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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

The Radio Drought is Over!

Yes, after too many months of all the radio meets being shut down due to Covid 19, meets are happening. We will have our normal September meeting, and more importantly our Fall Swap Meet is coming up on October 10th.

Our September meeting is September 12th at the Sonoma Lake Clubhouse, 1712 NW 159th St, OKC, at 6 PM for dinner, with the meeting starting at 7 PM. The meeting topic will be Horn Speakers, and on the menu is Pizza. We will practice social distancing.

On the agenda is making final plans for our fall swap meet at the Midwest City Community Center on October 10th. Since the April meet was cancelled, we will have the equipment contest at this meet. Elsewhere in this issue of the *Broadcast News* are the contest categories. So, this will be the big meet with silent



auction, swapping, equipment contest, raffle for a restored GE cathedral radio, live auction, radio appraisals, and radio repair estimates. **Midwest City will require masks for this event.**

Also on our meeting agenda is having our annual election of officers. The horn speaker topic should be very interesting as there are many variations in horn types. We should see some interesting items. Don't forget to bring something for the donation auction.

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President's Column (Continued)

The weekend after our meeting is a busy weekend for radio collectors, with many activities. Nearest is the fall swap meet of the HLARA, the club in Tulsa. Their meet is on Saturday Sept. 19th at the [White House Mansion, 1 W 81st ST, Tulsa, OK](#). It will be held outdoors, west of the mansion, beginning at 9 AM.

On September 26th the Tail Gate Swap meet of the VRPS will take place. It will be held on the parking lot of [Jim Sargent's auction house in Granbury, TX](#). Jim advises that he will offer a lot of excess from his collection, so that will make it worth attending. Their swap meets are always well attended, so we will see what affect this change of venue will have. Contact me if you need directions. Unfortunately, the November VRPS annual convention has been cancelled.

Also, the [Kutztown Radio Meet in PA, officially begins on Friday, Sept. 18](#), but I'm sure people will be setting up on the Thursday before. The May meet was cancelled, so I expect it will be well attended. This will be the first major radio meet of the year.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our meeting!

Bring something for the donation auction.

Jim Collings

2020 OKVRC Contest Categories

1. Battery and Crystal Receivers, Pre-1930
2. Tombstone and Cathedral Receivers
3. Horizontal Wooden Receivers
4. Metal Sets after 1926 (includes amateur receivers and transmitters)
5. AC/DC Bakelite or Plastic Receivers
6. Art Deco and Novelty Receivers
7. Transistor Radios
8. Foreign Made Receivers and Equipment, tube type.
9. Homebrew and Kit Receivers
10. Accessory Items (tubes, speakers, antennas, test equipment, etc.)
11. Phonographs, Acoustic or Electric
12. Open Category, anything that does not fit in another category
13. Best Restoration (this can be displayed in any category, but will be judged on restoration quality. Documentation of condition before restoration is encouraged)
14. People's Choice (ballot of favorite display of all who attend)
15. Best of Show (one of the first place winners from the other categories)

Bring your contest items and radios with you, fill out a very short form, add pictures or background info (if applicable), and place the radio and form on one of the contest tables.

OKVRC Meeting Report from August 2008

Jim Tyrrell

Ready for another blast from the past OKVRC meeting? This one is only the parts about the radios brought to the meeting to be shared.

The topic for tonight's meeting was items from our collections that have interesting stories behind them, or have offered some unique challenges to us. Gene Robinson displayed a huge Zenith black dial tombstone radio from about 1936. It is the AC version of a set most of us have probably seen as a 6-volt farm radio using a car radio-type circuit. Gene told us how he it purchased by mail from a seller back east just before the 9/11 attacks. With all the security surrounding the mails after 9/11, shipment was delayed. Then, Gene lost contact with the seller, who had apparently seriously been injured in a car accident. Eventually Gene was able to locate the seller's family through some clever detective work. The radio was then delivered, and if you had been at the meeting, you would understand why Gene was so glad to get it!

Jim Collings showed a naval version of a Wireless Specialty Company IP500 receiver from the World War one era. As any collector knows, surviving intact examples of these sets are extremely rare. This set has an interesting provenance. It has been in the Basil Abbot collection, the Bob Nelson collection, and now Jim's collection. The set is complete, in mint condition, with the original identification plates still attached.

Bill Jones showed pictures of a Philco 16B he has restored. This is a big (eleven tube) superhet tombstone, from 1933, one of Philco's first non-cathedral table models. A previous owner had added a tuning eye to the radio front. The work was professionally done but was not correct for the set, and marred its appearance. Bill explained all the work he had to do to restore the cabinet and eliminate evidence of the previous modification.

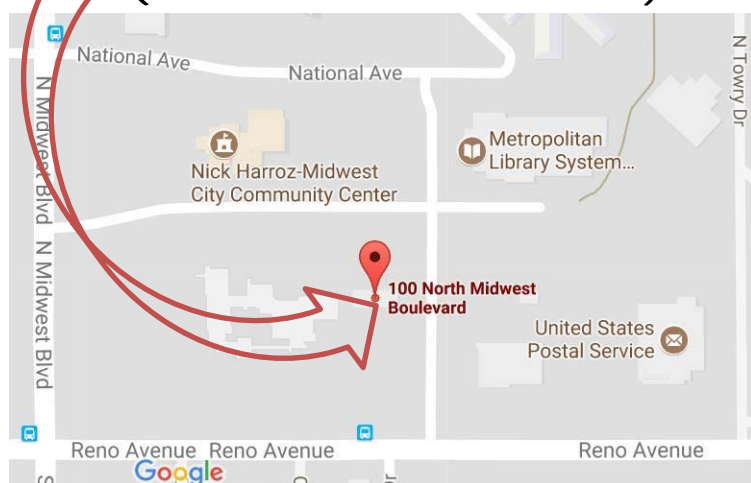
Robert Padilla showed a Zenith C730 he is restoring following an inept refinishing effort by a previous owner. Bob Shindhelm from Tulsa showed a small Philco AC/DC set from the early-mid 1930's. The small cabinet uses photofinish, a sort of fake wood substitute for veneer. This presents special challenges to the restorer. Bob explained how the woodgrain can be restored when photofinish is damaged.

Vintage Radio Swap Meet and Auction **FREE** Admission, Radio Appraisals, & Repair Estimates

Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, 8:30 a.m.–Noon

Nick-Harroz Midwest City Community Center

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- 8:30 a.m.–Doors open to public, silent auction begins. (Sign in to be entered for the door prize.)
- 10:00 a.m.–Silent auction ends
- 10:00-10:30 a.m.–Contest judging
- 10:30 a.m.–Raffle & door prize drawings
- 10:45–Live auction of vintage radios begins
- Noon–Facility cleanup begins

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- ➔ FREE Repair Consultations (by Raymond Cady)

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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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birthday in September.*



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