
Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/06/06 16:46

How about it? I don't have any particular venue in mind right now, but depending on how many people are interested I'm sure we could find one for a jam session, or something. Open to suggestions!

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by 0BSRVR - 2013/06/07 00:55

Depending on when you want to do it, I might make the trip from Phoenix. I'm always looking for a reason to go out there.

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by peoplemuver - 2013/06/07 03:02

Cool I am def down ! I live in San Francisco.

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by edison - 2013/06/07 03:12

i'd be there!...
that would be fun...
just getting a new OT tomorrow...

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by wolfgang - 2013/06/07 05:19

I'm down to! (sf)

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by Finite - 2013/06/07 09:29

I'm interested too! B)

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/06/07 18:50

OK, that's good that I am not the only one :laugh:

I wasn't sure based on the map of Elektron users. I'll start thinking what could be organized in the next few weeks, and where...as most of you are in SF I'm wondering if we should do something with Robot_Speaks in the Haight.

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by Finite - 2013/06/08 02:35

Robotspeak no longer carries Elektron they dropped the brand a while back. The owner is a great guy and he might be willing to rent us time at his shop for a workshop.

What are you guys looking to get out of the meetup and are you willing to bring any of your gear to the event? Do any of you have or know of a studio that can fit 4-6 ppl comfortably?

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/06/11 13:31

I'm going to look for venues this week. If Robot Speak isn't an option then another possibility is renting a rehearsal room at Guitar Center, or there's a few art galleries here in Oakland that are muso-friendly. I'm thinking about bringing my OT or A4, possibly both.

As for what's involved, I'm thinking a mix of sharing tricks and tips, performance or jam session if people are into that, and a social dimension, which may involve :beer:

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by jdn - 2013/06/11 16:55

I'm down -- I live in Berkeley.

I also have a friend who lives in SF who is also an Elektron head that might be interested.

-JD

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by Atlas5 - 2013/06/11 22:31

I am living in Walnut Creek, CA. Would love to take the boyz (A4, MD, MM) out for a road trip.

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by astronout - 2013/06/12 03:38

Count me in as well. I live in Pacifica.

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by SeanPrice - 2013/06/14 04:10

I live in Oakland-count me in

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by Atlas5 - 2013/06/14 14:16

sounds like on the right weekend we be 15 or so strong.

Question is where and when?

Atlas5

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by mwetschl - 2013/06/14 14:45

Hey, I'm down in Menlo Park but I would drive up for sure.

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/06/14 18:02

Yikes, this is turning into quite a lot of people! I was thinking the end of the month but I am revising my plans for the venue based on the numbers. Hopefully I'll have a couple of possibilities by the weekend...

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/06/15 13:37

So, with 12-15 people interested I was thinking that Robot Speaks might not be the ideal venue given the small size and other factors (I don't think that he had a very good relationship with the Elektron distributor...). I know two other people who don't read/post here regularly who would probably come too.

Anyway, one possibility is that the Guitar Center in Emeryville has rehearsal rooms and they're not very expensive, like large rooms start at \$36 for a 2 hour rental, and they have a PA as well as drum kits, amps, mics and so on (sampling session anyone?!), as well as free room recording for any jam sessions. So if a bunch of us threw in \$5 each, we could have the place for a long afternoon, and after that there's bars and places to eat within walking distance.

There's also plenty of parking around there, and for those who take public transport there's a free shuttle buss that runs from the Macarthur BART station about every 15 minutes and takes only about 10 minutes. So I'm going to go check it out tomorrow and if they're not lying about the room being a decent size I could just book it with my credit card during the week. My only sticking point (and it's not a very big one) is that I don't think the rooms come with a table so it might mean balancing your box in your lap or setting up on the floor. I think it's OK to bring in bottled water or whatever as long as the room doesn't get trashed, I'll check.

Does this sound like a good idea? I'm not the biggest fan of Guitar Center but this seems like an easy way for people to do some performance/ show'n'tell/ jam sessions without technical hassles or pissing off other customers in a social setting like a coffee shop.

I'm definitely open to other suggestions, as I'm not an expert organizer and I hadn't anticipated so many people to respond. When I first suggested it I was thinking of just having a barbecue party followed by a synth jam in my backyard while my wife went to visit a friend or something :lol:

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by Atlas5 - 2013/06/15 14:10

I think this is a great idea. I've been to this Guitar Center and visited the rooms you speak of.

I'd gladly pay \$5 to \$10 for a night out with fellow Elektron owners.

I am pretty booked up for June, July would be better for me.

I would bring the A4, MnM, MD.

This sounds like fun, sorry but I am getting excited, so excited!:woohoo:

I could most likely bring in a table or two from work, which is near by.

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by mwetschl - 2013/06/15 16:28

Hey, I think splitting a rehearsal room at Guitar Center would be great, especially for ease of use for the first go. I would still check with Robotspeak, I know he doesn't deal with Elektron anymore but he's a pretty reasonable guy and I'm sure always game to rent out his space for the right price...it would be a bit snug but he has all of the equipment we need to plug in a bunch of stuff. In fact, I was just up there for a show recently and I'll give him a call to see if he's game. In the future I would consider hosting but I'm just getting settled into my place down here.

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by astronaut - 2013/06/16 01:06

I work at Avid in Daly City. There is a small studio there. It could probably accomodate no more that 10 people. Good sound. Nice Pro Tools setup for recording if we want to. And it would be free.

Just thought I'd offer that up if Guitar Center or Robot Speak doesn't work out.

-M

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/06/17 09:54

So I went by there yesterday, the large room is not that large (because it has a drum kit and several amps in it!) but it would be OK for 10-15 people if we just moved the mic stands into the corners. There are some chains, and there's a drum riser so it's comfy enough. It's OK to bring a folding table or something. The sound isolation is pretty good; as well as drums, amps and mics, there's a 16 channel Yamaha MG mixer which will be easy to plug into. I should have taken a couple of pictures but I didn't think of it.

I presume a weekend day is best for most people? Right now the weekends are best in fact because there are a lot of lessons during the weekdays. Also, evenings are busier than afternoons, so I'm thinking maybe 2-6 pm. We could book for 3-4 hours on Saturday 29 of June. Saturday's better than Sunday, there's no shuttle bus service on Sunday. How does that work for people?

Here's a map. There's a great and cheap food court in the same building right next to GC, with a big variety of local food vendors rather than chains.

I'm also thinking to bring a bunch of audio & MIDI cables - I don't have vast #s but I could bring 3 or 4 of each.

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by Finite - 2013/06/19 02:29

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/06/19 05:37

Too bad :-/

So, does Guitar Center on 6/29 work for people then?

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by astronaut - 2013/06/19 06:16

6/29 works for me.

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by Finite - 2013/06/19 10:24

6/29 should work for me. B)

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/06/19 16:24

OK, I'll head over to GC tomorrow. If we're unlucky and Saturday has been booked up in the meantime I'll go for the following Saturday, 6 July.

Oh Finite, thanks for putting yourself out there to talk to Robot Speaks, appreciate your effort even though he said no.

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/06/21 13:03

OK guys, got held up for a day but we're booked - save the date:

When: Saturday June 29, 2-6pm

Where: Guitar Center Studios, Emeryville

Map! It looks like GC studios is a different part of the building from the store. It isn't, the entrance doors are side by side, just enter and turn to the right. We are in a large room at the end of the corridor, I'm told.

If you're taking public transit, go to Macarthur BART station. Walk straight out of the station (there's only one exit) and you'll come to some bus stops for the Emeryville Go-Round. It's a free shuttle bus that runs every 15 minutes or so. Website. You want the Shellmound-Powell Line, which is the purple route. you'll get off at Stop #8 - There's a guitar

Center on one side and an Amtrak station on the other, you can't miss it.

The room is booked for 4 hours, under my name, Edward On-Robinson. So the total cost is \$72. I'm anticipating that we're 12 people which works out at \$6 each, but please bring \$10 just in case we come up a few people short on the day :blush:

It would be great if you could drop me a line to let me know you're coming - anigbrowl at gmail, and put 'Elektron User Meet' in the subject. Thank you! I'll send out my phone # (don't want to publish it to the kitchen sales people) but my phone got damaged and is a bit janky so email is more reliable.

I will bring an OT and A4, as well as a few sets of MIDI and audio cables, headphones, and a power strip. I suggest people bring 1 machine, a stereo audio and a MIDI cable, and of course a power supply. Headphones might be a good idea too, I will bring a couple of pairs. Please be very careful with your stuff as neither I nor Guitar Center can be responsible if you forget something or pick up the wrong PSU! I forgot to ask them about drinks/snacks, but I guess they would prefer not - so I suggest only bring bottled water into the studio space and then we can go eat or get a drink later.

I haven't really worked out how best to divide up the time yet, and don't want to over-think it. But I'm thinking something like...

2 - 2:30 - meet and greet, chit-chat as we drift in

2:30 - 3:30 Be Hector for a day! Not everyone knows every Elektron machine, so maybe a quick demo of each machine for people who've never used/heard it, answer basic questions

3:30 - 4 pm troubleshooting, help each other figure out weird features/ sync problems/ studio headaches

4 - 5 short show & tell, perform a new track or some neat trick you found or even some bug you discovered

5-5:45 a few group jam sessions...or something...

5:45 wrap up, safety check that everyone has all their stuff they came with

Hope this doesn't sound like some big agenda, I'm just thinking about how we can use the time so everyone gets the most out of it, I'm sure it'll just take care of itself on the day. finally I'm cross-posting this to the Elektron Lounge forum so nobody misses it, but discussion should stay in this thread so we don't mess up the forum more than it already is :laugh:

Looking forward to see everyone!

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/06/24 16:40

Bump for confirmations!

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by Finite - 2013/06/25 02:25

Count me in.

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by isaac.anthony - 2013/06/25 16:07

hey Ya'll

Wish I would have seen this thread sooner, haven't been in producing mode lately.

Anyway...

I am opening a venue in Oakland called Riddim, and I would love to host in the future.

I own a monomachine, I have had a machinedrum in the past, but I'm more comfortable with my MPC2500.

I will try to make this meetup, but I have an event that night, so will probably be pretty busy taking care of business.

If any of you know the people/person to contact for the bay area modular meetup, I'd love to talk to them too. Riddim is a strictly EDM venue, with an incredible Turbosound system, can't wait to hear some hardware moving those speakers!

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/06/25 16:26

Oh hey Isaac! Check your gmail account, good to hear from you again.

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by isaac.anthony - 2013/06/26 03:46

Hey Edward, good to hear from you, let me know how the meeting goes?

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/06/26 05:55

Will do!

However...I've only had 2 confirmations so far. Could other people let me know if they're in our out by Wednesday? It's OK if you can't make it, things happen.

But if we don't have enough peeps (like 7), then I'd rather cancel the Guitar Center reservation while we have time to do so, and instead host a smaller meet at my place. I'm close to BART and have a house with a decent size yard, so the back up plan is an Elektron BBQ - next weekend is supposed to be sunny and I have a grill.

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by Finite - 2013/06/27 08:02

I'd like to firm up my plans for this up and coming weekend. Currently I've got the bulk of Saturday dedicated to this event. I'm willing to pay up to \$20 to rent the space.

If meeting up at Guitar Center is out of the question, I'm still down to BBQ. ANIGBROWL, did you want to BBQ this weekend in place of GC or did you want to push this meetup back by 1 week?

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by jdn - 2013/06/27 08:53

I'm in, either weekend or venue.

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Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by 0BSRVR - 2013/06/27 09:25

I can't make it this weekend.

Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/06/27 16:10

OK, looks like we're not so many - only 3 right now! - because 1 couple of people who were coming got pulled out for work too :S but they're local so it's OK to come by some other time ;)

So I'm going to cancel with GC in the morning and everyone else is invited to BBQ at my place, followed by random techno noodling :laugh: I thought about moving it to the following week but that's a long weekend for 4 July and people are more likely to have family stuff already arranged.

I'll shoot out an email with my address and stuff in it, because I don't want to put my home address/phone up here on the forum.

So Finite, send me an email - anigbrowl ~at~ gmail ~dot~ com

And if anyone wasn't sure or saw this late or whatever, you're welcome to come, just send me email as above. Still on for Saturday 29 June, come over about 2-3pm until whenever. I'll cook up some food, so just bring some beer or whatever. Also, let me know in advance if you have dietary issues, like you're vegetarian or don't eat pork.

One more thing, I have a bunch of cats - 10 in fact. They'll probably run and hide from strangers but if you have allergies you might want to take a pill before you come over. I've had bad hay fever this spring so if anyone starts sneezing I can take care of you. There is no double-meaning to any of this BTW, I really do have 10 cats!

Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/07/06 15:35

Well, it wound up being a bit smaller than we anticipated, due to people being affected by work & illness - just 3 of us, with 2 OTs, an A4, and MD. But after some tasty barbeque and beer (thanks guys!), we connected the machines together and ran them into a mixer....

...and here is the result: a 2 hour minimal house jam, with 2 of us playing on different Elektron machines for the firrst time (Chris on A4, and me on MD). This is a mono mp3; out raw sounds were almost all mono and we left everything panned to the middle. The only post processing is removal of a couple of super-loud peaks and then gentle multiband limiting. It's quite pleasant listening!

:cheer: Download from Google Docs - no sign-in required :cheer:

I was going to put it on SoundCloud, but at 2 hours it's really too long for that platform, The file is about 260mb.

Enjoy!

Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by HouseWarez - 2013/07/06 15:56

See we are trying to do that down here in LA but people are very shy or something. Glad you guys had a good time. Our first meet will be tomorrow evening.

Re:Bay Area Elektron meet

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/07/06 16:00

Good luck and a good times! Don't forget to record the results :)

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