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Membership payment also accepted at any of our monthly meetings and our semi-annual club swap meets.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Jim Collings

August Meeting Cancelled Due to Covid-19 Increases

Our August meeting is cancelled due to the uptick in corona virus cases in the state. I'm hoping that with most everyone wearing masks, the count of cases will go down, and we will be able to have our normal September meeting. Cases have been down the last few days, which is hopeful, but it may just be a lag in counting over the weekend. September is when we do the last minute planning for our fall swap meet, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th at the Midwest City Community Center. Since the April meet had to be cancelled, this will be our big meet with the equipment contest. We are also remiss in holding our annual Election of Officers for the club. So this will occur the next time we meet. If you would like to be an officer or to nominate someone, please advise.



Almost all of the radio meets and activities have been cancelled. I did go to a VRPS swap meet that was held on private property in Garland last month. Everyone had their mask, but attendance was not very good. My main reason for going was to pick up purchases I previously won on-line at the Jim Sargent auction. (He has another planned for August 29th). I did purchase a few items, but more importantly I was able to give away a lot of stuff. With no meets and meetings a lot of surplus stuff seems to show up at my home. I guess the problem is that when I purchase stuff from non-collectors, I take it all rather than just what I want, in fear that the other useful stuff

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would be thrown away, or destroyed....out of the hands of collectors forever.

I saw where the Cincinnati club hosted a swap meet last Saturday, but it's a long way to Ohio for just a morning meet. Also on Saturday morning, the VRPS had a virtual meeting by zoom. Unfortunately I was unable to tune in. But, the news from the HLARA in Tulsa is that they will have their August meeting on the 20th at 6:30 PM at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 6767 S. Mingo Rd, Tulsa. Also they plan to have a swap meet at the White House on Saturday morning, September 19th. That would conflict with the big Kutztown meet in Pennsylvania, if it does not get cancelled. They advise that it is still on, but they would never take my money to make a reservation, so it seems doubtful to me. Even if it is held, I'm not sure I'd be comfortable in staying in hotel rooms for that many nights, unless the virus numbers have declined.

I'd like to say that with the extra time I have by not attending the summer meets, I have gotten a lot accomplished. My tubes need to be organized into groups of like types, (I last did this in about 1993), and it would be great to go thru my 78 rpm records and organize them. But I have spent more time selling unwanted items and junk on eBay, and sales have been good. Last night was one of the witching opportunities that rarely occur....Sunday night, at the first of the month, and with a full moon. Bidders go crazy then and pay way too much for items. I had my best night in a long time.

Everyone keep safe and well! I hope to see you at a September meeting.

Jim Collings, President

The following photos retrieved 8/4/2020 from their respective web pages:

- www.whitehousemansiontulsa.com
- <https://www.google.com/maps...%20united%20methodist%20church%20tulsa%20-%20Google%20Search!>
- <http://www.dvhrc.com/>

The White House Mansion, Tulsa, OK



The Asbury United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK



Kutztown Antique Radio Meet, Kutztown, PA

RENNINGERS Kutztown Antique Radio Meet
Presented by Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club
September 18 & 19, 2020

- Opens Friday & Saturday at 7AM
- Free Overnight Camping
- Friday Night Auction
- Audio & Item Walks (from computer show)
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Renningers Kutztown
740 Noble St Kutztown, PA

Kutztown is located between Allentown and Reading on Rt. 222
From Main St, take Noble St. for 1 mile to Renningers
Event is held under Pavilions (Rain or Shine)
Contact Renningers for vendor spaces Mon-Fri 570-385-0104, Fri & Sat 610-683-6848

OKVRC Meetings: blasts from the past

A Compilation of Previously Published OKVRC Meeting Minutes originally submitted by Jim Tyrrell

Since our club could not meet in July and also will not meet this month, I thought you might enjoy reading about and again seeing some radios shared by members during some of our previous August OKVRC meetings.

During the August 2010 meeting, your club secretary brought in a tiny five tube *Continental* radio, dating from about the late fifties.



During the August 2009 meeting, Jim Ray brought a real nice "B" radio for us to enjoy, a Blaupunkt Florenz model 20353.



This is one of those classic German radios from the late fifties-early sixties era, with multiple speakers. This unit has five speakers, a woofer and two electrostatic tweeters in front, along with two midrange speakers in the sides. It also has the cool piano key controls and tuning eye. Most of all, it sounds as wonderful as it looks! One of the really great things about these German sets is they kept their international shortwave bands long after US manufacturers had dropped them. And the quality of these sets is beyond compare.

During the August 2012 meeting, Mike Swinney showed us a 1936 Zenith model 6V27 farm radio. This was an impressively large, typical black-dial Zenith tombstone, designed to run on a 6 volt car battery.



Perhaps we'll soon be back to in-person meetings. I certainly hope so.

Repainting Radios

This article originally posted on the *Antique Radios* website. Read it here:

<https://antiqueradios.com/features/paint.html>

Repainting radios so that they appear to have an original factory finish is somewhat difficult. Factories have specialized air-powered spray equipment that can place a very even layer of paint on a set. Duplicating this with ordinary spray cans poses a challenge.

Because spray can spray larger drops of paint and in an uneven pattern, it's necessary to put on a thicker layer of paint initially and then smooth it out.

The first step is preparation. Usually the easiest method with radios that have scratched and chipped paint is to sand the case smooth (removing the chassis and other parts first, of course). Start with #220 silicone carbide sandpaper and sand the defects in the finish, feathering out the paint so that it is smooth with the surrounding areas. Inspect the sanded spots both visually and by touch; lightly running your fingers over the area feeling for uneven surfaces. Wipe off the cabinet and use a tack rag to remove any stray dust.

Now you're ready to paint. Make sure you do this in a well ventilated area. Wearing a respirator is recommended.

Rather than follow the label and use several light coats, we're going to do just the opposite. This means that you can only paint one surface of a cabinet at a time, and that surface must be horizontal, facing up. Using a good quality spray paint (I use Krylon which has five shades of off-white) spray on

a coat of paint until it looks uniformly wet (and stopping before it runs). Let the paint dry a couple of hours or overnight, then turn another surface up and paint it. Repeat the process until the case is finished.

Let the cabinet sit until the paint is completely dry and cured. This should be at least a day, waiting a few days won't hurt.

Now comes the tricky part, sanding and rubbing out the finish. Lightly sand the radio surfaces, first with #220 sandpaper, then wet the cabinet with water and continue with #400 wet/dry sandpaper. The object is to smooth the paint without sanding through it. Be extra carefull around the edges. If you sand through the paint you'll have to stop and repaint that area and sand again.

After the paint has been sanded smooth, you need to "rub out" the finish. This will allow you to make the sheen as flat or as glossy as you need. It is quite easy to rub out the paint to the point that it appears to be plastic instead of paint. You can use this method for repairing broken plastic cabinets and disguising the repairs.

Rubbing out a finish for paint is exactly the same as for a lacquer finish. Directions for that are included in [Recreating a 1930s Lacquer Finish](#).

Thanks goes to *Antique Radios* for the use of this article. Visit their website to read the *Recreating a 1930s Lacquer Finish* and other vintage radio articles.

<https://www.antiqueradios.com>

WANTED

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

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

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FOR SALE: 1949 RCA model 9-X-572 (known as the Bullhorn) has been electronically restored and plays well. It has an 8-inch speaker that combined with the horn on its front delivers quality sound. The cabinet has been repainted to its original ivory color, and is in great condition. Asking \$50. Questions? Contact Ray Cady 405-820-8014.

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*Happy
Birthday!*

*Happy Birthday to all of
our members who have a
birthday in August.*



Weird Events that happened in August:

- In 1794, it rained toads in Lalaine, near a French city called Lille. This event was witnessed by soldiers. (TophCookie).
- In 1777, Sybil Ludington, a 14-year-old girl, rode her horse, Star, for 40 miles to her town to wake by banging a stick on fence 400 troops and warn them that the British were coming to attack, but she's overshadowed by Paul Revere.

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