

DEC FEST 2021 - OCT 1, 2, 3rd.

Our usual attendance each year is 75 to 95 people over the three days. The event starts on Friday at noon, and lasts until Sunday at noon, however if needed we can accommodate you until 5 p.m.

This year we expect to have an unusually high attendance. For that reason we have capped the registration at 150. We have limited space on site, so we have arranged for parking that is right around the corner from us, and we will be providing shuttle service on the hour starting Friday at noon.



Parking is located near the orange pin on the map: Grays Pro-Storage located at 1355 Spring Bay Rd, East Peoria.

Decware contact number if needed: 309.648.9074 Use if you need directions, if you have brought equipment you need to unload before parking your vehicle, or if you have a situation where you can't wait until the next hourly shuttle runs.

FOOD and DRINK - the LIVE BROADCAST.

As always, free beverages and food will be provided during the event. If it's not raining there will be a nice bond fire each night.

I can tell you for those lucky enough to be around in the evening on Friday and Saturday after dark, you will hear some memorable stuff. That's always when the sound goes from good to great so it's a big thrill to be able to share that with you each year at Decfest.

The event will also be broadcast live until it is over on Sunday afternoon or possibly later. You can look for the link to the broadcast on our website about a week before the fest. Temps range from 50's to 80's and rain is about 40% chance on average at every fest, so if you plan to camp on the yard or at the camp site a mile down the road, dress accordingly.

COVID19

As you know last year we had to cancel our fest because of Covid 19 and the lockdown our state ordered at that time. This year with the State having 75% of occupants vaccinated which is more than any other state, we are in a more relaxed phase of caution and are allowed to have our event.

We will have a more spread out fest this year to promote safety and enjoyment. Rather than have everyone crammed into our main listening room and shop area at the same time which is also very noisy as a result, we will have the following spaces for people to chill while they are here:

- A) The Decware Listening Room
- B) A second 12 x 20 listening shed outdoors that will be a lot of fun!
- C) Steve's wood shop with a pair of Tiny Tots and music streaming 24/7 good for about 6 or 7 people at a time.
- D) The assembly room, where our amplifiers are built. There will be background music in this space and give another 10 people or so, a place to congregate.
- E) There will be several outdoor seating spaces including the bonfire area where you can relax and chat with friends.

COVID19 MASKS

Masks will not be required at Decfest 2021, however we respect everyones freedom of choice and you should feel free to wear one if you so chose. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the location.

We will also have a large supply of free high quality face masks if needed. Although they are not required at the fest, surrounding stores and restaurants may still require you have one. We would hate to violate any state orders when grabbing something to eat or making a beer run :)

We're all grown ups and know how to protect ourselves and the risks involved so no one is going to ask if you've been vaccinated or had CoVid19 while you're here. We have enough room to social distance if needed and good sanitation in a state statistically less problematic than any other because of the vaccination rate.

THINGS TO LISTEN TO

This year you will want to experience some of the newer offerings like the hardwood Caintuck Audio Open Baffles, the Lii Audio Reference Speakers, The Decware Zen Tiny Tots, The new HR2's, a concept pair of DM945's that are in a seriously high end cabinet of larger size taking this bookshelf speaker to floor standing performance similar to the DNA2, which is also something you will want to spend time with this year as it is a stable reference throughout the

years and will be for some time to come. We also have some exotic Lii Audio 6 inch drivers in our Decware Corners Horns that are sure to blow your mind a bit, and the ZF15L baffles are a must listen. In amplifiers, we have the new TORII JRv2, the new TORII MK5, and the 25th Anniversary Zen Triode Amplifier, and Zen Mystery Amp along with the SE84UFO2 and others. Also there will be the TABOO MK4 with ZMF and LCD headphones to listen to for those headphone lovers out there.

We will also be introducing a new division of Decware called High Fidelity Sound Labs dedicated to bringing you Analogue Master Tapes of the kind of music many of us are looking for on tape like Charlie Hunter, and similarly gifted artists. So you will want to hear perhaps both the digital masters which only I have, and the Master Tapes to experience what that's like.

There will also be a display for our Tiny Radials. So popular we had to make a separate web site for them: www.decwaretinyradials.com

The sources this year will be the HOLO Audio MAY Kitsune edition DAC feeding the ZTPRE sending music to the amplifiers in fully differential balanced mode and being converted at the amplifier to RCA by our transformer coupled ZBIT device.

We are also developing new signature speaker wire and interconnects that will be used in the main listening room on certain combinations. It's the first new cable in nearly 20 years, so that tells you how good what we have really is.... Anyway it's something special to hear so watch for it.

We will have our DENON DCD-3520 CD player on hand for anyone wanting to hear their own CD's.

Otherwise we will stream whatever you want to hear on Qobuz or Tidal.

This year there will be too much traffic to play vinyl so I will likely be removing the tonearm from my table during the event, but we will try to compensate by playing analog tape on demand as much as possible because it is a lot harder to break.

UFO ENCOUNTERS :)

We have a crystal scalar amplifier, a one of a kind designed and built by Steve, on a 15 cycle output to harass evil spirits so if any UFO's do appear during this fest like they did in past events you'll know they are friendlies. If you don't know about that you can watch the following playlist on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/nQCOYM-GviM>

God Bless, and stay safe. Decware and Decfest are an escape from the stresses of every day life, so while the world melts down around us during the fest, lets take this opportunity to rejuvenate ourselves by escaping the politics and media frenzy in exchange for some quality social bonding around our common love for audio.

Thanks and look forward to seeing lots of new faces and familiar ones as well. Stay safe and look forward to seeing you in October!

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