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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By Jim Collings

Our annual spring swap meet went smoothly and I hope everyone had a fun time. We had some new faces, but some of those who we usually see were missed. Thanks to everyone who helped make it successful...especially to those who made donations for the raffle, to the auction, and to those who bid on the items. There were plenty of sellers, with lots of good and interesting items. We had some superb items for display in the contest. The favorites were Eric Coon's Ericsson 301 Pulpit telephone, the Zenith 809 Chrome front tombstone brought by David Cox, Jim Troxtell's recently found and restored DeWald A501 catalin, and Jim Tyrell's Murdock battery set display. The list of contest winners is published elsewhere in this edition of the Broadcast News. We had a few categories with no entries, so that is a challenge for filling these in next year's contest, or to suggest a more popular category. We can discuss any potential improvements for our meet at our next meeting.

Our next meeting is Saturday May 14th at Spencer's BBQ & Smokehouse on 9900 NE 23th St., beginning around 6 for dinner at 7 PM for the start of the meeting. The topic will be radios and equipment from the 1940's. This is a decade where many sets were made, with an interruption by WW II. It will be interesting to compare styles before and after the war. Military wartime equipment is also welcome. I have items for our donation auction after the meeting, but more are needed, so bring your extras.

Julie and I attended the Jim Sargent auction last Saturday in Garland, TX, of estate items of Les Sims. Les had a good eye and collected items that were unusual, and/or in very good condition. Prices reflected this with aggressive bidding from the floor and the internet. Included were many tube type audio pieces, and numerous desirable tubes. A buyer from Minnesota purchased many of the items, but there were also a lot of internet sales. I probably paid too much for the items I purchased. One exceptional item not from the estate was also included...an original RCA Theramin in working condition. It sold for three times what I thought it was worth. The auction provided the opportunity to see many items not normally encountered, so was well worth attending.

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

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

Our long-awaited Spring Convention and Swap Meet was held Saturday April 13th. The weather was great, and so was everything else about this event!

Members 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. I griped in the November newsletter about the poor turnout of sellers at the October meet, there were plenty of buyers but little to buy. Not this time! I noticed right away that there were a lot of people I didn't recognize, and they brought lots of good radios to sell. We had visitors from out of the area, many from Texas and other states. There were about three and a half rows of tables, with many more sellers than last fall. There were a fair number of battery sets, including some very early and rare items. There were a few early AC sets, a fair number of cathedrals and tombstones, even a few floor models. There were also a good number of rectangular wood sets, as well as some plastic sets available. Lots of tubes, knobs and other parts were offered, including a giant tube out of an X-ray machine! One seller had rare books, mostly radio related but some medical and other offbeat topics. There were also lots of tubes, knobs, speakers, manuals and, and novelty items for sale as well.

Not only was the amount of items for sale was better than in some of our other spring meets, but the quality of items was higher. I purchased a 1921 DeForest Interpanel set, the most expensive radio I have ever purchased at one of our meets, an Apex cathedral radio from 1932, and several other small items. I might have bought more if I hadn't run out of money. For me a perfect radio meet is where you go home broke but with a car full of nice radios!

We only have the contest during the Spring Meet, and as usual there were lots of nice entries to view. I entered a 1924 Murdoch Neutrodyne Battery Radio, with an unusual early Murdoch horn speaker, probably several years older. Lots of people entered a wide array of radios and radio related items, and ribbons were awarded to many entries in a wide range of categories.

Once the judging of the contest items was over, it was time for the regular auction. Lots of parts, tubes, junk sets, a couple phonographs, a small TV, and some test equipment were auctioned off. Some nice radio-themed Christmas items were donated, and sold for good prices. Prices were reasonable for most items, but the auction still brought in a good amount of money for the club. A fully restored cathedral radio was raffled off also, and went home with the lucky winner.

Thanks for coming, everyone! This was the best Spring Meet we have had in several years. See you at the May dinner and meeting at Spencer's Bar-be-que in Midwest City. Our topic will be Radios from the nineteen forties. Bring something in to share!

OKVRC April, 2016 Contest Winners

Battery and Crystal Receivers, Pre-1930

1. Murdock M-26
2. DuWa Crystal Reciever
3. Grebe Synchrophase MU-1

Jim Tyrell
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Cathedral and Tombstone Receivers

1. Zenith 809

David Cox

Horizontal Wooden Receivers

1. Philco
2. RCA R68A3

Ed Jones
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Metal Sets after 1926 and Ham Receivers

1. no entries

AC/DC Bakelite or Plastic Receivers

1. Firestone 4-A61
2. Crosley 10-137
3. Zenith H511

Gary Swymeler
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Dorothy Cady

Transistor Radios

1. Toshiba 5TR193 "Lace"
2. Sony 2R-26

Jim Webb
Jim Webb

Console Receivers/Televisions

1. no entries

Art Deco Receivers

1. Dewald A501
2. Emerson AU-190

Mike Troxtell
Jim Collings

Foreign Made Receivers and Equipment

1. Blaupunkt Stockholm 222S3

Jim Ray

HiFi & Audio Equipment, Tube type

1. Sherwood S 5000II

Jim Collings

Accessory Items

1. Majestic GGH Horn Speaker (yellow)
2. RCA 77 Microphone
3. Precision EV-10A

Jim Collings
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Donnie Moore

Open Category

1. Erricsson 301 Pulpit Telephone

Eric Coon

Best Restoration

1. Zenith H511

Dorothy Cady

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

Zenith 809

David Cox

Best of Show

DeWald A501

Mike Troxtell

Pictures from our Spring 2016 Swap Meet





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