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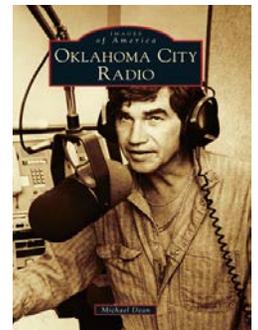
Jim Collings

The January 8th meeting was poorly attended, but was still a good meeting. It was a cold, windy day, and very soon after the holidays. The topic was **Radio books that you use.**

There were a wide variety of books shown.

Ilana brought the most books. She explained how the available books used in academia were behind the times, so specialty books were needed to keep up with newer technology. Her presentation included books from the 1920's to recently published ones. Of interest to me was a recent book by Michael Dean titled: "[Oklahoma City Radio.](#)" The front cover has a vintage photo of Danny Williams behind the microphone.

(I just ordered a copy).



1) Ilana's "Oklahoma City Radio" book.

Jim Ray presented the "Antique Radio Restoration Guide" by Davis Johnson as the book he used extensively when beginning to repair radios. He also brought Alan Douglas's "Tube Testers and Classic Electronic Test Gear." I need to purchase a copy of this one. This was a valuable asset for him in collecting tube testers.

Raymond was not present, but had told me that he used RCA tube manuals all the time, wearing them out and having to purchase more. So, I brought a couple of examples.

I presented the only collector books available when I started collecting: "Vintage Radio," "Flick of the Switch," and "Radio Collector's Guide." I brought a notebook of



Tubes and Tube-type Amplifiers

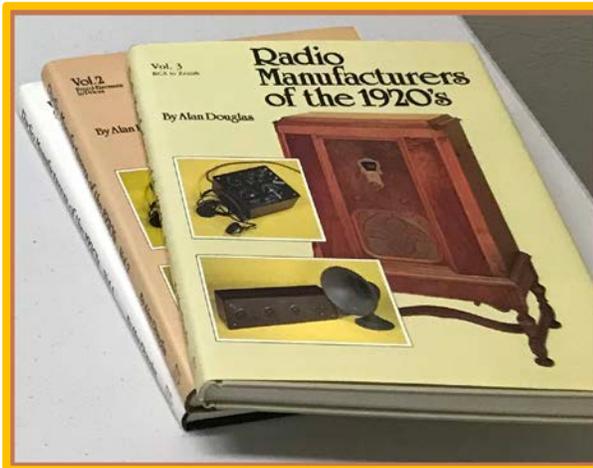
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collected articles by various people about early battery sets from 1923 and before. It was useful at the time to check on a set that was offered in a classified ad. But then Alan Douglas came out with his three volume set: "Radio Manufacturers of the 1920's," which included most of my data and more. Then I progressed on the books I use often. I refer to "Tube Lore" by Ludwell Sibley often, of which a new updated and expanded version became available recently: "[Tube Lore II](#)" I also use "Saga of the Vacuum Tube" by Gerald F. Tyne to research very early tubes. For a quick look at what a radio is, when all I have is the model number, I grab "[Collector's Guide to Antique Radios, seventh edition](#)", which is an updated version of the earlier Bunis books by John Slusser. Other useful books for me are: "Philco Radios" by Ron Ramirez (available on Amazon), and "Radios by Hallicrafters" by Chuck Dachis. ([Abebooks](#) has some used ones.)

So, we had a good meeting, and hopefully this review will be of benefit to those who were unable to attend.

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2) Radio Manufacturers of the 1920's book series brought in by Jim Collings.



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January 2022 Meeting Notes

Jim Tyrrell

The weather for our January meeting was not bad given the time of year. Unfortunately, we had another light turnout; some of our members were out of town, so that reduced our count even further. Regardless, we had a great time and learned much about radio-related books. Anyone who collects Antique Radios seriously soon ends up with a library of books on the subject. These can be divided into roughly five categories, most of which we discussed at the meeting. Our president has discussed some of what we got to look at and learn about during the meeting, so I thought it best to let you see the photos, and for me to share with you categories of radio-related literature.

1. **Historic Radio Schematic References.** These include publications like Rider, Beitman's and Sam's Manuals, as well as schematic books published by individual manufacturers (RCA, Zenith, and Philco). While many radio schematics can now be found on-line, for those of us who started collecting before the Internet, these old manuals still occupy a place of honor on our bookshelves.
2. **Vintage Radio Textbooks.** These period books, which typically are 50 to 100 years old, range from practical repair guides to engineering books that delve into complex radio theory. One of my favorites is "Modern Radio Servicing" by Marcus and Levy, (1946). These historic books are often handsomely bound and can usually be picked up cheap. (NOTE: You can get a PDF of "Elements of Radio Servicing" by these authors at this link: <https://antiqueradios.com/archives/ElementsOfRadioServicingCh1-4.pdf>. There are 24 chapters. Files are named Ch1-4.pdf, 5-8.pdf, etc., so you'll need to change that part of each link to get all of the chapters, preface, and appendices.)
3. **Contemporary Radio Collector Repair Guides.** A number of books on restoration of old radios have been published in recent decades. These often cover subject material not covered in most vintage radio repair books, such as cosmetic restoration. "How to Repair Old-time Radios" by Clayton Hallmark is one of my favorites.

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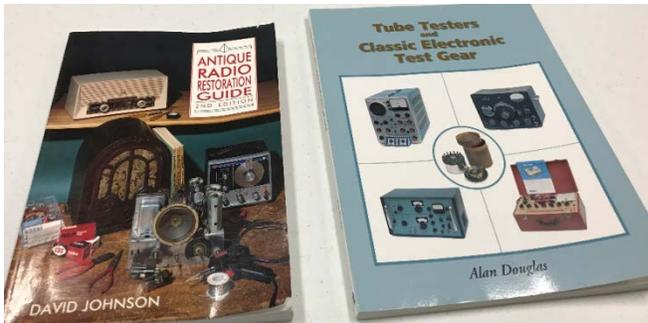
4. **Radio Collector guides.** Ever since the publication of Morgan McMahon's "Vintage Radio" and "A Flick of the Switch" over forty years ago, dozens of beautifully illustrated books have been published, some covering just one brand of radio, others covering a wide range of manufacturers. Many of these books are now in color.
5. **Radio History books.** A lot of books have been published in recent decades describing the history of the golden age of radios. Perhaps the best known is "Empire of the Air", which was made into a PBS documentary. Others cover more offbeat subjects like "Border Radio", by Gene Fowler, about the Mexican high power stations that once beamed programming to the US, and "The Auto Radio, a Romantic Genealogy" by Ronald Matteson, which covers the history of car radios from the 1920's to recent times.

We missed everyone who could not make the January meeting, and really hope you will be able to join us in February. We plan to have a lot of fun. See you then.

Jim Tyrrell, Secretary



3) Spread of books brought in by Ilana. Wow! That's quite a collection!



4) Books brought in by Jim Ray.



5) A closer look at some of Ilana's collection.

President's Column (Continued)

This month's meeting will be at the Sonoma Lake Clubhouse, 1712 NW 159th St, Edmond, OK, on February 12th. This will be a meeting you will not want to miss. The topic for February will be **Wooden Horn Speakers**. I believe I have almost all of the commercially made wooden horn speakers from the 1920's. I will be bringing them all, plus a few others for your enjoyment. Feel free to bring any horn speakers of any material in your collection to the meeting, for comparison. Wooden horn speakers are believed to have superior tone characteristics, and were more expensive than horns of other materials, so are not encountered as often as other types. It should be an informative meeting. The dinner will begin at 6 PM, with the actual start of the meeting at 7. Please remember to bring something for the donation auction.

Also, I recently obtained a large bolt (roughly 70 inches wide) of light colored speaker grill cloth, great for large projects. Get some for free at the meeting.

If you haven't paid your annual dues, the low \$15 membership fee can be sent to the club's PO Box, or paid at the meeting.

Now is the time to plan vacation time for the year. The 2022 list of radio events for this year is included below. It's not too early to get ready for our big spring meet. It will be on April 9th at the Midwest City Community Center.

I hope to see many of you at the meeting!

2022 Radio Events

April 9, 2022	OKVRC Spring Swap Meet	Midwest City, OK
March 4-6, 2022	HVRA Convention	Houston, TX
March 19, 2022	VRPS Spring Auction	Irving, TX
March 24-26, 2022	Carolina Chapter-AWA Meet	Charlotte, NC
May 13-14, 2022	DVHRC Antiques Radio Show	Kutztown, PA
May 20-21, 2022	NARC Radio Daze	Plymouth, MN
May 21, 2022	VPRS Swap Meet	Irving, TX
August, 5-6, 2021	ARCI Radiofest (Chicago Area)	Addison, IL
Sept. 16-17, 2022	DVHRC Antiques Radio Show	Kutztown, PA
October 4-8, 2022	AWA Conference	Rochester, NY
October 8, 2022	OKVRC Fall Swap Meet	Midwest City, OK

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Apparently, there are several scientific studies that tell us that people born in February are that much more special and unique for having been born in the shortest and sometimes leap year month of the year. So, happy birthday to all of our Febs!

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