OKVRC BROADCAST BRIEF
December 2024

IMPORTANT: RSVP for Christmas Party by Monday, December 9th.

OKVRC Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will again be at the home of Jim and Julie Collings, 14704 Carlingford Way, Edmond, OK 73013. The date is **Saturday December 14th**. Please arrive around 6 PM, as the catered meal will be ready to eat at 6:30. **The plan is to have the catering done by Olive Garden**. **OKVRC is paying for the meal** (made possible through the sale of donated items at our swap meets and monthly meeting auctions)**, but not purchasing dessert. Instead, we are looking for a few of you to bring a dessert.**

Please RSVP to the Collings at **405-755-4139, or jrcradio@cox.net by Monday, Dec. 9th,** if possible, so we can give Olive Garden a number of attendees. But do let us know that you are coming even if you can't do so by the 9th.

We will do a **white elephant/dirty Santa gift exchange**, so please bring a gift (keep it to $10) for this exchange. It's so much fun when everyone participates, and these have been a lot of fun in the past. We are hoping for a big turnout. Bring your significant other; all are welcome! Call if you need directions.

Typically, we have a musical jam session to finish the event, so if you would like to, bring your instrument to play along or just sing along.

President's Report, Jim Collings

Julie and I attended the VRPS meet in Dallas (Richardson) last month. It was a very good meet, very similar to those in the past, and attendance seemed to me to be about the same as last year. It was a celebration of the 50th year of the VRPS. As one of the founding members, I was privileged to say a few words at the banquet, and also received an award.

We arrived on Thursday afternoon, and were able to unload the car with items for the auctions early. The first event, at 11:30 on Friday, was a program by Jim Sargent on early tube development, and false advertising by manufacturers avoiding patent infringement. It was well attended.

The tube and paper auction began at 4 PM, and ended a little earlier than anticipated as there was not as much to auction as normal, so the Friday night auction of items with a $10 minimum began early, as soon as the tube and paper were sold. This allowed the auction to end early, about 45 minutes before the 10 PM estimate. There were a few nice items, but most were saved for Saturday. Overall it was a buyer's auction, as most items sold cheap. But I was reluctant to buy too much, saving room in the car for what might show up on Saturday.

The silent auction Saturday morning was poor, with only a few items, possibly because it was too early, ending at 9AM. The main Saturday auction of the nicer items with a $20 minimum bid began at about 10:30 AM. I expected prices to be a lot higher, but most things sold for a reasonable amount, except for the best, most desirable items, which sold for fair prices. Some sellers may not have been happy with their sales, but if they bought items, they also did so for a cheap price. So it was a matter of selling what you did not want and getting different items… as a fair swap.

I was happy with my sales of a few items from my collection, and bought a few new sets, also. I helped work the computer during the auctions, and everything went fairly smooth. The contest was good, with quite a few impressive displays, but not as many items as in the past. I was most impressed by an early Marconi piece. I always look forward to assemblages of related items, like the same set in different colors, or sets with the same theme, and there were several of those this year.

The Saturday night banquet and contest awards presentation was typical of past meets. The main speaker was a radio personality who spoke on the history of early radio events in the Dallas area.

The Sunday morning swap meet also was typical, with not much available, but there were some items that were brought specifically for the swap. Overall it was a good meet, and quite a few of our members were there. I will plan to attend again next year when it will be in Grapevine, and you too may want to plan on it.

Please RSVP for our OKVRC Christmas Party. The more the merrier and I'm sure it will be a fun time.

November OKVRC Meeting Report, Jim Tyrrell

We are deep in November and Christmas will be here before you know it. I just returned from a wonderful Thanksgiving visit to Santa Rosa, California, where I enjoyed the hospitality of my sister, Maureen, my brother-in-lawTad, and the company of my brothers and sisters and other relatives. Lots of good food and fun, it doesn't get any better than that. But back here in good old Oklahoma, winter is in the air. It was actually a bit cold today as I washed the car, put up the Christmas lights and pulled out the last of the now dead tomato plants. Now, to knock out this report, which is already late!
It was very pleasant fall weather for our usual second Saturday of the month OKVRC meeting at the Golden Corral Buffet in Midwest City. We had a fair turnout, about ten members. We were able to get our usual private room to hold our meeting in; I made plenty of repeat visits to the buffet lines before we started the meeting. I usually gain a few pounds (temporarily) during the holidays, so why not get started early?

After everyone was well fed, Jim Collings, our club president called the meeting to order and made some announcements about upcoming events. We then discussed the now-past VRPS Swap Meet in Richardson, Texas; all who went had a great time. Now, on to our evening's program: Radios and radio related items whose brand name begins with the letter "C." We had lots of fun bringing in "B" radios at our last regular club meeting, so now we'll see what sets our members have whose brand names begin with "C." We decided to exclude Crosley radios, however, since we all have a lot of those.

Jim Collings started out the show-and-tell with a really unusual item, a huge Capital Rex Maupin record. I don't know what kind of turntable you would need to play this one!

Jim then showed us a Clapp-Eastman receiver model HR from 1921. It has an oak cabinet and metal binding post (left).

We also saw another early set, a 1920 Cutting and Washington model 11A three-tube regenerative, and a space-age looking Cal-rad model DM10 from the mid to late nineteen sixties.

Your club secretary couldn't find anything like Jim's century-old receivers, but I found one tiny table radio with a name beginning with "C" a Continental from the late sixties. It is Japanese manufactured, and manages to pack five-tubes into its small plastic cabinet. And it sounds pretty good for its size.

Club member Ilana always brings something interesting, and tonight was no exception. She showed us an Army Signal Corps BC22 Frequency Meter, a complex and well-built unit. I didn't get the date, but it looks to be WWII or slightly later.

We finished up the evening with the usual donation auction. Several boxes of miscellaneous parts, tools and hardware, a box of tubes, a box of magazines, small table radios from the forties, and a few other odds and ends went to new homes.

Be sure to come to the annual Christmas Party at Jim and Julie Collings' house. You don't want to miss it. I'll see you there!

December Swap Meet Events for Other Radio Organizations

- The annual HLARA Christmas Party again this year will be at Asbury church in Tulsa, 6767 South Mingo Rd, and you can get direction from the Google Maps link: (https://maps.app.goo.gl/6qb6jMHB1HqNDDY19). An invitation was emailed to all members. Merry Christmas.

In Case You Need It

The Broadcast Brief does not include the classified ads you find in the Broadcast News, so a brief list with contact information is included here, in case you need it.

- Custom Laser Printing OFFERED by Rick at Black85vette@gmail.com
- Radio Repair and Restoration, and Radio AM Transmitters OFFERED by Ray and Dorothy Cady at 405-820-8014 or cadyraymond1@gmail.com
- Briggs & Stratton (BASCO) radio items WANTED by Dale Boyce at radioman.boyce.dale@gmail.com or call (414) 840-4146
- Tube and Tube-type Amplifiers WANTED by Jim Collings at (405) 755-4139 or jrcradio@cox.net
- Old Comics WANTED by Dan Giddings, PO Box 3961, Glendale, CA 91221

Birthday Wishes to All of Our December Birthday Members

Something to Say

Do you have something you would like to share with the rest of OKVRC's members? If you want to thank a member for something special, or you found a great buy on a rare radio, or you have a significant event upcoming, or anything else you want to share,

please feel free to send an email to the Broadcast News editor with ***"Something to Say OKVRC"*** *in the subject line to cadyraymond1@gmail.com. Of course, please be nice and respectful to others. Please be aware that we will not post things that are or could be offensive to our readers.*

HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY!