Subject: Group peace and harmony. Posted by Kim on Tue, 06 May 2008 01:50:54 GMT

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OK, are you relaxed? ;o)

Here's the plan.

We're all going to chill for a bit. I've had a few emails from a few people, and I think we all acknowledge that the group has been lacking decorum as well as On Topic posts.

So unfortunately I'm gonna get all moderator on you all. Later today the groups will be renamed as discussed to make it clearer where you can and cannot post certain things. This will hopefully clear any off topic debates and tension from the main group at least. Furthermore, I plan to start deleting or moving posts or threads for a short time as appropriate, and it's not impossible that I will look, at least temporarily, at asking or forcing certain people to refrain.

In a recent email with Chuck he commented to me that he never wanted to be a moderator. I'm much the same, and I think the spirit of the group has always been that we sort out our own issues amongst ourselves without a moderator. I think this has worked well in creating a group of people who are open and honest with each other, but recently we've struggled with a lot of this stuff.

I'm also half pondering creation of a Paris NG usage policy of some sort, which gives a guide to decorum and approach which is expected. That's just food for thought at the moment.

Right now however I just want to ask that everybody chill out. Resist that temptation to post back your witty retort to whoever you thought was out of line. Let it sit for a bit.

What's more important to me right now than anything is getting some positive input into the group, and I think we have heard enough of the arguments for a bit. So I'll ask you all, for a couple of days at least:

- (\*) If it's an argument, just let it go. I don't care if your comment is arguably warranted. What's warranted more is some peace and harmony in the group.
- (\*) Think of something On Topic to post. New music software or plug info. An instrument you're planning to buy. Whatever.

Later today I hope to clear off some of these messy threads and we can pretend it never happened for a bit. Let's see the group become a little more of a community again. If there's one thing everybody agrees on it's that there's too much discord, so let's simply avoid it for a bit.

I'll rename the groups, and we'll look at some kind of guide to group behaviour perhaps.

Cheers, Kim.