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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By Jim Collings

Our fall swap meet last month was a very good one. We had good attendance, and with sales of raffle tickets, the club came out ahead after paying the building rental. Thanks to all who helped: Donna Reynolds for making the coffee; Lois Janssen for selling the raffle tickets; Dale McLellan for restoring the donated raffle radio; for those who brought and donated do-nuts; and for those who donated equipment and purchased items in the donation auction. I thought there was a lot of equipment that changed hands, but not quite as many sellers as there could have been. The silent auction was good with most items selling. Two years ago the silent auction was so poor I thought we should eliminate it. I believe everyone had a good time. The results make me look forward to our Spring Meet which will be on April 19, 2014.

This month's monthly meeting will be on November 9th at 6 PM at the Oklahoma Station, 4333 NW 50th Street, just east of Meridian. The meeting topic will be 4-tube radios. Four-tube radios were generally less expensive as typical sets had 5 tubes. In the 1920's the battery radios were missing a stage if there were just 4 tubes. It could be an RF or an amplifier stage. In the 1930's a 4-tube set might use a TRF circuit rather than the better superhet circuit. I'm sure there are exceptions where 4 tube sets are high quality expensive sets. So, bring your four-tubers. I'm anxious to see what will show up! We have a little business to discuss at the meeting also, but it should not take much time. The date for the Christmas party has yet to be set. Don't forget to bring items for the donation auction!

Julie and I attended a Jim Sargent auction last Saturday in Garland, TX. It had most of the best items from Paul Tucker's Arkansas collection. I purchased numerous smaller items at fair prices, but did not fill up the SUV (A good thing!) The nicer items brought very good prices. It was an internet sale also, so there was competition from the internet and internet buyers bought many items. Buyers interested in the tubes came from as far away as Wisconsin. It was a good sale!

The VRPS annual convention will be on November 15th thru 17th in Mesquite, TX, at the Hampton Inn Convention Center. (The same location as previous years). The theme will be the 100th anniversary Edwin Armstrong's Regenerative Circuit. This is one of the largest radio meets in the country, and it's right here in our area, so everyone should try to attend. In the past, I've given you a big write-up of all the events, but they are fairly similar every year, so I won't repeat myself. Of course the main events are auctions on Friday evening and Saturday. The Saturday evening banquet will feature Dave Herlinger & His Electromagnetic Circus. If you have never been to a large event like this, you can learn a lot, as there is a lot of equipment to view. If you need details drop me a line. I hope to see many of you there.



Dale McLellan

Raffled Airline Radio

Winner Roger Knop





Report for the OKVRC Convention and Swap Meet 10/12/2013

Fall is here, with cooler temperatures and the “dog days” of summer behind us. So what better way to greet the new season by getting together with other radio collectors to buy, sell and trade a few radios? About sixty or so of us managed to make it to the Midwest Community Center last Saturday to do just that.

Members and guests began arriving at the Midwest Community Center before the building opened at eight, and there was plenty of donuts and coffee to enjoy while waiting for even more sellers to show up. We had a smaller turnout than the spring meet, probably because the spring contest always attracts more attendees. There were about three and a half rows of tables, a bit less than last spring. There were a few twenties battery sets, including a rare Western Electric Superhetrodyne receiver from 1923, complete with “peanut” type tubes, but it was way out of your club secretaries budget. There were also a few cathedrals and tombstones, and plenty rectangular wood sets, including an unusual late production farm radio (it had miniature tubes). I saw a Philco Cathedral that was reasonably priced but I skipped it because of the finish. There were also some plastic sets and clock radios for sale. A few console radios were offered, at reasonable prices. I brought along \$300 hoping to score something really nice for my collection, but didn’t find anything I wanted bad enough to find room for. It seems most of our members don’t want to part with their really nice sets (not that I blame them!) There were also lots of parts, knobs, tubes, and junk sets available. Plenty of radio related books, manuals, and documentation were for sale as well.

There was a fair selection of items in the silent auction, and a lot more offered in the regular auction. Lots of parts, tubes, junk sets, and some test equipment were auctioned off. I didn’t stay for the whole auction, but it appeared everything went for very reasonable prices.

The highlight of the morning was the raffle of a beautiful table model radio that was donated to the club. Dale was kind enough to put the set in first class working condition for the club, and Roger Knop was the lucky winner! Best of all, the sale of the raffle tickets paid the rent on the room used for the meet.

Thanks to everyone who came. Be sure to join us at the Barbeque Stop restaurant for our regular November meeting. It will be the last regular meeting of the year, as December will be the Christmas party, Hope to see you at both events!

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