

Chicago Audio Society Newsletter, January, 2006
Meeting Notice - Sunday, January 15th, 2006 Noon-3:00PM

Arlington Heights Historical
Society, Arlington Room, 110 W. Fremont
Arlington Heights, IL

For directions go to:

<http://www.chicagoaudio.org/directions.htm>

A number of members were concerned about the usual meeting time this Sunday which coincided directly with the Bears playoff game. Since this has been a rather rare event (hoping by saying this it becomes more frequent) a time adjustment was in order. So for this January meeting only we are meeting from Noon to 3PM. Next month we will resume at our usual time of 2PM to 5PM. Our thanks to Kristina Christie of the Arlington Heights Historical Museum for accommodating us on short notice.

!!PLEASE NOTE!!-----

Dues are due for the coming year for \$40, which has remained unchanged since we began over 11 years ago. Please submit this month-it helps greatly in keeping our overhead current in the coming year (and that makes our Treasurer happy!). If you can't attend the meeting, please use our mailing address:

Chicago Audio Society
P.O. Box 7281
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

And we thank you for your support!

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JANUARY MEETING

Larry Musial, one of our members, will be presenting his Klipsch La Scala speakers which were shown at last January's meeting. Larry, who is involved with the Klipsch users group has been busy with further developments. He has added an integral ported platform to the La Scalias which enables the speaker to go to 30Hz without using a subwoofer. Also, further internal wiring improvements have been made. The speakers will be driven directly with Bizzy Bee TAD-1000 100 watt per channel tube monoblocks. The amps have an integral volume control and will be driving the speakers directly. In addition Larry will demo Klipsch RB-35 monitors which he modified to demonstrate performance possible from a readily available inexpensive speaker using a good inexpensive mod approach. A modified Ogre Systems Magnavox CD player will be used.

We will be taking the first half hour of the meeting for any members who attended the Rocky Mountain Audio Fest in September (and the recent CES) to recount their experiences.

This should be a great meeting for anyone interested in horns, tube amps, good DIY approaches, and good sound. Remember to bring along a favorite CD. We always want to hear good music of all kinds.

DECEMBER MEETING RECAP

Song Kim and his wife Clara, braved both the Canadian and Chicago winter to drive in and host our December meeting. Song Audio (<http://www.songaudio.com>) is a new Canadian audiophile company that is producing mostly tube purist (and one solid state) line of equipment. Quite an array of equipment was brought in as follows:

Product Description:	No. of Pieces:
Song Audio SA-1 Preamp	1 set (Power supply & Pre-amp)
Song Audio SA-300MB Power amp	1 pair of Mono Block
Song Audio SA-34SB Cecilia	1 piece Tube Integrated Amp
Vasant_K Integrated amp	1 piece Solid State Integrated
Loth-X Polaris Speaker	1 pair
Song Audio DM Type II Speakers	1 pair
Audio Analogue Paganini CD Player	1 piece

In addition, Joe Jurzec of Jam'n Audio (<http://www.responseaudio.com/jamnaudio.htm>) supplied Daedalus DA-2 loudspeakers and a Stello transport and DAC. Both the tube separates and the tube integrated were demonstrated to fine effect with the very high efficiency Loth-X Polaris speaker (104 db) which uses a custom full-range driver. This speaker is no longer produced but Mr. Kim has some remaining inventory available. Certainly anyone who was expecting a 300B signature to the sound may have been surprised. Mr. Kim discussed his design philosophy to voice his electronics to be as neutral as possible and incorporate what he considers positive sound elements of both tube and solid state.

The Daedalus 2 speakers also demoed well with the tube monoblocks and the more powerful Vasant integrated amp. Our thanks to Song Kim and his wife for a great meeting and volunteering to drive here from Toronto in December. Fortunately, the weather cooperated reasonably well.

FUTURE MEETINGS

February - Bill O'Connell of Eastern Electric will demonstrate analog and digital electronics with Tannoy Churchills and a Well-Tempered turntable.

March - TBA

April - Sound Lab

May - Herron Audio

June - TBA