



December 2010



A NOTE FROM DAVE

Wow! The holidays have slipped up on us. We hope to begin moving into our new home in less than a month. We are still taking every opportunity to move some of our equipment to the storage building, which is across the street from what will be our new location. We can use all the help we can get.

Dee and I provided the program for the seniors at Asbury Methodist Church on November 8th. There were about 75 people in our very receptive audience. They fed us well, and Dee's daughter, son-in-law, and grandson were able to join in the fun. This one makes 34 presentations to almost 1700 people. We are still looking for senior groups to entertain, so let us know if you are aware of a older group willing to listen to us talk about the 'heyday' of radio.

We lost two people close to our members in November. John Outland's brother and Steven Westbrook's father passed away. Our sympathies go out to these families.

Our treasurer, Tom Killian, retired after 41 years at Alabama Power; we are hoping he will have lots of free time to spend with our group.

John Outland and I went to Sautee, GA (near Helen) and picked up a very large and wonderful donation of radios from long time member, John Anthony. John is trying to downsize and was gracious enough to let us add some of his lifetime collection to our museum.

Well, that's all for now. We have a Christmas Party on December 27, so there will not be a regular meeting in December.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us.

Dave



DEE'S RADIO SHOWS

Hello All,

This will be a short one for December. Here are a few shows from around Christmas time, so if you want to rest your eyes and let your imagination take over just go to the internet sites below and look for the episodes listed. Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear.

From out of the past come the thundering sounds of the old Philco. I tried to find an episode of The Lone Ranger with a Christmas theme, but no luck. The Gunsmoke show below doesn't mention Christmas, but it is a much milder show than most other Gunsmoke shows, and William Conrad does wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Just click your mouse on the show below and scroll down to the episode number.

http://www.archive.org/details/Our_Miss_Brooks_190_Episodes and scroll down to number 62 (this one will make the hair on the back of your neck stand up)

http://www.archive.org/details/Great_Gildersleeve episode number 12

<http://www.archive.org/details/FibberMcGeeandMolly1945> episode number 38

http://www.archive.org/details/Dragnet_OTR episode number 23 (this one will bring a tear)

<http://www.archive.org/details/GUNSMOKE02> episode number 63

http://www.archive.org/details/AdventuresOfOzzie_Harriet episode number 72 (this one will just make you feel good)

<http://www.archive.org/details/DuffysTavern> episode number 23

Here's some food for thought: on the opposite side of antique radio, we have the cutting edge or as some of us refer to it as the bleeding edge. Ever since I became a "computer tech" with the company I'm retired from, I imagined radios that would have no hard physical components. Rather, all the internal workings of the radio, the coil, the capacitor, and the tuned circuit would be handled by software. And now, that has just about come to pass. Please check out SDR. Let me know what you think. Maybe one day we'll have a program about SDR's.

Here's wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I hope to see all of you at our Christmas Party on Monday, December 27, at 7 PM in Huffman.

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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