

The Alabama Historical Radio Society

February 2006



A NOTE FROM THE PREZ

January was a good month starting with Robert's excellent class on the 7th. We got some great publicity on FOX 6 on the 11th. All our radios were removed from Fairfield on the 12th and placed in the archives at AL Power on Saturday the 14th. Several of us met on the 21st and participated from Huffman in the crystal radio contest with our WW1 (1918) vintage crystal receiver. We were able to log 10 stations thanks to Jack Bryant's 850 KHz notch filter. The farthest was in Shreveport LA. During February we will need all the help we can get to set up our display cabinets at AL Power. Please call me if you want to help with this project, I can be reached at 822-3440.

That's all for now...see you on Saturday at 9 AM SHARP!

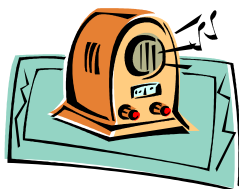
Dave



DUES ARE DUE!

Please give Julian your \$25 dues for 2006 if you have not already done so. If you aren't sure what you owe, Julian can be reached at 879-3619.

Dues can be mailed to AHRS @ P.O. Box 130307, Birmingham AL 35213.



DEE'S RADIO SHOWS

This is the first installment in what I hope will be a long lasting column in our newsletter. I know I am going to have a lot of fun writing it, even though I have never done anything like this before. Most of you are collectors of old radios. I don't do radios, but I do collect the old shows that you might have heard on your Atwater or maybe your Crosley?

There is nothing antique about my collection. It is mostly shows in MP3 format that I have bought on the Internet. To date I have probably more than 40,000 old radio shows consisting of comedies, mysteries, adventures, cloak and dagger, and kid shows like The Lone Ranger, Space Patrol, and on, and on. I have a list of most of the shows I have that I will put on the computer at the Power Company Bldg. on the Parkway in Huffman. The next time you are there, you can make a copy of the list if you like. I want to make the shows available to all club members for a very small fee, which will go into the club treasury. Pick out the shows you want to copy, let me know and I will bring down the appropriate DVD for you to make a copy. Price will be "all you can stick on a CD for 5 Bucks." That's probably about 30 hours of old shows. Not bad!!!

If you missed our last meeting this past Monday, January 23, 2006 you probably did not hear that I plan to do a show about sound effects on old radio shows. I haven't set the date but it will probably be during the February or the March meeting. I would like to have audience participation as much as possible. I have written a small radio production called "Billybob Clapsaddle, Spy for the FBI." It will run approximately 5 minutes and have the sounds of footsteps, howling winds, and loud explosions, among other things. I am taking volunteers for the acting parts and the sound effects parts. I will also need a sound man. Dave Cisco has already said he wants to play the part of eleven-year-old Steve Simms of Dismal Seepage, Ohio (requires falsetto voice).

Here are some good sites on the internet to listen to or download old time radio shows:

Radiolovers.com, otrcat.com, yesterdayusa.com (listen only)

I will add other sites as time goes on.

That's all for now, since I am sort of feeling this thing out. When I find out more about what you want to read about, I hope this will turn out to be something you will look forward to in the next newsletter.

If you have any questions or comments about the old shows, volunteering, or whatever, you can get in touch with me by email at k4hfx1@bellsouth.net, or call me on my cell at 243-4630. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Dee Haynes

Meeting Times

We meet nearly every Saturday of the month at 09:00 at the Alabama Power Building on Parkway East (aka Centerpoint Parkway) in Huffman. The organization's space is accessed from the rear of the building, so park around the back (by means of Huffman Road, which runs parallel to the Parkway). Entry is via the door on the right

Free Electronics Classes

The first Saturday of the month, there are electronics classes free to members. Topics include test equipment, Resistors and Capacitance testing, Inductors and coil winding, to name only a few subjects!

We hope to see you there!

Who to Contact

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EDITOR'S NOTES

This is my first attempt to send the newsletter from Outlook Express. I didn't have any of your first names, only e-mail addresses, and the address book required names, so you will see some very garbled first and last names. Please reply to me at patwrite@juno.com and give me your correct name for the address book. Hopefully, by next month all of the kinks will be resolved. Also, let me know if the newsletter arrives in readable form. I send a copy to myself, but I need to know if the graphics are distorted or the spacing is not correct on yours.