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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By Jim Collings

Happy Valentine's Day! Our meeting is not on Valentine's Day this year, but a couple days earlier, Feb 11th. It will be at Spencer's Barbeque & Smokehouse, 9900 NE 23RD ST, OKC, with dinner around 6 and the meeting starting at 7 PM. For the program we will continue our theme of radios and equipment by location. This month's location is New York City. There were many small manufacturers in New York City, but here are some of the major ones: Columbia, David Grimes, DeWald, Emerson, FADA, Freed-Eisemann, Freshman, Globe, Grebe, Jewel, Minerva, Thompson, and Ware. So bring an item from one of these or any other you know of from New York, NY. Of course most RCA sets could be included here, but let's save them for another meeting. It should make for an interesting meeting. We will also discuss plans for our upcoming swap meet on April 8th. It will be at the Midwest City Community Center, beginning at 8 AM. We will have a contest, swap meet, silent auction, and live auction. It is not too early to begin planning, and to get publicity out. If you have a category that you would like to see for the contest, please let me know so that it can be included.

Thanks to everyone who has paid their dues. If you have not paid yet for 2017, please send \$15 to our P. O. Box.

As promised, my annual list of upcoming major radio events for your use in planning your vacation is included in this issue. Everyone should plan to attend at least the nearby meets.

Don't forget to bring items to the meeting for the donation auction. See you then.

Report for the OKVRC Meeting 01/21/2017

Happy New Year! An ice storm last week (1/14) led to the cancelation of our regular second-Saturday-of-the-month meeting at Spencer's Bar-b-que. So we rescheduled for a week late. That, or some other reason seems to have kept people away, because despite much kinder weather, only about eleven members made the trip. But those of us that were able to make it had a great time. If you didn't make it, I'll tell you all about it!

Club members began arriving before 6:00 PM at Spencer's Bar-b-que, and we all enjoyed dinner until about 7:00, when Club President Jim Collings called the meeting to order. After covering some club business, we settled down to enjoy the evening's program.

The evening's program was on radios made in New Jersey. The state of New Jersey has been compared to Rodney Dangerfield; it does not get a lot of respect. Long associated with organized crime and political corruption, and more recently the raunchy "Jersey Shore" TV show, it is sometimes the butt of comedian's jokes. The (un)official state motto: "New Jersey, it's not as bad as it smells!" But New Jersey also has been the birthplace of countless famous Americans, including General Norman Schwarzkopf and musicians Frank Sinatra and Bruce Springsteen. New Jersey has also been the birthplace of many fine radios!

What comes to mind to most radio collectors when they think of radios from New Jersey is the famous plant in Camden which RCA acquired when they merged with the Victor Talking Machine Company in 1928. While the factory has been silent for decades, some parts of it still exist and have remodeled into apartments. Almost every radio and phono collector has something in their collection that came out of that once mighty RCA Victor plant.



The original Victor Talking Machine Company acquired by RCA in 1928

While New Jersey may be most famous (radio-wise) for RCA Victor, many smaller companies, almost all long gone, built radios in New Jersey. Jim Collings brought in several from his own collection to share. First up, we got to see a rare 1920-1921 Morse-o-phone from Newark, NJ. This one tube set was also offered in a crystal detector version. Then, Jim showed us a 1922 Mu-Rad model MA13, a very early TRF receiver. This set hails from Ashbury Park, NJ. We also got to see a 1924 Paragon two-tube regenerative receiver, built in Upper Montclair, NJ. If the Mu-Rad was an example of an early TRF receiver, the Paragon is an example of a rather late regenerative set. Finally, we got to see a 1924 Garod four-tube receiver, with porcelain tube sockets, made in Newark, NJ. Thanks, Jim for sharing some really rare and unusual radios with us!

We finished off a pleasant evening with our usual donation auction. A large Magnavox speaker, a Zenith radio, some nice magazines from the thirties, a Vision AM-FM table radio

from the seventies, several pocket radios, a large Hi-Fi speaker in a blond cabinet, several boxes of tubes and parts, and a tube-type portable radio from the fifties were up for grabs. With the lite turn-out, most items went for a buck and most everyone took something home. Thanks for coming those of you who made it, and I'll see you at the February meeting!



The RCA, or "Nipper" building in Camden, NJ today

Accessory Corner by Jim Collings

Riley-Klotz "Arkay" Radio Horn



This month's featured item is the Arkay radio horn manufactured by Riley-Klotz Manufacturing Co, Newark, NJ. It is a small radio horn made from an automobile horn. It uses a Baldwin C driver in the base, and is just 11 ½ inches tall. The sound has to go thru several loops to get to the 5 inch diameter bell. These were first sold in 1921 at a cost of \$5. A nickel plated version was a dollar more, \$6. With their small bell they could not have been very loud. Hence they are not commonly encountered. The last eBay price I saw for one was more than \$400, but they are unusual and make a nice addition to a horn collection.

2017 Antique Radio Events

Feb. 10-11, 2017	HVRA Convention	Houston, TX
March 18, 2017	VRPS Spring Auction	Irving, TX
March 23-25, 2017	Carolinas Chapter AWA Meet	Charlotte, NC
April 8, 2017	OKVRC Annual Meet	Midwest City, OK
April 7-8, 2017	Green Country Hamfest	Claremore, OK
May 12-14, 2017	DVHRC Antiques Radio Show	Kutztown, PA
May 19-20, 2017	NARC Radio Daze	Plymouth, MN
May 20, 2017	VRPS Spring Swap Meet	Irving, TX
June 10, 2017	HLARA Summer Sizzler	Broken Arrow, OK
July 13-17, 2017	MARC Extravaganza	Kalamazoo, MI
August 4-6, 2017	ARCI Radiofest	Addison, IL (Chicago Area)
August 17-20, 2017	AWA Conference	Rochester, NY
September 16, 2017	VRPS Summer Swap Meet	Irving, TX
Sept. 15-16, 2017	DVHRC Antiques Radio Show	Kutztown, PA
October 14, 2017	OKVRC Fall Swap Meet	Midwest City, OK
Nov. 17-19, 2017	VRPS Annual Convention	Garland, TX

January Meeting Pictures





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