



March 2016



NOTE FROM PRESIDENT TOM

Hello, All!

This month's issue features the Society's contributions to this year's Birmingham Ham Fest held on March 4 and 5.

This is an annual event that allows us to showcase historical radios and equipment, to conduct an interesting and informative forum for the attendees and to dispose of surplus radios, equipment, magazines and miscellaneous stuff we have collected all year. It also allows us to renew old friendships, to make new friendships and a chance to sign up new members. This year our main historical display featured radios and equipment manufactured by Hallicrafters. When searching our inventory for Hallicrafters radios, I discovered that we had over 50 different models on display and stored in the annex. Several were duplicates and were tested and repaired, as needed, to be put on the sale table. The Forum we presented Saturday was titled "The History of Hallicrafters," and it included a video of Hallicrafters' contribution to communication's efforts in World War II. If you Google SCR-299, you will find several YouTube videos on this contribution. The 27-minute video is the most complete story of the SCR-299.

The format for this year's Ham Fest changed to a Friday evening and all-day Saturday event from an all-day Saturday and Sunday event. The Friday 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. evening session was well attended by the public and well received by the vendors. The Saturday session was well attended. The outdoor "bone yard" was crowded all day Saturday. Of course, the weather was cool to mild, with no precipitation and that always helps! We had great participation from our members, especially, from your Vice-president, Steven Westbrook, who was in charge of the Ham Fest for the Birmingham Amateur Radio Club (BARC). Steven is on the Board of BARC and wears many hats. He, along with his team, did a great job with this event! As usual, I have many Ham Fest pictures of members preparing items for show and sale, an over-all shot of the vendor floor, our displays, serving folks at our booth, and at the Forum. The captions will describe activities and members involved.

Upcoming Club Events

2016 Ham Fests

Fort Walton Beach Hamfest,
FL

3/18/2016

<http://www.w4zbb.org>

Mobile, AL Hamfest

4/09/2016

<http://www.w4iax.net/>

Atlanta, GA Hamfest

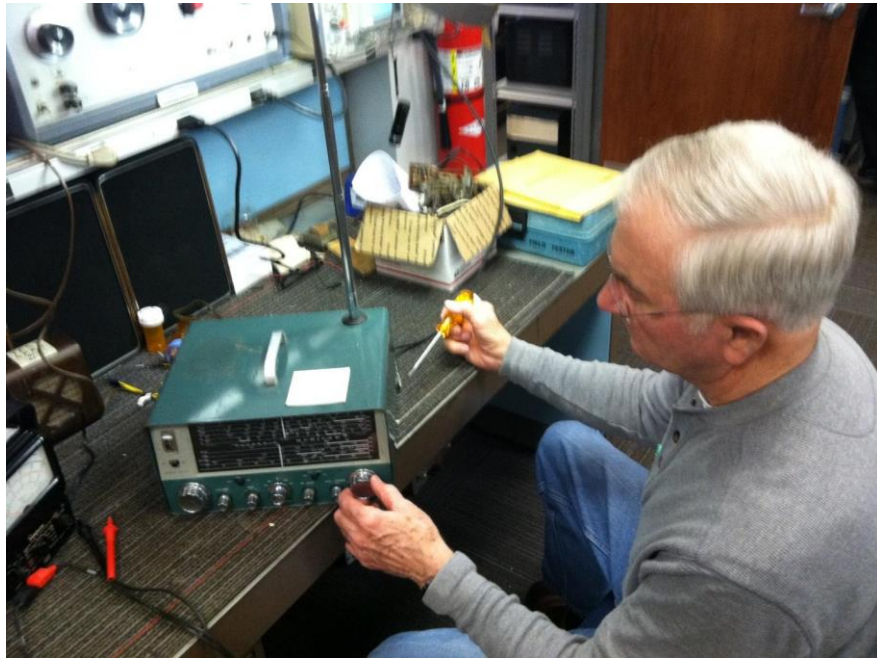
6/04/2016

<http://www.atlantahamfest.com>

Montgomery, AL (MARC)

11/19/2016

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



Frank Parker checking out a Heathkit Mohegan Radio for sale.



Dave Johnson checking out a radio for sale.



Dave Cisco sorting through donations for items to sell.



Dee Haynes and Ray Giles finishing work on the Hallicrafters S-38 Door Prize for the Forum.



Willie Henderson and Don Leachman putting the finishing touches on the GE AM Radio Forum Door Prize.



Secretary Mike Woodruff sorting cables for sale.



Early Friday evening shoppers on the Main Floor



A restored wooden radio given by the Society to BARC for a Door Prize.



ED Boutwell helping vendors move into the building.



Gene Samples sets up his ever-popular antique TV's including two rare Philco Predicta TV's.



Working Shortwave Radios including Heathkits, National, a Collins R390A and Hallicrafters for sale.



Dee Haynes, Ed Boutwell and a Ham Friend striking a pose.



Dave Johnson, Rick Curl and Willie Henderson mugging for the camera.



Hallicrafters Radio Display, including several Echophone Models



Dave Cisco and Don Letchman taking their turn at selling radio books and magazines.



Reggie Olson asking Mike Lord about his clandestine World War II radios.



Mike Lord taking a well-deserved pizza break.



Willie Henderson selling old Ham books and magazines and other surplus stuff.



Tom Killian presenting the Forum on Hallicrafters. There were three door prizes given away - a book on Hallicrafters, a S-38 Hallicrafters Radio and a 1950's Bakelite General Electric AM Radio.

The February Monday night meeting was held on February 22 at the Shop. The program was a preview of the Forum Program to be presented at the Ham Fest. Here is the group watching the Hallicrafters video on World War II communications.



February Monday Night Meeting Program on Hallicrafters - Watching World War II Video.

The sixth annual Legends of Broadcast event is scheduled for April 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Shop in Birmingham. We invite radio and television personalities, managers, behind-the-scene folks and anyone associated with the historical and contemporary broadcast business. Lunch is served, along with a tour of the Shop, followed by several hours of "story telling" by the Legends.

The February Radio Class, taught by Robert Frye, was a continuation of the January class on oscilloscopes. A large radio demonstrator was set up with a scope and a signal generator. Signals were injected into the radio at various points and monitored by the scope. Robert SKYPED in from his home in Loxley, Alabama.



Robert on the TV instructing the February Radio Class on Oscilloscopes.



February Radio Class showing the Radio Demonstrator, Signal Generator, Scope and students.

The next radio class will be taught by Robert Frye on March 12 at the Shop in Birmingham, beginning at 9 a.m. Robert plans on going back to some basic electricity lessons. He is always open to questions you have about problems you are having with a particular radio.

The next Monday night meeting is scheduled for March 28, at 7 p.m. at the Shop in Birmingham. There will be a Board meeting at 6 p.m. prior to the general meeting. The program will be on preparation for the upcoming Legends of Broadcast on April 21 and the Swap Meet on April 23, both to be held at the Shop.

Thanks for your support!

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OLD TIME RADIO BITS

Old Time Radio Bits is off the air this month. It will return in April.

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 7:00 p.m. Please come join us!



DUES INFORMATION

Membership dues are \$25 a year, payable beginning in January. If you have questions about your dues, you can contact Don Letchman at 205-967-8557. **Dues can be mailed to AHRs @ P.O. Box 131418, Birmingham AL 35213.**

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!

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