



March 2009



### ***A NOTE FROM THE PREZ***

February was full of surprises for our group. Robert's class the first Saturday was well attended and, as usual, everyone that came went away with new knowledge. Dee had his long-awaited eye surgery on the 5<sup>th</sup> and seems to be doing well. We had a run on field coil work and turned out 4, I think a record for one month.

John Outland and I went to Orlando to visit member Paul Rinehart and attend the Orlando Hamfest. Paul had arranged to purchase a National HRO receiver for the club from an old-timer in Florida, which we brought back with us. Also, we made a stop in St. Petersburg to see Ben Letson, who is a friend of Pete Sides and originally from Alabama. Ben is 95 and has a great memory and lots of stories. We visited with Pete going and coming through Montgomery.

Seven of us went to the Southeastern Antique Radio Show in Atlanta on the 21<sup>st</sup>. It was a great experience for all and made us determined to try one of our own. Several members came back with a 'goodie' or two.

Pete's caretaker Renee was hurt in an automobile accident, so Dee and I checked on her and Pete on the 25<sup>th</sup> in Montgomery. Pete is doing well and is being taken care of, but Renee has a long road to recovery. Keep her in your prayers.

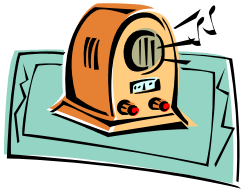
Julian Brook gave us a great program on his trip to Cuba at the regular monthly meeting. He had pictures of many of the old cars he saw, but no old radios.

The nominating committee made a report as follows: Dave Cisco for President, Dee Haynes for vice-president, Randall Murphree for Secretary and Tom Killian for treasurer. The board members will stay the same; present board members are Marvin Shepherd, Dave Johnson, Robert Frye, Julian Brook and myself.

Our museum is coming along nicely. We will have many more people to visit in its new location.

If you haven't paid your dues, please try to get them to me or Julian before the end of March. That's all for now; everyone try to find a job you want to do and help us continue to grow.

*Dave*



## **DEE'S RADIO SHOWS**

Class! Come to order!!!

Who was your favorite English teacher when you were a kid?  
Well, who else! Or was it whom else? What ever...

My favorite English teacher was Connie Brooks, of course. Every night when I turn out my lights and head for slumber land, I reach over and hit the play button on my MP3 player. I've done it so many times I don't need a light to see the right button. I drift back to a more pleasant time of my life when we would turn on the old Philco Cathedral and listen to "Our Miss Brooks." Yes folks, thanks to Palmolive Soap, your beauty hope, I could hear Miss Brooks jump from one frying pan to another, and then out again, all in one short, 30-minute episode.

Beside Connie Brooks, one of my favorite characters was Walter Denton, played by Richard Crenna. Richard, born in November of 1926, would have been in his late teens or early 20's when he played the bumbling teenager Walter. I saw Richard Crenna on a late night TV show not too long ago, and he still could do his squeaky teenage voice at age 70 something. Sadly Richard passed away on January 17, 2003. He was one of very few actors who started out playing kid parts and became a very successful film star.

If you would like to hear "Our Miss Brooks" or any other old radio show, just come to one of our Saturday morning meetings. Bring a blank CD or maybe a thumb drive (plug in flash drive). You can make copies of your favorite shows. On those cold winter nights, it will help you forget all of those aches and pains, and get to sleep just a little quicker.

See you next month or maybe at the Huffman Shop.

*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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!



***TRY TO GET YOUR DUES IN BY MARCH!***

Membership dues are \$25 a year, payable beginning in January. If you have questions about the dues, you can contact Julian at 205-879-3619.

**Dues can be mailed to AHRS @ P.O. Box 130307, Birmingham AL 35213.**

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