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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By Jim Collings

I believe everyone had fun at our annual meet last month! We had a pretty good turnout, including quite a few from out of state, but we were missing the Kansas members. I was disappointed in the number of contest entries, but there were still many very nice items. I hope everyone had a chance to view them. We had some tough calls to make in selecting contest winners in a few categories. (The winners are shown in a table elsewhere in this issue). The auction, ended up being all donated items, but there were some nice items. The raffle and donations for coffee and donuts enabled the club to cover the expenses for renting the facility. The club appreciates the donations of so many who helped in numerous ways. Thanks to all who helped out and made the meet successful.

Our meeting this month will be at the Spencer's Barbeque and Smokehouse at 9900 NE 23RD street, beginning at 7 PM, with dinner at about 6 PM. The topic will be mail order and local store purchased radios and radio equipment. This includes sets sold by Sears, Wards, Firestone, B. F. Goodrich, Otasco, Western Auto, etc. I believe as an aggregate, more sets were sold by these companies than by the major manufacturers, especially in rural areas. Everyone should have a set in this category, so it should be a great meeting. Don't forget to bring something for the donation auction.

On a personal note, I will be missing all of the radio meets this summer. I fell down two stairs landing on both knees, and underwent quad tendon repair on both knees. So I am stuck in a wheelchair with both on by legs out straight for at least two more months. But, I will try to keep you informed of the events coming up so that those interested can attend.

In the Dallas area there are two upcoming events. First, is a Jim Sargent auction on the same day as our meeting, May 9th, in Garland. He will be selling a collection of 450 radios from California. There are lots of Zenith sets, and most are of the 1930's and 1940's era. I regret missing this. If anyone plans to attend, please advise, and I may be a bidder on some items. Then the next Saturday, May 16th, is the VRPS spring swap meet held at the Irving Senter Facility. This is usually their better swap meet, as the other one is in the heat of summer, when it is too hot.

Report for the OKVRC Convention and Swap Meet 04/13/2013

Our long-awaited Spring Convention and Swap Meet was held Saturday April 11th. The weather was cool and rainy, but that didn't stop an excellent turn-out of radio collectors, including quite a few from out of town!

Member and guests were arriving at the Midwest Community Center before the building opened at eight, and there was plenty of donuts and coffee for everyone to enjoy while waiting for sellers to arrive and set up. There were about three and a half rows of tables, about the same as last fall. There were a few twenties battery sets, some early AC sets, a few cathedrals and tombstones. There were also a fair number of rectangular wood sets, as well as some plastic sets offered. There were also lots of radio related books, manuals, magazines, and novelty items for sale as well.

I would say the amount of items for sale was less than in some of our other spring meets. Your club secretary purchased a (very) small four-tube Arvin table radio in a beige metal cabinet. There were also some interesting items in the silent auction, where an Atwater Kent model 35 parts set that had been sitting in my attic for years found a new home for only six dollars. I brought along about \$300 hoping to find one (or more) really nice sets for my collection, but I didn't see a lot of higher end items, so I settled for the Arvin.

We only have the contest during the Spring Meet, and that is always lots of fun. I entered a RCA Radiola III, Radiola IIIA, and Radiola 16 as a group, and much to my surprise won Best-of-Show. I guess that was because this year we did not have any super high-end entries like that ultra-rare 1939 RCA model TRK-9 television that we have had a couple of times in the past. Lots of people entered a wide array of radios and radio related item, and ribbons were awarded to entries in a wide range of categories.

After silent auction was finished, and the judging of the contest items was over, it was time for the regular auction. Lots of parts, tubes, junk sets, and some test equipment were auctioned off. Prices realized were better than in years past. Two small pieces of test equipment that I donated went for eighteen dollars! Thanks to everyone who purchased items in the auction, it really helps the club!

Last but not least, the club raffled off a nice restored Majestic table model, with a set of Riders Manuals on CD as a second place prize. Thanks again to everyone who came. Hope to see you at Spencer's Barbeque in Mid-West city for our regular May meeting!

OKVRC April, 2015 Contest Winners

Battery and Crystal Receivers, Pre-1930

1. Radiola III, IIIA, 16 Display
2. Homebrew set with Loose Coupler
3. Jubilee Crystal Receiver

Jim Tyrell
Gary Milner
Jim Collings

Cathedral and Tombstone Receivers

1. Zenith 5S-327

Jerome Thomas

Horizontal Wooden Receivers

1. no entries

Metal Sets after 1926 and Ham Receivers

1. no entries

Art Deco and Novelty Receivers, AC Operated

- 1. Bulova 100
- 2. Motorola 59R1
- 3. Philco 46-200

Scott Petty
Ed Jones
Roger Knop

Transistor Radios

- 1. Motorola 7X25W

unknown

Console Receivers/Televisions

- 1. Philco 42-358

Dorothy Cady

Portable Receivers

- 1. Automatic Radio Mfg. Tom Thumb 3526S
- 2. Automatic Radio Mfg. Tom Thumb

Gary Swymeler
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Foreign Made Receivers and Equipment

- 1. no entries

Homebrew and Kit Receivers

- 1. Heathkit AR13A

Ed Jones

HiFi & Audio Equipment, Tube Type

- 1. Scott Stereomaster 370B FM Tuner

Jim Collings

Accessory Items

- 1. Sensitive Research Poly ranger USP

Don Moore

Open Category

- 1. Edison Fan, Bi-Polar Open Frame, 6V

Eric Coon

Best Restoration

- 1. Philco 42-358
- 2. Zenith 5S-327

Dorothy Cady
Jerome Thomas

People's Choice (favorite display of all who attended)

Edison Fan, Bi-Polar Open Frame, 6V

Eric Coon

Best of Show

Radiola III, IIIA, 16 Display

Jim Tyrell

The theme for the May meeting will be "Store Bought Radios"

Bring any radio that was made for or by a retailer with the retailer's radio brand name. i.e. Air Chief (and other names) for Firestone Tire and Rubber Co, Silvertone for Sears, Airline for Wards, Truetone for Western Auto Supply Co. etc. I have attached a partial list of some of the major store bought radios. This partial list is from SAMS PHOTOFAC TURE GUIDES Vol 1 to 6. "Radios of the Baby Boom Era".

Radio Manufactures and Their Brands:

Manufacture:

Allied Radio Corp.
Air King Products Company
Arvin Industries
B.F. Goodrich Tire & Rubber Co.
Bendix Radio Div. Bendix Corp.
CBS Columbia Div.

Brands:

Knight
Air King
Arvin
Mantola
Bendix
CBS

Coronado
 Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.
 Heath Co.
 Lafayette Radio
 Olson Radio Corp
 Phillips Petroleum Co.
 Pure Oil Co.
 Radio Craftsmen
 Sears & Roebuck & Co.
 Spiegel Inc.
 W.T. Grant Co.
 Western Auto Supply Co.

Coron
 Air Chief, Firestone
 Heath
 Kowa, Lafayette
 Olson
 Woolaroc
 Puritan
 Radio Craftsman & Kitchenaire
 Silvertone
 Aircastle & Continental
 Grantline
 Truetone





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