



The Alabama Historical Radio Society Newsletter

February 2009



A NOTE FROM THE PREZ

We have just completed the first month of 2009. This year marks AHRS's 20th birthday. I would like to thank everyone who has made this group such a great success; especially I want to thank Don Kresge for his dream of what we could be. I wish he could help us celebrate. I would like to thank Claude Gray (Claude will be 100 this year). Claude has been our walking history book on the history of radio. Pete Sides has contributed his knowledge, radios, money, and enthusiasm to our growth. Pete will be 101 this year. I want to thank Patsy Desaulniers for this wonderful newsletter, now in its third year. I know there are many others who have contributed much to our group, and I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart.

We have many exciting projects to start this year off with, like our Scott radio, which I heard playing yesterday, and our Spartan Sled, which should be ready for the museum by this weekend.

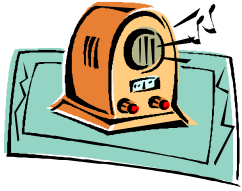
Speaking of the museum, the cabinets have been moved from the hallway, where they have been since we moved from Fairfield, into the atrium. We will have much better public exposure now and no security problems.

Just to mention a few of the other projects on the books, we have Roberts' classes and, thank goodness, we have Robert back teaching the classes. We will be putting a display on telegraphy at the Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum this month. We will complete our museum move in the next few weeks. There's plenty of work to go around, so I encourage every member to find his or her way to contribute to our projects.

Dee and I are taking a break this month from our presentations, so Dee can have surgery on his eye. We had 15 shows in 2008 to almost 1000 people, and we have 3 more shows scheduled for March. Please keep Dee in your prayers.

Well, I have rambled on long enough, and I hope every member can see why this year will be very special and come join us to be part of the fun and excitement.

Dave



DEE'S RADIO SHOWS

Hello Folks.

Say, I got a swell story for you today. Champ and I are ready for action. Or at least that's what Gene Autry said at the beginning of every TV show. Forgive me for pulling something from out of TV's past, but I couldn't think of a good beginning for this month's newsletter. As most of you know, we are moving our downtown museum out of a secure, hard-to-get-to location in the Alabama Power Co. building to an area in the same building that everyone will be able to access without a pass. This move should be completed before you get this newsletter. We might even get a few more cabinets to display our wares. It is our hope that some of you with museum-quality radios and memorabilia will let us display these items in one of these cabinets.

Say, I just got this great idea. Some of you have novelty items that you may have purchased from a radio show, such as a mask and cap pistols from the Lone Ranger radio show, or maybe the very collectible Little Orphan Annie decoder ring. We could have a shelf in one of the cabinets dedicated to this type of product. Many of these items could be had for 25 cents in coin, plus a box top from Cruncho Cereal. Give it some thought. We would only keep these items for 6 months or so, and then you would get them back. If you have anything of this description and would like for them to go on display, just give me a call.

Last month I highlighted Paul Rhymer's "Vic and Sade," and before I leave that show for new horizons, I'll give you another web site.

<http://kinnexions.com/smlfamily/vicnsade/vicnsade.htm>

Here, you'll find a few interesting tidbits, such as names of some of the movies that Rush Gook, 14 years old, attended during the show like:

"I Place My Heart In Thy Rosy Hands," "Part Time Freight Agent Lewis" or "You Are My Moonlit Dream Of Love," "Apprentice Able-bodied Seaman McFish." These movies always had the same movie stars, **Gloria Golden** and **Four Fisted Frank Fuddleman**.

73's

Dee Haynes

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MEMBERS' RESTORATIONS

Dave Cisco had these comments about the restorations, as shown below:

"These are before and after pictures of members' restorations in the last few months. The Crosley was restored by Paul Rinehart, our member in Orlando. The National FB7 was restored by Mike Lord. I must say I never thought either one of these radios could ever look this good."



Crosley



National FB7



SOUTHEASTERN ANTIQUE RADIO SOCIETY INDOOR SWAP MEET

Southeastern Antique Radio Society Annual Indoor Swap Meet and Auction details:

- Saturday, February 21, 2009 at 8 AM-
- DoubleTree Hotel, 1075 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, GA



Hotel at top of the hill (across street from Red Lobster)

- FREE admission for all, sellers pay nominal table fee and may reserve tables in advance
- Guest Speaker: Rick Zender will discuss The History of Analog Television
- Refer to <http://www.sarsradio.com/nextswapmeet.htm> for additional details

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.

Come to the Monday Night Meetings, TOO, on the 4th Monday of the month at 7 PM!

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!



WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING DUES!

Membership dues are \$25 a year, payable beginning in January. If you have questions about the dues, you can contact Julian at 205-879-3619.

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

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