

Meeting Notice Sunday August 22nd, 2:00PM -5:00PM

Get together at Frank Putnam's house, 6 S 681 Millcreek Lane, Naperville, IL, 630-983-5969

Directions: From I-88 (E-W tollway) Naperville Rd exit: Go 2.6 mi south to Dunrobin Rd, turn right, then turn right one block on to Millcreek Lane, 6th house on the right.

From I-355 Maple Ave. exit: Go 2.8 mi west to Naper Blvd, turn left onto Naper Blvd and go .6 mi to Dunrobin Rd and turn right. Go one block and turn right onto Millcreek Lane, 6th house on the right.

Frank will be barbequing. Pop, diet pop, and water will be provided. If any members want to bring a dessert, side dish, or different beverages please do so. This will be a great opportunity to hear Frank's setup consisting of Acoustat 2+2 electrostats driven by modified Acoustat Servo Amps. Frank will also have a unique home theater setup utilizing the 6.5 foot diagonal Kloss Novabeam projector. Plus other surprises. Whether you are familiar with these unique configurations or not you'll want to be there!

The Classic Corner-Len Cronin

Len is still very involved with his recent move. He has said articles should resume next month.

July Meeting Recap

Brian Richardson hosted the July meeting at his home. He had his main listening room set up with modified Magneplanar MG 1.6's mounted on myestands, the Audiomat Arpege Reference tube integrated amp, a Stan Warren Philips SACD-1000 modified player, Gregg Straley's cables, and Magneplanars latest center channel and surround speakers. A custom rack built by Brian using solid maple blocks, marble and other isolation was in place. In addition, a Shanling rear amp was used. The listening space was set up to seat up to 12 listeners at once. A wide variety of music and material was used, including multi-channel SACD, stereo SACD, and of course, regular Redbook CD. Responses were very favorable to the openness, detail, and musicality of the system. Brian was a great host, leaving no audiophile less than well fed, and even had a newer Tivoli stereo unit playing WFMT in the backyard patio while we ate. In addition, vinyl was later played on a Strathclyde turntable with a Benz-Micro high-output moving coil. Many there had not heard and were wowed by the original direct-disk Sheffield recording of Confederation, a bluegrass recording featuring Larry McNeely and Friends. One person in attendance said that Doug Sax had told him that it was the finest recording he ever made. I agree. Thanks Brian, for a great meeting!

Important Announcements

At the July meeting, Rich Sacks was voted President of the Chicago Audio Society. My thanks to all for their support. Please remember this is your group, and we are always looking for your assistance and ideas-please **email me at: richsacks@comcast.net**

There was also discussion about our present meeting place in Arlington Heights in terms of costs and sonic compromises of the room. We may look to bring in some acoustic materials to future meetings and perhaps try out the long wall placement again. If anyone should know of a free (or nearly free) meeting location in a convenient Chicago area location please contact me. Our present rent is about \$150/month, which is half or less of the going rate for a typical Holiday Inn (or even Drury Inn!) meeting room. And a lot less than the \$550 a somewhat larger VFW room (with really bad acoustics) in Park Ridge goes for!

July and August meetings have been held at member homes. The next 10 meetings will be held at our regular location, the Arlington Heights Historical Society at 110 W. Fremont St. Arlington Heights, IL 60004. For directions to our meeting place go to the following web link:

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

Future Meetings

September-Note meeting date is 4th Sunday, September 26th, 2004. We will be featuring Brent Riehl and Audiopoints. They did the last Dance Building meeting 2 years ago holding our attention far more than to be expected with their equipment rack. This time they will be supplying an entire system of their own design, except for the source. Mark your calendar!

October-Sedrick Harris, representing Nola (formerly Alon speakers), Berendson electronics from Germany, and the Cruz digital amp. This will mark Sedrick's 4th meeting with us over the years, and for those of you who haven't attended one in the past it will be a treat. **Sunday, October 17th, 2004. Mark your calendar!**

November-Probable that Gregg Straley will be demonstrating a new bass augmentation/enhancement unit from Stan Warren. This is designed to work with an existing full-range system, with or without an existing subwoofer(s). It is intended to reduce perceived room standing waves at the listening position, and increase perceived bass definition, detail, and dynamics as a result. In addition, there may be a production Stan Warren chip amp available to hear. Stan is moving away from modifications to producing his own products. **Sunday, November 21st, 2004.**

December-At the very least we will have our usual Holiday meeting, with extra refreshments on hand and invite you to bring along your favorite holiday music, whether it be classical, Miles Davis, the Roches, Bing Crosby or ? There will probably be additional details of a guest to be announced as well for this meeting. **Please note, as usual, to avoid Holiday conflicts we have moved the meeting up to the 2nd Sunday, December 12th, 2004.**