



August 2016



NOTE FROM PRESIDENT TOM

Hello, All!

The summer is drawing to a close with our kids and grandkids returning to school. And who hasn't helped their kids or grandkids with their homework, at least before the "new math" came along? This is a great time to be in this old world.

Fall is time for family and friends, holidays, tailgates, Balls, fund raisers and so much more! It is also a great time to come to the Shop for fellowship and to learn how to work on old radios. Today, August 9, there were over 20 members at the Shop working on radios, sharing stories with each other and having fellowship, coffee and a cookie together. This Radio Society offers so much more than old radios and as we move into our 28th year, the opportunity for growth and to further the Society objectives becomes greater.

Educating the public about early communications and teaching the younger folks that a smart phone is not so far removed from an early wireless radio, both being communications devices, will be one of many future challenges. At some point, we will have to work on non-tube radios, because they are becoming classified as old radios now. I have in our small radio display case at the Shop, the Channel Master, seven transistor radio, that I got around 1955. You can see the individual transistors on the circuit board. Some would consider this talk blasphemy, but I see more non-tube radios in our future. Just as we have accumulated thousands of tubes, we have begun to accumulate transistors and chips for future use. Personally, I like to work on tube radios because it is hard to destroy a tube. I can smoke a transistor real fast and not really know how I did it. Everything we work on has smoke in it and if one is not careful, the smoke will escape right in front of you.

Upcoming Club Events

2016 Hamfests

- **Huntsville Hamfest**, August 20-21 (setup August 19, 2016)
- **Pensacola, FL Hamfest**, September 24, 2016,
- **Chattanooga, TN Hamfest**, October 22, 2016
- **Stone Mountain, GA Hamfest**, November 5-6, 2016
- **Montgomery, AL Hamfest**, November 19, 2016

Please plan to come by the Shop on one of our regular workdays, Tuesday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. until around noon, or to one of our Monday night meetings on the fourth Monday night of each month, beginning at 7 p.m. and join in fellowship and learn how to work on old radios. Bring in that antique radio you purchased at the local thrift store and show it off.



Typical group of members enjoying each other's company on a regular Tuesday workday.

Marvin Moss and his wife made the six-hour trip to the Shop to deliver the fourth truck load of donations. The donations included 68 banker's boxes full of hardware, test equipment, manuals, ham gear, old radios, electronic parts, cables, books and miscellaneous stuff from his collection. He says that he has one more load to bring over and then he can move into a smaller house. Thanks, Marvin, for donating your 65-plus-years of accumulated items to the Society!

Members who helped unload Marvin Moss' fourth load of electronic donations (68 boxes). They are: Clayton Sliwinski, Maurice Hill, Dee Haynes, Steven Westbrook, Marvin Moss, Frank Parker and Willie Henderson.



Another tour group visited the Shop and Museum on July 28. The group was from the Olive Grove CMC from the Gardendale area. Thanks to Dave Cisco, Dee Haynes and Steven Westbrook for helping with the tour of our Shop and Museum. We received great reviews from the group!



Members from the Olive Grove CMC posing for a picture at the Shop



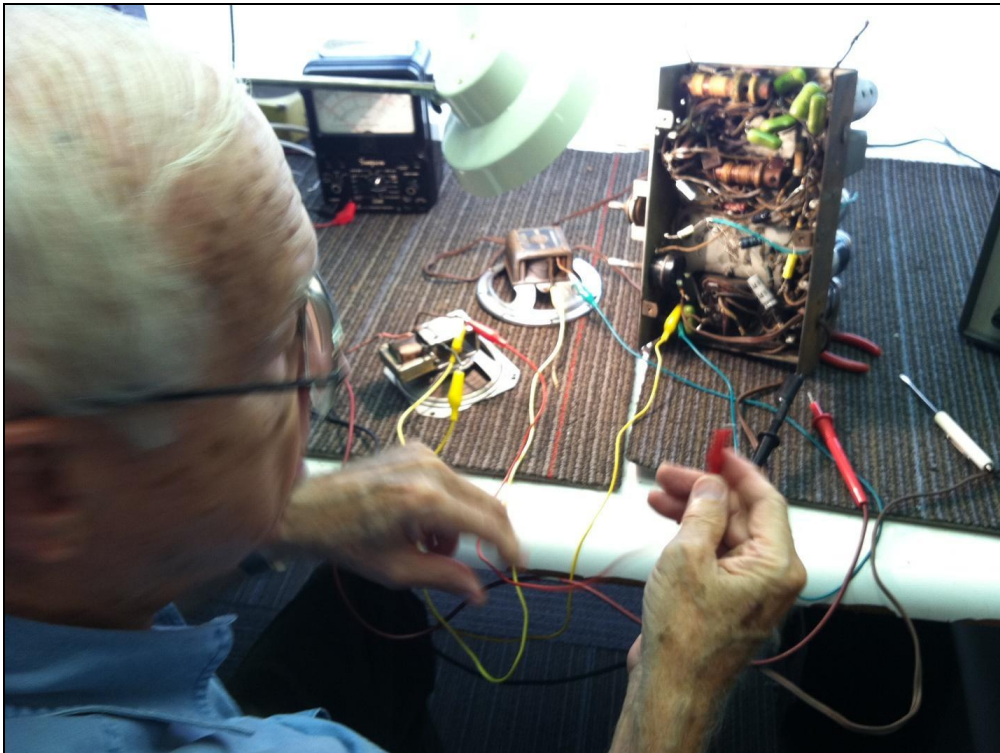
Dave Cisco telling members of the Olive Grove CMC group about the Don Kresge Memorial Museum



Willie Henderson and Tom Killian continue to learn how to work on old radios from our radio wizard, Dave Johnson.



Dee Haynes working on a 1940's turntable using the turntable support device which allows the turntable to be rotated for ease of service. At the July Monday night meeting, Dee demonstrated how to "flock" the turntable platter on this turntable he is working on.



Dave Johnson showing how to replace a field coil speaker with a permanent magnet speaker.



Instructor Jim Rogers is using the radio demonstrator and a signal injector to show the August radio class how to troubleshoot an all - American five radio.

The next radio class will be taught on September 3 at the Shop in Birmingham, beginning at 9 a.m. Come learn how to fix old radios. If you have a specific question about a radio you are currently working on, let Jim Rogers know and he will work to get you an answer to your question.

The next Monday night meeting will be on August 22, at the Shop in Birmingham, beginning at 7 p.m.

Lastly, thank you for your thoughts and prayers for me the last several weeks! I have been told that the procedure was successful and no further action is required at this time. And thank you for your continued support of the Alabama Historical Radio Society!

See you soon!

President Tom

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OLD TIME RADIO BITS

Last month one of the annual rituals of summer occurred. The National Baseball Hall of Fame inducted its newest members. In this case, Ken Griffey Jr and Mike Piazza joined the hallowed ranks of the baseball's best players as selected by the Baseball Writers' Baseball Association of America (BBWAA).

The first players selected to the Hall of Fame in 1936 were Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, Christy Mathewson, Babe Ruth, and Ty Cobb. However, at that time there was no physical location for the Hall of Fame nor the associated museum. In fact, it would be three years before a site was established. By that time there had been eight more players from the modern era of baseball elected by the BBWAA. In addition, Managers, Executives and players from the early days of baseball were selected by Veteran's committee.

On June 12, 1939 the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, New York. In approximately 20 minutes, 13 pioneers of baseball were noted, Judge "Mountain" Landis, the Commissioner of Baseball, and Manager/Owner Connie Mack made speeches, and all living players of the Hall except Lou Gehrig, who was too ill to attend, and Ty Cobb, who was late to the ceremonies, made their appropriate comments. Obviously today's ceremonies have grown in size.

Of course, since baseball was the unchallenged National Pastime, the major networks were there to cover the ceremonies. I am fortunate enough to have in my collection, a compilation of the day's activities. The program is about 75 minutes in length. The "real" baseball ceremonies begin about 7 and a half minutes into the program and as noted earlier last about 20 minutes. At about the 28-minute mark is the broadcast of a game played by 1860 rules, somewhat different than what we know today. At the 36-minute mark, the preliminaries for an exhibition game begin, followed by part of the game. It is interesting to note that Ty Cobb finally shows up and gets his air time at about the 53-minute mark.

All in all, the program is an interesting slice of American history to someone who grew up with the game of baseball. Click [here](#) to enjoy the program.

Until we meet again in the theatre of the mind...

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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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