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The Great Plains Audio Community met Saturday, January 10 at 2:00pm. It was hosted by Akhilesh Bajaj and his lovely wife, Aprajita. In attendence was Link Alley, Bill Wassilak, Bland Bridenstine, Phil Wilson, Mark Margiotta, Forrest Merrill, me and Alona and of course, Akhilesh and Aprajita Bajaj. Akhilesh and Aprajita made an excellent BBQ chicken and treated us to that and several interesting and tasty side dishes. Thanks Akhilesh and Aprajita!Akhilesh and Aprajita Bajaj, with their youngest son, AadeshI personally had a wonderful time because I was able to just be lazy and enjoy myself. The only thing I brought this time was a dozen Krispy Kreme donuts, so I didn't have a massive set of speakers to lug around. Instead, I was able to hang out with good friends, eat some great food and enjoy Akhilesh's wonderful sound systems.Akhilesh has two primary sound systems, and both get components swapped in and out from time to time. He is a true hobbyist-tinkerer, and doesn't leave his systems setup long. One of his systems uses a pair of Klipschorn speakers, which are usually connected to a push-pull tube amp but sometimes to his Decware Zen SET. The Klipschorns were made in 1978, have been kept in very good condition and are a beautiful example of this speaker model.1978 KlipschornA Decware Zen connected to the Klipschorns was one of the systems we listened to, and it sounded quite nice.Decware Zen, with NAD CD player sourceLink Alley, sitting next to Bill WassilakThe caption on the photo above should read, "You better getcha some horns too!"Akhilesh had recently received a tube amp kit from Antique Electronics, so we all were interested to see the contents. It looks like an excellent kit with good components and PCB quality; It's an impressive little kit for $140.00, and we're all anxious to see and hear it when it is done, perhaps at the next gathering.This meeting certainly had its moments when everyone sat and listened, but for the most part, this was a social event. Everyone seemed in very good spirits, and I think we all just felt like talking with one another. It was really nice to see everyone and visit.Mark Margiotta and Bill WassilakAprajita Bajaj, Alona Parham and Anitesh BajajBill Wassilak and Akhilesh BajajWayne and Alona Parham, with AniteshWhat in the world is Alona doing to Anitesh's arm?Akhilesh is quite fond of single driver speaker systems. He has a pair of 8" Stephens Tru-Sonics drivers and a pair of 12" Tru-Sonics drivers. We measured each of them to find T/S specs, and Akhilesh had cabinets built that are appropriate to the specs. The speakers sound very nice, which I would describe as having a sort of vintage-retro sound.Single driver bass-reflex speaker based on Stephens Tru-Sonic 8" driverDecware Zens and Paramours were alternately hooked to these speakers. Most liked both systems but many felt that the overall tone was better with the Paramours. That seemed unusual to me, since the Stephens driver generates more midbass than midrange overtone energies, having rolled-off response up high. The Zen tends to counter-balance this a little bit, so while I really like both amps, I preferred the Zen with these speakers.Forrest Merrill.....with Link and BillWayne Parham and Akhilesh BajajAadesh, Aprajita, Anitesh and AlonaIt was a really fun time, and I'm sure glad we went. Looks like we wore poor Aadesh out with all our partying, but in truth, he was napping throughout the afternoon and had just woken up. Another excellent meeting. Thanks everyone for coming! And many thanks to Akhilesh and Aprajita for having us!!!