

On Sunday, March 16, 2014, the monthly meeting of the Audio-Video Club of Atlanta was held at the Virtual Properties Realty office training room in Duluth. This meeting showcased a wide variety of music that was brought in by the members and Dr. Phil Muse, our local classical music critic and expert. The equipment included a loaner MSB analog DAC and power base supplied by MSB, high-end cables from Kubala-Sosna, and a small (in size) PC that was supplied by Dennis Juranek. There was a good crowd of about 30 new and current members present.

The meeting started at 2 pm with John Morrison up first. He first thanked Vince Galbo of MSB for sending us the MSB DAC and (separate) Power Supply used in the playback system. He thanked Joe Kubala for sending us his "Elation" series cables. He also thanked those who helped set up and especially Dennis Juranek for bringing the playback source which was his "compact" Windows PC. Also thanked were the folks who supplied the refreshments and Steve Gooding for coordinating those. He also thanked David Snyder who volunteered to track the music selections being played.

John then dealt with official club business. Three new officers were unanimously elected via the web site voting, with 38 votes each. These were John Morrison, president; Chuck Bruce, VP-Industry Relations; and Tom Horner, Secretary. John then asked that folks please vote on the updated bylaws if you have not already done so. We are still short a quorum for that vote to be official. They need to be approved by two-thirds of the active club members.

John again mentioned that Darren Censullo of Avatar Acoustics has offered a significant discount of all of the iFi digital products he offers. Details of the products and the discounts (they range from 20% to 30%) can be found on the club's web site. Also offered to members is an opportunity to audition the LH Labs Lightspeed USB Cable (\$1400 retail price). See Dennis to borrow the cable. John then announced that the tweeters on the club's 2-way speakers are being replaced by the club with better quality drivers (this has been approved by the Executive Committee) to improve their sound even more.

Up first was Dennis to give a brief explanation of the playback system we were about to listen to. It consisted of the club's vacuum tube amplifier, the club's 2-way speakers, the club's 2 subwoofers, a basic CD-RW USB drive, the very high quality MSB Analog DAC and separate Silver Power Supply (combined these retail for over \$10K), and the iFi iUSB Power and iPurifier products between the computer and the DAC. The interconnects, speaker cables, and power cords were the Elation models from Kubala-Sosna (also very high quality and quite expensive).

Dennis asked those present how many use computers in their playback systems. About a third of the audience raised their hands. He then explained that the computer he was using for this meeting was a model actually designed for industry. It is the about size of a small hardback book with no screen or mouse. It has a solid state disk drive and multiple USB ports to plug in input/output devices. It runs the Windows 7 OS and uses JRiver music playback software. Dennis actually controlled the PC using his iPad for input/output (both were connected to the Virtual Properties network).

Then the music started! John was the "DJ" and there was quite a pile of recordings folks wanted to hear on the playback system. The list of recordings played is in a separate file that David Snyder created, which is on the web site. Then the raffle was held, but this time with a twist. Dr. Phil Muse introduced five groups of recordings (3 CD's per group), and one cut was played from each group. After the listening introduction, the raffle was held with the 15 CD's as prizes. This playlist is also on the web site.

The meeting concluded at 5 pm. The club thanks Vince Galbo (CEO of MSB) for supplying the DAC, Joe Kubala (of Cedar Knolls, NJ) for all the cables used to hook up the system, to Dennis for bringing his "mini" computer, to all the others who helped set up for this meeting, and those who brought some great music to listen to.

Thomas Horner  
Secretary, A-V Club of Atlanta