

May 2023 Atlanta Audio Club Minutes

The meeting was held in Room 104 at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church on May 21st at 2pm. This was our second meeting of the year at this wonderful facility. We will continue to meet here as long as the church will allow us, the rooms are very nice and there is plenty of parking.

In this meeting members brought in their favorite small, stand mount speakers. We listened to the following speakers using the same audio tracks for each speaker.

Mark Chaffin - Legacy Audio Studio
Chuck Bruce - Von Schweickert VR1
Steve Gooding – Advent/4, ERA 4
Rueben Massey - PMC twenty5
Eric Frederick - Ascend Acoustics Sierra-2
Robbie Hewitt - Boston Acoustics VRM 60's
Paul Tarver - KLH Model Twenty

The conclusion from members in attendance was they all sounded surprisingly good. Sometimes we tend to think that small speakers in general and older speakers from the 60's through the 80's were not very good compared to what's available now. While there were audible differences between the older and new speakers the difference between them was not as great as one might have imagined.

There was not enough time to experiment with optimum positioning for each speaker, so they all were tested in the same location. The deepest bass notes were lacking, but there was still enough bass to make them all very listenable. All it would take to make them full range is the addition of a subwoofer. Speakers tested ranged from the hundreds of dollars to several thousand dollars. The group concluded that a musically satisfying system can be put together without spending a huge amount of money or having a large specially arranged listening room.

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