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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Jim Collings



Here it is near the deadline for another of my columns! It appears that summer has arrived, and it's too hot to work on radios outside. But it should be cool inside at our next meeting. It's on Saturday July 13th at the [Sonoma Lake Clubhouse, 1712 NW 159th St, Edmond, OK](#). Last month we chose pasta for the July meeting meal, which begins at 6 PM with the meeting starting at 7. Our topic is radio sets and equipment that you purchased for \$50 or less. When this topic was selected, someone said that they had never paid more than \$50 for a radio. So that makes it easy for them to select a few items to bring. For me that means checking my inventory, and

for me that means checking my inventory, and most items in this price range were purchased in the 1970s and early 1980s before collectibles got more expensive. Of course there are always the lucky finds that almost everyone runs into. So, it should be a good meeting. Please remember to bring something for the donation auction. At the August meeting next month we need to have our annual election of officers. So if you would like to be an officer, or would like a change of our current officers, be sure to attend.

Last Saturday was the Tulsa club's annual Summer Sizzler meet. It is structured quite a bit like our April meet, except there is no silent auction, and lunch is served before the donation auction. There was a good showing of our members present. The contest had some very impressive items, and there were several items which

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but unfortunately “before” photos were not displayed. Jim Tyrrell and I helped with the judging, and there were some tough calls. The swap meet would have been about average, except that one member cleaned out a storage area and brought 70 radios. They all needed major restoration, but some were interesting, as all were priced at \$25 each. I selected quite a few to start, and then picked up a few more toward the end of the meet when the prices were less. At the end, many ended up in the donation auction, and eventually there were some with no bids which were free for the taking. Too many were tempting, so I ended up with my car completely full. So those of you who did not attend, you missed having a good time.

The Radio Meet season has begun with the [Michigan](#) meet being held July 19-20, 2019; the ARCI meet in August, the Kutztown meet in September, our swap meet in October, and the VRPS meet in November. I hope to bring you reports on all of those events. Also there is a Jim Sargent auction being held in Garland, TX; it's on the same Saturday as our July monthly meeting, so you can participate by bidding online. There are some nice items available.

See you at the next meeting with your inexpensive radios and something for the donation auction.

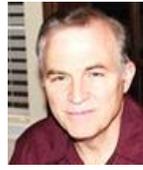
Jim Collings



Figure 1: Jim's late sixties Fleetwood Globe radio.

June 8, 2019 Meeting Report

Jim Tyrrell



The seemingly unending rains are finally over here in Oklahoma, and the weather is heating up. Time to get out and catch up with the yardwork, and start doing the sort of things we dream of doing during the cold months of winter. Last Saturday, I went to the city of Edmonds yearly Fourth-of-July parade in downtown Edmond. It's part of Edmond's Liberty Fest, a yearly celebration that includes not just the parade but also fireworks, a classic car show, a road rally, and a carnival. It's rated by CNN as one of the best events of its type in the country, and I would agree they are right!



Figure 2: Edmond's 2019 Liberty Fest Parade

It was a nice warm 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 below normal turnout of about twelve. We were hoping the improved weather would lure people out, but our turnout remains poor. Where else can you enjoy a great dinner for five dollars, have a chance to spend a few hours with fellow radio collectors, see some neat radios, and perhaps pick up

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pick up something useful items in the junk auction? If you haven't come in a while, why not plan on coming to next month's meeting. Great food and fun await you.

The dinner choice this month was, according to pollsters, America's favorite food—pizza. There were several varieties including a vegetarian. There was more than enough to go around and no one left hungry. Once everyone was well fed, we settled down to begin the night's program: radios or radio-related items that were gifts or otherwise acquired for free.

Club President Jim Collings first called the meeting to order and briefed us on some upcoming events, including the Summer Sizzler held by our sister club in Tulsa. I and other club members went to it last week; it was lots of fun, and I believe we all bought a few items. They also had a free hot dog lunch. Jim also brought in an Aztec cathedral radio that is being restored and will be the raffle prize at the fall 2019 OKVRC show.



Figure 2: Jim's donated Aztec Radio for the Meet.

They say the best things in life are free, and every one of us who have been collecting radios for any amount of time has been gifted (or inherited) a radio or two at some point. Sometimes what you get offered is junk, but once in a while you receive some-

thing really nice. Club members brought in to show to us and share their stories about items they had received for free.

Your club secretary brought in a Guild Spice Chest radio from the early nineteen sixties. I also brought in this radio when we did a program in novelty radios. It was received from the estate on my great aunt Jane Hilbert. She was an actress of the stage (stage name Jane Hall) in the early nineteen hundreds. Late in her career she was in one film, *Madame Butterfly* (1915), along with Mary Pickford. I also showed pictures of a massive 1941 Temp-phononic radio phone console I received from the estate of an elderly widow in the neighborhood where I grew up. She came to the US in 1910 on the *Lusitania*, and was beloved by everyone in our neighborhood. She and her late husband bought the Temp-phononic new at Barker Brothers furniture in Los Angeles. Her grandfather, as a young officer in the British army, was an aide-de-camp to a (by then very old) Duke of Wellington!



Figure 3: Jim Tyrrell's 1941 Temp-phononic Radio

Club Member, Ilana Steinhorn, brought in several items she received from her husband's estate. First we got to see a Sylvania pocket radio then a Realistic multiband portable radio with aviation frequencies, followed by a new-in-the-box

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Figure 4: Ilana's Realistic Multiband Portable Grundig YB400PB portable World Receiver. The star of the night however,



Figure 5: Grundig YB400PB Portable World Receiver

was Ilana's Grundig Satellite 800 Millennium Receiver. It's one of the most impressive contemporary portables we've ever seen. The receiver is loaded with cool features and receives frequencies of up to 137 MHz!



Figure 6: Grundig Satellite 800 Millennium Receiver



Member Mike Swinney also displayed a radio he received as a gift; a nine-tube Setchel-Carson receiver.

Figure 7: Setchel-Carson Receiver

Dorothy and Ray Cady's restoration skills are legendary in our club, and they brought in a couple of items that most of us would not have bothered with, but they have patiently restored into showpieces. Dorothy showed a 1951 Zenith H511 "Console Tone" table radio, (*Racetrack*). She received it and a couple of replacement parts for free (including the Zenith medallion) from Jim Collings.

Ray displayed a 1939-ish Majestic Zephyr 5A410 gifted from a neighbor that they completely rebuilt and restored to its original white color. (It had been coated with layers of green paint.) Now it plays and looks great.

Ray also showed to us a 1946 Sonora RDU209 with a toned wood cabinet that had been in storage for a couple of years but originally came almost free from an auction.

Jim Collings brought in a very interesting novelty transistor radio – a late sixties Fleetwood Globe (see page 1). He received it as a gift from a woman at his church. It's a lucky find since novelty radios are fragile and often rough, but Jim's is nearly perfect.

We ended the evening with our usual donation auction, which included a box of transformers, a book light, a refrigeration component, a box of cords, a Zenith push-button module, and some Scott Radio schematics. Most everything went for a buck. Thanks to everyone who came!

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Happy Birthday to You!

Happy birthday to all of our July birthday members. Have a sizzingly fun day!

Snaps from the Summer Sizzler



This is the radio that was the raffle prize. The winner donated it back to the club.

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