



May 2010



### ***A NOTE FROM DAVE***

April was a busy month for our group, with a major donation of equipment from Sam Troutman's estate and the purchase of a trailer load of tubes and parts from Clanton.

Dee and I put on our "radio history" show for a postcard collectors group at Trinity UMC church. I sure was glad we had our taxes done, since the program was April 15. We will make two additional presentations during May, and then take a summer break.

Robert Frye featured "oscilloscopes" in his class; we had a large crowd that day.

I would like to encourage every member to come to our Saturday sessions at the shop in Huffman. We really do work, and I always learn something.

*Dave*



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

A lot of things have happened since you last tuned in the old radio newsletter. Did you figure out what show Palmolive Soap and Lustre Creme Shampoo sponsored? Well, it was ***Our Miss Brooks*** starring Eve Arden. I guess Eve Arden was typecast as a school teacher in that old radio show, because she remained in that setting most of her acting career. One of her later movies that she showed up in was ***Grease***. I think she played the principal. Coincidentally, my grandson Gavin will be the saxophone player in the Pinson Valley High School version of that play. I'm really proud of him. Next year he has been chosen as a musical ambassador and will visit a dozen or so European countries in that role.

Who of you out there in the listening audience still has one of the Dick Tracy code books? I tried to decode some of the messages on the Dick Tracy show, but was unable to come up with the solution. When giving out the clues on each of the 15-minute shows, they would first give you a category like Buffalo, or Pirate, and then they would give you a series of numbers that would make up a sentence. You were charged with using your code book, which you obtained with 25 cents in coin, plus a box top of Quaker Puffed Wheat and Quaker Puffed Rice. If you got your code book then you qualified to be a member of the Dick Tracy Secret Service Patrol. Wow! What an honor! Surely, there are a few of you DTSSP's still out there? If so, please come forward. We have lots of messages for you to decode. I'll even give you the first coded message, so you won't need the code book. Listen carefully, as I am only going to say this once, "Come to the shop on Saturdays and help us sort out lots of radio stuff!"

See you there,

*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 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 Tom at 205-967-7000.

**[Dues can be mailed to AHRS @ P.O. Box 131418, Birmingham AL 35213.](#)**

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