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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By Jim Collings

Happy New Year! I hope for everyone to have a prosperous year in 2015! Our last get together for 2014 was the OKVRC Christmas party. It was a lot of fun, as we had good food and sang a lot of Christmas carols. The gift exchange was enjoyable with quite a variety of gifts, food items, radios, and tools. The bottle of chardonnay I got was the best I've ever tasted, so I'll try to find more of that brand.

Our next meeting is on January 10th at Spencer's Barbecue & Smokehouse, 9900 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> St, OKC. The meeting starts at 7 PM with dinner beforehand. I had a hard time selecting a topic, and this may be one similar to a previous topic, but it is colorful radios. So bring a radio or radio item that is colorful, not the typical black, white, or brown set that is normally encountered. Everyone has something like this in their collection, so bring it to share for all to see. We have received a large donation of many books and other radio items which will be auctioned over the next few meetings. This month will be many books, tubes, Rider's Manuals on CD, and a Hewlett Packard 652A test oscillator with manual in good working condition. Of course there will be other items not from this large donation. So, don't miss this meeting!

Next month, I'll put together a list of all the upcoming major meets, so you can plan a vacation around them. See you at the January meeting.

### **Report for the OKVRC Christmas Party 12/13/2014**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The OKVRC Christmas Party was as always, a great success. Once again Club President Jim Collings and wife Julie graciously opened their beautiful Edmond home to us for the event. For club members it was a chance to once again see Jim's great collection, as well as enjoy each other's company and a really great dinner!

Club members began arriving well before 6PM at Jim's festively decorated home, and as guests arrived, we all enjoyed soft drinks, mixed drinks, wine, and conversation as we waited for dinner. Of course we all got to once again view Jim's incredible collection of historic

radios, phonographs, juke boxes and music boxes. We also got to hear some great 50's singles on one of Jim's classic juke boxes, as well as listen to his twenties vintage baby grand player piano. We then all tucked into an excellent catered meal with several entre items, vegetables, rolls, and lots of desserts and beverages to choose from. There was more than enough to go around, and most of us took home some leftovers to enjoy later.

After dinner, we played the "dirty Santa" game. Each guest brought along a small gift, which was placed under Jim and Nancy'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. This gave an advantage to those with high numbers. A lot of fun items were opened, and a few of the better gifts were "stolen" at least once! Your club secretary took home a talking digital tire pressure gauge, I had no idea such an item even existed. Since I already have a non-talking digital tire gauge, I gave it for Christmas to my brother, a real auto-repair buff. He loved it!

As nine o'clock rolled around, many guests began to say their goodnights. But some of us stayed for some additional musical entertainment. Jim Collings and club member Jerry Brown joined Jerry and Carolyn Esmon in playing and singing a wide range of musical numbers, from traditional Christmas carols to classic rock. We all enjoyed the music and a glass of wine or two. It was a great way to wrap up a wonderful evening.

Thanks again Jim and Julie for again hosting the holiday event, and also those who provided the entertainment. It was a great evening, and I wish each of you a happy and prosperous 2015. See you at next month's (1/10) OKVRC meeting at Spencer's Barbeque in Midwest City.



This HP model 652A test oscillator with manual will be auctioned at the January meeting





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