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Membership payment also is accepted at any of our monthly meetings and our semi-annual club swap meets. Membership payment is due in January for that year.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Jim Collings



### **Meeting Date Change for November!**

Due to a date conflict for several of our regular attendees, our November meeting will be moved to the first Saturday in November, Nov. 6th. It will, however, be held at the usual place, the Sonoma Lake Clubhouse, [1712 NW](#)

[159th St.](#), beginning at 7 PM with dinner at 6 PM. The topic will be interesting or unusual radios or radio items. This will be an opportunity to bring and show off something that may not fit into our regular meeting topics. It could be your favorite set! I will bring a couple of early rare pieces. It will be interesting to see what turns up.

**Last month's swap meet was a success!** We had attendance that was greater than normal; the sign-in sheet went on to a second page. Thanks to bidders and especially to Jerry Myers for all of his donations for the silent auction; it was quite successful with almost everything selling. The raffle of the Setchel-Carlson deco set generated great ticket sales and interest, so we were able to cover the rent for the facility. Long-time member, Stanley Caesar, was the lucky winner of the raffle.

There were interesting items in the contest, with the Best of Show and People's Choice going to Jim Ray's Telefunken Opus 6 German Receiver. A list of the winning pieces is included elsewhere in this issue. **I was so busy during the meet, that I was unable to ascertain who the owners were of many items. If they were yours, please let me know; we'd like to make sure you receive credit for your winning entry.**

I believe everyone had a good time at the meet. Thanks to all who attended, helped, and/or donated items.

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## Contest Winners for the 2021 OKVRC Meet

(Please Note. Categories without entries have been removed from this list.)

1. Battery and Crystal Receivers, Pre-1930: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Steinite 990, Carol Ellinghouse. 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Stewart Warner Display, Jim Tyrell. 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Grebe CR-9, Jim Collings.
2. Tombstone and Cathedral Receivers: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Zenith 6D326, Eric Coon. 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Gloritone 27, owner unknown. 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Stewart Warner 1235A, owner unknown.
3. Horizontal Wooden Receivers: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Emerson AX-217, Jim Collings. 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Jackson Bell 45, owner unknown. 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Airline 62-277 Movie Dial, Raymond & Dorothy Cady.
5. AC/DC Bakelite or Plastic Receivers: 1st place, RCA 1R/81 display. 2nd place, Westinghouse H 54515A, owner unknown. 3rd place, Zenith R615, owner unknown.
6. Art Deco and Novelty Receivers: 1st place, Airline 62-351, Jim Collings. 2nd place, Zenith Photo, Eric Coon.
7. HiFi Equipment (tube type tuners, amplifiers, etc.): 1st place, Dynakit PAS2 Preamplifier, Jim Collings.
8. Foreign Made Receivers and Equipment, tube type: 1st place, Telefunken Opus 6, Jim Ray.
9. Homebrew and Kit Receivers (changed to Test Equipment): 1st place, Hickok 6000B Tube Tester, Jim Ray. 2nd place, Sencore TC 136 Tube Tester, owner unknown. 3rd place, CRT 400 Cathode Ray Tube Tester, owner unknown.
10. Accessory Items: 1st place, Murdock Spark Oscillation Transformer, Jim Collings. 2nd place, Kellogg Double Button Carbon Ring Microphone, Jim Collings.
12. Open Category: 1st place, Bendix DR-1 Military Direction Finder, Ilana Steinhorn. 2nd place, Candy Box, Radio Shaped Candy Tin, owner unknown. 3rd place, Glaser-Steers Military Speaker, owner unknown.
13. Best Restoration: Airline 62-277 Movie Dial, Raymond & Dorothy Cady.
14. People's Choice AND 15. Best of Show: Telefunken Opus 6, Jim Ray.



2. Jim Ray's Best-of-Show AND People's-Choice award winning Telefunken Opus 6.



1. Julie Collings (Left) and Sharon Taylor (Right) enjoying the swap meet.



3. You never know what you might get to see (or buy) at an OKVRC swap meet.

## *Fall 2021 Swap Meet Notes*

### *Jim Tyrrell*

October in Oklahoma means a break from the summer heat, the turning of the leaves and folks decorating their yards with fall items like pumpkins and straw bales, and of course everyone (especially the kids), getting ready for Halloween. For OKVRC members, it also means our Fall Convention and Swap Meet. Members and guests were arriving at the Midwest Community Center before the building opened at eight, and there were plenty of donuts and coffee for everyone to enjoy.

We did not have a large number of sellers, but I noticed sales were fairly brisk for those sellers who made it. There were about two rows of sales tables, with a decent selection of table model radios for sale, and lots of radio-related items (tubes, knobs, speakers, magazines, books, manuals), and a few pieces of test equipment. I picked up a late-forties TrueTone portable, and a few parts I needed.

Our silent auction had a wide selection of items, as did the live auction thanks to a generous donation of a lot of radios and related items provided by Jerry Meyers. Our raffle for the ivory Setchel-Carlson "frog-eye" table model was very successful; one of our members went home happy.

The Spring Meet is where we usually have the contest, but we chose to skip that last time, due to the epidemic. So for the first time ever, as far as I know, it was held in the fall. And it was a great success, as many collectors brought in a wide range of radios and radio related items to share. There were a lot of really nice items, but my favorite was a mid-thirties Montgomery Ward's Airline "movie dial" table radio. Ray and Dorothy Cady have lovingly restored this unique radio to like new condition, including rebuilding the unique dial which projects the station information on a tiny screen behind the dial. I can't wait to see it in operation!

Thanks to everyone who came, it was great to see you there. Try to join us for the next regular monthly meeting on November 6th. We have moved it up a week to accommodate a scheduling conflict. And don't forget our club Christmas party isn't far off either!

*Jim Tyrrell, Secretary*



4 It's almost time for pumpkin pie now.



5 Jim Tyrrell enjoying a yummy donut.



6 Setchel-Carlson "frog-eye" table top won in the raffle.

## *President's Column Continued*

On another note, mark your calendars for the evening of Saturday, December 11th, for our annual Christmas party. Unless someone volunteers to host this event at their home, we can plan to have it at my home. We will have the traditional white elephant/dirty Santa gift exchange. We will likely have a sing along jam session at the end, so plan to bring your instrument. Our typical caterers have retired, so different arrangements need to be made. There will be more data to come on this fun event!

The VRPS annual convention will be on November 19th thru 21st in Plano, TX, at the Comfort Inn. This is the same location as the last one two years ago. The main events are a Friday auction of tubes and paperwork beginning at 2:45, and continuing to radio items starting at 5 PM. Saturday's big auction begins at 11 AM, followed by the awards banquet at 6 PM. The contest, which is always a delight to see, will be judged at 9 AM on Saturday. The theme this year is 100 Years of Broadcasting. The auction seller's commission is now only 5% which should attract nicer items to the auction block. There is only a 5% buyer's premium. The Saturday evening banquet will feature Amy Bishop of station WRR, who will review that station's history. If you have never been to a large event like this, you can learn a lot, as there is a lot of equipment to view and bid on. If you need details, drop me a line or check the [VRPS.org](http://VRPS.org) website. I hope to see many of you there.

*Jim Collings, President*

**7 Left to right: Aaron, Jim C., Sharon, & Jim R. (Not to mention the awesome stuff available for purchase.)**



**8 Silent auction winners. What a bargain they got on this vintage cabinet!**



**9 Two of our swap meet visitors looking at how Ray Cady's AM Transmitter works to allow any Bluetooth connected device, FM radio stations, and MP3 files via USB or an SD card to stream to any radio, especially vintage radios.**

## WANTED

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*Happy Birthday to our November  
Birthday Members!*



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