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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Jim Collings

Our meeting this month will be on June 11th at the Sonoma Lake subdivision clubhouse, Summer has arrived, and it's too hot to work on radios outside. But it should be cool inside at our next meeting. It's on Saturday July 9th at the Sonoma Lake Clubhouse, [1712 NW 159th St, Edmond, OK](#). The meal will begin at 6 PM with the meeting starting at 7. Our meeting topic is in line with the summer temperatures . . . small radios. So we won't need to bring heavy items. We should include other small radio items, like speakers or other compact units. That should make it easy to select a few items to bring. Hopefully we will have a variety of items to make it a good meeting. Please remember to bring something for the donation auction. An electronic enthusiast in Texas sent me two boxes of capacitors, RF and IF transformers, etc. These will be available for distribution at the meeting for anyone who can use them.

July 23th is the Tulsa club's annual Summer Sizzler meet. It is structured quite a bit like our April meet, except there is no silent auction, and lunch is served. Their contest normally has some impressive items, worth viewing. I always find some items in the swap meet. It will be held at the [Asbury United Methodist Church, 6767 S. Mingo, Tulsa](#), the same as their previous meets. The doors open at 8 AM for set-up. The contest categories are shown on their website, HLRA.org. Since it is close, everyone should try to attend.

The next large radio meet will be the ARCI Radiofest, August 5th and 6th at the Medina Shriners in Addison, Illinois. It is always a great meet with a Friday night auction, Saturday swap meet, and some interesting programs. It is only 800 miles to Chicago, so it is not too far to go. I'm always happy to see friends, and some of our former members who have moved away. It is worth attending. Check out their website at antique-radios.org for more details.

See you at our next meeting with your small radio items and something for the donation auction.

Jim Collings

June 2022 Meeting Notes

Jim Tyrrell

It's June already and here in Oklahoma, like the song says; "The Heat is on." But just wait until July and August! Thank goodness for AC and my neighborhood association's swimming pool. I asked my 91 year old neighbor, an Oklahoma native, how people dealt with the heat back when she was growing up. She said, "We drank lots of lemonade and slept out on the porch some nights." The first building in her little town to get AC was the movie theatre. Needless to say, everyone went to the movies a lot during the summer!

It was another pleasant early summer day for our usual second Saturday of the month OKVRC meeting at the Sonoma Lake club house. We had a smaller than average turnout of about eight members. Our dinner was pizza as usual and there was plenty left over for those who wanted to take some home. Most everyone did!

Once Jim Collings had called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., we discussed the possibility of changing our venue for the spring and fall Convention and Swap Meets. We have used the Midwest Community center for many years now, but the changes they have made, including requiring us to set up and take down those heavy tables and chairs, have us considering a change. We are open to suggestions for another place, so please share if you have any suggestions. Stay tuned for more information on that one.

Jim also mentioned the upcoming Summer Sizzler radio meet that is put on by our sister club in Tulsa (HLARA). It's always a great event. If you don't mind making the drive and could use a little away time, you can even consider doing what some other members do and drive up the night before to stay in a hotel, have a nice relaxing evening, and then drive back the next day. And, the HLARA club has a great summertime free lunch, too.

The subject of the night's program was: Test Equipment, other than Tube Checkers. We had a program on tube checkers in the past, but most of us have other test instruments that either serve as "daily drivers" in our restoration work or are part of our vintage items collections.

Club member, Ray Cady, does a lot of radio repair work, and he showed us the *daily drivers* which keep his service bench humming. We got to see an auto ranging multimeter, a signal tracer used in testing IF circuits, an analog multimeter useful for alignment work, an LC meter for capacitors and inductors, and some alignment tools.

Jim Collings brought in his service lineup, including a Craftsman digital multimeter, a Heathkit signal generator model SG-8, a Heathkit aural-visual signal tracer, an EICO 147A signal tracer new in the box, a Paco C20 resistance capacitance bridge, and a AVO MEGGER high resistance meter, for testing insulation, made in Holland.

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June Meeting Notes (Continued)

Club member Jerry brought in a signal injector that uses external crystals to set frequency.

Your club secretary brought in two *daily drivers*: a Radio Shack Micronta 22-204A analog multimeter, and a Paco G-30 signal generator. I have been using these two items for service work for decades. I also brought in a RCA WV-97A VoltOhmyst VTVM, and an RCA WO-505A solid state oscilloscope. These items I don't use in my work, but I added them to my collection because they are "RCAs" like a lot of radios in our collections! I also brought in a real antique, a pre-WWII General Radio 683-A power output meter, in a wood case. Don't have any idea how to use it, but it looks nice in my display case.

Club member Elena brought in an array of interesting items. We got to see a computer cable tester, a B&K precision LCR/ESR meter, a Radio Shack SWR meter, an antenna tuner, a Triplet VOM in a leather case, a PEP meter, a homemade Variac, a Hickock capacitance inductance meter, and a Treo signal generator. Some of Elena's items seem to have belonged to a Ham Radio operator at some point.

We finished up a different and really fun program with the usual donation auction. We had some great donated items including several complete radios, including two farm radios with power supplies added, a Crosley radio-phonograph, two Silvertone radios, Packard Bell portable radio, a code oscillator, a box of parts and other odds and ends all went to new homes.

Thanks to everyone who came. See you next month.



Jerry with his signal injector.



Jim Tyrrell's Paco G-30 signal generator.

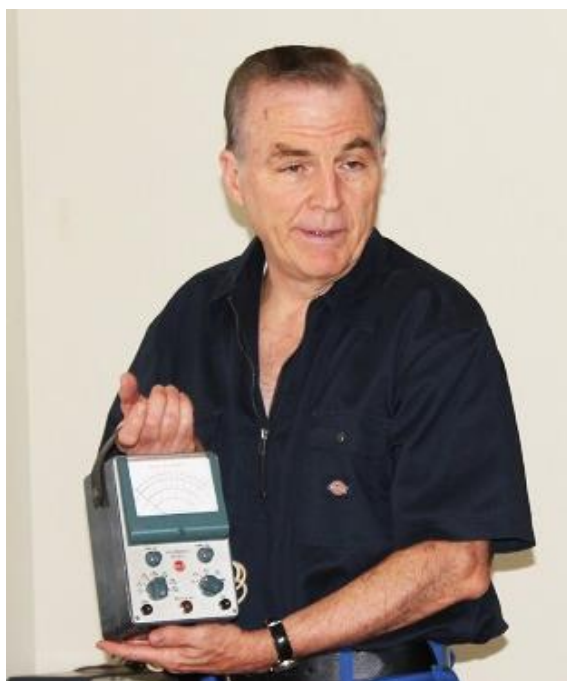
Additional Meeting Photos



Jim Collings' Eico Signal Tracker Model 147A.



Jim Collings' Craftsman Digital Multimeter.

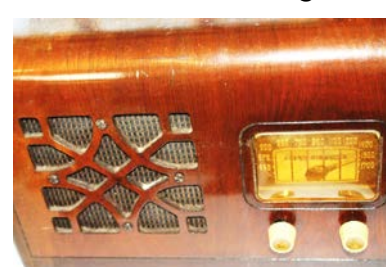


Jim Tyrrell showing his Radio Shack Micronta 22-204A analog multimeter.



Ray Cady's multimeter that he uses almost daily.

Just some of the items auctioned off for club donations during June's OKVRC meeting.



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[1712 NW 159th St, Edmond, OK](http://1712NW159thStEdmondOK)

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

Happy Birthday to our July birthday members!

Perhaps you remember slang words from your younger years like, *beatnik*, *dolly*, *dream boat*, or even *back seat bingo*. If you can't remember what those terms mean or you were not growing up in the 1950's, don't worry. Instead, gift yourself for your birthday with a trip down memory lane. Hop over to <https://grammar.yourdictionary.com/slang/> and pick the decade in which you were born to remind yourself of those slang terms and enjoy some fond memories of your birth decade.

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