

# Hearing Solutions SIG

## Meeting Notes - February 12, 2015

### TV Listening Devices

Jim Walsh has tried several of the “TV Ears” type devices, but they were flimsy and did not have a balance control (left vs right) function. Since his hearing is very different in each ear, he needs that functionality. He has found several Sennheiser sets and finds them excellent. The one his mother uses looks very similar to TV Ears, has no balance control, and uses infrared for connection which is “line of sight only” . He demonstrated other models that do have the balance control function. He recommended “radio frequency” over infrared, since the infrared signal can be disrupted by your hand when you are eating. RF will carry over into the next room.

<http://en-us.sennheiser.com/headphones-assistive-listening>

<http://www.amazon.com/Sennheiser-SET840-S-Wireless-Assistive-Listening/dp/B002SSHVFE>

Some of these are available through Amazon for very reasonable prices. Sennheiser is a German company, and their products are well made. Jim recommends the 840 S model. It has 3 frequencies and has multiple transmitters at his house, each on a different frequency. By changing the frequency he can switch between TV, music . . . . This has separate functions for compression, treble boost and volume. He switches from the neck loop, which communicates with his hearing aids, to true head phones for a fuller sound for music. He would be happy to have anyone come to his house and try out the system. **512-863-2503** - [jimbojw@suddenlink.net](mailto:jimbojw@suddenlink.net)

## **Sound Hawk**

Ira Dolich presented his Soundhawk Assistive device. It comes with 2 pieces and a case. It has an ear piece that looks much like an ordinary blue tooth ear piece and can be used to connect to your phone. The earpiece alone is a directional microphone, and using the ear piece alone (not connected to phone) battery will last about 9 hours. It also comes with a remote transmitter/microphone that can be placed in front of the TV, on a table in a restaurant, or clipped onto a speaker's shirt. Batteries only last about 2 ½ hours if you are using both the ear piece and the remote microphone or ear piece connected to phone. The “case” will recharge them to double the battery life. You must use a tablet or smart phone to make the adjustments to sound.

<http://www.soundhawk.com/>

<http://www.amazon.com/Soundhawk-Listening-System-Personal-Amplifier/dp/B00P1PKUA4>

Ira discovered this system through an ad in the Wall Street Journal. He has been very pleased so far, but has only had the system for about a week. He did find the remote microphone picked up kitchen sounds 15 feet from the TV and made them so loud he could not use it when dishes were rattling in the kitchen. He offered to have people call him after another week or two to see how he likes it and perhaps come try it. He does not answer the phone, so if you call, leave a message or use email. **512 869-0356**

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