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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Jim Collings



Our next meeting is Saturday, September 14th at the Sonoma Lake Clubhouse. Located at [1712 NW 159th St, Edmond](http://www.okvrc.org).

The doors open at 6 PM for dinner. The meeting begins around 7 PM. **The menu is pot luck and the theme is fall.** Bring a dish of something good to share or the usual \$5.

The meeting topic is clock radios, and Raymond Cady will do a brief presentation on Telechron clocks used for clock radios. I don't think we have had this topic previously.

When you think of a clock radio, you normally think of a 1960's plastic radio. Right? But there are many earlier sets with clocks that are quite collectable. That would include grandfather clock radios, fancy table models, and even cathedral radios, which were made in the 1930's. We also will make final plans for our October 12th Swap Meet in Midwest City. Come to the meeting and share your input.

Julie and I attended the [ARCI Radiofest](http://www.okvrc.org) meet held at the [Medinah Shriner's facility in Addison, Illinois](http://www.okvrc.org). The Hilton Garden Inn is adjacent, so everything was convenient. [It was a good meet!](http://www.okvrc.org)



At 6:30 PM on Thursday, August 1st, (after registration) the meet began with a great auction: it was a large auction with many rare and unusual items conducted by Jim Sargent of the VRPS, with the assistance of Frank Rasada and the ARCI staff. Most items sold, except for a few with high minimums, and selling prices were very high, in my estimation. I bought a couple of items, but did not enter anything to be sold.

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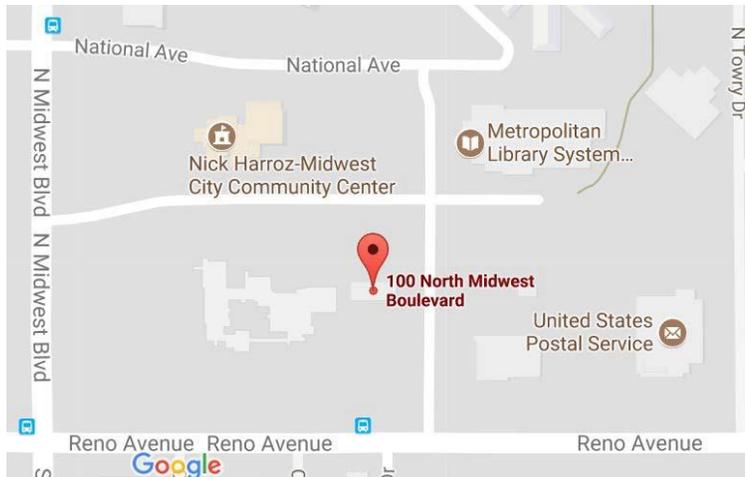
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Vintage Radio Swap Meet & Auction

Saturday, October 12, 2019
8:30 a.m. - Noonish

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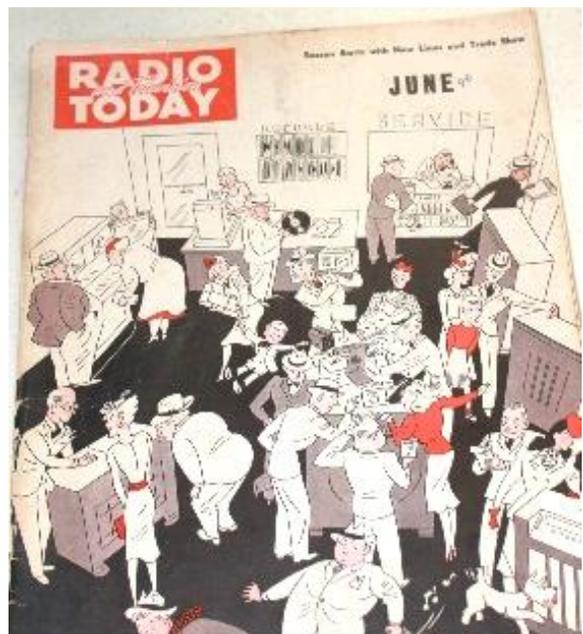
The auction is different from most other radio auctions, because rather than charging the seller a commission, the seller pays an \$8 per-item fee upfront, whether the item sells or not, but if it does, the buyer pays a 10% premium. The auction lasted until about 10:30 PM, but it ended up being an even later night, as all the auction items had to be removed that night. That was inconvenient, as my car was still full of things for the next morning's flea market. Even so, it appears that this auction is becoming the premier place to sell high quality radio items!

The flea market officially began at 7AM on Saturday morning, with sales prohibited before that time. It was on the Shriner's parking lot and across the road from the hotel. There were plenty of sellers, but there was room for more. I sold a few of my larger items, but most of my offerings were \$1 each small parts. These parts sold great last year, but this year we only sold about half of them, leaving a lot for the club donation auction. I did not purchase too much, and mostly small items, and some tubes. The donation auction had a lot of interesting items, but I stayed away to avoid buying a lot of things I did not need. This year the Sunday morning flea market was eliminated, which was a good thing, as there wasn't any new merchandise there last year. The weather for the meet was good with no rain, but it was hot and humid.

One of the plusses for this meet is that I get to see a number of collectors that do not attend many of the other meets, so it's good to see collectors that are not at the other meets. I had a good visit with **Jack Bauman** who is a long time OKVRC member from when he lived here, but now resides in the St. Louis area. **He sends his greetings!** I urge everyone to attend this meet next year.

I see that the [HLARA](http://www.hlara.org) in Tulsa is having their fall swap meet on September 14th in Tulsa. It will be held at the White House, which is at [1 W 81st Street in Tulsa](http://www.hlara.org). It begins at 9 AM, so you can attend that meet and come back home for our monthly meeting that same evening. A collector from Pryor has donated quite a few nice radios and pieces of test equipment that will be auctioned off in the donation auction at the end of the meet. Swap tables are free, and lunch is provided. Check out their website for more information at www.hlara.org. Plan to attend and support our sister club! Then hurry back for our meeting!

Don't forget our swap meet next month, October 12th at the [Nick Harroz-Midwest City Community Center](http://www.nickharroz.org). I hope to see you at the September meeting.



Jim Colling's copy of the June 1940 Radio and Television Today magazine. More information on this can be found in the Secretary's report. (In the electronic version of this newsletter, you can click the above image for more information on this magazine.)

August 10, 2019 Meeting Report – Jim Tyrrell

Our Oklahoma summer is starting to wind down, and the days are getting a bit shorter, with a little less time to do chores by daylight when I get home from work. After what the weatherman called a “flash drought” that lasted about a month, the rains returned and made up for it. A couple weeks ago, we had a huge storm the weather guys called an *inland hurricane*. Only in Oklahoma can you get a hurricane hundreds of miles from the ocean!

No hurricanes or other storms for our August meeting though, just pleasant if hot weather. This month we had about fourteen members in attendance, but we have room and food for more. So, if it's been awhile since you have joined us, plan on coming in September. It's the last regular meeting before our October Swap meet, so make it if you can.

Dinner was Church's fried chicken with potato salad and biscuits completed with ice cream and toppings for dessert, all set out in a self-serve buffet. As always, the price was five dollars, including dessert and beverages. You can't eat at home for that, and there's no dishes or pots to wash!

After dinner our President, Jim Collings, called the meeting to order and we met two new members, Maggie and Robert McNutt, (see last page for photo) originally members of the Tulsa club. We discussed upcoming events including the Jim Sargent auction, and our Vice President, Dorothy Cady, presented the new club banners we will erect outside the Midwest Community Center during our swap meets to bring public attention and hopefully, more visitors to our meets.



Next we launched into the topic for tonight's Program: **recent acquisitions**. As radio collectors, we, well, collect radios! Most of us don't go more than a couple of months without acquiring something new. It may be a rare item for which we had been searching for years, or it may be something we just stumbled on one day. Our members brought in a wide range of items to share, some rare and costly, but some that we acquired for free.

Member **Jim Thompson** brought in a compact Sonora radio-phonograph from the late thirties. Incredibly, someone had left it for the trash and Jim rescued it.



Jim Thompson's rescued Sonora with record player.

Your **Club Secretary** (Jim #4!) brought in a 1946 Zenith AM-FM table radio picked up at the recent HLARA (Tulsa club) Summer Sizzler. Besides the attractive Zenith style, I was drawn to this radio because it has both the obsolete pre-WWII FM band and the modern FM band. Such dual-FM band radios were only made for about a year.



Jim Tyrrell's 1946 Zenith AM-FM table radio.

Meeting Report (Continued)

Jim Ray showed us a beautiful, Telefunken “Jubilee” receiver from the late fifties. It has AM and FM as well two shortwave bands. These German sets sound as great as they look. The Jubilee is also smaller than most of the European radios Jim has shared before.



Jim Ray's Telefunken “Jubilee” receiver.

Club president Jim Collings showed us a June 1940 copy of a *Radio and Television Today* magazine that he had picked up at the Jim Sargent auction. (See the President’s Column.) It has an article about Wilcox Radio Service, a local company who serviced radios and whose repair stickers can be found on some surviving local radios from that time.

We also got to see Jim’s new Western Electric 4D Superheterodyne receiver from about 1923. It has six of the tiny *peanut* tubes. In the twenties, only Western Electric made Superheterodyne receivers for the commercial market, and only RCA made them for the consumer market until the Armstrong patent hold was lifted in 1930.



Jim Colling's 1923 Western Electric Superheterodyne receiver.

Jim Collings also showed us a recently-acquired Clapp-Eastman Z500 tuner from the Wireless (pre 1920) era.



Jim Colling's pre-1920 era Clapp-Eastman Z500 tuner.



Lastly, Jim Collings displayed a giant novelty radio he picked up on a recent trip. It is shaped like a giant liquor bottle, and a previous owner added some artwork of dancing girls to the bottle.

Jim Colling's artistic radio bottle.

We wrapped up the evening with our usual donation auction. There were plenty of fun items up for grabs. There was a large stack of 33 RPM records without sleeves, two flats of tubes, a ham radio book, and several tube manuals, a Morse code course on records, a solid state rectifier, an RCA Electrola radio console chassis from about 1929, a flat of various audio cables and a few other odds and ends. All found new homes for a buck or two.

Thanks to all of you who made it to the meeting. It’s always great to see you. And thanks to those who brought items for the donation auction. Always appreciated.

See you at the Fall Swap Meet!

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Happy Birthday to You!

Happy birthday to all of our September birthday members!



Maggie and Robert McNutt

We love it when members and guests join us for our regular monthly meetings. And we were delighted to have Maggie and Robert McNutt join us at this one! Thanks for coming. We hope to see you on a regular basis.

We miss our members. . .

who have been unable to attend our monthly meetings due to (?). Since our club is about sharing our love of radios, we would like to know what those of you who haven't been attending lately would need from us to help make it possible for you to join our meetings. To that end, we have created **an online survey** we would greatly appreciate having you take. It's very **short**, like three questions, so **please fill it out for us**. Just go online to the following link.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill it out.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCPZ936>

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