

On Sunday, September 16, 2018, the monthly meeting of the Audio-Video Club of Atlanta was held at the Dunwoody North Driving Club clubhouse, featuring equipment from Schiit Audio. The event began with a brief introduction and demonstration by Grover Neville of Schiit of the equipment for today's session:

The electronics included the Vidar 2-channel amplifier (with massively overbuilt power supply) for \$699, the Gungnir Multibit DAC for \$1249, and the Freya passive/active preamp that comes with a JFET buffer or tubes, this one configured with TungSol 6SN7 tubes for \$799. All of these are US engineered by Mike Moffat. Their products are only sold online at <http://www.schiit.com>. Their products are high-valued, a lot of "bang for the buck".

The speakers were on loan from Scott at Evolution Home Theater and were the Bowers & Wilkins 702 S2, costing \$4,500. The speaker's specifications say they go down to 28 Hz at -6 Db. Evolution Home Theater carries Macintosh, Sonus Faber, Dynaudio among other brands. They have a big event coming up where they will announce a new product line.

The cables and power supplies were Kimber Select (hybrid/silver/copper) speaker cables, Audioquest Fire interconnects, Kimber Palladium power cable for the power amp, Furutech power cables for other components, and the club's Furutech e-TP80 AC Power Filter, using an upgraded Furutech power cable.

John Morrison, president of the club "interrupted" the starting demo of the equipment and made some brief announcements. He thanked Grover Neville of Schiit Audio, and Scott Carpenter of Evolution Home Theatre. He also thanked Mark Chaffin and Chuck for putting this meeting together, and Dan Wittmayer (the refreshment guy). Other reminders were to watch the website and our new Facebook group which is now active. The club is working on a 'killer' meeting for October possibly being hosted by The Audio Company in Marietta, and the Epson 4K surround-sound video system meeting on November 11 will be at the Oak Grove Methodist church in Decatur.

Then it was on to the main program of the day. Grover gave a brief history of Schiit Audio. They have been in business for about 10 years, headquarters are in Los Angeles, and they have about 24 employees. Grover himself graduated from Overland Conservatory where he studied music and technology. He plays several musical instruments and is currently working as a musician and recording engineer. He works part time as a representative for Schiit. He once found an old Dave Brubeck master tape during a college assignment (for tape restoration).

Musical selections requested by the audience were then played for the rest of the afternoon, everything from rock to classical to a Patchwork Studio's Kenny rework of an MP3, Letters to Beatrice. Grover also played a Dave Brubeck track he had, Unsquare Dance. After a refreshment break, more music (mainly classical) was played including cuts from the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra.

My sincere thanks to Markus Engel for taking some great detailed notes, since this secretary was unable to attend this meeting. The club again thanks Grover and Scott for supplying the equipment we listened to and giving us a great presentation.

Thomas Horner  
Secretary, A-V Club of Atlanta

PostScript: The July meeting was the summer club luncheon at Old Hickory House, and the August event were listening sessions a club members' homes.