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OKVRC Christmas Party!!

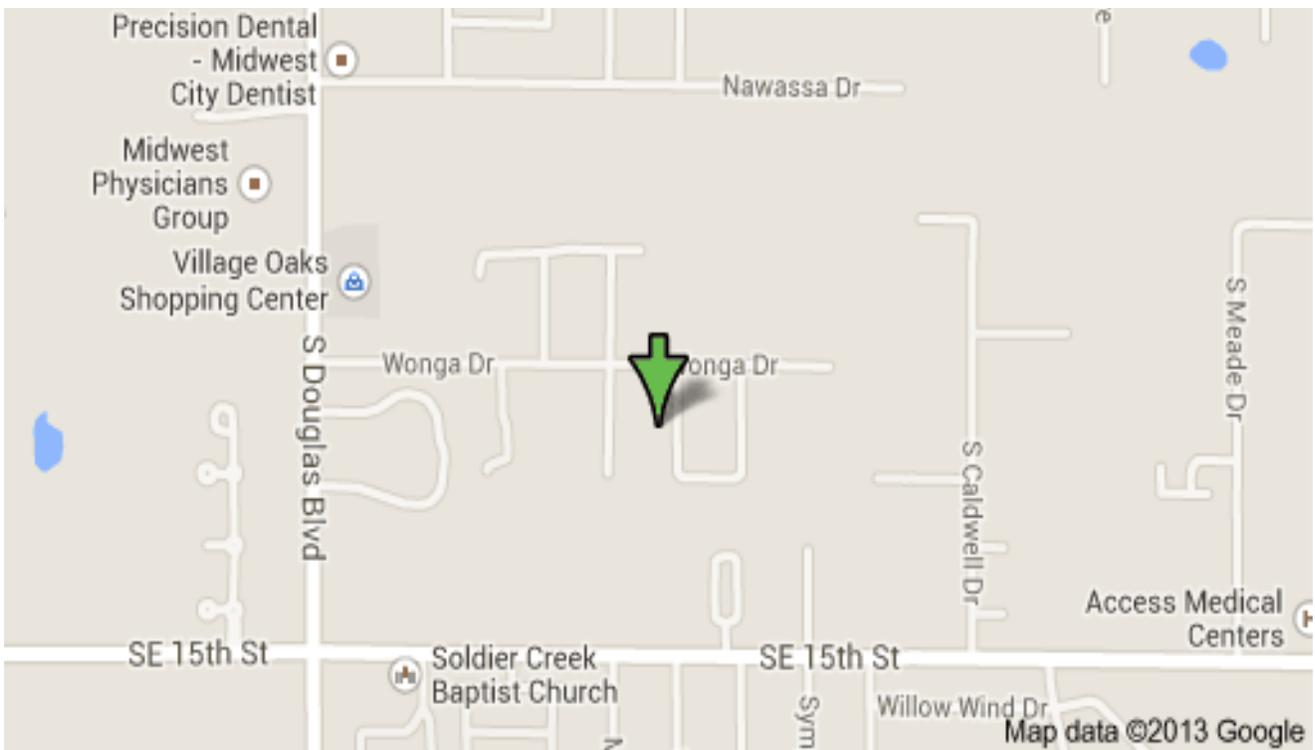
This year our Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 21st, at the home of Jim and Bernie Ray, 1213 Three Oaks Circle, Midwest City, OK 73130. Please arrive after 6 PM, as the catered meal will be ready to eat at 7:00. The menu features hickory smoked brisket and bacon wrapped chicken breasts. The cost is \$20 per person (\$40 per couple), the same as last year. The club is subsidizing a portion of the meal. Please RSVP to the Rays at 732-9815 or jabray71@hotmail.com, by Monday, Dec. 16, to aid in planning for the number of meals needed. We will have the traditional white elephant/dirty Santa gift exchange after dinner. 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. I believe we will have some musical entertainment, as in the past. Call if you need directions. It's one of our few events where the women are especially included and get to socialize. I'm looking forward to this and you should be also, as it's a chance to see the Ray's collection, and get away from seeing the same old stuff again at my home.

At the last meeting, the membership voted to make the payment of dues much simpler for all involved. Dues will be due annually at the first of the year in January, for the coming year. This eliminates the staggered dues payment system which was so hard to keep up with. What this means is that anyone who has paid their dues since January of 2013 is paid up until Jan. of 2014. Dues are reasonable, at just \$15 per year. So if you are more than a year behind, your dues are due now. Mail your check to OKVRC, PO Box 50625, Midwest City, OK 73140-5645. If you are unsure when you last paid, you can email me at jrcradio@cox.net, and I'll advise you.

I attended the VRPS meet in Dallas (Mesquite) this past weekend, Nov. 14-16th. It was a very good meet, very similar to those in the past, and attendance was good, and seemed to me to be a little more than last year. I forgot to get a total on the auction sales, but I'm sure that more than \$35,000 worth of equipment sold in the auctions. The Friday auction was for tubes and paperwork first, beginning in the late afternoon, and then other items later in the evening. This was the \$10 minimum bid auction, but there were some nice items. It seemed to me that some sets sold for more here than a similar set in the Saturday auction. My conclusion is that nice items will sell well whenever they are auctioned. The Friday auction ended on time about 9:30. The Saturday morning silent auction was in the lobby outside the auction room, and was smaller than in the past. I did not see anything to bid on. I think the

auction ends too early in the morning 9:30 AM, I believe, and some collectors were still eating the complementary hotel breakfast, and never get there to bid. Saturday's auction started out with prices going high, but this did not last too long...maybe people were running out of money? Then items became very reasonable later on, and especially toward the end. I was disappointed at the sales prices on some of my items, but the things I purchased were cheap also, so it all averaged out. I worked at the computer recording sales for both the Friday and Saturday auctions, and it all went well without any glitches. The contest had some impressive items, but was not quite as large as last year. My favorite item was a small glass horn speaker brought by Sam Luscomb. It worked by laying the earpieces from your headphone inside the elongated bell. It won first place in the speaker category. Another display included the various model of Airline movie dials sets (consoles). Best of Show was won by a fabulous display of Pacent items, which included signed letters to Mr. Pacent from DeForest, Armstrong, etc. I purchased an Amberola I (B) console cylinder phonograph for my collection in Saturday's auction. This was an item I had always wanted, so it was a successful meet. I will plan to attend again next year.

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



Jim and Bernie Ray, 1213 Three Oaks Circle, Midwest City, OK 73130 - 732-9815

Report for the OKVRC Meeting 11/09/2013

Its November already, Thanksgiving is just around the corner. The department stores and big-box retailers are of course already in full Christmas mode, pleading for us to part with our cash even sooner. Before you know it, it will be time for the annual OKVRC Christmas party!

We had a fairly good turnout of about eighteen OKVRC members and spouses for our regular monthly meeting at the Oklahoma Barbeque Station restaurant. We even welcomed two visitors who joined our club. We enjoyed dinner from about 5:30 to 7:00 PM, when Club President Jim Collings called the meeting to order. A few items of business were discussed: it has been proposed that members pay their dues at the beginning of the year rather than at through the year, when their membership expires. I'll leave the details for Jim C. to cover in his section of the newsletter. Another item discussed was the success of the raffle of the donated radio at last month's convention. It has been proposed that we hold a similar raffle at every convention. Sounds good to me, maybe I'll win some day!

Once club business was dispensed with, we got started on the night's program: Four tube radios. Why four tube radios? Perhaps because most small radios have five tubes. Five tubes was the standard tube count in the vast majority of twenties TRF battery sets, and by the mid-thirties most small AC superhets used five tubes as well. So four tube sets are a bit less common. That did not stop our members from bringing in a bunch to share. The restaurant had given away our meeting room to another group, so we had to use the second room which doesn't have a door opening directly onto the parking lot. No matter, our members lugged their radios in through the front door, squeezing by customers still waiting for their food, and getting some curious looks from them.

Your club secretary started off with a few four-tubers, most of which I probably have brought in for other programs we have presented before. I showed an Atwater Kent model 19. It's just like a model 20 "big box" but with one less RF stage and two tuning knobs instead of three. But it never sold well compared to the much more common 20 and 20C. I also showed two Philcos, the first was a 1933 model 57C, a four tube AC/DC, lots of electronics jammed into a small cabinet. Next I showed a 1938 model 39-80, a four-tube DC farm radio with a rather large cabinet holding a fairly small set of electronics. Member Mike Swinney brought in late-thirties four tube Kent (no Atwater) radio in a tiny metal cabinet. This set was actually built by Arvin. Our resident expert on these tiny Arvin sets, Roger Knopf, had some of these to show also. These very compact sets were a remarkable achievement in miniaturization for their time.

Bill Jones next showed a four tube Monarch Champion. Jim Collings displayed a 1924 Fada model 160 battery set with four instead of the usual five tubes found in a mid-twenties three-knob set. We also got to see a 1933 Emerson model 59, and a 1934 Victory cathedral-style radio. Lastly, Jim showed us a Philco model G681 portable radio from the mid-fifties. Philco managed to avoid the fifth tube by using a selenium rectifier for AC usage

We had a fair amount of stuff for the donation auction this month, including a box of tubes, a Bakelite TV cabinet, a flat of electrolytic capacitors and other parts, a Magnavox radio, and an Audio Industries recording phonograph. But for some reason our members were not as interested in the donation items as usual, so most of the stuff was given away.

Be sure to come to the Christmas party next month, (December 21st this year). Club Treasurer Jim Ray has graciously agreed to host the party this year, so Jim and Judy Collings get a break after hosting it for the last few years, and the rest of us will get to see another Jim's collection. Don't miss it!







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