



The Alabama Historical Radio Society Newsletter



December 2009

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of two of our members. **Oren Anderson**, W4HDF passed away this Thursday, December 10, and his funeral will be Saturday, December 12, at 1 pm at Mountain Brook Baptist Church. Oren may have been first licensed in 1941.

William Peyton "Pete" Sides of Montgomery, Alabama died December 10, 2009. He was born April 10, 1908 in Walker Co. Alabama. Pete was a long-time resident of Bessemer after which he moved to Montgomery in 1937. He was an Alabama Power Co. supervisor from 1930 to 1971 when he retired. He was a very active Amateur Radio operator, licensed since 1930 with the call of W4AUP. He was a charter member of The Birmingham Amateur Radio Club, The Montgomery Amateur Radio Club, QCWA, and The Antique Wireless Association. He was a member of ARRL also serving as director. He was a member of the Alabama Historical Radio Society and major contributor to the AHRS Museum in the Alabama Power Co. Bldg. in downtown Birmingham. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary of 60 years, and his son Peyton Andrew Sides. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the AHRS at P.O. Box 131418, Birmingham, Alabama 35213. Graveside services will be held on Saturday December 12 at 10 am. at Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham.



A NOTE FROM DAVE

The end of 2009 is rapidly approaching, and we sure have lots of great memories from this year. Our Scott Philharmonic project was the most time-consuming, but also the most rewarding, since it looks 'showroom' quality. We acquired more storage space for an overflow of donations in the annex building downtown.

We did have some sad events, with Claude Gray and Ed Farrell passing away, and Pete Sides having to move to the nursing home. They will be missed by all of us.

November saw the Saturday sessions well attended, with Robert Frye's class starting things off. Our regular monthly meeting was well attended, and Ed Boutwell gave us a wonderful program on astronomy. Dee and I gave our 'radio history' program at the Independent Presbyterian Church Men's Club on the 23rd and had a wonderful reception and meal. Marvin Shepherd and I wound two field coils, one of which weighed 3 pounds. I was able to throw away my chauffeur's hat, since Celeste has recovered from her accident and has a replacement for her wounded car. Several of us went to the Montgomery Hamfest on the 14th and got a chance to visit Pete at the nursing home.

Our big event for December will be the Christmas Party on the 28th; we will be contacting everyone about what to bring.

The New Year will bring about many new opportunities for all of us. I want to encourage each member to find your niche and help our society to continue its wonderful growth.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Dave



DEE'S RADIO SHOWS

By the time you read this, I hope to have finished my last corneal transplant, which is due this Thursday, December 3, 2009. Hopefully, I'll have 20/25 or 20/30 in that eye when things get all healed up. Who knows, maybe I'll take up astronomy again. I haven't tried to look at a star or galaxy for a long time. Of course, living in the big city of Tarrant doesn't help very much.

Ed Boutwell did a splendid job on the program for this past Monday night's meeting. I got all fired up and dug out my old "big" lenses. I have two 5-inch-diameter achromats that are just collecting dust. Maybe I'll make a telescope. Did I mention Ed's program was on astronomy?

Dave and I just finished a "dog and pony" show at Independent Presbyterian on Highland Avenue. The folks there really enjoyed the show. Seems like we have been trying to schedule that show for over a year now. But, the wait was worth it. Everything went off without any flaws. Now our slate is empty. I am trying to line up some shows for the Northern side of Jefferson County. Seems like most of the stuff we do is always South of the railroad tracks that run through town.

Dave Cisco, Marvin Shepherd and a few others are dragging me, kicking and screaming, into the restoration end of our hobby. Below, you will see an almost finished Timmons Talker speaker that I am attempting to restore.



I haven't forgotten the old radio shows. I listen to them every night. It keeps me away from the television. You all have my phone number and my email address. If you have any questions or requests, please let me know.

Hello! Hello! Is this mike on?

Dee Haynes

243-4630 or 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, 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 Tom at 205-967-7000.

Dues can be mailed to AHRS @ P.O. Box 131418, Birmingham AL 35213.

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