
sdmay19-11: MIDI Zeusaphone (Singing Tesla Coil)

Week Report 16

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Client/Advisor

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Team Members

Gunnar Andrews — *Webmaster*

Leo Freier — *Interrupter and Micro Controller Lead*

Luke Heilman — *Technical Architect*

William Brandt — *Pulse Width Modulation Expert*

Greg Harmon — *Tesla Coil Construction Expert*

Jacob Feddersen — *Communications Specialist*

Summary of Progress this Report

- Built initial PCB layouts
 - Built low-voltage prototype tesla coil
 - Simplified keyboard options
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Past Period Accomplishments

- Built initial PCB layouts - Leo
 - Updated ModelSim circuit diagrams and ported the power provider and transmitter circuits to Ultiboard with
 - Had to research sizing and build a custom footprint to create the layouts
- Built low-voltage prototype tesla coil - Jake and Luke
 - We have sparks and music from entirely our own circuit design and construction - Yay!
 - Implemented circuit using components we ordered, as well as parts scavenged from class kits
 - Created a prototype gate driver transformer - final version will need some tuning
 - Limitations
 - 60V max input voltage (from voltage sources)
 - Using voltage generators instead of our own transformers and regulators
- Finding Keyboard Options - Gunnar
 - Realized the issue of having a keyboard that is USB powered
 - Started compiling options for keyboards (to be finalized next week asap)
- Sketched out API design - Gunnar
 - Sketched out ideal locations for things on the final API
 - To be finalized next week

Pending Issues

Nothing to report

Plans for Upcoming Reporting Period

- Finalize keyboard purchase
- Finalize API design and start importing libraries for final design

- Start case designs for the raspberry pi/transmitter circuit and the tesla coil module
- Complete other PCB layouts as much as possible
- Ask Lee Harker to review the designed layouts
- Ask Lee Harker for advice on machine shop options for tesla coil construction
- Order parts for h-bridge.

Individual Contributions

Team Member	Contribution	Reporting Period Hours	Total Hours
Gunnar Andrews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Started researching / working with pitch modulation ● Worked with options for keyboards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ USB powered issues ○ Pitch bending options and octave switches ○ # of keys ● Started designing final API look 	7	115
Leo Freier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Built initial PCB layout designs ● Updated MultiSim circuit designs ● Helped test prototype coil 	8	115
Luke Heilman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Refined parts lists for the PCBs ● Created low voltage coil circuit with Jake ● Researched and created test circuit for gate drive transformer tuning 	11.25	144
William Brandt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Research bridge circuits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most time spent on half bridge ● Discussed alternative parts with Greg ● Designed schematic for bridge circuit 	12	107
Greg Harmon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Theory of SSTC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advantage of SSTC over others ○ Disadvantage over others. ● Source Power parts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MOSFET ○ Capacitors ○ Circuit Protection 	18	127
Jacob Feddersen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Researched bridge components w/ Greg ● Built low voltage, prototype tesla coil circuit using mini coil from break 	9	171.75

Gitlab Activity Summary

None to report