

On Sunday, April 13, 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 the K&K Audio product line which was presented by its president, Kevin Carter. There was another good crowd of about 35 new and current members present, including two who were attending their first meeting.

The meeting started at 2 pm with John Morrison up first. He first thanked Kevin and his wife Kiyomi (who was present) for coming to our meeting to show off his equipment. He thanked Chuck for setting up this program up with Kevin, Dennis and Sam who upgraded the club's 2-way speaker tweeters, and Scott Foust for supplying the Oppo 95. Also thanked were the folks who supplied the refreshments and Steve Gooding for coordinating those. John again asked (actually practically begged) that members 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. These need to be approved by two-thirds of the active club members, and the changes are required to reflect the use of the club's web site.

John discussed the Avatar Acoustics discounts still being offered to the club membership. The iFi products listed are usually never discounted, even at shows, but these discounts have to end soon. The details of the products and the discounts (they range from 20% to 30%) can be found on the club's web site. Also still offered to members is an opportunity to audition the LH Labs Lightspeed USB Cable. John asked that the members "talk up" the May 4 Portable Audio Jam meeting. John will post a video on the club's web site showing how Dennis and Sam swapped out the tweeters on the club's 2-ways.

Chuck then introduced our speaker for the afternoon, Kevin Carter, who hails from Apex, NC. Kevin had come to one of our meetings in the late 1990's, so this was his second visit with us. His company is K&K Audio Limited (website address is www.kandkaudio.com). He is a scientist by training (bio-chemist) and applies the scientific theory to the products he builds, specifically that there has to be a provable improvement in the sound when he makes a change to a product. Kevin has worked with VAC and Veritas Audio, and for a while he and associate Kevin Hayes manufactured exact replicas of 1960's tube Marantz equipment. Most of his current business is being the US distributor of (Swedish built) Lundahl Transformers, used in many audio and other products. He designs and builds vacuum tube equipment that comes assembled or unassembled. A complete catalog of the equipment his company offers for sale is listed in a separate document on our web site, along with another document showing the play list of the music that was heard at this meeting. Thanks to member Dan for writing down all the selections played.

The equipment we listened to or saw today included the "Premium Maxxed-Out" Phono Preamplifier (two input version), Dyna Stereo 70 Mk II Upgrade with all options on a new chassis (rated at 14 watts per channel), a stereo SE 6C33C power amplifier (prototype), the SE 4P1L line stage preamplifier (prototype on display only), and the Differential 6N30P line stage (beta unit). The Premium phono preamp features one or two inputs (for two different turntables or cartridges), and has many options that make it perfectly compatible with almost any cartridge. The speakers were the club's 2-ways and subwoofers, and a Dynamic Design power cord that uses negative DC bias in the cord itself was used to power the Oppo.

Then the music started! Many selections were listened to on vinyl using the club's turntable and digital selections using the Oppo. It became apparent that the amplifiers driving the club's subwoofers were too powerful for the Dyna amplifier, so the subs were disconnected during this period. When the Dyna amplifier was swapped out for the SE6C33C amplifier, the subs were placed back in service, since that amplifier has about 4-6 dB more gain. The shortcomings of the club's turntable (actually its old cartridge) became apparent during the listening sessions, so the executive committee will look into this issue.

The meeting concluded at 5 pm. The club gives many thanks Kevin for letting us see and hear his products. He is offering a 10% discount on all K&K products until May 15, 2014 for club members! Also, thanks to everyone who helped set up and break down for this meeting (including Kiyomi), and to the many members that brought some great music to listen to.

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