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A NOTE FROM THE PREZ

Our Saturday "Play" days are getting better all the time. We continue working on the AK cabinet and will soon begin the electronic restoration. This one will look great in the museum!

Dee has added several new shelves for books in the library. THANKS Dee! We hope we now have plenty of room for expansion in the library. If anyone knows of books we might get donated let us know.

Our museum is complete! I took a group of hams to the museum during the month and we all enjoyed APCO food and visits to both of the museums.

I am beginning a series on "ham radio" history in the Birmingham area. They are being published in the BARC newsletter. You can read the articles at W4CUE.com (click on newsletters).

Dee did a program on Wild Bill Hickok at our regular meeting. Watching Claude cover his ears with each pistol shot was a hoot (since Claude doesn't hear well). We all enjoyed the program and are expecting many more.

Please come join us on Saturdays and the 4th Mondays.

Dave



DEE'S RADIO SHOWS

Howdy wranglers!

Ha! You guessed it. I'm still listening to Wild Bill Hickok. I might have to go back to my old bad ways and start dipping snuff again. As you recall from a recent newsletter, I offered a complete set of WBHickok to the first one to tell me what "going for leather" was. I got two responses, one from Patsy Desaulniers and the other from Burt Pratt. The prize will be awarded this next meeting, Monday Oct. 23, 2006. By the way, a "wrangler" is, according to Webster, a ranch hand who takes care of the riding horses.

As soon as I finish with these Hickok shows I plan to start on my collection of "The Shadow" featuring Lamont Cranston and the "Lovely Margot Lane." I will have another contest with a prize of a collection of episodes in MP3 format on CDs. "Who knows what evil - - - - - -?" No, that one is too easy.

Among the shows in my "The Shadow" collection is an interview with one of the actresses who played Margot Lane. There are several other interesting interviews about the show as well. If anybody is interested, I will be glad to share them.

The other day I asked my 12 year old grandson if he would like to listen to an episode of Wild Bill Hickok. He declined, choosing to play with his hand-held gaming device. It saddens me to see these old shows going to waste or falling on deaf ears, especially when I remember those wonderful times I had as a kid tuned in to my favorite shows. I wander what fond memories kids these days will have when they have grandkids?

Before I leave you, here is an interesting link:

http://www.joerumore.net/

Check it out.

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Note from your newsletter editor: Michael Barnes sent me several items from years past. You will notice that I have changed the title of the newsletter a bit to remind you of past newsletters. There were several newsletters from the 1990s, and it was interesting to read about the club activities (Dave, I will see that these get to you for the museum files). There were several articles submitted by members, and I hope that some of you will be willing to share your stories again. They can be submitted in pretty rough form, and I will work my magic to make them readable on the Web.

As always, if you have suggestions to make the newsletter better, please let me know. I have been a writer for many years, and I have developed a pretty thick skin when it comes to constructive criticism.

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!

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!



Membership dues are \$25 a year. If you have questions about your dues, you can contact Julian at 205-879-3619.

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