

On Sunday, May 17, 2009, the monthly meeting of the Audio-Video Club of Atlanta was held in the training room of the Georgia Land and Commercial Solutions offices in Duluth, Georgia. There were 24 members and prospective members attending to listen to three different amps with modern front end (source) material with the same speakers and interconnects, to see what differences there would be between the amplifiers. In the end, a fourth amplifier was added to the three for more listening.

First up at 2 PM was John Morrison, who handled the business meeting of the club before the listening began. He made several announcements. First was that Ed Scruggs, owner of Sound and Cinema, was closing his audio/video business due to the state of the economy. This was sad news indeed. Denny Meeker is recovering from his surgery, but has decided to move to Alabama to be closer to his family. John pointed out three new members in attendance today, and announced that six new members have been voted into the club unanimously. Paul Tarver announced that we have about \$900 in the club treasury, some of which (\$300) will be spent next month for our meeting location for the Headphone/ Desktop/Computer Audio event. This meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2009 at the Northlake Courtyard Marriott.

Next up was Nick Arroyo, who introduced the three amplifiers. Two were vintage amps, Fisher and HH Scott integrated amplifiers, and the third was a modern day Cary integrated amp (for comparison). The same front end and speakers were used for each amp. The disk transport was a modified Oppo Universal Player (very inexpensive at about \$350 including mod cost), and the DAC was a \$1000 Benchmark DAC. The amps fed the same speakers (and speaker cables). The speakers were Focal Chorus 807V, lent to the club by our good friends at Gateway Sound (Paul Van Name). After listening to several cuts from different CD's (some recorded by Nick Arroyo and some commercial recordings) on one amp, there was a break while the next amp was connected, and so on.

One member had brought his refurbished Dyna 70 stereo amplifier which was hooked up to a Rogue (tube) preamplifier and it was also auditioned by the club. The meeting ended about 5 PM, with everyone commenting on how interesting it was hearing the differences between these amplifiers.

The club thanks Virtual Properties for hosting, and those who brought in the amplifiers and other equipment for comparison including Nick Arroyo, Jeff Priluck, Chuck Bruce, Paul Van Name, and Jon Yeager, and those (like Bob Prager) who help set up the room for the meeting.

Thomas Horner  
Interim Secretary, A-V Club of Atlanta

P.S. This secretary was unable to attend the March and April meetings of the club due to work commitments. The March, 2009 meeting was held on March 8, 2009, and featured a live performance by Cecylia Arzewski, violin, and William Ransom, piano. The meeting was held at Ahavath Achim Synagogue and then it was adjourned to go to the concert at 3:00.

The April, 2009 meeting was held at Meridian offices in Austell, Georgia. The meeting was held on April 19, 2009 from 2:00-5:00 pm. Meridian designs, engineers and manufactures state-of-the-art audio and video home entertainment systems. They demonstrated their latest and greatest in audio technology including their CES award-winning **Sooloos** touch screen media server.

I understand that the meeting was well attended and the equipment really nice. There was even a lunch served by Meridian to all present. Our many thanks to Meridian for hosting such a great meeting and we hope to be able to return soon to see their newest projector.