) and two transistors (audio). These were called boys radios because they were cheap enough for kids to afford, at a time when more sophisticated transistor electronics were still fairly expensive. Bill Jones also showed us a contemporary "credit card" radio, which uses headphones to listen to.

One of the fun things about our club is when members share with each other tips and tricks they have discovered when servicing radios. Gary Swymeler showed us a simple tip for holding a radio chassis in an upright position so you can work on the underside without it falling over. Nothing to build, just visit your local tool store and buy a couple of large wooden furniture clamps, the kind cabinet makers use. Just clamp them onto the end of the chassis resting on your work surface, and it won't go anywhere!

We wrapped up the evening with the usual donation auction. Only a few items this time: a Rider's manual volume 4, two NOS radio speakers, a nice DMM, and a twenties radio cabinet all found new homes.

See you at next month's at Swadleys' Barbeque. If you don't come you're missing out on a great meal and a great time!









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