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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By Jim Collings

Happy New Year! It's the start of another year and I hope everyone had a great Christmas. If you missed the OKVRC Christmas party, you'll regret it. It was great! Jim and Bernie Ray were great hosts, and the food was very good. I was very impressed with Jim's collection. I had seen a few of the items, but when they were displayed along with others they were more impressive. I was surprised at the number of European sets, and how well they were restored. Everything was very nicely displayed. Jim demonstrated how good many of them sounded, as they were tied into a Sirius XM system. The gift exchange was a lot of fun. Several items exchanged hands several times, with the most popular being wine, and an RCA bakelite radio. Thanks to Jim and Bernie for offering their home for the event.

I hope you all had some time off to work on a radio over the holidays. I worked on a couple items, but spent more time relaxing than usual, which was nice. Our meeting topic for this month is 1-Tube Wonders. So bring your one-tube sets to show off, and tell a little about them. There are many sizes and varieties of 1 tube sets, so it should be an interesting topic. But, if you got something for Christmas that you would like to bring to show off also, that would be great! The meeting is coming up quickly, as it is on Jan 11th at the Oklahoma Station, 4333 NW 50th Street, just east of Meridian at 6 PM for dinner, with the meeting start at 7. Bring something for the donation auction, and I'll see you there!

Report for the OKVRC Christmas Party 12/21/2013

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Once again, the OKVRC Christmas Party was a great success. Club President Jim Collings and wife Julie have graciously hosted the party in their Edmond home for at the last three years. This year, they finally got a well-deserved rest. The 2013 Christmas party was held at the Midwest City home of club Treasurer Jim Ray and his wife Bernadette. So we got to see another great collection, as well as enjoy each other's company and a really great dinner!

Club members began arriving well before 6PM at Jim and Bernadette's home, and as guests continued to arrive, we all enjoyed drinks, wine, and conversation as we waited for dinner. Most of us soon found ourselves in Jim's radio room, where we got to browse Jim's outstanding collection of classic radios. Jim's specialty is postwar European radios. We have gotten to enjoy a number of these that he has brought in to share at club meetings, but now we got to see them all. Most of these sets have FM as well as AM and shortwave. Jim also showed us his well-equipped work bench and test

equipment lineup, and the rooms custom built cabinetry, which houses his radios. Back in the living room, Jim showed us his collection of postwar American sets. Best of all, we got to HEAR most of them! Jim does not believe in “static displays” From his iPad, he selected music for us to listen to, which was then piped from the “cloud” to the phono inputs on the radios. A fascinating blend of vintage vacuum tube audio and state of the art digital technology.

Dinner was excellent. I’m not sure if the same caterer was used, but the food was the best I can remember, and I’ve been coming to the Christmas party for over ten years. The roast beef and stuffed chicken breasts were perfectly seasoned, and the vegetable medley was the best I have ever tasted. Then it was time for dessert and coffee. Best of all, we all got a box of leftovers to take home.

After dinner, we played the “dirty Santa” game. Each guest brought along a small gift, which was placed under Jim and Bernadette’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. Each gift can be “stolen” up to two times. Your club secretary gave away two bottles of fine wine, and ended up taking home an American-made Craftsman socket wrench set for myself.

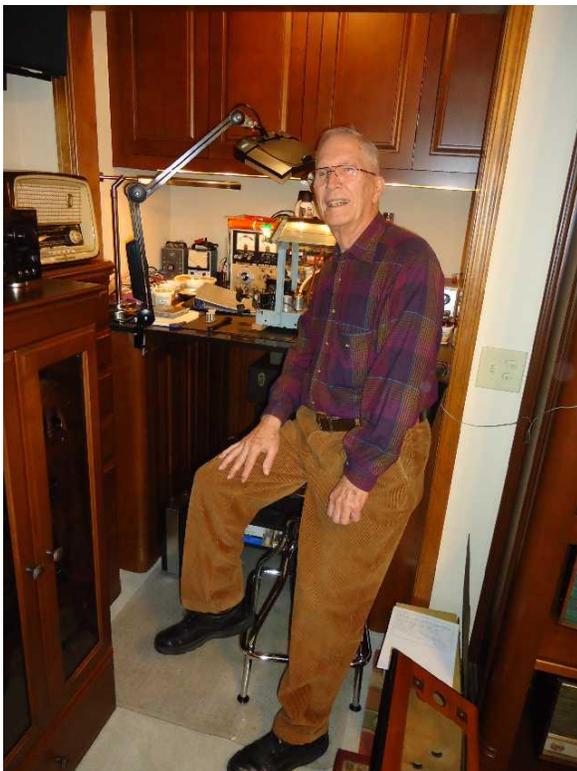
All too soon, it was to say goodnight. Thanks, Jim and Bernadette, for a hosting the party, and showing everyone such a great time. A happy and prosperous 2014 to all! Hope to see everyone at next month’s (1/11) OKVRC meeting at the Barbeque Stop restaurant in Oklahoma City.











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