Subject: '72 SC-150

Posted by oldnavycdr on Sat, 24 Mar 2018 20:45:50 GMT

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I want to give a shout out to Yontz, the owner and tech at Mad Science Works in Raleigh, NC. Yontz did a full scrub on this amp -- changed out the power cord, removed the death cap, cleaned all the pots and internals, re-capped, and fixed a short between the speaker output and the trem-vib control that was causing very weak vibrato. I was also worried about the reverb seeming to crash too easily. He found the tank very serviceable noting that while a a new tank was fairly cheap, it wouldn't sound the same. Sure the springs are sagging a bit but he raised the tone issue and I let it be. The amp sounds so much cleaner, the trem-vib is spot on, and there is another 40 years left in this cascade nauga sound machine! Now, I have to clean the grill cloth. I left the amp parked at a buddy's and "somehow" a beer seems to have exploded in front of the amp spotting the grill cloth with that obvious "woops". I'll try the windex/tooth brush approach. Not inclined to pull out the 4-10's and amp to do the car wash thing. BTW, Mad Science Works is co-located with a recording studio. Yontz said the guys were drooling all over it remembering back in the day and trying it out. Perhaps that is just drool on the grill cloth? Any other spot cleaning suggestions for the cloth would be appreciated.

Damn this thing is heavy! I still can't believe I loaded the big ones in cars, trucks, trailers and hauled them to gigs without the slightest concern. Now, this "little" SC is breaking my back. Oh, to be young again...

Subject: Re: '72 SC-150

Posted by stevem on Sun, 25 Mar 2018 10:35:37 GMT

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Good to hear it's out of the OR Doc and sounding top notch also! Lol, heavy? Tell that to us die hard's who still cart around a 3-15" Bass cabinet ( or 2!) enjoy Doc!

Subject: Re: '72 SC-150

Posted by oldnavycdr on Sun, 25 Mar 2018 13:24:26 GMT

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No kidding! Those cabinets are beasts! We used to haul around Sunns, Fenders Showman, Kustom PA, a Vox organ, leslie, and my twin cabinet Kustom K200. And we would do it like it was nothing. Thinking back we might have benefited from a dolly or two! Had to have a wall of sound in those days. But it was awesome!

Subject: Re: '72 SC-150

Posted by oren hudson on Mon, 26 Mar 2018 03:14:14 GMT

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Subject: Re: '72 SC-150

Posted by oldnavycdr on Mon, 26 Mar 2018 15:46:17 GMT

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Yes, I do! Hey Oren, I noticed your location in Gastonia and wanted to give you a shout out. Then I looked at my own info and noticed that I had not updated anything since moving here to Sanford in'09. That might explain why a guy from Arlington VA would take his amp to Raleigh, NC. Wrong location, wrong email address. Fixed now. I would have missed that without your post so thanks!

Subject: Re: '72 SC-150

Posted by carlc on Mon, 26 Mar 2018 20:44:11 GMT

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Hey oldnavycdr, Yeah, I thought you were in VA too. From fellow bubblehead Carl

Subject: Re: '72 SC-150

Posted by oren hudson on Tue, 27 Mar 2018 03:06:23 GMT

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Glad that I jogged your memory. I have a niece-in-law in Sanford and yeah, Raleigh is a lot closer to Sanford than Arlington!

I'm guessing by your signature you're a Navy guy. My father-in-law retired from the Nave twice. Once as a CPO and once as a civilian employee diver. The main reason that my wife was born in Hawaii.