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Welcome Fred Schafer to our Office – As many of you know, Stewart



Acoustical Consultants has worked closely with Fred Schafer on projects involving sound systems for over 25 years. In fact Fred has also assisted with the room acoustics on several projects including the Squires Recital Hall at Virginia Tech. We are very pleased to announce that Fred has relocated his office from Concord to the Triangle and moved into our office. This signals an even closer working relationship with Fred and his firm, F. C. Schafer Consulting. Having Fred physically located with us will allow us to expand our services and work more efficiently.

Fred Schafer has been involved in operating, designing, and installing sound systems since 1966. His early experience was operating the sound system for the Saratoga Performing Arts Center during summers of his college years. After earning a BS in Audiology and Speech Pathology from Ithaca College, he served with distinction as an instructor in the US Army Medical Field

Service School, writing a number of lesson plans in audiology and noise control. In 1973, he joined Ford Audio and Acoustics, Inc. of Oklahoma City as their first chief of systems design creating an in-house design department capable of all aspects of acoustical and electro-acoustical design. Ford grew to become one of the country's largest audio systems contractors. In 1980, Fred moved to Charlotte as Vice-President of an audio design and contracting firm, and then founded F. C. Schafer Consulting as an independent consulting practice in 1983. In the early 1990's, he spent a sabbatical exploring again his early interest in medical sciences, then again joined Ford Audio briefly to supervise installation of the initial sound system for the Charlotte NFL stadium. He then re-established F. C. Schafer Consulting but continued to manage the operation of the sound system for Carolina Panthers games until recently. During his tenure there he made improvements to the system that led to work improving audio systems at other NFL stadiums. Fred is a member of the Audio Engineering Society and the Acoustical Society of America and a former chair of the North Carolina Chapter of ASA. F. C. Schafer Consulting is a Member Firm of the National Council of Acoustical Consultants.