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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Jim Collings



A Little Business

Wow! One month of the New Year has already passed, and it is time for our February meeting. It will be at the Sonoma Lake Clubhouse, 1712 NW 159th St, Edmond, on February 8th with dinner around 6 PM and the meeting starting at 7 PM. Pizza is on the menu, and the topic is *acoustic phonographs*. This is a little off topic for the radio club, but most collectors have an early phonograph in their collection, so it should be of interest. I will bring a variety of early outside machines to show and lead the discussion with phonograph history. Feel free to bring your table model phonograph. It should be an interesting meeting. Also, as always, feel free to bring any radio-related item to show and

discuss. We also will talk about plans for our big April 11th swap meet. Bring items for the Feb. meeting donation auction.

Thanks to everyone who has paid their dues. If you have not paid yet for 2020, please send your \$15 to PO BOX 50625, Midwest City, OK, 73140-5625.

Upcoming Events

Included later in this issue (page 4) is my annual list of upcoming major radio events. Everyone should plan to attend at least the local events—our two big meets in Midwest City and Tulsa.

April's Swap Meet

Our big annual meet will be on Saturday, April 11th at the Midwest City Community Center, beginning at 9 AM. We have the facility reserved for the whole day, if needed. We will have a contest, swap meet, silent auction, and live auction. It is time to begin planning and publicizing our meet. If you have an idea for a contest category to include, please let me know. See you February 8th.

Report on January 2020 Meeting – Jim Tyrrell



Greetings and Happy February! Hard to believe we are in 2020. I went out into my yard today, a beautiful warm and sunny day, and I saw a few spring bulbs starting to push shoots out of the ground with a few cheerful blooms. Spring is on the way already. Should probably enjoy the fine weather a bit more, but I have to knock this out now because the Super Bowl is on tonight!

It was a crisp, chilly, but dry and windless day here in Edmond as OKVRC members gathered at the Sonoma Lakes subdivision clubhouse in Edmond for the first regular club meeting of 2020. We had a fairly meager turnout of about eleven. The dinner choice this month was chili and cornbread, along with deserts and other extras. The food choice was excellent for the cool weather, and everyone was well fed. There were some leftovers to take home, and as always, we the usual great price of five dollars a person.

After dinner Club President Jim Collings called the meeting to order. We began with a brief presentation by Dorothy and Raymond Cady on methods of replacing a dial glass. (More about that later.) We then discussed an upcoming radio meet in Houston, and topics for some of our upcoming meetings: February's meeting will be on acoustic phonographs, and the March topic will be Westinghouse radios. If you have either of these in your collection, you won't want to miss coming to those meetings.

President Jim Collings started by showing us a very desirable Fada Temple model 752 Catlin radio that belongs to Julie Collings.



Raymond Cady showed us his newly-restored Westinghouse portable which is nicknamed the "Refrigerator" because of its resemblance to a fifties-era fridge.



Club member Elena brought in a Philco model 46-1201 "Bing Crosby" radio-phonograph. It got its name from the fact that Bing was used in advertising for it. It is unusual in that you slide your (78 RPM) record in through a slot in the front (like the CD player in your car) rather than placing it on a turntable. Despite the fact that the 78s have to be inserted one-at-a-time, the clever, space-saving design sold well.



Report on January 2020 Meeting (Continued)

Elena also showed us a tuning unit from a military radio set, and a tiny shortwave convertor designed to be installed in your car to let you hear shortwave broadcasts on your car radio.

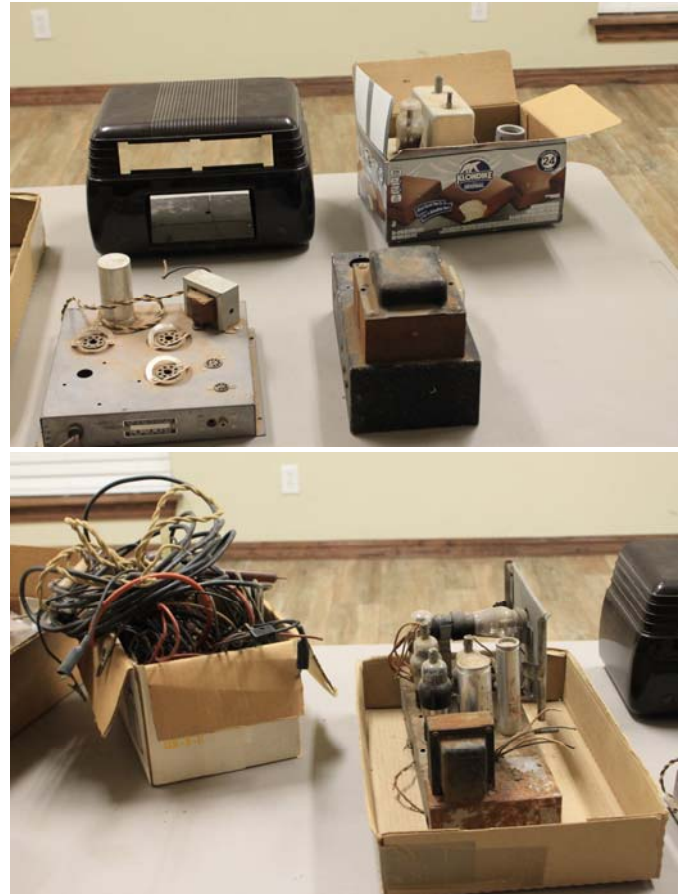


As mentioned, tonight's program was presented by club members Raymond and Dorothy Cady on how to make reproduction dial scales. While some reproduction dial scales are now available from Radio Daze and other suppliers, the selection is limited to fairly common sets. If you have some patience and skill though, you can often make your own.

Dorothy and Ray started by showing us techniques for touching up damaged but salvageable dials, before moving on to how to create new ones for dials that are severely damaged. Often a new tuning scale can be created finding an image on line, then using Microsoft Paint and Word to create a new one printed on waterslide decal material that is then applied to the cleaned off old glass. Word even has a function for curving text, for creating new round dials. They will explain their techniques in further detail in their section of the newsletter. I was pleased to see that they used as a demo a small Crosley table model that I had sold to them for a couple of bucks at the last club swap meet. The image on the dial glass was badly rotted,

but they made a new one, and the radio will soon be another showpiece restoration of theirs. (I understand you may be able to see the actual radio at April's swap meet.)

We always end our meeting with our usual donation auction. A power supply chassis, a Silvertone radio chassis, a General Electric Bakelite radio cabinet, a box of cables and probes, A Packard-Bell radio chassis with a tuning eye, and a piece of military radio gear from WWII all went to new homes.



Special thanks to Dorothy and Ray for sharing their amazing restoration skills with us. See you at the next club meeting on February 15th!

Jim Tyrrell

Upcoming Radio Meets and Conventions

Feb. 7-9, 2020	HVRA Convention	Houston, TX
March 28, 2020	VRPS Spring Auction	Irving, TX
March 26-28, 2020	Carolinas Chapter AWA Meet	Charlotte, NC
April 11, 2020	OKVRC Annual Meet	Midwest City, OK
April 10-11, 2020	Green Country Hamfest	Claremore, OK
May 8-9, 2020	DVHRC Antiques Radio Show	Kutztown, PA
May 15-16, 2020	NARC Radio Daze	Plymouth, MN
May 9, 2020	VRPS Spring Swap Meet	Irving, TX
June 6, 2020	HLARA Summer Sizzler	Tulsa, OK
July 18-19, 2020	MARC Extravaganza	Livonia, MI
August 7-8, 2020	ARCI Radiofest	Addison, IL (Chicago Area)
August 11-15, 2020	AWA Convention	Rochester, NY
September 19, 2020	VRPS Summer Swap Meet	Irving, TX
Sept. 18-19, 2020	DVHRC Antiques Radio Show	Kutztown, PA
October 10, 2020	OKVRC Fall Swap Meet	Midwest City, OK
Nov. 20-22, 2020	VRPS Annual Convention	Plano, TX



Left clockwise: Julie Collings, Mike Swinney, Jim Collings and Jim Lankford. Above: Raymond Cady and Ilana Steinhorn.

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Happy Birthday to You!

Happy birthday to all of our February-birthday members!

Repairing Vintage Radio Dial Glass/Face by Dorothy Cady

Whether your vintage radio's glass is completely missing, the printing on it is gone or damaged, or the control dial is unreadable, you have three choices if you want to restore it: salvage the damaged part from another radio, purchase a replacement (if available), or repair or replace it yourself.

Unless you have another radio that you can use for salvage and it still has its dial glass/face, the first approach may not work for you. Even if you do have a salvage radio, the dial glass/face may be just as bad or worse than the one you already have. If it is not broken however, it becomes a possibility if you choose to restore it yourself. Otherwise, you will need to locate a place that has a reproduction of your radio's dial glass/face, or hope you get lucky and find an intact one on ebay. (And they usually are not cheap to buy.)

Whichever option you choose to follow, the upcoming article on *Repairing Vintage Radio Dial Glass/Face* may be of help. Look for Part 1 of this article in the March Newsletter.

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