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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Jim Collings



### *It's here!*

Our Fall Radio Swap Meet is this coming Saturday,

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, at the **Nick Harroz-Midwest City Community Center, 100 N. Midwest Boulevard, Midwest City, OK.** Like our April

meet, we'll start by setting up the tables. Despite the inconvenience, it was not a problem at the April meet, as a lot of collectors arrived by 8 a.m. for the set up. The rule is that no radios can be brought into the facility until all is set up. Here is a schedule of events and the approximate timing:

- 8:00 Doors officially open for table setup
- 8:30 Official open for swap meet, silent auction, and contest display setup
- 9:45 Silent auction ends
- 10:30 Drawings for door prizes and Raffle
- 10:45 Main auction begins
- 11:30 Tear down tables and end of meet at noon.

This is our smaller meet, as there is not a contest. But you can still bring anything you would like

to show off, talk about, or learn about. That also gives us more room for swap tables. So bring anything you would like to sell or trade. I hope we will have our normal contingent of out-of-state collectors, and hopefully some new faces. The silent auction has become a big hit at recent meets, giving sellers a chance to receive more than if they priced the item and had it on the swap table. The main auction has recently been only for donation items, but there is provision for nicer items to be entered with a minimum bid, if desired, with 10% of the proceeds going to the club. Tell all your friends and anyone who may have an interest about the meet. Print out and distribute the flyer. This meet is one of our biggest sources for finding new members. The more people that we have attend, the better the meet will be. Coffee and donuts will be served, and admission is free.

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## President's Page (Continued)

Be sure to bring things to swap and maybe some items for the donation auction. A Hallicrafters S-40B radio, restored and donated by former OKVRC member, Dale McLellan, will be the raffle radio. Also, there will be door prizes.

### *HLARA Tulsa Swap Meet*

Jim Tyrrell rode with me to the HLARA swap meet in Tulsa on September 14<sup>th</sup>, the morning before our last meeting. It was held at [The White House](#), a mansion owned by one of the HLARA members, which is a popular venue for events like weddings, etc. It features many vintage radios as the décor, and is very nice! It was not as big a meet as past fall meets. Our OKVRC members made up almost half of the attendees, so the turn-out was not as big as anticipated, and more sellers were needed. They had quite a few tables of radios and test equipment that had been donated for their donation auction. I came away with a few of them. The best thing for me was that I took 12 flats of recently acquired, mostly new old stock tubes, and donated them to get them out of my way. Most were obscure and TV types, so they got very little for them in the auction. We stayed around for the grilled hamburgers and ice cream lunch, which was very nice. So we had a good time!

### *Kutztown, PA Swap Meet*

Julie and I went to the big radio meet in Kutztown, PA. that is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Historical Radio Club in conjunction with Renninger's. It probably is the largest vintage radio meet in the country. The location has two large pavilions, with one full and the other three-quarters filled with radio vendors. It is the largest meet I have attended. We arrived on Thursday about 12:20, and lined up in the rows of vendor vehicles waiting to get in, but we got in fairly quickly. We had a different vendor space

than in previous years, which was on the outer edge of the first pavilion, but better than our previous spot. Thursday afternoon is officially for vendor setup, but as soon as items were set out, the meet was on. Friday morning, the official opening of the meet, we got to the meet a little late, about 8 AM, and everything was in full swing. There were a few additional vendors set up, but most had set up on Thursday afternoon. Overall the meet was pretty typical. There were sellers of early battery sets and horns, tubes, AC sets, novelty sets, transistors, catalins and deco sets, tube audio equipment and speakers, literature, and anything else related to radio. I know quite a few of the collectors from previous meets, so it was good to see them again. On Friday night there was an auction, but I did not attend and we went to dinner with collector friends instead. I have never attended one of the auctions in previous years, and believe there was mostly junk, as I did not hear any talk about the auction on Saturday. On Saturday things got moving a little later in the morning, and I did not see any new vendors, and some had not returned from the previous day. All through the meet there is a donation table benefitting the Delaware Valley Club. It was worth checking off and on for items of interest, mainly parts, which could be purchased at fair prices. By about noon on Saturday, the majority of the vendors had packed up. So we did the same and headed out.

The weather for the meet was good, with no rain, and cool mornings, but hot afternoons. I did not find anything for my collection nor as many parts or smaller items. *Continued on Page 4*

## September 14, 2019 Meeting Report – Jim Tyrrell

The topic for tonight's Program was clock radios, which have been built into radios since the thirties. After dinner and business (more about that later), Ray Cady gave us a fascinating lecture on the origin of the Telechron – analog clock movements used in most clock radios from the forties through the early seventies. The story goes back to 1908 with the establishment of the Warren Time Company. By 1915 they had developed a synchronous electric motor that with a speed of 3600 RPM, which is 60 Hz times 60 seconds in a minute. The windings can be engineered to provide smaller multiples of 60, and the movement then geared down further to provide the hour, minute, and second hands. General Electric bought the Telechron company in the nineteen twenties, and took over full control of the company in 1947 when Mr. Warren retired.



A Telechron clock motor. The brass disk behind the power connector is an H3 rotor.

Ray Cady brought in a few fairly early examples of clock radios: a black 1950's Telechron with a trapezoidal cabinet, a 1947 clock radio (rumored to be the first clock radio made) that uses a four-tube TRF circuit, an early 1950's ivory Sentinel model 1U346, and a 1951 ivory General Electric model 501 (shown below).



Club member, Jerry Myers, brought in an unusual Westclock model that wakes you with not only an alarm, but also with a flashing light.



Jerry Myer's Westclock alarm with a flashing wake light.

Mike Swinney showed us a black Admiral model 5X21N and a black General Electric, both from the early sixties, a blue art-deco Continental (year unknown), and a black Stromberg Carlson from the fifties, with an engine-turned front panel.



Mike's Stromberg Carlson Clock Radio.

Jim Collings displayed a General Electric model C4403A in "mint frost" and a blue Musiphone (see below), also both from the early sixties, and a stationized Packard-Bell from 1947-ish (see page 6).



Jim Colling's blue Musiphone Clock radio.

## Meeting Report (Cont'd)

Club member Elena often brings in an interesting item or two for us, and this month she brought in an ARC-5 military aircraft radio. I'm not sure how old it is, but considering I am working with the ARC-190 out at Tinker AFB right now, Elena's ARC-5 must go back a long way.

Thanks for bringing in so many clock radios to share. There were so many I probably missed a few; sorry if I missed any of yours!

Due to space limitations in this newsletter, we skipped most of my usual introduction, but we had a great meeting with around 15 members in attendance. Dinner was pot luck with such dishes as Irish stew, macaroni and cheese hamburger casserole, side dishes and dessert. There was plenty to go around.

After dinner, Club President Jim Collings called the meeting to order, and we discussed some club business, primarily the October convention. If you haven't attended in a while, please try to come. You might find a real treasure to take home, or exchange a few of your own treasures for some hard cash.

We ended another great meeting with the usual donation auction. A couple of clock radios, a box of transformers, a couple of boxes of assorted radio parts, and a push-button unit from a black dial Zenith radio all went to new homes.

Hope to see everyone at the Fall Swap Meet on October 12<sup>th</sup>. We set up tables at 8:00 a.m., with the gracious help of many of our member vendors, and will be open for business by 8:30 a.m. The coffee will be hot and the donuts fresh, so make it if you can.

*Jim Tyrrell*

## President's Column (Cont'd)

Items as I would have liked, and found very few tubes. I did have the opportunity to get some larger items at fair prices, but was restrained, saving room in the car for the vacation trip after the meet. I took two more expensive early items along to sell, but had very little interest in them, and no offers – a diversion from past meets. I sold most of the smaller items I took, but there were not that many. I'll probably be ready to go again next fall, but for now it is questionable; I'm still remembering the long drive each way. We went to northern Vermont for a few days of R and R after the meet, so overall it was 3800 miles.

### *OKVRC Christmas Party*

We still need someone to be the host for the OKVRC Christmas Party this year. It is typically on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December, but could be moved to any time to accommodate the host. Of course it is catered, making it a lot easier for the host. Please contact me if you are willing to consider hosting the party this year.

### *See You at the Swap Meet*

I hope to see everyone bright and early at the swap meet in Midwest City. Bring your vehicle full! It should be a fun event!

*Jim Collings*



Jim Collings' 1952 Packard Bell Model 532 Clock Radio. Originally stationized for the Los Angeles market.

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*Happy Birthday to You!*

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

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