

Chicago Audio Society Newsletter, July, 2007

Meeting Notice-Sunday, July 15th, 2:00PM-5:00PM

This month's meeting will be held at CAS member Rick Berta's House. In Rick's own words:

Hello Friends,

Well it's been two years since you have last had my tacos. I'll be doing that again, with beer and wine. I will be giving away a set of walnut rear loaded horn cabinets for 8" drivers. I will have some speakers, caps, selector switches, tubes, records and whatever I want gone that someone could use-some free and some cheap. Remember the horn as you walked in last time-that speaker system is done and I'm working on another set of horns. The PHY-HP French full-range drivers with the raven ribbon tweeters are done and refined. I have a very nice turntable ,with custom 300B tube monoblocks and a 15" Lambda driver subwoofer. The other system has a Denon 5910 modded by John Tucker of Exemplar Audio (www.exemplaraudio.com). Also have a Mitsubishi tuner highly regarded by Don Scott of Stereophile that now has a tube gain stage by John of Exemplar Audio replacing the original solid-state gain-stage, while retaining the solid-state FM circuits. Hope to see you there .

Best Regards,
Ric

We will compare Jared Johnson's Sanjean HD-FM tuner (see last month's newsletter) to Rick's modded Mitsubishi. Unfortunately, the flat-box antenna simply didn't work at last month's meeting. This time we have a choice of 3 antennas, including an full-size attic mount.

Great tacos, big horns, ribbons, some freebies, and a tuner test-now what more could you want? See you all Sunday!





JUNE MEETING RECAP

MUSIC! (What a concept!) We heard a wide variety of music and recordings. I have only heard from one person to date. If you brought music that was played at this meeting please email: pres@chicagoaudio.org and I will compile as much as I receive for next month's newsletter.

The CD and Vinyl System provided by Brian Walsh of Essential Audio (www.essentialaudio.com).

We attempted a demo of Sangean HDT-1 HD (Hybrid Digital) AM/FM tuner provided by Jared Johnson but the flat-box type of FM antenna simply wouldn't work in our room (www.sangean.com). We will now be demoing this tuner at Rick Berta's for the July meeting with a coax attic antenna connection.

Brian Walsh supplied the following system for our listening pleasure:

Lector CDP-7TL Mk 3 CD player (<http://www.docet-lector.com/>)
Kuzma Stabi S turntable with Stogi S tonearm and Shelter 501 Mk 2 cartridge (<http://www.kuzma.si/news.php>)
Atma-Sphere MP-1 Mk III preamplifier (<http://www.atma-sphere.com/>)
Atma-Sphere MA-1 Mk II.3 amplifiers (<http://www.atma-sphere.com/>)
Krix Lyrix Gold speakers (<http://www.krix.com.au/>)

The Lector player has received very positive reviews from the Absolute Sound. The Kuzma turntable setup was used to excellent effect at the Classic Records meeting in December 2006. Atma-sphere electronics have also been featured at past meetings to excellent effect. The Krix Lyrix Gold speakers are a dual 6.5" driver floor-standing loudspeaker from Australia.

For the second half of the meeting Brian played the brand-new production model of the AMR DAC, which impressed a number of people at the meeting. AMR (Abbingdon Music

Research- www.amr-audio.co.uk) will be our guest, of course, at the September meeting, and we expect to have both the DAC and the amplifier at that time.

Our thanks to Brian and those who brought music for a fine meeting.