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If your membership has expired, you are in jeopardy of being dropped from the *Broadcast News* distribution list, so please send in your dues today.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Jim Collings

It's Christmas Party Time!

This year our Christmas Party will be on **Saturday, December 9th**, at the home of Raymond and Dorothy Cady, [1704 NW 163rd Circle, Edmond, OK 73013](#). Check Google Maps or call 405-820-8014 if you need directions.

The party begins at 6 PM, and will be a catered meal as in the past. The menu features pork tenderloin and salmon. The club will subsidize a portion of the cost of the meal, so to aid in meal planning, so **RSVP by Wed., Dec. 6 to the Cadys at 405-820-8014 or by email cadyraymond1@gmail.com**.

We will have the traditional white elephant/dirty Santa gift exchange after dinner so, every attendee needs to bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 or so. These gift exchanges have been a lot of fun in the past. Also, as in the past, we plan to have musical entertainment after the gift exchange.

Remember to bring your significant other; this party is one of our few events where our spouses are especially included and get to socialize. I'm looking forward to this and you should be also, as it's a chance to see the Cady's collection, and rather than the same old stuff at my home.

On another note, annual dues are due for 2018. At \$15, dues are reasonable. Come prepared to pay them at the Christmas party, or

mail your check to OKVRC, PO Box 50625, Midwest City, OK 73140-5645. Questions? Email Jim Ray or me. Our email addresses are on the last page.

Julie, several OKVRC members, and I attended the annual VRPS meet in Dallas (Plano) on Nov. 16-18th. It was a little larger than last year, and thanks to a lower facility cost, the seller's fee was just 5%. I believe almost \$50,000 worth of equipment was sold; overall, a very good meet.

Beginning late Friday afternoon, paperwork and tubes were sold at auction, with other items sold later in the evening. This was the \$10 min. bid auction, but there were some nice items, and most sold at reasonable or bargain prices.

The Saturday morning silent auction was held in the lobby outside the auction room. It was smaller than in the past, probably because the location was not very prominent. I was not there at the end because I was involved in the contest. Auction prices started and finished high. I worked some at the computer recording sales for both auctions; it went well. Some impressive items were in the contest, but the space was cramped. I never did get to vote for my favorite item, but Eric Coon brought a Scott All Wave 23 in a Napier cabinet which won Best of Show. It was excellent.

I won first place in the featured Magnavox category immaculate for my 6 tube AC3 Model B amplifier.

Please make plans to attend the Christmas Party. It will be a fun time.

*Report for the OKVRC Meeting November 11, 2017**Jim Tyrrell*

Autumn is here, and daylight savings is gone, along with most warm weather. But the Christmas season will be upon us soon, and we are all scrambling to do our shopping, write those darn Christmas cards, put up the lights and decorations, and prepare to celebrate. It will be here and gone before you know it, and soon we will be in a new year. How time flies!

For this November's OKVRC monthly meeting, we had planned to meet at the clubhouse of the Sonoma Lakes subdivision in Edmond, like we did in September. Club members Ray and Dorothy Cady reside in that community, and had reserved it for us. But unfortunately, we found out (at the last minute) that some other party had reserved it before OKVRC did, so we made a snap decision to meet at the Fazoli's restaurant just off Memorial in Edmond. OKVRC is nothing if not adaptable! Fazoli's isn't too fancy (not that we typically meet at the Ritz), but the food is good and affordable, and there was an uncrowded area toward the back of the dining room where we could enjoy dinner and fellowship, and display some radios.

After dinner Club President Jim Collings called the meeting to order and we discussed some upcoming events, include the VPRS Convention in Plano, Texas. Jim will talk more about it in his column, but I went along with Club Treasurer Jim Ray (all three Jim's were there along with some other OKVRC members), we all had a blast, and brought home some new acquisitions.

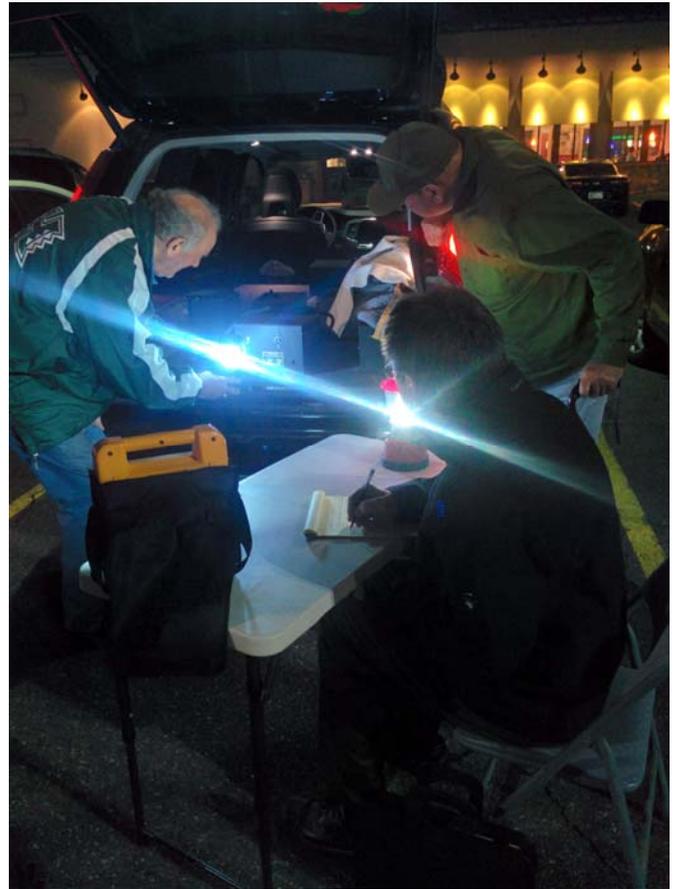
The topic of tonight's meeting was: radios from Sears Roebuck, (Silvertone), and Montgomery Wards (Airline). All of us remember when Sears and Montgomery Wards were among the largest retailers in America. Sears Craftsman tools and lawnmowers were in our garages, and Sears Kenmore appliances were found in many homes. I grew up in clothing from the local Montgomery Ward store, because my mother had a friend who worked there and would call when she knew a sale was going to happen in the kids' department, and my mom worked hard to stretch the one income in our house to keep six children clothed (and fed). With Montgomery Ward's stores gone the way of Atwater-Kent, and Sears (and J C Penny's) struggling to survive under the relentless competition from Wal-Mart and Amazon, it is good to look back on the many fine radios, phonographs, and televisions that once came from Sears and Wards.

Club members brought several Airline and Silvertone radios from their collections to share. Your club secretary brought in a 1926 Airline Model 26 six-tube battery set. I think I may have brought this one in before but it has always been a favorite of mine because it is in such clean condition. I also brought in an Arline three-tube regenerative receiver from 1926. It was manufactured by the Tri-City Electric Company for Wards. I also brought in a 1926 Sears Silvertone 6-tube battery receiver, built for Sears by the King Radio Company. It is one of the first Sears sets with single-knob tuning. I have actually seen it in one of those reprints of the old Sear Roebuck mail-order catalogs! It was available in several cabinet styles including a floor model with an acoustic phonograph. Jim Collings brought in a Sal horn speaker from 1924, bearing the Silvertone name. Jim also showed us a 1939 Silvertone model 62-600 table radio. The cabinet is covered with beautiful burl veneer and is quite striking in appearance.

We actually held our usual donation auction in the restaurant parking lot! A table was set up, some portable lighting provided, and the items put up for grabs. There were several pieces of test equipment that found new homes, as well as one unusual item, which your club secretary bought. It is an Emerson power supply from the early thirties which utilizes a dynamotor to convert 6 VDC to 180 volts. It may have been part of a car radio, I'm not quite sure. But for a buck, what did I have to lose?

See you all at the Christmas party at Ray and Dorothy Cady's place on December 9th. You won't want to miss it!

Photos from the OKVRC November 11, 2017 Meeting



Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

Editorial Page, New York Sun, 1897

Editor: Francis P. Church

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor---

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism [sic] of a skeptical [sic] age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

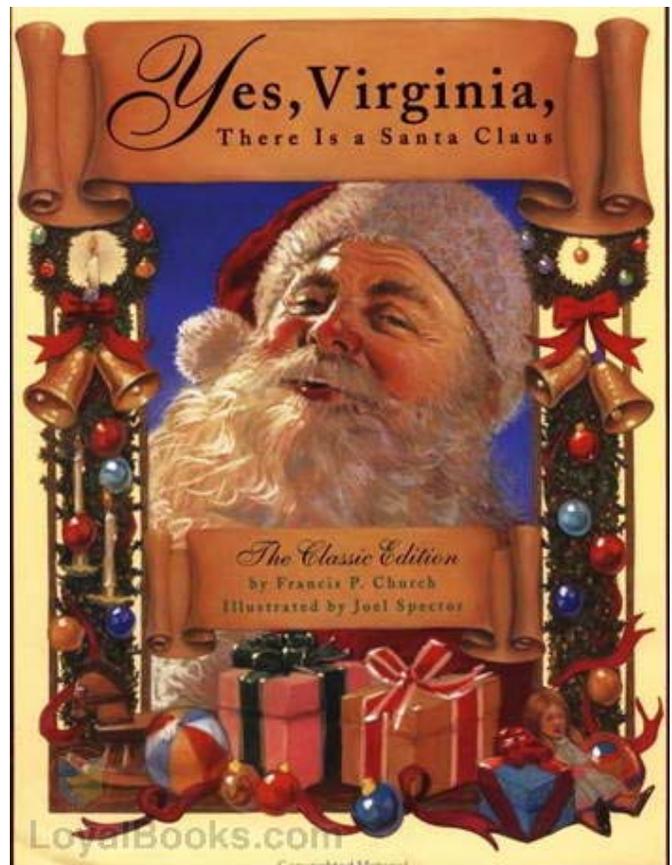
Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to have men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are

those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest men, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.





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Most old time radio shows produced some sort of show for the Christmas, even shows that you think wouldn't lend themselves to a Christmas show like *Dagnet*, *Suspense* or *The Whistler*. Seriously, what could be better than *Sgt. Joe Friday* at Christmas?

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