

Round 44 - Just a Lil' Hype

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Adam

Music

- [Magellanic - Chivalrous Medicinal Murder - Mega Man 10 \(OC ReMix\)](#)
- [keropiano - Cactus - Assault Android Cactus](#)

Around the world

- Long-rumored OG *Starcraft* remaster finally confirmed for Summer 2017 - graphics update only, no changes to gameplay; update also makes non-remastered version + Brood War expansion free (as in beer)
- HTC looking into (haha) ads for VR games/apps (ick)
(<http://www.pcgamer.com/htc-is-introducing-ads-inside-vive-and-will-track-when-youre-looking/>)
- Formal specs for MS' Project Scorpio revealed; it's...powerful
(<https://arstechnica.com/gaming/2017/04/xbox-scorpio-hardware-specs/>)
- RPG Limit Break going on right now, or just recently concluded? Oops, no, but they did just do a Final Fantasy series marathon - I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, X-2, XII, XIII, XIII-2, LR, Type-0 HD, XV: ~75 hours
- All game console emulators banned from Windows Store; stores for Xbox / Win10 now also support refunds
- Nintendo to stop production on NES Classic by end of this month
- Going to SGDQ 2017 - 2P AAC co-op!

Personal gaming

- Darkest Dungeon (QfSG, now completed)
- Unreal Tournament 4 (PC; pre-alpha release 0.1.9)
- Assault Android Cactus (speedrun practice, of course; 3v3v3 relay race happened 26 Mar, upcoming Shots Fired 4 in Jun, SGDQ in Jul)

Ad-hoc design

- Keyboard-controlled tank racer
- Heavy control focus
 - Control a 2-, 4-, or 6-treaded tank, half the treads on each side
 - Depending on difficulty / racing class (like CC, but TT - haha, get it?)
 - 1, 2, or 3 keys for each hand to control treads individually - boost (top row), normal accelerate (middle row), brake (bottom row)
- Heavy movement focus
 - Overall tank movement relies on individual tread movements - like “tank controls”, but multiplied; e.g.:
 - To turn gently, move forward w/ one side, don’t move w/ the other
 - To turn sharply, boost w/ one side, don’t move w/ the other
 - To pivot, boost / forward w/ one side, reverse w/ the other
 - Super-boost: boost w/ both sides
 - Super-brake: reverse w/ both sides (can also damage players that collide w/ you)
 - Individual tread quality plays a factor in how quickly they move / how much they grip the road
 - Can always boost (no boost meter), but overheats and degrades treads quickly (see below)
- Damage / repairs
 - Treads at moderate health / quality for start of race
 - Will constantly repair themselves up to this point on normal road
 - Will wear down (unevenly!) when driving over rough terrain, hazards, opponent actions, etc
 - Will wear down when boosting for too long (esp. when boost overheats!)
 - Can be temporarily upgraded to higher-than-normal quality with pickups, going over “repair” sections of the track
 - Players can strategically target certain treads to most effectively mess w/ opponents
- Items
 - Defensive (used on self)
 - Tread repair - fixes 25% of all treads (can exceed baseline; most common)
 - Heat shields - prevents boosting from degrading treads and negates napalm for 10 seconds
 - Rustproofing - fixes 5% on all treads and negates rusting agent for 10 seconds
 - Snowtreads - fixes 5% on all treads and negates oil slick for 10 seconds
 - Omnitreads - all treads invincible (negates all offensive items and track hazards) and doubles repair rate for 10 seconds (very rare)
 - Offensive (launched forward or dropped behind)
 - Oil slick - drops long stretch of oil behind player, causes all treads to lose friction, and prevents movement speed / direction change

- Rusting agent - prevents tread auto-repair for 10 seconds
- Napalm - doubles boost overheat damage

Shane

Music

- [tymime - sleepy baby weasel dook - Mickey Saves the Day \(OC ReMix\)](#)
- [RebeccaETripp - Magitek Research Symphony - Final Fantasy 6 \(OC ReMix\)](#)

Topics

- *Final Fantasy XII: The Zodiac Age* given release date of 13 July 2017
- *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe* Switch bundle live on Russian game retailer website
- Switch sells 906k units in March; *The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild* sells 925k units on Switch and 460k on Wii U
- Barrier skip found in *The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker HD*; shaves a half hour off the previous any%/All Dungeons% record
- *The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past* reaches 25 years old with the American release as of 13 April
- *The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild* receives patch 1.1.2, with 'gameplay improvements' listed
- *The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild* now running on CEMU in 4K
- Nintendo offering bounties for Switch security vulnerabilities
- *Persona 5* released by Atlus; publisher tells YouTubers to skip spoilers and make their videos shorter than 90-minutes each; tells streamers not to stream past in-game date of 7/7
- *Yooka-Laylee* 100 Pagies Door skip found.. already
- Midwest Gaming Classic roundup

Personal gaming

- Various pinball tables
- *The Simpsons Bowling* (arcade)
- *The Legend of Zelda* (NES)
- *Super Mario Bros.* (NES)

Ad-hoc design

TITLE: STEAMIN' EAGLES
 GENRE: Racing
 PLAYERS: 2-8
 INPUT METHOD: Controller/VR
 GRAPHIC STYLE: Steampunk pixel art
 AUDIO STYLE: Silent movie scoring style
 POV: Third-person without VR, first-person with
 STORY: It's a Steampunk racing game; something ludicrous
 HOOK: IT'S A STEAMPUNK RACING GAME; SOMETHING LUDICROUS

INVENTORY: Bombs, flasks of chemicals, bellows, accordions, tapestries, crystals
(energy for boosts)
MECHANICS: Up to two players per race vessel; one steers, the other controls speed
and tries to sabotage other racers
OBJECTIVE: Win

Tony

Music

- [Bluelighter - March of Robbers in Treno City - Final Fantasy 9 \(OC ReMix\)](#)
- [XPRTNovice - Craic in the Castle Walls - Final Fantasy 9 \(OC ReMix\)](#)

Topics

- Blizzard crackdown on Buddy software (HonorBuddy, also an Overwatch bot)
- Windows 10 Creator Update (.Net 4.7, improved game mode)
- Ryzen 5 lands, pros overclock the 6 core to almost 6ghz already
- Yooka Laylee releases to mixed reviews
- WoW 7.2 launched, new raid Tomb of Sargeras, Broken Shore, flying

Personal gaming

- *World of Warcraft*
- *Legend of Blacksilver*
- *Uridium*
- *Dance Dance Revolution*

Ad-hoc design

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