



April 2013



### ***NOTE FROM PRESIDENT DEE***

Hi Folks!

This will be my last letter to you as your president. It has been a wonderful two years. There is no need to list our accomplishments; they have been in the newsletters all along. I want to thank everyone who put forth the effort to keep our little club at the head of its class. No one has accomplished more than us in the entire Southeast. If you talk with other antique radio clubs, you will hear that we are the envy of all. I will not mention names here, it would fill the page, however, I do want to thank Charles McCrary and the Alabama Power Company for helping us reach the lofty heights that we enjoy.

Although this is a farewell letter, I'm not going anywhere. You will most likely see me every Tuesday and Saturday as always working on various projects.

At our last meeting on March 25, 2013, we elected a group of fine fellows to guide our ever-growing club into the future. Tom Killian will be our new president, Steven Westbrook will remain vice president, John Outland will take over as treasurer, and Mike Woodruff will remain as recording secretary. Please give your support to our new officers.

Thanks so much for your prayers and support over the last couple of years and to quote one of my favorite radio actors:

As always, I remain your obedient servant,

***Dee Haynes***

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## **LARRY'S OLD TIME RADIO BITS**

April is one of my favorite months of the year – spring showers, flowers blooming, and every baseball team is still in contention for the playoffs. With the latter in mind, there are a couple of radio shows that may be enjoyable to those interested in our National Pastime.

The first show is not actually a show, but a skit by Abbot and Costello. The comedy team was successful in vaudeville, radio, movies and television. However, they are known by most people for the skit, “Who’s On First.” The routine evolved from a vaudeville skit and became the trademark for them. In fact, it actually was issued a trademark by the United States government. The first show that I could find in my collection that contained the skit was Command Performance from April 19<sup>th</sup> of 1942. Command Performance was a request show for the GI’s of WWII. This particular one stars Shirley Temple, several singers, and of course Abbot and Costello. If you feel nostalgic, the whole program is interesting, but if you don’t, the “Who’s On First” routine is about the seventeen-minute mark. If you just want to hear the skit and are not interested in Old Time Radio, I’ve also included a version that was released on a record. The quality is much better, but, of course, you will be missing the feel of the radio show. Command Performance is found at this link – [Command Performance 420419](#). The skit alone can be found at this link – [Who’s On First?](#)

And to round out the salute to baseball, here is an episode of X Minus One from April 3<sup>rd</sup> of 1957. X Minus One was an adult (as opposed to juvenile) science fiction series. In this show baseball has extended past the planet Earth. Martian Sam is recruited to play baseball for the Los Angeles Dodgers in the early days of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The show is fun and can be found at this link – [X Minus One 570403](#).

Baseball is still my favorite sport and seems to be custom-made for radio. So enjoy the shows here and, if you are interested in any other baseball shows, just let me know. I will do my best to share what I have available. So with the season just starting, may your team win – as long as your team is the Atlanta Braves ☺

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## ***MEETING TIMES***

We meet nearly every Saturday of the month at 09:00 AM in the one-story building at the corner of 8th Avenue North and 18th Street (1801 8th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203). Use the rear (Southeast) entrance.

It has also been decided to open the shop on Tuesday, as well as Saturday. We have a lot of projects going on and need the extra day to get it all done. So, until further notice, we will be open Tuesdays from 9am till...and on Saturday morning. Note that parking could be a problem on Tuesdays, because it is a business day, and the lot is usually filled, so you might have to find street parking occasionally.

**Come to the Monday Night Meetings, TOO, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7 PM!**

## ***FREE ELECTRONICS CLASSES***

Dwight Crider has taken over Robert's classes, and the first Saturday of the month, will teach 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, payable beginning in January. If you have questions about your dues, you can contact Tom at 205-967-7000.

**Dues can be mailed to AHRS @ P.O. Box 131418, Birmingham AL 35213.**

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