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I enjoyed myself immensely at the Great Plains Audiofest this year. What makes this show so special, and what sets it apart from other shows, is the uncompromised passion of its participants and attendees. There are some commercial interests there, but it doesn't show. Exhibitors that come to GPAF come out of a genuine love for fine audio. We all come out feeling like we've made some new friends too. A few people that I should mention are Akhilesh Bajaj, Melissa McCollum, Derk Pinkerton and my son Michael Parham. They helped a lot getting things ready and setting up signs. Melissa spent a whole (hot) afternoon with me setting up signs one day, as did Derk and Akhilesh, each on separate days. Michael went around after the show and gathered them all up. I also want to thank the staff at the Embassy Suites. When we first approached them about having audio shows, they really didn't know what to make of all this. Now they're getting to know us audiophiles, and getting better with each show. They've asked us for feedback and sent me a questionnaire. So if those of you that were there would like to comment, send me an E-Mail and I'll pass it on. That way they can continue to improve with each show. I can hardly wait until next year! Click photo for larger view