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Membership payment is due in January for that year. If your membership has expired, you are in jeopardy of being dropped from the *Broadcast News* distribution list, so please send in your dues today.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Jim Collings



It's Christmas Party Time

Our Christmas Party will again be at the home of [Jim and Julie Collings, 14704 Carlingford Way, Edmond, OK 73013](#). The date is Saturday December 14th. Please begin arriving around 6 PM, as the catered meal will be ready to eat at 6:30. The menu will consist of chicken cordon bleu and/or salmon. The OKVRC is again subsidizing the cost of the meal. This is made possible by the purchase and sale of items in our monthly donation auctions, and by donations at our swap meets. **Please RSVP to the Collings at 755-4139, or jrcradio@cox.net by Monday, Dec. 9th.** We will have the usual dirty Santa gift exchange. So every person needs to bring a gift valued at \$10 or more. These have been

a lot of fun in the past. A musical jam session is planned at the end of the party, so bring your instrument and participate. We are hoping for a big turnout, and of course all are welcome. Call if you need directions. It's one of our few events where our significant others are especially included and get to socialize.

Annual Dues

It is time for payment of our annual dues. Dues are due on January 1st for everyone. Thanks to those who paid at the fall 2019 swap meet. Dues are \$15 per year, which includes a subscription to the *Broadcast News* and free admission to all our meetings and swap meets. You may pay at the Christmas Party, or send a check to OKVRC, PO Box 50625, Midwest City, OK 73140-5625. Those who are delinquent will not receive the *Broadcast News*.

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VRPS Meet in Plano, Texas

Julie and I attended the VRPS meet in Dallas (Plano) last month. It was a very good meet, as usual, very similar to those in the past. Attendance seemed to me to be about the same as last year. Late Friday afternoon was the tube and paper auction. There were no desirable Western Electric or high end tubes, but there were many groups of more common tubes for radio use. Prices were very reasonable, and there were many lots. After a short break for dinner, the Friday night auction began, although with fewer items and a \$10 minimum bid. It was pretty much a buyer's auction, as almost everything went for a reasonable amount. There were fewer items than in previous years, so the auction ended at a reasonable time. I purchased quite a few lots of tubes and other items. The silent auction was held fairly early on Saturday morning to allow judges for the contest to participate before the judging began. I thought it was a little better than last year, but about the same size. It was designed for smaller items that do not meet the minimum \$10 bid in the later auction. The main Saturday auction began at about 11 AM, and I expected it to be a buyer's auction, based on the Friday evening result. But I was wrong. Most items were selling at fairly high prices, except for some bargains near the end. There were fewer items submitted for auction than in the past, enabling the auction to be concluded about 4:30, leaving plenty of time to retrieve purchases and prepare for the awards banquet. My items sold well, but I did not purchase too much. The contest was good, with quite a few impressive displays, but not as many super interesting items as in the past. My favorite was a Stewart Warner "Spade" set displayed by our member David Cox. The Saturday night banquet and contest awards presentation was typical of past

meets. The speaker was a long time TV personality from the Dallas area, who was very interesting to the local members. The Sunday morning swap meet was typical of previous years. There were a few items that were brought specifically for the swap meet, but it mostly had unsold items or unwanted items that came in a group from the auctions. Overall it was a very good meet. I look forward to attending again next year and urge everyone to attend.

Please make plans to attend our Christmas Party. The more the merrier and I'm sure it will be a fun time.

Jim Collings



Western Electric model 1A Signal Test Set used in the telephone industry.



Jim, Barbara and Mike (left to right) enjoying the monthly meeting.

November 9th Meeting Report – Jim Tyrrell

Fall is passing into winter, the trees are bare, the lawn equipment sleeps in the garage, and Christmas decorations are appearing on our lawns and in the storefronts. Cool days and sharply cold nights are the norm, and the Holidays are upon us. But with winter here and all us spending most of our time indoors, we can all catch us on some radio restoration work. So when the Holidays are over, I plan to make a pot of hot tea, open the Rider's Manuals, lay out the tools, and get to work!

We had a fairly good turnout of about thirteen. The dinner choice this month was Chinese food. Everyone was well fed, and there were some leftovers to take home, all at the usual great price of five dollars a person.

After dinner Club President Jim Collings called the meeting to order. We discussed last month's bi-annual Convention and Swap, which all agreed was a success with a better turn out than the spring meet, thanks perhaps to the nicer weather. We also discussed possible additions to future meets, such as offering food or informational sessions on radio restoration techniques. Jim Ray then gave us a report on the club's finances, which are doing well. And of course we talked about the upcoming Christmas Party at Jim and Judy Collings house. Please be sure to come, you are guaranteed a great time!

Once we finished discussing club business, we started in on the night's program: *Not a Radio*, which means items

that either are not radios, or items that were not radios to begin with. Our members brought a lot of cool stuff to share. Jim Ray started out with an Oregon Scientific Weather Station which incorporates a clock, and AM-FM radio along with displays of temperature, barometric pressure even phases of the moon. A wireless sensor mounted outside transmits information to the station. Not exactly vintage, but a great thing to have here in Oklahoma where the weather changes so rapidly.



Jim Ray's Oregon Scientific Weather Station.

Your club secretary brought in a forties Philco clock, the kind that used to be used by hotel desk clerks to remind them to make guest wake-up calls. You can set it for about twenty different alarm times in any 24 hour period.

November 9, 2019 Meeting Report (Continued)

Lastly I displayed a mid-seventies Sears Silvertone clock-radio with a big difference: It also includes a 5" B&W TV! And it works, if you hook up one of those analog to HD convertors.



Jim Tyrrell's Silvertone Clock Radio with TV.

Club Member Elena brought a bunch of fun items to share. We got to see a clock radio that also projects the time on the ceiling of your room, an old rotary dial telephone, a very early type of phone answering machine, an infrared intrusion alarm, some plug-in shortwave coils, a SWR meter and a 1926 radio magazine.



Elena's phones: rotary and push button.



Jim Collings showed us a Western Electric model 1A Signal Test Set used in the telephone industry. (See page 2 for the photo.) It is housed in a beautiful wood case. We also got to see a Western Electric attenuator set from the twenties, in a quarter-sawn oak case. I have always liked those early pieces of test equipment because they so much resemble early twenties radios.

We always end our meeting with our usual donation auction. Some radio literature, a Philco loudspeaker, a roll of solder, a box of tube sockets and other parts, a Gloritone cathedral radio chassis, some Mohawk filler sticks (for filling scratches in wood cabinets), and a bag of assorted hardware. A real find was also up for grabs: a really nice Radiola 104 Power Loudspeaker cabinet from about 1926. It was empty but would be valuable if one came across another Radiola 104 with a trashed cabinet but with the insides still present.



Radiola 104 Power Loudspeaker cabinet without chassis. Our newest member, Kyle Mckown, (see photo on the left) won the bid.

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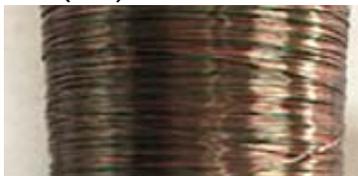
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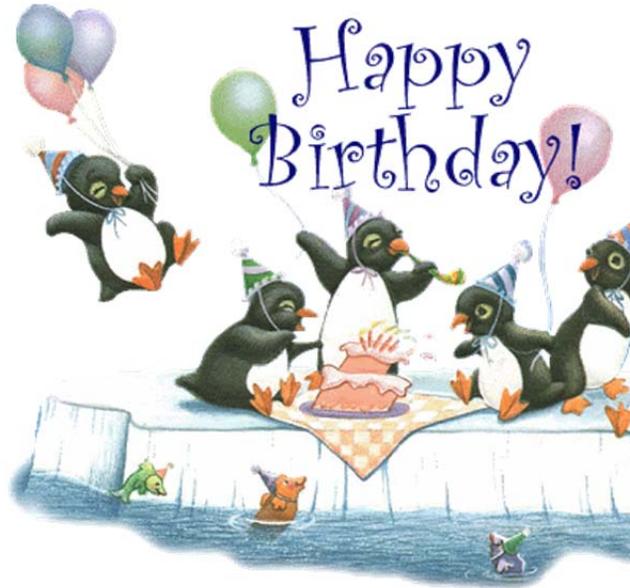
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