

## Past Program Notes – Peachtree Audio & ELAC Sunday, September 18, 2016

**NOTE:** 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.

Given that the torrential rains hit just in time for our Sunday meeting, we really did have an outstanding meeting. The car show, of course, suffered greatly due to the weather and I am sure some exhibitors stayed home rather than subject their "baby" to the terrible weather! (I would have!) We'll try this again some time and invite some car clubs to attend!

David Solomon of Peachtree Audio has long been a favorite of ours due to his great products and laid back style. This meeting was no exception. We initially set up to listen to the ELAC Debut B5s and most of us were very surprised at the quality of sound from these inexpensive bookshelf speakers. It was a warm, open, very musical sound, enhanced by the excellent Nova 150, 150 WPC amp that Peachtree has just introduced. This amp, as powerful as it is, will soon be followed by the prodigious Nova 300... yep, 300 WPC of drive-pretty-much-anything power!

David proceeded to play a number of selections both of his choice and at member request. The system sound was clean, warm, and everyone seemed to be enjoying it quite a lot. We did not lose a lot of people to the refreshment room!

After listening to lots of music we held the raffle and the prizes were really great, but you can learn more about them in the Minutes!

After the raffle we switched to the club owned two ways designed by Sam Papadas and built by Sam and Dennis with additional assistance from other members. Since the initial build, Sam has continued to "upgrade" the sound and on the 18<sup>th</sup>, they were sounding pretty spectacular! The only thing that would have improved the sound in the "clubhouse" would have been if we had been able to use the club's GIK Acoustics bass traps. As a result the mid-bass was a bit thin in the room. Unfortunately, we were not able to sort out some logistic problems and had to do without the traps.

That said, the Nova 150 really had the club two ways cookin'! loads of detail, smooth extended highs, incredible lows, and a detailed, sweet mid-range made for some enjoyable listening. Big orchestral works really showed off the speakers' ability to go low when matched to the Nova 150!

All of the music played was sourced through David's Laptop using the Roon software, which he highly recommends.

Once again, David and Peachtree Audio have provided us with a fun and enjoyable afternoon of well selected and interesting music. A great time was had by all... especially the raffle winners!

See the Meeting minutes for more details.

