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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Jim Collings

November Meeting Cancelled



Our regularly scheduled November meeting has been cancelled due to the increased Covid-19 cases in our area. Along the same line of reasoning, we will not have a Christmas party this year either. It is too risky for someone

to hold the party in their home, as this event is second in numbers only to the swap meets. A party in the clubhouse where we have our meetings would not be much fun. I will certainly miss the Christmas party, but it is best to make sure everyone stays safe. We will plan to start up our regular meetings in January.

The swap meet last month was a big success. Our turnout was almost as large as previous years, but I know some stayed away, especially out-of-towners, due to the pandemic. We were fortunate that, with social distancing protocols, the Community Center still allowed us to meet. I believe that everyone had a good time. The silent auction was successful with many sales of items that had been donated to the club, but it was mostly full of good deals for buyers. Thanks to donations here, and for the raffle of the restored General Electric cathedral, and donations to the final auction, we were able to cover the rent for the facility. Aaron McCartner won the raffle set. We had some collectors from out of state, but not as many as for the spring meets. I was disappointed in the number of entries in the contest, but we did have many quality items which I enjoyed seeing. Ilana Steinhorn took Best of Show with her National HRO-7, complete with all accessories, including the power supply.

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President's Column (Cont'd)

Had anyone ever used this set! The People's Choice award went to Eric Coon for his restored Wells Gardner 20C5 console receiver. The swap meet offered a wide variety of things for sale, but I'm not sure that as many things changed hands as in our previous meets.

There was great member help in getting the facility set up before the meet, as well as tearing everything down after. But the facility made us sweep and mop before we got our deposit back. It was certainly cleaner when we left than when we arrived. I believe everyone had a good time. Thanks to all who attended, helped, and/or donated items.

In the radio world, there are not too many events taking place. Some clubs like the VRPS and ARCI are holding Zoom meetings. The scheduled September Kutztown, PA, meet did take place, and some tube collectors made some good finds, but looking at the videos on Youtube (here's a [link](#) to one of them, which is found at <https://youtu.be/IAWmQ1jXWKA>). It looks like most of the second pavilion was fairly empty. I did not see anything too exciting. The Youtube videos may have been filmed on the second day when all the best stuff was gone.

The November VRPS meet has been cancelled due to social distancing restrictions that could not be met for an event of its size. Hopefully we can get back to normal in 2021.

Everyone stay safe and well!

Jim Collings

Contest Winners

Battery and Crystal Receivers, Pre-1930

1. Airway F Receiver-Jim Collings
2. Cherington Crystal Set/Bank-Jim Collings

Cathedral and Tombstone Receivers

No entries

Horizontal Wooden Receivers

1. Westinghouse H-104- Jerome Thomas

AC/DC Bakelite Receivers

1. Zenith display-Jim Tyrell
2. Silvertone 2013-Ilana Steinhorn

Metal Sets after 1926 and Ham Receivers

1. National HRO-7-Ilana Steinhorn

Transistor Radios

No entries

Art Deco and Novelty Receivers

1. Dewald A-501 Catalin Receiver-Julie Collings

Foreign Made Receivers & Equipment

No entries

Accessory Items

1. Western Electric 600A Microphone-Jim Collings
2. Dictograph R-3 Horn Speaker-Jim Collings

Phonographs

No entries

Open Category

1. Frankart Deco lamp-Eric Coon

Best Restoration

1. Wells Gardner 20C5-Eric Coon

People's Choice (favorite display of all who attended)

Wells Gardner 20C5-Eric Coon

Best of Show

National HRO-7-Ilana Steinhorn

Fall 2020 Convention and Swap Meet Report

Jim Tyrrell

Fall is here now in Oklahoma and the weather is finally cooling down. The trees are starting to lose their leaves, and the lawns will be dormant in a few weeks. Time to get out the Halloween decorations and lay in some candy for the trick-or-treaters. Unfortunately the really scary monster is still with us, the Covid-19 pandemic, so I'll once again plead with everyone to be careful and stay safe, we want everyone around for the New Year!

As you all may remember, we canceled the Spring Convention and Swap Meet because of the Covid-19. We decided to give it a shot this October, following careful guidelines for public gatherings during an epidemic. Guests started arriving slightly before 8:00AM at the Midwest City Community Center, and coffee and doughnuts were waiting along with disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer. Everyone helped set up tables and chairs, and then folks began to bring in their radios and radio related items to sell, enter in the auctions, or display in the contest. Since we normally have the contest in the spring meet, and that was canceled, we added the contest to the October meet.

As expected, the turnout was modest, about twenty-five or so visitors, but a few joined us from out of state. We had a couple of rows of tables of items for sale. There were a few radios from the twenties, at least one console, a few from the thirties, plus some forties and newer sets. There were also a good number of tubes, parts, and radio-related books and magazines. We also had a good selection of radios and other stuff in the silent auction. I sold all of my items I brought for the silent auction, and won two RCA Redbooks and a British book on antique radios. The entries in the Contest were more modest than in years past because of the smaller turnout, but here were some nice items on display. My entry was three restored Bakelite Zenith table radios from the forties, including one with both FM Bands. After the judging of the Contest entries was over, we held the drawing for the grand prize, a beautiful GE70 mid-thirties tombstone radio, restored by Ray and Dorothy Cady. Club member, Arron, was the lucky winner of this beauty. There were also drawings for several door prizes, mostly radio related books donated to the club, I won one of them, "Guide to Old Radios" by David and Betty Johnson.

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We finished up with the regular auction of donated items. There was a wide range of items, including boxes of radio parts, a leather instrument case, and a few other unusual items including a box of motors. There were also several complete radios, including a beautiful Bulova clock radio from the late fifties. The modest turn out kept prices low, and bidders picked some real bargains. A huge tombstone farm radio in great shape, 100% complete, nothing missing, went for only six dollars!

We managed to have all of our normal convention activities (swap meet, silent and regular auctions, drawings for grand and door prizes, and contest) despite the limitations imposed by the epidemic. We appreciate everyone who came, and we also appreciate those who would have liked to come, but felt safer staying home. We WILL keep this club going until this crisis passes, and we can all once again meet in person. Until then, stay safe and stay well.

Jim Tyrrell



**Eric Coon's Frankart
Deco lamp and Wells
Gardner 20C5.**



**Julie Collings' Dewald A-501 Catalyn
receiver.**

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If the video does not launch, you can watch it on Youtube at: <https://youtu.be/7KPfOVw3JwY>

Happy Veterans Day!

Thank you to all of our members who have served in the United States armed forces. We know we are here and enjoy our many freedoms today because of your personal sacrifices.

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