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### **[RIT Formula team: From the first bolt to the checkered flag](#)**

In the third in a yearlong series of [Studio 86](#) podcast interviews with members of RIT's Formula SAE racing team, RIT Formula project manager Lawrence Litchfield and some of his teammates recently updated my colleague Will Dube and me on the team's progress as it prepares for national and international contests this spring and summer.

Anyone interested in fast cars (it reaches a top speed of 85 mph and goes from 0 to 60 mph in four seconds), innovative engineering and teamwork should check out RIT's Formula team, and a good place to start is by listening to the 15-minute podcast interviews in which team members describe the design and manufacture—from the ground up—of a Formula-style racecar:

[Studio 86 'On the Road': Formula SAE Road to Detroit](#)  
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Now in its 16th year of Formula racing, RIT competes in the annual [Formula SAE](#) May 14-18 at Michigan International Speedway, just outside Detroit, followed by the [Formula Student Germany](#) contest in August in Hockenheim. This year's RIT Tiger-themed Formula racecar will be rolled out at the inaugural [Imagine RIT: Innovation and Creativity Festival](#) on May 3.

Have a great weekend!

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