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### Meeting summary

#### Quick recap

The group began by discussing historical driving direction changes across various countries and establishing protocols for their weekly check-ins. Members then shared updates on their personal projects, including work in AI, music composition, and environmental policy, while exploring the potential impacts of the current tech bubble on investments and economic stability. The conversation ended with discussions about AI integration across sectors, concerns about technology bubbles, and potential future meeting topics.

#### Next steps

- Alex: [Contact Pete to discuss and learn about the sheath methodology](#)
- Alex: [Get in touch with Doug to show him how to create the game he wanted using AI tools](#)
- Klaus: [Attend meeting next week with the director to set up a conversation with a catering organization and hospital co-catering director](#)
- Rick: [Share work-in-progress materials about emancipatory learning communities in the chat](#)
- Mike: [Consider checking out the Carnegie Endowment website sessions on Information Ecology and the radical right](#)

## **Summary**

### **Driving Directions and Protocol Discussion**

The group discussed historical and practical aspects of switching driving directions, noting that several countries, including Sweden, Iceland, Nigeria, and Ghana, have made such transitions. They explored historical reasons for driving on the left or right, including influences from the British Empire and Germanic traditions. Jerry explained the protocol for the OGM weekly check-in, emphasizing the importance of quiet reflection and concise sharing during the round-robin check-ins, with notes taken privately rather than in the chat.

### **AI Projects and Discoveries Discussion**

The group discussed personal projects and AI-related topics. Scott shared his discovery of Kevin McCloud, a composer who created 2,000 pieces of royalty-free music available under Creative Commons, which inspired him to consider making his work more remixable and usable by others. Gil mentioned his work on vibe coding, a technique for automatically de-identifying transcripts of coaching conversations, which he is testing with a new drag-and-drop tool. Alex discussed his experience with AI systems that scan news articles, noting a surprising bias in ChatGPT's interpretation of Chinese news sources, which led him to question the objectivity of AI systems.

### **Agentic AI for Development**

Pete discussed his experience using Agentic AI for software development and its potential applications in various fields. He highlighted the challenges non-technical users face when adopting these tools, despite their growing accessibility through web versions. Pete also shared his ongoing project of creating comprehensive frameworks on topics like collective efficacy and social theories, using AI assistance to integrate and organize information. He expressed interest in collaborating with others on similar projects and invited feedback or offers of help.

### **Regenerative Policy and Agricultural Practices**

David discussed his exploration of integrating regenerative concepts into public policy, focusing on the need to consider living systems rather than just optimization and efficiency. He suggested learning from traditional economics while viewing it as indigenous knowledge, and posed questions about growth and its relation to living systems. Klaus shared concerns about environmental tipping points and highlighted the potential for regenerative practices in agriculture, emphasizing the need for incentives and support for small to medium-sized farmers to adopt such practices. He also discussed the importance of monitoring and measuring environmental outputs to create incentives for farmers to shift towards more sustainable practices.

### **Jerry's Personal and Transformative Experiences**

Jerry shared two personal updates. First, he mentioned that April visited the Mr. Rogers Museum in Pittsburgh and brought back a "kindness zone" road sign, which they plan to display. Second, Jerry discussed his recent experiences with Dan Brown's book "The Secret of Secrets" and his first psilocybin trip, which he found transformative and connected him to a sense of non-local consciousness.

### **Navigating Technological and Political Change**

Mike shared his experience of avoiding overstimulation by engaging in activities like long bike rides and attending events like TEDx Mid-Atlantic, where he was exposed to various powerful talks. He

expressed intellectual and political overstimulation due to the rapid pace of technological developments and political changes, particularly in Virginia, where Democrats achieved significant victories. Mike also discussed ongoing global technology developments, such as China's digital identity system and debates within the Internet Engineering Task Force about authentication and content scraping, emphasizing the challenges of balancing openness with security.

### **Workshop Engagement and Productivity Insights**

Victoria shared her observations about a workshop where participants claimed interest in learning but showed little engagement when prompted for conversation. Stacey responded by sharing her approach to certainty, which involves identifying two truths and a lie in every story. Doug discussed his experience with managing browser tabs using tab groups, which significantly improved his computer performance and productivity. He also shared his belief that every individual has value to contribute and emphasized the importance of enabling people to contribute based on their needs. Doug noted that various projects he is involved in are beginning to connect and coalesce, with about 60% having OGM in common.

### **AI Bubble Investment Concerns**

The group discussed concerns about the current AI bubble, with Mike expressing worry about investing in tech companies, particularly given his holdings in Cloudflare and IBM. He raised questions about whether the bubble would affect the entire tech sector or just AI-related companies, noting that the U.S. economy's recent growth was largely driven by AI investments. The discussion highlighted the uncertainty surrounding financial strategies in the face of an AI bubble, with Mike seeking input from others on how they might navigate their investments.

### **Tech Bubble Trends and Insights**

The group discussed the potential tech bubble, with Mike identifying bubbles in cloud computing, AI chips, and cryptocurrency. Jerry shared insights from Michael Burry's investment strategies and the challenges of timing investments during bubbles. Gil introduced Ben Hunt's new site Panoptica.AI, which tracks global narratives and trends, and mentioned Marshall Kirkpatrick's work on sustainability scanning. The discussion concluded with Gil sharing his experience at Capgemini's net positive projects and a presentation on AI applications, as well as his thoughts on corruption in relation to biological systems.

### **AI Integration and Social Impact**

The group discussed the integration of AI into various sectors, with Klaus highlighting the emotional rejection of AI by NGOs in the food and agriculture sector due to environmental concerns. Rick shared his work on co-intelligence and the development of emancipatory learning communities to counteract propaganda and neoliberalism. Alex humorously shared his investment strategy, keeping 40% of his money in cash, and expressed interest in the sheath methodology. The conversation concluded with Alex offering to show Doug how to create a game using AI, emphasizing its accessibility to everyone.

### **Tech Bubble and AI Backstop**

The group discussed the current tech bubble and its implications, with Pete suggesting that AI might be the new backstop for the economy. Jerry and Gil explored the concept of "too-big-to-fail" and the government's role in supporting large tech companies. Doug raised concerns about the obsolescence of massive data center investments, while Alex shared a parallel example from the

blockchain era. The conversation concluded with a brief discussion of potential future topics for the group's meetings.

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