



November 2006



A NOTE FROM THE PREZ

WOW! October was quite a month for our little group. We had great participation in our Saturday morning work sessions. Bill Shepherd got our "Q" meter working great and now we can read accurately not only inductance and capacitance, but also the Q of our tuned circuits.

Our museum is getting much deserved recognition. We did discover a problem with the halogen lights in that they were burning out after just a month. John Outland and I found a replacement that should last longer, plus we removed the glass cover to allow more air to circulate. Also, Bill Tharpe said Alabama Power would furnish and change bulbs from now on. If you haven't been down to see the displays, I encourage all to do so.

Our class in October was delayed until the third week, but Robert made up for it with a great session on capacitors. We had 13 for the class and everyone was pleased with the class and especially the wonderful handout Robert gave us.

The Monday night program was given by Robert Walker on his flying experiences during WW11. He had video of his gun camera and a video of the pilots flying over Germany. It was awesome! We owe these guys a real thanks for helping win that war.

Our grant request has been submitted to the Alabama Power Foundation; we hope to get the good news soon.

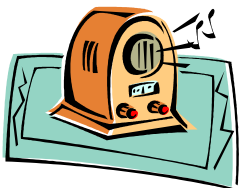
Steven Westbrook worked very hard getting a list of our members, addresses and e-mail, along with Adrienne Brook. We should have a complete list for the members soon.

I published installment #2 on growth of amateur radio in the Birmingham area in the Nov. Birmingham Amateur Radio Club Newsletter. You can read it at W4CUE.com, click newsletter.

We topped off the month (actually November 1) with a visit from Pete Sides from Montgomery. Pete has been a great supporter of our group with many radios, much information and two nice donations of money. Pete is 98 years young but gets around great and really enjoyed the museum and workshop tour. Thanks to all who helped make Pete's visit one for him to remember for a long time. Having worked for Alabama Power for 41 years, he was the center of attention for them also.

Let's make November an even better month....See you'all Saturdays and Meeting night.

Dave



DEE'S RADIO SHOWS

Dee's column will appear next month. At Monday night's meeting, he did mention a great Web site for Birmingham reminiscing, <http://www.birminghamrewound.com>. Go to that site, and I guarantee you will have lots of fun remembering the good old times! He also mentioned a Web site that has early post cards, but I didn't get the site. I did Google and found <http://www.epodunk.com/cgi-bin/allimgSt.php?locl=1&imgType=postCard>. That may be the one he was thinking about.

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Note from your newsletter editor: I would still like to have some articles from some of you. I am limited in my radio knowledge, other than having been married to K4VIZ for 36 years. Help!!

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

Membership dues are \$25 a year. If you have questions about your dues, you can contact Julian at 205-879-3619.

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