



September 2011



A NOTE FROM PRESIDENT DEE

Yes, Virginia, there is another Superflex.

It was an ordinary day, just like any other morning. The neighbor's AC droned as I sat on the front porch swing trying to grasp the last of the early morning cooler air. A dog barked in the distance.

Yep, you've heard it a thousand times if you listen to the old radio shows. But then, the phone rang. The ID on the phone said that it was a local call. I don't answer out of state calls unless I recognize the number. I took a chance. I answered the call. The caller asked, "Is this Mr. Haynes?" I replied, "Yes." Then he told me his name and said that he had gone to our web site and, lo and behold, there was his radio, the one that his grandfather had back in the early 1920's.

At first I didn't think much of the call, because there are many radios pictured on our web site. "What model radio is it?" I asked. "Wait a minute, I'll have to go look," he replied.

"Will you shut up or go in the other room," my wife screamed from her bedroom. "I'm trying to sleep." "Yes, dear" I responded. Shortly the man came back to the phone. "It says Superflex," he explained. Well, you could have knocked me over with a fender*. I sat down and asked him if he could bring it in tomorrow morning. He agreed. A few of us had planned a work party for Thursday morning, and we would be there after about 10 o'clock in the morning.

Well, the rest is history. After a few bouts of financial sparing, Dave Cisco bought the radio, along with the original speaker that probably was purchased at the same time the radio was (see photo below).

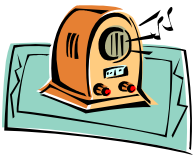


Be sure to come by and check it out. Marvin Shepherd will do the honors of restoring this grand old lady.

The August business meeting was a roaring success with Wendy Story at the helm. She and husband Chris tutored us on Facebook and Twitter. A good time was had by all, and Wendy managed to parry every thrust by Ed Boutwell, who worried about security on the internet. Ed said (jokingly of course), "Just don't use it." Now that Ed is more educated about the subject, he will probably spend more of his time Twittering and Facebooking. I must say Wendy is a great teacher, and we hope to have her back soon for an encore.

The new long wire antenna is up and working great. Everybody is trying to hook it up to their radios, but we still just have the end of the coax dangling in the corner of the shop. Hopefully, soon we will have coaxial cable at each work bench.

As of Saturday, September 3, 2011, we have moved our WiFi antenna from indoor to outdoor at the top of the tower. Dave climbed the tower and installed the tower standoff and omni-directional antenna (see photo below). Testing showed nearly 3 mbps



LISTEN TO THE RADIO!!

“You could have knocked me over with a fender” is a quote from a list of Janeisms. What is a “Janeism” you say? Well, it is from the old radio show of the 40’s called “The Easy Aces.” Jane is always getting her syntax mixed up. For a short list of Janeisms go to:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jane_Ace

Or just listen to the show. If you don’t know where to find it, just give me a buzz.

Dee Haynes

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More Quotes about Radio & Other Things
Compiled by Steven D. Westbrook

“I know that you believe you understand what you think I said, but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant.

Robert McCloskey

“Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.”
Albert Einstein

“Megahertz: This is a really big hertz”
Dave Barry

“Were David Sarnoff alive today, there would almost surely be no place for him in the company (RCA) he had shepherded to greatness”
Charles Fontaine

“I can tell where I was when Kennedy was shot – which was in the common room at school. I heard about it on the old valve radio. At the time of Armstrong’s landing I was at university rehearsing a play”
Sam Neill

“Love doesn’t drop on us unexpectedly, you have to give off signals, sort of like an amateur radio operator”

“You see, wire telegraph is kind of a very, very long cat. You pull his tail in New York and his head is meowing in Los Angeles. Do you understand this? And radio operates exactly the same way; you send signals here, they receive them there.”
Albert Einstein

Radio is a medium of entertainment which permits millions of people to listen to the same joke at the same time, and yet remain lonesome”
T. S. Elliott

In relations with domestically weak countries, a radio transmitter can be a more effective form of pressure than a squadron of B-52’s”
Henry Kissinger

It’s not true I had nothing on, I had the radio on”
Marilyn Monroe

New York: the only city where people make radio request like “This is for Tina – I’m sorry I stabbed you”
Carol Leifer

“Radio is the theater of the mind: television is the theater of the mindless”
Steve Allen

“Ronald Reagan is clearly to television what Franklin Roosevelt was to radio”
David R. Gergen

“Radio news is bearable. This is due to the fact that while the news is being broadcast, the disk jockey is not allowed to talk.”

Fran Lebowitz

“If it weren’t for Philo T. Farnsworth, the inventor of television, we’d still be eating frozen radio dinners”

Johnny Carson

“When buying a used car, punch the buttons on the radio. If all the stations are rock and roll, there’s a good chance the transmission is shot”

Larry Lujack

MEETING TIMES

We meet nearly every Saturday of the month at 09:00 AM in the one-story building at the corner of 8th Avenue North and 18th Street (1801 8th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203). Use the rear (Southeast) entrance.

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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