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Subject: Re: Here's something to think about.....  
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A very knowledgeable friend happened to have on hand a highly reviewed and expensive \$2500 retail pre-amp. With Shallco 42 step attenuator, no less! Wanted an opinion on the sound. I said right off the mids, especially the lower mids sounded muffled. We switched around horns and drivers. Same basic character. I had brought along my Foreplay pre-amp. Have to make a short story long.:) This Foreplay was constructed, no, resurrected from my parts box. It has \$2 alpha pots, a mixed bag of resistors and is mostly wired with \$4 for 3 spools Radio Shack wire. It does have Auricap output caps. As well as the High Voltage and filament snubbers. We hooked it up and I kept a poker face. Finally, he turned to me and said, "That Bottlehead thing blows it away!" It was true. Airier, more detail, focused image, etc. The circuit is everything and this circuit, with the snubbers, is genius. Sure wish the power supply on the Paramours was cleaner....

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