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Subject: Re: part out Valencias & build NorthCreek or Pi? or keep Valencias?

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Funny that your Altecs didn't do well with the Tripath. The Autocostruire (Tripath 2020) and Heathkits make the best-sounding combo I've ever owned. Just for grins, I powered the Heathkits with my garage amp, an old MCS integrated. It had the sort of sound that makes a person say, "So this is why hi-fi guys don't like SS..." I didn't realize Theater 4s were even bigger than the Valencia cabinet. That puts them out of the running, unfortunately... Of course, my biggest audio surprise so far is the very high indeed WAF of the Pioneer CS-99a. They match our sixties-era wood furniture that once belonged to Mrs. Geauga's grandmother. For home theater and CSI in 5.1, they do pretty well. However, I'd like to have a nice pair of front channel speakers to use for serious listening as well as gunshots and explosions. Thanks for your comments, manualblock. Anybody have comments on NorthCreek or have other suggestions for a comparable kit?

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