

On Sunday, June 28, 2014, the monthly meeting of the Audio-Video Club of Atlanta was held at the Virtual Properties Realty offices in Duluth. This meeting was more of a "mini" audio show and one-on-one presentations by individuals and dealers instead of our "normal" agenda. The theme of this show was a portable audio jam like we had about a year ago. Another is planned for next summer. This show included the latest type of gear which might be used anywhere you want to experience great sounding music. The presenters showed off the latest digital players, DACs, headphone amps, headphones, and other equipment that is designed to make the portable and/or digital music experience better.

The set-up started just before 12 noon, and the show was open from 12 noon to about 5 pm. The training room where we have our normal monthly meetings was expanded to include an adjoining room and the dealers and individuals set up their equipment in both. The attendance I saw during the day averaged about 40 people.

At about 1 pm, John Morrison (A-VCOA president) gave a short welcome and introduction. He asked each presenter to give a brief description of what they brought for folks to audition, This secretary tried to make note of all who spoke, but probably missed a few. Here is what I noted:

- **Lee Scoggins** had the Audioquest NightHawks available for listening and the latest version of the popular Dragonfly V1.2 (thanks to Stephen Mejias of Audioquest), and the new Aura Note 2 combination DAC and integrated amplifier. Lee also had a couple of pairs of the latest Grado e Series headphones from Alan Jones and his new HiFi Buys store in Buckhead. Alan has moved his previous Audio Alternative store in Lawrenceville and is now using the HiFi Buys name, logo, etc. which he has rights and ownership of.
- **Joe Saxon**, local Headphone online business owner and well known Atlanta audiophile and high-end sales guru had on hand a significant portion of his sales stock including iFi products, a Marantz DAC and headphone amp, Questyle integrated amp, and different models of headphones. His products can be found on his website **HeadphoneAudiophile.com**
- **Purk Yotakhong** and **Matt Poe** brought a lot of equipment to audition. This included Purk's new balanced Geek Pulse X DAC and headphone amp, Sony MDR-Z7 headphones, Stax headphone models, a Walkman A-17 player, and a PHA-3 portable amp/DAC. As a special treat, he also brought his Limited Edition Neil Young Pono Player.
- **Horton McCurdy** had the new Oppo BM-1 headphones and the Oppo DAC/headphone amplifier.
- **Chuck Bruce** brought a vintage pair of Stax "Gamma" headphones which one could listen to via his ART Audio "JOTA", 300B based, single-ended 20 watt per channel stereo tube amp.
- **Dave Neilson** brought some iFi products to listen to.
- **Ron Olson** brought his hand-built headphone amplifier.
- There were other presenters which I probably missed, but they all had good sounding and very interesting equipment to show and listen to.

All the tables were busy the entire afternoon as attendees went around and listened to all the different models of equipment. This was a very rich selection of top gear, and best of all a friendly atmosphere. Joe Saxon offered a 15% discount to purchasers which was most appreciated.

The club gives many thanks all those who coordinated this meeting, including John Morrison, Lee Scoggins, and Purk Yotakhong. Many thanks go to the presenters for all their work in bringing their equipment and introducing it to members who were not that familiar with portable gear. Also, thanks to everyone who helped set up and break down for this show and to the members that brought the light refreshments.

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