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A NOTE FROM THE PREZ

Well, seems like I was gone most of the month of August, so I may not have too much to report about club activities. We made three trips to Montgomery to see Pete and encourage his recovery. Pete is still not able to walk, so he cannot return home. He is still at Hillview Terrace Nursing Home in Room 302.

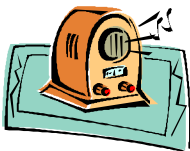
Many of us went to the Huntsville Hamfest on the 16th. We brought back over 1,000 capacitors that we had arranged to get at Birminghamfest.

Dee and I did our radio show for the Vestavia United Methodist Church. There were about 175 people and a free meal involved, plus we got lots of enthusiastic responses. Our next show is at Oakmont Methodist Church on September 11th.

I went to the Shelby Hamfest in North Carolina on August 30th and brought back an HP 8640B signal generator that we will use in the shop. It was donated by one of our members, John Green, who lives in Charlottesville, VA.

That's all for now. As you can see from Dee's contribution this month, we have lots going on. Come join the fun!

Dave



DEE'S RADIO SHOWS

Greetings from Radio Free Tarrant!

I want to thank everyone who attended the class on screen-printing last Saturday. It was a roaring success. J. C., my brother, who has been in the screen printing business practically all his life, fielded a lot of good questions, and, if I do say so myself, gave some pretty good answers.

We printed out three Hallicrafters SX-110 dials just for practice, and they turned out beautifully. If you want to see them, just drop by Saturday or ask about them when you come to the Monday night meeting on September 22. There seems to be a lot of interest in screen printing. Most all of the metal radios were printed that way.

We are stepping up our efforts to restore all of our Hallicrafters S-38s. I invite all who are interested in this restoration project to get in touch with Dave or myself to find out what you can add to this project.

Are there any hams in our club who have DFing capabilities on 80 meters? The incidence of malicious interference seems to be stepping up on the ham bands, especially on 80 meters. Theo called my attention to some strange noises on 3.965 Mhz during the M net. Theo is currently working on a loopstick antenna. If it works out well, I plan to build one myself. The FCC doesn't have the ability to track down troublemakers like they used to, so I guess it is up to us these days.

I'm still listening to The Great Gildersleeve at night. Good Old Gildy helps me go to sleep at night. I don't hear too much about the old shows these days, but I'm sure there is an audience out there; otherwise XM Radio wouldn't be playing them on their satellite system.

Ya'll come see us now and then. Better yet, stay all night. Stay a little longer. Dance all night, dance a little longer...Pull off your coat and throw it in the corner.

If you've got internet go here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JcjdGuJhelk>

Well, so long for now. See you next month, same time, same station.

Dee Haynes

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I received the following e-mail from Eric Braun, and he graciously agreed to let me include it in the newsletter this month. Do go to the links below and look at the pictures—you will find them interesting.

"Seeing the link to a UK web site in the new edition prompts me to write and say that "wireless" collecting is very active here, too. Recently, I visited a museum that should be on the itinerary of any AHRS member who has occasion to visit the United Kingdom. It is located near Milton Keynes, about 30 miles north of where I live in London, at Bletchley Park, and was the home to "Station X" where the Brits cracked the World War Two German "Enigma" ciphers. It's an eclectic and fascinating collection of radios and computers, most from the 1940's, and also home to "Colossus" the first electronic digital computer in the world.

There is also a British National Museum of Computing on the grounds, along with a Churchill Museum and the National Museum of the Projected Image. Plenty to fill an entire day.

I've posted some of my photos online to share with the members:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/TopNewsGuy/BletchleyParkRadioCollection>

One more site of interest for the broadcast history fan is Alexandra Palace, where the BBC established London's first television broadcasting station in the 1930's. Purportedly, the early TV industry in Britain was a pre-war "cover" for the manufacture of radar components, as few sets were actually installed in private homes prior to the outbreak of war. The Palace still stands, as does the BBC "transmission mast" still in use as an auxiliary broadcasting site. Photos are online at:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/TopNewsGuy/AlexandraPalace>

Very best regards to all of my friends in Alabama,

Eric Braun
Associated Press Television News, Ltd."



Editor's note

I would welcome other e-mails with information that I can include in the newsletter. Dave, Dee and I are always looking for contributions to the newsletter that would be of interest to members.

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 INFORMATION

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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