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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Jim Collings

July Meeting Cancelled Due to Covid-19 Increases

The officers have decided to cancel the July OKVRC due to increased Covid-19 cases in our area, and the reduced attendance seen at the June meeting. We didn't feel that we would have any more members attend than last time, due to the health risks involved. But we will still plan for a meeting on August 8th. The topic will be horn speakers and dinner will be pizza with dessert.

The June meeting was fun for those of us that attended. We got to show off some of our favorite items, and it was good to see other collectors and talk radio for a change. The donation auction was very good, with some nice items that sold for cheap prices. I think everyone went away with something. So even though we did not have a full room, I consider it one of our better meetings.

With all of the typical summer meets cancelled, there is not much radio activity. Jim



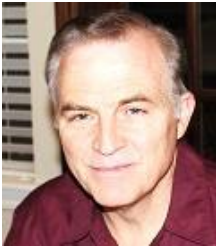
Sargent held an on-line auction on June 27th, and it seemed everyone was in the buying mood. I was only able to win a few items, as prices were high.

There is one event coming up. The VRPS will have a [radio swap meet](#) in Garland, TX on July 11th. It's at [3630 Cavalier Dr](#), a private facility. The City of Irving will not allow gatherings at their facilities where that club typically has events. So it is great that this facility is available. The virus seems to be a problem in the Dallas area also, so it will be interesting to see if they have a good attendance.

See you at the August meeting with your horn speakers and something for the donation auction.

Jim Collings, President

June 2020 Meeting Report



Summer is here, as June closes on July and the Oklahoma heat is on. But something is different this year, with many public gathering places nearly

empty, and everyone walking around wearing masks and avoiding getting too close. I first mentioned the pandemic in my March article, I was hoping by now the worst would be behind us. But this is one nasty, tenacious bug, so don't let your guard down! But let's not get too discouraged, relatively light population density of our state has helped limit the spread. I have a lot of family and friends in California where the Covid-19 has really laid waste, almost everyone back there knows someone who has lost a family member or is currently ill. When things were going badly in my life when I was young, my father would always say; "don't lose heart, all things eventually pass." Seems like good advice still!

OKVRC had to cancel the Spring swapmeet, of course, and we skipped the May meeting and dinner as well, but we decided to give June a try. It was a hot but pleasant day as OKVRC members, spouses and guests met for our June club dinner and meeting at the Sonoma Lakes subdivision clubhouse in Edmond. Club members Ray and Dorothy Cady carefully cleaned the room with disinfectant prior to our arrival. We maintained social distancing by spacing tables and seating a safe distance apart. Dinner was something different this time; it included individually packaged items-cookies, crackers, chips, cakes, nuts, cheese, and bottled beverages. It was surprisingly tasty and filling, and helped to further ensure protection of our members! And as usual, the leftover items were available to take home. Despite these precautions taken to protect members, only nine club members attended, as many folks are still a bit skittish because of the epidemic.

But those of us who came had a great time! Hopefully in August, more of us will get together.

After dinner Club President, Jim Collings, called the meeting to order and made a few announcements. We then got started on the evening's program, which was *favorite radios*. A favorite item in our collection does not have to be the oldest, rarest, or most valuable. It is something that we are just very happy to have found, and continue to enjoy having in our collection.

Jim Collings started out with a very rare 1919 Grebe CR-2 receiver. The



CR-2 is just a tuner without a detector, and was used with a separate detector like the ROHR (or a cat's whisker). Most of us have a Syncrophase or other Grebe product in our collections, but Jim's items are super rare and favorites.

Julie Collings brought in a beautiful RCA 9-TX butterscotch and red "Little Nipper" Catlin radio from the late thirties. Julie explained that the butterscotch swirl color was originally white, and acquired t



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Your Club Secretary brought in two items from his collections that aren't particularly rare or valuable. So why are they favorites? Because they are the oldest (in years of ownership) in my collection. The first one I showed is a 1938 Philco four-tube tombstone farm radio that I have owned since the summer of 1975. I was in high school at the time and didn't have a car, so I used to ride the bus to the drive-in movie swap meet. I bought it along with its battery eliminator and owner's manual for \$8.50.



I also showed a 1926 Airline six-tube battery set I purchased in 1976, using tips I earned from working an after-school busboy job. I've had both radios a very long time, and still enjoy them."

Here's a picture of my 1926 Airline radio.



Ray Cady brought in a midget General Television 2A5 radio that he had purchased at the Tulsa fall 2019 swap meet. Most midgets have plastic or metal cabinets, but this one has a wood cabinet. Ray likes midget radios, so when he saw this one for sale, he snapped it up. He renovated the chassis and restored the wood cabinet, and as a result, that midget has become one of his favorite radios.



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Illana often brings interesting items to the meetings. Sometimes she brings them to share with us and sometimes she brings them to ask if we know what that are. She brought a few items in for show and tell and for the donation auction, one of which was particularly interesting—a directional antenna for an aircraft.



We did have some great items for the donation auction including: a wooden tabletop radio cabinet, a small steel horn mounted on a wood box, cigar boxes with capacitors and such, a white Art Deco tabletop radio cabinet, and more.

Thanks to those who made it, especially those who brought in radios to share and donation items. Hopefully the epidemic will soon be behind us. Until then please take care of yourself.

Vintage Directional Antennas

A little research on these types of vintage aircraft directional antennas turned up some interesting information. According to Quora.com,

They were the first direction finding receiver antennae. Some rotated by hand and some by motors. A few dozen turns of copper wire were wound around the loop's inside, and connected to a LF receiver.

Using such a shielded loop antenna when rotated (by motor or hand crank), you would experience 2 bearings relative to the aircraft where the signal nulled out and disappeared - about 3 degrees wide - so you knew that the radio station was 90 or 270 degrees from your aircraft heading.



“Picture is Amelia Earhart and Bendix Corporation rep Cyril Remmlein.”

To read the rest of this brief article, visit: <https://www.quora.com/Why-do-1930s-airplanes-have-circular-antennas-on-top-What-did-they-do>

WANTED

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

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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 to You!

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

According to The History Place, in the month of July:

- President Abraham Lincoln signed the first income tax bill (with 3% and 5% rates).
- The first African American on the U.S. Supreme Court, Thurgood Marshall (1908-1993) was born in Baltimore, Maryland.
- Promoter and showman P.T. Barnum (1810-1891) was born in Bethel, Connecticut.
- American folk singer and social activist Woody Guthrie (1912-1967) was born in Okemah, Oklahoma. Best known for This Land Is Your Land, Union Maid, and Hard Traveling.

Not on the The History Place's website, however, is the most important thing that happened in July—some of our members were born in the month of July!

(<https://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/july.htm>)

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