

On Sunday, November 28, 2012, the monthly meeting of the Audio-Video Club of Atlanta was held at MPower AV, located on Shiloh Road in Alpharetta, Georgia. This meeting featured the presentation of new product lines being sold by MPower AV, including their new tube line, Prima Luna, some special new cables that have not even been advertised yet on their website from Kimber Kable, and a special edition Rega turntable that is basically an RP1 with performance upgrades and the plinth painted as the British Union Jack. This secretary was unable to attend, so these minutes are based on notes taken by members at the meeting.

Our president, John Morrison was first up with some announcements. John discussed the upcoming Christmas party for members, which will be on the afternoon of December 16 at the home of Tom and Dwana. He described upcoming meetings, including the "field trip" (not an official meeting) to Crawford Media, a post production shop in Atlanta, on December 9.

John then introduced our speakers for the day, Dave and Joe from MPower. There were two systems showcased and auditioned. The first consisted of a NAD M51 DAC, with a computer using J River as source. The amps for this system were homemade tube amps by Ed Stiles, and then a Goldmund power amp. Speaker cables were Kimber Kable, and the speakers were Totem Hawk speakers. The second system consisted of the special edition Rega turntable mentioned above, Dali Zensor1 speakers, a NAD C356EE integrated amplifier, a NAD PF31 USB phono preamp, and a NAD C515BEE CD player (which was not used).

Listening started with Ed's amps, and the Totem speakers using the club CD sampler. There were comparisons made between different "rips" of the "Keith Don't Go" selection using various .wav files. The first file was made at 16/44 by Dennis Juranek (his latest version), and the second was an up-sampled version (16/44 to 24/96) made by John Morrison. During discussions of these "rips", many present also thought that "rips" made to solid state drives sound better.

The second system was used for listening to vinyl both from the shop and brought in by attendees. One member noted that Eva Cassidy sounded great on the Dali speakers.

At the end of the presentations and listening sessions, a raffle was held in which MPower had contributed seven items, and also CD's contributed by Dr. Phil. The seven items included one pair of Kimber PBJ 2 meter interconnects, and six certificates for Kimber "isoMike" recordings to be redeemed by the winners for these excellent CD/SACD/SACD (4 channel) recordings.

The club thanks our presenters for a great afternoon of learning and listening, and to MPower AV for once again hosting a club meeting.

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