

October 2007



A NOTE FROM THE PREZ

It's hard to believe that cooler weather has finally arrived. September was a good month for getting things done. Some major achievements were: Dee took one of the unused cabinets and incorporated an iPod, power supply and speakers in it, so that we can entertain visitors at the public library exhibit in November. Julian presented us with a first draft of a really nice brochure for the Society. Also, Julian installed a program on our computer for making our own business cards. The exhibit at the Hoover Historical Society in Bluff Park really looks nice, thanks to Johnny Outland.

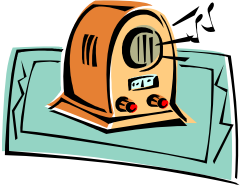
The highlight of the month was Bill Shepherd's special session on the 22nd. Bill went into how to repair the really old radios to a crowded room. If you missed it, we have a video of his class and will install it on the computer for future reference.

Upcoming events we will need help on are:

- (1) Birmingham Public Library exhibit move on November 2.
- (2) Robert's class on the 13th.
- (3) Bill Shepherd's class on the 20th. We will have our usual "play" days the other Saturdays of the month.

One sad note--George Webb, who has participated in Robert's classes, found out his wife was in an accident during the last class. She is at Lakeshore recovering. Be sure to keep the Webbs in your prayers.

Dave



DEE'S RADIO SHOWS

Hello again, this is Dee Haynes. Coming to you from the studios of the grand ballroom of my 12-foot-square-computer and bedroom in the city of lights and glamour (Tarrant) and smoke that never stops belching from the stacks of Alabama Byproducts Corp. (they make coke). Ha Ha, I live in a city that has the Coca Cola Bottling plant on the south side of town and the ABC plant that makes coke for steel mills on the north side.

Remember the good old days of radio when they had studios as big as a basketball stadium? They had 15-piece orchestras and grand pipe organs like the one at the Alabama Theatre. Funny, they do that for TV nowadays, except for the pipe organ. Do you think that TV will become a thing of the past like radio? In a way, I hope so. Thanks to people like Garrison Keillor, radio hasn't died out yet. As I recall, he did a show at the Alabama Theatre a few years ago during, oops, a snow storm. Funny how a man comes from Lake Woebegone MN to sunny Alabama and arrives in a snow storm.

But seriously folks, I ran across some video on the internet of the Fibber McGee and Molly show. It was only a very few seconds long, but very informative. It is a shot of the sound effects man doing the "Hall Closet" skit. After the S.E. man does his thing, Fibber responds with what he always said, "I gotta clean out that closet one of these days."

Thanks to Robert Mathews, the videos are now on our web site. I also need suggestions from you AHRS members on what to do with the old radio shows I have on the site. Since just about all the shows are available on the internet, there doesn't seem to be much need for me to put a few shows on our web site. I probably need to concentrate on putting links to the sites that have the shows readily available for free. When you find such sites, please e-mail me and I will add them to our links page and put them in the newsletter. Don't forget that we have a large collection of old shows at our Huffman site.

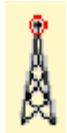
I have just about finished up the "fake" radio that we will have running live at the public library downtown. It will be on the 4th floor. It is a Philco Model 89L, without the electronics, just the cabinet. On the inside I have an iPod with amplified speakers. I will have old radio shows going throughout the day for anyone who happens to be passing by. The iPod will be set to repeat the show over and over. The unit will be equipped with batteries and a wallwart, so that it will run continuously for the duration from November 2nd till the end of December. We are going to need all the help we can handle for this event, especially on November 2nd, when we have to haul the radios and equipment to the library.

We are a little late folks so good night,

P.S. Who can tell me what radio show started and ended the same way this newsletter article does?

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2007 Crystal Radio DX Sprint Contest starts this week!

Jack Bryant, KE4ID sent me the following information about the 2007 Crystal Radio DX Sprint Contest:

The contest runs from 1200 UTC October 5 and 1200 UTC October 8, 2007. Rules for the contest are located at this link:

<http://crystalradio.us/crystalsprint/index.htm>

Kevin (Krystallo) is reviewing the logs for us again this year. Thanks, Kevin!

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 Julian at 205-879-3619.

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



Note from your newsletter editor:

We still love Conway, but would love it even more if our two houses in Leeds would sell! We are caught in the real estate dead zone. Needless to say, if any of you know of people who are looking for a house, please e-mail me for a referral to our realtor. Our Crest Road house was specifically built for ham radio—Tom can give you the details.

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