

On Sunday, August 16, 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 over 30 members and guests attending to hear a great presentation by H. Johnson, WABE radio personality, and to listen to some great jazz cuts on DVD, CD, and vinyl.

First up at 2 PM was John Morrison, who handled the business meeting of the club before the presentation and listening began. He introduced Denny Meeker who had driven from Alabama (where he now resides near family) to be with us. Denny is a founding member of the club and has been going through medical issues these past few months, but he is looking much better! John announced a return to Meridian for the September meeting, and discussed a new feature for members only – a media swap table. He announced that Lee Scoggins has agreed to be membership chairman and look for ways to grow the club's membership. He also announced that one or more audio shops (such as Gateway Audio) may offer members discounts on purchases. Finally, he discussed possible listening sessions at members homes (to be set up and run by that member), and possible member-only special events and "field trips".

Next up was our primary presenter, H. Johnson from WABE radio. What stories! There were too many for this secretary to record in these minutes, but suffice it to say that this man knows his jazz, both by listening and by many personal encounters with jazz greats such as Eroll Garner and other famous people such as Mohammed Ali and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Throughout his presentation, he shared his experiences with the artists and how their passion for music showed. The group listened to a DVD-Video that was created by H. that showed various performances by various artists at their best. It was eye opening!

We played the music on equipment (preamp, amp, and front ends) owned by members, except for the speakers. These were the new Usher V-601 loudspeakers which have a retail price of \$700.00, generously donated by Gateway Audio of Tucker, Georgia, who then let the club raffle them off to a lucky winner at the end of the meeting.

It was another great meeting and the club especially thanks H. Johnson for a wonderful presentation. All the folks present asked for him to return at some future date to share more of his experiences and wisdom on jazz.

As information, the July meeting was a cookout at a member's home, with no formal program. However, members present were able to hear a presentation by Dr. Phil Muse who did a retrospective on film noir. Anyone who has had the opportunity to hear one of Phil's presentations knows that this was very informative and humorous! The presentation was done using the member's home theater.

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