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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Jim Collings



### Spring Swap Meet Cancelled!

It is regretful that our Spring Swap Meet has been cancelled due to the corona virus. But it is best for everyone who can, be sheltered-in-place at home to help prevent the spread, and help the nation get past this pandemic. We attempted to reschedule for June or July, but the Midwest City facility was not available. So our big meet with the contest will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup> when our smaller meet is already scheduled. I do not expect that we will be able to have our regular May meeting either.

All of the other radio meets and meetings have been cancelled also. These include smaller radio club meets in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota,

and Texas, as well as ham meets in Claremore, OK and Dayton, OH. The large May Kutztown, PA radio meet is also cancelled. I'm hoping the late summer meets will go on as scheduled. I'll advise when I know.

In the meantime, hopefully we will have time to work on our existing projects, whether it is restorations or organizing stuff. I've been trying to get thing organized to be able to start a restoration on one of my favorite things. Also, if you have time, write an article for the *Broadcast News*. It doesn't have to be professional or polished, just share your thoughts on anything related to radio. The Cady's would appreciate anything submitted, and we would all enjoy reading it. I've included another Accessory Column this month, but I am running out of interesting accessories to feature.

I'm praying for all of you, and your families, to keep safe and well during these troubling times!

Jim Collings, President

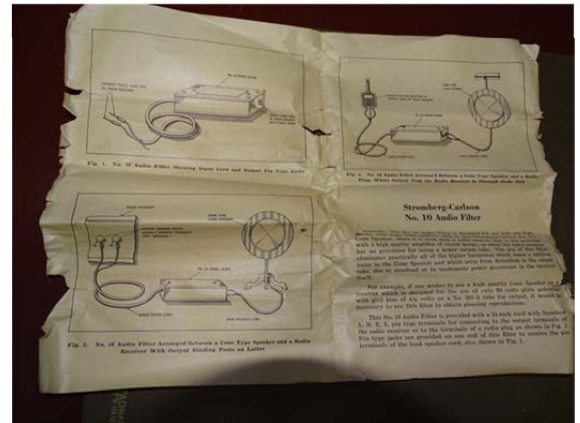
## Accessory Corner: Stromberg Carlson No. 10 Audio Filter

Jim Collings



Jim Colling's Stromberg-Carlson No. 10-A Audio Filter.

The featured item this time is the Stromberg-Carlson No. 10-A Audio Filter. This is a probably a fairly obscure accessory item made in Rochester, NY, during the battery set era. The original paperwork shows a date of 1926. It is designed to remove raspiness in the sound that can occur from overdriving your loud speaker. The filter is connected to your radio by the cord with pin plugs attached, and then your speaker plugs into the filter. It would appear that it filters out the high frequencies. For modern times this is not desirable, but before the days of HiFi, it may have been effective. I have not tried to test it. The filter measures about 4 ½ inches in length. It came in the typical blue box with stars that is seen on Stromberg-Carlson items of the era. I suspect not many were sold, and had limited usefulness, as this one appears to be new in the box.



Original paperwork for Stromberg-Carlson No. 10-A Audio Filter.

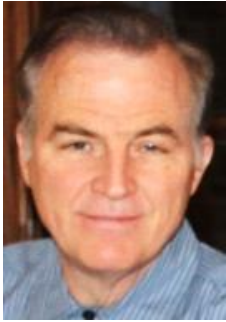
## Restoring or Replicating Dial Scale and Dial Glass Series Postponed

Since Dorothy Cady has been very busy cutting and sewing face masks for local Oklahoma healthcare facilities and providers, she has had to postpone writing the *Part 1* installment of this series.

## Do you Need a Face Mask?

Dorothy is willing to make masks for you as well as what she is making for healthcare facilities and providers. Please see the back of the newsletter for more information, and for what you may be able to do to help her increase the number of masks she and her extended group of volunteers is making and donating (no work or money required).

## Report for March 14, 2020 Meeting



**Jim Tyrrell**

When you live in Oklahoma, spring storms are a fact of life. We know the signs: the falling barometer, the changes in the sky, the birds taking cover, and the inevitable rumble of thunder

along with flashes of lighting as the storm front tracks across the plain. We are facing a different storm this time—a storm of pestilence that none of us have seen in our lifetimes. Within the space of a few weeks, we have watched our world change in many ways: school and business closings, ominous shortages of supplies and personnel in medical facilities, folks sheltering in place in their homes, and bare shelves for some items at the store. But Oklahomans know a thing or two about resiliency; we have survived the Dust Bowl, the great depression, and of course April 15, 1995. So, while it may be worrisome, remember to stay safe and look out for one other, and we will get through this one too. Now, on to the meeting report!

It was a pleasant spring day as OKVRC members, spouses and guests met for our March club dinner and meeting at the Sonoma Lakes subdivision clubhouse in Edmond. Club members Ray and Dorothy thoughtfully cleaned the entire clubhouse including the bathrooms and tables and chairs with disinfectant prior to our arrival. We had a fairly decent turnout of about fourteen members, despite growing worries about the epidemic. The menu was a delicious beef stew, rolls, cobbler for dessert, and hot and cold beverages, at the usual bargain price of five dollars.

Club President Jim Collings then called the meeting to order. We discussed plans for the April Swap Meet, which I won't go into since it has been cancelled due to Covid-19.

Changed plans include moving some of the activities scheduled for the April meet, such as the contest, to the fall meet. Hopefully we won't have to postpone that one!

Jim Collings then provided us with a helpful demonstration of what he uses and how he cleans the wood cabinet of a radio using "[Goop](#)" hand soap. The results, on a thirties tombstone radio he brought in were remarkable. I have traditionally used Howard's Restorer for this first step, but perhaps I will give "Goop" a try. Jim showed us what a difference it makes for a radio cleanup, in part because it returns some of the cabinet's shine, but warned us that the great look it gives the cabinet won't last forever. So, if you are looking to restore it, clean it first then go from there.

We moved on to the topic of our meeting tonight: Westinghouse radios. Westinghouse remains a household name; many of us grew up with Westinghouse appliances in our homes. I remember well the Westinghouse six-speaker stereo console in my parents living room that resounded with the sounds of practically every [sixties and seventies](#) rock band that ever cut an LP. My five older brothers and sisters must have bought them all. But Westinghouse has made everything electrical and mechanical from televisions to locomotives, nuclear power plants to radar. The company was started by George Westinghouse (1846-1914), a Civil War veteran whose first successful invention (of many) was a fail-safe air brake system for trains. He was also instrumental in the late 1800's for promoting the AC power system, which prevailed over the early (and hopelessly inefficient) DC system promoted by Thomas Edison. A recent film "[The Current War](#)" tells the Westinghouse vs. Edison story. *(Continued on Page 4.)*

## *Mar. Meeting Report (Cont'd)*

After WWI, The Radio Corporation of America (RCA) was formed to prevent British control of the US radio industry. Early on, RCA had little manufacturing capability of its own, so many of the radios sold by RCA during the twenties were built by Westinghouse, General Electric, and Wireless Specialty Company. Both your Club Secretary and Club President brought in some of these early Westinghouse / RCA sets to share.

I brought in a 1923 Radiola III, a Radiola Balanced Amp, and a Radiola IIIA. These have RCA badging but were built by Westinghouse. I also brought in a Westinghouse RA/DA.

Jim Collings brought his too! We also had a whole selection of early Westinghouse "box" receivers from the early twenties on display. I brought in a one-tube Aeriola Senior Type one-tube receiver. Jim brought in a different version with a metal plate instead of a paper card in the lid. Jim also brought in an Aeriola Junior Crystal set; an Aeriola two-tube amplifier; and an Aeriola RS two-tube receiver. In addition, he displayed an early Radiola FH horn speaker, also built by Westinghouse. This horn has a larger bell than the more common UZ type Radiola horns.

While most of our Westinghouse items were from the early twenties, we had a couple of items from later on display, including a Westinghouse model H130, and a small Bakelite Westinghouse table model from about 1937.



Jim Tyrrell and his Westinghouse Bakelit H130 table model radio.

We had some interesting items up for grabs in our donation auction. A small PA speaker, a large power transformer, a metal speaker cabinet, two flats of tubes, a small Philco chairside radio, and a few other odds and ends all sold. The table radio used by Jim Collings for his cabinet cleaning demo was also offered for auction, it went for the bargain price of only \$30!



Jim Colling's cleaning demo radio that he donated to the auction, and which raised \$30 for the club. Thank you, Jim.

Thanks to everyone who came, especially those who brought in radios to share. No, sadly I won't see you next month at the club Swap Meet. Hopefully, the epidemic will pass soon, and we will resume our regular club meetings. We will keep you posted. In the meantime take care and stay well.

*Jim Tyrrell*





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*Happy Birthday to You!*

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

*More Information on Face Masks*

*Dorothy Cady*

The [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) is now recommending that anyone who must leave their house for necessities wear a non-medical face mask. So, while I am cutting and sewing masks for our local healthcare providers, if any member of OKVRC needs a personal mask, please email me at [dcady1@gmail.com](mailto:dcady1@gmail.com), or text or call me at 405-206-9985 to let me know. I will do my best to make and send a mask (or two) to you as soon as I can.

**IF POSSIBLE . . .**

Since many of the masks are lined with flannel fabric for the wearer's comfort, and flannel is in very short supply these days, if you have any old flannel sheets, shirts, blankets, etc., that are still in decent shape and usable, or if you have some flannel fabric just sitting around (no matter how ugly the pattern), and you are willing to donate it to a good cause, please also contact me (yes, I'll wash it first). You do not have to have flannel fabric or anything else to donate for me to sew a mask for you, though. ALSO, if you'd like to help make masks for our Oklahoma area healthcare facilities and providers, please let me know. I'll hook you up.

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