



The Alabama Historical Radio Society Newsletter

April 2007



A NOTE FROM THE PREZ

First and foremost, do check out the great article about our museum in *Alabama Seaport Magazine* for February 2007. It is on pages 16-18 and has photography by Robert Matthews. We are getting good coverage about the museum now.

March was a milestone month for us. We gave our first program for the Southern Company Services retirees on March 12. We used our new laptop and had Pete Sides as part of the presentation. Ed Boutwell videoed the show, and we have had a chance to see how we did. Dee did an excellent job winging it, since the Powerpoint did not work on the old radio shows. Pete did a great job telling his stories, but didn't want to give up the microphone. Our next presentation will be to the Galleria Woods Retirement Community on April 10. These presentations are part of our mission to educate the public on the history of radio. I would like for everyone to help out with this part of our mission.

Our class was spent doing actual repairs on radios brought in by class members. Joel brought his daughter and granddaughter to the class. Marvin Shepherd added a new 'first' to his list by repairing a Philco 'Shadow Meter.' Most of us had never heard of one, much less seen it, but, as usual, Marvin allowed us to ship it to a customer in Ohio with confidence.

We added more new books to the library and, thanks to Dee and Johnny Outland, were able to create more shelf space to continue the library growth.

We have not been able to talk Tom and Patsy Desaulniers into staying in Birmingham, but Patsy says she will still continue to do the newsletter. By the way, Tom donated a unique 'Tube' display and an even more unique Atwater Kent model 20 to the Society. Thanks Tom!

We added several new members during March, Welcome!!

That's all for this time. Don't forget to come and enjoy our Saturday morning sessions and the 4th Monday regular meeting.

Dave



DEE'S RADIO SHOWS

Hello again from the old radio listener.

Patsy I know is busy with moving plans, so I will make this a short one. Plus it gives me a chance to be lazy.

Dave and I did our "gig" at the Southern Co. Services Retirement gathering down on Inverness Pkwy this past month. Dave did a presentation about our Museum and the history of radio in the Birmingham area, highlighting WSY and the Power Company. I did my segment about sound effects and played some clips from some of my favorite old radio shows. Dave and I had no idea what kind of response we would get from the retirees, but I was happy to see a little audience participation. I got several requests for shows. Luckily, a couple of the requests were for shows for which I had clips.

I am busy preparing for our next "gig," which will be Galleria Woods Retirement Community this month. I should have a lot more clips available. Heck! Maybe Dave and I will get Vaudeville started again. HA HA

One last comment: Big things are happening with the AHRS. I know of at least two things that will be coming in the next few months. But I'm not tellin'. You'll just have to attend the Monday night meetings.

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Note from your newsletter editor:

As most of you know by now, Tom and I are moving to Conway, Arkansas. I am a native Arkansan, so I am moving closer to my birthplace in Harrison, Arkansas. We are in the process of buying a home in Conway, so the next few weeks will be very busy. I have warned the club members that this and next month's newsletter may be a little slower in posting to the Internet, but once I get settled, I see no difficulty in doing your newsletter from Arkansas. I already receive most of the articles via e-mails anyway.

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 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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