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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Jim Collings



Our fall swap meet is almost here! It will be at the Nick-Harroz Midwest City Community Center on Saturday, October 9th, beginning officially at 8:30 AM. This is at 100 N Midwest Boulevard in Midwest City, OK. We normally use the side entrance on the east side of the building.

Here is the schedule that we will try to keep:

- Official start of swapping is as soon as all the tables are set up.
- The silent auction will be open for bidding shortly after the official start, and the contest area will be available for set-up.
- The silent auction will close at 9:45, and judging of the contest items will begin soon after.
- At 10:30 we will have the drawing for the Raffle item, a Setchell Carlson 427 deco white plascon radio, and for then the drawing for the door prizes.
- The main auction will begin immediately after the drawings.
- We have the facility until noon, giving us time to tear down the tables, clean, and have everything moved out in time.

Coffee and Donuts will be available. There is no charge for admission, or for use of a swap table. So, bring as much as you can for swap, because the more stuff there, the more fun it will be. I've been advised that several collectors will be bringing a lot, and there will be another disposing of a collection that has been stored here since the owner moved away.

President's Column (Continued)

Jim Collings

Tell all of your friends and others who may have an interest in radio, as the more people we have, the better the meet will be. Free radio appraisals and repair estimates will be available, as well as advice on all things radio related. Categories for the contest were published in last month's issue of the Broadcast News, and are designed so that most anything will have a category in which to be judged. I believe we will have a big turnout, and I hope to see everyone there.

Julie and I just got back from the meet in Kutztown, PA. I believe it is the largest vintage radio meet in the country and is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Historical Radio Club in conjunction with Renninger's. The location has two large, long, covered pavilions. Both were full of radio vendors, and attendance was reported to be a record. We arrived on Thursday at about 11:40, as they were to start letting vendors in to set up at noon. We were in the middle of the fifth line of vehicles waiting to get in, which grew to seven lines. We got in about 12:40. While in line, people were out of their vehicles, mingling, and some equipment changed hands. I would assume most of these were pre-arranged sales. Since we missed last year, our spot was in the second pavilion. I thought this would be a problem, as all the large longtime dealers and the Delaware Valley Club were set up in the first pavilion. But it turned out to be fine, since both pavilions were full. We did miss being around our normal vendors. We got set up, and Julie made a few sales while I roamed for bargains. But none were to be found, and it was nearly an hour before I made a purchase. As the day went on, the smaller items and parts which I like became available, and I found some nice things. The weather was warm and sultry, as it rained both Thursday and Friday overnight, but not during daylight hours. Thursday and Friday were the most active days. There were many vendors selling tube audio equipment, so this may be the best meet for this type of equipment. I had never seen so many loose radio speakers, as there were lots, of all makes and sizes. On Saturday some vendors had already left, and very few new ones took their place. It was a good meet. We sold about 75% of the things we took. I had the car so full that we didn't stop at any antique malls on the way home, as there was not room for anything else. I purchased a lot of tubes and parts, a marble based wireless spark key, a grandfather clock radio, several tube amplifiers, two tube testers, a large ring microphone, a Geiger counter, a Western Electric Horn microphone, and an Edison cylinder phonograph. When it rolls around again next year, we will probably be ready to go again.

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President's Column (Continued)

The HLARA will hold their fall swap meet at the White House Mansion in Tulsa on October 16th. The address is 1 W 81st Street, and it will begin at 9 AM, and last thru the morning and lunch. It is always a good meet, and I always find things of interest. So, I recommend everyone attend.

Also, plan to attend the VRPS Convention in Plano, on November 19th thru 21st, at the Comfort Inn. It is the biggest and best event in our immediate area.

Hope to see everyone at the meet. It should be a fun event!



Meeting Report for September 2021

Jim Tyrrell



We are deep into September, but the summer heat won't let go! Even the State Fair, which seems to attract rain, remained dry. But October is just around the corner, with a promise of cooler weather as the seasons change. I'm sure we are all ready for that. The cooler days, the turning of the leaves, folks getting ready for Halloween and Thanksgiving. . . Bring it on!

We had a fairly good turnout of twelve or so members for our usual second Saturday of the month OKVRC meeting at the Sonoma Lake club house. Our hosts Dorothy and Ray Cady, once again sanitized the room against COVID, and ordered Pizza for our dinner. After everyone was well fed, President Jim Collings called the meeting to order and made announcements about upcoming sales and auctions. We then discussed next month's (October 9th) OKVRC Fall Convention at the Midwest City community center. We will have the contest that was skipped last spring, so plan on bringing in something from your collection to share. We also got to see a really nice "frog-eye" Setchell Carlson table radio (see image above) that Ray and Dorothy have restored to be the prize in the convention raffle. It's a very nice set; I will buy a ticket for sure.

Then we got started on the evening's program: Stromberg Carlson and Stewart Warner radios. While many radio collectors own radios, phonographs, and televisions made by these two manufacturers, both made a wide range of other products. Stromberg Carlson got its start in Chicago in 1894, started by two former AT&T employees. It soon became a major manufacturer of telephones and telephone switching equipment, which it built throughout its long life, subsidiaries of which exist to this day. In addition, Stromberg Carlson built military electronics, microfilm equipment and data processing systems.

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Our club members brought in a few Stromberg Carlson radios to share. Your club secretary lugged in a Stromberg Carlson "Treasure Chest" battery set from 1927. This radio must be one of the heaviest battery sets ever built, and one of the most beautiful. But it arrived on the scene a bit like Cinderella arriving at ten minutes to midnight; AC sets came out en-masse the next year, which pretty much rendered battery sets obsolete.



Jim Tyrrell's Stromberg Carlson Treasure Chest



Jim Collings' 1935 Stromberg Carlson

Jim Collings brought in a very attractive 1935 Stromberg Carlson three-band tombstone table radio. It has a beautiful octagonal dial.

Stewart Warner was founded in Chicago in 1905 by John K. Stewart. Stewart's partner Edgar Bassick purchased the Warner Instrument Company, which gives us the company name of Stewart Warner. Stewart Warner made a wide range of automotive and other gauges and industrial products, as well as refrigerators,

televisions, military products, integrated circuits and interestingly enough, stadium scoreboards. In 1987 British Tire and Rubber bought Stewart Warner and in 1989 moved manufacturing to Juarez, Mexico, and in 1993 the company's historic offices and plant in Chicago were destroyed by fire. Stewart Warner today is located in Lancaster, PA, and is a subsidiary of the Actuant Corporation. Stewart Warner gauges are still available and remain popular with custom car buffs to this day.

Your club secretary brought in a Stewart Warner battery set from 1925. This popular five-tube three-knob set was offered in a wide range of different cabinet styles, including floor models. I also have a six-tube single-knob Stewart Warner battery set from 1926 I didn't have room for, but I'll bring both sets to the Convention to enter in the contest. Jim Collings brought in not one but two Stewart-Warner tombstone table models from about 1935. They both have beautiful Art Deco pattern grills. They differ only in cabinet design and model numbers, as they both use the same chassis. Jim also showed us a small plastic table model AC-DC set from 1939, which belonged to his mother. It was called the "campus" model because it was sold in the different colors of the various colleges it was sold at. It would be fun to know how many different colors were offered!

We finished up the evening with the usual donation auction. Several boxes of assorted parts and a reproduction Crosley phonograph went to new homes.

Be sure to come on October 9th to our swap meet in Midwest City. You won't want to miss it!

Jim Tyrrell, Secretary

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Birthday Members!***



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Since this birthday's your special day,
May every dream you chase,
Come true and never ever stray.*

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