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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By Jim Collings

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Our annual spring swap meet is history. Everything went smoothly and I hope everyone had a fun time. We had some new faces, but some of the out-of-towners who we usually see were missed. Thanks to everyone who helped make it successful...especially to those who made donations to the auction, and to those who bid on the items. Unfortunately, we did not cover the expenses of renting the community center, but hopefully we can make it up next year. We had some superb items for display in the contest. The best was the working 1939 RCA television brought by Eric Coon, which won multiple awards. The list of contest winners is published elsewhere in this edition of the Broadcast News. Special thanks go to Frank Karner for displaying his historic first WKY transmitter, as it was not entered in the competition. I was unable to determine the winner of one ribbon, so if you claim ownership, you will get recognition. We had a few categories with no entries, so that is a challenge for filling these in next year's contest, or to suggest a more popular category. I try to bring something for most categories and am disappointed when there is not a better entry than mine. We can discuss any potential improvements at our next meeting.

Our next meeting is Saturday May 11th at Swadley's BBQ on Portland at NW 39th St., beginning around 6 for dinner at 7 PM for the start of the meeting. The topic will be Military radio equipment. These can be from any country or era and would include morale receivers. So, bring anything military that you have. I do not believe we have ever discussed this topic before. This date is also the SNU Commencement, making it a big day for the restaurant, so we may have visitors in our meeting room. I'm sure we can impress them with our equipment and knowledge. See you there!

OKVRC April, 2013 Contest Winners

Battery and Crystal Receivers, Pre-1930

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| 1. Globe 820 | Jim Collings |
| 2. RCA Radiola AR-812 | John Reynolds |
| 3. Clapp Eastham HR and HZ | Jim Collings |

Cathedral and Tombstone Receivers

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| 1. Stewart Warner R-1252A | Jim Collings |
| 2. Philco 37-60 | ? |
| 3. Philco 60 | John Reynolds |

Horizontal Wooden Receivers

- | | |
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| 1. Philco 41-226 | Kent Studebaker |
| 2. Philco M-1000-124 | Jim Ray |

Metal Sets after 1926 and Ham Receivers

- no entries

AC/DC Bakelite or Plastic Receivers

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| 1. Motorola 53LC3/2/1 | John Reynolds |
| 2. General Electric 862 | Julie Collings |

Transistor Radios

- | | |
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| 1. Budweiser AM/FM Beer Can | Jim Collings |
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Console Receivers/Televisions

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| 1. RCA TRK-5 1939 Television | Eric Coon |
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Homebrew and Kit Receivers

- no entries

Foreign Made Receivers and Equipment

- | | |
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| 1. Grundig-Majestic 3267U | Jim Ray |
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HiFi & Audio Equipment, Tube type

- | | |
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| 1. Lafayette 220 Multiplex Adaptor | Jim Collings |
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Accessory Items

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| 1. Unknown Wooden Horn Speaker | Jim Collings |
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Open Category

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| 1. Western Electric W-163557A Fan | David Ward |
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Best Restoration

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| 1. RCA Radiola AR-812 | John Reynolds |
| 2. Motorola 53LC3/2/1 | John Reynolds |
| 3. Philco 60 | John Reynolds |

People's Choice (favorite display of all who attended)

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| RCA TRK-5 1939 Television | Eric Coon |
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Best of Show

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| RCA TRK-5 1939 Television | Eric Coon |
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Report for the OKVRC Convention and Swap Meet 04/13/2013

Last fall's convention and swap meet was held on Saturday the thirteenth, and our spring convention and swap meet also managed to land on Saturday the thirteenth! Perhaps Friday the thirteenth is bad luck, but Saturday the thirteenth seems to be good luck for antique radio collectors!

Member and guests were arriving at the Midwest Community Center before the building opened at eight, and as soon as it was open sellers began setting up, and buyers were soon pawing through their merchandise. We all enjoyed and donuts and coffee, while waiting for even more sellers to show up. There were three and a half rows of tables, less than some past meets but better than last fall. There were a few twenties battery sets, a few cathedrals, several tombstones and rectangular wood sets, as well as some plastic sets offered. I also saw a few small consoles and one chairside. One seller brought in beautiful 1963 vintage large upright studio-grade tape recorder, in like new condition. It was reasonably priced but I could not figure out where I would put it. So it went home with another lucky buyer. I brought along \$200 hoping to score something really nice for my collection, but didn't find anything I wanted bad enough to find room for. I actually came home with thirty dollars more than I brought, thanks to items I sold in the silent auction. There were also lots of parts, knobs, tubes, and junk sets available as well. Plenty of radio related books, manuals, magazines, and novelty items were offered also.

While the selection of radios for sale was not as good as in some past meets, the items entered in the contest were most impressive. If only some of them were for sale! I was particularly drawn to a terrific RCA Radiola AR-812 from 1924 restored by club member John Reynolds. John meticulously documented his work with photos including the rebuilding of the infamous “catacomb” chassis many of these early Radiolas use. He even found an accurate replacement for the handle on the top of the set!

Another real treat in the contest was an ultra-rare 1939 RCA model TRK-9 television. Few items in the antique electronics collecting hobby are as sought after as pre-war TVs. Only a few large cities offered TV before the war, so few sets were sold and almost none have survived. Some artifacts relating to the 1939 New York World’s Fair were displayed with the RCA as well, including a “Radiogram” from a fair visitor to her family in California, telling how she had seen TV demonstrated at the World’s Fair. This TV has been brought to our convention before, but it was still a thrill to see it again.

After silent auction was finished, and the judging of the contest items was over, it was time for the regular auction. Lots of parts, tubes, junk sets, and some test equipment were auctioned off. Everything went for very reasonable prices.

Thanks to everyone who came. Hope to see you at Swadley’s Barbeque for our regular May meeting!







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