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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Jim Collings

Happy New Year!



It's the start of another year and I hope everyone was able to celebrate the Holidays with family. With Covid-19 precautions, it was quite a different Christmas. I missed having our annual OKVRC Christmas Party, and partici-

pating in Christmas services and concerts. Hopefully the vaccines will be available to all soon, and we can return back to near normal. **We are cancelling the January club meeting**, and will re-evaluate having the February meeting when it is closer to that time. We do have the Midwest City Community Center reserved for our Spring Meet, so plan on it for April 17th. Maybe we should consider having it as just our normal swap meet without the contest? It seems like we just had the contest, and it was not as competitive as I would have liked. If the pandemic has not begun to be controlled, that would be another reason to skip the contest. Your comments are welcomed on this decision. Some of the larger out-of-town summer meets have been scheduled. I'll advise on those dates next month.

Annual dues of \$15 for 2021 are due for everyone unless you paid recently. Please send them to PO Box 50625, Midwest City, OK 73140-5625.

On a sad note, I have learned that our active and long-time member, Jim Langford, passed away on December 31st. Funeral Services were held in Stillwater, OK, on Thursday, January 7, 2020. Please keep the family in your prayers. I hope to be able to see you all at a meeting soon.

Jim Collings, President

Happy Birthday to our January Birthday Members!

So many historical events have happened during our lifetime that we thought you might enjoy reminiscing about some of those that occurred during the month of January. Note however, that not every presidential inauguration is included, and that the list is definitely skewed towards, though not exclusive to, the more positive events.

- 1925. The Oklahoma state legislature appropriated \$78,000 to establish the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, now known as the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.
- 1932. Hattie Wyatt Caraway of Arkansas is the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of her husband (Jan. 12).
- 1941. Franklin D. Roosevelt's third inauguration (Jan. 20). He is the first and only president elected to a third term.
- 1946. The first meeting of the United Nations general assembly occurs after its founding on October 24, 1945 by fifty-one nations, including the Security Council nations of China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, and the U.S.A.
- 1953. Dwight Eisenhower is inaugurated as the 34th president (Jan. 20).
- 1955. The National Cowboy Hall of Fame was established to honor the American Cowboy and pioneers who settled the West.
- 1958. *Explorer I*, first American satellite, is launched (Jan. 31) by the U.S. Army at Cape Canaveral. It would discover the Van Allen radiation belt.
- 1959. Alaska becomes the 49th state (Jan. 3).
- 1965. In his annual state of the Union address, President Johnson proposes his Great Society program (Jan. 4). L. Johnson's second inauguration (Jan. 20).
- 1965. The decision to establish a Hall of Fame Building in Oklahoma City was made.
- 1966. The Amateur Softball Association moved to Oklahoma City on January 1 after having officed in Newark, NJ.
- 1986. Space shuttle *Challenger* explodes 73 seconds after liftoff, killing all seven crew members (Jan. 28).



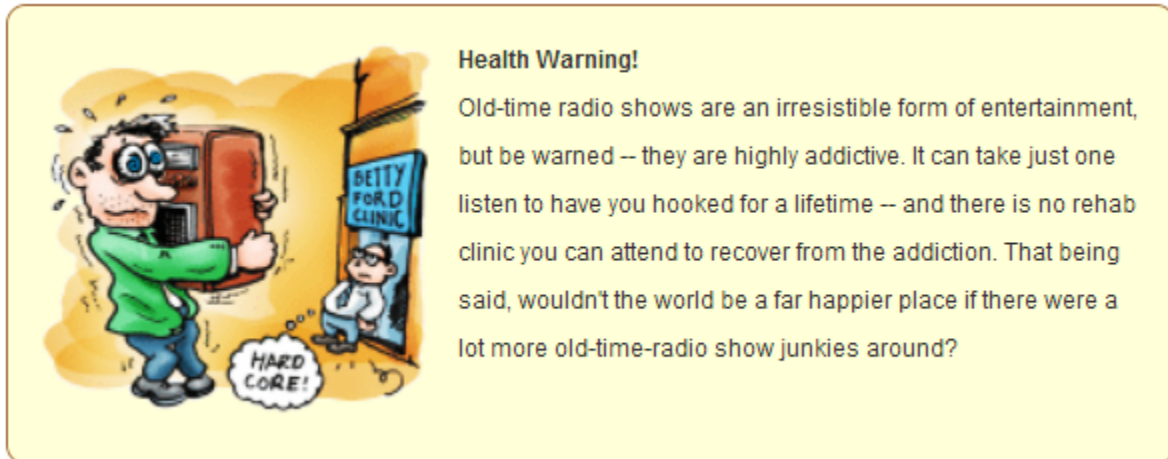
A Few Radio Images

(Because what could be more fun to look at?)



Special Feature: *R U Sitting Comfortably? (R U S C)*

Dorothy Cady



R U Sitting Comfortably? (RUSC) is a membership site (with monthly, quarterly, and yearly membership fees) that lets you listen to 30,000-plus shows. It has a “Radio (Listen Now)” link that lets you choose a channel and listen to a pre-selected radio show for free. You will have to provide your name and email address, but after that, you can listen to one show in each category for free.

While places like archives.org (which I personally love) provide you fee- and commercial-free access to old-time radio shows, RUSC has set up channels that let you narrow down what you want to listen too. Each channel is a topic category, and they range from occasions (“New Year, Christmas, Back-to-School, and World at War), persons (Presidents and Frank Sinatra), Activities (Quiz & Trivia, Baseball, and Sports) to the typical genre categories (Comedy, Thrillers, Sci-Fi, Detective, and Westens), and of course, Music & Variety. Channels makes it easier for you to narrow down what you feel like listening to right now.

You can listen to RUSC online at www.rusc.com, where I chose the Quiz & Trivia channel and listened to “Secret Word – Floor,” the October 24, 1951, episode of “You Bet Your Life” with Groucho Marx. If you just want to listen to a radio show without all the bother of choosing from an extensive list, you might give RUSC a try.

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With Sympathy

We at OKVRC wish to send our sympathy to the family and friends of Jim Lankford, who passed away December 31st. Thank you for sharing him with us. We will miss Jim and his kind way of treating others. His dry sense of humor made us laugh. His love for and knowledge of vintage radios was something we could not get enough of and that he generously shared. He brought his joy of life to those around him. He will be greatly missed.

RIP dear friend.

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