

March 2011



### **A NOTE FROM DEE**

Gee Whiz, where's a fella to start? There is so much going on that I am beside myself. First, but not necessarily most important, this is the last letter I will be writing as your vice president. No, I'm not going away. I am your new president-elect for the next year. Dave is stepping down. Don't worry; I'll be keeping him busy. But he will be taking a well-deserved rest. Taking my place as vice president will be Steven Westbrook. Congratulations, Steven.

Things are coming along smoothly with the move to the new downtown location. In fact, we just finished removing everything from the old Huffman shop, and it is now piled high in the new bank building. The really big job now is to get everything organized and in its proper place. I expect that will take several months of hard work. It is with a tinge of sadness that we leave those hallowed halls of Huffman. I feel like Floyd the barber when he sang, "Oh hail to thee oh Huffman Shop. Oh hail to thee oh hail..." Oh heck, I'm glad we are leaving. My drive will only be a couple of miles longer, but the new location is much more centrally located for everybody.

Here I am closing the door at the Huffman Shop for the last time:



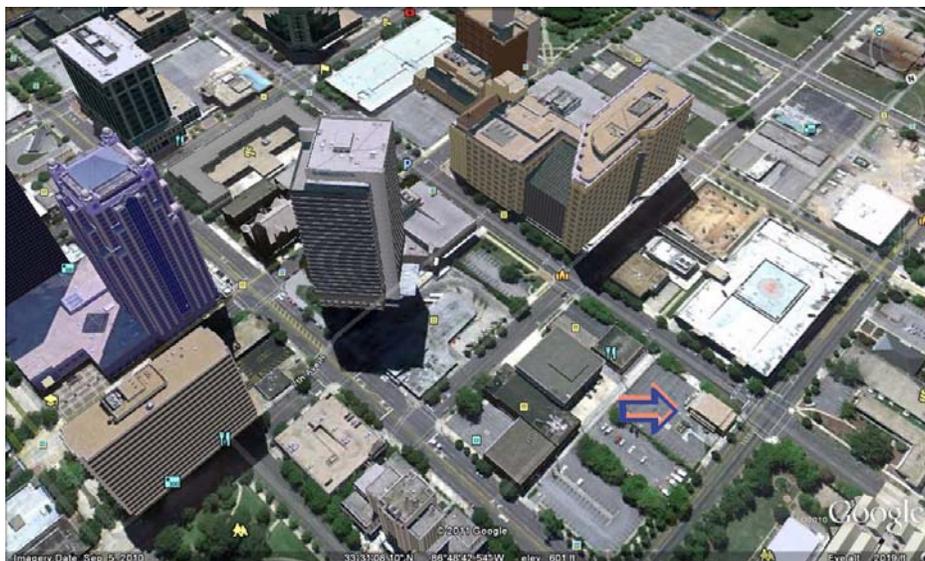
I am really excited about our new location and the fact that, barring any unforeseen complications, we will have a working 1970's vintage broadcast studio installed for all members and their guests to check out, thanks to the widow of Joe Dentici, one of Birmingham's finest broadcast engineers. The studio equipment will be installed by two of our members, Ken McEwen and Ray Edwards. Don't close out this newsletter before you check out the story of Joe Dentici and see the studio equipment at the following site:

[http://www.birminghamrewound.com/wenn\\_dentici.htm](http://www.birminghamrewound.com/wenn_dentici.htm)

By the way, you pronounce Dentici this way--Den'-a-see. A few years ago I had the pleasure of working with Joe, and he told me that very few people would pronounce his name properly.

Even with all the moving, we did manage to squeeze in Birmingham Hamfest. We sold a lot of our used equipment, which brought in some well-needed funds. We had some beautiful display radios there as well--even an early TV which played "The Beverly Hillbillies." We got a lot of comments about it. Thanks to Gene Samples and Robert Frye for bringing it. Also displays including radios from the 20's and 30's were brought in by Reggie Olsen, Maurice Lovelady, Mike Lord, Dave Johnson and some from our own AHRS collection.

It's time for us to begin the long task of sorting everything out and getting stuff where it belongs. Now our shop, annex, and museum are all on 18<sup>th</sup> Street between 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, an easy stroll for anyone. We are right off interstate 59/20, with easy access whether you are going north or south. Below is an aerial view of our location, with the orange and blue arrow pointing at the bank building. As you can see, we are right in the heart of Birmingham.



I guess that's all for now. Sorry we're a little late folks, so Good Night!

*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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