

On Sunday, March 22, 2015, the monthly meeting of the Audio-Video Club of Atlanta was held at the Virtual Properties Realty training room at their offices in Duluth. This meeting featured equipment from EgglestonWorks Loudspeakers and Kimber Kable, along with some high quality electronics from Sight and Sound Gallery, the local Eggleston dealer. There were over 35 people in attendance, including a couple of new members and a guest from California who was visiting a club member.

Up first was John Morrison, club president, at 2 PM. John first mentioned that the club's bass traps (Tri-Traps that were donated by GIK Acoustics president Glenn Kuras) were in use for the first time at this meeting, and that any member can borrow them to try out at home. He told us about Joe Saxon, a new dealer in the St. Marlo area who will sell headphones, portable listening equipment, and DAC's. After some other announcements about upcoming meetings, John handed it over to Chuck who introduced our presenters for this meeting. These included John Callery (US Sales Director) and Jim Thompson (President) from EgglestonWorks, Nate Mansfield (Sales Manager all the way from Utah) from Kimber, and Charles Berry. Charles is the owner of Sight and Sound Gallery located in mid-town near the Fox Theater, and is the local dealer for all the products we listened to today, plus other manufacturers.

Up first was Jim, who gave us a brief history of EgglestonWorks. The company started out in 1992 making "furniture" speakers, but then started making audiophile speakers in 1996. Their first audiophile model was the Andra, well received by Stereophile in 1997. There are now 11 products in their speaker line. They are headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee, and their cabinets are made right there in their plant. They source their drivers from various companies, and the way they do crossovers varies by model. Their design philosophy is to build speakers that a mastering engineer would want to use, so that the home user can enjoy the same sound as that engineer.

We then listened to multiple cuts of music over the Andra 3 model (\$25K per pair) using Auralic Aries Streaming Bridge for playing files from the MacBook Pro (was using MediaCenter20) into the Auralic Vega DAC. The preamp was the Auralic Taurus Balanced Line Preamp, and Auralic Merak Monoblocks amps drove the speakers. Kimber Kable interconnects and speaker cables were used throughout. They all sounded really good!

Next up was Nate Mansfield of Kimber Kable which has been in business for over 35 years! He discussed the question of how do you choose the cable to use in your system. Like so many things, it depends on the equipment in determining which cables to buy. Kimber has a "long term" view of business, which is they want their customers to stay with them a long time and to make cables that last a long time. They have various levels of cable products to choose from, using copper, hybrid materials, or all silver. In use today were KS33 (\$3K) 8 foot speaker cables, KS1116 (\$900) 8 meter interconnects, Powercords (\$1400) for the amplifiers, and also KS12TC (\$500) interconnects. Kimber has many sizes and types of cables in stock, and they also welcome custom orders.

Next was the raffle where winners got a CD (from Dr. Phil Muse) and three winners got very special \$333 (wow!) gift certificates from Kimber which could be doubled if you traded in old cables for new ones.

Finally, the club listened to another model of the EgglestonWorks speakers, the Emma (\$4K per pair), which was driven by the Hegel H160 DAC/Integrated amplifier/DAC (\$3500) again using Kimber cables and interconnects. More music was listened to using this more "modest" setup, and again it sounded excellent.

The club gives many thanks to the folks from EgglestonWorks and Kimber who traveled to see us, and to Charles for supplying so much equipment to audition, and to Chuck for arranging all this. Also, once again, our thanks to everyone who brought the refreshments, especially some delicious chili from Mark Foster's wife!

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Please note that the February, 2015 monthly meeting was cancelled at the last minute due to hazardous weather conditions in Nashville from where the presenter, Sunny Umrao of Scaena, was planning on travelling. It will be rescheduled at a later date this year.