



The Alabama Historical Radio Society Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM DAVE

Our new year has started with many exciting events. Oren Anderson's widow gave us his entire library, which consisted of just about as many books as we already had in our library. The majority were bound copies of *QST*, *73*, *Ham Radio* and *CQ* magazines. Since Alabama Power is allowing us to use the space across the hall, we set up a library annex for all these books. If you haven't seen what we have now, come see!

Most of you know that Dave Ingram K4TWJ, a local editor for *CQ* magazine and a contributor to our newsletter, passed away January 20th. Dave wrote about Birmingham and us in several of his articles. Maybe one of our local writers will step up and fill his shoes (hint...Don).

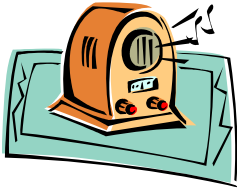
Our own John Outland had a mild heart attack January 25th and had to spend two days at St. Vincent's. They were able to put in a stent, and he is doing great.

Three of us went to Montgomery and picked up the equipment that Pete Sides had given to our Society when he passed away. We also applied for a ham license for the Society and will be able to get his call W4AUP. We will set up his equipment, and those members who are hams will be able to keep Pete and his 80 years of ham radio contributions in everyone's memories.

Hamfest is coming up March 6. We need everyone who can to help with setup on the 5th. Bring anything you want to show or sell or just show up to greet our visitors.

Don't forget that it is time to renew your membership, as many have already done. This year is really starting to be a special year. Come find your place! See you on Saturday mornings, 4th Monday nights or at our wonderful classes.

Dave



DEE'S RADIO SHOWS

Our youngest member, Kyle, outdid himself again on the accordion. Kyle was in charge of entertainment this past Monday evening at our monthly meeting. He played several selections, and then took requests, including "Roll Out the Barrel" and "The Pennsylvania Polka." What happens when an accordionist plays for a bunch of electronic techies and engineers? Why of course, when the music stopped, they all tore apart the accordion to see how it worked. Pictured below are Jim Cawthon and Kyle examining the insides of this strange contraption.



To hear an explanation of how the accordion works, send me an email, and I will forward an audio file that tells you exactly what goes on inside those funny looking boxes. Listen closely, you may have to repeat it several times to get the gist of it. Don't worry, it's so simple even a caveman would understand it.

OK, you caught me. I have on occasion watched the news on TV. On the bright side, after putting it all back together again, it still worked. If you didn't make it Monday night, you missed a really good program. But, thanks to our program committee, each monthly Monday meeting will have a special program designed to thrill you, chill you, or maybe teach you something you didn't know.

I'm still listening to Fibber and Molly. WWII is over now and all is well with Fibber and company. The actors who were in the military helping to win the war are back on the show, including Bill Thompson, who played The Old Timer, as well as Wallace Wimple, and Gale Gordon who played Mayor La Trivia. If I'm not mistaken, Bill Thompson was in the Navy, and Gale Gordon was in the Coast Guard. Back then, it wasn't unusual for an actor or actress to be patriotic and do their duty for the country just like anyone else. Boy, have things changed! That's another reason why I listen to the old radio shows and spend virtually no time watching TV. As the Old Timer would say, "That's pretty good, Johnny, but that ain't the way I heard it."

See you next time.

Dee Haynes

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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!



DUES ARE NOW DUE

Membership dues are \$25 a year, payable **beginning in January**. If you have questions about your dues, you can contact Tom at 205-967-7000.

Dues can be mailed to AHRS @ P.O. Box 131418, Birmingham AL 35213.

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