



# OK Vintage Radio Collectors

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Oklahoma Vintage Radio Collectors (OKVRC) publishes *Broadcast News* monthly for the presentation of historical information and enjoyment of club members and friends.

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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

*Jim Collings*

Happy New Year! It's the start of another year and I hope everyone had a great Christmas. If you missed the OKVRC Christmas party, you'll regret it. It was great! Raymond and Dorothy had their home all decked out for the event, and we were able to see some interesting sets in their collection. Many of us were drawn to a large European console that was the highlight of one room. It has a unique blonde wood design different from models most commonly seen! I was surprised at the size of the collection, since they have been more interested in restoration than collecting until recently. The food was catered by Nancy's Kitchen and was delicious. The gift exchange was a lot of fun. The most popular items were binoculars, bottles of wine, and 201-A tubes. I believe all of these changed owners until

they were retired. I had fun singing and playing guitar later in the evening, and I'm sure that all who stayed for this enjoyed it. Thanks to the Cady's for being great hosts and offering their home for the event.

Our January meeting will be on the 13th at the Sonoma Lake Clubhouse, 1712 NW 159th St, Edmond, OK 73013. Doors open at 6 PM for dinner with the meeting starting at 7 PM. Dorothy Cady will present a program on Wooden Cabinet Restoration Tips. It should be interesting, and be a chance for discussion on various options for cabinet restoration or refinishing. Our webpage has a topic of equipment made in the Great Lakes area that is not Zenith (or Ward's or Sears which we recently covered), listed as the topic. So, we can cover that also, and that will give us a chance to bring a set or two also. Of course, you may bring any-

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thing that you like to talk about and/or display. Maybe you got something interesting over the Holidays. There will be a few items for sale in the donation auction after the meeting, but more is always needed, so bring your excess to support the club. During 2017 we had numerous donations from various sources which covered the cost of the Christmas party. Thank You!

DUES! Annual dues of \$15 for 2018 are due for everyone unless you paid at the Christmas Party. Please send them to OKVRC, PO Box 50625, Midwest City, OK 73140-5625.

Next month, I will present a list of upcoming radio events for planning purposes for scheduling vacation time, etc. Prior to that, the [Houston Vintage Radio Association will have their annual meet on Feb 9-10th](#) at the [Houston Marriott North](#). (Rooms are \$91 a night.) It will be their 40th anniversary meet, and this is on the north side of Houston, so it is not so hard to drive to.

I hope to see you all at the meeting!

*Happy New Year!*

*This Month in OKVRC History*

*Dorothy Cady*

Our Oklahoma Vintage Radio Collectors group has quite a history, and sometimes it's just plain fun to take a look back, especially at the start of a new year, so here are some interesting things that were discussed in our January 2008 issue of OKVRC's Broadcast News.



*In the meantime, . . . ain't we got fun.*



We were still holding monthly breakfast meetings at 8:30 AM at the Denny's restaurant just off of I-40 and the Douglas exit on Douglas Blvd.

Dale McLellan was the Broadcast News Staff Editor, putting together for us all of the interesting OKVRC news that was fit to print.

Membership dues were \$12 a year, but then you could buy antique radios for less money then, too.

Sherry Cowden was OKVRC's Contributing Editor and wrote a great piece titled, *Remembering . . . Jolson, Finale*, where she shared with us all of Al Jolson's "Firsts" in entertainment and much about his life, as well as about his wife, Ruby Keeler. Sadly, Al Jolson died "the evening of October 23, 1950" at age 64, but he had first enjoyed a dinner and playing with cards with friends. "When he left the restaurant, the other diners had risen and given him a standing ovation - his public recognizing for the last time his status as a great performer. When his death was announced, the lights were turned out on Broadway and all the traffic in Times Square halted."

Fieldings Electronics in Ardmore, OK, and Dale McLellan in Edmond, OK, were our go-to for radio repair and refinishing.

Hard to believe all of that was only ten years ago.

*Report for the OKVRC Meeting (Christmas Party) January 9, 2017**Jim Tyrrell***Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

The 2017 OKVRC Christmas Party was a great success. For the last several years Club President Jim Collings and wife Julie have graciously hosted the event. But this year Jim and Julie got a well-deserved break. Ray and Dorothy Cady, who you can thank for the new vastly-improved format of this newsletter, offered to hold the Christmas party. And it was a great success!

Club members began arriving well before 6 PM at Ray's and Dorothy's home in the Sonoma Lakes subdivision in Edmond, which is not far from where Jim and Julie live. As guests arrived, we all enjoyed soft drinks, snacks, wine, and conversation as we waited for dinner. We got a chance to check out Ray and Dorothy's radio collection. Ray had wired up one of the AM transmitter units he builds and sells (you've probably seen them at one of the swap meets) to provide festive music for us to listen to over the vintage hardware. They had antique radios throughout the house all tuned to the transmitter and playing Christmas music; no matter which room you went into, you could enjoy the music.

Soon we were all settling down to enjoy dinner. The excellent catered meal included pork tenderloin (excellently seasoned), along with tasty baked salmon, vegetables, and rolls. For those who saved room, there were several deserts to choose from. And Jim Collings surprised us with a special bonus: due to successful auction fund raising at meeting and swap meets, our dinner was paid for by OKVRC!

After dinner, we played "Dirty Santa" with the gifts each guest had brought and placed under the Christmas tree. We each then picked a number from a hat, and in numeric order picked a gift from under the tree to open (or stole someone else's gift leaving them to pick 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. The gifts seem to be getting better every year. I brought an excellent bottle of French wine, which was well received, and received a really nice tool set. Unfortunately, I already have more tools than I know what to do with, so I re-gifted it to a young nephew in California. He was thrilled with it.

After the gifts were opened (and had exchanged hands for the last allowed time), we continued to enjoy coffee, dessert and conversation for a while longer, then it was time to enjoy some music not transmitted through the radios. Jim Collings, Jerry Brown, and Jerry Myers brought out their guitars and we all sang Christmas carols, Ray and Dorothy having thoughtfully provided printouts of the lyrics.

As nine o'clock rolled around, guests began to say their goodnights, but for those of us who really enjoy the music and weren't too tired to stay or had far to drive, the guitar playing and singing, which included classic rock and folk tunes, continued on until almost 10. It was a memorable evening, and lots of fun. Thanks to everyone who came, but most of all to Ray and Dorothy for making it possible.

Have a happy and prosperous 2018! See you at next month's (1/13) OKVRC meeting at the [Sonoma Lakes subdivision clubhouse in Edmond, OK](#).

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*A Few Fun Pictures from the OKVRC'2017 Christmas Party*  
*If you were not able to make our 2017 Christmas dinner and party,*  
*we missed you. Hope you'll join us next year.*



Christmas dinner at the dining table was possible for some. Others had access to seating at the counter, sat on chairs at the sofa table behind the couch, used TV trays as they sat in the larger comfy chairs in the living room, or hung out on the window seating by the fireplace.



Jim Collings snagged a bar stool at the counter that opens into the kitchen via a pass-through opening. From that height he could eye all of the gifts as they were opened, including the one Roger chose and opened while Bill watched on. It was a valuable seat for Jim C. since he drew number 1 for the Dirty Santa, and thus got the last choice of what to steal.



Group sing-a-long and instrument play-a-long of Christmas carols, but in this picture, you can only see about two-thirds of the attendees. Amazingly though, we got everyone into the one room. Dorothy says she plans to update the book of carols for next year.



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**Happy January Birthday!**

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