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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By Jim Collings

I think our fall swap meet last month was a very good one. I came away with a car load of stuff, and sold a few items to other members. Attendance was fairly good considering the OU/Texas game began just before our meet ended. But, moving the auction up earlier helped, as we were done before the kickoff. We had quite a few collectors from out of town, maybe more than normal, thanks to quite a few Tulsans. I thought that there was a lot of equipment that changed hands, but not as many sellers as there could have been. The silent auction was a flop, and we probably should eliminate it. We'll have to evaluate if this is worth having for the spring meet. The auction had a lot of lively bidding thanks to donation items from an estate. But I think everything that sold was a good deal. The club came out ahead, where we normally loose money on this fall meet. Thanks to all who attended, helped, and/or donated items.

This month's monthly meeting will be on November 12th at 6 PM at the Hometown Buffet on NW 63rd and NW Expressway. We will pick up where we left off on discussing radio manufacturers using letters of the alphabet. This month we are at the end of the alphabet at W, X, Y and Z. So, bring your items by Westinghouse, Western Air Patrol, World, Wireless Specialty, Webcor, and Zenith. I'm sure there are others that I can't think of. Let's save Western Electric for a future meeting by itself…maybe in January. And of course you can bring anything else you would like to show, or talk about. Don't forget the donation auction!

On another note, mark your calendars for Saturday, December 10th, for our annual Christmas party. We have not had any volunteers to host this event at their home yet, so if there are no volunteers, we can have it at my home, again. We will have the traditional white elephant/dirty Santa gift exchange. If it is at my home, a sing along jam session will be included, and a musical program may be presented on the history of radio listening.

The VRPS annual convention will be on November 18th thru 20th in Mesquite, TX, at the Hampton Inn Convention Center. (The same location as previous years). This is one of the largest radio meets in the country, and it's right here in our area, so everyone should try to attend. In the past, I've given you a big write-up of all the events, but they are fairly similar every year, so I won't repeat myself. Of course the main events are auctions on Friday evening and Saturday. The Saturday evening banquet will feature Cecil Miles, the VRPS member who appeared on American Pickers, with details of the event with a Q &A session. 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. If you need details drop me a line. I hope to see many of you there.

Report for the OKVRC Fall Convention of October 8th 2011

There was a welcome hint of autumn in the air this Saturday here in Oklahoma City, with badly needed rain on the way, as about forty-five or so antique radio enthusiasts converged on the Midwest City Community Center for the Fall 2011 OKVRC Convention and Swap Meet. Your club secretary arrived about 8:20, having overslept a bit (I usually try to be there earlier so I can pounce as soon as someone unpacks something nice!) As usual, were three rows of tables of items for sale, plus some tables off to the side. I saw several club members I hadn't seen lately at our meetings. Welcome back! We had a good selection available representing a wide time period of radio history, ranging from twenties battery sets up to seventies vintage Marantz stereo equipment. There was a fair selection of AC sets including late twenties sets, some early thirties cathedrals, mid-thirties tombstones, and lots of later (plastic and post-war sets) for sale. One outstanding item was an immaculate fully restored Atwater-Kent model 84 cathedral, which went home with a lucky club member. I would have grabbed it myself if I didn't already have the same model! Sales of the forties and fifties plastic sets also seemed brisk. As always, there were plenty of tubes, knobs, and other components for collectors to sort through, along with some radio related literature, books and manuals. No floor models were offered except for two junk consoles that were give-aways. I also saw an example of a mid-twenties speaker that consists of an internal horn in a drum shaped cabinet mounted on ornate metal legs. I have wanted this particular speaker for years but decided to hold out for a choicer example. Maybe another time!

There were few items in the silent auction, but most club members stayed for the regular auction, and for good reason. Our club has been the fortunate recipient of a large number of items, mostly military and some ham radio, donated by the estate of Robert B. Gaylord. Some items went for one to five dollars, but many went for ten to twenty five dollars. There were some rare world war two electronics, including receivers and transmitters from aircraft, and a tank radio. These military items were mostly built by manufacturers we are already familiar with, such as RCA, Collins, National, and Motorola. There were also several pieces of test equipment up for auction. These went cheap except for an outstanding Migeon grid-dip meter with a full set of coils, which brought close to twenty dollars. One very cool item sold was an old telegraph sounder, at least a hundred years old, the kind you see used as props in western movies. The most valuable item, a set of three world-war two aircraft radios mounted together, brought the highest price, fifty dollars.

Thanks to everyone who attended, especially those who travelled from out of town. See you at the October meeting! James Tyrrell, Secretary

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