

Chicago Audio Society Newsletter, September, 2007

Meeting Notice-Sunday, September 16th, 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>

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Darren Censullo of Avatar Acoustics (<http://www.avataracoustics.com/>) will be present to demonstrate AMR products and answer questions. He will demonstrate the Abbingdon Music Research (<http://www.amr-audio.co.uk/>) CD-77 CD player and the AM-77 Integrated Amplifier. We had the CD player on hand with excellent results at the June music meeting and look forward to hearing all AMR electronics for the system. Darren will be assisted by Brian Walsh from Essential Audio (<http://www.essentialaudio.com>). Look forward to seeing you all there.

ADDITIONAL NOTE

Essential Audio will have an open house on Saturday September 15th from 1 to 5pm. Darren Censullo of Avatar Acoustics will be present to demonstrate AMR products and answer questions. Call 847-382-8433 for further information.

!! ATTENTION ALL !!

Due to an unfortunate incident of 2 300B tubes "disappearing" at Rick Berta's house at the July meeting:

- 1) **ALL ATTENDEES** at any home meeting must sign in with name, address, phone number, and email.
- 2) Visitors accompanied by a paid existing member must sign in as above with \$5 visitor fee.
- 3) Any unaccompanied visitors may join as a new member at the door for \$20 prorated annual fee with all contact info as above.

Rick's 300B tubes were a personal gift to him and he is offering a \$500 reward for their safe return-no questions asked.

AUGUST MEETING RECAP

Jeff Kenton hosted the August meeting at his house on the Fox River. The weather cooperated perfectly by keeping the noisy boats away, but nice enough for an outdoor barbeque. We listened to (and viewed!) the following system:

Infinity Reference 4.5/Krix Lyrix Gold speakers
Bi-Amp with 2 BEL 2001
Sonic Euphoria Passive Pre
Denon 2900 Universal Player
Cambridge Audio Dac
Magic modified Outlaw Home Theater Pre/Processor
JVC D-VHS
Comcast HD-DVR
AMPRO CRT Projector onto 108" screen
Dual turntable

Jeff was particularly interested in attendee's reaction to his tweaked Infinity Reference 4.5's which had been updated with NHT 12" woofers, as well as crossover and diffraction upgrades vs. the Krix Lyrix Gold speakers. While the Krix certainly performed well, the modified large Infinity's seemed to be the consensus favorite filling the large room. We also watched HDTV recordings done on the JVC Digital VHS recorder of a number of WTTW Soundstage performances and with the large, detailed projector, and multi-channel sound. It was a lot of fun. Our condolences to Jeff's wife that most of us liked the "wrong" speaker, and a big thanks for hosting the meeting.

OCTOBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Saturday, October 27th and Sunday, October 28th, **FIELD TRIP MEETING (NOT AT ARLINGTON HEIGHTS)** to Ultimate Audio Video in Deerfield (<http://www.ultimateaudiovideo.citymax.com/page/page/3698484.htm>), hosted by Ron Lapporte. A more detailed email to all members will follow in the next 7-10 days. There will be 2 different 2-hour sessions on Saturday and 2 different 2-hour sessions on Sunday. Each person will **RESERVE ONE SPECIFIC TIME and DATE** as seating is limited to 25 people maximum at each session. Michael Fremer will be on hand to do a turntable/vinyl demonstration. Watch your email for specifics soon!