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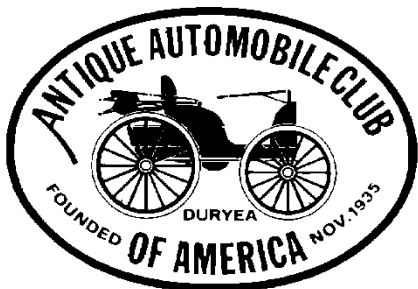
A string of antiques ahead on the final run of the season

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LER EVENTS FOR 2020

No Activities Planned at this time

*This is a tentative schedule. The dates are subject to change, so check this list monthly for more information and possible changes.

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Members & Guests who attended the final outing of 2020 were: Mark Brylinski & Maria Orellana (80) - '84 Buick & '68 VW Bug; George & Ruth Camann (65) - '89 Ford Probe; James & Jennifer Casey (20) - '63 Plymouth wagon; Christopher Cizek (20) - '55 Chevrolet; Steve & Maggie Cryan (85) - '59 Ford Wagon; Tim Cryan (120) & Jeff & Linda Cryan (85) - '72 Oldsmobile; Kenneth & Susan Edwards (60) - '69 Camaro; Ray & Bernie Gajkowski (65) - '87 Monte Carlo; Russ & Jackie Galbo (80) - '69 Buick; Jim Galvin (40) - '60 Corvette; John & Elaine Haid (110) - '87 Chevrolet; Kenneth Kaczka & Sue Reville (100) - '63 Corvette; Mike & Nadine Kosmoski (40) - '78 Ford Truck; Mark Kraus & guest (70) - '58 Chevrolet; Dave & Karen Lechner (20) - '48 Plymouth; Joe & Linda McCaffery (80) - '70 Pontiac Judge; Mike Mesi (90) - '65 Chevrolet Bel Air; Ronald & Mary Moll (40) - '72 Chevelle; Bob & Peggy Nash (100) - '65 Oldsmobile Cutlass; Ray & Barb Noonan (105) & George Nash (65) - '68 Cadillac; Daniel O'Connor & Candace Reed (105) - '49 Ford Truck; Dennis Powers (110) - '48 Studebaker; Jerry & Peggy Ptak (85) - '74 Fiat; Mark Schleicher (60) & Kenneth Pielechowski (30) - '60 Buick; Bob & Chris Snyder (65) - '39 Ford Sedan; Paul & Donna Vergils (40) - '35 Dodge; Don & Doris Warnick (55) - '65 Impala; Lee & Phyllis Wass (60) - '30 Model A; Lon & Valerie Wilson (*) - '66 Mustang; Charles & Gertrude Wolski (80) - '37 Buick; Sam & Jean Yanik (115) - '95 Chevrolet; Ken & Carol Knoll (75); Herm & Mary-Teresa Platt (50); Lynelle Schloerb (60); Cliff Schulz (100); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (85); Kevin & Kristen Smyers (30); Chuck Weimer (70); and Mark & Sue Yearke (120). Our Model A Club friends who joined us were: Randi, Bonnie & Tim Gardie - '56 Chevrolet; Ron, Donna & Joshua Miller; Peter & Pat Weinreich - '29 Model A; and guests of Steve Cryan - Joe Hamilton & family - '55 Ford and Gary Reese - '57 Chevrolet.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another interesting month in the old car world. As stated last month, I was going to the Fall Carlisle swap meet, which went off without any issues. The weather was perfect and there were many vendors, just maybe down some and the car corral was also smaller. But 2 weeks before the Hershey Fall Nationals, National AACA postponed it and moved it to Gettysburg, where the Grand National was held a few months ago. It is now scheduled for November 6 & 7 and a bunch of LER members are planning on attending, weather & virus permitting.

Another quickly put together ice cream run was held again by the club on Sunday October 11th, thanks to Sam & Jean Yanik, Cliff Schulz and Chuck Weimer for coordinating it so that we could all attend. I think we had the largest turnout yet. The day was sunny and there was no Bills game to distract anyone. Many members brought their old cars out for the last outdoor function for the club. I hope everyone enjoyed the nice ride through the north country.

Hi All,

In case you have forgotten here's some news about a very special automobile that was developed right here in Western New York with connections to the Playboy automobile (the designer went on to work for Playboy Auto Inc. of Buffalo, NY). The Rocket Car (nothing to do with rockets at all) was developed by a couple of fellows from Batavia, NY. They were employed by GM before designing and building their own automobile that they knew was better than anything on the market back in the mid-thirties. Their car had advanced features such as hanging brake and clutch peddles, independent four-wheel suspension and the forerunner of today's back up camera. It was aero dynamic, light weight and fast for its day. The car was completed by 1938 and driven to Detroit where the big three turned it down. They thought they could not do the tooling necessary to put it into production and turn a profit. Several years later they all adopted many of the Rocket Car's features. The car was driven up into the fifties by one of the original builders before being shut down. At one point the wife of one of the builders stalled it on the railroad tracks but fortunately she got it off before anything bad happened.

The car did belong to member Gary Alt who sold it a couple years ago to a couple of fellows who are having it restored. They plan on donating it to the city of Batavia. It is thought that it will eventually be on display at the Batavia Historical Society Museum. It needs your help.

The Sidelight looks like it will be our only means of communication for the foreseeable future, as we have cancelled most of our indoor activities through early next year. The Board will be meeting again on Tuesday November 10th to go over functions for early next year and the Board elections. If any member would like to throw their hat in the ring to run for the Board please let any Board member know by November 10th.

Your yearly dues notice is in this issue of the Sidelight, please return it promptly as you will not receive another notice. Please look it over and make any changes to the form so we have your most up to date information. Please send the form back along with your check. National AACA dues are also due by the end of the year, you will be receiving another notice in the next issue of the National AACA magazine. You need to be a paid up member of the National AACA club to be able to stay a member of our region.

Till next time...Stay safe
Tim

This vehicle may be on display right here in Buffalo in the near future. Watch the videos on the internet and please make a GO Fund Me donation. I saw the car Friday the 25th and it is well on its way to completion.

Thank You
Bob Snyder



Help Complete the Rocket Car, organized by Batavia's Thomas Rocket Car

The Rocket Car restoration team needs our help to complete this historic community project, Batavia's Rocket Car needs your support for Help Complete the Rocket Car

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ACTIVITIES REPORT

Please be advised that all upcoming events are pending cancellation due to the current affairs with the Coronavirus. Everyone's health and well-being is of the utmost importance. Please stay safe and take care.

The outdoor season has come to an end. We will look forward to a better 2021 season.

The "Ice Cream Sundae Tour" had a great turn out, fantastic weather and lots of delicious food and ice cream. Special thanks to Sam & Jean Yanik for hosting the meeting place and Cliff Schulz for planning the route.

From Dean Burgstahler who wants to know if you can tell what kind of car this was.

Editor's Note: With no air bags in this one, one wonders if anyone survived this crash

Also wondering, when was the first automobile accident? According to the websites <https://medium.com/@You Mean Business/the-fascinating-history-of-car-accidents-ac7478e0079e> and [https://www.autoevolution.com/news/150-](https://www.autoevolution.com/news/150-years-ago-the-first-fatal-car-crash-took-place-in-ireland-137139.html)

[years-ago-the-first-fatal-car-crash-took-place-in-ireland-137139.html](https://www.autoevolution.com/news/150-years-ago-the-first-fatal-car-crash-took-place-in-ireland-137139.html) it depends on the definition of automobile. Famous astronomer and naturalist Mary Ward, age 42, an Irish scientist, was the first recorded fatality when she fell out a steam powered (homemade) Ricketts vehicle and was run over by it on Aug 13, 1869. She died of a broken neck. Jack Lambert, driving his gas powered buggy he invented, hit a tree root and crashed into a post in 1891. He and his passenger had minor injuries. The first pedestrian to be killed was in 1896 when Bridget Driscoll, of London, was so startled by the vehicle as she stepped off the curb that she froze in place. Arthur Edsall was only driving 4 miles an hour at the time. Bridget's death was ruled an accident and the coroner said that he "hoped such a thing 'would never happen again'". Henry Bliss was the first US fatality when he was hit by an electric taxi car and suffered a fatal head injury in 1899. 1896 a bicyclist suffered a broken leg when he was

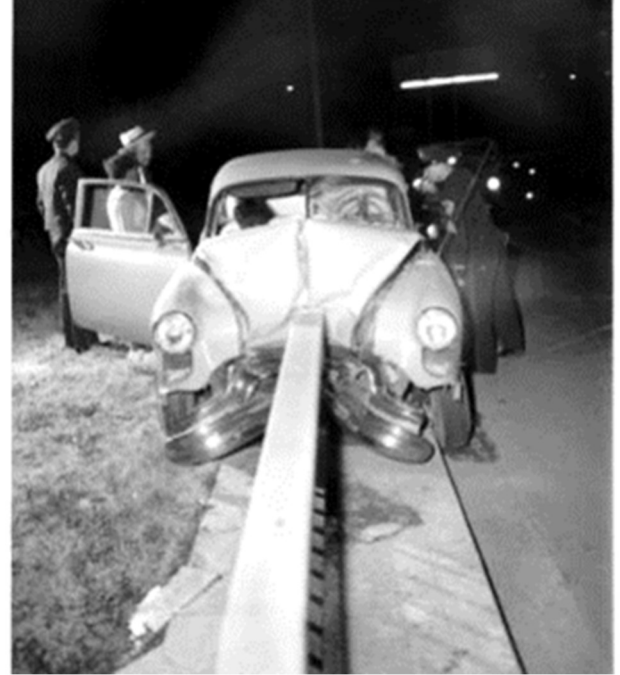
November event has been cancelled.

We are sad to announce that the December Christmas party has been cancelled.

January Installation Banquet is pending cancellation.

When we start up again, we will need volunteers, helpers and ideas for club-sponsored events. If you are interested in sponsoring, co-sponsoring or helping out at an event, please contact Lynelle Schloerb or Chuck Weimer.

Chuck Weimer Activities Co-Chairmen



hit by Henry Wells who was driving the first commercial auto sold in the US, a Duryea.

A FLASH FROM THE PAST – Ed Group's '24 Overland Sedan and Lon Wilson's '31 Model A were there to celebrate the opening of Niagara First Savings Bank on Grand Island Blvd. (circa 1976). If you look closely you can see the frisbees that were given away were just the right size to fit over the headlights!



The seasons change, winter is coming
And before you “baby” retires
Get out and find the letters for LER
Before the contest expires.



LAKE ERIE REGION DIY TOUR contest

There is still around a month to get those antique wheels out for a final couple of runs and while you're out, look for those letters. One submission has already been turned in, so it still can be done. Below are the rules to the “Create Your Own” tour. Since there is no November meeting, contact Valerie Wilson when your submission is ready to made arrangements to turn it in on or before November 30, 2020.

The primary idea is to visit towns throughout western New York where the first letter of the towns spells out LAKE ERIE REGION. For example, you can take a drive to Ellicottville, Rochester, Indian Falls, and East Aurora, and the first letter of those towns spells ERIE. And then maybe your next tour is to towns that spell LAKE (or part of LAKE), and so on. The whole tour can be spread out over the summer and fall.

There are a few rules for this contest:

1. Pictures are to be taken in locations decided by you.
2. You can use up to three different vehicles for the pictures.
3. The pictures have to have the sign from different towns with the vehicle in it. (Some towns don't have a town sign, so you may use a post office, town hall or fire station, etc.) You may substitute up to 4 street signs for a town sign.
4. You can use a town only once.
5. The vehicle has to be driven, not trailered to all the towns you use. Trailering a vehicle to a tour and then driving to the town is acceptable.
6. Your tour should be put together in a scrapbook that includes the town pictures, mileage driven, and any interesting occurrences and or problems encountered. Scrapbooks can be printed or digital (e.g. a power point presentation), depending on your preference.
7. You do not have to drive all the tour at once. You have until November to complete this.
8. Entries will be judged with consideration to the age of the vehicle, mileage driven to take the picture, and final scrapbook presentation, either paper or digital.
9. The contest will be judged by a panel of judges not entered in the contest.
10. All entries must be **submitted by November 30, 2020** to be eligible for a prize.
11. There will be prizes awarded at the Installation Banquet or at the next scheduled meeting after that time.
12. All vehicles will have an equal chance.

Good luck and happy letter hunting.



Renewal Time

It is renewal time for national & local dues. The National AACA dues form was in the last AACA magazine and will be in the Nov-Dec issue in early November. You may also renew by calling Hershey at 717-534-1910 and using a credit card. Remember, for insurance purposes, you must be a National AACA member to be a local LER member. National dues are \$45 per year.

Your local dues renewal form is enclosed if your membership expires this year. Local dues are \$25 for one year, \$50 for two years and \$100 for four years. If you renewed last year for two or more years, you will not receive a renewal form this year, and you can check this by looking at the year printed on your address label. If your membership does not expire this year, please let me know if there are any changes in address, phone numbers, vehicles, etc. from your last renewal. It is time for another roster soon, and we want to make sure the information is as up to date as possible. Payment for both memberships is due by December 31, 2020. Lon Wilson – membership chairman 873-6280

Editor's Message: In our efforts to keep us all safe, Lon & I have taken it upon ourselves to order washable, reusable face masks with the LER logo. We will be selling them at all upcoming events for \$5 each with proceeds going to LER. Get yours while they last!



Helpful Hints for Winter from Nancy Group

Keep your headlights clear with car wax! Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. It contains special water repellents that will prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights – lasts 6 weeks.

Speak-proof your wipers with rubbing alcohol! Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly streaking & squealing wipers change to near perfect silence & clarity.

Ice-proof your windows with vinegar! Frost on its way? Just fill a spray bottle with three parts vinegar to one-part water & spritz it on all your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of icy mess. Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water – preventing water from freezing!

Prevent car doors from freezing shut with cooking spray! Spritz cooking oil on the rubber seals around car doors & rub it in with a paper towel. The cooking spray prevents water from melting into the rubber.

Fog-proof your windshield with shaving cream! Spray some shaving cream on the inside of your windshield & wipe it off with paper towels. Shaving cream has many of the same ingredients found in commercial defoggers.

De-ice your locks in seconds with hand sanitizer! Just put some hand sanitizer gel on the key & the lock & the problem's solved!

SIDELIGHT TREASURES

These ads can also be viewed at www.lakeerie.aaca.com.

Ads are free for members. Ads from non-members must be submitted by a current member. Ads run for at least 3 months. Phone numbers are area code 716 unless otherwise noted.

AUTOS FOR SALE

'16 Chase Fire Truck, Cheektowaga's first motorized fire truck, major restoration started, some new parts, \$16,000 or best offer, info to Steve: 823-0526 or cell: 335-0728. Lead from Jeff Cryan (1)

'28 Ford 2 dr all steel body, no fenders, street rod, excellent roof, window glass, visor, doors, black, green body stripe, interior, tilt wheel, auto, 350 Chevy 4 bld headers, open, engine, disc brakes, 9" rear, \$22,000 Bob Hartinger 783-4378 (2)

'29 Sedan, Jaguar suspension front & rear, 283 cu in Chevy motor, Turbo 350 trans, Lokar shifter, Power windows/ seats/ brakes, 4-wheel disc brakes, Ford gauges, 2" chopped roof, Alum wheels, Interior by Z-Best, Orig '29 body, \$25,000 Peter Gentile 433-1039. Lead from Dennis Upton (12)



'29 Roadster, Jaguar suspension Front & Back, 4 Wheel Disc-Brakes, 327 cu.in Chevy Motor 1968, Multi Disc. CD Players, Turbo 350 GM Trans, Dolphin Gauges, Sanderson Headers, Brookville All Steel Body, Lokar Shifter, Custom 2" Drop Conv Top, Interior By Z-Best, Torque Thrust Alum. Wheels, Power Seat [American Racing]/ Steering /Brakes /Rumble Seat, \$25,000 Peter Gentile H-433-1039, C-523-3887, C-523-2354 Lead from Dennis Upton (12)



'30 Ford Tudor deluxe sedan, beautiful interior, side mounted spare/cover, luggage rack /trunk, winged motometer, radiator screen. Not show car but nice driver \$15,000/BO Car is in South Carolina, Bruce Trilling 803-942-1540: Musket1234@aol.com Lead from Bob Nash. (2)





Sam & Jean Yanik - '67 Pontiac GTO;

Ray & Barb Noonan - '68 Cadillac;

Joe & Linda McCaffery - '70 Pontiac Judge; John & Elaine Haid - '87 Chevrolet

ICE



Joe Hamilton & family - '55 Ford;

Gary Reese - '57 Chevrolet;

Dave & Karen Lechner - '48 Plymouth; Peter & Pat Weinreich - '29 Model



CREAM

Maria Orellana - '68 VW Bug;

Mark Brylinski - '84 Buick;

Mark Kraus - '58 Chevrolet;

Steve & Maggie Cryan - '59 Ford Wagon

SUNDAE



Jim Galvin - '60 Corvette; Charles & Gertrude Wolski - '37 Buick; Ray & Bernie Gajkowski - '87 Monte Carlo; James & Jennifer Casey - '63 Plymouth wagon;



TOUR

Mark Schleicher - '60 Buick;

Mike Mesi - '65 Chevrolet Bel Air;

Christopher Cizek - '55 Chevrolet; Bob & Chris Snyder - '39 Ford Sedan;

OCT



Paul & Donna Vergils - '35 Dodge;

Lee & Phyllis Wass - '30 Model A;

Daniel O'Connor & Candace Reed - '49 Ford PU;

George & Ruth Camann - '89 Ford Probe;

Mike & Nadine Kosmoski - '78 Ford Truck



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Tim Cryan - '72 Oldsmobile; Kenneth Kaczka & Sue Reville - '63 Corvette; Randi, Bonnie & Tim Gardie - '56 Chevrolet; Ronald & Mary Moll - '72 Chevelle

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Sam & Jean Yanik - '95 Chevrolet; Don & Doris Warnick - '65 Impala; Bob & Peggy Nash - '65 Oldsmobile Cutlass; Lon & Valerie Wilson - '66 Mustang



Kenneth & Susan Edwards - '69 Camaro; Russ & Jackie Galbo - '69 Buick;

Dennis Powers - '48 Studebaker;

Jerry & Peggy Ptak - '74 Fiat;



A nice sunny day brought out a lot of people and cars for the last outing of the year. Cliff Schulz had a driver meeting before we “saddled up” for our tour of fall colors.



At the end of our tour was Santa Claus’s Christmas Cottage (but we are not ready for Christmas yet!) Kevin, Evelyn & Kristen Smyers are ready for some treats. With a large crowd, the line was long as we waited to get our orders in.





Left: Ken Knoll, Mike Mesi, and Ray & Bernie Gajkowski enjoy the sunshine.
 Right: Lynelle Schloerb catches Ken & Ray's ear.
 Below left: Linda McCaffery, Jean Yanik, Joe McCaffrey, Sue Yearke & Karen Schwartz have a little powwow.
 Below right: Linda Cryan savors her meal while Christopher Cizek shows Jeff Cryan some photos.



Left: Ray and Barb Noonan, George Nash and Cliff Shulz had their fill. Right: Mark Schleicher and Ken Pielechowski polish off their eats.



Left: Tim Cryan has a quick meeting to thank Yaniks for the use of their property for a starting point and Cliff for planning the run, as well as inform members that most events are now cancelled for this year.
 Below: Bob Snyder, Cliff and Chuck Weimer pay attention.

Below: Elaine & John Haid and Russ and Jackie Galbo let it all sink in.



SIDELIGHT TREASURES

Ads Continued from page 5

'37 Pierce Arrow, 7 pass sedan, barn find! V-12 engine, 147" wheelbase- unusual car! Bought new in Buffalo and serviced for many years at an Atlantic gas station at Ontario & Niagara streets, asking \$8,000 or B/O. Bob Sands 826-2416 (11)

'41 Ford standard tudor sedan, flathead V8, radio, heater, a beautiful car \$16,900/BO. Car is in South Carolina, Bruce Trilling 803-942-1540: Musket1234@aol.com Lead from Bob Nash. (2)



'41 Ford super deluxe convertible coupe, '98 AACA First place Jr award winner, red leather interior, radio, heater, WWW, flathead V8 \$42,000/BO Car is in South Carolina, Bruce Trilling 803-942-1540: Musket1234@aol.com Lead from Bob Nash. (2)



'55 Oldsmobile Super 88 convert., excel. condition! Texas car/no winters \$42,500 Bob Sands 826-2416 (11)

'57 Chevrolet Nomad, southern car, frame up resto, 283 4 speed, newer paint, chrome, interior, tires, etc, \$49,000 Ken Weinstein, nites 689-6888 (12)

'60 MGA Conv., red, miles unknown, rebuilt motor, carbs, everything, new steering wheel, replaced weatherstripping, stored in a garage, \$13,000 or best offer John Kraus, cell - 983-8972; h - 568-1466 (12)

'69 Oldsmobile 442, miles unknown, 442 package includes special seats-2 bucket, 1 rear, have an additional black set in excel cond, rebuilt 445 engine painted-out of car, duel exhaust, original stripped duel hoods, coupe, new: correct grill/ correct emblem, complete weather stripe kit includes-doors, trunk, complete new rear shelf, no air conditioning—never had it!, Truck Engine did the rebuild, Southern car, needs assembly, \$14,900 or best offer, John Kraus, cell - 983-8972; h - 568-1466 (12)

'73 Centurion conv, triple black, all orig, paint, top, interior/ with 42,000 miles & air conditioning, \$17,500. 864-9109 Dave Pera (2)



'76 TR6 Conv, red, appr. 33k miles, one paint, new conv top, new weather stripping, complete new upholstery-seats, door panels, caret, floor mats, embroidered TR6 mats, rebuilt duel car carburetors, ignition, wires, etc., stored in a garage \$14,000 or best offer, John Kraus, cell - 983-8972; h - 568-1466 (12)

'79 Z28 blue, approx. 24k miles, Carlisle PA Best of Show Award, all original "Survivor", paint, Uniroyal Tires, show tires-an additional set of brand new on almost identical Uniroyal tires, rims powder coated grey stored in a garage, \$18,000 or best offer, John Kraus, cell - 983-8972; h - 568-1466 (12)

'81 Z28, approx. 32k miles, white with t-roofs, special one year only red interior, new vinyl door covers in package, car still has original door covers, orig AM/FM radio included, custom 1981 red velour, mostly original white paint, Goodyear raised letter tires, stored in a garage, \$15,000 or best offer, John Kraus, cell - 983-8972; h - 568-1466 (12)

'96 Cadillac Brougham, 4 dr. sedan, Near mint condition, with 116,000 orig. miles. White on white, no rust or dents. Asking 2500.00 or B/O Call Bill 549-0121 Lead from Bob Sands (11)

'06 Mini Cooper shipped from England. BMW engine. Fully loaded. 5sp. Heated Seats. Phone Bluetooth Audio. Harmon Speakers. Ice Cold Air Conditioning. New Tires/Brakes/Brake Lines. Reg Oil Changes. Car fully Maintained by K& A Auto Service. \$4500.00 Firm. Call Diane 603-6638. Lead from Lon Wilson (12)

AUTO MISC FOR SALE*

'30s vintage Emblem girl's bicycle. Good condition, would needs tires to be put into use. \$100 Bob Sands 826-2416 (11)

'34 License plates in almost new cond. \$75; & 5 lug trailer wheel & tire 205/75D-14" free Call Lee 662-7557 (12)

'49-80 seatcovers for bench seat cars, plaid or striped \$130 car, hogrings, Ken Weinstein, nites 689-6888 (12)

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Calendar of Events

Now until the end of November – DIY Tour

Nov 1 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov 3 - Election Day

Nov 11 – Veteran’s Day

Nov 26 – Thanksgiving

No other events planned at this time.

All other events are pending or have been postponed until further notice. Stay tuned for further updates.



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