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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By Jim Collings

### SWAP MEET!

It's time to get excited about our upcoming fall Swap Meet! It will be at the Midwest City Community Center on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning officially at 8:00 AM, and ending before noon. So be there early, as this is our big, Fall Meet with free admission, swap tables, a silent auction, and lastly, the main auction. We will begin the main auction at 10:30, or earlier, if most of the swapping seems to be done, so that we can be out in time to get ready for the big football game. I'm expecting a big turnout, as the weather will be cooler. A flier is part of this newsletter. Please print it out, post it, and/or send it to your friends, especially to those who may no longer be a member of the club, but have a radio interest. The flier says there will be a contest, which is incorrect, and I can't change it, so don't plan on that until our Spring meet. I have some nicer items that I've been saving for the meet, and I bring a large group of knobs if you are missing some from your set. The more people who attend, and the more stuff that is brought, the better the meet will be. Parts and pieces are always in demand, so don't forget these items. What you are almost ready to throw away may be just what someone else needs to complete their restoration, so bring it. Talk it up to all your friends that may have an interest in radio, as the more, the merrier. Coffee and donuts will be available. (If you are normally a donut provider, bring some again.) Frank Karner has donated an unusual Philco radio to be raffled off. See a picture elsewhere in this issue. It is designed to be operated under a desk with your foot! See you there!

Julie and I missed the last meeting as we went to Dallas to a Jim Sargent auction and couldn't get back in time for the meeting. It was a pretty full auction, with bidders from the internet also, but Auction Zip was down for a while causing delays. I bought a few things, but was conservative as we were headed out to the Kutztown meet as soon as we got back home. The auction had some nice items, and many went to internet buyers. During a delay, numerous more common bakelite sets were auctioned off to the attendees in the room. They generally needed cleaning and restoration, but many went for only \$5. I hope this trend does not continue, as it is a significant downturn of prices.

Monday morning we set out for the meet in Kutztown, PA. It is probably the largest meet in the country now with 1 ½ very long pavilions filled with radio vendors. It begins officially on Friday, but many were set up early on Thursday afternoon when we arrived. (On Saturday the other pavilion half was filled with flea market vendors, as well as some of the grassy areas). Many of the vendors at the meet dealt mainly in audio equipment with a large variety of tube amps, etc. This branch of our hobby is growing rapidly, along with prices for the equipment. There were not too many early wireless items. I did not take too many items, but picked some items off the shelves in my collection that I could part with. Unfortunately, I only sold two of these items, and a handful of smaller items. I did buy quite a few odds and ends, and the car was packed, without room for much more. Noticeably absent from our packed SUV was a horn speaker as we normally have one at least on top of the pad which covers everything else, as I did not find one of interest. So the 2800 mile trip did not get paid for, but we enjoyed meeting and talking with other collectors. We stopped at many antique shops along the way, but found very little.

On another note, we will need someone to host our annual Christmas Party. If you would like to volunteer for this please let me know. It would be nice to have the party at a members home.

See you at the Swap Meet!

### **Report for the OKVRC Meeting 09/13/2014**

Fall is just around the corner, and as the weather cools down its time to start thinking about the Fall OKVRC Convention and Swap Meet at the Midwest City Community Center. That's less than a month-and-a-half away, so start looking through your collections for vintage radios, TVs, phonographs, tubes, parts, books and anything else radio related you would like to sell. Since we don't have the contest at the fall meet, you will have more room in your car for the things you want to offer for sale. Last spring, despite my pledge to myself that "I've got enough-no more!", I filled my car with new radios for my collection, and I've still got room for a few (?) more. So what would you like to sell? I just might buy it!

We had a fairly good turnout of about seventeen or so OKVRC members, spouses, and guests at our regular monthly dinner and club meeting at Spencer's Barbeque. We did not meet in the large private dining room we used last month, because it had been reserved for someone's seventy-fifth anniversary celebration. We made do with the smaller private dining room and it was fine. Club president Jim Collings was away on business so member Roger Knopf took his place. Our topic for the night's program: Hybrid electronic devices, That is radios and other electronic systems that employ both vacuum tubes and transistors.

Hybrid electronic devices were made mostly in the era when all-tube systems were being replaced by all solid state electronics, so they typically date from the middle to late nineteen sixties. Some, far more recent, have been made where tubes offered better capabilities than transistors. Some examples of this might include guitar amplifiers where tubes provide that second order harmonic-rich "warm sound." Another application where

tubes stayed around longer is some high-power ham radio equipment, where tubes were still used in the final stages of the transmitters.

Radios and other electronics devices using hybrid circuits must be fairly rare, as no one brought any in! So we had to rely on memories of things we once had. I remember well a large Norelco reel-to-reel tape recorder in my parents' home that belonged to my older brothers. We used it to record music off the radio, and would sometimes record the TV soundtrack of current events like the moon shots. I distinctly remember, when I was just a little kid, holding the microphone to the speaker grill of my parent's old black-and-white GE television, recording the sound of President Nixon arriving in then Red China for his historic visit. One day when I opened it up out of curiosity. I found it contained not just transistors but two tubes as well as a tuning eye for record level. Club member Jim Ray told us about a small AM-FM stereo radio in his collection that contains miniature vacuum tubes in most of the front end stages, and uses big power transistors for the audio output. Perhaps Jim can bring it in and play it for us at an upcoming meeting.

The club received a nice gift of radios which we sold at the meeting to raise some money for the club. These consisted of clock radios and table radios, largely early to mid-nineteen sixties. One radio was an early solid state model, the rest were tube. All went to new homes.

Don't miss next month's OKVRC convention! I'll see you there!





**This GE T-3000 tube/transistor radio hybrid is owned by Jim Ray**



**Here is our donation for the Oct meet, a beautiful Philco model 49-901**



**This RCA 65U Golden Throat Radio contains a model 960260 record player and will be raffled off at the October Swap Meet. Be sure to purchase some raffle tickets so you can take this home with you.**

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