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President's Column - Jim Collings

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IT'S HERE!

Our Fall Oklahoma Vintage Radio Collectors Swap Meet and Show is here and is happening on **Saturday, October 12th**, at the Mustang Community Center's Conference Ballroom A, at 1201 N. Mustang Rd. in Mustang. (It's the same location in which we held the Spring Swap Meet.) The ballroom is a little more compact than we were used to working with in Midwest City, but it is still large enough for all of our activities. Also, this is the meet where we will have our contest with display items. The contest categories are the same as last year, and were published in last month's *Broadcast Brief*. So, bring a few items to share with our membership, and win ribbons. Here is a schedule of events and the approximate timing:

8:00	Doors officially open for vendor, silent auction, raffle and other setup
8:30	Doors officially open to the public and silent auction begins
10:00	Silent auction ends
10:15	Contest Judging
10:30	Drawings for door prizes and Raffle
10:45	Live auction begins
11:45	Vendor Tear Down and Pack Up
12:00	Swap Meet ends

I hope to see everyone there. It should be a good meet. I suspect we will have our normal contingent of out of town collectors, and hopefully some new faces. Tell all your friends and anyone who may have an interest about the meet. Print out and distribute the flyer. This meet is one of our biggest sources for finding new members. The more people that we have attend, the better the meet will be. Be sure to bring things to display, and to sell or swap. The silent auction is a great way to sell your extra items with no commissions

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charged, and as a seller, you don't have to wait for the right collector to come by your table and negotiate a price. Everyone looks at the silent auction items and bids accordingly!

A Philco Model 51 Baby Grand radio donated and restored by Raymond and Dorothy Cady will be up for raffle this time. There also will be interesting items as door prizes for those who stay until after the raffle drawing, so please hang around.

Other Upcoming Radio Events

The next big event in the radio world will be the VRPS Convention in Richardson, Texas, at the Doubletree Hotel, 1981 North Central Expressway. This will be the 50th anniversary of that club. It begins Friday, November 15th with auction check-in starting at 7 AM. The technical sessions begin at 11:30 AM, and the first auction of tubes and paper items begins at 2 PM, and continues with the Friday night auction of items with a $10 minimum bid beginning around 4 PM. This usually lasts until about 10PM, or until everything is sold. On Saturday morning, Nov 16th the silent auction begins at 9:30 AM. The main auction begins at 11:45 for items with $20 minimum bids, and lasts until 5 or 6, with just enough time to prepare for the Awards Banquet at 7 PM. There are always many interesting displays in the contest, which is open for viewing during most events and in-between times. Sunday morning is an indoor swap meet beginning at 7 AM. It is always a great meet, and I encourage everyone to attend. You may pre-register and get more details via their website, VRPS.ORG.

I'm looking forward to the Swap Meet and hope to see you all there bright and early in Mustang. Bring your vehicle full!

Jim Collings, President

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Jim Tyrrell, Secretary

We are deep into September, but the summer heat won't let go! Even the State Fair, which seems to attract rain, remained dry. But just a few weeks ago, on Tuesday September 24th, I was caught in the mother-of-all rainstorms coming home from work. The rain was pouring down so hard I couldn't see the road three feet in front of my car. I managed to tuck my Jeep off the I-35 under an overpass until it passed, at least ten minutes. Meanwhile, 19 wheelers were barreling past me at 65 miles an hour! Thankfully there was no solid rain (hail) where I was, so I got my car home undamaged.

We had beautiful weather for our monthly OKVRC meeting at the Golden Corral in Oklahoma City. We had a modest turnout, but did have our usual private room. After

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everyone was fed, President Collings called the meeting to order and made a couple of business announcement after which we discussed the final details for our Fall Swap Meet in Mustang. If you have not done so already, start looking through your collection for items you would like to sell, and through your garage for items you want to donate to the live auction or sell in the silent auction.

Our evening's program was on radios and radio-related items manufactured by companies whose names begin with the letter B. Several dozen entries for companies whose names begin with B can be found in the Rider's index. Jim Collings brought in some very early "B" items to share including: Baldwin mica diaphragm headphones from the early twenties, an unusual LS Brach vertical crystal detector, an AW Bowman horizontal crystal detector, and a Boston Scale and Machine receiver from 1922. This rare set consists of a separate Tuner (model 105) and three-tube Detector-Amplifier (model 100).

Your club secretary, me, brought in a 1928 Brunswick 5KR receiver, a 1926 Bremer-Tully Counter phase six tube receiver from the late battery set era with its matching speaker, and a small Bendix table model from the late thirties in an Art Deco Bakelite cabinet.

We finished up the evening with the usual donation auction. Several boxes of assorted parts, two radios (one of them was a working RCA), coaxial cables, some vintage magazines, a box of tubes, a Grundig tape recorder, and a few other odds and ends all went to new homes.

Hope to see you at next month's Fall Swap Meet in Mustang. You won't want to miss it!

Jim Tyrrell, Secretary

Jim Collings' with his Bendix radio.

Jim Tyrell's 1926 Bremer-Tully battery set & speaker.

Suitcase-style Grundig tape recorder (auction item).

Fall Swap Meet

Because we thought you would like to know more about the OKVRC Swap Meet and what it has to offer. . .

Free Entry and Door Prizes

OKVRC never charges an entry fee for you to join us at the Spring or Fall Swap Meet (or the monthly meetings either). Just sign in when you arrive. You'll have an associated number, which will be how we draw for door prizes (done after the radio raffle drawing). No cost now and no spam later.

Free Coffee and Donuts

Hot coffee and fresh donuts are available to you at no charge, but if you can and would like to make a donation, we thank you for helping us to cover our costs.

No-Fee Contest Entry

The Fall Swap Meet includes a **vintage radio and related items contest** where entrants display their items for judging, and judges award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. (Entrants do not have to be OKVRC members to participate.) The contest categories are the same as last year, and were published in last month's *Broadcast Brief* available at okvrc.org. Bring your vintage radios and related treasures to display in the contest no later than 10:15 a.m. (that's when the judging starts); you may win ribbons and earn some bragging rights.

Choose-and-Bid Silent Auction

The meet also includes a **Silent Auction** where anyone can offer for sale and bid on any number of the offerings of vintage radios, parts, and more. Anyone placing items into the silent auction can specify a minimum starting bid (even just $1) on the bidding form. If you are interested in purchasing something, just choose the item you want to bid on, and then add your name and how much you want to bid to the list. The written bidding can get fast and furious, particularly as the deadline to bid (10:30 a.m.) approaches. But no worries. It's a fun and friendly competition! Even kids can bid (with parental permission, of course.

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Restored Vintage Radio Raffle

This fully restored and working vintage radio for our Fall swap meet is a tabletop, mahogany, 1932 Philco Model 51 Baby Grand Cathedral radio. This Baby Grand will look awesome almost anywhere in your home, and really catch the eye of your family and friends. **AND, YOU have the chance to win it** by simply purchasing raffle tickets at the door. Since OKVRC no longer charges annual dues, our Swap Meet raffles are important to keeping OKVRC funded, so we appreciate your support. And yes! **You can join OKVRC for free** and keep up on events and articles with our newsletter. We won't spam you!

Live (Main) Auction

The main auction is another opportunity for anyone to purchase a vintage radio or parts or related items. **Bidding starts at only $1, so you have a great chance of getting an awesome deal.** Some items are worth that dollar of course, but others offer nice radios (with a minimum dollar reserve, if desired, that helps to fund OKVRC through a 10% sales commission. So even if you don't want to set up on one of our free vendor tables, you can still have a chance of selling a radio or two in either of the Silent or Live auctions.

No Charge Valuation Estimates

Many of our attendees know a great deal about vintage tube radios and can **help you** get an idea of what your own vintage radio might be worth. In particular, OKVRC's president, Jim Collings, has vast knowledge, so you might seek him out.

No Charge Service Estimates

If you want a **vintage radio (maybe a family heirloom?)** to look and sound as much like it did when it was young then seek out Raymond or Dorothy Cady. They too are Board members and a respected and experienced repair and restoration team.

Vintage Radio Knowledge for the Asking

You can learn a whole lot of information about vintage radios and the historical era of tube radios (the Golden Age of Radio) simply by asking questions or joining an on-going conversation. Talk to the vendors, the Board members, and everyone else at the Swap Meet. They all like to share their knowledge, and well, it is part of OKVRC's purpose.

About OKVRC

Oklahoma Vintage Radio Collectors (OKVRC) publishes the *Broadcast News* and *Broadcast Brief* to share historical information and provide enjoyment for club members and friends.

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. Please send articles to:

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

You are invited to join us in our celebration of Vintage Radio by attending and signing up at a meeting or swap meet, or by mailing your request to join along with contact information to: OKVRC, PO BOX 50625, Midwest City, OK, 73140. Need info? Visit OKVRC.ORG.

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OKVRC Website:
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Monthly Meetings: begin at 7 PM (dinner starts at 6 PM) on the second Saturday of each month (except April and Oct.) in the Golden Corral at **1501 S. Sooner Rd. OKC 73110.**

Swap Meets (semi-annual): are held in April and October in the **Mustang Recreation Center, Ballroom A**, Mustang, OK.

Thank you!

This image is of a 1925 Ford Model T that was an authorized RCA repair service car.

Thank you to our OKVRC members Steve Davis and Harley Davis for sharing this great photo with us.