

On Sunday, April 2, 2017, the monthly meeting of the Audio-Video Club of Atlanta was held at the Dunwoody North Driving Club clubhouse. This secretary was unable to attend, so these minutes are based on notes I received from John Morrison. The meeting featured Dynamic Sounds Associates.

First up was John Morrison who welcomed all present to the meeting. John introduced the folks from Dynamic Sounds Associates, including David Sckolnik, Kevin Welch, Randy Crews, and Doug Hurlburt (designer). They are an audio manufacturer from Naples, Florida with a high-end line of electronics, including amps, pre-amps, phono stages, and they also brought a new three tone-armed VPI turntable.

A few listening notes show that members compared mono and stereo recordings. The mono had more depth when played with a mono cartridge. It did not when compared with the stereo version played with a stereo cartridge. The discussion was on the way a mono cartridge plays back the groove is very different than the way a stereo cartridge does. That why a mono record sounds better when played back with a mono needle. The grooves are cut differently for mono and stereo. The phono preamp allowed switching between stereo and mono.

This is the equipment that was presented:

Phono Cartridges

Ortofon: MC Anna (\$9,000), MC A95 (\$6,500), and Cadenza Mono (\$1,280), www.ortofon.com

Turntable and Tonearms

VPI Industries Avenger "Magnetic Drive" with three 12" 3D printed arms (\$30,000 including. 3-3D tonearms), www.vpiindustries.com

Phono Preamplification

Dynamic Sounds Associates Phono II (\$13,500), www.dynamicsounds-assoc.com

Power Conditioner and Room Treatments/Tuning

Tweek Geek Dark Matter Power Purifier

Stillpoints Aperture Acoustic Room Treatments (\$650+) and Stands (\$450+)

The Stein Harmonizer Room Treatments (\$2,995+), www.tweekgeek.com

Power Cords and Interconnect & Speaker Cables

Luminous Audio: Mega Power Lynx (\$699/1.5 meter), Synchestra Silver Reference (\$699/1-meter pair), Synchestra Signature (\$40/foot + \$60 pair termination fee), www.luminousaudio.com

Linestage Preamplifier

Dynamic Sounds Associates Pre-I (\$16,500)

Power Amplifier

New! Dynamic Sounds Associates Amp I mono block power amplifiers, solid state (\$25,000 pair)

Loudspeakers

Spendor SP-100R² (\$11,995), www.bluebirdmusic.com

Equipment Racks and Stands

Kanso Audio Furniture: Hamoni- 5-space asymmetrical (\$10,804) Heavy-duty amp stands (\$3,500 pair.), www.kansoaudiofurniture.com

The club gives many thanks to Dynamic Associates for bringing refreshments along with some fabulous equipment!

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