

On Sunday, June 22, 2014 (one week after Father's Day), the monthly meeting of the Audio-Video Club of Atlanta was held at the Virtual Properties Realty offices in Duluth. This meeting featured a presentation by our resident "Pop" musicologist, Paul Tarver, who did a program on East Coast genre music. For an hour before the meeting, one of our members, Jesse Garcia, who owns a local record shop, had a selection of used classic rock, jazz, classical, and other records for sale. There were about 40 folks present at the meeting, including 6 guests (one was from Indianapolis!), and two new members.

Up first was John, president, with some quick announcements. The changes to the club's bylaws that were needed due to the use of the web site have finally been approved by the membership. Any member can view them on the website. The LH Labs Lightspeed USB cable is still available (from Ed Leonard) for member evaluation. "Jets" pizza will be supplied to those who help set up before the meeting (around 12:30 pm), and regular refreshments will still be available during the meeting, assuming members volunteer to bring them. We had a lot of great food at this meeting thanks to several members, including Homer Reeves and Patsy Rigsbee who brought among other items elk sausages!

John then discussed the equipment we would use to listen to the vinyl during Paul's presentation and to member selections after the presentation. On the club's Denon 1000 direct drive turntable was the Grado Reference Master cartridge which was sold to the club at a steep discount by John Grado of Grado labs. It was installed by Sam. The Herbie's Way Excellent II Turntable mat we purchased from Herbie's Audio replaced the somewhat "wavy" rubber standard mat. Dennis modified an arm lift supplied by Chuck Bruce for the turntable's tone arm which Sam installed. The club's speakers (two-ways with new tweeters) and two subwoofers were used along with a new amp design from Sam Papadas, (tube, 15 watts per channel) and Sam's passive preamplifier. On loan from Darren Censullo of Avatar Acoustics was the iFi Audio's iPhono phono preamp which is highly recommended by Mike Fremer of Stereophile. At a later meeting the video showing the replacement tweeters being installed in the club's two-ways will be shown (or a link to it given).

Then, Paul gave his presentation. This secretary was not able to capture all he said (maybe Paul's notes can be placed on the web site). Paul was following up on his West coast "surf music" program from last November. He discussed the East Coast surf and rock music movement (genre) and how it evolved. We listened to multiple cuts on vinyl illustrating his lecture, and even watched some videos from that era (1950's to 1970's) showing, for example, Shag dancing.

After Paul's presentation, attendees were invited to play a recording of their own. John asked for a volunteer to list the selections that were played, and a new member Mark Foster immediately said yes. Mark did an excellent job introducing the cuts and the person choosing the cut and explaining their reason for choosing it. John and Bob Prager played "DJ" to handle the cuts from Paul's presentation and the member's selections. The meeting ended at 5 pm after all the member cuts had been played.

The club gives many thanks all those who helped this meeting, but our very special thanks to Paul for a fascinating presentation, Thanks to Jesse for having the pre-meeting vinyl sale, to Darren Censullo for the loaner iPhono, and to Sam Papadas for the amplifier and preamp. Thanks to Mark for doing the member selection "master of ceremonies" work. Also, once again thanks to everyone who helped set up and break down for this meeting and to the members who brought the refreshments.

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