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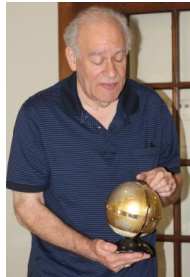
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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Jim Collings



Our August meeting is coming up on August 10th at the Sonoma Lake Clubhouse at [1712 NW](#)

[159th St, Edmond, OK](#). The actual meeting starts at 7PM, preceded by dinner at about 6. The menu for the meeting is fried chicken, so for the cost of \$5 per person, it should be a treat! The topic was not selected at the last meeting, as I was away, so I am selecting it. The topic is radio items that you have recently found or purchased. I know that I have purchased a lot of interesting things at the recent meets. I would love to bring them to share with our club members, and hopefully others will be in the same situation. I have recently gotten a catalin almost everyone runs into. So, it should be a good meeting. Please remember to bring something for the donation auction. At the

set, and early superhet, a bottle radio, and other things of interest. So it should be an interesting meeting. Another order of business this month is to have our annual election of officers. I believe all the current officers are willing to serve another term, but if you would like to serve the club, I'm sure a place could be found for you. Of course, we'll have our usual donation auction at the end of the meeting, so bring something you don't need that someone else may be able to use.

Julie and I missed our July meeting as we were at the Michigan Antique Radio Club (MARC) Extravaganza in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The meet began with the set-up, and the picking up pre-registration materials at about 3 PM. I had pre-registered online and early, which was confusing for me, as I am used to seeing where I wrote a check to know that I had pre-registered. They did not have

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a packet ready for me, but I was on the list, so they got me fixed up with table space and name tags fairly quickly.

We got our sale items unloaded and set up. Quite a few vendors set up throughout the afternoon and evening, but no selling was allowed until 8 AM on Friday. So if there was something you wanted, you had to make note of it and be ready to purchase the next morning. I had selected four items I wanted, and was able to get them the next morning, but the price had increased on one of them. Then later, of course, I found a few other items, but the first four were what made the trip worthwhile. The event was held in a large exhibit hall giving us plenty of room, but not all of the tables were filled. We were able to spread out to the one next to us. The auction began at 2 PM, but was very poor. There were few items, so it lasted only an hour. The problem was there was an entry fee for each item as well as a 10% commission, so items were held for the silent auctions on Saturday. Many items did not get a bid, and others had high minimums. Some complete console radios would not bring \$5. I purchased just one item plus a console and a victrola for parts. The contest had some very impressive items, even though there were only a few categories. There were many items I had never seen, including advertising for a Zenith item I had never even heard about. On Saturday, there were just a few new vendors, and some nearby collectors had been home to get more items. But generally the flea market was not as active as on Friday, even though the public was welcome. I sold my most expensive item, a TV-7 tube tester. The first silent auction ended about noon. I only won one item, and there were many items with no bids that would be held over for the second silent auction. In the past I won quite a few items at reasonable prices at the silent auc-

tion, but not this year. We packed up and headed for home before the second silent auction ended. At 3 o'clock there was an auction for all the donated items. I left some of my unsold items there, and it looked like there was some good stuff available, but I made an effort to not look too hard, as I knew we needed to hit the road. MARS has held some other one day events that were located closer to the Michigan population centers which were very well attended. Also another item not liked about the meet, is that the hotels are all fairly remote from the location, so it takes 10 minutes to get there. There was talk of moving the event elsewhere this next year, but we likely will attend.

See you at the August meeting. Bring something interesting, maybe recently acquired.

Images below taken from the MARC website, the new address of which is <http://www.thevee.org/>.



## July 13 2019 Meeting Report – Jim Tyrrell

Summer is nearing its zenith here in central Oklahoma, with long hot days followed by warm muggy nights. Labor Day is only a little over a month away, so enjoy the unique pleasures of summer (mosquito bites and all) while you can.

We were hoping the hot weather would bring a good turnout of OKVRC members for our usual second Saturday of the month club dinner and meeting. But that was not to be; only nine members attended. For those who missed it, there was a great choice of pastas with sides and desserts. The dinner choice for August is fried chicken, red potato salad, and biscuits with ice cream and beverages.

Club President Jim Collings was out of town on business, so our Vice President, Dorothy Cady, hosted the night's meeting, and Ray Cady prepared the meal. After everyone was fed, she called the meeting to order, and we discussed last month's Summer Sizzler meet held by our sister club in Tulsa. Several of us went to it, and had a great time. In addition to the usual activities of swap meet, auction, and contest, they had a free hot dog lunch! Perhaps that is something we could consider to boost attendance at our conventions. On that subject, it was announced that the club is having banners made, which will be erected near the street when we hold our meets. They should make it easier to find our location and perhaps bring in some extra visitors to our events. Dorothy will be bringing one of the two matching banners to our August meeting so we can see how they turned out.

The fall meet is only a few months away, so start planning what you want to bring!

See you at the August meeting!

The topic for tonight's Program was *radios that cost you \$25 or less*. We've all found some bargains in our years, and often we've turned them into a thing of beauty (and value) with a little hard work. Club members brought in some such items to share with us.

Mike Swinney brought in a Motorola model 53LCI that he had picked up for \$14, a real bargain. It's a four-tube radio that uses sub-miniature tubes, AC or battery, and has a wind-up clock feature.



Ray Cady displayed a completely restored 1940 Airline table radio with a tuning eye. He purchased it for three dollars; it was in very sorry shape with the back and one side of the radio completely gone, but he restored it to as-new condition, and it plays as great as it looks.



Club member Elena showed a couple of great radio books that included a well-illustrated coffee table book titled,

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## June 8, 2019 Meeting Report (Continued)

“Machine Age to Jet Age,” which is filled with photos of radios from the mid-thirties. Such books are great fun to just to look through, but also to locate items you have in your collection or spot ones you are going to hunt for.



Elena then showed us a RCA model T7-5 tombstone style table radio. It was in rough shape and she kindly donated it to the auction. Ray and Dorothy bought it, and we are looking forward to the transformation they will make in restoring it.



Elena also donated one of the strangest devices ever to show up in our junk auction. It was a Pro Studio Industrial Sound Pressure System. Sounds impressive, right? It looks like a big speaker cabinet that might be used as part of an amplifier system for a rock group, but it is just a very sturdy empty cabinet! We could not find any openings anywhere, or any evidence that anything was ever inside of it. Perhaps it was a resonance cavity?

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Your club secretary displayed a 1927 Stewart-Warner model 385 six-tube TRF battery powered receiver. It's typical of the sort of single knob battery sets made in the brief (about 1 year) period between the end of the three-knob battery set era and the beginning of the AC era. I picked it up for twenty dollars, minus tubes and a few screws but including a lot of dirt and grime. However, it cleaned up quite good.



We all had fun despite the poor turnout. Please try to attend the August meeting. Good food, friends, and fun await you!

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*Happy Birthday to You!*

*Happy birthday to all of our August birthday members!*

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<https://www.instructables.com/id/Old-Radio-Transformation/>



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