

FRIDAY MORNING: GYPSY CARAVAN

*TIME, you old gipsy man,
Will you not stay,
Put up your caravan
Just for one day?*

– excerpt, [Time, You Old Gipsy Man](#) by
Ralph Hodgson

If last week's Friday chamber jazz was most like me, this genre is next to it. Gypsy jazz is what my grandfather always hoped I'd learn to play; I learned to love [Django Reinhardt with Stephane Grapelli](#) at his knee. This stuff makes a bad day move along briskly, makes heavy hearts light. I don't mind the added filip some smart ass added to the embedded video of Hot Club of Dublin featured here – seems fitting for the tune's mood.

Unfortunately I have to be away from my desk this morning on a mission of mercy. If I'm stuck someplace with decent WiFi I will try to share a few things I've been reading. Otherwise use this as an open thread and tell me what you've got planned this weekend – hope it's something fun!

Oops, last minute adders:

[Facebook gets smacked by court for storing biometric content](#) (Reuters) – I really dislike Facebook. Just thought I'd tack that on.

[Athabasca tar sands south of Fort McMurray threatened by fire](#) (CBC Calgary) – *something-something karma-something*

A few more adders:

[Aussie company touting anti-Zika virus condoms and gel](#) – what? (Sydney Melbourne Herald) – Are you kidding me? Just use a damned condom. Think about it: plain old condoms are [recommended as protection](#) against viral STDs like HIV.

Maps showing borders [India doesn't like](#) may earn jail time and fines (QZ-India) – Wondering why this issue has bubbled up again, not that the border with Pakistan has ever been resolved to India's satisfaction.

Carnegie Mellon team turn [human skin into touch tech](#) (The Verge) – Um, this was done back seven years ago by MIT, called "[Sixth Sense](#)," and released as open source a year later. Still wondering why that tech wasn't commercialized.