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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Jim Collings



A Little Business First

Our fall swap meet is nearly here! It will be at the [Nick-Herroz Midwest City Community Center](#) on **Saturday, Oct. 13, starting at 8:00 AM, but there is usually activity in the parking lot before the start. We won't have to compete with the OU/Texas football game this year, so hopefully we will have a big turnout, including some Dallas area collectors. **(More on page 8.)****

We still need someone to be the host of the OKVRC Christmas Party this year. It is typically on the 2nd Saturday (Dec. 8th this year)

but we can change the date to accommodate the host. The meal is catered, making it a lot easier to host. Julie and I cannot host this year, and neither can the Cady's due to a pending granddaughter birth, so please contact me if you are willing to host. Otherwise, the fallback is to have it at our normal meeting place, the Sonoma Lake Clubhouse. *Unfortunately, the clubhouse rules do not allow alcohol and only tables and chairs are available, no comfy couch.*

Now Onto My Letter

Julie and I went to the big meet in Kutztown, PA, sponsored jointly by the [Delaware Valley Historical Radio Club](#) and [Renninger's](#). It is probably the largest vintage radio meet in the country. The location has two large pavilions, with one and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the other filled with radio vendors. It is the largest meet I have attended, and was larger even than last year.

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We arrived for the [Kutztown Radio Show](#) on Thursday about 12:30, and began the fourth row of vendor vehicles waiting to get in. I believe they were a little slow on the noon opening, and we waited about an hour before we got thru the gate with quite a few more cars behind us. Fortunately, a marshall in the large parking area made sure everyone waited for their turn. We had the same vendor space as in previous years, which is near the middle of the first pavilion, close to the far end. I was not in a hurry to put out my items, as I was finding items to purchase as they were being unloaded. I added items a few at a time, but as soon as I put out my more expensive items, they did not last long. Most of my sales were on Thursday. On Friday morning, the official opening of the meet, we arrived about 8 AM, and everything was in full swing. There were a few additional vendors set up, but most had set up on Thursday afternoon. There were sellers of early battery sets and horns, tubes, AC sets, novelty sets, transistors, catalins and deco sets, and tube audio equipment and speakers. This appears to be the place for dealing in audio equipment. About 20% of the dealers had this type of items, and a lot of it changed hands. I know quite a few collectors from previous meets, so it was good to see them again.

On Friday night there was an auction, but I did not attend and we went to dinner with collector friends instead. I was turned off on the auction last year when there was a requirement to purchase a bidder card to even look to see what was offered. I believe there was mostly junk, as I did not hear any

talk about the Saturday auction.

On Saturday things got moving a little later in the morning, and there were only a few new vendors, but some vendors did not return from the previous day.

All thru the meet there was a donation table benefitting the Club. It was worth checking occasionally for items of interest that could be purchased at fair prices. At about noon on Saturday, every item was \$1 each, but soon became "take away anything you would like." I found a few small items that I could still fit in the car. It was a very good meet, and I'll probably be ready to go again next fall, but for now it is questionable, as I'm still remembering the long 2½ day drive each way.

I did not find as many items as last year, and others said that it was not as good also, but still others said they did better. I guess it depends on what you are collecting. A spring meet in May is also sponsored. But for now, I'm still recovering from the long trip and have yet to check out all my purchases.

I hope to see everyone at our Fall swap meet. It should be a fun event!

Click on the link to check out the [slide show of photos from the May 2018 Kutztown Radio Show \(Swap meet\)](#).



1. Kutztown Spring 2018 Radio Show.

September 6, 2018 Meeting Report

It was a mild September evening in Oklahoma as OKVRC members, spouses and guests met for our monthly club dinner and meeting at the Sonoma Lake subdivision clubhouse in Edmond. Sixteen people came including a new member, Gary Thomas! Club members Ray and Dorothy Cady prepared our dinner – an Italian buffet of various pastas and sauces, along with garlic bread, desert, and beverages (and all for only \$5 per person), with leftovers to take home; in fact I took enough with me to provide work lunches for a week!

After dinner, Club President Jim Collings called the meeting to order with a few announcements, including the upcoming [Vintage Radio and Phonograph Society convention in Plano, Texas](#), November 16 - 18. Not to take anything away from OKVRC, but the VRPS convention is awesome. I went last year and had a great time and bought way too much in the auction.

We started our meeting with a show-and-tell of interesting items brought in by club members that were not necessarily part of the program topic, but worth seeing. Jim Collings showed us two NOS power transformers he found. They are from the early fifties, and were designed to be used with vibrator power supplies. Jim contacted the company that built them; they are still in business. They had the engineering data sheets on file and were kind enough to send them to Jim, and Jim was kind enough to give them to me to add to a display cabinet I have at my house full of small industrial antiques.



1. Jim's Hadley transformer.

Next up was club member Elena who brought in a nice late forties rectangular Firestone table model.



2. Elena & her Silvertone Tombstone

She also showed a mid-to-late thirties Silvertone tombstone farm radio, the biggest table model farm set I have ever seen. It even has shelves inside for the batteries.

Elena also showed us some vintage Test Instruments: a Hickok VTVM, a Sencor tube tester, a B&K CRT tester, and an unusual large Collins Transformer.

The topic of September's program was *One Hit Wonders*. If you grew up in the seventies, as I did, you might remember a great song "[Spirit in the Sky](#)" by Norman Greenbaum, a pretty bad song "[Afternoon Delight](#)" by the Starland Vocal Band, or a just plain wacky song "[Kung Fu Fighting](#)" by Carl Douglas. What all of these songs have in common is that while they all went to the top of the charts, the artists who recorded them never had another hit. Back in the early days of radio, there were a lot of small companies that got into selling radios, but didn't last very long in the profitable but crowded radio market. Fortunately, some of the radios they built did survive to bear witness to the company's efforts to the delight of today's collectors. Our club members brought in a number of these radios from long forgotten companies to share with us.

HLARA 2018 Fall Swap Meet Report

Dorothy Cady

Raymond and I did our best to represent the OKVRC at the HLARA Fall Swap Meet held in the *White House*



Mansion in Tulsa on Saturday, September 29th. We had fun mingling with everyone who attended; roughly 20 or so stayed for the whole thing and another half dozen floated in and out. For those of you who have not been to Bill Satterfield's *White House Mansion*, you should think about doing so. Originally built in 1911 and moved by Bill Satterfield to its current location on 33 flatbed loads and assembled again between 1980 and 1985, the house itself is worth the trip for anyone who enjoys the beauty of an old house in great condition. And meeting Bill was a real pleasure. Plus, if you know of someone getting married, the ballroom where the HLARA swap meet tables were set up, is a great location.

There were about a dozen tables filled with radios for sale ranging in price from \$5 to \$150. Lots of radios sold, but most of them were offered at \$20 or less. I bought five radios and got some great bargains.

For the auction, I donated one of my radio toppers, and it brought the highest dollar price of any one item at the auction. Raymond purchased a Zenith chassis at auction for fifty cents. That's right. 50¢ There were some awesome bargains.

Raymond and I also both brought home some repair and restoration work from HLARA members that we plan to finish and take back up during their Christmas party on December 13th.

The drive was tiring, but the meet was worth it. We may go to the Spring one, too.

Items For the OKVRC Fall Swap Meet



Above is the fully-restored Graybar Model 310 early AC set from 1928 that is the main prize for the Fall Swap Meet Raffle. It is a fairly uncommon set using a Radiola 18 chassis and is paired with a nice original-finish Bremer Tully cathedral-shaped speaker.

(More raffle prize information on Page 8.)



This is a working Philco Model 20 cathedral radio that will be sold during the main auction. Hang around and bid on it. All proceeds go to support OKVRC.

Sept. 9 Meeting Report Cont'd.



3. Jim Ray's 1958 Lowe-Opta Olympic.

Jim Ray showed one of his neat European radios, a 1958 Olympic six tube, three-speaker, three-band radio built by Lowe-Opta. It is much smaller than most German radios and is unusual; it was one of the few European radios to bear the Olympic name.

Your club secretary Jim Tyrrell brought in two mid-twenties battery sets. The first was a 1924 "The Imperial" from the Imperial Merchandise Company. It resembles similar common sets built by companies like Freed-Eisemann, but I have never seen another one like it in my decades of collecting, even on EBay.



4. Jim Tyrrell's 1924 "The Imperial."

I also brought in a 1925 Lloyd C. Green "Concert Selector" built by Culver-Stearns. It looks like a standard three-knob five-tube TRF until you look inside. It actually has four tubes, and two of the three tuners are variometers!



5. Jim Tyrrell's 1925 Lloyd C. Green "Concert Selector" built by Culver-Stearns. This was originally part of the Davenport Estate.

Jim Collings brought in some very interesting items from short-lived companies. He showed us a LiteRite "Flivver" crystal set, an [Aud-1on pocket crystal radio](#) from the early sixties, an ArroHed four-tube radio receiver, and an Accuflex RT two tube reflex receiver. All of these items were from the mid-twenties, an era which saw the birth (and often early death) of many small radio companies.



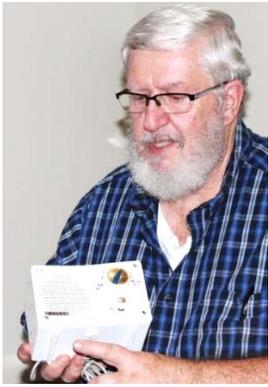
8. Aud-1on Crystal Set.



6. "Flivver" Crystal Set.



7. ArroHed four-tube radio receiver.



Lastly, we got to see a 1952 Wales five tube table radio brought in by Ray and Dorothy. It looked like some receivers made by more common radio makers of that era, but as Phil MacArthur tells us in his web article titled, "[The Last Stand for Tube Radio](#)," it is one of five brands of Japanese radios that flooded the market in the late 1960's. In the summer of 1963, the last few tube Trans-Oceanics were moving off the dealers' shelves, and lots of teenagers carried a little transistor radio in their pocket. The colossal battle between the tube and the transistor was essentially over, but a few minutes before midnight, unusually large orders were placed with three leading Japanese radio makers for five very familiar tube types.

The brands included: Saxony, Essex, Windsor, Viscount, and the one Ray presented to us, a "Wales." Who would have expected that? The Cadys apparently found it damaged and abandoned in a little antique shop that was going through reorganization while they were visiting friends in Texas. It just goes to show that you never know what might turn up when you are hunting for old radios!



We finished up with a brief donation auction. A Stromberg-Carlson turntable and a large box of tubes were sold. But then something very special was up for grabs: A black dial Zenith 10S464 console from the late thirties, in a very restorable condition! It went for a super bargain price of twenty dollars to Ray and Dorothy. The dial glass is missing, but I let them know that I have one that I will provide to them.

Thanks to everyone who brought their radios to share, and thanks again to Ray and Dorothy for arranging the use of the clubhouse and providing the meal.

See you next month in Midwest City for the Fall Swap Meet. We have multiple items to give to raffle winners and a nice working cathedral radio that will be up for auction at our ending general auction. So, don't miss it!

See you there,

Jim Tyrrell, OKVRC Secretary

November's Meeting topic is "Radios with a Commercial Tie-in." Bring some of yours to share.

The Cady's request that the meal be pot luck with a "Fall" theme, so bring something you enjoy eating in cooler weather.



OKVRC Classified Ads



√ For Sale

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

- Crosley 5-50, \$45
- 1940 Wurlitzer 700 Juke Box, \$2500
- Tuska Superdyne Junior 301, \$125
- Western Electric 518W horn, \$150
- RCA Radiola RC (RADA), \$150
- Sparton 69 early AC set, \$40
- 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.

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**MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE FALL SWAP MEET
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We have the facility until noon. The main auction will begin at 10:30 (earlier if all the swapping is completed) allowing us to have everything moved out by noon. The silent auction begins with the first auction item set out on the silent auction table and ends about 9:45. The location is the same, [100 N Midwest Boulevard, Midwest City, OK](#), about 2 1/2 miles north of I-40 on Midwest Boulevard. Bring as much as you can to swap; it will be more fun for everyone. I have a full car load of stuff to bring, most of which I do not want to take home.

For the raffle at this meet, we have several things which were donated. First is a restored Graybar Model 310 early AC set from 1928 (see page 4) a fairly uncommon set using a Radiola 18 chassis, paired with a nice original finish Bremer Tully cathedral-shaped speaker. Next, is an RCA Radio Electronics Complete Training Course. It is available on CD, or completely printed out in four volumes. We also have several collector books, so you have more than one chance to win when you purchase your raffle tickets.

Also donated is a working Philco Model 20 cathedral radio that will be sold in the main auction. There is no contest at our Fall meet, but you are welcome to bring anything you would like to show off. Please tell all your friends who may have an interest in radio about the meet. Admission is free and bargains will be plentiful!

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