

IN THE CLAIMS

Each claim of the application is set forth below with a parenthetical notation immediately following the claim number indicating the claim status. The Examiner's entry of the claim amendments under Section 1.121 is respectfully requested.

1. (currently amended) An audio system responsive to a source of audio programming, the audio system comprising:

a master amplifier connected to the source of audio programming, the master amplifier providing channelized amplified audio signals at each one of a plurality of channel output connectors;

a signal splitter connected to at least one of the plurality of channel output connectors for splitting the channelized amplified audio signal at a selected one of the plurality of channel output connectors into an audio channel signal and a power signal;

a channel transmit module responsive to the audio channel signal ~~and the power signal~~ for transmitting the audio channel signal;

a power module responsive to the power signal for supplying operating power to the channel transmit module;

a channel receiver responsive to an intended audio channel signal;

a channel amplifier connected to an associated channel receiver for amplifying the intended audio channel signal; and

a sound reproducing device connected to the channel amplifier for aurally reproducing the intended audio channel signal.

2. (previously presented) The audio system of claim 1 the transmit module transmitting the audio channel signal as radio frequency signals or as optical signals.

3. (previously presented) The audio system of claim 1 wherein the signal splitter and the transmit module are enclosed in a single enclosure.

4. (previously presented) The audio system of claim 1 wherein the channelized amplified audio signals from the master amplifier maintain a relative audio level between each one of the channelized amplified audio signals.

5. (currently amended) The audio system of claim 1, further comprising a power module interposed between the signal splitter and the transmit module, the power module comprising:

a transformer responsive to the power signal from the signal splitter;

a rectifier connected to the transformer;

a charging circuit connected to the rectifier, the charging circuit supplying a modified power signal to the transmit module; and

an energy storage device responsive to the modified power signal for supplying power to the charging circuit as needed.

6. (previously presented) The audio system of claim 5 wherein the energy storage device comprises a capacitor, a battery or another energy device for storing energy.

7. (previously presented) The audio system of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of signal splitters, a like plurality of channel transmit modules, a like plurality of channel receivers, a like plurality of channel amplifiers and a like plurality of sound reproducing devices each of the like plurality of channel receivers responsive to a different audio channel signal.

8. – 10. (canceled)