



June 2009



A NOTE FROM THE PREZ

Well, this is going to be a short report on the group's activities in May, since I was not there much. As reported last month, the Hamfest in Birmingham was a great success for us. Then, we got started on the railroad project the next week.

Several of us went to Dayton, OH for the 'World's Biggest Hamfest' on the 14th to the 17th. There were about 20,000 people there and lots of flea market goodies.

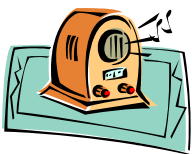
Dee and I went to Chelsea on the 18th and did our show for the Kiwanis club. We got a very good response, even though it was a younger crowd than usual.

Then, Celeste and I left for vacation in FL through June 7th, so club activities were left up to others.

One item of special mention is the Catalin radio we purchased from an individual. Member Tom Hayes took it home and brought it back looking like a totally different radio. If you haven't seen it, we will be putting it in the museum soon.

I hope every one will come out and enjoy our activities during June and July.

Dave



DEE'S RADIO SHOWS

I think I'll call this little tidbit "Hallicrafters in Hollywood". Thanks to Dave Cisco for the link: <http://www.americanflyers.net/entertainment/skyking.asp>.

This is probably the most complete collection of "Sky King" shows available for free viewing on the internet. There are about 64 episodes. I had some trouble with audio with some of the shows that I've watched so far. I had to constantly raise and lower the volume on my computer but it is worth it if you are a Sky King fan as I am.

In episode 14 about 3 minutes into the show, you can see a Hallicrafters SX-42 sitting in the radio room of Sky's ranch. It's fun to watch out for vintage radios in some of the old movies and TV shows.

Here's a challenge for you. The next time you see an old radio that you can identify on the boob tube, write it down and we will make a list. We could put the list on our web page.

The book I ordered, "Sunday Nights at Seven" has arrived. It is the autobiography of Jack Benny. The book was actually written by his daughter, but at least half of the book is composed of text (about 400 pages) that Joan Benny found in a file cabinet after Jack's death. He had intended on writing the book but never did.

Jack talks a lot about sound effects and other happenings in the studio during recording sessions. I am reading the book now, and I should have it in our library within the next week or so. So, if you're interested in reading it, feel free to check it out.

Another project that I've started is getting our big studio turntable back in shape. Thanks to John Fletcher from Tuscaloosa, who is an expert on these old machines, we will get it working in tip-top shape. One of the first things he found wrong was the tone arm. There were two other tone arms lying on the table, and John said that they were the proper ones. I am currently attempting to restore one of the arms. It is my hope to go through all of those 16-inch transcription platters "one of these days."

That's it for now,

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!



WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING DUES!

Membership dues are \$25 a year, payable beginning in January. If you have questions about the dues, you can contact Julian at 205-879-3619. **Dues can be mailed to AHRS @ P.O. Box 130307, Birmingham AL 35213.**

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