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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Jim Collings



Our fall swap meet last month was a very good one. It was better than I anticipated. We did

not have a lot of out-of-state people, yet there was good attendance and plenty of equipment to change hands. Thanks to several members, we had more publicity than usual. After paying the rent for the facility, the club broke even, which is not always the case for our fall meet. I took a car load of stuff, and came away with less but nicer items. I believe most everyone also was happy with their outcome. The silent auction is continuing to be a big hit, perfect for sellers who just have an item or two and don't want to set up a table. The auction had some lively bidding, thanks to several nice items that were donated. I think everything that sold was a good deal. The raffle for the Hallicrafters set was an additional source of income. Thanks to Dale McLellan for donating it, and to Raymond

Cady for bringing it from Texas. It was won by Earl Webb.

As will now be the norm, we had to set up the tables before the meet could start, but there was plenty of help for that. There was a new person in charge of the Community Center who delayed us from getting an earlier start, but it worked out OK. We should have that problem resolved for the next meet in April. Thanks to all who attended, helped in any way, and donated items, making the meet a success.

This month's monthly meeting will be on Saturday, November 9, at 6 PM in the [Sonoma Lake Homeowners clubhouse, 1712 NW 159th St, Edmond, OK.](#) The menu for the meal will be Chinese food, at a cost of \$5 per person. The topic is a bit of an unusual one...electronic items that do not have a radio, or where the radio is secondary to the primary purpose of the piece.

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Fall 2019 Swap Meet Photos

Items without a radio might be an intercom, amplifier, quack medical device, or any number of things. Sometimes tape and wire recorder has a radio included, which seemed like an after-thought, so those would qualify. I'm sure there are other things that I can't think of. I hope to see some interesting things. And of course you can bring anything else you would like to show, or talk about. Don't forget the donation auction!

On another note, mark your calendars for Saturday, December 14th, for our annual Christmas party. We have not had any volunteers to host this year's event at their home yet, so the location has yet to be announced. We will have the traditional white elephant/dirty Santa gift exchange. And hopefully, the typical sing along jam session will be included at the end.

The VRPS annual convention will be on November 15th thru 17th in Plano, TX, at the Comfort Inn & Suites. (The same location as the last two years). This is one of the largest radio meets in the country, and it's right here in our area, so everyone should try to attend. In the past, I've given you a big write-up of all the events, but they are fairly similar every year, so I won't repeat myself. Of course the main events are auctions on Friday evening and all day Saturday. The theme for the contest will be RCA, honoring their 100th anniversary. If you have never been to a large event like this, you can learn a lot, as there is a lot of equipment to view and purchase. If you need details drop me a line or check out their website at VRPS.org. I hope to see many of you there.

Jim Collings



October 12, 2019 Fall Swap Meet Report – Jim Tyrrell

It was a chilly but sunshine drenched morning that greeted our annual Spring Convention and Swap Meet. After the non-stop rain that marred the spring convention, the sun was a welcome change! Members and guests were arriving before the building opened, and there was plenty of donuts and coffee for everyone to enjoy. We had a fairly good turnout of both buyers and sellers thanks to the improved weather. There were lots of good items up for grabs: a few battery sets, a couple early AC sets, a fair number of cathedrals and tombstones, a number of rectangular wood sets, as well as some plastic sets including clock radios. There also were lots of tubes, knobs, speakers, books, phonograph records, and more for sale.

Ray and Dorothy Cady had several nice items at their table. One thing that really stood out was a Silvertone floor model console from the mid-thirties. This set was a farm radio that ran off a six-volt car battery using a vibrator power supply similar to the car radios of that time. You might remember when this radio was donated at the auction a couple of years ago. It was in extremely poor condition, but Ray and Dorothy bought it for a dollar and vowed they would restore it. It looks beautiful and works great (a six-volt power supply is installed to make it run off wall power).

I considered it for my collection, but I'm out of room for any more floor models. It is an amazing example of their ability to

restore even the most far-gone sets to real beauties!



The Cady's restored Silvertone. Note the poster pictures beside it that show what it looked like before they restored it. The radio had suffered extensive water damage. When they originally bought it, the Cadys had to carry it home along with the pieces that fell off.

The silent auction had many items in it, some of good quality. I brought a number of items that were priced to sell and did so making thirty-five dollars. I also bought a nice restored post-war Zenith wood cabinet radio phonograph for an excellent price of thirty dollars, so I actually came home with more money than I brought. Can't remember the last time that happened!

Our raffle item was a really impressive Hallicrafters communications receiver that was donated to the club. There was also a free drawing during which several other items were given away.

Thanks to everyone who made it! This Fall Meet was a success!



More Fall 2019 Swap Meet Photos



For Sale

1940 Wurlitzer 700 Juke Box. \$2,500.
Contact Jim Collings at jrcradio@cox.net or call (405) 755-4139.



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Old Comics: Send lists of available comics to Dan Giddings, PO Box 3961, Glendale, CA 91221-3961.

Tubes and Tube-type Amplifiers: Jim Collings, 14704 Carlingford Way, Edmond, OK 73013. (405)-755-4139 or jrcradio@cox.net.



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Happy Birthday to You!
*Happy birthday to all of our November
birthday members!*

OKVRC Christmas Party

We still need someone to be the host for the OKVRC Christmas Party this year. It is typically on the 2nd 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.

OKVRC T-Shirts May be Available Soon

The OKVRC is considering buying a new t-shirt this year. We plan to use an image of a cathedral radio on the back with the OKVRC logo on the front. We will be doing blue-gray instead of white, and may have the option for you to choose a golf shirt instead of a t-shirt. We don't have a final price yet because it depends on the number ordered, but the price will range from \$20 to \$35. We have to order a minimum of 12. If you think you might be interested, please email dcady1@gmail.com or send a note to the OKVRC Editor, PO Box 50625, Midwest City, OK 73140-5625 so we will know if there might be enough orders to meet the minimum number for purchase. At this point, a maybe is fine. There's no obligation, but we must know how many members are at least interested. Thank you.

Dorothy Cady

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