

On Sunday, September 24, 2023, the monthly meeting of the Atlanta Audio Club was held at an Oak Grove Methodist Church classroom. It ran from 2 pm through about 5 pm. There were over 25 attendees at this meeting. This meeting featured an equipment presentation by Mike Powell, the "OCD HiFi Guy" who does YouTube videos on audio subjects and is also the owner of the 11Stereo.com sales site.

Steve Gooding, president of the club, opened the meeting by reminding folks of an upcoming presentation by Paul Tarver and Dan Wittmayer on early rock and roll. He then introduced our speaker.

Mike re-introduced himself as a local dealer (he was our speaker at the March meeting). He is a YouTube video "blogger," and also sells new and used equipment. This meeting featured the TAD CE1-TX stand mounted speakers that retail for \$35K per pair. These beautifully made Japanese speakers feature an "all-in-one" midrange/tweeter array, and good solid bass for a stand mounted speaker. TAD also makes drivers for other high-end speaker manufacturers. TAD has other speakers in its product line as well, and they also sell electronics.

Mike brought two other pieces of equipment he used to show off the TAD speakers. The equipment Mike brought included:

- Jeff Rowland class D power amplifier. This is made in the US and is rated at 125 watts per channel. It is quite compact for a power amp, and retails for about \$4K.
- Meitner MA3 DAC and streamer, which retails for \$11K. It is made in Canada.
- Mike's custom-made power cables and speaker cables.
- Oppo Universal Player (older model) which was used only as a transport for the Meitner DAC.

Mike had wanted to stream music but was unable to get that to work. So, we used the Oppo and Meitner to play various CD's that Mike had brought and that club members had brought. We listened to a wide variety of music to hear the capabilities of the TAD speakers.

At the end of the meeting, Paul Tarver gave us a preview of what he and Dan will be presenting at our next meeting.

The club sincerely thanks Mike for an excellent presentation and demonstrations. The club also thanks Dan Wittmayer and his assistant David Mansfield for setting up some excellent snacks and drinks.

Appendix:

The club had a meeting on August 12 at the HiFi Buys store in Buckhead, which this secretary was unable to attend. We also had our annual summer party at Bambinelli's Italian restaurant in late August.

Minutes written by Thomas Horner, Secretary, Atlanta Audio Club.