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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Jim Collings

Christmas Party Time

Our Christmas Party will again be at the home of Jim and Julie Collings, 14704 Carlingford Way, Edmond, OK 73013. Call if you need directions. The date is Saturday December 17th. Please begin arriving around 6 PM, as the catered meal will be ready to eat at 6:30. Note that this is a change from our normal 2nd Saturday meeting time. The menu is not yet finalized as we are switching caterers, but it will be traditional American cuisine. The OKVRC is again subsidizing the cost of the meal. This is made possible thru purchase and sale of items in our monthly donation auctions, and raffles, and donations at our swap meets. Please RSVP to the Collings at 755-4139, or jcradio@cox.net by Sunday, Dec. 11, so that we can get an accurate headcount for the caterers. We will have the usual Dirty Santa gift exchange. We hope you'll join in by bringing a wrapped gift valued at \$10 or more. These have been a lot of fun in the past. The traditional musical jam session at the end is planned, so you may bring your instrument, or just sing along. We are hoping for a big turnout, and of course all are welcome. It's one of our few events where spouses and significant others are especially included and get to socialize.

Dues Payable by Jan. 2023

It is time to renew your annual membership of \$15 to help the club offset its annual expenses. You may send your payment to our PO Box: OKVRC, PO Box 50625, Midwest City, OK 73140; pay in person at the Christmas Party; or at the January meeting.

November's Meeting and More

Our last meeting in November was at the new meeting place, the Golden Coral at 1501 S Sooner Road in OKC. It worked out fine. We had a slightly better than normal turnout, and a good meal. The access door to the outside to bring in our equipment was not attached to the meeting room, but was very close. We had plenty of room, but sat close

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together for a more intimate setting. Our topic was small items, as we were unsure how the accommodations would work out. Overall it was a very enjoyable meeting, at least for me. We meet there again on January 14th to continue to evaluate this as our normal meeting place. The meeting topic is yet to be determined.

Julie and I attended the VRPS meet in Dallas (Richardson) the weekend before Thanksgiving. Many of our club members were in attendance also. It was a good meet, very similar to those in the past, and attendance seemed to me to be about the same as the last time, two years ago. It was in a much nicer facility, the Double Tree. Late Friday afternoon was the tube and paper auction. The offerings were somewhat less than in the past, but the number of Friday evening items were more than normal, so the break for dinner was skipped, and the auction continued. I considered it to be a buyer's auction, as most items sold at reasonable prices. I purchased quite a few items, but only ended up paying \$200 more than my sales. The silent auction on Saturday morning was not as large as last time, and some items received no bids (\$5 minimum). The main Saturday auction began early at about 10:20 AM, as there were more items than anticipated, and we had to end by 5 PM to allow time for the hotel to set up the room for the banquet. My items sold well, and it was more of a seller's auction, yet there were bargains. I believe everyone went away with some good purchases. Most consoles were cheap, some for the taking. I only purchased a few items, but was quite tempted on others. I worked on the computer for a large part of the auctions, inputting sales during the auctions. Everything went fine, with no glitches. The contest was good, with quite a few impressive displays, but not as many items as in the past. I won a first place ribbon for the only item I took, but there were no other entries in the category. The Saturday night banquet and contest awards presentation was better than past meets. The food was good and the speaker was entertaining. He was a former DJ and record collector who played unusual vintage commercials for us and early recordings of famous Singers that he discovered, and were subsequently released. The Sunday morning swap meet was typical, not too much new offered, and poor attendance. We were able to get away to head home a little earlier than normal. Overall it was a great meet, and we enjoyed getting to see collectors we had been unable to keep up with during the pandemic.

Please make plans to attend our Christmas Party. The more the merrier, and I'm sure it will be a fun time.

Jim Collings, President



November Meeting Minutes

Jim Tyrrell



Wow, we're in November already and the Christmas holiday's are right around the corner. I just returned from California, where I spent Thanksgiving with my family and relatives for the first time since Covid started. I also got to see my sister's new home in Santa Rosa, which they had rebuilt after the 2017 Tubbs fire that destroyed over 6500 homes in her community, including hers. We were sitting around her outdoor fire pit

one evening when someone mentioned it was getting cold. I told them Californians don't know what cold is!

Speaking of cold, it was a cool but pleasant evening as OKVRC members gathered for our last monthly club meeting (except for the Christmas dinner) of 2022. And for the first time in several years, we did not meet at the Sonoma Lake community clubhouse. For many years, OKVRC met at restaurants for our monthly meetings, and we are going to try to get back to that now that we have found a new venue. Our new home is the Golden Corral Buffet in Midwest City, on Sooner Blvd., just north of the I-40. We were given a private room, with a door to the outside very close by. The food was excellent, and while only eight club members made it to the meeting, we are hoping that number will grow starting in January, now that we have found a new home.

After dinner, which included several return visits to the buffet (and the food was pretty good), Club President Jim Collings, called the meeting to order, and we discussed the upcoming Christmas Party. Then we got started on the night's program: Small wonders. A Small Wonder is any small radio or radio related item. I got the name from an old 1960's book I have about Volkswagen cars. We have done this program before, but since we were not sure how easy it would be to bring things in to the new venue, we decided to err on the side of caution. I'm happy to say our concern was unwarranted; access through a side door was made easy for us.

Jim Collings brought in several examples of small vacuum tubes, including a 6H6, the smallest octal tube made. We also got to see a tiny seven pin 6AK5, which were used in TVs as audio amplifiers. Jim also showed us some really tiny tubes, some with pins, some with solder leads (see figure 3). A tube made by Raytheon was the smallest of all. These tiny tubes were mostly used in military applications, but some were found in commercial products as well.

Jim also brought in a small Amplion model AR19 "Dragon Fly" horn speaker. The horn bell of this model is made of individual pieces of wood which are fitted together like the petals of a flower. Jim's Amplion was made in New York, but very similar horns were also made in England. Jim brought in a 1924 Crosley Pup one tube set as well, it used the same circuit as the Crosley 50 and Ace V, but is much smaller.

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November Meeting (Cont'd)

Club member Jerry brought in a horn driver and a microphone. Ray Cady brought an early Zenith Royal transistor pocket radio, new in the box with all accessories, in perfect condition, a real find. Club member Elena brought in several fun small items, including a 812A transmitter tube, a National Panasonic radio, an early Arvin transistor portable, and a Ross AM/FM/SW radio.

Your club secretary brought in a variety of small table radios from the late thirties through the early sixties, including models by Philco, Westinghouse, Traveler, and Continental; three small metal cabinet Arvin radios, including one with only two tubes, and one which uses the same chassis as the desirable Hopalong Cassidy novelty radio.

I also shared a new in the box "Audition" compact travel clock radio, sold by Woolworths, from 1971. Lastly, I brought in two identical modern seven-band Chinese transistor radios, small enough to fit in the palm of your hand. One is branded Packard Bell; the other is branded Kaide, and is marked with Chinese characters on the front and back. They are cute looking but don't get terribly great reception.

We finished up a fun evening with our usual donation auction.

Thanks to everyone who came, hopefully we will get a better crowd next January. See you at the Christmas Party on 12/17. Don't miss it!

Jim Tyrrell, Secretary



Figure 1 - Jerry's microphone.



Figure 2 - Ray Cady's Zenith Pocket Transistor Radio.



Figure 3 - Jim's C.'s tiny tubes, one with pins one with leads.

**WHAT HAPPENS AT THE
CHRISTMAS PARTY
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Figure 4 - It was a small group for the November meeting, but given the time of year and a new location, not a surprise.

More November Meeting Photos

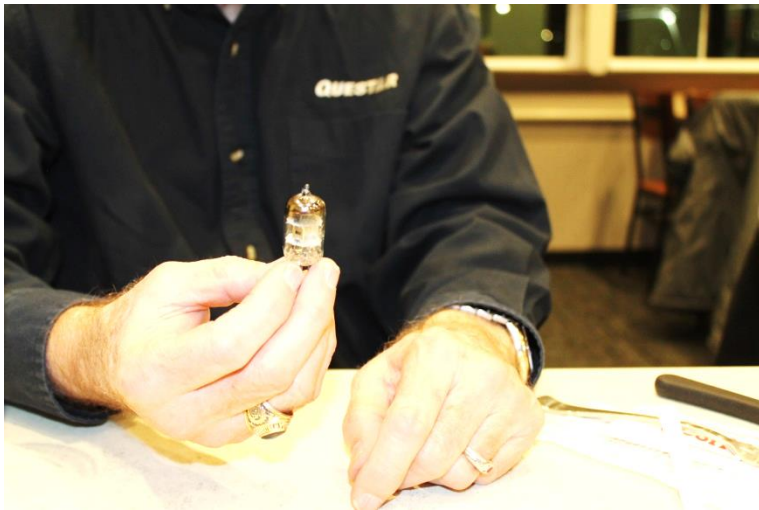


Figure 5 - Jim Collings displaying and discussing another of his tiny tubes.

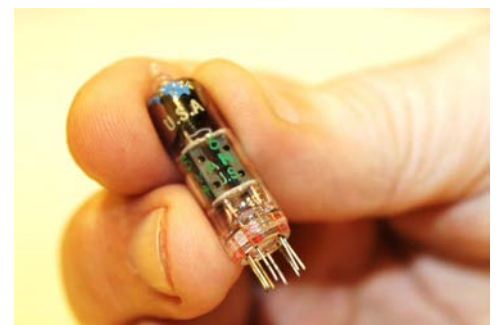


Figure 6 – Jim Collings' 7-pin 6AK tube.



Figure 7 - The Crosley Pup.



Figure 8 - Jim Collings' Amplion model AR19 "Dragon Fly" horn speaker.



To our
December
Birthday
members!

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WE BUY Old Comics

Send your list of available comics to Dan Giddings, PO Box 3961, Glendale, CA 91221-3961.

Tubes and Tube-type Amplifiers Wanted

Call or email Jim Collings at (405) 755-4139 or jrcradio@cox.net. Visit me, by appointment, at: 14704 Carlingford Way, Edmond, OK 73013.

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We've all heard or watched "The Christmas Story," but did you know . . .

According to Peter Billingsley (young Ralphie) in the DVD commentary, the nonsensical ramblings that Ralphie exclaims while beating up Scut Farkas were scripted, word for word.

For the film's final scene in the Chinese restaurant, director Bob Clark wanted to get real reaction from actress Melinda Dillon. She was the only cast member who was purposely given the wrong script and had no idea that the roasted duck brought out by the waiters would still have its head attached. Dillon was surprised upon seeing it and was genuinely startled when the waiter chopped its head off.

Due to this film's popularity, the Daisy Rifle Company has started producing Red Ryder BB Guns for sale during the Christmas season. It has become one of Daisy's best selling rifles.

Peter Billingsley, at the age of 12, was given real Chewing Tobacco (Big Chief) by the prop manager for his scene when Ralphie is dreaming of being a Sheriff confronting Black Bart. Afterwards he got sick for an hour on the set. They thought it was a better idea to give him raisins to chew and make brown spit instead of real chewing tobacco.

The "major award" was based on a real lamp: an illuminated Nehi logo.

Above facts about "A Christmas Story" were provided by <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0085334/trivia>.

Following images retrieved on December 11, 2022 from (leg lamp scene) buffalonews.com, (duck restaurant scene) Pinterest.com, and (stuck tongue scene) wallsdesk.com.



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We like to keep up with our members and always welcome submissions of articles on subjects of interest to radio collectors and restorers, and club activities news.

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