

On Sunday, October 29, 2017, the monthly meeting of the Audio-Video Club of Atlanta was held at the Dunwoody North Driving Club clubhouse. This meeting featured listening to just vinyl with a system consisting of equipment built or refurbished by Sam Papadas using the club two-way speakers, and a turntable setup from John Morrison. There were over 30 members and guests present.

First up was the club president, John Morrison, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. John first thanked Sam (for the electronics, the club two-way speakers, and cables), Jim (who came in early to set up and discovered he had to clean up the clubhouse after a party last night), Chuck for the speaker stands, Steve Gooding (for helping drive), and Dan (for the refreshments). Jim Petrone has stepped up to the plate and has been elected our new treasurer. For November, instead of a regular meeting, we will have the opportunity to attend two audio events at the HiFi Buys store in Buckhead. For December, the Audio Company shop in Marietta has invited us back to listen to their fabulous gear! John again asked for a volunteer to serve as a backup to the Refreshment Director in case Dan cannot make a meeting. John asked that while the presentation is in progress, that folks stay "behind the yellow line" (like a city bus) so to not disturb the equipment or presenter. John then gave us the news that Nick Arroyo (long time member and friend) had suffered a stroke Saturday, and is in the hospital. Emails with his progress will be sent out as updates are received.

Sam and John then introduced the equipment we would be listening to. Sam described the preamp which was in three pieces. Its design is based on the original tube Dynaco preamp series. The main preamp consists of two stages, a phono stage and the line stage. The second box and third boxes are the power supplies for each of the two stages, a separate supply for the phono stage and the other for the line stage. Sam built all of these himself. The power amp was a refurbished Stereo 70 amplifier with a new front end, again built by Sam. Sam also supplied the cabling and speaker wire, and had brought the club's two-way speakers. John supplied the turntable, a VPI HW-19 Junior (JR) with AudioQuest PT6 tonearm and high output (2.2mv) Soundsmith Boheme cartridge with improved body and laser drilled ruby cantilever (specially made for John). The phono cable was homemade by John using a Furutech DIN plug, Cardas silver RCAs, and the club's favorite RG-316 coaxial cable.

The rest of the meeting was just for listening. John and Sam had created a pre-determined playlist of records that we heard. You will find a copy of that playlist where these minutes are located on our club website. There were many varieties of music, and it was a lot of fun just sitting and listening to all this great music.

The club gives many thanks to Sam and John for doing all this work to enable us to listen to this great vinyl. Thanks again to Chuck and Steve, and to Jim Petrone for helping set up. Thanks again also to Dan Wittmayer for the refreshments.

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