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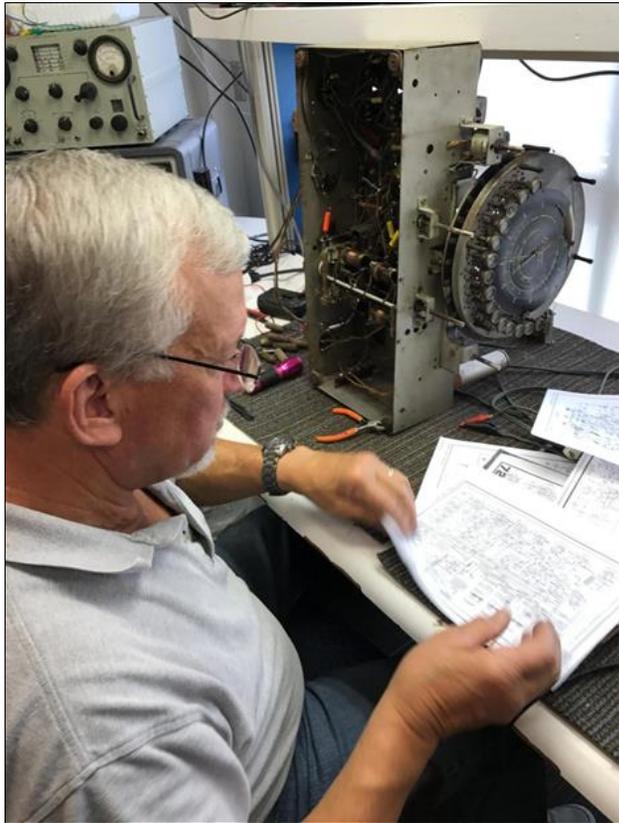
NOTE FROM PRESIDENT TOM

Hello, All!

Activity is high at the Shop as more new members join and bring their radios in for repair. They are learning how to trouble shoot their radios and, with some mentoring, how to repair them. We continue to put more restored radios back in circulation each month, meeting one of our main objectives of preserving broadcast radio for coming generations. Some pictures are in order.



Maurice Hill and Big Mike check out a client's Grundig Radio.



Doc Holiday checking the schematic for a Grunow Teledial Radio.



Jim Rogers working on a Zenith Console radio with bad wiring.



Dave Johnson showing Frank Parker and Willie Henderson the trouble.



Restored exterior of a very rough and neglected radio.



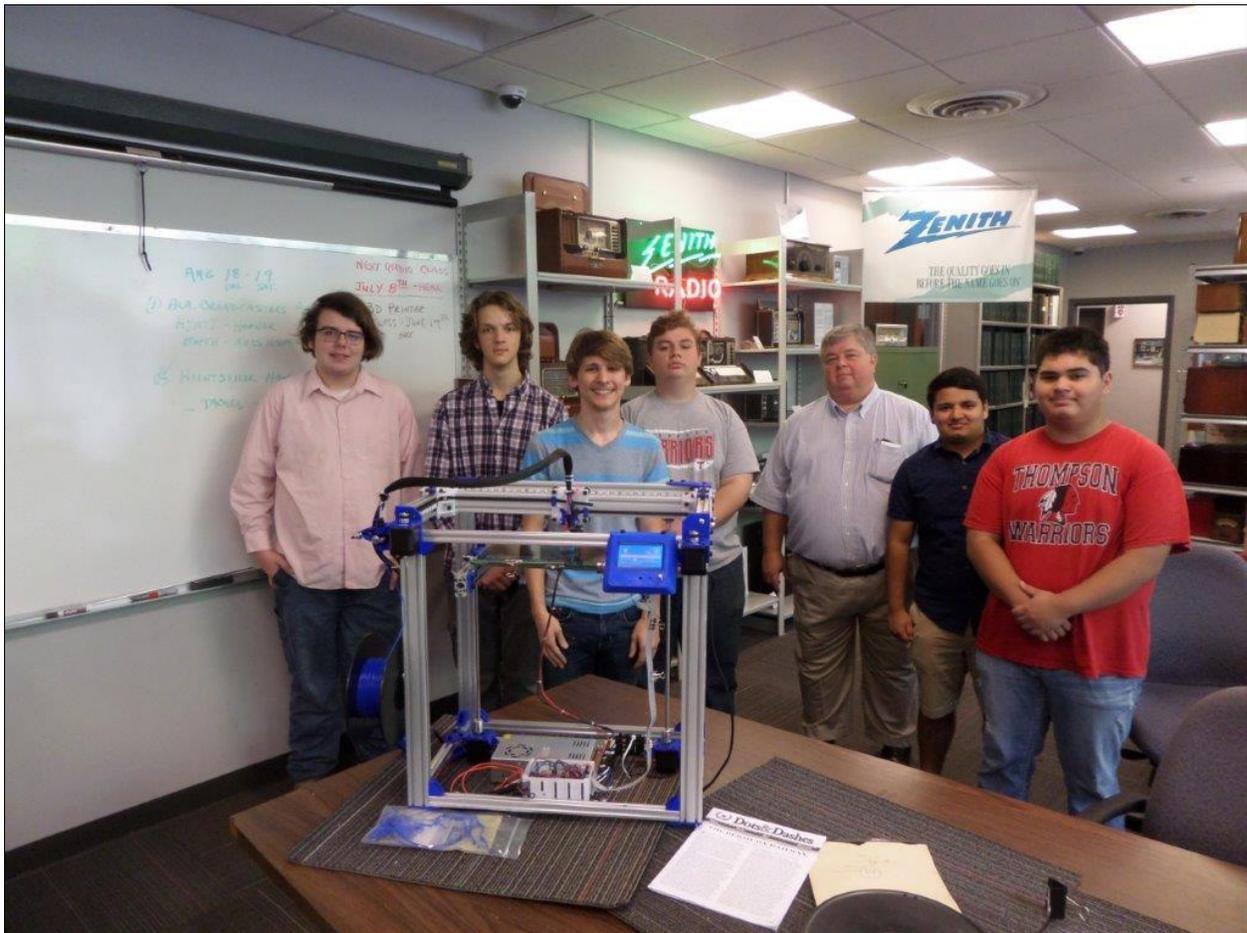
Frank Parker restored the exterior and replaced the electronics inside with dual speakers and a blue tooth receiver and amplifier.



Dee Haynes getting back to his AM Radio Transmitter project.



Mack White with two early Western Electric Model 360 Horn microphones (and they work). Note the "on the air" red lights inside each microphone.



Group from Thompson High School (except Milo on the left) who put on a 3D printer program at the Shop in June. Steven Spicer (3rd from right) asked them to come and put on a 3D printer demonstration. Thomas Higginbotham (3rd from left) built the printer and printed a radio knob to show how it worked.



John Godwin put on a 3D Printer Program the week following the Thompson HS Program. He had been scheduled for a month to put on this Program. He brought members of his Scout Troop to hear the Program and to tour the Shop. He showed a small scout race car printed with wood fiber on a 3D printer. He shared his experience on the build and quality of current 3D printers.



John Godwin, Samuel Godwin, James Godwin, Gus Kilgore, Jack Kilgore and Ethan Cox enjoying a tour of the Shop. The scouts were scheduled to camp out on Region's Field that night. What an exciting weekend for them!



John Outland showing the scouts the DJ Radio Station.



Dee Haynes put on the Monday night program on teletype machines. Dee retired from Associated Press (AP) where he traveled the Eastern and Southern parts of the country maintaining AP's teletype machines.



Dee demonstrating how the teletype machine works.

The July Radio Class reviewed the many years of related radio class handouts to make sure all the students had the written information to help them repair old radios. More than 100 copies were made, which indicated this was something we needed to do many years ago. The class also helped Dr. Curry work on the Philco battery-powered radio he brought to class. The radio belongs to a friend who is in assisted living and who listened to war news on it during World War II. When the radio is fixed, he can again enjoy the radio. The August Radio Class will be on August 5, at the Shop in Birmingham, beginning at 9 a.m. Joe Minor is going to show several videos on radio repair and do some white board work to supplement the videos.



July Radio Class checking out the Philco battery radio brought in by Dr. Curry (center) from Selma, AL.

Interest continues to run high in the Don Kresge Memorial Museum located in the Atrium of Alabama Power Company Headquarters Building at 600 North 18th Street in Birmingham. Another church group has scheduled a tour of the Museum and Shop for the morning of July 21. Based on the visitor's registration book at the Museum, people from all over the world have toured the Museum and have written nice comments about it. Next time you are in town, drop by the Museum. It is open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays, except on holidays. There is no admission charge.

We are planning on having another auction of radios and equipment for members on July 22, beginning at 10 a.m., at the Shop. Hopefully, we can find something members will bid on, as the Society could use some additional income.

The next Monday night meeting will be on July 24, beginning at 6 p.m. John Outland has promised to tell his story of the six-week trip moving trailers to Alaska. Come join us for some fellowship and some tall tales!

Thank you for your continued support of the Alabama Historical Radio Society!

President Tom

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OLD TIME RADIO BITS

I hate to admit it, but some months I find nothing that I want to write about. One would think that with my collection, dozens of streaming sites, and many more sites where OTR shows are available, it would be easy to just take a show at random and write about it. I will admit that there are months that I practice this method. However, this month it is not working. This is the time when I envy authors such as our club member Don Keith who can probably write 500 words on making his grocery list.

To be totally truthful, I have drifted away from Old Time Radio the last few months. The situation is nothing unusual during the summer. There always seems to be so much to do and I get tired trying to do it all. I just don't have the time to listen. So, with the deadline for this month's article already past, I'm going to repeat some things I have written in previous articles and maybe add a few new things.

For anyone interested in OTR, the internet has become a necessity. It is almost impossible to list all the sites with some sort of Old Time Radio content. So, I am just going to list a few of what I believe to be the most popular ones, with some comments.

First and foremost on my list would be the [Old Time Radio Researchers Group Library](#). As mentioned in a previous article,

"[The OTRR Group](#) is a community of enthusiastic fans, avid listeners, and strong supporters of "Old Time Radio". The group's goals include restoring, preserving and sharing the classic shows from what is commonly known as the "Golden Age of Radio" (1930-1960). The OTRR Group, comprised of a diverse worldwide group of volunteers, has undertaken many ongoing projects and continues to work hard to preserve our wonderful radio heritage."

With that being said, you won't readily find the bulk of the group's work in the OTRR library. What you will find is a vast collection of OTR shows submitted to the library by anyone who is interested in sharing shows from their collections. Just as in a physical library, you can wander up and down the aisles, looking at anything that strikes your fancy. If you know the name of a series in which you are interested, you can dig into the links to find the available shows. All it takes is a couple of clicks and a little bit of scrolling.

The OTRR certified shows are found at [Internet Library](#). For those of you not acquainted with the site, the following is from the [Wikipedia](#) entry:

"The Internet Archive (mostly known as The Internet WayBack Machine Archive) is a San Francisco-based nonprofit digital library with the stated mission of "universal access to all knowledge." It provides free public access to collections of digitized materials, including websites, software applications/games, music, movies/videos, moving images, and nearly three million public-domain books. As of October 2016, its collection topped 15 petabytes. In addition to its archiving function, the Archive is an activist organization, advocating for a free and open Internet."

The [Old Time Radio Researchers Group Home Page](#) in the Internet Library will define what is meant by a certified series and will provide links to all the certified series. You can choose an individual show to stream or download, or you can download an entire series.

You might wonder why anyone would want to download an entire series. Well, nearly everyone has a smartphone these days but not everyone has a liberal data plan. By downloading shows and putting them on your phone, you can listen when you are away from your Wi-Fi connection without eating up your precious data. While I said earlier that I had drifted away from OTR, I know that next month during my drive to Cincinnati and back, I will listen to episode after episode of the CBS series Suspense. It makes the 1,000-mile drive easier.

Okay what if you just want to listen to OTR on your computer or phone without going to the trouble of downloading. This situation is where streaming comes in. There are numerous sites which stream shows, some on a schedule and some just at random. I have attempted to document the most popular and stable ones via my [website](#). The problem is that it is an ongoing battle. The people who provide these sites, many times want you to visit their site. There you can be exposed to advertising which helps them pay the bills. I can't say that I blame them, the money for a website must come from somewhere. So many times, there are embedded streaming players that only play from the site. Then there is the situation of changing servers. To lower costs, the streaming shows may be moved to another server. This means the IP address changes and the links on my page are no longer valid. About once a year, usually in the winter when it's cold outside, I do dedicate some time to cleaning up the links. If you find any links that are not working, just drop me an email and I will try to get it corrected.

If you are interested in streaming from your phone I recommend the "TuneIn Radio" app which you can download for free at Google Play Store or at iTunes. You must have a known OTR streaming site to begin, such as [Antioch OTR](#), but you can build a favorites list and the app does suggest related OTR sites. It is an outstanding app.

To close all of this out, I would like to list one more OTR site that was recommended by Tom Desaulniers via his wife Patsy (also our newsletter editor). I was not aware of the site, but if anyone takes the time to provide some feedback I am more than happy to recognize it. The site is [Dumb.com](#) and provides quite a few shows and has the luxury of an autoplayer that allows you to listen to one episode after the other automatically. This can be quite advantageous.

Until we meet again in the theatre of the mind....

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SATURDAY MEETINGS

We meet every Saturday (unless a Holiday weekend) at 9:00 a.m., at the one-story AHRs Shop at the corner of 8th Avenue North and 18th Street, (1801 8th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203). Birmingham, AL 35203). Use the rear (Southeast) entrance.

SHOP ON TUESDAYS

The Shop is open on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. until around 11:30 a.m. when we go to Marilyn's Deli and Dog for lunch next door. Note that parking can be a problem on Tuesdays, so you may have to find street parking occasionally.

REGULAR MEETINGS

We meet on the fourth Monday night of each month, too, at 6:00 p.m. Please come join us!

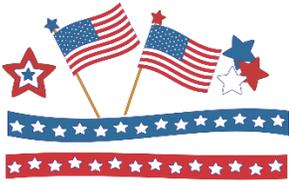
FREE ELECTRONICS CLASSES

One more great benefit from becoming a member of AHRs--free Electronic classes!

Classes are taught the first Saturday of each month (except when something special is taking place, then we agree on what Saturday).

We start from the beginning Ohms Law, inductors, resistor and Capacitors color codes, as well as what each component does within the radio circuits. We also teach how to use test equipment used in the repairing of radio. We teach troubleshooting radio troubles, as well as how to read a radio diagram. There are coil winding classes, and one-on-one repair help. Come join these classes!

DUES INFORMATION



Membership dues are \$25 a year, payable beginning in January. If you have questions about your dues, you can contact Mike Woodruff at 205-823-7204. **Dues can be mailed to AHRS @ P.O. Box 131418, Birmingham AL 35213.**

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2017 HAMFEST AND SWAP SCHEDULE (FOR AL, GA, TN AND MS)

8/18-19/2017 Alabama Broadcasters Association (ABA) Annual Conference at the Hyatt at the Galleria in Hoover

- Keynote: “Generational Diversity” with Kristen Scroggin
- Radio Programming Topics: Alan Burns
- Sales Topics for Managers: Chris Lytle (Friday)
- Sales Topics for AEs: Chris Lytle (Saturday)
- Selling Against Cable: Rob Russo
- Nielsen Audio for Radio
- Nielsen for TV
- Music Licensing Panel moderated by Kevin Goldberg, FHH Law
- Personal Safety: Dawn Hendricks (Fri and Sat)
- Live Wire Safety: Kim Frank, Mark Ingram
- Music Use in Newscasts: Kevin Goldberg
- Lobbying 101: Shawn Donilon, NAB
- Engineering Sessions on Friday
- Exhibit Floor on Friday

8/19-20/2017 Huntsville Hamfest

The Huntsville Hamfest is held at the Von Braun Civic Center, 700 Monroe Street, Huntsville, AL 35801. [See their map here.](#) (GPS Coordinates: 34.7270°N, 86.5918°W). The map on the right shows the parking facilities in the VBC area. If you plan to park in the parking area under the South Hall (P2), enter via Pollard Street from Clinton Avenue.

Of course, our talk-in station will be available to you if you need further navigation aid. The talk-in will be on the 146.94 repeater, 100Hz tone, and the backup in case of failure will be on the 145.33-, 100Hz tone, repeater.

For more info during the hamfest, other repeaters are:

- 53.210-
- 147.24+
- 224.94-
- 443.500+
- 444.575+
- 444.75+

See N4HSV.NET for more about area repeaters.

11/11/2017 Montgomery Amateur Radio Club Hamfest 2017

Location: Montgomery, AL

Website: <http://www.w4ap.org/news/Hamfest.htm>



Editor's Note

On Monday, July 24, I am having my right knee replaced. There's a chance that the newsletter will be a little later than normal in August. My doctor will have me on a rather rigorous rehab schedule, but I will do my best to get it organized and printed as soon as I can.