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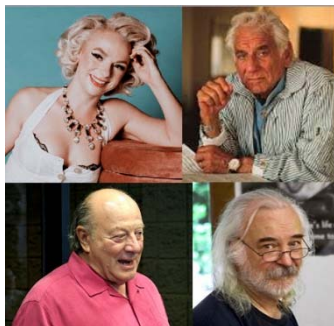
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Paul Righello

Hi AZAV Club,

I hope everyone is enjoying our lovely summer weather! We had a great call with Mr. John Curl last Wednesday. John was quite informative and straight to the point; no mystique here. Some key takeaways I got out of the call were: John's emphasis on the first 10 watts being the most important, super low distortion is not necessary, and headroom matters. Many of you joined us, but for those who missed the call I will be placing a recording of it on our club YouTube channel. Please check it out when you get a chance.

Reminder; we have two upcoming events:

1) August 19th - Sean Casey of Zu Audio at 7pm.

2) Aug 22nd - Leo Ayzenshtat of Orchard Audio at 3pm. The mono blocks are making their way around the club for in home demos. Please contact me if you wish to try them out.

P.S. We are still seeking articles for the newsletter. If you have some time, please consider putting pen to paper and sharing your audio related knowledge with your fellow club members. You can submit whatever you have to any of our club officers.

Take care,

Paul Righello

August Zoom Meeting Details:

Topic: Interview with Sean Casey of Zu Audio

Time: Aug 19, 2020 07:00 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

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Sincerely,

Paul

MEMBER ARTICLES

Joe Goswami

Emerson, Lake, and Palmer – My Own Take

“Will you know how the seed is sown?”

It was on the day of my Birth December 15th, 1969 when The Nice (Keith Emerson’s Band) and King Crimson (Greg Lake) said let’s bail and put a Power Trio together at the Fillmore East in NYC. But they needed a Drummer that could keep up with Emerson. Enter Carl Palmer (The Crazy World of Arthur Brown).

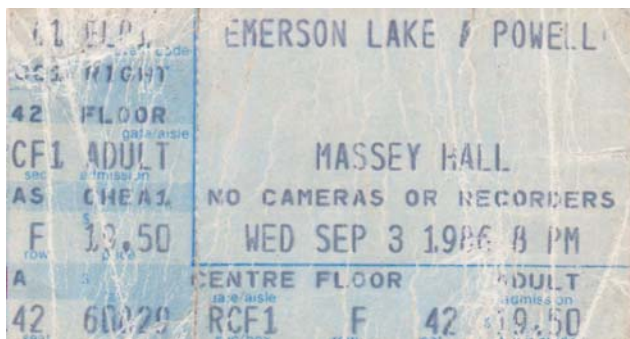
“See the Show”

September 3rd, 1986 – Massey Hall, Toronto, Ontario and my musical path changed forever. I knew a bit of Yes, Genesis, Pink Floyd, Tangerine Dream, and of course Rush. I borrowed a copy of Trilogy from the Library to prepare for this show. I had never heard of ELP !

Then I saw this Guy with all these Keyboards and a Macintosh Computer (we were 4 rows in front of KE’s side of the stage). I’d never heard or seen anything like that straight/sober (I’d smoked Pot for the first time in my life at a Neil Young Concert a year before – my 1st ever Rock Concert). While I was not familiar with most of the material, I was hooked. We stayed for the first Encore and then the House lights went up and we left. As we were outside Massey Hall, we heard what many over the years have referred to as “The Clarion Peel” intro to *Fanfare for the Common Man*. We “ran like hell” (Pink Floyd reference) and were let back into the building just by flashing our ticket stubs. Now I am in front of Keith Emerson standing while he literally takes a Hammond L100 and sticks Knives into the Keys and throws it on top of his body pretending to play Dead, heaves it up a few times, and proceeds to play Flight of the Bumble Bee with the Keys upside down! Once he gets the Beast upright again, he continues to play but I don’t remember what song.

We went back to Hamilton, Ontario and could not believe what we’d just witnessed that night. ELP has been my “Gateway Drug” into all things Jazz & Classical.

That was Emerson, Lake, & Powell (Rainbow & Black Sabbath). I’d s seen Emerson, Lake, & Palmer live on three separate occasions after that at various Venues in Toronto.



Emerson Plays Emerson”

Then in 2004, Keith Emerson came to the Starland Ballroom in Sayreville, NJ – May 20th, 2004. This was during Moogfest in NYC and the Keith Emerson Band decided to do a one off gig nearby. I found out through our “Rock and Roll” Doctor at work in NJ who actually has a Ph.D in Electrical Engineering from Columbia University. We went to the “Bsellroom” and damn there were a lot of Gray Hairs waiting outside. We got there early and found myself in front of Keith

Emerson yet again (but this time spitting distance – I didn’t spit at him – who would). He was also promoting his “Pictures of an Exhibitionist” Biography which I’d read cover-to-cover already. Lots of storytelling in between songs and big Modular Moog lovingly went Batshit Crazy during a couple of Songs. Not to fret, his Keyboard Tech Will Alexander came out with a big screwdriver and fixed it. KE even put an overzealous Heckler in place while was storytelling and interjected “I know what it was like when I drank my first Beer too”.



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No Organs
were abused
that night. No
knives were
thrown either.
We all were
not expecting
it anyways. I
let the lady

take these pictures from my viewpoint (cause we
Prog Rockers are always polite you know).

Why Progressive Rock?

During the 1980's, music on the radio was pure
Shyte. Confession time (my opinion and by no
means The Club's). I don't like Prince and along
with my friends in High School considered him a
cheap fake rip-off of Jimi Hendrix and Little
Richard (his R&RHof performance was horrible
during the Jam Session of While My Guitar
Gently Weeps). I never liked the “New Wave”
music of the time and the Simmons Drum Kit
along with the Linn Drum Machine (samples
provided by Jim Keltner) were all over the radio.



Most of the “Classic Rock” Artists had passed their expiration date and were releasing mediocre to crap releases.

Then a friend lent me in the 10th Grade: Seconds Out, Fragile, Dark Side of The Moon, Meddle, Foxtrot, Encore, and Cyclone. Music didn't suck anymore.

Each month I will focus on my favorite Progressive Rock Acts from the 60's & 70's only.

Cheers,
Joe

LAST MONTH'S MEETING RECAP

Paul Righello

Below you will find the playlist from our Member Music Night. We had a great evening and got to share some of our beloved tracks with each other. These events are my favorite because one gets exposure to new music and camaraderie.

We also got to demo a pair of Orchard Audio amps which are now making their rounds in the club. Again, if anyone has an interest in trying them out please let me know.

Our humble system comprised a Sony Blu-Ray player with I2S output to a PS Audio Directstream dac (all courtesy of Joe), Orchard Audio mono-blocks, and a pair of Tekton Design Lore Reference speakers. Cabling was AudioQuest balanced interconnects and KnuKonceptz speaker cables. All in all, it worked out well and filled the room nicely.

PlayList:

Order	Media	Artists	Track	Album
1	CD	REM	Losing My Religion	Out of Time
2	CD	David Grusin	Power Wave	Night Lines
3	CD	KD Lang	Save Me	Ingenuie
4	ALAC rip from CD	Hugh Jackman	From Now On	The Greatest Showman
5	Needle Drop to Hi Res	Pink Floyd	Out of These Days	???
6	ALAC rip from CD	London Philharmonic	Another Brick in the Wall	US & Them, Symphonic Pink Floyd
7	CD	Crowded House	Don't Dream Its Over	Crowded House
8	CD	Thelma Houston & Pressure Cooker	I've Got the Music In Me	I've Got the Music In Me
9	ALAC rip from CD	Greta Van Fleet	Age of Man	Anthem of the Peaceful Army
10	Digital File - ???	Yes	Cover of Simon & Garfunkel	???
11	FLAC - 96kHz/24bit	Tool	Fear Inoculum	Fear Inoculum
12	ALAC rip from CD	Thompson Twins	Hold Me Now	Best of the Thompson Twins
13	Wav rip from CD	Rush	Count Down	???
14	CD	Bryan Adams	Run to You	Icon
15	CD	Glenn Miller Orchestra	Chattanooga Choo Choo	In the Digital Mood
16	ALAC rip from CD	Deadmau5	Closer	Album Title Goes Here

DEALER'S AREA

Dealers Corner

Jeff Kalina

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Acoustic Designs Group -- <https://www.adgroupaz.com/>

Dedicated Audio -- <https://www.dedicatedaudio.com/>

USA Tube Audio -- <https://www.usatubeaudio.com/>

LMC Entertainment -- <https://www.lmche.com/>

Woolson Audio -- <https://www.woolsonaudio.com/>

Arizona HiFi -- <http://tubeaudio.com/>

Audio Video Excellence -- <https://www.audiovideoexcellence.com/index.html>

Big Ear Stereo -- <https://bigearstereo.com/>

VINYL:

Record High in Phoenix -- <https://www.facebook.com/Record-High-in-Phoenix-225931417539924/>

In Groove Records -- <https://www.theingroove.com/>

REPAIR WORK:

James Koch

james@highendrepair.com

Audio Doctor

<http://www.audiodoctor.biz/>

Cornell Smith- McIntosh, Authorized Repairman

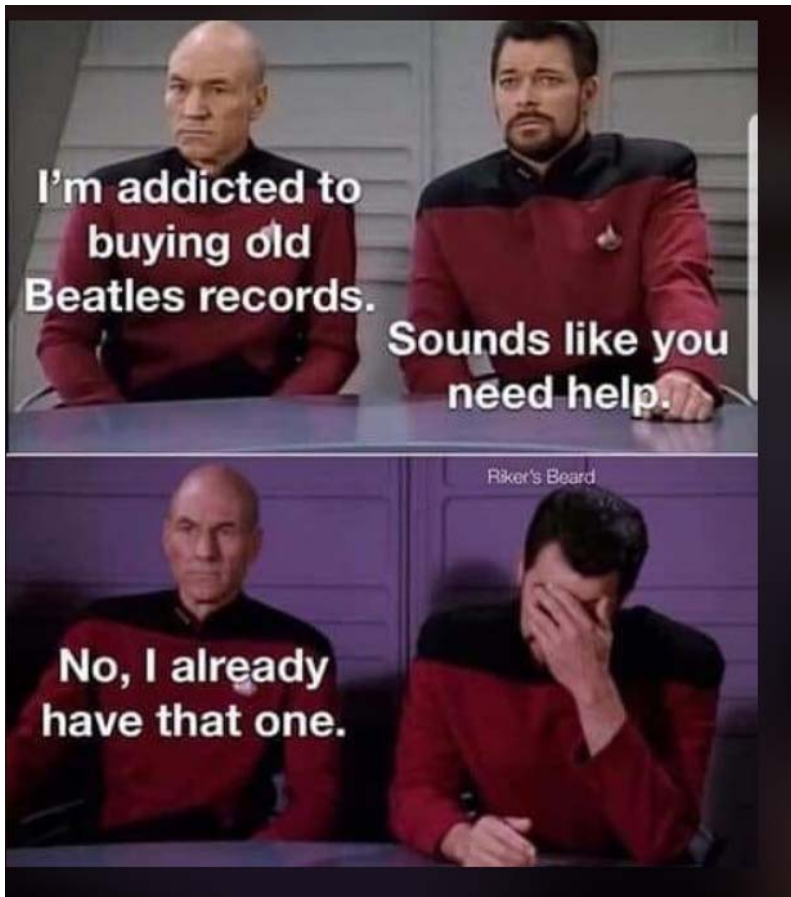
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SUNDRY STUFF

Don't know if everybody subscribes to the PS Audio newsletter "Copper Magazine", <https://www.psaudio.com/copper-magazine/> but they have some interesting stuff in there. Issue 117 has an article titled "Ten Great Guitar Solos" which I enjoyed quite a bit, and discovered some new artists.

HUMOR

Roy Cook goes out and finds this silly stuff.



An elderly physician, Doctor Geezer, became very bored in retirement and decided to re-open a medical clinic.

He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's clinic:
Get your treatment for \$500 - if not cured, get back \$1,000."

Doctor Young, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

Dr. Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: 'Aaagh! -- This is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young, very annoyed, goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr. Young: "I have lost my memory. I cannot remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Oh, no you don't -- that's Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young (now having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything!"

Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so here's your \$1000 back" (giving him a \$10 bill).

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$10!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of story --

Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an old Geezer.



Little known, interesting facts

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'. .and thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S.Treasury (although maybe not recently with all the money being printed during the coronavirus).

Men can read smaller Print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was Originally green.

It is impossible to lick Your elbow.

The State with the Highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

The cost of raising A medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$ 16,400

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. In any given Hour: 61,000 (and again not during the coronavirus pandemic)

Intelligent people Have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever Written on a typewriter, Tom Sawyer.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!