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Subject: Thanksgiving gave Steve and I time to spend another great day together at the bench

Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Sun, 26 Nov 2006 17:10:49 GMT

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I brought the new base for the 45 amp and my tools to Steves. While I transferred the 45 from the temp base to the new one he wired his version of the same circuit. There was actual conversation while we worked, so rare in this mostly solitary hobby! Steve used damper diodes and a few other twists on his as well as a very spiffy contemporary-looking base. Of course it also features a neat layout. He's on a road trip today but I imagine he'll have some comments on the design. Mine is playing beautifully right now and I'm thrilled with the outcome Steve helped me to achieve. These are some of the quietest tube amps you'll ever hear and we're looking forward to comparing them to Colin's Yamamoto in a few weeks.

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Subject: Re: Thanksgiving gave Steve and I time to spend another great day together at the bench

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 26 Nov 2006 18:04:11 GMT

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Wow! Both look great! Love Steve's base and yours too! Your top plate is the one you had powder coated recently, right?

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Subject: Re: Thanksgiving gave Steve and I time to spend another great day together at the bench

Posted by [MWG](#) on Mon, 27 Nov 2006 03:18:50 GMT

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Those are two stunning amps Bill. I'd sure love to hear something like that someday. They are something to be really proud of. I hope you get years of enjoyment from it.

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Subject: Re: Thanksgiving gave Steve and I time to spend another great day together at the bench

Posted by [Matts](#) on Thu, 30 Nov 2006 15:28:08 GMT

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Both look very nice! Bet they sound great. Are you using 3 psu chokes cause of splitting into a dual mono configuration?

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Subject: Re: Thanksgiving gave Steve and I time to spend another great day together at the bench

Posted by [SteveBrown](#) on Fri, 01 Dec 2006 01:01:23 GMT

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There are only two PS chokes, one for each channel. The other item you see is a filament transformer. And yes, dual mono power supplies.

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Subject: Re: Thanksgiving gave Steve and I time to spend another great day together at the bench

Posted by [Matts\\_](#) on Fri, 01 Dec 2006 15:23:30 GMT

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cool- thx. Both are excellent looking work- I have iron to make these amps and haven't got around to it....real work keeps interfering.

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Subject: Nicely done.

Posted by [Poindexter](#) on Thu, 07 Dec 2006 15:42:03 GMT

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Where did you get the tube socket mounting rings? Are those from Chung? Aloha, Poinz

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Subject: Re: The tube mounts are from Forstner

Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Fri, 08 Dec 2006 22:31:53 GMT

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Steve's pretty good with a drill press, don't you think?

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Subject: Re: CCS's?

Posted by [Matts](#) on Wed, 13 Dec 2006 21:48:07 GMT

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which current sources did you guys use on the drivers?

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Subject: Re: CCS's?

Posted by [SteveBrown](#) on Fri, 15 Dec 2006 13:27:45 GMT

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Used a simple one stage MOSFET on Bills, but on mine I used a couple of Gary Pimm's super-duper Rev 5 self-biased ones. I've got a couple more of those nearly complete to put into Bill's amp. These help ramp up the voltage a bit more slowly which is nice, especially since Bill used SS rectification on his amp.

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Subject: Re: thanks

Posted by [Matts](#) on Sun, 17 Dec 2006 18:29:41 GMT

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I've never really looked closely at those, but will check them out. This is turning into a 2007 project for me...

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