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## **PRESIDENT'S PAGE**

By Jim Collings

Happy New Year! It's the start of another year and I hope that it will be a prosperous one for everyone. I had a good time at the OKVRC Christmas party, and I hope everyone else did also. It was at my home and 18 of us were present. I believe everyone had a good time. We enjoyed a great meal, and the dirty Santa gift exchange did not get out of hand too much, but several items changed hands a few times. If you missed the party, make plans now to attend next year's.

I had hoped to get my radio stuff organized, with a few restorations completed over the holidays, but it hasn't happened. After the party, I moved all my junk back into the house and got the car back in the garage before the cold weather. It made me realize how much junk I have that needs to be somewhere else. So, look for some better items in our monthly donation auctions. All the holiday activities and a cold have kept me from accomplishing very much organizing of parts, tubes, etc. Hopefully you have fared better and gotten some items restored.

Our topic for the January meeting is normally about sets you restored over the holidays or got for Christmas, and that can still be included if you have a nice item, but the main topic is radio sets which are not black or brown. So that means you should bring your silver, white, chrome, pink, green, brass, gold etc. radio sets and related items to show us and talk about. Since a very large percentage of sets made were brown, wood, or black, the remaining ones should be very interesting. I'm looking forward to the meeting. Since we didn't have the usual meeting in December, there should be some interesting items saved up for the donation auction.

Next month, I'll put together a list of all the upcoming major radio meets, so you can plan a vacation around them. But, The Houston Vintage Radio Association has their annual meet on Feb 8th and 9th. It is in the north part of Houston for easier access to us farther north. It's a large meet modeled after the VRPS meet in Dallas. I have not attended in quite a few years, but it is a good meet and not too far away. I have details if needed. See you at our meeting on Jan 12th!

### **Report for the OKVRC Christmas Party 12/08/2012**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Once again, the OKVRC Christmas Party was a great success. A few less members were able to make it then last year, but those who could attend had a wonderful time. Our club members once again enjoyed the gracious hospitality of Club President Jim Collings and wife Julie, who welcomed us to their beautiful Edmond home for the event. Club

members began arriving well before 6PM at Jim and Julies address, and as guests arrived, we all enjoyed soft drinks, mixed drinks, wine, and conversation as we waited for dinner. Much of the time before dinner was also dedicated to browsing Jim’s incredible collection of historic radios, phonographs, juke boxes and music boxes. Jim demonstrated many of them for us, including his rare baby grand player piano. When dinner arrived, we settled down to a real feast. 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. Your club secretary gave away a bottle of fine wine, and ended up taking home a Crosley replica art deco plastic table radio. The giver said he didn’t know if the cassette player in it worked, but I can assure everyone it works just fine!

As nine o’clock rolled around, many guests began to say their goodnights. But, for those who stay a bit longer, there is sometimes an opportunity for some additional musical entertainment. This year it looked like it might not happen. Club member Jerry Brown, a fine guitar player who has played for us several times in the past, was not able to join us this year. The very talented duo of Jerry Myers and Carolyn Esmon, who entertained us last year, were delayed in arriving. But they got here, and with Jerry and Jim playing guitar and Carolyn playing autoharp, we enjoyed a wide range of songs, from traditional Christmas carols to classic rock. Everyone who stayed 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 Jerry and Carolyn for the entertainment. It was a great evening, and I wish each of you a happy and prosperous 2013. See you at next month’s (1/12) OKVRC meeting at Swadley’s Barbeque Restaurant in Bethany.









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