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Subject: I'm baaack!

Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Wed, 16 Apr 2008 04:53:54 GMT

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Thanks to Ron, Pete and Dave, truly great friends, I'm now comfortably domiciled in the Great Smoky Mountains in a liddle house in the woods and back on-line. My house marks the end of "old Asheville" on my road as you can see by the houses across the way as viewed from my porch. \$\$\$ have come to town in a big way. No matter where you look, you are surrounded by mountains with names like Pisgah, Chestnut Top, Flat Iron and, of course, Mount Mitchell, tallest peak east of the Rockies. The 11 1/2X17 front room is proving an acoustic challenge with it's heart pine floors and knotty pine plank paneling; too much treble and not enough bass. Even the ceiling is a negative as it's those old acoustic tiles dropped down to 90". I've been moving around my Owens-Corning panels and rolls of R-13 as well as re-positioning the speakers almost daily. This is the best so far but still not good enough: I wouldn't have the R-13 by the window but Muse needs a perch and loves the warmth of the plastic! Ultimately, when we have a little warmer weather, I'll build and mount several of the panels on stands and place them to block the window for serious listening. Meanwhile, I'm just enjoying casual listening to CDs and studying maps of hiking trails. My daughter looks 'swell', (ha!) now in her third trimester which also has me hatching plans to shamelessly spoil my soon to arrive granddaughter. Life is good!

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Subject: Re: I'm baaack!

Posted by [bmar](#) on Wed, 16 Apr 2008 06:24:44 GMT

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Great to see you settled in. Good luck with the new place Bill.

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Subject: Re: I'm baaack!

Posted by [SteveBrown](#) on Wed, 16 Apr 2008 10:26:53 GMT

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Bill, it looks great! What a nice place, congratulations, and I know it's nice being closer to your family, too. I'm sure you'll get the room dialed in eventually.

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Subject: Re: I'm baaack!

Posted by [spkrman57](#) on Wed, 16 Apr 2008 13:54:06 GMT

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Bill, Glad to see you are unpacked and "back in action" again! The living room definitely looks different than when I saw it last! Don't forget your suspended floor is killing your bass response. Time for the sand boxes again, along with a sand bag on top of the speaker cabinet will help some. Build a carpeted walkway across the front window for Muse!!! Regards, Ron

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Subject: Re: I'm baaack!

Posted by [mary-jo](#) on Wed, 16 Apr 2008 22:44:30 GMT

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Looks great! Love the view and the stone walk in the front. You've got it great now. You are gonna love being a grandpa. Spoil her rotten, that's what you're supposed to do! I know you will figure out the sound eventually. Just try to leave a little perch for Muse to see out the window and watch the birds. Miss you. Mary-Jo

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Subject: Re: I'm baaack!

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 16 Apr 2008 23:20:11 GMT

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That's awesome, Bill! Beautiful scenery, nice little house! I'm so happy for you! When you get a second, drop me an E-mail with your phone number and best time to call. I'd like to chit-chat.

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Subject: Re: I'm baaack!

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 16 Apr 2008 23:23:16 GMT

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Good to see you here too, Bill M. I've missed you a lot, and I think everyone else has too.

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Subject: Re: I'm baaack!

Posted by [bmar](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2008 05:26:25 GMT

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Well, I've missed you and this place too. I hope everyone has been well and working on great sounding projects. I see your still after the old radio's too.

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Subject: Re: I'm baaack!  
Posted by [Bob Brines](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2008 13:27:23 GMT  
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Brings back memories. I lived up in Beaver Dam Valley north of town back of the fire house from 1978-88. Beautiful place to live as long as you have a really good job or pension.Bob

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Subject: Re: I'm baaack!  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2008 21:08:35 GMT  
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I haven't bought any tube radios in a while but I've helped a couple friends fix theirs. I have plenty of tube radios, so I try not to let myself get tempted into buying another. Any chance you could come to LSAF?

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Subject: Re: I'm baaack!  
Posted by [bmar](#) on Sat, 19 Apr 2008 05:27:06 GMT  
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No, Can't be there. That's a pretty big weekend for me with prior commitments. It looks to be a great time. Audio shows are the best aren't they? I haven't been to Dallas 14 years either, what a great city.

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Subject: Re: I hope you're not tired of Smoky Mountain stuff?  
Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Tue, 22 Apr 2008 01:38:25 GMT  
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Drove up Route 151 today to the 5000 ft peak next to the much taller Pisgah. Actually got out of the truck and huffed 'n puffed my way up to a 'lookout'. What's most impressive? Is it the view? Naaah, just a mountain.Is it the road that winds up switchback-after-switchback to the top? Unh-unh.It's the Rhododendrons!!! After trees, the most plentiful vegetation on those mountains, just growing wild, 10 and fifteen feet tall in unending ranks.Can't wait for May to see the blooms.

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Subject: Re: I'm baaack!

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Posted by [Barry K](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 01:12:10 GMT

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Hey Bill, Great house in a fantastic location. Ashville is Hot even when it's cold. The Smoky Mountains Rock!

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