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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Jim Collings

Spring Swap Meet & More



Last month was our Spring Meet, and it was successful! We had a fairly good turnout, but many of our regular attendees did not show up. I assume we can blame the corona virus. I believe the furthest away attendee came from Dallas, and he was satisfied with the things he sold. Quite a few items changed hands. I walked up to one seller, saw something that I would purchase, but it had already been sold. He later advised that he sold almost everything he brought! I was happy with my sales and purchases and left with a full vehicle (as usual). It would have been nice if more people had stayed for the main auction, as everything went way too cheap.

The raffle of the Hammarlund HQ-129 amateur receiver which was restored by Raymond Cady, did not attract as many entries as past radio items. Hopefully we will have more mainline radio items donated in the future for our raffles. It was won by Julie Collings. The club appreciates all the donations which help defray the cost of renting the facility. The club did manage a small profit from the meet, but that included membership renewals which should not be included.

Also, I need to thank all of those who helped out and made the meet successful. Special thanks to those who helped set up the tables at the start. Most of these members were all from out of town. And then we had to tear down and put everything away. I'm always too busy trying to get my stuff out of the way

President's Column (Continued)

Jim Collings

to help with that. The facility was kinder this year, as there was no problem getting the back door unlocked right away, and we were not required to do any additional cleaning. We did not make any messes. Our larger meet, with a contest, will be next October 9th.

Our next meeting comes the earliest possible for a second Saturday of the month, on May 8th. The topic will be early vacuum tubes, which I will lead. I will limit this to tubes made 1933 and before, so these are tubes in the globe shaped tube era and before. We can save later tubes for another topic in the future. I'll unpack and bring my DeForest Spherical Audion, and other early goodies for all to see. Hopefully other members have some early tubes they can display. My plan is to put a cloth across several of the eating tables, so tubes can't roll, and we can have a hands-on look at all but the rarest tubes. It should be informative. Also, remember to bring something for the donation auction.

This coming weekend May 7th and 8th is the Kutztown meet in Kutztown, Pa. It sounds like it will be a good meet, but I'm not ready to travel that far for a radio meet yet. Other closer meets have been cancelled. I got a notice yesterday that the ARCI meet normally in August has been cancelled due to restrictive corona virus restrictions in the Chicago area. The Minnesota meet normally held in May is moved to September 10th and 11th in Plymouth, MN. The early August Michigan meet has been cancelled. I did not think all these meets would be cancelled for a second year. We can be thankful that we do not live in a state run by Democrats where our freedoms are limited!

See you at the meeting, on May 8th, at our regular place, the [Sonoma Lake Clubhouse](#). Bring some early tubes!

Jim Collings, President

You are invited to . . .

. . . a **large sale of vintage radios** to be held in **Tulsa** beginning on **June 2, 2021 through June 4, 2021**. Most of these radios are in excellent condition and have been electronically restored. The radios belong to **Bill Satterfield**, a long-time vintage radio collector and friend. Rather than being an auction, this is an estate sale with pre-set prices based on recently-sold evaluations. If you would like photos of any of the radios or have questions, mail rspetty@pettysfinefoods.com. The estate sales company is www.estatesalesbyallen.com. Click this [OKVRC link](#) to view a PDF of the available radios or go to OKVRC.org.

Report for the Spring 2021 Convention and Swap Meet
Jim Tyrrell

Spring is here in Oklahoma, a welcome change after the unusual cold of the last couple months, and the record freeze we had in February. Life has returned to the yard, the spring flowers are blooming, and some large evergreen bushes that I had given up for dead are budding out with new leaves. Seems like a good metaphor for our post-COVID life. Now that I have gotten the shots, I really want to get out and enjoy the fresh air, go places, see more people. The swap meet was a good place to start.

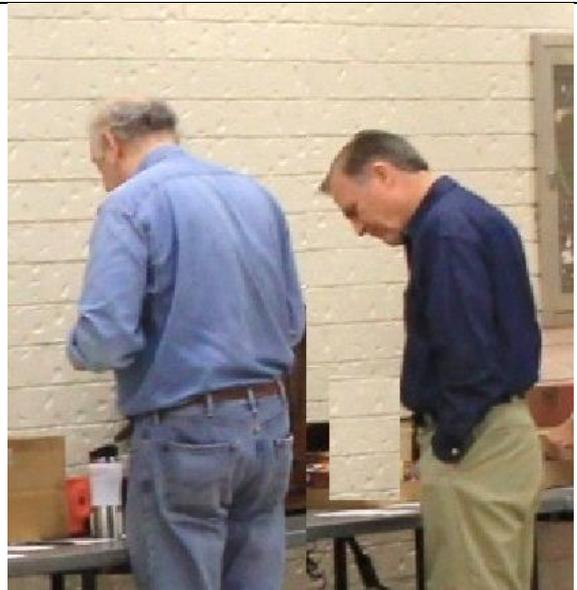
Members and guests were arriving at the Midwest Community Center before the building opened at eight, and there was plenty of donuts and coffee for everyone to enjoy while waiting for sellers to arrive and set up. Perhaps due to lingering fears over Covid, fewer sellers showed up than we normally get for a spring meet. Masks and hand sanitizer were available for anyone who needed them. There were about two rows of sales tables, neither fully populated, and there were a small number of radios for sale, all table models, wood, plastic and Bakelite, mostly from the thirties and forties. There were also some other radio-related items for sale, such as tubes, knobs, speakers, magazines, books, and manuals, along with a few pieces of test equipment and assorted odds and ends. I picked up a nice restored Crosley 1946 model 56PB portable at a good price, and one of our members scored a really nice 1926 battery set, complete with tubes! I can't recall the make now, but it is in working order and was a great value. I also got a couple of twenties radio magazines to add to my collection.

Our silent auction had a fair number of items, including tubes, test equipment, books and manuals, and a few radios. I sold all of my items, and while the prices realized weren't high, given the modest turnout, I made enough to cover my own purchases with a little left over. We also held the regular auction, and we had a good number of items, including stereo components, test equipment, and a small color TV, and prices realized were reasonable, so a lot of us got something to take home at a good price.

The Spring Meet is where we normally have the contest, but we chose to skip that this spring, due to the scaled back nature of this meet. We did have the usual raffle, this time for a Hammarlund HQ-129 communications receiver, restored to working order compliments of Ray and Dorothy Cady. I didn't win it, which is probably a good thing, because I'm running out of room at my house, but Julie Collings did.

We had to relinquish the room by 12:00 to make room for another event. So those of us who were still there teamed up to put away the tables and chairs before saying our goodbyes. While the turnout wasn't huge, I'd say the meet was certainly a success. As things return to normal, our meets should get bigger and better. Thanks to everyone who made it this time; it was great to see you there. If you can, please join us for the next regular monthly meeting on May 8th.

Jim Tyrrell



Just a few fun pictures from our Spring Swap Meet. It's great to see people having a great time talking about vintage radios.

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