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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By Jim Collings

This month's meeting on February 9th will be at Swadley's Bar-B-Q on Rockwell at NW39th St. We will begin eating around 6PM with the meeting beginning at 7PM. The topic will be speakers. The idea is to get quite a variety of speakers, from early horn types to freestanding cones, to unusual speakers designed for mounting inside a cabinet. Maybe we can go through a history of speaker development. As usual you may bring anything else that you would like to show and/or talk about. Don't forget to bring something for the donation auction.

Now is the time to plan vacation time for the year. Here's a list of radio events this year to aid in planning:

February 8-9, 2013	HVRS Annual Convention	Houston, TX
March 16, 2013	VRPS Spring Auction	Irving, TX
March 21-23, 2013	Carolinas Chapter AWA Meet	Charlotte, NC
April 13, 2013	OKVRC Annual Meet	Midwest City, OK
May 9-10, 2013	Kutztown Spring Meet	Kutztown, PA
June 22, 2013?	HLARA Summer Sizzler	Tulsa, OK
June 27-29, 2013	MARC Extravaganza	Lansing, MI
August 1-3, 2013	ARCI Radiofest	Willowbrook, IL
August 20-24, 2013	AWA Conference	Rochester, NY
Sept. 19- 20, 2013	Kutztown Fall Meet	Kutztown, PA
September 21, 2013	VRPS Summer Swap Meet	Irving, TX
October 12, 2013	OKVRC Fall Swap Meet	Midwest City, OK

Everyone should plan to attend at least the local events, and certainly our two big meets in Midwest City. See you at the next meeting!

Report for the OKVRC Meeting 01/12/2013

Happy New Year! One sure sign of advancing years is that time really seems to accelerate. 2012 seems to have come and gone in a flash. No doubt we all have in our new year's resolutions (along with the usual vows to save X dollars or lose Y pounds) a wish to find a certain rare set we have been hankering after for a long time, or finish a restoration project that has been spread all over the workbench forever. Maybe this year we'll keep all those resolutions, if I succeed in that it will be a first.

We had a so-so turn out of about thirteen OKVRC members for our monthly meeting and dinner at Swadley's barbeque restaurant in Bethany. The weather was a bit cold, but there was no snow or ice, it just seems difficult to get folks to leave their warm nests on these cool nights. But those of us who could make it had a good time! 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 upcoming radio meet in Houston on the second week of February. I'd love to go, but probably won't be able to drive that far.

We started off the night's program with a show and tell session. Jim Rice brought in a Sencore model MV140 mutual-conductance tube tester. The unit, mounted in a sturdy metal case, dates from 1967 and tests all but the earliest tubes, as well as transistors. A good tube tester is one of the first tools a new radio collector gets, but they have become very collectable in their own right. Jim has some of the nicest I've ever seen. The Sencore Company, by the way, is still in business, but it's a safe bet they have not made tube testers for a long time.

We then moved on to tonight's subject: Radios that are NOT black or brown. That pretty well excludes all wood radios except blond, and many plastic radios, particularly the early ones. But our members managed to bring in some interesting items. Roger Knopf started out with a Westinghouse "Refrigerator" radio; so called because it looks, well, like a tiny fifties-style refrigerator with a folding handle on top. It is certainly an attractive and stylish design. And, as I learned from Roger, despite its portable appearance, it isn't battery powered. Robert Padilla showed us a small plastic radio, a Philco model 48-200. Anyone who regularly comes to our OKVRC meetings knows of Robert's skill at restoring (often badly broken) plastic radios. But with this little Philco, Robert created a custom University of Ohio version for a family member that attends Ohio State. I'm sure a lot of Ohio fans would love to have one too!

Jim Collings brought a whole collection of goodies that fall into the "neither black nor brown" designation, including three crystal sets. A (silver) "Flivver" from the LightRight Company, a (green) Philmore, and a (red) "Jubilee" set that can provide hookups for up to six sets of headphones. Jim also showed us a Setchel-Carson model 416 table model in white plasticon. This set is unusual in that the chassis hangs upside down in the cabinet, much like the (far older) Atwater Kent model 35. He also displayed a Fada "Temple" model 652 in maroon Catlin with yellow trim, and a General Electric model 50 clock radio in white plasticon.

We finished up the evening with the usual donation auction. Some interesting items were up for grabs. Two large electrolytic capacitors, a HUGE battery set cabinet from the twenties, an 8-track player, a Sears Silvertone clock radio, an Emerson Bakelite table radio, and a one tube amp from a small phono all went to new homes for a buck or two. The nicest item, a late thirties RCA farm radio with a factory battery eliminator, brought a generous price of \$15.

See you next month at Swadley's!





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