

Past Program Notes – Atlanta Audio & Automation Sunday, June 26, 2016

DISCLAIMER: these scribblings are simply my reflections on how the meeting went and they are purely subjective. It's my somewhat feeble attempt to give those who didn't attend a feel for how the meeting went. For more objective information, please read the Meeting Minutes when they are posted.

This meeting introduced us to the really nice folks at Atlanta Audio & Automation. Up until Chuck set up this meeting most of us had never heard of this company. It was immediately apparent on entering the showroom that this was a first-class operation. We were greeted warmly by the owners, Phillip and Cheryl Ampel and immediately made to feel welcome.

I am not going to attempt to try and cover all of the wonderful equipment we saw and heard. They have a lot of fine products and if you are in the market, they are a definite must-see in the Atlanta area. Their website doesn't cover all of the brands and types of equipment they carry and a visit will be a necessity if you are in the market for video or two channel audio.

Phillip's presentation covered each of the rooms and the equipment in them and then we split up to visit them. The rooms even included a "back porch" with hidden speakers! The Movie Theatre was very popular and most everyone went there first and then didn't leave. I went in later after some of the crowd had thinned and the 4K Ultra video was spectacular. The amount of detail was incredible. A real ear-opener was the Dolby ATMOS sound. I have never heard dialog or sounds localized as well to the screen. We watched a clip from Lawrence of Arabia with the three main actors sitting in a row and the dialog seemed to be coming directly from their mouths. Amazing!

They also have a nice, but small two channel room and the sound from that room was pretty darn good! I was very impressed with the quality and sound from the Thorens TT we were listening to.

All-in-all it was a really fun afternoon, with lots to see and hear, great snacks, great conversation and socializing, and over 35 in attendance. A really good turn-out on a very hot Sunday afternoon! We made some new friends with the Ampel's and their staff and we are invited back. We may even have interested Phillip in CanLanta 2017!

Once again Chuck has succeeded in providing a great audio-video experience for the club!

See the Meeting minutes for more details.

