



June 2014



NOTE FROM PRESIDENT TOM

Hello, All!

We continue to enjoy a fantastic place to meet and work and have fellowship and to advance the mission of the Alabama Historical Radio Society at our Shop in downtown Birmingham. We also continue to receive valuable donations of old radios, radio gear, test equipment, record players, SW receivers, books, magazines and so on. And the public continues to bring radios in for repair. The active core of our membership is comprised of about a dozen folks, a small number who can be overwhelmed by all of this activity. We have room in the core for a few more members! Come join us!

Spring forward to the recent AHRS Swap Meet on May 31. We had iffy weather and a Color Run in the neighborhood, causing some members to pan the event. We had over forty people register for the door prize, a Tom Hayes restored Sparton 6A66 (1946) Radio. Several did not register, but did spend time looking over the items offered by the vendors. There were tours of the Shop, including the radio station, the library, the dozens of radios on display, the tube room, the coil rewind work bench and the other five work benches equipped with test equipment, tools and parts to repair old radios. The weather held out until the afternoon. The Color Run runners were gone by 10 a.m., although they never really bothered our event at all. We gave away a nice radio and auctioned off at least half dozen radios for several vendors. I appreciate the hard work of our members in planning, setting up, running the event and tearing it all down at the end. It was truly a team effort! There were several donations made to the Society, and I want to mention two donated by Tom Arledge of Tallassee, Alabama. The Radiola Super – Heterodyne AR-812 1920's Radio and the Freshman Equaphase Model F-1 are pictured below. To learn more about these radios, come see them at the Shop.



Tom Arledge Radiola Donation



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Tom Arledge Freshman Donation

I have included some pictures of this year's Swap Meet. They are low resolution, but they give you the flavor of the event. Thanks to Ken Smith for these pictures.



Charlie Tate and M.D.



Joel's Setup



Tennessee Vendor



Mack White looking over the merchandise



Gene Samples open for business



Color Run Runners even stopped by

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Dave Johnson, the bulk of the radio collection held by Mr. Leigh in Pleasant Grove has been acquired and brought to the Shop by volunteers Dee Haynes, Mike Woodruff, Steven Westbrook, Mack White and Dave Johnson. I have pictures of these radios set up in the main room of the Shop. Most of these radios are for sale to the general membership. The Society will purchase some of them for restoration and display in our museum. Please come in and make your selections. Thank you, Dave, for saving these radios for future generations!



Leigh Estate Radios



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Also, Chris Storey has secured a donation of military gear from Jerry Barnes for our use and to sell to members and the public. Thanks Chris for your efforts at preserving this unique gear.



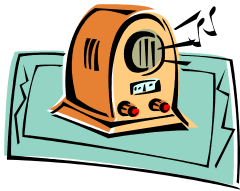
Barnes Donation

Robert Frye's radio class on June 7 was full of information on tubes (valves) and how to repair them. Yes, they can be repaired! Robert used to own and operate a picture tube manufacturing/rebuild plant and became very familiar with the maintenance of tubes. He will do a brief review of this class at the beginning of his next class to be taught on August 2, the first Saturday in August. There will not be a class in July. By the way, Robert is working on a satellite radio society in the Loxley, AL area. He has several perspective members lined up. He has revived the local amateur radio club with about twenty-five current members. Robert is busy, and we thank him for sharing his time with us!

The next membership meeting will be on June 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Shop in Birmingham. There will be a Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting. An election of officers will take place at the regular meeting, with nominations open before the election. Please come support your officers and Society.

President Tom

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OLD TIME RADIO BITS

Hello Folks!

Look! Up in the sky...No, in the newsroom! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Lois Lane, star reporter for a great metropolitan newspaper. And, playing the part of Lois is Joan Alexander. Ms. Alexander was active from 1941 to 1968. She died in 2009 at the age of 94. Don't confuse her with Noel Niell, who played Lois Lane in the 30-minute TV episodes.



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joan_Alexander

Remember the sultry southern female voice of Lela Ransom, one of several lady friends of the Great Gildersleeve? Lela was Gildy's girlfriend for many seasons. They had an on and off relationship throughout the show. "Oh Throckmoahton, the'ah playin' ouah soooong!" Maybe being a radio actress is good for longevity. Ms. Mitchell died in 2013 at age 94. Check out some of her other parts on radio and TV. She played a friend and neighbor of Lucy Recardo on I Love Lucy.



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shirley_Mitchell

I know you remember English teacher Connie Brooks of “Our Miss Brooks.” Eve Arden played the part for both radio and TV. In both venues, she was always chasing Mr. Philip Boynton, who preferred a relationship with his pet frog, MacDougal, rather than Connie. Eve Arden died in 1990 at age 82.



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eve_Arden

If you want to hear a female private eye, then tune in Candy Matson. Her phone number is Yukon 2-8209, but don't call her, she's probably out on a case. If you want to listen to one of the shows, click on the link below. There aren't many shows available, 14 to be exact.

It was created by Monty Masters, and starred his wife, Natalie Parks, as the sexy voiced PI. Sorry, I don't have much on Ms. Parks.

<https://archive.org/details/CandyMatsonYukon28209>

OK Folks, that's enough to keep you busy for a few days. Be sure to listen to the shows. There will be a test at the next Monday night meeting, and if you'd like to hear more about female radio actors, let me know. There are plenty more where these came from.

Dee Haynes

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MEETING TIMES

We meet every Saturday (unless a Holiday weekend) at 09:00 AM, at the one-story AHRS Shop at the corner of 8th Avenue North and 18th Street (1801 8th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203). Use the rear (Southeast) entrance.

Also, we have opened the Shop on Tuesdays at 09:00 AM until around 11:30 AM when we go to Marilyn's Deli and Dog for lunch next door. Note that parking can be a problem on Tuesdays because it is a business day and the lot is usually filled, so you may have to find street parking occasionally.

We meet on the fourth Monday night of each month, too, at 7:00 PM. 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! DUES! DUES!

Membership dues are \$25 a year, payable beginning in January. If you have questions about your dues, you can contact John Outland at 205-354-5258. **Dues can be mailed to AHRS @ P.O. Box 131418, Birmingham AL 35213.**

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