

Chicago Audio Society Newsletter, November, 2008

Meeting Notice-Sunday, November 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>

NOVEMBER MEETING

We are delighted to have Paul McGowan from PS Audio (www.psaudio.com) return and demonstrate their new Perfect Wave Transport memory player and Perfect Wave DAC. For a full preview of these products please go to the links below:

<http://www.psaudio.com/newsletters/9-08.asp>

<http://www.psaudio.com/newsletters/10-08.asp>

These products utilize both memory for the digital data (only done on a handful of units to date) and the I2S interface to directly send the digital data.

Our thanks to Audio Consultants (www.audioconsultants.com), a PS Audio dealer, and our member Mark Malboeuf for supplying the Magnepan MG 3.6R speakers that will be used for the meeting. Magnepan speakers are one of Paul's top choices to demonstrate with and members have wanted to hear them at a meeting. Well here it is! Also thanks to Bill Sweet for the use of his Herron Audio monoblocks.

Bring your favorite music on CD (and DVD-Audio should be ok). All the elements for a great meeting are in place. All we need is to have you there!

OCTOBER MEETING RECAP

We were pleased to have Dale Pitcher from Intuitive Design --www.intuitiveaudio.com) presenting his Gamma Summit Loudspeakers. Go to: <http://www.intuitiveaudio.com/pdf/IDbrochure.pdf> for additional information. Please read these links for the design approach for these speakers.

Dale has been designing loudspeakers and electronics since the '70s, previously with his own company Essence Loudspeakers before starting Intuitive Design.

Dale was accompanied by his dealer Duane Randleman from Champagne Audio (www.champagneaudio.com) from Champaign, IL.

The following equipment was on hand:

Intuitive Design Gamma Summit Loudspeakers
Aesthetics Calypso Preamp
Wadia 27IX DAC

Wadia Transport (Great Northern Sound mod-thanks to Bill Sweet)

3 (!) different amplifiers!

- Essence Emerald III monoblocks
- Tube Audio Research 400 monoblocks (250 lbs each!)
- Viva Tube monoblocks (25w/channel Class A)

It was not practical to run the tube amps due to warm-up considerations, but the Essence Emerald III amplifiers, also designed by Dale but no longer in production were an excellent match for the speakers.

Most remained throughout the meeting and were treated to excellent sound. The Gamma's filled our 45' x 24' room very well proving that a well designed smaller speaker (relative to the room) can indeed do the job.

Our thanks to Dale for making the trip from Wyoming. Dale has a new speaker which was nearly ready which he considers his finest effort to date (after over 30 years) and has expressed interest in showing it sometime next year. The Gamma is Intuitive Design's least expensive speaker. Next year should something to hear indeed!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH- Off-site meeting at The Edge Home Entertainment, Palatine, IL (<http://www.edgeaudiovideo.com>) featuring reps from Wadia, the Wadia i170, and other good stuff.