Engineering Newswire 72: Tiny $7,000 Car Gets 84 MPG

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Today on Engineering Newswire, we're wearing augmented reality contact lenses, relating to an emotionally concise intelligence that "feels," and driving a $7,000 car/tricycle hybrid thing. This episode features:

- Tiny $7,000 Car Gets 84 MPG: Auto start-up Elio Motors is making waves at CES 2014. The company's petite eight-gallon automobile gets 84 miles per gallon and according to the company, it's only going to cost $6,800. The car/tricycle has a 55-horsepower, 0.9-liter inline three-cylinder engine and tops out at 100 mph — and it has enough room for a co-pilot.
- Augmented-Reality Contact Lenses: Washington-based wearables start-up, Innovega, is showcasing its augmented-reality contact lenses at this International CES 2014 in Las Vegas. The iOptik system reads light from projectors that are fitted to glasses. The sleek eyeglasses will be capable of overlaying digital media and transparent AR data onto the accompanying lenses.
- Not-so-Human A.I.: Emo Spark is an Android-powered cube that has what the creators define as an "emotionally concise intelligence." The Emo Spark measures an individual's behavior and responses to various stimuli, making it capable of interpreting human emotion and interaction. The device creates an Emotional Profile Graph, or EPG, which continues to develop over time and use.

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