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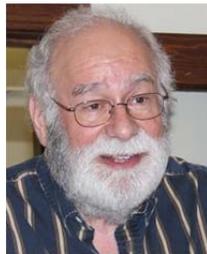
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Membership payment is due in January for that year. If your membership has expired, you are in jeopardy of being dropped from the *Broadcast News* distribution list, so please send in your dues today.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Jim Collings

Annual Spring Swap Meet!



It's here! Our Spring Swap Meet/Convention is on Saturday April 10th at the Midwest City Community Center. This is the same location as always, [100 N Midwest Boulevard, Midwest City, OK](#).

Here is a schedule of events and the approximate timing:

- 8:00 AM Activity in the parking lot begins
- 8:15 Doors officially open for table setup, with swap beginning after this chore
- 10:00 Silent auction ends
- 10:15 Raffle Drawing
- 10:30 Live auction begins (OK to submit & set a reserve \$)
- Noon Meet ends after table teardown and cleaning

Please note that the facility requires us to wear masks and to social distance. Since the pandemic may still be keeping away many of our out-of-state members, the contest has been moved to the fall meet in October. So, there will be no contest judging, but you are welcome to bring items for display. I hope to see everyone there. Be sure to bring things to swap, as I think everyone is ready to acquire some new items. Don't forget the silent auction and main auction to get rid of your unwanted items. We will again have a raffle. A donated Hammarlund HQ-129 was restored by the Cadys for this

President's Column (Continued)

Jim Collings



This Hammarlund HQ-129 was donated to the radio club for this raffle. Thank you to our generous donor.

purpose. It is a quality receiver designed for amateur radio (and comes with a speaker). Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. There is no admission fee, but as always, donations for coffee and donuts are appreciated.

I haven't been to a radio meet since our last one in October. I expect it to be well attended, as most of our members have been fully vaccinated and are ready to resume normal activities.

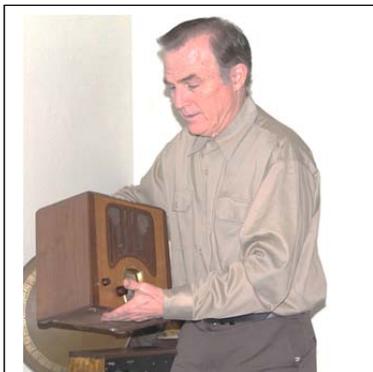
Please print out and distribute the flyer either from the last Broadcast News, or from the one also included this month, which has been updated with a picture of the Hammarlund. This meet is one of our biggest sources for finding new members. There are always new collectors in our local area to be found who would benefit from our group. The more people that attend the meet, the better the meet will be.

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

Jim Collings, President



2) Jim Collings *Crosley Pup*, which uses a #50 circuit with a WD-12 tube.



2) Jim Tyrell's 1936 Crosley Shadow Box Receiver.



3) Multiple Crosley receivers brought in for our meeting show-and-tell.



4) Ray Cady's 1951 Crosley Dashboard

We have so much fun with the auction. Lots of items this time.



Report for the OKVRC Meeting 3/13/2021

Jim Tyrrell

Spring is here now, and my yard is full of blooming- spring bulb flowers. The trees are blossoming, including the wild Redbuds, peach trees, and pear trees. Robins and many other birds are singing, but several of the large evergreen bushes in my yard stand bare and dead. They did not survive last month's week of record cold. They stand as kind of a metaphor for the tragic last year. In the April issue of the newsletter last year, just as the Pale Horse was really starting to bear down on us, I spoke of a "storm of pestilence that none of us have seen in our lifetimes." At the time, I worried that I might be a bit alarmist, but a year and over 500,000 deaths later, that sadly hasn't been the case. I got my first shot last week, and just learned that a good friend from work, who scoffed at the need for vaccination, has been diagnosed with Covid-19. So if you haven't gotten your shots yet, please sign up now!

OKVRC has had to cancel a lot of our events over the last year because of the pandemic, including our yearly Christmas party, but we decided we would resume our meetings and hold our Spring Convention in April. So, on a pleasant and warm Saturday evening this March about ten OKVRC members met for our regular club dinner and meeting at the Sonoma Lakes subdivision clubhouse in Edmond. Jim and Julie Collings and Ray Cady carefully cleaned and set up the room prior to our arrival.

After dinner Club President Jim Collings called the meeting to order and made a few announcements, and then we started on the evening's program: Crosley radios. We learned a great deal, such as Powell Crosley Jr. (1886-1956), after getting started in the car business, got into radio manufacturing in 1921, selling small and inexpensive one-to-three tube radios he called the *Model T of Radio*. He later branched out into larger and more expensive radios, and by the mid-twenties, Crosley was one of the largest radio companies in the world. Crosley founded radio station WLW in the nineteen thirties. At 500,000 watts, it was the most powerful in the United States. Crosley branched out into other products, including refrigerators and small and fuel-efficient automobiles from 1939 to 1952 (less the war years, when they built jeep-type vehicles for the military). After 35 years, the original Crosley Company closed in 1956. But, the Crosley name still appears on a line of nostalgia-themed reproduction radios and phonographs.

Our members brought in a great assortment of Crosley radios and related items. Photos on page 3 are of some of the Crosley items brought to March's club meeting.

Thanks to all who came and shared. Hope to see you at the Spring Swap Meet.

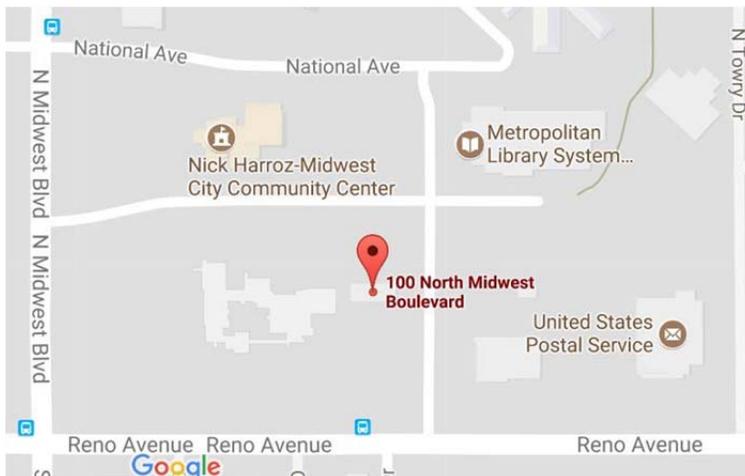
Jim Tyrrell

***FREE* Vintage Radio Swap Meet and Auction**

Saturday, April 10, 2021
8:30 a.m. - Noonish

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Treasurer's Report

Jim Ray

Our current account balance is holding steady. As of the March meeting, our account was approximately \$3,300. Our fall swap meet did well, and Midwest City refunded the spring 2020 payment for the rental of the facility.

We are just a little behind usual in dues collection, but then it has been an unusual year. Many of our members pay their dues at the spring swap meet, so if you are planning to do that, we will be prepared.

Thanks to all of you who have hung in there with us this year. We are expecting 2021 to be a better year.

Jim Ray

Are you thinking about **adding an item or two from your radio collection to the *Live* auction?** It helps out the club because we take a small percent, but otherwise, it's your sale. And you can set a minimum amount that you will accept. So, pick out an item or two and see the front desk for the little slip of paper to set your minimum price.

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