WEDNESDAY MORNING: WANDERING

This music video is the result of an insomniac walkabout. I went looking for something mellow I hadn't heard before and tripped on this lovely little indie folk artistry. Not certain why I haven't heard Radical Face before given how popular this piece is. I like it enough to look for more by the same artist.

Let's go wandering…

Volkswagen: 3.0L fix in the offing, but too late for EU and the world?

- New catalytic converter may be part of so-called fix for VW and Audi 3.0L vehicles (Bloomberg) — The financial hit affected dividend as reserve for fix/recall/litigation was raised from 6.7B to 16.2B euros. VW group will not have a full explanation about Dieselgate's origins and costs to shareholders until the end of 2016.
- But Netherland's NO2 level exceeds the 40 microgram threshold in 11 locations, violating EU air pollution standards (DutchNews) — Locations are those with high automobile traffic.
- UK government shoveled 105,000 pounds down legal fee rat hole fighting air pollution charges (Guardian-

UK) — Look, we all know the air's dirty. Stop fighting the charges and fix the mess.
- UK's MPs already said air pollution was a 'public health emergency' (Guardian-UK) — It's killing 40-50,000 UK residents a year. One of the approaches discussed but not yet in motion is a scrapping plan for dirty diesel vehicles.
- Unfortunately global CO2 level at 400 ppm tipping point, no thanks to VW's diesel vehicles (Sydney Melbourne Herald) — Granted, VW's passenger vehicles aren't the only source, but cheating for nearly a decade across millions of cars played a substantive role.

Mixed government messages about hacking, encryption, and cybersecurity enforcement

Compare: FBI hires a "grey hat" to crack the San Bernardino shooter's iPhone account, versus FCC and FTC desire for escalated security patching on wireless systems. So which is it? Hacking is good when it helps government, or no? Encryption is not good for government except when it is? How do these stories make any sense?

- State of Florida prosecuting security researcher after he revealed FL state's election website was vulnerable (Tampa Bay Times) —

Unencrypted site wide-open to SQL "injection attack" allowed research to hack into the site. Florida arrests him instead of saying thanks and fixing their mess.

- UK court rules hacker does not have to give up password (Guardian-UK) — Computer scientist and hacker activist Lauri Love fights extradition to U.S. after allegedly stealing 'massive quantities' of data from Fed Reserve and NASA computers; court ruled he does not have to give up password for his encrypted computers taken into custody last autumn.
- SWIFT denies technicians left Bangladeshi bank vulnerable to hacking (Reuters) — Tit-for-tat back and forth between Bangladesh Bank and SWIFT as to which entity at fault for exposures to hacking. Funny how U.S. government is saying very little about this when the vulnerability could have been used by terrorists for financing.

Well, it's not quite noon Pacific time, still morning somewhere. Schedule was off due to insomnia last night; hoping for a better night's sleep tonight, and a better morning tomorrow.

Catch you then!