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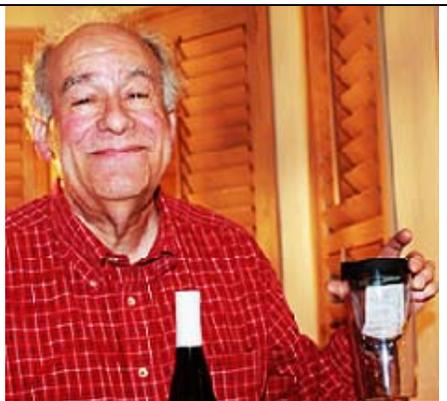
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Jim Collings



Happy New Year! Here's hoping everyone will have a healthy and prosperous year in 2019! May you keep your resolutions and surpass your goals. ~ Jim

The New Year also means that it's time to pay your OKVRC dues. Dues are due for 2019 for everyone, except for the few who paid at the Christmas party. Send your \$15 to OKVRC, PO Box 50625, Midwest City, OK 73140, or pay at the next meeting.

The Christmas party was a lot of fun. I believe everyone had a good time. The food was good, but the Dirty Santa gift exchange was a little less lively than in

previous years. Most of the gifts were very nice, so many recipients were less likely to steal something. There were multiple food and wine items along with a few radio-related treasures.

The musical jam session afterward was a lot of fun, and it was good to have the addition of Ilana playing the recorder with our typical group of musicians. It was the best part of the party for me.



Ilana Steinhorn playing her recorder. Awesome, Ilana!

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George Roberts opens the Dirty Santa gift he picked from under the tree. What a great smile!



Jerry Brown looks pleased with his Dirty Santa gift. Well, at least so far.



Left to right: Jim Collings, Carolyn Esmon, Jerry Myers and Jerry Brown (our usual group of musicians, and now we've added Ilana plus Jim Ray playing cell phone bells (although not shown here).

Our next meeting will be on Jan 12th at the [Sonoma Lake Clubhouse, 1712 NW 159th Street, OKC.](#)



As normal, we will arrive at about 6 PM to eat, with the actual meeting starting at 7 PM. On the menu for this meeting is pizza (and more) at a cost of \$5 per person. This month's meeting topic is novelty radios; these are things that are radios, but look like other items, or they may feature a familiar object or person. There are lots of transistor radios which fit this category. Novelty tube type sets are harder to find and more valuable. Hopefully we will see interesting examples of each. But, if you found something outside this category over the holidays that you would like to share with the membership, this also will be welcome, as always.

Since we did not have a regular meeting last month, please bring along the items you have been saving for the donation auction. It will be held at the end of the meeting, with the proceeds helping to support the club.

In the next issue I will list all of the upcoming antique radio meets to aid in your vacation planning. Get ready.



December 15, 2018 Christmas Party Report

Jim Tyrrell

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The OKVRC Christmas Party was, as always, a great success. This year Club President Jim Collings and wife Julie again graciously opened their beautiful Edmond home to us for the event, giving club members a chance to see once again Jim's great collection, as well as enjoy each other's company and a really great dinner!

Club members began arriving well before 6PM at Jim's festively decorated home, and as guests arrived, we all enjoyed soft drinks, snacks, wine, and conversation as we waited for dinner. We all checked out the many phonographs, console radios, juke boxes and music boxes, and as always, had the pleasure of listening to Jim's twenties vintage baby grand player piano and classic 78 rpm jukeboxes. Jim also played one of my favorite items, a floor standing music box that plays metal disk records. Jim also took us upstairs to show us the rest of his vast collection spread across several rooms, and while I have seen most of it before, Jim is always adding something new.



Soon the food arrived, and it was time to sit down to a great dinner. The excellent catered meal included breaded beef, ham, and salmon with rolls and vegetables. For

those who saved room, there were several deserts to choose from, and lots of tea, coffee, and other beverages.



After dinner, we played the Dirty Santa game. Each guest brought along a gift, which was placed under the Christmas tree. We each then picked a number, and in numbered order chose from under the tree a gift to open.

The dirty part of the Dirty Santa game is that instead of picking a new gift from under the tree, you can steal an already opened gift from someone else, who then picks a new gift. Opened were gifts ranging from bottles of wine or Christmas items to tool sets, household items, and handmade sweets and other gifts. I usually get one of the more offbeat items, but this year I got six O1A tubes! Fewer of the gifts were stolen this year, so most people were happy with their first pick.

After the gift exchange was finished we continued to enjoy coffee, wine and conversation for a while longer. As nine o'clock rolled around, many guests began to say their goodnights. But those of us who stayed for Jim's traditional Christmas jam session were in for a real treat. Not only did we have Jerry Brown and Jim,

Christmas Party 2018 Meeting Continued

but we also were joined by the very talented duo of Jerry Myers and Carolyn Esmon. Jim Ray shared bells on his cell phone and Illana brought out her recorder and played along. We had as many as three or four guitars playing together, producing some sweet sounds. We sat and listened to many musical numbers ranging from traditional Christmas carols to classic rock. We continued to enjoy the music for at least a couple of hours after many of our friends had left. It was a great way to wrap up a wonderful evening.

Thanks to Jim and Julie for again hosting the holiday event, and also to those who provided the entertainment. It was a great evening. I wish each of you a happy and prosperous 2019.



Want More 2018 Christmas Pictures?

Because we can only put a small sample of the pictures taken from the 2018 OKVRC Christmas party in this newsletter, all photos (good or bad, comical or sad) taken have been loaded into a Google Drive folder for you to look at online. If you want to see them, go online to the following URL, but the link will only be available for a couple of months, and then will be taken down to conserve my Google Drive space:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=11qK2wAE8D2g6Oda2DZEpm9o9vUzVDmtE>

Restoring Radio Tubes Dorothy Cady

Larry Weide in the Colorado Radio Collectors "The Flash!! (May 1993 Issue) discusses the "Care and Feeding of Old Tubes" (article reposted in nostalgiaair.org). His article covers filament rejuvenation and fixing loose tube wires, as well as how to deal with a few miscellaneous problems like, grid cap wire breakage, misaligned element stacks, inter-element high resistance shorts, and identification of a faded tube number. Two of Larry Weide's recommendations are summarized in this article. You can read the complete article at <http://www.nostalgiaair.org/References/Articles/TheFlash/Flash08.htm>.

"You might have run into hum problems that any tube can have, but were particularly troublesome in quite a few 6xx tubes of the 1930's (6F6, 6D6, etc.). This is usually caused by inter-element high resistance shorts - most often between the filament and cathode. This type of short is usually at it's worst when the tube is cold, and can be measured with an ohmmeter. Using a tube base diagram, measure from each element to all the others. Typical shorts, that cause hum, measure from around 500K to about 2M. If you find one don't throw the tube away just yet - particularly if you don't have a replacement. Sometimes the short gets 'better' after the tube warms up, and/or it may work suitably in another radio."

"A good way to identify a tube, whose number has faded away, is to fog it with your breath as you would when cleaning your eye glasses. Then, hold the tube up to the light to catch the faint image in the moisture. The glass needs to be as clean as possible for this technique to work well, BUT you don't want to use anything but a very gentle DRY wiping to clean the surface." (To read the full article. see the link above or on our website.)



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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.



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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.

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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Tubes and Tube-type Amplifiers

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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**The Power of Radio
This Month in History**

On January 3, 1946, an Englishman known during World War II as "Lord Haw Haw" (William Joyce) was hanged for treason in London. Joyce had broadcast Nazi propaganda via radio from Germany to Britain during the war.



1945: William Joyce lies in an ambulance under armed guard before being taken from British Second Army Headquarters to a hospital (source: Wikipedia).

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