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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Jim Collings

Our August meeting is coming up, August 13th at the Sonoma Lake Clubhouse, 1712 NW 159th St, Edmond, OK. The actual meeting starts at 7PM, preceded by dinner at about 6. A topic was selected at the last meeting, but I don't remember it, and those I have asked do not remember what it was. So, the topic will be to bring a radio related item that you have been unable to bring to show off, because we have not had a meeting topic in which it falls into. I know I have some interesting things, that I have not brought, that are among my favorite items. I would love to bring them to share with our club members, and hopefully others will be in the same situation. It also could be that you were inspired and added a radio to your collection after seeing something at one of the meetings. So it should be an interesting meeting. Another order of business this month is to have our annual election of officers. If you would like to serve the club, I'm sure a place could be found for you. Of course, we'll have our usual donation auction at the end of the meeting, so bring something you don't need that someone else may be able to use. I have a few things that were donated to the club to bring for the auction.

Julie and I attended the HLARA Summer Sizzler in Tulsa several weekends ago. It was a fairly good meet, similar to their events in the past. We had good attendance by our members to support this sister club. Dorothy Cady spent most of the time manning the registration table, and Jim Tyrrell, David Cox, Scott Petty and I served as judges for the contest. The contest had some superb items, and we had some tough decisions to make in several of the categories. All the tables were full for the swap. I arrived before the official opening on Saturday morning, but still had to use parts of three tables to display my stuff. I am trying to purchase less stuff, a was fairly successful, only bringing a few new items home, but other items were very tempting. There was not a large group of radios brought in to get rid of before the meet ended, as there has often been in the past. I sold about half of the items I brought. They always serve a free hotdog lunch with ice cream, which is a treat. The donation auction at the end of the meet was somewhat sparse, so I hope they were able to cover their expenses. We look forward to the meet next year.

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President's Column (Continued)

We just returned from the [ARCI meet in Addison \(Chicago area\), Illinois](#). The meet began with the Friday night auction. I think attendance was a little less than the last meet, which was three years ago. The two previous meets were cancelled due to COVID. There were a lot of very nice items in the auction, but way too many had very high minimum bids, and did not sell. A lot of these were tube audio items. Items with no or low minimums that were not commonly seen items sold well, but common items sold low. Particularly noticeable was that cathedral radios went very cheap, even very nice ones. Consoles also did poorly, even Zeniths. The auctioneering was done by Jim Sargent. In spite of a slow start, the auction was well organized, and went smoothly with quick checkout. There were a few less items than in the past. I only purchased a few things, and the four items I entered sold at fair prices. They had a \$7 per item entry fee for each item, instead of a commission. Then there was the typical 10% buyer's premium.

The outdoor swap meet began early Saturday morning. Quite a few vendors were set up when I got out there about 7:20. I believe there were a few less vendors than in the past. I purchased a few things, but nothing spectacular. Two of the three items I took sold, and we sold quite a few assorted radio parts at \$1 each, but still ended up donating most of them to the donation auction.

The weather was clear, but it got hot and humid. The donation auction originally scheduled for 1:30 was moved up an hour, as so many vendors were packing up and leaving. I bought quite a few items in the donation area, some earlier in the day, and some at the end.

They did not really have an auction. Some items had been donated previously and were priced. The first reduction was to sell anything at half the marked price. Next was \$20 an item, then \$10, then \$5, and finally \$1 per item. After I left, I think the remains were free for the taking so they would not have to haul things off.

The meet did not have the typical contest. They were unable to find volunteers to run it. Also, the entertainment for the banquet cancelled, so there was no entertainment. We had other plans for a friend's birthday party, so we had not planned to attend anyway. I did not hear any comments on it.

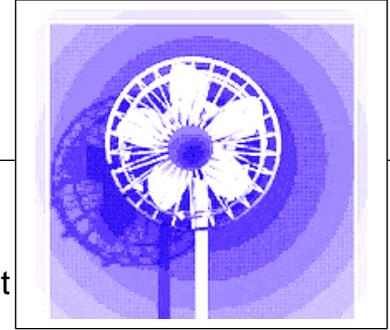
It was nice to visit with collector friends who we haven't been able to see for several years. Overall it was a good meet, and we will plan to attend again next year.

See you at the August meeting. Bring something interesting that we may not have seen before.

Jim Collings

July 2022 Meeting Notes

Jim Tyrrell



It's July here in Oklahoma, high summer. And boy is it hot! This year is one of those years where we are hitting the *century mark* (100 degrees plus) most days. Last Saturday I spent most of the afternoon doing yard work, and some of my tools, like the hedge trimmer, got so hot to the touch I had to find some gloves to protect my hands. Will we break the record set back in, I think, 2011? I hope not!

For our monthly OKVRC meeting, our dinner was fried chicken, a nice change of pace from pizza, with desert and cold drinks for everyone. Jim Collings called the meeting to order. We had a short agenda. There was a brief reminder that we are still looking for a new venue for the spring and fall Swap Meets. One member is researching the Mustang Community Center as a possible location, and Jim and Julie are going to check with their church. In addition, Dorothy Cady gave us a heads up that the clubhouse would not be available for our monthly meetings come January of 2023, so we need to choose a new location for that as well. Jim Collings indicated we should choose a restaurant. Any ideas? It does not have to be in Edmond. Perhaps you would like us to come closer to your area so you can attend the meetings. We are open to and would love to hear your suggestions!

We also discussed the July Summer Sizzler radio meet (held a couple of weeks ago) in Tulsa by our sister radio club. Several members of our club went, including me, and we all had a great time and brought home some new items for our collections. Dorothy filled in for the Tulsa club to sell their raffle tickets, helping the Tulsa club to hold a successful fund raiser. Though it can seem like a bit of a costly drive to Tulsa, some of us carpoled this time and it was great fun. That could work for you, too. The July Summer Sizzler is always a great time with a contest and lots of people you have not seen in a while.



**HLARA's Summer Sizzler
July 2022.**

Our July meeting's program topic was *Small Wonders* . . . radios and radio accessories that are just that, small. This is a subject we have done before, but knowing it would be a hot day, we chose this topic to lighten up for summer.

Jim Collings brought in a tiny, free standing, Naald cone speaker unit from about 1926 that is still in its original box. It's about one tenth the size of a regular cone speaker. He also showed a small speaker horn from the mid-twenties with a Baldwin driver, and a small Air Castle radio with Catlin knobs that originally sold through the Spiegel catalog.

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Jim Collings' tiny horn.



Elana's radio with copper grill.

Club member Elena brought in a few interesting items. We got to see a small leather case portable radio, which unfortunately had the brand worn off. Next, she showed us a little Zenith portable with an attractive copper grill. Elena also shared with us a fairly modern radio- cassette unit she purchased years ago in the Canary Islands! She also showed us a small military speaker, an interesting design given that very little vintage military equipment is ever small (or light).

Speaking of things military, Jim Ray brought in a nice compact Sharp AM-FM-SW portable radio that he bought during his military career; Jim had it while he was based at the Indian Mountain Air Force Station in Alaska! From the Canary Islands to Alaska, our club members have some very well-traveled items in their collections!



Jim Ray's Sharp radio.



Jim Collings' NAALD Midget Cone Speaker with its original box.

Your club secretary brought in some small sets of his own to share. I showed two very small metal Arvin sets. One, the model 40 (1940), only has two tubes while the Model 442 (1947) has four. I also shared a slightly larger metal set from 1950; it uses the same chassis as the Hopalong Cassidy radio. I also showed a couple of

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Bakelite sets, a very small Travler and a slightly larger Philco Transitone, both from the early forties. I also displayed a tiny five-tube Continental from the early sixties. Lastly, I showed a few recent small wonders, a tiny Coby AM-FM radio about half the size of a cigarette pack, and two very small nine-band radios, one branded Bell & Howell and the other Kaide (all the other labeling in Chinese), but otherwise identical.



These are Jim Tyrrell's two Arvin radios.

Some of Jim Tyrrell's transistor radios.

We finished up a great evening with the usual donation auction, including a few offbeat items. A large box of woodworking magazines, a cordless drill, a radio chassis (possibly Philco) mounted in a Plexiglas cabinet, a hardbound vintage mail order catalog from the fifties, and a Philco model 50-920 radio all went to new homes.

Thanks to everyone who came. See you next month!



Our meeting's auction table.



Auctioned radio with Plexiglas cabinet (not original).



Nice selection of vintage woodworking magazines.

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April and October are our swap meet months; they replace our regular meeting for those two months.

**Happy Birthday to
our August
birthday members!**



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