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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Jim Collings

Our annual spring swap meet last month went smoothly. Hope everyone had fun. We had some new faces, which is always nice, and we saw a few collectors that we had not seen in a while. Thanks to everyone who came and helped make it successful, especially those who donated to the raffle and auction, and to those who bid on the items. There were plenty of sellers, with lots of good and interesting items. We had some superb items for display in the contest. Favorites were Eric Coon's [Emerson 60](#), Jim Tyrrell's display of [Dayfan](#) sets, and my [Federal 61](#). The list of contest winners is published elsewhere in this edition of the *Broadcast News*. We had a few categories with no entries, so we should discuss that at our next meeting.

Our next meeting is Saturday May 12th at the [Sonoma Lake Clubhouse](#) at [1712 NW 159th St., Edmond, OK](#). It begins with pot luck at 6 PM; the actual meeting starts at 7 PM. **Spouses are invited, too. The clubhouse has a separate room in which the spouses who are not interested**

in the meeting itself can use to carry on their own conversation and maybe even play cards or a game? (Bring your own cards.)

Rather than having the Cady's preparing food for everyone this month, we will have Pot Luck, so everyone bring one of your favorite dishes to share. A meeting topic was not selected for the meeting, so we also will call it pot luck; you can bring anything (a favorite item, something recently acquired, or something from your family). So, bring something to show us, talk about, or ask questions about.

I've received quite a few things for our donation auction, including a [Fada Special battery set](#) and some audio items. But bring something for the auction; more items make it more fun and interesting.

Coming up on June 2nd is the [Tulsa Club's Summer Sizzler](#). The contest should have some interesting items to view. It's an easy meet to get to, just across the turnpike to Tulsa. It's similar to ours with a swap meet, a contest, and an auction at the end. Visit [HLARA.org](#) for details.

See everyone at our meeting.

Jim Collings

OKVRC April 2018 Contest Winners

Battery and Crystal Receivers, Pre-1930

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| 1. DayFan Radio Display | Jim Tyrrell |
| 2. Federal 61 | Jim Collings |
| 3. SE-183A Triple Crystal Detector | Jim Collings |

Cathedral and Tombstone Receivers

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| 1. Emerson 60 | Eric Coon |
| 2. Stewart Warner R-1231-A | Jim Collings |
| 3. Atwater Kent 90 | Jim Collings |

Horizontal Wooden Receivers

- | | |
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| 1. Telefunken Opus | Jim Ray |
| 2. Westinghouse | Jack Cochran |

Metal Sets after 1926 and Ham Receivers

- | | |
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| 1. Minerva | Raymond Cady |
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AC/DC Bakelite or Plastic Receivers

- | | |
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| 1. Hallicrafters 5R50 Continental | Mark McClellan |
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Transistor Radios

- | | |
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| 1. no entries | |
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Console Receivers/Televisions

- | | |
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| 1. Zenith 8S451 Chairside | Raymond Cady |
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Portable Receivers

- | | |
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| 1. Kennedy III | Jim Collings |
| 2. Deforest Radiohome DT-700 | Jim Collings |

Foreign Made Receivers and Equipment

- | | |
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| 1. Sierra | Jim Ray |
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Homebrew & Kit Receivers

- | | |
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| 1. 5 Tube TRF with no matching parts | Jim Collings |
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Accessory Items

- | | |
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| 1. Western Electric Microphone | Jim Collings |
| 2. Rola Recreator Horn Speaker | Jim Collings |

Open Category

- | | |
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| 1. no entries | |
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Best Restoration

- | | |
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| 1. General Electric T-12 Cathedral | Dorothy Cady |
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People's Choice (favorite display of all who attended)

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| Emerson 60 | Eric Coon |
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Best of Show

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| Emerson 60 | Eric Coon |
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Report for the OKVRC Meeting DATE

Jim Tyrrell

Spring is here! Winter somewhat grudgingly released its grip on Oklahoma this year, but on the plus side that means a late start to tornado season. We still have at least a month or so of that ahead, so everyone stay safe.

There was no threat of tornados, only beautiful weather as we met for our Spring Convention and Swap meet on Saturday October 14th. We had an excellent turnout too, as we usually have for the spring meet. We had a good showing for our OKC metro members, and I had a chance to say hi to a few of our members from the Tulsa area. Thanks for coming!

Members and guests were arriving at the Midwest Community Center before the building opened at eight, and there was plenty of donuts and coffee for everyone to enjoy while waiting for sellers to arrive and set up. There were about three rows of tables, and the items for sale were a little better quality than in the fall meet. I picked up an Ace (Crosley) one-tube receiver from the early twenties, and a few parts. The range of items for sale was fairly good. There were a fair number of table models, a few battery sets from the twenties, a few cathedrals and tombstones from the thirties and a lot of plastic and Bakelite sets from the forties and fifties. There were also a few clock radios and small phonographs. Just about everyone took something home. There were also plenty of other radio-related items for sale, such as tubes, knobs, speakers, magazines, books, and manuals, along with a few pieces of test equipment. I probably would have gotten more stuff, but I'm getting a little short on space at home!

The silent auction had a fair range of items, and just about everything sold. I sold a few items, including some tubes and a Bell

System branded Simpson VTVM. The regular auction had a wider range of donated items, mostly junk radios and assorted parts, and a few off-beat items. One interesting item was a donated late thirties farm radio console. It was a higher end set, the kind that uses a vibrator power supply to generate the operating voltages from a 6V car battery; it even had a tuning eye. Unfortunately it had been left in a damp environment for a long time and the cabinet had deteriorated severely. Ray and Dorothy Cady bought it for one dollar and insist they will restore it. Everything sold and brought in some badly needed revenue for the club.

We have raffled off a radio at all of our meets for the last couple years, this time was no exception. Jim Collings gave a small Atwater Kent table model to Ray and Dorothy Cady, who were kind enough to restore it for the auction. One of our members won it and went home very happy. There was also a second-place prize, a collection of radio programs on cassette. Your club secretary won that. Fortunately, I still have several cassette machines at home to listen to them with.

I complained in the newsletter last year that so few items were entered in the contest. Well, folks must have listened because there were a lot more entries this spring. I entered a collection of Day-Fan radios and literature from the mid-twenties, and there were many far more impressive items. The contest is always a lot of fun and gives us a chance to share our stuff with other members.

Thanks to everyone who came, especially those who came from out of town. If you can, try to join us for the next regular monthly meeting on May 12th.

I'll see you there!

OKVRC Spring 2018 Swap Meet





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.

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I Want to Know!

Visit Philip I. Nelson of [Phil's Old Radios'](#) website to view his list of resources for price guides, collector ("appreciation") books, history, and guides on repairing old radios and restoring wooden cabinets.

Phil offers, "a caveat regarding collector guides: even the best ones don't (and can't) pretend to be complete. And price information is always speculative, at best. Prices can vary widely from one region to another. And certain kinds of radios drift up or down in value as various fads grip the collector community. In the end, a radio is worth only what somebody will hand you in cold, hard cash!"

"Your public library is another source of technical information." Phil says. "Some of the most useful technical literature has been out of print for years, but may still be lurking in your library's shelves. Fellow collectors are another source of material such as old magazines or technical manuals." See. We radio collectors now have another good reason to bid on the old magazines and books that sometimes come up for auction at our meetings.

Here are a couple of Phil's recommended books:

- Antique Radio Restoration Guide. David Johnson; Wallace-Homestead Book Company, Radnor PA 19089
- Bakelite: An Illustrated Guide to Collectible Bakelite Objects by Patrick Cook and Catherine Slessor; contributor. Gad Sassower: Chartwell Books.

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