

# The Alabama Historical Radio Society

August 2006



## ***A NOTE FROM THE PREZ***

Well, vacations and the heat appear to keep our group smaller than usual, but we are still having fun on our Saturday morning get-togethers. All the cabinets at Alabama Power are filled with radios. The display cards are being completed by the APCO graphics department. Our museum is near completion!! We could sure use some help in our library and storage area, so if anyone has some time please let me know, and we will meet at Huffman and get some needed tasks accomplished.

If you haven't looked at our website recently, Robert has made some nice improvements. We now have our library books listed, so if you want to check to see if a particular book is in our library, just look on the website. Also, Robert keeps adding pictures and links for many other websites.

Several of the guys have taken on an Atwater Kent in a Hi-boy cabinet as a project for the museum and are redoing the cabinet and will soon start on the electronics. If you want to learn about restoring from the experts, you won't want to miss watching and learning as this project progresses on Saturdays.

Now that school is about to restart and, hopefully, the weather cooling off, everyone try to make it a point to come out to Huffman more often. And don't forget Robert Frye's wonderful classes.

*Dave*



## ***DEE'S RADIO SHOWS***

Hello Old Time Radio fans.

For those of you whom I haven't talked with lately, my computer was wiped out by a power surge, even though I was on a UPS. The UPS was out of warranty, so I didn't even try for a settlement. Several other things have been keeping me busy this past month, but I won't go into detail. I'll just say that this month's news letter will be a short one.

One interesting thing is I just bought an Edison Amberola 30 cylinder player with a box full of cylinders (blue)--not only a bunch of old music, but 8 or 10 comedy routines. One is called Uncle Josh. Also have the "Preacher and the Bear." Does anybody remember that song? "Lord if you can't help me, for gosh sakes don't help that bear" Sadly, that cylinder is defective. If anybody is interested in getting digital copies of these records, get in touch.

The player was in pretty good shape. Just had to add a little oil in the right places. And now some more good news if you are Fibber McGee and Molly fans. An almost complete set of the 15 minute episodes from the early to mid 50's has turned up. The episodes were thought to have been destroyed, but a large collection of 16 inch transcriptions has been discovered. Check it out at: <http://www.compumart.ab.ca/agirard/fibber/589.htm>. I have around 700 or so episodes but plan to get copies of these shows.

One more thing, if any club members can tell me what radio show the phrase "Well now, I wouldn't say that." came from, I will give them a CD of those shows.

Y'all come to the Saturday informal meetings. We have lots of fun.

By for now and God Bless.

*Dee Haynes*

243-4630 or [k4hfx@bellsouth.net](mailto:k4hfx@bellsouth.net)

## **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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

## **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**

Membership dues are \$25 a year. 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.

## **WHO TO CONTACT**

**President – David Cisco**  
205.822.6759

**Member and Instructor – Robert Frye**

**Web site – Robert Matthews**  
RMatthews@ms.soph.uab.edu

**Web Address:**  
<http://alabamahistoricalradiosociety.org/>

**Newsletter – Patsy Desaulniers**  
patwrite@juno.com