

January 2007



#### A NOTE FROM THE PREZ

Happy New Year! Let me first say that 2006 was certainly one of our best years ever. During the year we moved our museum from Fairfield to larger and more accessible space at the headquarters building of Alabama Power Co. We also moved the workshop to a power-company-provided facility in Huffman. We have greatly improved our website. We had a great display at the Birminghamfest of Zenith radios. But, most of all, we received a grant from the Alabama Power Foundation that will allow us to continue our growth and service to the local community, and to preserve the history of radio in Alabama.

Our membership has grown, our classes have been an overwhelming success and the Saturday work and play sessions continue to attract new participants. We had 28 members and family at the Christmas party on Dec. 28.

Now how can we top such a great year?? Well, first let's all vow to help in some way to continue the enthusiasm and interest of the REAL DEDICATED members. Next, I hope everyone will try to make a contribution to this newsletter. You can send us a picture of a radio you are proud of, or just a "before" picture. You can share items you think would be of interest to the other members. Post your praises or gripes, so we can all work to improve our group. We need ideas for programs of interest to the members. We would welcome questions from members. Last, how can we share what we are so proud of with the general public in a way that people can appreciate what we are doing/have done? I would like to see every member at the meeting Monday January the 22<sup>nd</sup>, ready to celebrate this new year with some ideas of how to make this year THE BEST YET.

Robert is starting the new year with his wonderful class tomorrow (Saturday). Also, be sure to check out our new computer in the library.

Dave



## Note from your newsletter editor:

Please check the new mailing list that I am sending out separately. If your information is not correct, please e-mail me at patwrite@juno.com



## **DEE'S RADIO SHOWS**

## **Greetings from Radio Free Tarrant!**

I hope everyone had a good holiday experience. Did you get your list of New Year resolutions made? I sat down on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> and started to make my list but then...How do you improve on perfection?

Well, they are here. The old radio programs that I promised a few months ago. We now have a very large collection of old shows at our club site in Huffman. They are available to any member of the AHRS free of charge. Just bring a blank CD or DVD and copy any or all of the shows. There are 21 DVD's in all, including 6 comedies, 3 westerns, 6 dramas, 3 mysteries, and 3 detectives. Each DVD holds approximately 4 gigs of stuff. Now, that's a bunch of stuff. The catch is please **do not remove the DVD's from the library**. BYOB. (bring your own blanks)

Who remembers the CBS Radio Mystery Theatre? Well, thanks to Wayne Bagwell's sharp ear he sent me this address: http://listenfree.fearyoucanhear.com/

You can listen to the CBS Radio Mystery Theatre on line. The first show is "The Old Ones Are Hard To Kill." If you have a spare hour in front of your computer, I know you will enjoy this one

If you didn't make the Christmas/New Years Party at the Huffman site, you missed some good fellowship and some really fine food. I made some of my "world famous" squash croquettes. They all disappeared. Marvin's wife Ann baked a cake that was fantastic. I had to get the hole punch out and make my belt a little longer. And, I had two pieces of Mincemeat Pie. I saw some faces that I hadn't seen for at least a year.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the next Saturday or Monday meeting.

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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!



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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