



The Alabama Historical Radio Society Newsletter

December 2007



A NOTE FROM THE PREZ

The month of November was quite busy for most of us. Four of us took Pete Sides to the Montgomery Hamfest on November 10th. Just watching him enjoy all the attention a 99-year-old gets made the trip worthwhile.

One sad note for the month was the passing of Robert Frye's dad on November 5th. Also, Robert Matthews dad passed away last month. Our sympathies go out to them.

We received a donation of radios from Jerald Clanton (a new member). It took a pickup truck and lots of help to get all the nice radios moved to Huffman.

We were recognized by the Hoover Historical Society at their November 20th meeting for our contributions and loans to their "Time Cabinets" exhibit in Bluff Park.

During the month, Dee Haynes and Theo Humphries made lots of progress getting our parts drawers organized, so we can find things as we need them. Also, John Outland has continued the work Claude started in our "tube" room, getting our huge stock of vacuum tubes where they can be located without a major hunt.

Because of our party and the Christmas holidays, we will not have a meeting this month. The party will be Friday, January 4th, at Huffman. Bring a dish, and the club will supply a ham and turkey and drinks as in the past. We will start at 7 PM, but anyone wishing to help can get there about 30 minutes ahead.

Robert is planning on starting his 'beginners' class in February. We will continue our regular Saturday sessions during December and January. I will try to get Marvin to do another session during this time.

If you haven't visited our library exhibit you still have three weeks to see it. Take the family and neighbors.

We still are looking for articles for this newsletter. I have some for next year already submitted. Let us share in your experiences in this wonderful hobby.

Hope to see everyone at the January 4th party.

Dave



DEE'S RADIO SHOWS

Hello again folks,

Looks like we are late on the news, but we had a really good excuse. We were all getting ready for the big event at the Birmingham Public Library. Thanks to all who participated, especially those who made fools of themselves in front of an audience on December 5th, "Billybob" was a big success. The show made the newspapers. Look on page 2 of the local section of the December 6th *Birmingham News* to find a picture of us doing the show, along with a short caption. I wish all the TV folks were there but I guess they didn't want to show up at a program on radio.

Special thanks to the players--John Outland as Billybob, Dave Cisco as little Stephen, Steve Westbrook as the Director, Mr. Simms, and myself as the voice of the Sound Effects man. Ron Westbrook did the actual sound effects, Ed Boutwell was the announcer and last, but by no means least, Heather Haynes as Margaret the Magic Dolphin. I must say that if it weren't for Heather, the dolphin, the show would not have come over very well.

Also, special kudos to Theo Humphries for videoing the whole thing, and to the Birmingham Public Library's technician, Frank Golden, and also Renee Blaylock of the BPL. And one more name, Marjorie White of the Birmingham Historical Society, without her I don't think any of this would have happened.

The only thing left for us to do this month is to take down our library exhibit, which will take place on or around December 30, which is a Sunday. We will have more details to come on that later.

Next month will be a busy one too. Our Christmas party will be during the first week of January. Look forward to seeing everyone at the party.

Dee Haynes

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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 DUE AGAIN IN JANUARY

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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