
Subject: Great Plains Audiofest - April 29, 30 and May 1, 2005
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 09 Mar 2005 23:36:49 GMT
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The Great Plains Audiofest will be held in the Embassy Suites hotel in Tulsa on April 29, 30 and May 1st. This is the beginning of an annual event to be held the first weekend in May every year. Check www.GreatPlainsAudiofest.com for announcements, exhibitors and events. We'll be setting up that website and adding information soon. Embassy Suites Tulsa Atrium View There is no registration cost for exhibitors and no admission price for attendees. If you plan to show your gear, just show up and setup. I would suggest that you bring a tasteful sign to place near your door, and maybe some smaller signs to identify your gear. Dealers and manufacturers may want to bring brochures to pass out to attendees. Or you can just setup and let the sound speak for itself. We encourage DIY hobbyists to display their gear too, even if they are just there for fun. That's what this show is all about. Your relationship is entirely between you and the hotel; We're basically just all agreeing to meet in Tulsa the first weekend in May. The hotel knows that we intend to show our audio equipment and has agreed to provide us with a group discount. So be sure to let them know you're attending the GPAF event. If you make reservations by phone, dial 1-800-EMBASSY (800-362-2779) and tell them you are coming to the Great Plains Audiofest. If you register online, enter "GPA" in the conference/group field as shown below: Right now, they're setting us up in their database, so the discounted rate isn't available until this weekend. Registration will begin then. If we have more than 50 rooms, then the hotel has agreed to allow us the use of one of their meetings rooms for seminars, if anyone wants to have one. I think that is an attractive way to do it, since we'll probably have this kind of turnout. Guest room Meeting room This is an excellent opportunity to connect with people in this part of the country. There has never been an event like this here, and there really aren't many dealers of high end audio within driving range. So people from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas that are intested in high fidelity have had to glean what they could from magazines and internet sites. This show will allow people in this area to experience some of the systems available, and will allow exhibitors to connect with them. Mark Margiotta frmo the Tulsa Audio club has graciously agreed to write a press release, so attendance can be expected from the general public. Certainly many of the regulars will be here, and it is always good to visit with friends and acquaintences in the industry and active DIY hobbyists. But we can expect attendees from outside our circles too, those that may have never even heard of a tube amplifier, horn loudspeaker or a high end turntable before. This should be an interesting event, and I am really looking forward to it.

Subject: Re: Great Plains Audiofest - April 29, 30 and May 1, 2005
Posted by [DRCope](#) on Thu, 10 Mar 2005 02:01:09 GMT
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Yeaaaahhhhhh, baby! THIS is the way to do an audio show. Announce it and they will come. Personally, I weighed attending the Primedia HE Show in NYC (2 hour drive) vs the GPAF, (24 hr drive) and GPAF won. MAF was great in '03; I missed the '04 Rocky Mountain show for a silly reason - my honeymoon! I'm really looking forward to this. I'll start training for the 24 hour drive immediately if not sooner. And trial selection and gear fitting in my Volvo 240 wagon will

commence right after I get it a checkup. 3,200 miles round-trip on a 190,000 mile car calls for an ounce of prevention. I've got a lot of fun stuff in mind, mostly Audio Note, no surprise, but at least two kits among them, a DIY FR speaker and (hopefully) a scratch-built 2A3 amp featuring AN OPTs and interstage transformers. If it looks like it won't all fit, I may have to ship some goodies to Tulsa Audio Club members in advance. Wouldn't that just suck!

Subject: Re: Great Plains Audiofest - April 29, 30 and May 1, 2005

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 10 Mar 2005 03:35:36 GMT

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I'm really anxious to see that 2A3. A friend of mine in Hawaii likes using Audio Note transformers in custom built amps. I like the 2A3 because it sounds nice and has that cool blue glow. You're putting them together in a package that I'm very eager to see. I hope it works out, and if so, maybe you'll make the design available on the Group Build forum.

Subject: Nice Facility

Posted by [FredT](#) on Fri, 11 Mar 2005 14:06:37 GMT

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Looks like they're all two room suites; great for showing audio gear without having to move beds, etc. Wayne, at some point before the event could you provide a description of the living rooms (dimensions and layout) to help participants decide how their gear would fit, where listeners might sit, etc. This information will be critical to me in deciding whether to bring speakers, amp, etc., or just myself.

Subject: Re: Nice Facility

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 12 Mar 2005 04:20:20 GMT

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All the guest rooms are at least two-rooms suites, and that is one of the reasons this particular hotel was chosen. Even their basic suites are suitable for demoing. The front area is separate from the bedroom area, which has a door and can be closed off or can be used as a second display area. As with any hotels, the acoustics aren't perfect but these rooms are comparable with the average home listening room, with furniture and carpeting that tames reflections. The walls, ceiling and floor are solid except for the wall where the front door is - That wall is much less solid. The hotel has an atrium area and the front wall isn't shared with another guest room, so acoustic isolation probably wasn't as much a consideration for the front wall nearest the atrium. The layouts of each of the rooms is shown below.

Subject: Outstanding!
Posted by [FredT](#) on Sat, 12 Mar 2005 12:57:15 GMT
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Outstanding! Couldn't ask for better. Thanks for providing this information.

Subject: Re: Outstanding!
Posted by [Rick Craig](#) on Wed, 16 Mar 2005 19:35:11 GMT
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Fred,What speakers will you be bringing?Rick

Subject: Speakers to GPAF
Posted by [FredT](#) on Wed, 16 Mar 2005 21:40:30 GMT
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I'll be bringing some DIY speakers; the XT8's will not be completed and broken in by then, and they'll be too big and heavy to fit in the back of my Ford Ranger compact truck. Maybe next year.

Subject: Re: Speakers to GPAF
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 22 Mar 2005 05:20:32 GMT
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Beautiful gear, Fred! If you don't mind, I'll put these on the "photos" page.
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Subject: Re: Speakers to GPAF
Posted by [FredT](#) on Tue, 22 Mar 2005 12:43:56 GMT
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I'll take some higher quality photos and let you know when I have posted them on my site. The lighting is really bad in these.
