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Lime Rock Park's wintertime once-per-week interweb heads-up for all you Automotive Ethernauts out there. It's not rocket surgery...

BTW, next week's Issue XLVIII will be the last of this season's MMFs; the Pirelli World Challenge/SCCA Pro Formula 4/Sunday Royals Car Show [Memorial Day weekend season-opener](#) is just six weeks away...

This just in: Santino "Sandy" Ferrucci is a 17-year-old-American-racing-star-on-the-rise. He's from nearby Woodbury, Conn. In Europe, Ferrucci has been on everybody's radar as he's risen through the junior open-wheel ranks. In his "early" teens, one of his mentors was, and is, [Simon Kirkby](#), the director of the Lime Rock Drivers Club. Ferrucci has already had plenty of laps at Lime Rock, as one would surmise... As most F1 fans know, there hasn't been an American driver in Grand Prix racing in about a decade, and the last American to win the championship was almost 40 years ago (Mario Andretti). Well, it was just announced that [Ferrucci has landed a test-driving role](#) for America's brand-new Grand Prix team, Haas F1. Congratulations to Santino and his Dad Mike, and a wink and a nod to Simon. A couple years down the road, this American F1 thing could get pretty exciting...

What the Heck is going on Out There?

This Persian-language Facebook video, in a matter of just a few days, has 38 million+ views -- and growing. What's going on? It's video racing game footage of "Obama's limo drifting at Lime Rock Park" -- in reverse. Now, we know many people are fooled by the astounding graphics of state-of-the-art racing games -- MMF even got two phone calls on Wednesday asking, "When did this happen at Lime Rock? -- but, really? Regardless of the Middle East's fascination with Barack's bass-ackwards Caddy, it is fun to watch.



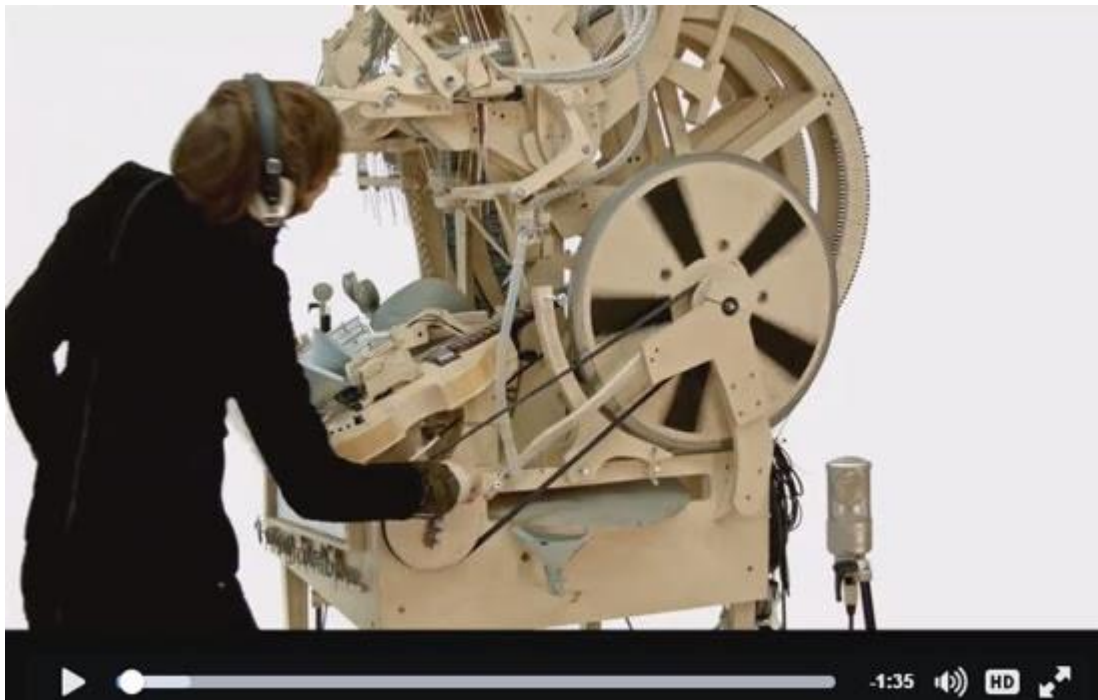
OK, [Let's] Go Through the Magical Musical Maze

Remember [Honda's "Musical Road"](#) thing from 2009? Sound engineers cut specifically sized and spaced ribs into a stretch of California two-lane highway, and as a Civic drove an exact speed, the tires "played" a simple song. Well, *this* vid is a step -- [a huge one](#) -- further, by the Band That Never Fails to Surprise, OK Go...



Magical Marble Mystery Musical Machine

This video makes the Automotive MMF cut because it has wheels, an engine (albeit human), genius engineering and oh, because this machine is simply brilliant. It's MWIBF (Must Watch Interweb Brain Food).



Skip, Yeah

Mark Greene's wonderful conversational podcast thing, CarsYeah.com, recently caught up with Skip Barber. Listen to this one for a bit more insight into – and probably things you never knew about – Skip. Click image to go to the podcast.



You Petter, You Petter You Bet

Bertel O. Steen is a large Norwegian conglomerate. One of its divisions is automobile importing and dealerships, including Mercedes-Benz. Petter Solberg is a hero in Norway – in 2003 he became Norway's first World Rally Champion – so B.O.S. recruited our hero to help promote its Customer Road Service with this gotcha video. It opens with Petter getting special-effected into an old man (Petter is 42). Oh, and you've got to love the Norwegian-English translation sub-titles... "Break! Break! Break!"



This is your Brain on Film

How did we not know about this great movie chase scene before now? Oh, wait, right, nobody ever saw this film... Anyway, it's from the 1971 French thief-thriller "Le Casse" (The Brain) and stars Omar Sharif, Dyan Cannon(!) and Jean-Paul Belmondo. No, I mean a 1971 Fiat 124 Special T and a 1963 Ford Taunus 12M. Click on the image for the chase scene.



Until next Friday, we remain...
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