



January 2011



A NOTE FROM DAVE

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Let me say first that 2010 was of our best years ever. Our Christmas party on December 27th really finished the year with a bang. We had almost 50 people attend. The food was wonderful, and most left with a "doggy bag." Dee provided the entertainment with pictures of our new building and a video clip he and I use in our programs showing how sound effects were created for live radio shows in the 1930's. We had special guests from Arkansas with our wonderful newsletter editor Patsy and husband Tom Desaulniers. Patsy has really made this newsletter a special highlight of our group.

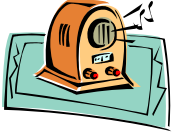
December was a busy month with four trips to our storage in the annex. I ended up being a chauffeur most of the month, since Celeste broke her ankle...BOY, does that crimp your style with all the Christmas shopping still to be done!

One real standout event of 2010 was the moving of the Scott radio to the atrium of the power company. We now have a display that almost everyone coming into that building will see. The picture of Marvin Shepherd standing proudly by that radio appeared in the power company's newsletter, *Powergrams*.

How can we top such a great year?? By making 2011 an even better one! We still need every member's ideas on how to make our group better. How about ideas for this newsletter...or program selections...or maybe our own 'blog' to get non-members to participate in this great hobby...website improvements...inactive member contacts...improvement ideas for our classes....let us hear from you, good or bad.

Please attend our meeting on Monday January 24, ready to celebrate this new year with ideas of how to make this year THE BEST EVER.

Dave



DEE'S RADIO SHOWS

Hello All,

Well, another year has come and gone, and still Hollywood hasn't made a TV show that I care to watch. Oh well, I'll just put on another episode of *The Great Gildersleeve*. Remember Peggy Lee singing *Manana*, or the Great Gildersleeve singing "Ka Ka Ka Katy You're the only ga ga girl that I adore."

If you'd like to see Peggy Lee singing *Manana*, then go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ikUCavp2yA>

I tried to find Gildersleeve singing Katie, but hit a brick wall. You can go to internet archives and listen to *The Great Gildersleeve* shows from late 1949 and early 1950. That is the last year that Harold Perry did the show. Beginning in the Fall of 1950 Willard Waterman took over as the leading man. Perry had a deep baritone voice and did a lot of singing on the show, but Waterman couldn't sing, so the singing sadly ended.

Oh, and if you missed the Christmas Party, then you missed seeing around 45 of the most wonderful people you could ever want to meet. We showed a few slides of the new building and saw a few old B&W shots of Birmingham back in the early 20th century. Thanks go out to Gene Samples for the old pictures.

The pictures below show just part of the food line which was long, but it was worth the wait!



Dee Haynes

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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 4th 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!



DUES ARE NOW DUE

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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