



OK Vintage Radio Collectors

BROADCAST NEWS

Online at www.okvrc.org

Volume XXVIII, Issue 06
June 2018



About OKVRC

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

Broadcast News always welcomes submissions of articles on subjects of interest to radio collectors and restorers, and club activities news.

Send Articles to:

Broadcast News Editor, OKVRC
PO BOX 50625
Midwest City, OK 73140-5625

Or via email to:

cadyraymond1@gmail.com.

Unless otherwise noted, articles can be reprinted freely, as long as proper credit and reference is given. Electronic copy of articles can be obtained from the editor of *Broadcast News*.

OKVRC MEMBERSHIP

You are invited to join us in our celebration of Vintage Radio by sending your \$15 annual membership fee by check to:

OKVRC
PO BOX 50625
Midwest City, OK, 73140-5625.

Membership payment also accepted at any of our monthly meetings and our semi-annual club swap meets.

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

Our June meeting will be on June 9th at the Sonoma Lake Clubhouse, 1712 NW 159th St., Edmond, OK. We gather at 6 PM for food and fellowship with the meeting beginning at 7. On the menu this month is Chinese Food. We will have it delivered at a cost of \$5 per person. So that will be something different for our palate. The topic for the meeting will be FM. This is a topic we have not discussed before, so bring a radio which receives the FM band to the meeting. Most of us locally do not listen to AM and normally enjoy FM, so everyone should have an FM set, even if it is a small transistor radio. At the end of the meeting we will have our usual donation auction. I do not have anything to bring, so hopefully someone else will donate some items.

Julie and I just returned

from our day at the HLARA swap meet in Tulsa. It was a good meet, fairly typical of their Summer Sizzler. We got there just after 8 AM to unload our swap items, and there were still a few tables available, but they all were filled soon after. I enjoyed seeing and visiting with the Tulsa collectors that I do not see very often. I did purchase a few items and sold one fairly expensive set. The contest was better than the last few years, in my opinion, with a wide variety of displayed items. I did not enter anything, so helped with the judging. The best of the show award went to an immaculate uncommon Hickok tube tester owned by our own Jim Ray! They had a nice hot dog lunch with pop and chips, which was complimentary. Also this year they had a raffled radio which was donated and restored by club members, like we have

[\(Continued on page 2\)](#)

President's Page Continued

at our meets. I'm sure that helped meet their expenses. I was disappointed at their donation auction at the end of the meet, as there was not much of interest. More than half was junk that I brought, but they got better prices than we get at our meetings. Others donated a couple of complete sets that went higher, but still at cheap prices. Overall it was a good meet, and I plan to attend next year!

The Minnesota Club, the Northland Antique Radio Club had their meet in Plymouth, MN a couple weeks ago. Julie and I made the trip up there, and enjoy attending this meet, as we see major collectors who don't always attend the other summer meets further east. It kicks off with a "Garage" sale of surplus items from the Pavek Museum. This is a very nice radio museum which I always enjoy, and I'm happy to support them with the purchase of some of their surplus. Then on Friday night was the auction. They have a \$5 per item entry fee, and then there is no commission paid by the buyer or seller, so it is different from other meets. The few items I took sold well, and I replaced them with new purchases. The outdoor swap meet was on Saturday morning, but I did not bring much, as all week rain had been predicted for Saturday morning (it was rained out last year). The weather ended up being fairly nice, colder requiring a jacket, but no rain. I did sell the few items I brought, and loaded my vehicle to the brim with new stuff. But it was already partially filled with outside horn phonographs that I had found on the way to the meet. So it is a nice smaller two-day meet that I would recommend. It is closer to us than are the Chicago and Michigan meets, so not too bad a drive.

See you at the FM meeting on Saturday.

Jim Collings, President

Report for the OKVRC May 2018 Meeting

Jim Tyrrell

It's May already, and after a lot of complaining that winter would not release its grip on Oklahoma, summer is already elbowing spring out of the way and it's getting hot outside. A very cold April followed by a very warm spring. Our weather is always a surprise. But a pleasant surprise to have a spring where the tornados have mostly stayed away.

The weather was sunny and warm as about fourteen club members, spouses and guests gathered for our usual second Saturday of the month meeting of the OKVRC. It was again held at the clubhouse of the Sonoma Lakes subdivision in Edmond, thanks to club members Ray and Dorothy Cady. The clubhouse is just the right size for our club, and I hope we can use it indefinitely, since it has resolved the problem of . . . [\(Continued on page 3\)](#)

Report for the OKVRC May 2018 Meeting

Jim Tyrrell

finding a restaurant to accommodate our need for a private room.

This meeting was a bit different; it was what you might call a double potluck. Attendees brought whatever food item they wanted, and the subject was whatever radio or radio related item they wanted to bring. It turned out to be a great idea. The variety of food was excellent and included pizza, fried chicken, enchiladas, turkey tetrazzini, a delicious mixed vegetable medley, a raw vegetable plate, rolls, desert items and a wide variety of cold beverages. No one went home hungry!

After everyone was well fed, Club President Jim Collings called the meeting to order. Jim discussed upcoming events, such as the Tulsa clubs' Summer Sizzler, and then we got started on the evening's program: Radio Potluck. The variety of items club members brought in were built from 1920 through the early seventies, and made for a fun evening.

Jim Collings brought in a 1929 US Army Signal corps BC-98B receiver in excellent condition. It uses three VT-1 tubes and looks older than it actually is. Jim also showed a 1920 Boston Scale and Machine radio, which consists of a tuner and detector / amplifier in separate cabinets. It certainly is a rare and unusual early set. Club member Elena brought in several radios including an early fifties Silvertone table model with an attractive brass surround on the tuner, a Zenith AM-FM table radio in a black

plastic cabinet, and a white Zenith AM-SW table radio. This Zenith has a distinctive round dial that incorporates both the tuner face and the speaker grill. I have a wood cabinet Zenith AM radio-phono with this type of face, but have never before seen this type in a multiband set.

Member Jim Ray displayed a 1959 Grundig-Majestic AM-FM table radio in a midcentury modern wood cabinet. Jim has shared many of his European radios with us but this is the smallest one he has ever brought in. Dorothy Cady showed us something quite unusual, a Juliette "El Personal" radio from the early seventies. This little transistor table radio in bright red plastic looks like a home set but is battery powered and has a whip antenna. It looks like something you might want to carry out on the patio but probably would not walk around with like a regular portable. Ray Cady brought in a 1946 Sonora table radio in white plastic, and member Jerry Brown showed us a general Electric AM-FM table radio from 1951. Sorry if I missed anything; there were many to keep track of and I was enjoying the presentation a lot myself. I hope you enjoyed it as well, even if you only get to see the pictures.

We finished up a great evening with our usual donation auction. There were boxes of tubes, several seventies vintage stereo receiver / tape player units, a Heathkit ignition analyzer oscillator, and more.

See you at the next meeting.

Accessory Corner

Jim Collings

Temple Comparator, speaker selector

This month's featured item is the Temple Comparator, a speaker selector made by Temple, Inc. of Chicago. It is a cone shaped black Bakelite switch with a selector knob on top, allowing the connection of 5 speakers. The literature says that it produces speaker sales by allowing several speakers to be connected for easy comparison of their tonal quality. These were sold in the 1920's at a cost of \$3.50. The brochure shows only speakers with separate drivers, so this was before Temple began making open cone speakers. It is a unique item measuring about 3 ¼ inches at the base and 2 ½ inches tall. It makes a nice addition to a speaker collection. I've seen them sell in the \$35 range on eBay, without the original box.





OKVRC Classified Ads



√ WANTED

Tubes and Tube-type Amplifiers

Jim Collings, 14704 Carlingford Way, Edmond, OK 73013 (405)-755-4139.

Briggs & Stratton (BASCO) radio items

Crystal radio, tube sockets, A-B-C power supplies, boxed parts, radio advertising and promotional items. Email Dale Boyce at radioman@wi.rr.com or call (414) 840-4146.

Old comics

Send lists to Dan Giddings, PO Box 3961 Glendale, CA 91221-3961.

√ For Sale

Multiple items offered by Jim Collings, (405) 755-4139, jrcradio@cox.net.

- Ottocrat 8 tube superheterodyne battery set from the 1920s. Very unusual, \$75.
- Early Ozarka receiver with crystal detector and three tubes, \$75.
- Sony Model 500A Stereo Tape Recorder, works well, \$200.
- Grundig TK-46 tube stereo tape recorder, works well, \$200.
- Lloyd Green Concert Selector 4-tube battery set with two variometers, \$75.

Magnet Wire Sizes and price vary. Contact Mike at (405) 376-9473 / orders@coaxman.com.

Radio Chassis stands \$37.50 small / \$55 large. These maintenance stands hold a chassis while working on it. Prices do not include brackets at \$2.50 or shipping. Contact Steve Strong at (405) 634-7547 or e-mail scstrong1@cox.net.

Quilted Radio Covers \$10 Tabletop/\$20 console Protect your antique radio from dust, water, and other damage, and show off your radio pride. Contact Dorothy Cady (405) 206-9985.

AM Transmitter \$85 with Bluetooth, \$75 without. Play your digital music collection on your antique radios with an AM transmitter. Comes with USB and SD card connections and built-in FM tuner. Bluetooth option lets you connect to a smartphone or tablet. Contact Raymond Cady (405) 820-8014 / cadyraymond1@gmail.com.

√ Services

Antique Radio Restoration and Servicing Edmond, Oklahoma. *Let me make it look and run like new again.* Contact me at:

Email: cadyraymond1@gmail.com

Phone: (405) 820-8014

Website: goldenageradiorestitution.com

Free matchup of transmitter to radio with purchase of AM Transmitter. Contact Raymond Cady at (405) 820-8014 or cadyraymond1@gmail.com.

OKVRC BOARD:

President:

Jim Collings
jrcradio@cox.net

Secretary:

Jim Tyrrell
jptyrrell@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer

Jim Ray
jabray71@hotmail.com
jabray71@hotmail.com

Webmaster

Dorothy Cady
Dcady1@gmail.com

**BROADCAST NEWS
STAFF:**

Editors:

Raymond Cady
cadyraymond1@gmail.com
Dorothy Cady
dcady1@gmail.com

We're on the Web!
Visit us at:

www.okvrc.org

Jim Ray's 1959 Grundig-Majestic AM-FM table radio in a midcentury modern wood cabinet.



*Hope all members can join us for the next meeting . . .
and bring a guest. We'd love to meet them.*

OKVRC EDITOR
Broadcast News
PO BOX 50625
Midwest City, OK 73140-5625