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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Jim Collings



Our fall swap meet . . .

last month turned out to be a success, despite the rainy weather. Attendance was about normal, and there were enough sellers and equipment to keep everyone looking at the offerings. The silent auction was successful with almost everything selling. Thanks to donations for the raffle and of the Philco cathedral sold in the auction, we were able to cover the rent for the facility. Attendees included collectors from out of state, but not as many as for the spring meets. I was able to sell most of what I brought,

and returned with less than I started with, so I call that successful. I believe everyone had a good time. Thanks to all who attended, helped, and/or donated items.

This month's meeting will be on November 10th at the Sonoma Lake Clubhouse, at 1712 NW 159th St., beginning at 7 PM with dinner at 6 PM. The food this month will be a pot luck with a fall theme. So bring something to share that is good to eat in cooler weather. The meeting topic will be radios and equipment with a commercial tie in. I interpret this to mean sets which are used in advertising, or were designed after commercial products. This could mean novelty transistor sets, or iconic sets that are pictured frequently in ads. I think we can include things that are frequently seen in movies or TV shows. If you have something in your collection that can relate to this topic in any way, please bring it

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to show. And of course you can bring anything else you would like to show or talk about. **Don't forget the donation auction!**

On another note . . .

mark your calendars for Saturday, December 15th, for our annual Christmas party. We have not had any volunteers to host this event at their home yet, and I can't envision it will be as much fun having it at the club house, so we can have it at my home. Note that this is on the third Saturday in December rather than the second Saturday as in previous years. We will have the traditional white elephant/dirty Santa gift exchange. We will likely have a sing along jam session at the end, so plan to bring your instrument. There will be more data to come on this fun event!

The VRPS Annual Convention . . .

will be November 16th thru 18th in Plano, TX, at the Comfort Inn. This is the same location as last year, and a little closer for us in the OKC area than past meets in Mesquite. This is one of the largest radio meets in the country, and it's right here in our area, so everyone should try to attend. In the past, I've given you a big write-up of all of the events, but they are fairly similar every year, so I won't repeat myself. But the theme this year is 100 Years of Zenith. Of course the main events are auctions on Friday evening and Saturday. With the change of venue, the seller's commission is now only 5%, which should attract nicer items to the auction block. The Saturday evening banquet will feature [Joe Herrington](#). He

is a novelist (author of [TEKOA](#)), cowboy poet, and [western story teller](#).



Retrieved from <http://cowboyfestival.org/schedule/scvty-presents-the-outwest-concert-series/>

If you have never been to a large event like the [VRPS Annual Convention](#), you can learn a lot, as there is a lot of equipment to view and bid on, if desired. Everyone should at least try to attend the Saturday auction which begins at 11 AM, and ends around 5 to 6 PM. If you need details, drop me a line. I hope to see many of you there.

Directions from Oklahoma to the Comfort Inn in Plano, TX:

- I-35 South toward Dallas 158.6 mi
- Keep straight onto I-35E S 21.4 mi
- At exit 445B, take ramp right and follow signs for President George Bush Turnpike East (Toll road) 14.5 mi
- Take ramp right for US-75 North toward McKinney 1.7 mi
- At exit 29A, take ramp right for N Central Expy toward Park Blvd 0.4 mi
- Turn right onto Central Pkwy E (Denny's on the corner) 0.2 mi
- Arrive at Central Pkwy E on the right
- The last intersection is Haggard St. (If you reach G Ave, you've gone too far.)

October 13, 2018 Convention and Swap Meet Report

Jim Tyrrell

Here in Oklahoma we recently ended the wettest, rainiest summer in recorded history! A lot of rain-ruined weekends, but I had a chance to work on a couple of radios that have been sitting on my table for a long time. Perhaps you got to catch up on some indoor projects as well. We all saved a bit on our utility bills because the AC wasn't running non-stop and the sprinklers got to stay off a lot. Fall is here now, with many cool, sunny, and largely windless days – always my favorite time of the years even though summer's green is disappearing and winter soon will be knocking at our doors.

Yes, it rained on our parade as OKVRC members gathered at the Midwest City Community center for our Fall Convention and Swap meet on Saturday, October 13th. In fact, a light rain kept up much of the day. Still, we had a fair turnout too, given the soggy weather and the fact the fall meet does not have the contest that brings people in. But we had a good time anyway!

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. Despite having to carry their treasures through the rain, a fair number of sellers showed up; there were about two rows of tables and a fair number of radios for sale, all table models and mostly from the thirties. There also were a few twenties sets, battery and early AC; a few plastic and Bakelite sets from the forties and fifties; various radio-related items for sale (tubes, knobs, speakers, magazines, books, and manuals); and a few pieces of test equipment. I bought some badly needed type 99 tubes and a few parts, but no radios.

The silent auction had a few interesting items, but I didn't bid on anything. The regular auction was much better, with a wide range of donated items, mostly junk radios and assorted parts. There was a large collection of Laser Disk movies from the mid-eighties. These are the large silver discs, the size of a standard audio LP record, and were sold for a brief period of time between the VHS and DVD eras. One very interesting auction item to me was a collection of Line Replaceable Units (LRUs) used on airliners from the early sixties. These big rectangular boxes contained radio, navigation and other avionics systems. They were designed to be flight-line swappable should they fail, so planes can keep flying. I bought one, an aircraft communications systems controller, for a buck. What will I use it for, other than a doorstop? The plane it was in went to the boneyard decades ago. I'll keep it as a fragment of a lost age of civil aviation, when people dressed smartly to fly on comfortable, spacious aircraft, enjoyed gracious service, and didn't have to undergo a TSA pat-down first. Like our radios, they represent physical artifacts of a simpler and perhaps happier time.

For the past couple years, we have raffled off a radio at all of our swap meets, and this time was no exception. Although most have been donated by Jim Collings and restored by Ray Cady, this year Ray and Dorothy Cady donated a restored Greybar radio from 1928, complete with a speaker. The Cady's said that the daughter of a long-time radio collector,

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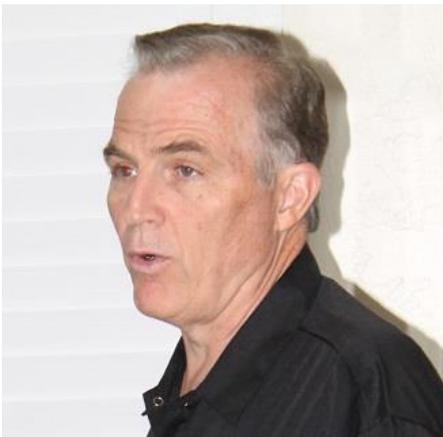
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Jim Tyrrell*

now passed, had given it to them to share with the club. This radio, like its Brunswick equivalent, is basically a Radiola 18 in a fancier cabinet. One of our members won it and went home glad he had braved the rain to come to the meet.

I'm going to the VRPS convention and auction in Texas next month. I'm sure I will pick up a couple (or more) radios there. If you have never attended the VPRS, you should consider going. There is a ton of nice stuff for sale or auction. As a radio collector, you will feel like a dog in a butcher shop! I went last year and had a great time; I bought several items for my collection.

Thanks to everyone who came to the fall meet, despite the weather. It was good to see you there. Hope you will try to join us for the next regular monthly meeting on November 10th. It features a pot luck with the season in mind. Since, it's the last regular meeting of the year and we will be discussing plans for the Christmas dinner, please come if you can.

Jim Tyrrell, OKVRC Secretary



Photos from the Fall 2018 Swap Meet



Friends from Oklahoma and from Wichita Falls, Texas, showed up to display their radios and horns and see what others brought to share and sell.



About a dozen dedicated collectors participated in the auction that always wraps up our Swap Meet. With his extensive knowledge of radios and history, Jim Collings (standing at the front in the long-sleeve shirt) is awesome at being our auctioneer. Jim Ray (top left corner sitting under the wall clock) takes care of the finances for the auction and OKVRC; all winning bidders must see him after the auction. Jim takes great care to make certain our club funds are well accounted for. Thank you to both of you and to all of the auction and swap meet attendees.

Additional Photos from the OKVRC Fall 2018 Swap Meet



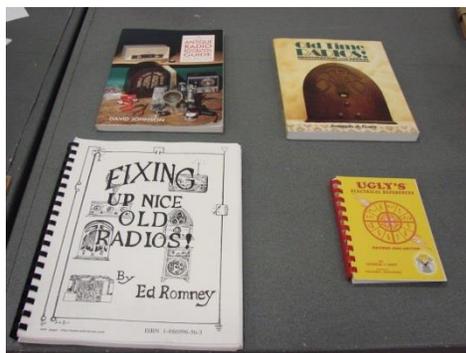
The phonorgan was trademarked by Interstate Industries, Inc., in 1980. It was described as a “combination electronic organ, phonograph, and microphone, sold as a unit.” The trademark was applied for on August 14, 1978, but continued use for the trademark was not filed within the allowed grace period, and thus the trademark was unrenovable. (I didn’t find out the owner.)

Want to hear one of them play? Click this YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/FTxOtqwI7yA>.
Scrabble word.



Jim Ray (in the Titans shirt), Donnie Moore (across from Jim), and two other individuals check out radio-related items at one of the seller’s tables. None of them seem to have been too bothered by the drizzly weather, and Donnie lives in Asher. He had a bit of a drive. Of course, so too did those who joined us from Texas and other distant places, and we were happy to see all of them.

The OKVRC fall swap meet often has fewer attendees than the spring one, mostly because of the weather and no contest, but it gives us plenty of time to socialize and share knowledge.



A few more pictures of some of the radios and radio-related items that were brought to the swap meet.

The Thanksgiving

Harriet Maxwell Converse, 1836 – 1903

Translated from a traditional Iroquois prayer

This poem is in the public domain.

We who are here present thank the Great Spirit
that we are here to praise Him.

We thank Him that He has created men and
women, and ordered that these beings shall
always be living to multiply the earth.

We thank Him for making the earth and giving
these beings its products to live on.

We thank Him for the water that comes out of the
earth and runs for our lands.

We thank Him for all the animals on the earth.

We thank Him for certain timbers that grow and
have fluids coming from them for us all.

We thank Him for the branches of the trees that
grow shadows for our shelter.

We thank Him for the beings that come from the
west, the thunder and lightning that water the
earth.

We thank Him for the light which we call our
oldest brother, the sun that works for our good.

We thank Him for all the fruits that grow on the
trees and vines.

We thank Him for his goodness in making the
forests, and thank all its trees.

We thank Him for the darkness that gives us rest,
and for the kind Being of the darkness that
gives us light, the moon.

We thank Him for the bright spots in the skies that
give us signs, the stars.

We give Him thanks for our supporters, who had
charge of our harvests.

We give thanks that the voice of the Great Spirit
can still be heard through the words of Ga-ne-
o-di-o.

We thank the Great Spirit that we have the
privilege of this pleasant occasion.

We give thanks for the persons who can sing the
Great Spirit's music, and hope they will be
privileged to continue in his faith.

We thank the Great Spirit for all the persons who
perform the ceremonies on this occasion.





OKVRC Classified Ads



√ For Sale

1940 Wurlitzer 700 Juke Box. \$2,500. Contact Jim Collings, (405) 755-4139 or jrcradio@cox.net.

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It is hard to believe but, yes, Thanksgiving is just around the bend, and it brings with it great food, love of family and friends, and a great time to get together and remember other Thanksgiving days we have celebrated in the past. It also gives us an annual opportunity to think about the good things in our life and how much of it and how many people in it we are thankful for. So this Thanksgiving, we at OKVRC wish to not only send birthday wishes to our members with November birthdays, but also spread a little old fashioned cheer, which we are certain everyone can enjoy. So, click on the image above or direct your browser and listen to <https://youtu.be/T70Fm46lyoA>. It's an Old Time George Burns and Gracie Allen Thanksgiving radio show. Enjoy!

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