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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

*Jim Collings*

Our March meeting is on the 10<sup>th</sup> at the Sonoma Lake Clubhouse, 1712 NW 159th St., Edmond, OK. We gather at 6 PM for fellowship and food; the meeting begins at 7. The cost of the meal is generally \$5 per person, and the menu changes every month. The plan for March is for tuna casserole and chicken casserole, thanks to Dorothy Cady. The meeting's topic will be led by Raymond Cady and will be on radio repair, specifically the best procedure to follow when you first bring home a vintage radio. It should be an interesting topic, and I'm sure even the most experienced repairman will learn something. So, bring a set that you have not started on for ideas. Also at the meeting we will finalize plans for publicity, and brainstorm for other ideas to make our April 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap meet bigger and better. At the end of the meeting we will have our usual donation auction, so bring something to donate.

On April 14<sup>th</sup> our OKVRC annual swap meet will be held at the Midwest City Community Center, beginning at 8 AM. This is our big meet with a swap

meet, contest, silent auction, and live auction. We have the facility only until Noon, so events need to move along. We get in the door officially at 8 AM, but usually they will let us in a little earlier. The swap and contest tables will already be set up. The tables against the wall near the side entry door will be for the silent auction, and coffee. The last two rows of tables are reserved for display of the contest items. You can set up your swap items anywhere else. Admission is free admission, but donations for coffee and doughnuts are appreciated. The silent auction will end at 9:30 AM, followed by the contest judging with the live auction beginning at 10:30. There will be a raffle for at least one donated radio, a restored (by Raymond Cady) Atwater Kent Model 184 tombstone radio with original finish. We usually have many nice items on display, and just coming to see the contest items would be worthwhile, but there are always interesting items in the swap meet and auction. Everyone is urged to bring items to show off for the contest. You may enter two items in each category. The only restriction is

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that items that won a first place ribbon last year cannot compete, but can be displayed. I believe that displaying your favorite pieces is an important part of radio collecting. It makes collecting more enjoyable. It's no fun having a room full of great radio items if you never show them to or share them with others.

Here are the Contest Categories:

1. Battery and Crystal Receivers, Pre-1930
2. Tombstone and Cathedral Receivers
3. Horizontal Wooden Receivers
4. Metal Sets after 1926 (includes amateur receivers and transmitters)
5. AC/DC Bakelite or Plastic Receivers
6. Transistor Radios
7. Console Receivers (includes radio/phono combos and televisions)
8. Portable Receivers (any tube radio with a handle)
9. Foreign Made Receivers and Equipment, (tube type).
10. Homebrew and Kit Receivers
11. Accessory Items (tubes, speakers, antennas, test equipment, etc.)
12. Open Category (anything that doesn't fit in another category)
13. Best Restoration (this can be displayed in any category, but will be judged on restoration quality. Documentation of condition before restoration is encouraged)
14. People's Choice (ballot of favorite display of all who attend)
15. Best of Show (one of the first place winners from the other categories)



Don't forget that the VRPS spring auction to be held at the Senter East Building, 224 Chamberlain St., in Irving, TX (Dallas) on March 17th. It begins at 9:30 AM, but the doors open at 6 AM. This auction compliments their annual convention in the fall. It is an auction only, but is worth attending. It's not as large as the auctions during the fall convention, and there are not as many expensive items as in the fall, but there are always a few nice things. There tends to be more parts available and sets for parts or restoration. So it's a good source for getting what might be needed to complete your restoration. Costs for buyers and seller have been lowered to 5%, with a \$5 admission fee and \$10 minimum bid. It wraps up in the late afternoon, so it can be just a one day trip, if you can get an early morning start from Oklahoma. It is worth attending, and I am looking forward to it.

## Report for the OKVRC Meeting 2/10/2018

*Jim Tyrrell*

I stated that it was a VERY cold winter evening here in central Oklahoma for our meeting in January, well it was just as cold this time. But the roads were dry and we once again managed to get an excellent turnout of over fifteen club members, spouses and guests to for our usual second Saturday of the month meeting of the OKVRC. Once again it was held at the clubhouse of the [Sonoma Lakes](#) subdivision in Edmond, thanks to club members Ray and Dorothy Cady, who reside in that community. I'm hoping we can continue to meet here indefinitely, since this location is a hit with everyone.

Guests began arriving before 6:00 PM at the clubhouse and immediately set to work on enjoying the evenings meal (again arranged by Ray and Dorothy) of chili, cornbread, beverages and deserts. The chili was the perfect choice for the cold weather! There was enough for seconds and the cost, was like last month, only four dollars per person! I know that a few of our members who live farther east and used to come to Spencer's have not been coming because of the longer drive. It's worth considering that what we are saving on the cost of food versus Spencer's is enough to buy about three gallons of gas. So come to the March meeting and see what you have been missing.

After everyone had had at least two helpings of the delicious chili, Club President Jim Collings called the meeting to order and we got started on the night's program: Crosley radios. If you have been with the club for a number of years you know we have done a Crosley program before. But it's a great topic to do again since Crosley built millions of

radios, phonographs and televisions. Most of us have more than one, and likely have acquired more since our last Crosley program!

Powel Crosley Jr. (1886-1961) was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of a wealthy attorney. Determined to become a millionaire, he tried (and failed) at several ventures including a car company that folded in 1907. A cycle car company failed in 1913, but Crosley achieved some success selling auto accessories and other products. In 1921 he went out to buy a radio set for his young son and was so astonished at the cost that he decided to get into the business himself. Crosley initially built small, inexpensive radio sets, with as few as one tube, like the famous Crosley Pup. But he quickly expanded his product line to include more sophisticated (and expensive) products, and by the late twenties he was one of the largest radio manufacturers in the world. Crosley also operated one of the most powerful radio stations in the world, WLW, which operated at up to 700,000 watts. Crosley also sold many other products, including refrigerators (Crosley invented the refrigerator door with shelves inside) and even cars. About 50 thousand small, fuel efficient Crosley were sold cars between 1939 and 1952, but small cars were not what Americans wanted when gas was fifteen cents a gallon. The Crosley Company was sold to AVCO Corporation in 1945; they dropped the Crosley name in 1956. But the name was revived in 1984 for use on a full line of nostalgic reproduction radios and phonographs. Crosley today even offers a full-size retro jukebox that holds seventy 45 RPM

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*A Few Pictures from our February 2018 Meeting*



An assortment of Crosley radios.



Dinner was good and now it's socializing time.



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records and can play both sides of each.

Club members brought in so many Crosley radios to share, that we had duplicates of a couple of the small, early sets. Your club secretary brought in several early Crosleys, a Model 50 (one tube) a Model 51 and a Model VL (two tubes) and a Model 52 and a Tridyne (three tubes). Jim Collings brought in his Crosley Pup along with his statue of the Crosley "Bonzo" dog mascot. Jim also brought a Crosley Type V and a Crosley-built ACE one tube set, and a Type 51 Portable along with a 1926 Crosley inverted cone loudspeaker. We also got to see a couple of mid-thirties vintage table sets, a Model 516 and a Model 517. These sets were referred to as "fivers" since they had five tubes each. Mike Swinney brought in a compact Crosley Model 11-304U AC/DC tube-type portable, from the late forties, also a Model 9-101 farm radio, from about 1946, in an attractive, modern Bakelite cabinet.

We finished up a great evening (and a great dinner) with our usual donation auction. An RCA Tube Manual, a Radio Physics book, several boxes of tubes and other parts all went to new homes.

See you next month on March 10th at the Sonoma Lakes clubhouse. It should be warmer by then. Don't miss out on a chance for a great dinner and a great time!



# 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](mailto: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

**Edison Diamond Disc Phonograph, Oak, Lab Model with 20 records \$250.** Contact Jim Collings (405)-755-4139.

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**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](mailto:cadyraymond1@gmail.com).

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In Vintage Radios?**

Then be sure to sure to tell them about the annual  
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April 14, 2018, 8:00 AM

At the Midwest City Community Center  
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(North of Tinker AFB)

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