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Subject: Hello World!

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 21 Mar 2001 06:28:06 GMT

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Welcome to the Pi Speakers Open Forum. As the name suggests - it's an open form. What that means is that you're free to discuss any subjects that you want. The forum's primary purpose is to be a "sounding board" for owners, users and builders of Pi speakers, but there will be little moderation of content, other than what is provided by general forum rules. What I mean by this is that while we're here to discuss your best options for building, buying or using Pi speakers, you are free to talk about other speaker designs, amplifiers and system components, tube vs. transistor technologies, or even camshaft selections for your car. Just enjoy yourselves and share a few of your thoughts. Maybe someone else will give you something new to think about along the way!

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Subject: Re: Hello World!

Posted by [Stephæn](#) on Wed, 21 Mar 2001 22:49:54 GMT

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Hi Wayne, Welcome to the forum. We appreciate your support. Stephæn  
General Forum Moderatoræ

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Subject: Hello and welcome! <nt>

Posted by [Deaf Ear](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2001 00:37:59 GMT

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Subject: Re: Hello from the east!

Posted by [Stan C.](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2001 02:31:59 GMT

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Hi Wayne, Things are moving very quickly in a positive way. Congratulation to this forum. While you must be busy responding to all kinds of thread, don't forget about my four Pi and one Pi? Yes, I am the one from the east! Cheers, Stanley

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Subject: Hello from Korea.

Posted by [Wendell](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2001 02:54:33 GMT

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I have been reading with interest your posts on the hi-eff. bulletin board. Keep up the good work and good luck.

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Subject: Re: Hello World!

Posted by [RBP](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2001 03:15:56 GMT

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Cool deal! With my new 2A3 Amplifiers, high efficiency is the goal. The very best I have achieved were Klipschorn bottoms made from 1 1/4" particleboard, coated with 34 LBS of Clear RTV. I loaded them with Gauss 15" using a 2226H cone assembly mated with Gausses' Motor and voice coil. Tricky converting the cones. The TAD Mids were driving some 300 hZ mid horns (Fiberglass and thick) and the electrovoice T-350. I hand wound all my crossover inductors and resistors!. The capacitors were Sidereal. These gave me 105.5 dB (1w1m) and a 3 dB down point at 29hZ. I have currently some very old Magnavox 20 watt alnico 15" that I would love to implement. They give a solid 102dB 1W1M and these are the good ones. I have some 350hZ mid horns, One University tweeter. All I need is mid drivers, and a good pair of tweeters. FS on the Magnavox (a'la CTS) are 38hZ. I do plan to give these drivers a shot....But I also have a speakerlab Mid driver laying around as well. Hope to be an active member of this forum.

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Subject: BTW

Posted by [RBP](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2001 03:21:56 GMT

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I am 6 miles inside the Arkansas Boarder off I-40. I may come on over and say hi soon. I have a full Mastering facility so if you need anything....Holler!!

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Subject: Re: Hello from the east!  
Posted by [Wayne\\_Parham](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2001 04:17:58 GMT  
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We got parts today. I'll write more in private, but just wanted to let you know.

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Subject: Re: Hello from Korea.  
Posted by [Wayne\\_Parham](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2001 04:33:26 GMT  
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Thanks!

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Subject: Thanks! <nt>  
Posted by [Wayne\\_Parham](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2001 04:35:15 GMT  
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Subject: Neighbors!  
Posted by [Wayne\\_Parham](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2001 05:00:34 GMT  
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That's only about 2 hours away!

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Subject: Re: Neighbors!  
Posted by [RBP](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2001 05:42:24 GMT  
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Let's stay in touch...my email (direct link) is on this post.BillPS. Love CTS/Motorola tweets... will tell more later.....

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Subject: Re: Neighbors!

Posted by [Wayne\\_Parham](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2001 07:32:17 GMT

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OK, write when time permits!

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Subject: Cool! (nt)

Posted by [RBP](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2001 07:57:16 GMT

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Subject: Re: This CTS?

Posted by [Crazy Dave](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2001 20:57:51 GMT

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Is this the CTS that you are refering to?

CTS

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Subject: Greetings from Canada...

Posted by [jsalve](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2001 21:56:29 GMT

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Congratulations on your new forum. I just found out about this forum today, I've been too busy inhaling saw dust the past few days. I made a few screw ups but I am almost done, maybe one more day. I also took some pictures and will post these when everything's done. I just received a confirmation today, my TAD's were shipped already and I should be getting it in approximately 5 days. Regards, Jeff

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Subject: Pizza and beer.

Posted by [RBP](#) on Fri, 23 Mar 2001 01:08:30 GMT

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CTS use to be in Paducah (sp?) Kentucky. Central telephone Service is the old school name. Looks like now they have shifted gears and into miniature electronics and Piezo drivers. In 1972 I got my first McGee radio company (Kansas City Mo.) catalog. It was loaded with closeout drivers of all types. I was a kid in a candy store. One very memorable product was a 15" woofer (CTS) and a compression horn and crossover with the mounting board. All cut out and ready to enclose for \$19.95!!!!. The caption stated "Entire speaker system...Cheaper than a Pizza and beer!" Those were THE good old days. I would die for an old McGee catalog.....for nostalgia purposes from 1972-1976

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Subject: The MIGHTY TAD MAN!!!!

Posted by [Wayne\\_Parham](#) on Fri, 23 Mar 2001 01:49:43 GMT

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Good to see you here!

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Subject: McGee

Posted by [Wayne\\_Parham](#) on Fri, 23 Mar 2001 02:01:02 GMT

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I remember McGee in KC! They put out a catalog of electronics odd-and-ends. Good memories!

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Subject: Killer! (Some more nostalgia...One last time..Long)

Posted by [RBP](#) on Fri, 23 Mar 2001 10:39:54 GMT

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Another one was the Maximus 1 woofer. I just could not scrape up 12 bux for it. It was a 3" woofer

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that had an alnico magnet that must have been 4" deep. looked like a flashlightCalrad horns. Bought tons of themThey claimed the motorola super horn as the "best". "Don't worry about a crossover on this one....as it adjust itself to whatever woofer you are going to use. Takes it about 2 hours" My Dad bought a CB/8track/AM/FM Car stereo there with the CB controller built into the microphone. In 72, I was 13 years old. I would mow ALL DAY...Just so I could order a single woofer. My favorite was an 8" Utah with an alnico magnet, and 2" voice coil for 5.95. FS was rated at 22hZ. After 2 years the foam surround would just dissolve. They thought I was nuts when I ordered 100 3" cone tweeters. I used them in some Huge line arrays... 80 inches tall, 25 tweeters in two rows in each cabinet. I wanted "big" highs. They were the killer 3/4" voice coil CTS Phenolic ring radiators...(Yello Phenolic ring around the viscious damped cone) Funny thing, the woofers were 12" fender lead guitar speakers, (Tuned to 45hZ) and the line arrays. In 1974, I got a Buddy that was dating my Sister to take those (and me) to a Local Hi Fi shop in Pensacola. This one sold Mid Fi..(Sansui/Pioneer/Garrard,Cerwin Vega) I asked them if I could bring in my speakers to check out some receivers, or Amps.They said "Sure kid". Well when we arrived at the back door, their eyes were as big as saucers. When we hooked them up, a customer offered my 2K for them...and I built the Klipschorns, and Bought a McIntosh 2105, Dyna PAS3, and a Garrard Zero 100...with M91ED.That was the second pair of homemade speakers I "accidently" sold in their shop. At another Shop...I walked in while my Dad went to a model airplane shop..(Dropped me off)and looked around for 20 mins...did not get greeted. I saw the McIntosh. Next week...I went in (had 1300.00 cash in my pocket) and looked around some more. I walked around for 15 mins, and spotted the JBL L200's. I knew the grills were removable...so when I went to peek inside..the velcro when zzziiiipppp. That got their attention..and the Guy came in from the other room...and said...WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE! Get out...scram...don't come back! My Dad asked me upon picking me up..."Well...where is your amp?" For the first time in my life...like an adult I said to him. "Well Pop...not from that Fucking place". He looked at me and said...."well I guess you can order one". (never said anything about the expletive). Guess he was still in the mode from talking model Airplanes. The next weekend (16 years old) I drove 350 miles to Atlanta (by myself) and walked into the Mac dealer, and asked if I could see the 2105. He said sure!....What albums do you like...I said...well I will spare you the audition....Let's just write it up! We stayed in touch for years...and I bet the other HiFi shop lost over 40 grand from me, and possibly over 200 grand from all my "rich buddies" over the years. Shows how treating a Kid...Future customer...can be very rewarding. Those assholes just did not have the brains to realize that even a 15/16 year old kid (back then) would be treated legally as a full blown adult in 2/3 years. Well....sorry for the belly full...but my mind is especially sharp on those old times. I swear I remember just how some of that equipment sounded ...to this day. The McGee catalog would surely bring back more memories. Those were the Days....

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Subject: Re: Killer! (Some more nastalgia...One last time..Long)

Posted by [Paul C.](#) on Thu, 03 May 2001 17:36:52 GMT

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As far as computers... I punched cards and ran them on an IBM 1620. I think it must have had about 16 bytes of RAM... My favorite electronics catalog, of all time, the Dick Smith Electronics catalog. He was kind of like Radio Shack Down Under. This cat was from Australia, and would pull

advertising stunts like jumping a double decker bus over a row of motorcycles. Another time he charted a jet to fly over the South Pole. Scattered in his catalog were some excellent Asian kits, all sorts of little projects. But the killer stuff... he had an ad for a Koatanga universal car antenna... it was really a coat hanger. Or a very heavy duty fuse, you just cut to length and it was blow proof... with a picture of a 16 d nail. Hah! I wonder if anyone actually bought the coathanger antenna or nail fuse? But it was very entertaining just to read.

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