

## **Audio Cues:**

### **Intro**

**Load up Top Story Mp3s (Oakley\_1, Ripoff\_2, Combined\_3) for some quick playback in that order.**

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## **Intro Music**

Welcome back to another episode of The State of Synth on Nightride.FM. I'm your host Dennis G and with me is my co-host Jules (aka Neon Fawkes) *Jules: Hi Dennis! Can't wait to get into this show tonight!*

Before we begin, let's hear from our sponsor:

## **Sponsor (Julian)**

*This episode is sponsored by someone. We can't say who. We don't know who. But it is. We CAN say that it's definitely not the Youtube demonetization engine.*

## **Top Story (a1) (Dennis)**

Turkish synthwave quote "artist" end quote Caglar Heptelikci released a new song on Youtube and Spotify entitled. "Parallel Journey". There's just one problem. It's a complete rip off of Michael Oakley's "Rabbit in the Headlights".

The Prince of the Keytar, Mr. Oakley, took to Facebook to leave a statement for the offender. His final words were as follows "Do you wanna be remembered for being original and doing your own thing? Or do you wanna be washed away with all the same sounding, also-ran, copycat people that there is in ABUNDANCE in this scene. It's your call."

Hey Jules, should we show the listeners how bad this is?

Jules: *Let's do it Dennis. I think we have Sir Oakley's track, Sir Ripoff's Track, and a blend of the two lined up.*

Here's Oakley's track:

**Michael Oakley - Rabbit in the headlights (play first 15 secs)**

Here's Ripoff's track:

**Parallel Journey (play first 15 secs)**

Here's the two mixed together:

**Two songs mixed together WAV file (play first 15 secs)**

*Jules: Jeez...the balls on this guy to even deny it.*

After negative comments reached critical mass the YouTuber disabled them altogether and later added a description that the song was inspired by and "covered" by "Rabbit in the Headlights."

(Perhaps he needs to look up the difference between a cover and a cut and paste job)

For more on this story, we head to our man in the sky, Vosto Vlad, with up to the minute onsite reporting. Vosto?

### **Vosto Report**

Knowing Youtube's messed up algorithms, I wouldn't be surprised if Michael Oakley's version gets hit with a copyright complaint :)

*Jules: Great Scott! Perhaps Michael time travelled 3 years into the future from 2016, stole Caglar's song, then travelled back to 2016 and simply called it "Rabbit in the Headlines"*

Moving on, let's hear a track from Californian artist Lonz Kid Music. You are listening to Nightride.FM, and this is "See you in Cosmo"

### **Lonz Kid Music - See you in Cosmo**

## Weather (Jules) (a3)

*Rain everywhere on Friday (I checked). Some places will get sun on the weekend. Currently Australia is getting as cold as the rest of us. It's about now that we switch places with the southern hemispheres and temperatures match before they freeze their asses off and we start hitting patios. Right one time! Haha*

## In Other News (Dennis)

- Betamax made an announcement Monday morning that he is no longer collecting hardware synths. He mentioned he had an epiphany after finding a hardware flexing collector that doesn't even write any music and he doesn't want to be that guy. He'd rather be making music for the fans. As a result he made mention that he may be selling some of his synths and that will not be buying anything new.
- Sources confirm just a few minutes ago that Carpenter Brut is indeed better than Straplocked. Apparently this includes musical composition, sound production, and overall badassery. We reached out to Straplocked to get a statement and it also appears he also agrees with this popular opinion. Nevertheless he has made an offer to open for Carpenter Brut if they ever come back to the east coast USA.

Hungarian artist Megahit has dropped his new album "Not Your Action Hero" on April 29th. It contains hard action 80s music. We've selected a song to showcase the album. This is "Guns, Bikes, and Neon Lights", here, on Nightride.FM

**Megahit - Guns, Bikes and Neon Lights (cleared)**

## Feel Good Story Of The Week (Jules) (c1)

*We just got word yesterday that synthwave artist Inexedra was rushed into the emergency ward. He had sent out a tweet mentioning that his newest track Orion may have a delayed release on bandcamp and soundcloud because of it. We are here to report that not only did everything turn out okay, but more importantly his song was released on schedule. Who needs an appendix anyway! Seriously though we're glad it all turned out okay. To celebrate, let's all give his latest song "Orion" a listen shall we? Here, on Nightride.FM*

**Inexedra - Orion (cleared)**

## This Just In (Dennis) (a2)

Elay Arson just dropped a ton of money on Bandcamp, so much that the bank shut off his credit card. His tweet asking for album suggestions hit a threshold where he no longer received notifications from Twitter. Almost \$300 US spent on music to support the artists. 68 albums!

Let's return the favor! Head over to [elayarson.com](http://elayarson.com) and buy all his stuff!

## Album Releases (Jules first half, Dennis second half) (b2)

### Jules

- *Reminder, Von Kaiser album drops on Saturday!*
- *Taurus 1984 - Dream Warriors single on April 27th*
- *MightyGlen - Humavision album on April 27th*
- *Zayaz - Personality single on April 27th (nudisco?)*
- *Diamondback Manhunter has released album "Sacramento Nights" april 28th*
- *SeYSMIC - Fire and Gasoline (feat AERDS)*
- *Don Dellpiero - The Resurrection of a Hero on April 27th*
- *Blvdnights (aka Dreddd) - LP2 on April 29th. Mix of chillwave and darksynth*
- *Viperdrive released single "Pleasure Model"*
- *Vehlinggo premiered the new TImecop1983 single "My Delorean" today...out Friday*
- *Action Jackson and ZXSP (Arina) have just released "1988" single*

### Dennis

- Code Electro - Zer0 Gravity Apr 26
- Lonz Kid - Moonrise
- Let Em Riot dropped unreleased track on YouTube last Sunday. It's a reprise version of "We We're Young" which dropped way back in 2015. The song is planned for full release on a Kaitz Beats compilation on May 3rd.
- Us3r has finally dropped his new album 1985
- Sellorekt/LA Dreams has released his latest album "The Digital Culture" April 29th. Easy listening retrowave vibes on this one.
- Hollowlove new self titled album dropped today. Crazy good stuff. It's like George Michael meets Prince.
- Timecop1983's new single "My Delorean" drops Friday, but you can hear it on Vehlinggo's site early.
- Greek artist MoTER's album "Last Train to Synthville" just dropped yesterday and holy shit !!!

Let's hear a new track from his album. This song is called "Tokyo Bandit" and you are listening to it on Nightride.FM.

### **MoTER - Tokyo Bandit**

## Synthwave Song Charts (Jules) (b4)

Top Songs:

1. XENNON - Flashback to Holly
2. Eli Raybon - Empathy Test
3. Superterranea - Replicant
4. Millennium Falck - Beat Drop
5. Neon Arcadia and Mega McDuffee - Desire

Albums:

1. M.K. Khan - Generation Runaway
2. Iterations - Cathode Rayguns
3. Cat Tempter - Purring for Vengeance
4. Michael Oakley - Introspect
5. Megan McDuffee - Hostile Takeover

Submissions are open at [synthwavecharts.home.blog](http://synthwavecharts.home.blog)

## NEON Fawkes Song of the Week (Jules)

*From France comes SeYSMIC. Producing outrun music with a slight clubby beat...and he's just released this new single feat AERDS. This is "Fire and Gasoline", here, on Nightride.FM*

### **SeYSMIC - Fire and Gasoline (feat AERDS)**

## Touring and Events News (Jules) (b3)

- Sat, May 4th, Doom Flamingo in Hot Springs, NC
- Tonight, The Midnight in Phoenix. Friday May 3rd in Santa Ana, CA, then Oakland CA on May 4th.

- Thursday, May 2nd, Perturbator in Seattle, WA with Gost and Gadgetor and Nox Novacula. Friday May 3rd Pert and Gost will be in Vancouver, BC with guest Total Chroma, then Tuesday May 7th in Denver, CO
- The Chromatics with Desire & In Mirrors have kicked off their tour, and will be in LA Thursday May 2nd, then Pioneertown CA on Friday, followed by San Diego on Saturday May 4th. Arizona and Texas follow are lined up next week.
- Thursday May 2nd, FM-84 kicks off their NA tour with a sold-out show in West Hollywood, CA with The Bad Dreamers. Josh Daly will be providing guitarwork for Colin and Ollie. Sunday May 5th they will be in San Fran.
- Friday May 3rd in Toronto, Mecha Maiko, Love Wizard and Honey Beard will be putting a show at the Hard Luck Bar.

*With that, let's hear a track from Californian artist Nightmares and Neon. This is their self-titled debut single released on March 5. You are listening to Nightride.FM.*

### **Nightmares and Neon - Nightmares and Neon (cleared)**

## Weekly Roundup (Dennis)

Now taking spotify submissions at [www.submithub.com/blog/nightride-fm](http://www.submithub.com/blog/nightride-fm). Congratulations to Code Electro for being the first accepted submission. Feel free to continue to submit to submit.nightride.fm as well.

## Shoutouts: Dennis and Jules alternating? (b1)

- Tramontano Music from the UK
- Synchronicity (Ashley) from Ireland
- XENNON from Japan
- ZXSP (Arina) from Ukraine
- Starcadian because Jules is a rabid fan
- New friends Chase Yesterday, Wavestar85, Turbo Vice over at Synthwave Collective
- Folks in IRC

## Closing Dennis

Well that's it for another episode of The State of Synth here on Nightride.FM. Remember, if you have news, releases, stories or tips, Email [tipline@nightride.fm](mailto:tipline@nightride.fm). Visit the site for music reviews,

exclusives, interviews, non-stop music, and chat! I'm your host Dennis G (and I'm Neon Fawkes). We wish you a great weekend full of synthy music and feel good vibes. Play are going to play you out with a track from Danish producer Code Elektro. This is "Night Train" on Nightride.FM

**Code Elektro - Night Train**