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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Jim Collings



OKVRC Christmas Party!

Our Christmas Party will be at the home of [Jim and Julie Collings, 14704 Carlingford Way, Edmond, OK 73013](#).

The date is **Saturday, December 15th**. Note: This is the third Saturday of the month, a deviation from our normal 2nd Saturday meeting. **Please RSVP to the Collings by Monday, Dec. 10th. Call 755-4139 or send email to jrcradio@cox.net. Please arrive around 6 PM, as the catered meal will be ready to eat at 6:30.**

The OKVRC is again subsidizing a portion of the meal. This is made possible

by the purchase and sale of items in our monthly donation auctions and meeting raffles.

We we'll have a white elephant / Dirty Santa gift exchange, so everyone please bring a gift valued at \$10, and sing Christmas carols later in the evening, so bring your instrument, if you would like. We are hoping for a big turnout, and of course all are welcome. It's one of our few events where the significant others are especially included and get to socialize, so come one come all. Julie and I are looking forward to seeing everyone.

VRPS Plano, Texas Meet

Julie and I attended the VRPS meet in Dallas (Plano) the weekend of Nov 15th-18th. It was a good meet, and was held at this location for the second year. It was not as fancy, as the Mesquite Hampton Inn of the previous meets, but was adequate for the needs, and the lower costs

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allow auction commissions to be lower, benefiting all. We got there on Thursday afternoon, and found that collectors were already unloading their items for the Friday afternoon auction. We took advantage of this, and had a less stressful day on Friday, allowing us to unload the few items scheduled for the Saturday auction, also. On Friday afternoon the auctions began, with the tube and paper auction. There were more tubes and more paper than in previous years, so the auction went over the 5 PM scheduled ending time. But, it ended in time to grab a bite to eat and relax a little before the Friday night auction, which is designed for less expensive items with a \$10 minimum bid. This auction had more items than in the past, and some of the junkiest items were not put up to end at a decent time. Everyone was allocated 10 items to be put up, so that guideline was followed. Overall, Friday was a buyer's auction, as items sold for reasonable prices.

The silent auction on Saturday morning was fairly small, with not too many items offered, but I sold a few things. I think it was scheduled too early, as it ended at 9 AM, and many potential bidders never made it to the auction area. But it is a nice way to sell smaller items that do not meet the minimum \$10 bid in the other auctions. The main Saturday auction began at 11 AM. I expected it to be a buyer's auction based on Friday's result, and the magnitude of items available, but I was wrong. Almost everything sold at high prices. The total for my sold items was almost twice what I expected. Yet, I was still able to make a few purchases at reasonable prices. An interesting note was that most of the consoles did very poorly. There were not too many passes, and I believe all the

items were put up for bids. The auction ran a little bit overtime, stopped at about 5:15 PM to give everyone time to get ready for the banquet after paying for and removing all of their purchases. I worked the computer and moved sets during the auctions, and everything went fine, with no glitches. Checkout went smoothly. Bill Werzner of Houston helped Jim Sargent with some of the auctioneering, and did a good job. Total sales for all the auctions were about \$40,000, if I recall correctly.

The contest was very good this year. I had a hard time selecting my vote for people's choice. I liked an impressive display of radio related post cards. Some were Christmas and some Valentines, but most featured 1920's radio items. Another display featured a scanning disc television which was operational, featuring a continuous display of Felix the Cat dancing on the small screen. I had seen scanning disc TV's at previous meets, but this was the most impressive and easiest to view display I had seen. The third impressive item was a Chicago Radio Labs (Zenith) Paragon tuner from about 1919. It was in superb original condition. The Saturday night banquet and contest awards presentation was typical of past meets. The catered barbeque and entertainment by Joe Herrington - Cowboy Poet and Storyteller were good.

The Sunday morning swap meet was fairly typical, poor. There were only a few collectors with new items not included in the auctions. I was able to give away unwanted items from purchased lots that I won in the auctions. I think I sold two \$1 items. Overall it was a very good meet, and we plan to attend again next year.



November 10, 2018 Meeting Report

Jim Tyrrell

November is here and it's getting quite cool in Oklahoma. Autumn brings a certain stillness to the air, fewer bird songs, and (thankfully) fewer bugs as nature settles in for its annual period of rest. The days are a lot shorter too, and the holidays and good time with our loved ones are almost here. The yard work is finished, the lawnmower and other garden equipment put away for the year, and perhaps we finally have some time to work on our radios!

It was a cool November evening in Oklahoma as OKVRC members, spouses and guests met for our monthly club dinner and meeting at the Sonoma Lakes subdivision clubhouse in Edmond. The turnout was modest, about thirteen people. We were clearly facing some competition from the OU game. Ray brought along a small TV, so fans could follow the action.

Most of you have heard by now the sad news that Frank Karner, a dedicated member of our club almost since the beginning, passed away recently. I remember Frank was one of the first members to welcome me when I showed up for my first OKVRC Meeting at the Home Town Buffet about fifteen years ago. The club will not be the same without him.

We decided to make this dinner Potluck, to save Ray and Dorothy Cady the hassle of bringing in the food this time, which turned out to be a smart decision since Dorothy was ill and could not attend the meeting.

A wide range of items were brought by our members, including a lot of cold weather comfort foods such as casseroles, lasagna, chili, and chicken. Since the turnout was small, there were plenty of

leftovers to take home. After dinner Jim Collings called the meeting to order, made a few announcements, showed us a mystery device (to see if anyone could guess what it was; I did not have a clue), and later revealed it was the movement for some kind of a panel meter. We then got started on the evening's program: Radios with movie and television tie-ins.

Jim brought in a Fada Bullet butterscotch Catlin radio from about 1940. These are fairly iconic art deco radios that have appeared in many movies.



We also got to see a General Electric model 862 "Atomic" table model. This radio was located in the kitchen of the house in the "Leave it to Beaver" TV show of the fifties.



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Meeting Report (Continued)

Jim Tyrrell, OKVRC Secretary

Ray brought us a photo of his model of a Zenith console listened to by the people in the cult classic horror movie "[Night of the Living Dead](#)" to hear the news about what was going on.

Club member Elena always brings something fun in. She showed us a nice Zenith Trans-Oceanic portable, another iconic set that has showed up in many fifties movies, ranging from science fiction films to some of the early beach blanket movies.



It's always fun when we see radios that we own show up in movies and television programs, whether they are old or new.

We ended up another fun evening with our usual donation auction, which included an eight-inch speaker, a Radio Shack Realistic eight-band radio in fair condition, a power supply from an electronic organ, a box of switches and miscellaneous parts, and a military oscilloscope. All found new homes for a buck or so apiece.

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

See you next month at Jim and Julie's home for the Christmas Party. Please remember to RSVP (see the President's Page). You won't want to miss it!

Annual Report of the Treasurer

Jim Ray, OKVRC Treasurer

Oklahoma Vintage Radio Collectors club is self-sufficient. Our expenses support our club activities, and those expenses are mainly covered by membership dues, but in recent years we have supplemented that income by raffling off donated and restored radios at the spring and fall Swap Meets (Thanks Ray and Dorothy!). This additional income has allowed us to provide the catered meal at our Christmas Party and still maintain a healthy bank balance.

One of our main expenses each year is the rental fees for the spring and fall swap meets held at the Midwest City Community Center. These are paid each spring for a year in advance.

Other major expenses are for publishing and mailing hardcopies of the newsletter, website fees, and catering for the Christmas Party.

In addition to annual membership dues and raffles at our swap meets, we also receive income from auctions of donated items at monthly meetings and swap meets. These activities help keep us operating in the black. The donated items are greatly appreciated.

Our bank account runs a balance of \$3,000 to \$3,500 over the course of a year. Revenue rises with dues collections in January and ebbs and flows with the expenses and revenues. It has reached the \$3500 mark around this time of year for the last few years, prior to the Christmas Party. Our current balance is \$3,515.95.

Our club finances are in good shape. We have sufficient funds to continue our current activities for the foreseeable future and to consider additional events and activities members may wish to undertake.





OKVRC Classified Ads



√ For Sale

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

Magnet Wire. Sizes and price vary. Contact Mike at (405) 376-9473 / orders@coaxman.com.



1937 Crosley Model 628, Bakelite case, no cracks, burgundy paint. Fully restored and working. \$75. Contact Ray Cady at (405) 820-8014 or cadyraymond1@gmail.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 send e-mail to scstrong1@cox.net.

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Jim Collings, 14704 Carlingford Way, Edmond, OK 73013 (405)-755-4139, or jrcradio@cox.net.

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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.

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