



December 2006



### A NOTE FROM THE PREZ

November was another good month for our society. The Alabama Power Foundation grant was funded in full per our request, so we now have the funds to do many of the projects we have been planning for many years. Soon we will have a “slick” brochure, a presentation to take to retirement homes and schools, an upgrade to our computer, some new books in the library and finally some really good tools for the shop. All these items should give us a better image, not only for the public, but for our regular members.

Our classes went well this month, with Robert giving us some practical hints on repairing tube-type radios.

Also, Robert Walker finished the second half of his presentation on flying the P47 during his war experiences at the regular 4<sup>th</sup> Monday night meeting. Thanks Robert!

We had a sad time with the passing of Joel's son and mother. Our prayers are with Joel and his family.

That's it for this month. Come out and help us spend all this money! Seriously, we would value member inputs on ways we can improve our club and honor our founders' desires for preserving the history of radio.

*Dave*



## Christmas Party on December 28 at 7 PM!

The AHRs Christmas Party will be on December 28 at 7 PM at the shop in Huffman. Members will be contacted about what to bring and a reminder will be sent out later. If you went last year, you remember the great food and fellowship. My “canned” picture for this article can't do justice to the “real” food at the party. It was great fun!



### DEE'S RADIO SHOWS

Hi everybody!

First of all I want to wish everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!

I will probably be spending some of my spare time listening to the many old radio Christmas Specials. Just about every show put these type shows on around Christmas. Even Lamont Cranston and his lovely companion, Margot Lane, of Shadow fame had a Christmas show. Some radio shows repeated the same Christmas show every year, Amos and Andy, Fibber McGee and Molly, and Dragnet to name a few.

Sorry about last month's short column. Thanks to Patsy, at least there were a couple of lines there for my column, even though I didn't do them. Thanks Patsy. By the way the Post Card site is:

<http://www.atwalker.com/pcb/index.html>

I was listening to some old commercials the other day. Would anybody like to hear some commercials at one of our Monday night meetings? Please let me know if you are interested by telling me what commercials you would like to hear, like "Brill Cream, a little dab'll do ya", "plop plop fizz fizz", "Get Wild Root Cream Oil Charley" or how about "See the USA, in your Chevrolet" as sung by Dinah Shore.

It's just a thought. I enjoy hearing them. Does anybody else out there? On a more local front, If you want to hear "If you like bargains, you'll love Bargain Town USA", you can find that commercial on the web site Birminghamreound.com Patsy mentioned in the last news letter.

On a more serious note, some of us in the AHRS would like to get the old radio shows made available to folks in nursing homes and retirement homes. There are several ways to accomplish this. One is to hand deliver them on tape or other formats that the sites can use. However, there may be a more easy and sophisticated way. I am looking for suggestions. Is there anybody who has connections with the retirement home industry that could point me in the proper direction?

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Christmas party.

*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**

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

Dues can be mailed to AHRS @ P.O. Box 130307, Birmingham AL 35213.

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