

Chicago Audio Society Newsletter, March, 2007

Meeting Notice-Sunday, March 18th, 2:00PM-5:00PM

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

For directions go to:

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

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS - THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO RENEWED ANNUAL \$40 DUES ARE DUE!! PLEASE REMEMBER AND SEE REED REHORST WITH YOUR DUES IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED!! THANKS!!

MARCH MEETING-Jordan Drivers/Transmission Line and Dayton Subwoofers with Larry Musial

Larry is one of our most "hands-on" members with DIY projects and this month features Jordan single driver DIY transmission line speakers using a single-driver Jordan JX92S driver. This is similar to some commercial models - Carolina Audio JTM/2 (<http://rthack.tripod.com/index.htm>) and Konus Essence (<http://www.konus-audio.com/>). In fact, Larry reports that the people at Carolina Audio were very helpful to him in building and tweaking the speakers. He reports the speaker yields a response from 40Hz to 20kHz and is ideal for small to medium rooms. Also on hand (especially for Len's music!) will be Dayton Audio Sub 100 subs modded with Eclipse drivers. There is a possibility of a servo being incorporated into these if the final details get worked out in time. The system on hand will be:

Marantz CD-67SE CD player modded by OGRE Audio, also possibly a modified current-model Denon
Marsh MSD-P2000 preamp w/remote
Maxx 806 Superphon chip amp modded Stan Warren
Jordan single driver DYI transmission line speakers using the Jordan JX92S driver
Dayton Audio Sub 100 Subwoofers modded with Eclipse drivers
Gregg Straley Reality Cables - speaker and interconnect.

Be sure to bring along your favorite CDs and latest finds-feel free to tell us about something new being played. See you all Sunday.

FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP-NOMAD AUDIO with PAUL HILGEMAN

We were pleased to have Paul Hilgeman, founder of Nomad Audio (<http://www.nomad-audio.com/>), a new loudspeaker and amplifier company based right here in Arlington Heights. The speakers featured all bamboo construction, dipole radiation, and a coaxial tweeter and midrange. Paul demonstrated both the Ronin and Sentinel models. The Niagara amplifier is a Class D design with a 400 watts x 2 power output. We had the following system on hand:

Speakers:

Ronin - The classic, most popular passive version in natural bamboo
Sentinel - The only model, in cherry and walnut

Electronics:

Ayre CX-7e CDP
Ayre K5-xe Preamp
Nomad Audio Niagara

Cabling:

Furutech Reference XLR interconnects
Furutech Reference Speaker Cables

The Ronins filled the room with good bass response and were well received. The bamboo construction was unique and impressive. We also enjoyed the mini-monitor Sentinel, but most listening was done with the Ronin with its fuller bass response in our large room. Our thanks to Paul Hilgeman for answering many questions and presenting a very enjoyable meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

April - TBA

May - Robert Grost founder of Cerious Technologies (<http://www.cerious technologies.com/>)