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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Jim Collings

Fall Swap Meet Expanded!



See page 2 of this newsletter for the full *Schedule of Events* and their approximate timing.

It's here! Our Fall Radio Swap Meet/Show is on Saturday October 10th at the Midwest City Community Center. This is the same location as always, 100 N. Midwest Boulevard, Midwest City, OK. The meet has been expanded to include the contest, which would have been held at the April meet had it not been cancelled due to Covid-19. So we will have the typical silent auction, raffle, radio and equipment contest/display, swapping, live auction, and door prizes. As usual, there is no admission fee, but donations for coffee and doughnuts will be appreciated.

The venue requires us to set up the tables, so that is the first thing on our schedule, and we appreciate the help of everyone who can help. The process goes very quickly that way.

PLEASE NOTE:

We are forced to invoke a new rule that radios cannot be brought into the facility until all is set up.

ALSO, please remember to wear your mask and social distance; Midwest City requires them as part of their facility use agreement.



President's Column (Continued)

The raffle radio is a restored, original-finish, General Electric J-70 cathedral radio.

The silent auction will have radios and literature that have been donated, so it likely will be larger than in the past. There should be plenty of bargains.

This meet is one of our biggest sources for finding new members. Please print out and distribute the flyer; the more people that we have attending, the better the meet will be. So share the good news with all of your friends and anyone who may have an interest in attending the meet.

Be sure to bring things to swap, and some nice items for the contest.

The categories for the contest are listed in the last issue of the Broadcast News, and are designed such that anything you would like to display will fit in a category. I expect to see a lot of great items in the contest. Half the fun of collecting is showing what you have to other collectors, and talking about the items.

We will have the People's Choice Category again this year, where all attendees and vendors can vote for the display which they like the best. Remember that additional items of support, like advertising, photographs, and other documentation, are encouraged and may be the tie breaker in the judging. This is especially true for the best restoration category, as before restoration photos are needed to show how much restoration was done.

Don't forget the silent auction and main auction to redistribute (get rid of) your unwanted items.

See you bright and early in Midwest City. Bring your vehicle full!

Jim Collings, President

Fall Swap Meet Schedule of Events

- 8:00 Doors officially open for table setup
- 8:30 Official opening for swap meet, silent auction, and contest display setup
- 9:45 Silent auction ends
- 10:15 Contest judging begins
- 10:45 Drawings for door prizes and Raffle
- 10:50 Main auction begins
- 11:45 Tear down tables and end of meet



Raffle winner will receive this restored and working G.E. J-70 Cathedral Radio, so remember to buy your tickets.

September 2020 Meeting Report

Jim Tyrrell

Summer is slowly winding down, but not Covid-19. Precautions were the order of the day as OKVRC members, spouses and guests met for our September club dinner and meeting. Club members Ray and Dorothy Cady carefully cleaned the room with disinfectant prior to our arrival. We maintained *social distancing* and wore masks, except while eating our pizza, of course. We had a respectable turn-out of about fourteen.

The evening's program was Horn Speakers. Most of our lives we have been bombarded with sound from loudspeakers which use vibrating paper cones to generate sound waves. But prior to about 1926, these did not exist. Folks back then used horn speakers with their phonographs. The phonograph needle vibrated a disk to generate sound that the horn bell then amplified; in radios, an electromagnetic coil later did the same thing. The horn speakers' reign was short; within six years, paper cone speakers with better sound began to appear and tinny-sounding horn speakers passed into history. Fortunately, many examples have survived to delight collectors today, and club members brought in several examples to share. (See the image on the following page. Each horn is numbered and the numbers matched to the owner and the horn's manufacturer, model, and other information where known.)

Club member Ilana brought in a collection of interesting books to share: "Radio for the Masses," "Radio for Everyone," "Electronics for Everyone," and other books from 1920 to 1950. She even brought some technical books in Hebrew. She also showed to us a small Shofar, an actual ram's horn, traditionally blown during the Jewish High Holy Days, which were right around the corner, and apples and honey, also part of Jewish tradition.

We had a lot of stuff in our donation auction this month: boxes of parts, a power supply chassis, nuclear reactor slides, a tape recorder, Silvertone radio chassis, IF coils, electrolytic capacitors, and much more. Most everything went for a buck or so.

My dad, who was born in 1914, told me about the 1918 Spanish Flu that killed his only sibling (his little sister), nearly killed him, and did kill 600,000 people. Thanks to the family doctor, who was born before the Civil war, he survived. So, thanks to those who braved this epidemic to come to our meeting and will be joining us for the Fall Swap Meet. We'll do our best to make it safe, so please come if you can.

Horns shown at the Sept. Club Meeting



11 - Federal Plia Horn - Jim Collings

10 - Western Electric composition horn, Model 543W - Jim Collings

9 - Sal Gooseneck Horn (1925) sold under the Silvertone name - Jim Collings

8 - Meistersinger (1924-ish) Horn that has an attractive wood-grain brown color - Jim Tyrrell

7 - Inverted Radio Service Products Amplion Horn (about 1923) - Jim Collings

6 - Baldwin Horn (about 1923) with an unusual shape - Jim Collings

5 - Radis Cone (about 1922) - Jim Collings

4 - Murdock Horn (about 1922) that looks a bit like a megaphone on a stand - Jim Tyrrell

3 - Magnavox Horn (1923) with powerful driver that uses a 6VDC coil to boost the electromagnetic field, and with the lion's head decal on the bell - Jim Tyrrell

2 - Atwater Kent model H (mid-20's) often a companion to AK Breadboards and Model 20 radios - Jerry Myers

1 - Operadio (bell is inside and drivers are in the bell) with art deco rising sun motif - Jim Tyrrell



Even our meetings can be a fun family affair. Maybe consider bringing your family next time.

WANTED

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*Happy
 October
 Birthday to
 our members.*

**What? . . . Purple Pumpkins!**

Yes. Halloween 2020 now has its own pumpkin color. (Of course, you have to paint them, or enlist your grandchildren to do it.) Why paint a pumpkin purple?

According to Reader's Digest at <https://www.rd.com/article/putting-out-purple-pumpkins-this-halloween/>:

"Placing a purple pumpkin out on your porch, in your window, or on your lawn signifies a safe location for trick-or-treating. While this doesn't *completely* ease the worries of protective parents, it certainly helps. Even though we always want to do what's going to keep our children safe, it's difficult to take away something so enjoyable.

Parents have encouraged those who wish to participate to paint a pumpkin, cut one out of construction paper, or even just draw them on their windows! The idea is to show kids and parents alike that Halloween doesn't have to be *completely* canceled as long as everyone's practicing safe social distancing and being considerate of their surroundings. Individually-wrapped candy is key!"

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