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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

Happy Valentine's Day



After what seems like a long delay due to the pandemic, we will have our March meeting on March 13th at the Sonoma Lake Clubhouse, 1712 NW 159th St., Edmond, OK. Most of us have received our vaccines and restrictions are lifting, so I think we should resume meetings.

We gather at 6:00 PM for food and fellowship with the meeting beginning at 7:00. The topic for the meeting is Crosley, so it will be a Crosley night. Please bring anything you have that was made by Crosley. They made equipment from the early 1920s on into the 1950s. The early sets were inexpensively made, but worked well, while in later years they made sets in colorful machine-age designs. It should be an interesting topic, and I'm sure we all will learn something.

Also at the meeting, we will finalize plans for publicity, and brainstorm for other ideas to make our April 10th Annual Spring Swap Meet a success. At the end of the meeting, we will have our usual donation auction, so bring something to donate. I already have a group of things set aside.

About the Swap Meet

On April 10th our OKVRC annual meet will be held at the Midwest City Community Center, beginning at 8:30 AM. We get in the door just after 8:00 AM, when the door will be unlocked after we make a deposit for the room.

As with our fall 2020 meet, **we are required to wear masks.**

President's Column (Continued)

Jim Collings

The swap tables need to be set up, so help will be needed to accomplish this task. Also, we need to cleanup afterward and sweep the floor in order to leave the facility cleaner than when we entered, as well as to receive back our deposit.

This is usually our big meet with the contest, but I am proposing we delay having the contest until the pandemic is completely under control when more out-of-towners are likely to attend.

We have the facility only until Noon, so events need to move along. As we have done in the last few meets, we will set tables against the far wall for the silent auction, and donation auction tables nearest the side entry door. You can set up your swap items anywhere else.

The event will have free admission, but donations for coffee and doughnuts will be appreciated. The silent auction will end at 9:30 AM, with the live auction beginning at 10:30. There will be a raffle for a restored radio (restored by Raymond Cady), but at present the choice of radio has not been determined.

I'm looking forward to the meet. I have not been to a radio meet since ours that we held last October.

I'm not aware of any upcoming radio events within the next month, but as reported last month, there will be some in May. More details next month. Hope to see you at the meeting!



Sad News to Report

We are saddened by the January 11, 2021 passing of our long-time member and friend, **Fielding Grigsby**. Fielding was involved in electronics most of his life, and conducted vintage radio repairs from Ft. Smith, Arkansas, for many years before moving the operation to Ardmore, OK. He attended most of our major meets, and was always wearing a smile. We extend condolences to his family and especially to his wife, Joyce. He will be missed. You can read his obituary at: <https://griffinhillcrest.com/tribute/details/572/Fielding-Grigsby/obituary.html>. (Photo is from his obituary posting).

Crosley – More than Radios and Cars

Dorothy Cady

When the name Crosley is mentioned, automobiles and radios frequently come to mind. And why not? Powel Crosley Jr., had already been producing them both by the early 1930's. Apparently, he decided to also take on appliances, specifically refrigerators.

The first refrigerator he produced was known as the *Icyball*. While other refrigerator manufacturers, such as *Frigidaire*, which “began mass producing electric refrigerators in 1918 . . . Early to mid-20th century refrigerator technology involved passing coolants such as ammonia and freon through a circuit from a condenser to an evaporator circuit to draw warm air away from the refrigerator cabinet,”⁽¹⁾ Crosley introduced *Icyball*. It used kerosene. The *Icyball* wasn't Crosley's most famous or most profitable refrigerator, however. Instead, it was the *Shelvador* that made millions of dollars for Crosley; it was the first refrigerator to use the door for additional storage space, and Crosley had a patent on it.

According to the Retroplanet blog in a staff-written article titled, *The Shelvador Refrigerator by Crosley*, “the Shelvador truly changed the industry. For nearly two decades this ‘shelves on the door’ fridge gave people good reason to buy anew, while competitors, who initially thought such an idea ridiculous, tried to find ways to get around the patent.”

That same article (retrieved from: <https://blog.retroplanet.com/shelvador-fridge/>) included original ads for this Crosley achievement, which I thought you might enjoy.



The Crosley D-45 (1933) [Source: The Crosley Broadcaster, December 1933]



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

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

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