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

January turned out to be our museum's introduction to the public. We were shown on 33/40 one week and Fox 6 the next week, plus *The Birmingham News* was here last week. The *Alabama Seaport Magazine* is running an article about the museum, also. The TV presentations are now on DVD and will be put on the website.

We continued to use the grant monies to improve the shop and to buy some needed books for the library. We are trying to put together a plan to allow members to check books out. Any ideas would be welcomed.

If you haven't gotten your dues to Julian please do so this month. The dues will help us to continue to grow.

We still need articles, pictures, etc. for this newsletter. If you have anything to contribute, please e-mail it to Patsy.

Our Saturday morning continues to grow. If you haven't been out to Huffman to help with our numerous projects, I can assure you we have plenty to offer.

Robert Frye's wife, Margaret, had heart surgery and is doing well, but keep her in your prayers. Also, Pete Sides had a fall and is in rehab. We wish for him and Margaret a speedy recovery.

That's all for this month. We need all the support we can get, so please join in the fun and participate in all you have time for.

*Dave*



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

Howdy again folks,

Well it's time for me to thrill you again with my writing expertise; then again maybe not. I guess I am going back into my 2<sup>nd</sup> childhood, because I am getting a BANG out of reading the "Radio Boys" series books that we have been acquiring in our library. These were books written with young teenage boys in mind. Hush! They were written around the year 1922. Things were different back then. The series is centered on 4 teenage boys who have a great deal of interest in radio, which for the average listener was in its pioneer stage at that time. They get into all kinds of interesting situations, and radio always gets them out of trouble. I wish I had a time machine and could go back to those early radio days. Thanks to Dave Cisco for finding these and other treasures. Also, thanks to the Alabama Power Co. for the nice grant, which allowed Dave to pay for these books. Before I leave the subject, I found a website that has the complete text of one of the Radio Boys books online. You can copy it to a folder on your computer. After I did this, I opened it with Microsoft Word, enlarged the font size for comfortable reading, and then saved it again. I can sit back in my easy chair in front of the screen and read. In the front of the book it has diagrams and text on how to build your own "radio telephone." If you want to download the book, go to the following link:

<http://www.gutenberg.org/etext/14278>

Just a reminder, we have a very large collection of old radio shows in the library now. They are available for members to copy. Just bring some blank CDs or DVDs or a flash drive and make all the copies you want. Come in and check out our new fast computer with the wide screen.

I just finished up this years crystal radio DX contest. I logged more than 60 radio stations. To some, that may sound like a lot of radio stations for a simple crystal set, but I assure you that it won't even make 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> place. Anyway, I enjoyed picking out all those weak stations between the strong ones. Some of my more distant stations that I was able to identify were Tulsa, OK, Turks/Cacaos Island, and San Antonio, TX. I just heard that Lem Morrison logged a station in California. Wow!!! The stations to the Northeast evaded me this year.

We are going to have a crystal radio program for the Monday night meeting on February 26, 2007. Let's everybody try to make this meeting. If you recall, we all had a great time at the last Crystal Radio Group meeting a couple of years ago. I am building a very unusual set. The circuit is unusual, as well as the layout in the cabinet, which, by the way, I'm making out of Wormy Chestnut. Good or bad, I promise to bring it to the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting.

*Dee Haynes*

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**Note from your newsletter editor:**

I wanted to mention three publications that you might find interesting, if you haven't already discovered them:

- *Alabama Seaport* is published monthly (and is free) by the Trade and Development Department, Alabama State Docks. I believe you can be added to their mailing list by contacting the Alabama State Port Authority Trade & Development Office at (251) 441-7001. **They are going to be running an article about the AHRS Museum in the near future**—subscribe now so that you will be ready to read! Tom and I have subscribed for years; it is a great little magazine.
- *American Science & Surplus* is a catalog with a little of everything. I love to read the descriptions of the items. Their Web site is [www.sciplus.com](http://www.sciplus.com) and their phone number is 888-724-7587.
- *Lindsey's Technical Books* has "exceptional technical books for experimenters, inventors, tinkerers, mad scientists, and "Thomas Edison types."" In looking through their catalog, there are several that deal with radios. Their Web site is [www.lindsaybks.com](http://www.lindsaybks.com) and their phone number is 815-935-5353.



European crystal radio, made from a coconut! (1920's)

If making a crystal radio from a coconut isn't your speed, Ed Bruchac found this link on a British qrp site. Lots of Crystal radio plans---really old plans,here:

- <http://www.crystalradio.net/crystalplans/index.shtml>

## **Next Swap Meet**



I know that you have already received a notice about this meet, but I am including it in our newsletter in case you lost your copy.

The Southeastern Antique Radio Society will be holding their annual indoor Swap Meet and Auction on Saturday, February 17. SARS web link for more info:

<http://www.sarsradio.com/nextswapmeet.htm>

DoubleTree Hotel, Barrington Ballroom, 1075 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, GA 30076

Telephone (770) 992-9600

Link to DoubleTree Hotel: <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=ATLRSDT>

This is a fantastic 2,800 square foot meeting room. The hotel is located just off GA-400 Exit 7 and was completely remodeled in 2005. The DoubleTree staff will provide and set up all tables and chairs beginning at 7 AM. They will serve coffee in the morning and sandwiches for lunch at noon. There will be a competitive room discount for out of town visitors, which will be posted on our web link.

The guest speaker, Bret Menassa from Texas, will be making a great presentation on the basic principles of plastic cabinet repair and refinishing.

### **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.



### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Our member in Korea, Greg Glenn and Jenny, have a new baby, Colin. Congrats to them.

## **Come to the Monday Night Meetings, TOO, on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Julian at 205-879-3619.

**Dues can be mailed to AHRS @ P.O. Box 130307, Birmingham AL 35213.**

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