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Subject: Bob retires

Posted by [johnnycamp5](#) on Wed, 19 Jul 2017 21:19:55 GMT

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Looks like Bob Brines is calling it quits-

<http://www.diyaudio.com/forums/full-range/310164-bye-sort.html#post5135571>

I always enjoyed his input, even with his loathing of rock & roll

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Subject: Re: Bob retires

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 19 Jul 2017 21:35:57 GMT

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Wow! I consider Bob Brines to be a friend, or at least a very close audio acquaintance and kindred spirit. He has attended almost every GPAF and LSAF show and I saw him there every year. In fact, I just saw him a couple months ago at LSAF 2017. So I'm surprised he didn't say anything!

Then again, I do understand how he feels. When the drivers chosen for a design are coming close to the end of production, it can be very difficult to find suitable replacements. A good loudspeaker design requires dozens and sometimes hundreds of man-hours of development time.

Beyond that, there's the months and years you have to "live with a design" to see it to maturity, and sometimes you find a few little tweaks desirable during this phase in the design life-cycle. So a mature loudspeaker design is really kind of a big deal. It's not easy to start over when you know how long the haul is to get that back.

When you want that kind of quality in a loudspeaker design, it's not something you can just "dial-in" overnight.

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Subject: Re: Bob retires

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Thu, 20 Jul 2017 01:42:50 GMT

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Adios Bob. Keep active if not with speakers then something else. I'm on my 4th career now. At 71 there may still be time for one more.

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