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PREZ SEZ

It's been a long time since our last newsletter, and a lot has happened! First, if you didn't make the Pelham luncheon, you missed a great meal, catered by the folks at Culinar (Alabama's award-winning culinary school), and a great talk by Ms. Beth Chapman, Alabama's state auditor. Beth gave a speech on topics near and dear to us all, and I think made us all think about about what really matters to us. Thank you, Beth!

At our March meeting, Mr. Tim Ritchie, CEO of the McWane Center, spoke to us. His slide presentation showed a typical day at the McWane Science Museum, and included some "behind the scenes" activities. As Mr. Ritchie said, the McWane Center isn't just for kids—there's a lot there to keep adults occupied and busy! There are lots of opportunities to contribute to Alabama's youth, too, as a volunteer at the McWane Center. They can always use more adult volunteers, especially those with an engineering or scientific background. This will be even more important with the next feature exhibit "Einstein", coming to McWane this fall. Anyone interested in learning more about

opportunities at the McWane Center are invited to contact the Volunteer Coordinator at McWane.

We also had a large group attend the tour at the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum in March. Look for the article elsewhere in this edition of Outside. See what you missed!

The July meeting (July 11) will be back at Inverness 42, Room 130, at 1:00 o'clock. Our speaker for the July meeting will be Dusty Fisher, from Gulf Power. Dusty will be speaking on Hurricane Preparedness, and talking about Hurricane Ivan—one year later. We hope we have a large group of retirees, as Ivan affected almost all of us, but it really impacted our friends and neighbors in the Florida panhandle and south Alabama.

As an added bonus, Jean Lynch, of SoCo Benefits group, will also be at our July meeting to answer any questions you might have about your retiree benefits.

See you at our July meeting!

— Jack Goertz

JULY SPEAKER

Our July speaker will be F. M. "Dusty" Fisher, Vice President, Customer Operations, at Gulf Power in Pensacola. His responsibilities include the areas of customer service, marketing, transmission and distribution.

He is a 1970 graduate of Troy State University with a degree in Business Administration.

Dusty is active in local civic activities, and is currently serving on the Advisor Board of Wachovia Bank. In the past, he's also served on the Board of Directors of the Council on Aging of West Florida, Inc, Sterling Fibers Community Advisory Panel, Gateway Review Board, Pensacola Bay Area Literacy Coalition, The United Way, American Red Cross, and many others in Northwest Florida. Dusty is married to Diane, and they have three children: Jason, Brandon, and Candice.

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR WORDS SOFT AND SWEET—ONE DAY YOU MAY HAVE TO EAT THEM.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board of Directors determined in a meeting on April 5 to substantially subsidize the cost of the picnic at the Pelham Civic Center to all attendees, whether they are SCS retirees or company retirees (but not SCS Retiree Members). Accordingly, the cost was set at \$12.00 for all attendees. We have had income from the picnic of \$1128.00 and the bill from the Civic Center of \$2,150.80 has now been paid. Income from dues now stands at \$2,193.00, and income from interest is \$44.67, giving us a total income of \$2,237.67. Total expenses are \$2,704.94 to date

— Henry Garrett

OBITUARIES

In Memoriam

Carl Gradus Self, 86, of Birmingham, Alabama passed away Monday, February 21, 2005. Mr. Self was a WWII Navy veteran and was past commander of American Legion Post 134. He was a member of the SCS RETIREES, retiring in 1985 with 35 years of service. He was also a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church for over 40 years.

Mr. Self is survived by his wife of 60 years, Katie, a son Steve (Beth), a daughter Deidre Self Landis (Jim) and by four grandchildren. A funeral Service was held on Wednesday, February 23 at 2 p.m. at Ridout's Valley Chapel followed by burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

Robert (Bob) Ellenburg, 86, of Birmingham, Alabama died Wednesday, March 23, 2005. Mr. Ellenburg retired from SCS in 1984 after 27 years of service. He was a project manager in the electrical design department. He was a member of SCS RETIREES and the All Saints Episcopal Church in Homewood, Alabama. A memorial

service was held for him at the church at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 3.

Mr. Ellenburg is survived by his wife, Janus of Birmingham and a sister, Helen Ellenburg Minge of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Tom Robinson, of Hoover, Alabama, passed away on Thursday, May 5, 2005, at the age of 79 years. He was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Birmingham and he was also a member of the SCS RETIREES having retired from the SCS mechanical design - special projects department on September 1, 1986, with more than 25 years of service. He was a scoutmaster of BSA Troop #1 in Vestavia Hills for many years.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his wife of more than 52 years, Ann Lee, and two sons, Scott of Memphis, Tennessee, and Todd of Pell City, Alabama.

Funeral services were held at Carrie - Jefferson Funeral Home in Hoover, Alabama at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 7.

Harry Raykes, Jr., 80, of Birmingham, Alabama died on Monday, May 9, 2005. He was a member of SCS RETIREES, retiring from the fuel services department on December 1, 1989.

Mr. Raykes is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sarah; one son, James; two daughters, Sandra Bowles and Donna Jean Farris; one brother, Thomas Raykes of Roanoke, Virginia; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A viewing was held at Ridout's Elmwood Chapel on Thursday, May 12 and funeral services were held on Friday, May 13 at 11 a.m. with interment in Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of retired former SCS personnel manager Odell Ozley who passed away at a Florida hospital on Thursday, March 10, 2005 at the age of 63. He was from Birmingham and more recently of Panama City having moved there two years ago.

Mr. Ozley is survived by his wife of 41 years, Nina; a son, Beck; a daughter, Taylor Ozley Krishack (George); a brother, John Ozley (Lucy); and one grandson, Jared Krishack

**SCS RETIREE LEADERSHIP
FOR 2005**

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 14 at 11 a.m. at Ridout's Valley Chapel with interment in Forest Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of former SCS employee Steve P. Ellis, 61, of Virginia Beach, Virginia. who died of cancer on Wednesday, May 11, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca, and their two sons, Christopher and James.

Mr. Ellis and his family formerly lived in Hoover, Alabama and during his 15 years with SCS he worked in the research & environmental affairs department.

Sympathy is extended to the family of SCS retiree **Wendell Kirk** in the death of Wendell's brother, Jamie, who died in Scottsdale, Arizona.

— Jay Dorrance

BIRTHDAYS

MAY: James Rimel, 4-Katie Self and Norma Young, 5-Ed Williamson, 6-Betty Windhorst, 7-Donald Mansfield, 16-Betty Mikell, 17-Rachel Hubbard, 18-Bob Heart, 19-Hugh Williamson, 23-Brick Brickell, 25-Bill Guthrie and 26-Sam Bowman. **JUNE:** 3-Bill Gaskell and Warren Glover, 5-Ethel Rushing, 6-Betty Williamson, 10-Edna Wright, 12-Mary Dougherty and Houston Welch, 14-Ann Batum, John Thies and Bob Winter, 18-Pat Moore, 20-Wayne Walton, 22-Beverly Vincent, 23-Joyce Steele, 24-Leon Anderson, 26-Glendean Swearingen and 29-Judy Coggin. **JULY:** 2-Howard Hubbard, 3-Ellen Jackson, 5-Ann Garrett, 14-George Russell, 16-Jim Anchors and Ken Hassell, 19- Bill Echols, 20-Dan Wise, 21-Rosemary Wright, 23-Ken Rieck, 28-Kerry Adams and 30-Mary Sisk. **AUGUST:** 12-Jim Rooker, 15-Martha McMillan, 16-Margaret Carter, 17-John Naramore, 18-Martha Burson, 27-John Carter and Jay Dorrance and 31-Roy Messick.

— Jay Dorrance

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SUNSHINE REPORT

Congratulations to Mary and **Jim Anchors** on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Isn't it wonderful that this great event is all your sunshine committee has to report this month?

— Liz Winter

BARBER VINTAGE MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM VISIT

On March 8, 2005, about 20 SCS retirees and their guests visited the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum (www.barbermuseum.org). Under the guidance of Jack Goertz, SCS Retiree, and Brian Slark, a Barber staff member, we viewed hundreds of motorcycles representing 15 countries and over 130 manufacturers. The Museum, opened in 2003, features five floors with 80,000 square feet of exhibition space. The large atrium allows visitors a glimpse of the motorcycles on different floors, and four floors are accessible by a spiral ramp or an elevator. The bottom floor is off limits to visitors, and contains a work area that would be the envy of all engineers. During the tour, comments such as "I have a model like that in my garage" and "The specifications of that beauty are...." We were a knowledgeable and interested group.

In addition to the motorcycles and a number of vintage automobiles, there is art to appreciate. Six large photographs, shot pre-1935 in Birmingham by O. V. Hunt, show motorcycles being used for delivery, pleasure, police work and racing in local settings. A large sculpture (*Wheel Figure*) was commissioned site-specific from California artist Ted Gall.

From the top floor of the Museum, you get a panoramic view of the 2.38 mile long road course. As we watched a number of Porsches running on the track, some of us were curious about how we could experience that thrill. Well, you can participate in the Porsch Driving Experience for one or two days for a cost ranging from \$1000 to \$3000. Sign me up!

Thanks Jack for arranging the tour.

— Charles E. Hickman

THE SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON J. D. NARAMORE

J. D. Naramore was introduced to the Southern electric system at the early age of seven by reading the Alabama Power Company *PowerGrams* newsletter. His father, a machinist in the Gorgas coal mines, convinced him that working in a steam plant offered a much better and, perhaps, a longer career. As a result of the advice from his dad, J. D. was working on the design of a new unit at Gorgas steam plant about 14 years later. Thus began a 31 year career with Southern Company Services designing fossil and hydro electric generating units. J. D. was hired as a drafter by Sherwood Lawrence in 1956. He rose through the ranks as a designer, project engineer and senior project engineer, and he had a role in the design process for 45 fossil units and 18 hydro units. J. D. served on numerous utility committees, and he co-authored with Sid Varagona an *Engineering Standards Manual*, which K. W. Boyles mandated as a system document. J. D. retired at the age of 55 in the second "early out" program on January 1, 1988.

After retirement, his wife, Veva, gave him a starter golf set with the admonition "Go out and get some exercise." A 134 on his first round did not deter him from getting plenty of exercise through the years on the golf course. A highlight of his golfing career was a trip to Scotland with the University of Alabama golf team. He had the opportunity to play the Old and New courses at St. Andrews, along with other British Open courses, Old Prestwick, Turnberry and Carnoustie. J. D. noted that it was difficult to concentrate on his golf game with all of the history and scenic beauty associated with these courses.

Retirement has also offered J. D. and Veva the time to travel extensively with friends, APC Energizers and church mission trips, with the mission trips being the most gratifying. These mission trips include West Virginia and Maryland,

and world-wide trips to Hong Kong, China, Mexico and Russia. In April 2005, a group traveled to Moscow, Russia, and Kharbarovsk, Siberia, to conduct Sunday school seminars for church leaders and students who do not have any knowledge of such subjects; a truly daunting task. Other 2005 trips will include Mexico to visit friends and to Europe with APC Energizers.

As is the case with many of our retirees, J. D. served in the U. S. Army from 1953 to 1955 and saw military action in Korea. His primary responsibility was as a forward observer who called in firing orders for mortars. He also served as a public information person for the troops.

J. D. and Veva designed and built a home in St. Clair County in 1995, and, when they are home, share their life with wildlife in the peaceful quiet of the woods.

AND ON
ROBERT (BOB) D. WINTER, SR.

Let me introduce you to Robert (Bob) D. Winter, Sr. Bob was born in Winfield, Alabama, graduated from Hubbertville High School in Fayette County and received a degree in Radiology Technology from the University of Alabama. The radiology training defined his career. He was employed by the University Hospital in Birmingham and South Highlands Hospital (Health South), but service in veterans' hospitals was his major calling. Veterans Administration Hospitals (VAH) in which he served include Sepulveda, California, and Tuscaloosa and Birmingham, Alabama. Bob retired in 1990 from the VAH Radiology Department in Birmingham.

During his career he was active in several radiology professional societies. He was a member and officer of the Jefferson County Society of Radiologic Technologists and the Alabama Society of Radiologic Technologists. Bob was a member of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists and an Alabama state counselor for this society.

Bob was active in the United States Navy from 1953 to 1956. He served on the USS Whitmarsh LSD-8, which was deployed to Labrador, Mediterranean Sea, Japan, Philippines, Korea,

Okinawa, Marshall Islands, Alaska and Hawaii. Maybe there is some truth in that adage "join the Navy and see the world."

Bob and his wife Liz are avid (or is that rabid) fans of everything about the University of Alabama. Since they have attended between 450 and 500 Crimson Tide football games, one could assume that football ranks as number one on this list. Present memberships also reflect their loyalty: Jefferson County and national University of Alabama Alumni Associations and University of Alabama Tide Pride (football, basketball and baseball).

Bob and Liz have been married over 40 years and have one son, a daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. Liz, as we all know, has been quite active in SCS Retirees for many years and has held numerous offices, including president in 2001. Bob lists fishing and gardening as hobbies, along with travel. He is the activities coordinator for the senior adult members (Live Wires) at the Riverchase Church of Christ.

Now, aren't you glad you know a lot more about Bob Winter?

— Charles E. Hickman

MAY MEETING ATTENDANCE

The May luncheon at the Pelham Civic Complex was attended by 83 members, spouses and guests.

— Dora Brandt

**IS THIS A GREAT COUNTRY
OR WHAT?**

When something good happens to a person, often he will ask, "Is this a great country, or what"? Every time I hear those words, they evoke a mental image of Kate Smith singing "God Bless America" and of the "Stars and Stripes" fluttering in the breeze.

- I envision lofty snow-capped mountains, rich green valleys and mile after mile of fields of wheat swaying in the wind.

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- I think of bustling cities and tranquil countrysides. I see church steeples and baseball stadiums.
- I see Fourth of July parades with floats and high school bands strutting to “Stars and Stripes Forever.”
- I hear the words of Patrick Henry: “Give me liberty or give me death” and of Dr. Martin Luther King proclaiming “Free at last, free at last.”
- I see the Washington monument, the White House, the Liberty Bell and the Constitution.
- I see the Marines raising the flag on Iwo Jima and our military forces going ashore on the beaches of Normandy.
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- I see Air Force One soaring majestically through billowing clouds and the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier *Harry S Truman* slicing through the water.
- I hear the Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine hymns all blended into one magnificent crescendo that raises chill bumps on the back of my neck.

“Is this a great country, or what?” is just a phrase, a mere seven words, more of a statement than a question. Yet, it always reminds me of what a great country America is and what a privilege it is to be an American. When I hear it, my chest swells with pride, and I emphatically reply: **“You better believe it is!”**

— Source unknown

SCS RETIREES

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***Our next meeting will be Monday,
July 11 in Inverness 42, Room
130 at 1 p.m.***

Board meeting will be at 11 a.m.

***You are invited to join us for lunch
at noon in the Inverness 42 Cafeteria.***