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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By Jim Collings

### FALL SWAP MEET OCTOBER 12TH

Our fall swap meet is coming up! It will be at the Midwest City Community Center on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning officially at 8:00 AM, but at the recent meets they have had the building open a little earlier. Usually there is a lot of activity in the parking lot before the start. We have the facility until noon, so the main auction will begin at 10:30 so that we can have everything moved out in time. We could start a little earlier if all the swapping has been made. The silent auction will end at about 9:45, and will begin as soon as someone tags an item on the silent auction table. The location is 100 Midwest Boulevard in Midwest City, OK, where the other municipal buildings are, about 2 1/2 miles north of I-40 on Midwest Boulevard. Bring as much as you can for swap, because the more items are there, the more fun it will be for everyone. I have a lot of recently acquired items to bring.... some nice items, and some junkers for parts. Talk it up to all your friends that may have an interest in radio, as the more the merrier. New this year will be a raffle of a nice Airline tombstone radio that was donated by a non-member and restored by Dale McLellan. So support the club by purchasing a ticket or two. You could be the big winner! See a photo of this nice original finish set elsewhere in this issue.

Julie and I just returned from the big meet in Kutztown, PA. It is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Historical Radio Club in conjunction with Renninger's. The location has two large pavilions, with one and a half filled with radio vendors. It is the largest meet I have attended. We arrived on Thursday in the early afternoon, and there were quite a few vendors already set up and selling things. We went into Allentown to check into the motel and eat dinner and went back to the meet. A lot more collectors had set up, but many were not open for business. On Friday morning we got back there about 7 AM, and everything was in full swing. I had only brought nicer expensive items along, as I was too busy at work the preceding two weeks to get things ready. So about half of what I brought sold, but if I had brought some lower priced items and parts, I believe most of them would have been sold. I purchased a lot of smaller items and parts at fair prices, and an interesting piece for my collection. There were many vendors selling just audio equipment. I knew quite a few people from the other meets, and recognized collectors from our other visit to the meet two years ago. On Friday night there was a sponsored steak dinner including a bonfire of discarded console radio cabinets, but we did not stay to see it and opted for a nicer sit down dinner in town. We left about one on Saturday, as the activity was diminishing and others were packing up also. I made a few last minute deals, probably for things I should not have purchased, but it is hard to pass up a good deal. It was a very good meet, and I'll probably be ready to go again next year. But for now I'm still recovering from the 1400 mile trip, and have yet to check out all my purchases.

Then last Friday and Saturday we went to the Ft. Smith for a Jim Sargent auction of Paul Tucker's warehouse. There was a lot of stuff. Most were parts and tubes, as the better items from Paul's collection will be sold in Dallas on October 25<sup>th</sup>. I came home with the car nearly packed full of stuff. Items were selling at cheap prices, usually by the box, shelf, or cabinet full. There were a lot of tested boxed tubes, some new, for sale at the end, but I did not bid, as I do not have space for them. They were selling by the shelving unit of about 25 flats at a time. The buyers were coming back on another day with an empty truck to pick them up. I'm looking forward to the better stuff later this month.

Don't forget the Tulsa Club, HLARA will be having their fall swap meet in Tulsa on October 26<sup>th</sup>. It's a quick drive to this meet, and should be worthwhile.

We still need someone to be the host the OKVRC Christmas Party this year. It is typically on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December, but could be moved to any time to accommodate the host. Of course it is catered, making it a lot easier. Please contact me if you are interested.

I hope to see everyone at the swap meet. It should be a fun event!

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### **Report for the OKVRC Meeting 09/14/2013**

Its September already, summer is slipping away. We are even getting some rain! Fall will be here soon, time to put the lawn mower away for the year, give the air conditioner a rest, and with fewer yard chores, work on some radios!

Starting his month we have moved our regular monthly meeting to the Oklahoma Barbeque Station restaurant. Our new meeting place is located in a small shopping center and is easy to miss from the street. But it has what Swadley's lacked, a quiet private room, all to ourselves. The room also has a long table to display our equipment on, and an easy access rear door we can park our cars close to when we want to bring in our stuff. The food and prices are about the same as Swadley's. For those of you who missed the September meeting, I've attached a link:

<http://www.oklahomastationbbq.com/restaurants.htm>

We enjoyed dinner in our new home from about 5:30 to 7:00 PM, and then started the night's program. Club President Jim Collings was out of town on business, so Roger Knopf and your club secretary filled in. The first order of business: next month's Convention and Swap Meet at the Midwest City Community Center. Start looking through your collection for radios, phonographs, tubes, knobs, electronic test equipment, parts, books, and literature, whatever you are willing to sell. Who couldn't use some extra money? And don't forget to buy a raffle ticket for the grand prize restored radio!

The topic for tonight's meeting: Early AC Sets. As any radio collector knows, for the first six years or so after radios were introduced to American homes (I'm using 1920 as a starting point, since that was when KDKA went on the air in Philadelphia) all radios were powered by batteries. Most American homes except in rural areas has electricity by then, but people couldn't power this latest technological marvel to enter their homes off the same home wiring that powered their lights, fans, and other gadgets. The first sets to come out that were powered by wall current were introduced in late 1926 and early 1927. Most were console versions of high end table battery sets, with a speaker and large power supply built into the cabinet. They were also very expensive. It was the introduction radios with tubes that used AC for the filament voltages (late 1927, early 1928) that made AC sets available to the masses. So battery sets, except for farm radios and portables, soon faded from the scene.

Your club secretary brought in Atwater-Kent's first AC set; the Model 36. It used the same type of cabinet and chassis layout used for many of AK's battery sets, such as the Model 30 and 33.

The Model 36 replaces the UX-201A tubes with UX-226, UX-227 and UX-171 AC filament tubes. A separate power supply converts AC wall current to needed DC voltages. All of the later AC Atwater Kent sets moved the power supply into the main cabinet.

Mike Swinney brought in the nine-tube AC “works in a drawer” chassis assembly from a very early Montgomery Ward’s Airline console. The large floor model cabinet it belongs to has a large folding horn speaker, and a battery compartment, with doors in the lower part of the cabinet. This model was clearly a battery set when it was first introduced, the battery chassis being replaced by an AC version in a later production run.

Gary Swymeler brought in another neat AC set for us to admire. It’s not early, but it is interesting. It was a Fada model P80 4 tube AC-DC superhet from 1947. Fada was founded in the early twenties by Frank A. D. Andrea. Fada went bankrupt in the depression but resumed operations under new management, staying in operation until the nineteen fifties. Frank Andrea started a new company, the Andrea Radio Company, which stayed in operation until Mr. Andrea’s death in 1965.

We did not have our donation auction this month since we were getting established in our new home, but we did get a most generous donation from Dale McLellan of \$70. This is the proceeds from the auctioning on EBay of a single UX-245 output tube!

See you next month on October 12th at the OKVRC Convention and Swap Meet in Midwest City! And be sure to join us at the Oklahoma Barbeque Station on November 9th for our regular monthly meeting/dinner.





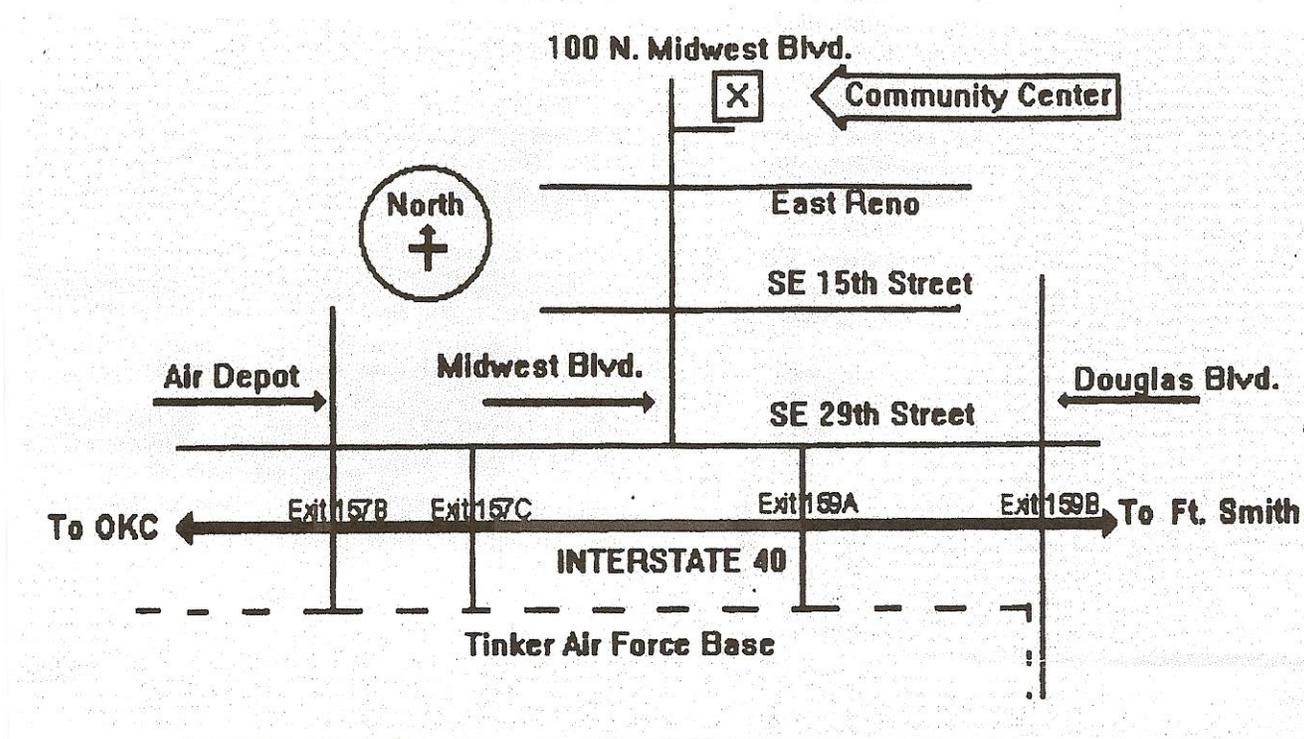




## DIRECTIONS TO THE SWAP MEET

Exit Interstate 40 at exit # 159A, turn north (left). At the light, turn west (left) onto SE 29<sup>th</sup> Street, proceed to Midwest Blvd.(second right), turn north (right), proceed 2 miles to Reno. Continue through the intersection of Reno and Midwest Blvd. Proceed to the next right hand street (about 100 yards). The Convention Center is the first building on the left and the parking lot is on the east side of the building.

**MAP TO THE CONVENTION:**



This beautiful 1939 Montgomery-Wards Airline model 93BR-715B unrestored radio was donated to the club. It has been refurbished by Dale McLellan and will be presented at the Fall Swap Meet to be raffled off at the end of the meeting. The raffle ticket price will be determined and be offered before and during the Swap Meet.



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- WANTED:** 1946 Philco, model 46-420, complete, unrestored (doesn't have to be working, but no cracks or broken areas in the case). John Reynolds @ [jhreynolds8787@yahoo.com](mailto:jhreynolds8787@yahoo.com)

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- FOR SALE:** A friend has two radios for sale, as I recall they are both very nice condition and I went thru them 4-6 years ago. (1) Grundig-Majestic 7000 series, plays well, and (2) a 1960 Magnavox AM-FM Stereo with 4 speed player. This was from the Golden days of Magnovox stereos. Ad submitted by frank karner. Please Contact Forest musyka, cell: 405-117-1020, e-mail is [obmuzyka@yahoo.com](mailto:obmuzyka@yahoo.com)
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