Subject: Re: A lot of ....Questions for Till E
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1. Do I miss my Foreplay? I'm preparing a new brass anodised aluminum chassis plate for it right now. And I have a bigger Hammond Alu box on it's way, 8X12X3. When I took the Foreplay apart, I discovered that one of the filter caps had a cold solder joint. That, plus the very high gain circuit, plus the very sensitive Goldpoints made trouble. Goes to show no matter how careful.....Output impedance of Foreplay is 100kOhms which matches very well with tube amps. Problem is too much gain many times. I'm going to use a stereo Noble pot in the new one.2. When I had the Foreplay /Ella combo I had by-passed the volume control.3. While I was working on Ella, and after the Foreplay debacle, I hooked up the Goldpoint's as a passive volume control for the Paramours. That showed that the Paramours were better than I had thought and also that the Foreplay needed some modification to show them off; the new F-P will have pseudo-dual mono power supply.4. The stock volume control on Ella is what I'm using, an Alps Blue pot. I can't say what it sounds like but it tracks the two channels very well. What I modified was the connection; I didn't like the co-axial mike cable provided so I made my own shielded cable.5. I've never heard the DACT attenuator. Actually, the Goldpoint is so fine, I've never heard it either, in a manner of speaking! For Ella, the DACT will just fit in the stock volume control position but the Goldpoint will not. You will have to make or buy an extension rod and bracket (Wellborne has a kit) and mount the control at the rear. That's right next to the input and a better place, anyway.6. I upgraded the coupling and output caps to Clarity Caps which may turn out to be too bright. I'm debating whether to spring for Audionote copper film in oil. I also installed the optional choke in the power supply. That makes Ella a whole different amplifier. I'll have more to say about that after she has some more hours on.7. Vandough, aren't you a pornstar or something? LOL.Stick around, this is a great board.