

On Sunday, May 21, 2011, the monthly meeting of the Audio-Video Club of Atlanta was held at the Virtual Properties Realty Training Room in Duluth, Georgia. There were about 35 members and guests (including 5 new folks who had never attended one of our meetings) in attendance to hear once again the club's reference bookshelf loudspeakers, this time connected to an integrated amplifier using new speaker wire which was designed and built by club members.

First up were some announcements from John Morrison, president, He offered special thanks to David Snyder who set up the front end for this meeting in order to have more time for music listening. Thanks also went to Bill McCulloch for the amplifier used and a "backup" front end universal player (Lexicon). Additional thanks went to Dennis Juranek, Sam Papadas, Ed Stiles, and Paul Tarver for tweaking the speakers and second for designing and building the speaker cables used today. John informed those present of upcoming programs including the June meeting which will actually be July 3 where we are invited to the home of Darren and Bonnie Censullo for a BBQ and audition of their latest imported AMR electronics from England, along with other high-end audio. Tom and Dwana Horner will host the annual August picnic at their home. The July meeting may be a video-oriented meeting at a local dealer, but is not set yet.

The official business was the election of the vice president and treasurer for two year terms as dictated by the by-laws. Dennis Juranek was elected as Vice President and Paul Tarver as Treasurer by acclamation, since there were no other candidates.

The meeting then switched to music listening, using a laptop that was set up and steered by club member David Snyder. Digital files of various bit depth (up to 24/192) had been stored on hard drive by David before the meeting using the source physical media supplied by multiple members. The software used was Windows XP (SP3), J. River Media Center Version 16, and the playback mode was Kernel Streaming using a W4S (Wyred4Sound) driver. The data was sent to David's Wyred4sound DAC (via USB 2.0) connected to Bill's Cambridge Audio Azur 840A integrated amplifier. This drove the club's upgraded two-way speakers using a set of hand wound, multi conductor, 18 gauge silver over copper Teflon insulated speaker cables designed and built by club members. Before extensive music listening was done, the speaker cable builders described what they had done to build the wires, and various options, including the number of wires you could wind together that can be used to build them. We used eight conductors per cable for this meeting

The first selections were a few of those played at the March meeting (for comparison), and the same pieces played using a \$600 commercially available speaker wire (same front end, DAC, and amplifier). There were varying opinions on which speaker cable was better, but most agreed there were differences. Then the member selections began. For each music selection, the member who provided the music described what it was and why it was selected. Many types of music, from classical to club dance music were featured.

There was a raffle of about 15 items (the number of items was held down to shorten the time for the raffle), where everyone who participated won at least one CD or another item they selected from the raffle table.

The club extends our thanks once again for the use of the training room, and most especially to those members who built these wonderful speaker wires, and to David for his front end setup.

Special Note for April, 2011 meeting. There was no April 2011 meeting since many of the club members volunteered at the AXPOA Show here in Atlanta. We had about 25 volunteers for the show, and their efforts were recognized in the show report in Stereophile Magazine. It was a great opportunity to expose the club to the public, listen to some outstanding gear, and help the show all at the same time.

Thomas Horner
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