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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Jim Collings

Our August meeting is coming up on the 11th at the Sonoma Lake Clubhouse, 1712 NW 159th St, Edmond, OK. The actual meeting starts at 7 PM, preceded by Pizza dinner beginning at about 6. The topic for the meeting is Armstrong Regenerative Patent Sets. (The one-off topic has been postponed.) I will lead the program. When I first began radio collecting I found a list of all the manufacturers who held the Armstrong Regenerative Patent of 1914. I set a goal to collect a set from every manufacturer. I never did reach that goal, but collected many early sets, and will bring quite a few to the meeting for viewing. If you have a set made under the Armstrong license, please bring it, as there are many variations of these sets. For those with an interest in early sets, it should be interesting.

Also at the meeting we will have our annual election of officers. There may be some changes, and if you would

like to be an officer, others will likely let you serve.

Of course, we'll have a donation auction at the end of the meeting, so bring something you don't need that someone else can use.

Last month Julie and I attended the Michigan Antique Radio Clubs' Extravaganza in Kalamazoo, Michigan. It was a nice meet with most activities held inside the Kalamazoo Expo Center, a large air conditioned facility. The facility opened at 3 PM on Thursday for dealers to set up. Our space was on the end of a long row of tables which we liked better than the individual booth space we had last year. The flea market officially opened at 8 AM on Saturday morning with a lot of empty seller spaces in the center of the hall, but I was told they were sold spaces that were not utilized. I found some smaller items, but nothing real exciting. We took mainly parts and inexpensive items, but did not sell very much. At 10 AM there was a workshop on

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wooden cabinet restoration by a restorer who worked on items at the US Capitol. Julie attended and relayed a few tips to me. It was a popular presentation. The auction began at 2 PM. There were not very many items, and only a few items that sold for much. So, there were a lot of bargains, but I restrained myself and did not win very many. The flea market went on after the auction, but with little activity after 5 PM. The contest items were available for viewing. They had some unique categories (e.g. End of the Line and 1920's Innovations) that drew quite a few interesting displays. Dinner was on your own, and there was a President's Reception later in the evening with a Show and Tell and a cash bar. It was nice, and a change from the typical banquet hosted by some clubs.

The Saturday morning flea market had few items that we had not seen the day before. It was a time for making final deals. Silent auctions were held at 10:30 and about noon with quite a few items, most with low or no minimums. I got rid of a lot of my junk and bought replacements. No buyer or seller fees for these auctions probably kept some items from the main Saturday auction where there was a \$5 entry fee per item. The silent auctions were popular and one of the highlights of the meet. A large space in the swap meet area was full of club donations and featured some nice items, but we could not stick around for it. Overall a fun meet, but I found fewer items of interest than last year. Most hotels were a few miles away from the event, but being an indoor meet with no weather worries made it a tradeoff. See you at the August meeting

OKVRC July Meeting Report

Jim Tyrrell

It's mid-July now, and one day a few weeks ago we hit 112 degrees in Edmond. I came home from work to find annuals I had planted in my front yard dead from the heat even though I had watered them that very morning! But still, members, spouses and guests gathered for our July OKVRC meeting in Edmond. We celebrated the spirit of summer with a hamburgers and hot dogs feast that turned out to be a delicious choice with plenty to go around and a few left overs to take home. We welcomed a first-time visitor named Jim who was interested in learning about a small RCA Radiola console from the late twenties that he owned. Several club members were able to help him.

Club President, Jim Collings, called the meeting to order after dinner. After a few announcements, we began the night's program on shortwave radio, of which listening to was a common pastime in America from the early thirties through the late forties (partly because most better radios made during that time period had at least one SW band, some had as many as seven). Shortwave allowed listeners to tune in broadcasts from around the world. While radio brought the outside world into the living room, shortwave literally brought the whole world to you. Since the shortwave signal bounced off the ionosphere, it could be heard hundreds or even thousands of miles away and from every corner of the earth. From Hitler, Mussolini, or Stalin bawling into a microphone to Chinese or

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outside world into the living room, shortwave literally brought the whole world to you. Since the shortwave signal bounced off the ionosphere, it could be heard hundreds or even thousands of miles away and from every corner of the earth. From Hitler, Mussolini, or Stalin bawling into a microphone to Chinese or Arabic music or a reassuring voice on the BBC, people became aware of the big world outside their rural farm town or city lives.

Adding shortwave also brought dramatic changes to the design of radios; larger dials became impressive affairs and a big selling point to customers that also added desirability for today’s collectors. With the end of WWII and the return of radios to stores, consumers were eager to buy these higher end sets that now had FM, but since by the late forties television was available, shortwave lost its appeal. It then was found only on specialty radio sets and high-end portables. But shortwave is still around, despite competition from other mediums (like the Internet), so go ahead and hook up a good antenna to that thirties console, and late some night when the reception is best, see what you can find out there!

Club members brought in a wide selection of shortwave receivers to share.



Elena brought in a large communications receiver that uses slide out crystal controlled modules for different bands. (I believe it was early sixties, but I didn’t catch the brand.)



[Ray Cady](#) showed us a sharp looking late forties Zenith Transoceanic model G500.



Jerry Brown brought a nice Traveler AM-SW model 5011 from about 1948.



Rod Higgins showed a General Electric table model art deco AM-SW model from 1936-1937.

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Your club secretary brought in a Philco model 4 shortwave converter (about 1932) that connects to AM only radios allowing you to receive three shortwave bands. The cabinet style matches many Philcos from the period. I also brought in a Lafayette communication receiver from the late sixties that is unusual because it includes FM in addition to AM and five shortwave bands. (Unfortunately the FM is all that is currently working.)



Lastly, I showed a General Electric World Monitor portable with three shortwave bands, AM and FM. (I received it from my parents as a grade school graduation gift in 1972, and though a little beat up from decades of use, it works as well as the day I got it. It is a treasure to me!)

Thanks to everyone who came to the meeting, especially those who brought sets, and to Ray and Dorothy for (again) providing the meal.

See you next month!

In our Hearts and Memories

It is with great sadness that we share this news of the passing of **Ed Jones** on August 1, 2018. His funeral services were held at 4:00 PM on Saturday, August 4th at the Southpoint Church in Oklahoma City.

Ed was a long-time member and friend of the OKVRC, as well as an avid collector who willingly shared his knowledge and radio collection with us. He won various OKVRC contest awards for many of his radios, including (but not limited to) his: Zenith J615, Atwater Kent Model 33, Zenith 511W, RCA R68A3, Motorola 59R1, RCA R68A3, Heathkit AR13A, Philco 84, 50-922, and 50-9, as well as many others.

Ed served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953 during the Korean Conflict where he worked as an Ammunitions Specialist.

We all will miss Ed, especially at our annual swap meets when we most often had the honor to talk with him and view pieces in his collection. We are grateful for our time with him, and extend our deepest sympathies to his family.



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- 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.
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Wishing a happy birthday to all of our members whose birthday falls in the month of August. May you be forever young and enjoy all of the days of your lives.

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