

On Sunday, September 18, 2016, the monthly meeting of the Audio-Video Club of Atlanta was held at the Virtual Properties Realty office training room in Duluth. This meeting featured David Solomon, a cofounder of Peachtree Audio, and a member's car show. Unfortunately, weather (a hard rain) impacted the car show, but we did get to see a classic restored 1965 Chevrolet Corvair and a mint 1986 Mercedes 450 SEL convertible. There were more than 30 members and guests present at the meeting. Before continuing with this meeting, I should state that the July "meeting" was the annual picnic complete with CD raffle (about 25 attended), and the August "meeting" was listening sessions held at the homes of several members over the course of the month.

Up first was John, president, who welcomed and thanked all the members and visitors for coming to the meeting. As always, he reminded folks to keep an eye on the website for upcoming meetings and events. The October 16 meeting will be the builder program at the Dunwoody North Driving Club location, and the November 20 meeting will also be at the DNDC location with Al Davis of Epson AV Representatives. Chuck described the several donated Soundstring products that were raffled off at this meeting, including 3 power cords, 2 interconnects, and 1 pair of speaker cables. John mentioned that the ELAC speakers we were about to listen to were also in the raffle. Chuck also said there was a condolences card for Denny Meeker's family for us to sign. Denny, a long time Audio Club member, passed away in August. Paul Tarver announced his "let us get together" trip to the Plaza theater to see the Beatles documentary "Eight Days a Week" on September 20. John announced that the club will hold another Furutech sale for members only in the near future. John then introduced our speaker, David Solomon.

David first gave us a bit of history of Peachtree Audio. The company was formed about nine years ago by himself and Jimmie. They wanted to build something that was currently not available on the market, so they chose an integrated amplifier with a built-in DAC that could utilize computer input via USB or other connections. Their business philosophy is to either do something different, better, and/or cheaper than the others. Their cabinets are beautiful hand rubbed wood, and are produced in China along with their chassis, but these parts and other parts are sent to Canada for assembly by folks who also assemble very sensitive medical equipment.

Their latest product is the Nova 150 that retails for \$1600 which was demonstrated at this meeting using both the ELAC B5 speakers (pair retails for \$230) and the club's 2-way bookshelf speakers. The Nova 150 uses a class D amplifier to produce 150 watts per channel using a 400 MHz switching power supply (normally 100 MHz is used), and an extremely quiet (111 DB S/N ratio) preamp section. It also has a moving magnet phono input. We primarily used David's laptop with Roon music playback software (which he highly recommended) for our listening which essentially took the rest of the meeting.

The raffle was held at about 4 pm, and we had some very happy winners! The raffle items included the new ELAC B5 bookshelf speakers and a new Robert Harley signed copy of Absolute Sound's History of Audio Electronics, donated by Chuck Bruce. Also, as mentioned above, AV-Club friend Len Miller, President of Soundstring Cables of Connecticut, USA as arranged by Chuck had donated several sets of top quality interconnects, speaker cables, and power cords valued at \$5270. Thanks Len!

After the raffle we substituted the club speakers for the ELAC speakers and while the ELAC's were good, the club speakers (with bigger drivers) sounded excellent with the Nova.

Again, the club thanks David for his presentation and many thanks to the members who helped set up and who brought refreshments.

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