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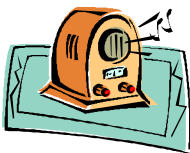
### ***A NOTE FROM THE PREZ***

Well, I don't have much to report on about the club's activities during the month of July, since Celeste and I were gone most Saturdays during the month. I did get a chance to visit the Southern Appalachian Radio Museum while we were in Ashville, North Carolina. The museum is in an old classroom located at A-B Technical School. They have a nice collection of communication equipment, but not a lot of early broadcast pieces like we have. Still, if you are in the area, the visit is well worth while.

This month (Aug), many of us will attend the Huntsville Hamfest on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Dee and I will do our radio show at the Vestavia Methodist Church on the 19<sup>th</sup>, if you haven't seen the show, I'm sure you would be welcome. Then, Robert will hold class on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Dee and his brother are planning a very special program on silk-screening for the 30<sup>th</sup>. That's all for now. Now that vacation season is mostly over, try to make as many Saturday activities as you can.

*Dave*



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

Hello again from the big city of Tarrant.

I usually ramble on about OTR, but before I do that, it has come to my attention that our club comes up a bit short when it concerns HeathKit manuals and such. A couple of days ago, I decided to do an alignment procedure our Heathkit model GC-1A general coverage receiver. It was quite a bit out of tune. When I was unable to find the proper manuals in the club library, I turned to the internet. There I found just about everything I needed on two websites:

<http://vintageradio.me.uk/military/mohican.htm>  
<ftp://bama.sbc.edu/downloads/heath/gc1a/>

The first site is a United Kingdom site (.uk), where I found the 5 pages covering the alignment for each of the 6 bands. The second site is where I got the users manual. Everyone should check out this UK site. Just highlight the URL line, hit Control/C for copy, then launch your browser and paste (Control/V) in the address line. Check out the crystal set radio section. They have a link to our own Birmingham Crystal Radio Group. Kudos to Jack Bryant on your crystal radio site:

**<http://www.crystalradio.us/1adradios/1ad-2007-2.htm>**

As for OTR, I am back to listening to The Great Gildersleeve. The shows that are on my MP3 player are during the war years. If you would like to see what life was like during WWII, one way is to listen to the radio shows of that era. Most of the sitcoms of the 40's will occasionally have plots that revolve around the war, such as War Bond sales, or treat a soldier to lunch or dinner. Sometimes the show will be interrupted by a news bulletin about the war. It can be very interesting if you are into that part of our past.

Well, so long for now. See you next month, same time, same station.

*Dee Haynes*

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***Hamfest in Huntsville on August 16!***

You can go to their Web site <http://www.hamfest.org/> for more information.



We wish a speedy recovery to Pete Sides, who had a fall Wednesday and fractured his hip. He had surgery Thursday to repair the damage and will be in the hospital for at least a week, then at home.

Our sympathy goes to Jerry Fiore N4JF, whose wife passed away on August 8.

## ***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 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 INFORMATION***

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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