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Subject: Pipe speaker update

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I fooled around with the pipe speakers a bit... got hooked listening to things like the Pipe Dreams program (organ recitals from all over) and space music like Tangerine Dream. After trimming down the size to about 5 ft each, I spliced another pipe length back in and now have one about 7-8 ft tall. They still have just the Radio Shack 4in driver but they look a bit whacked in the living room here. ;-)

Sound is way interesting though... not even any stuffing in them. The most I ever put in was a light amount about half the length to tame a bit of the echoey effect from voice announcements. But cosmetics is an issue with rascals like these: My idea was to hang curtain material in panels in front of each from the ceiling... some sort of track that can hold curtain hooks. That material would be as sound neutral as possible and try to be a close match with the window draw-curtains (standard apartment variety.) I wonder how these differ from the sonotube(tm) setups where the open end is at the top rather than the bottom (?) They had a bit of a discussion in the Melhuish forum about whether sound was affected by gravity. Terry Cain became a bit colorful and poetic about it. If the link is bad, go through homepage. James has changed some things.

Sample PVC pipe speakers like the ones I made

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