



## The Alabama Historical Radio Society Newsletter

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### ***A NOTE FROM DAVE***

May turned out to be a very busy month. Dee and I made two historical radio presentations--one to the Hoover Historical Society and one to assisted living at Chateau Vestavia. These presentations give AHRS some good publicity and provide us with a lot of history we wouldn't get any other way.

Several of our members went to the big Dayton Hamvention. I was able to purchase a Tuska 224 radio, which will make a very nice museum addition. Dayton normally draws about 20,000 people and is well worth going to just to see the flea market.

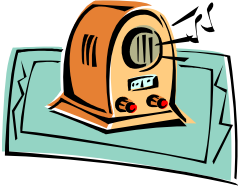
John Outland and I spoke to the Gadsden Amateur Radio Club, and we were able to promote AHRS to the group. We had a great reception there.

We had a nice donation from an estate of an ex-power company employee. We will be able to use lots of the goodies.

Ed Boutwell set up a wonderful meeting with some old-time broadcasters. We had Wendall Harris, Joe Langston, and Tom York, just to mention a few. They were very interested in helping preserve local radio history and will be a good resource in the future.

Well, that about covers the activities during May. As you can see, things are going well. If you aren't participating in all this fun, you should be. Come on out and join in the fun every chance you get. If you don't know where the fun is at the moment, call me on my cell phone, and I will tell you where we are.

*Dave*



## **DEE'S RADIO SHOWS**

Dave and I met a lot of really nice people at our last two “AHRs Presents” programs formerly known as the Dog and Pony Show. We did one for the Hoover Historical Society and another for Chateau Vestavia at their assisted living section. I met a man (85 years old) who told me about his uncle, who was one of a two-man acting team during the heyday of radio. The other man on the team was Bull Conner. They had a show called Henry and Percy. It was a local show and, as far as I know at present, there are no surviving episodes of that show. PLEASE!! Someone come forward and tell me that they have heard of the show or, even better, have some copies or scripts of the show.

Earlier I said that Dave and I had met a lot of nice people at our last two shows. The fact is that we meet some of the greatest folks in this country every time we do a show. Just think of all the wonderful memories that are locked in the minds of these people, and we help to unlock some of those memories every time we do our thing. One gentleman told me of his first introduction to radio back in the 1920's. He told me that someone was going around the neighborhood telling of a radio set that would be at the general store the following Saturday, and they could hear a man talking all the way from Birmingham. How could someone talk to a little box in rural Cullman County with no wires, all the way from Birmingham? For the Land Sakes, what will they think of next! Needless to say there was a large crowd gathered around the radio that weekend.

How would you like to get involved in what Dave and I do? It doesn't require a lot of effort or memory for that matter. You'll be glad you did. See me and I'll help you get started. I guarantee you'll meet some really nice folks and hear some great stories.

*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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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