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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Jim Collings



Our next meeting will be on June 8th at the **Sonoma Lake Addition clubhouse**, 1712 NW 159th St, Edmond, OK. The meeting will begin at 7 PM with dinner beforehand, about 6 PM. On the menu for the meeting is Pizza. So for \$5 per person, you get plenty of pizza and something to drink . . . a good deal. **Our topic for the meeting is radios or radio equipment that was given to you.** When people learn that you are a radio collector, it is not unusual for radios to be given to you. Often these are sets that we keep in our collections, sometimes on the merit of the set itself, but often as a remembrance of the person

who gave it to you.

The [HLARA Summer Sizzler](http://www.hlara.org) is **Saturday, July 29th**. This is the Tulsa club's annual swap meet and contest. It will be held at the same location as recent years at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 6767 S. Mingo, Tulsa. It officially starts at 9 AM with set-up at 8 AM, and lasts thru the morning. I've always enjoyed this event! It is similar to our April meet with an ongoing swap meet, contest, and auction at the end. Check out their website at [HLARA.org](http://www.HLARA.org) for the contest categories and more info. I recommend that everyone attend!

Julie and I went to the [Radio Daze meet in Plymouth, \(Minneapolis\) Minnesota](http://www.radio-daze.com) sponsored by the Northland Antique Radio Club, (NARC), on May 17th and 18th. The first event was a sale at the [store of Alan Jespersen](http://www.alanjespers.com), as he is closing that location. It was impressive to see the rows of [Scott](http://www.scottsets.com) sets and parts, and other interesting things he had

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available. I purchased a few items, but was restrained, to conserve room in the car for future purchases. From there we went to the [Pavek Museum](#) where admission was free for the meet attendees. They had made some changes and rearranged some of the displays from last year, and no longer had their garage sale of surplus equipment. This was a disappointment, as I always came away with some items that were highlights of the trip. The Pavek Museum is very impressive, and is the best radio museum I have toured. There are impressive early wireless items, later battery sets, speakers, early AC sets, cathedrals, consoles, audio items, some broadcast items, and even transistor radios. They have speaker phones that you can activate to get narrations at many displays.

Friday evening was the auction, with Frank Rasada as the auctioneer. There were a fair amount of things for sale, and very little junk. They have a set fee for entering auction items, plus an additional fee to set a reserve. So, there is no commission charged. I liked this method, but only sold one item of the three I entered. They were originally planned for the flea market, but the weather forecast called for rain in the morning. The method seems to work well for their club, limiting the number of items entered, and making them mostly more valuable items. There were some nice items, and I won a few. Prices were fairly high, and that seems to be the trend now, with better items bringing more money than in the past few years. The rain began just at the auction ended, and lasted all night.

Saturday morning the flea market was to start at dawn, and when I awoke there was no rain! I got out there about 7 AM and some vendors were just beginning to get set up. So, I did my typical thing of scouring the flea market for anything I had to have, and setting

up a little later. I believe the predicted rain kept a lot of the local collectors away, and it was also cold, with a jacket needed. I purchased enough to fill the remaining space in the car, but nothing spectacular. I sold only a few items. Soon, there were very few vendors left, so we took the opportunity to get an early start home, as a rainy and stormy drive was anticipated. We had a good time at the meet, and will probably attend again. It is the first larger meet of the year, and not too far away.

I hope to see everyone at our meeting. Be sure to bring something for the donation auction.

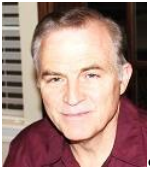
Jim Collings



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May 11, 2019 Meeting Report -- Jim Tyrrell

Our wet, storm-thrashed spring slogs on here in Oklahoma with sunny days an exception and storms pretty much every week. I moved here twenty years ago and can't remember it ever being so wet for so long. But, hey, I don't think I have had to turn on my sprinklers once so far this spring. There is an upside to everything. Just hope the rains stop soon for the folks in the parts of the state that have (and are) experienced [flooding](#).

It was another somewhat damp day as OKVRC members, spouses and guests met for our monthly club dinner and meeting at the Sonoma Lakes subdivision clubhouse in Edmond. We had a slightly below turnout of about thirteen. The dinner choice this month was Mexican, with tacos, burritos, rice, beans and more. All of the ingredients were laid out in a buffet so each guest could make their tacos and burritos with just the ingredients they like. The result was predictably delicious, at the usual bargain price of five dollars. You can't eat at Taco Bell for that.

After dinner Club President Jim Collings called the meeting to order. We reviewed last month's Spring Convention and Swap Meet at the Midwest City Community Center. We all agreed that the attendance, while below expectations, was not too bad given the unrelenting rain. We then moved into the program, which was boat anchors – big heavy radios, a phrase often used as a term of disparagement for something large and useless. For radio collectors, it has a much more positive meaning. It refers to a really BIG table model, one much bigger and imposing than comparable sets from that period and in a bigger cabinet and usually with more knobs to turn and tubes inside to make it play. What's not to like about that?

Your club secretary displayed a nine-tube 1936 Zenith "Walton's" tombstone table model. This was one of the largest Zenith table models made in the 1930s, and was available in a seven-, nine-, and twelve-tube model, along with a seven-tube 6VDC farm model. It is commonly called the Walton's model because of its frequent appearance in the iconic seventies television series. It always seemed odd to me that the fictional Walton family, who were supposed to be so poor in the great depression, managed to buy one of the most expensive table models Zenith made back then. I purchased the set a couple of years ago from the late, long-time OKVRC member, Frank Karner, who did an outstanding job of restoring it.



3: Jim Tyrrell's Walton radio.

Jim Collings displayed an impressive 1936 Philco Model 16. This massive table model was one of the largest table radios ever built using a "window" tuning dial, before the advent of the "airplane" type dials a couple years later. It is one of the largest table models ever sold by Philco, and has eleven tubes and three bands. It was available (like Jim's) in a very Art Deco tombstone cabinet (see page 2 for a photo), or a Cathedral style cabinet.

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Next, Jim showed us a really spectacular item, a Leutz C6 Superhetro-dyne radio from about 1925. This monster battery set has eight tubes and is one of the longest twenties sets ever sold. It was actually sold as a kit and the buyer assembled it him or herself since RCA had a patent lock on the design until 1930. This set was originally part of the famous Dr. Ralph Munchow collection.



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Jim Ray brought in an impressive sixties General Electric three-piece AM-FM radio with separate stereo speakers which detach from the main unit. This set uses a circuit with eleven tubes and four transistors, and represents a brief era when hybrid circuits were used that contained both tubes and transistors.



5: **Jim Ray's 1950's General Electric three-piece AM-FM radio with separate stereo speakers.**

Raymond Cady brought in a 1938 Sears Silvertone model 2122 radio (see below). This beautifully restored set has a lot of features collectors look for including: shortwave bands, push-button tuning, and a tuning-eye tube.



Club Member Elena often brings in something special to share. This month she brought in not a big boat anchor radio, but a collection of small portable sets, some of which she purchased overseas and has used for many years. Below is a pic of her early model cassette player.



We had a few items up for grabs in our donation auction. A jar of polishing compound, a tabletop TV antenna, a large flat of tubes, a tape player, a book on television repair, a resistor decade box, and several junk radios went to new homes. Most everything went for a dollar or two. There were great bargains. Hope to see you at June's meeting.

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The Real History of Cinco de Mayo

Did you know that Mexico's residents do not really celebrate Cindo de Mayor, or why U.S. citizens do celebrate it? Well, NPR has the answer for you. Check out this brief radio program (see the link to listen to it) and/or read the article on Cindo de Mayo at: <https://www.npr.org/2019/05/05/720376183/the-real-history-of-cinco-de-mayo>.

*Happy Birthday to all of our June
Birthday members. May your day be
joyful and full of fun.*

Flag Day

In the United States, **Flag** Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the **flag** by the U.S. on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.



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