
Subject: Life Was Simpler

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Sat, 01 Jul 2023 01:50:01 GMT

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Hi Everyone...I suspect in one way or another all of us have encountered this problem. (it might go well elsewhere on the site too) When I had only one turntable and one cartridge and one amp and one set of speakers everything was simple. You turn it on and listen to the music. The second turntable complicated matters but not too much as an input selector switch fixed most of the problem. Yes there was some consternation as to which turntable to use but not horrible. Now with 6 turntables, about 10 cartridges, a reel to reel recorder, a CD/Blu-ray, an 3 FM tuners, a Cassette recorder, dedicated PC in the system, more amplifiers and preamplifiers that I can count (likely 20 of the first and 7-10 of the second) at least 5 phono preamps and only 6 main speakers and 3 subs life gets really complicated. Do I want to hear jazz, folk music, rock, vintage tapes, streamingugh. I suspect this is the nature of an addicted audiophile. 8o

Subject: Re: Life Was Simpler

Posted by [Rusty](#) on Sat, 01 Jul 2023 13:25:04 GMT

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You want an expansive, expensive hobby? Watch some of Jay Leno's garage. I've noticed he does some kind of game show now. The obsession must be squeezing the lifestyle he's accustomed to. Over on the Vinyl Engine, you know there's guys that dwarf your collection of gear probably. One in particular. He might be a borderline hoarder. I think he claims over 20 someodd turntables.

Subject: Re: Life Was Simpler

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 01 Jul 2023 17:04:20 GMT

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I love Jay Leno's garage! And all the videos with David Freiburger & his buddies too.

Subject: Re: Life Was Simpler

Posted by [Rusty](#) on Sat, 01 Jul 2023 23:46:29 GMT

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His car collection is incredible. And worth a fortune no doubt. I like his 1938 Tatra T87. The Nazi killer. Guess they liked to open'r up on the Autobahn and the car though far ahead of it's time. Was nonetheless unstable at high speeds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2XyLgv-UQY>

Slow down Schweinehund!

Subject: Re: Life Was Simpler

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 02 Jul 2023 00:43:12 GMT

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Looks kinda like a Tucker, doesn't it?

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Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 02 Jul 2023 00:49:38 GMT

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But back to Bruce's topic - our car stuff wasn't too off-topic but maybe a little - I hear you on the quantity of audio gear. That's definitely a high-quality problem though. Too much is never enough!

For me, since I have several loudspeakers that I take to audio shows, they double-duty as personal gear for various rooms in the house. Or maybe that's their primary function and having various models to take to shows is their double-duty. :)

It's nice to have great systems in several bedrooms and a couple home theater setups. This was especially true when all the kids were here. Now they're grown-up, but the guest room still is useful for a home hifi setup, as is the master bedroom, the office, the living room and the home theater room.

Subject: Re: Life Was Simpler

Posted by [Rusty](#) on Sun, 02 Jul 2023 16:07:57 GMT

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I've kind'a evolved into satiation with my lust for hifi. I have the speakers that fulfilled my ideals. The same with electronics. Especially turntable when I went DD. So I'm content now with it. Sounds great to me. And that was what drove me all along. About the only current collecting I've done is scouring ebay for good reasonably priced vintage phono cartridges, that can be upgraded or preserved with good stylus replacement. About a bakers dozen now.

Subject: Re: Life Was Simpler

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Mon, 03 Jul 2023 02:02:00 GMT

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Hi Everyone, my main system has been pretty stable for about 2 years now. Empire 598/Jelco370/Goldring 1042...DIY DD/Jelco370/Grado Sonata II, Akai R-R, NAK cassette, OPPO 83SE, passive preamp, 4 Oddblocks, Martin Logan ESLs, Altec Lansing 30 cm subs and a Behringer crossover (and yeah...everyone should have some). A PC does the digital chores. So I guess I'm fairly content with the set up. I occasionally ponder what to upgrade but nothing comes to mind. My spouse suggests that when nothing coming to my mind there might be other issues. :roll:

Subject: Re: Life Was Simpler

Posted by [Shane](#) on Thu, 06 Jul 2023 22:12:45 GMT

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Yep. We just moved into our final home (I hope). I have a tiny room for all my guitars and amps, which is another money pit, as well as the audio stuff. All I have is low end equipment and I'm ready to sell nearly all of it off. I have a set of Art Arrays I need to drop, a NAD C320Bee amp with matching tuner, Carver 900 receiver and sonic holography unit, Sansui Au719 amp, old CD player yamaha or something, etc..... I want to start over with an all tube rig and a SS rig and be done. I have several tube preamp projects (aikido and Clarinet) with parts that need finished, two tube amps with parts that need done (ST-25 and EL34 Baby Huey), a MyRef Freman amp and another chip amp, another guitar amp (6F6), etc... I have most of the parts for all of these, just never get around to building them because I'm not sure where I'd put em. Uggh...

Subject: Re: Life Was Simpler

Posted by [Adam-Jones](#) on Fri, 07 Jul 2023 01:19:55 GMT

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less hectic, less demanding, or less burdened by modern challenges

Subject: Re: Life Was Simpler

Posted by [Madison](#) on Sat, 08 Jul 2023 02:13:28 GMT

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I had amassed a large collection of vinyls and A/V equipment. I finally realized that it was just taking up space, because no one has time to listen to countless records through countless configurations of equipment. I was afraid that some things would ruin before I could even use them, so I started culling what I hadn't used or listened to in over a year. It was a tough process, but I feel like I went from a collector of A/V media and gear to an active user and appreciator again.

Don't you ever feel like it's just too much stuff?

Subject: Re: Life Was Simpler

Posted by [Strum Drum](#) on Mon, 07 Aug 2023 00:45:14 GMT

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I can't speak for everyone, Madison, but I tend to keep equipment around because each one sounds a little different from the others or offers a feature that the others don't have. It's worth it to me, despite living in a small space.

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Posted by [johnnycamp5](#) on Mon, 14 Aug 2023 22:21:48 GMT

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@StrumDrum I believe you and Madison can be right at the same time.
Its partly the conundrum Gofar speaks of.
Same problem for me with collecting gear. But I am more of a loudspeaker freak so the collection can be even more space challenging!
And I can't rightly justify storing all these loudspeakers like Wayne can lololol.

Subject: Re: Life Was Simpler

Posted by [Airforce 3](#) on Thu, 17 Aug 2023 19:45:22 GMT

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I collect music more than I do the equipment to play it all on. My wide array of choices is the only complication I have compiled in the audio world.

The other side of the addicted audiophile. 8o
