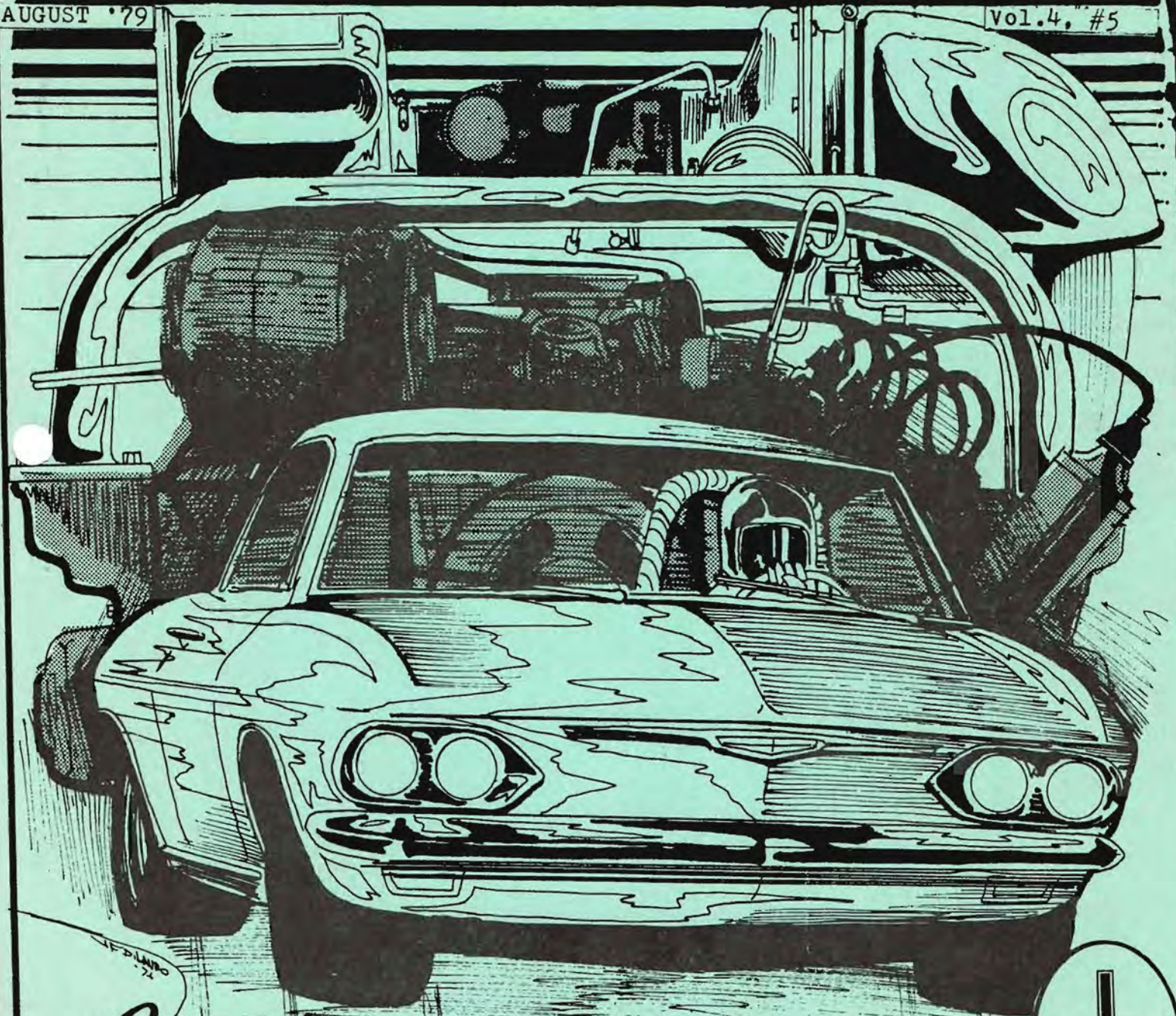


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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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FROM THE PREZ:

Bryan Lynch

July meeting was a banner meeting; almost more Corvairs than parking places. Our members filled the meeting room and all had a great dinner. All missing members let's get together for our August meeting. Pat Bender touched on our recent Rose Canyon trip. There was plenty of food, drink and 12 Corvairs. What happened to the rest of the members? Thirty cars at the regular meeting, 12 cars on the trip? All that joined in had a great time. The weather was a welcome relief from our Tucson heat even with a little rain at the end. Hope we do the same next year! Your Prez has a magazine called Car Collector in hand; several great pictures and article inside as well as a 1964 Spyder Coupe on the cover. Corvairs inexpensive, economical and collectable is one of the feature articles. We all know that but it sure makes for nice reading. We thank Don Chastain who has served as Can Chairman for a year. We need a new Can Chairman - - VOLUNTEERS! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Marilyn for typing the Corvairsation for July and August; Pat Hayhurst for the printing and mailing; and all the members who wrote articles, without which we could not have done the job. We all miss Gordon & Verne's touch which makes our monthly publication so great. See all of you up here at our house for an old fashioned wienner roast and pot luck Sept. 9th!

FROM THE ARMCHAIR OF

Bill Fournier

Blame this article on Bryan Lynch. He convinced me to write an input to the Corvairsation.

Some time ago my '64 became a wander of the road. Frank McKenna said, "Let's fix it ball joints etc." So o o o, the Soc. Sec. check came in and we ordered the parts. Frank took me to some hide away in Oro Valley, don't ask me where, I don't know.

We proceeded to repair starting at 10 a.m. and completing at 4:30 with 45 minutes off for lunch. What seemed to bother Frank more than anything, I spray painted everything I could, and we assembled it before it was dry.

A few days later, I decided to get the front end aligned. And may I tell you, this was not solicited by Bryan.

K-Mart on Valencia Rd. has one of the most patient, efficient man I have seen in many a day, named Danny. Don't hesitate to go there.

By the way Bryan did get in the act. He sold me two new tires to match the rear, including electronic balancing. I did need the tires though.

Frank will give you more details on the type of ball joints we put in plus some hints.

Thanks to Frank & Bryan my car is running true as an arrow.

BILL

WHAT'S DOIN' ON CARS

BY John North

The past month, for the author, has been filled with preparation of a car-Lakewood-for the Detroit National CORSA convention. The mechanical work was complete two months ago. What remained was the interior paint and upholstery.

The painting was a new experience that came with practice by following printed and not often understood instructions. The most difficult was refinishing a steering wheel with a paint that would be tough and durable. The job wound up with a urethane enamel from a spray can. Mistakes were made in application, including trying to put on too much at one time before the paint could flash off (to the uninitiated that means dry on the surface long enough to prevent a build up of paint that cannot set up). The solution came by baking in the oven at about 150 degrees for a period of more than eight hours. It's not perfect but it sure is better than it was. The inevitable cracks at the spoke roots was filled with bondo which in 100 degree weather set up so fast that the spatula stuck fast in mid stroke.

This taught that a very minimum of hardener is needed when it is hot. Less than a match head spot in a large marble size chunk.

No matter how far ahead you plan you must take into account that the upholsterer may not have your enthusiasm, nor the skill to do a custom job, even with drawings and instructions. No amount of urging can get these types moving and all sorts of construction discrepancies will cause anguish to the point of a psychotic trauma. The lesson? Know your upholsterer and see as much of his work as possible. Select your fabrics, leave enough time for him and make sure that when you take the job in that he hasn't any other responsibilities or attitude that will prevent his finishing in good time. The smallest detail cannot be overlooked.

The author is so inclined to have a written contract with severe enough penalties that will insure a competent job done on time. Make sure that you try to include no payments until the job is done, even if you have to put the money in escrow to assure payment when the job is done.

Enough of that!

While time has been precious to the author the past month, there has been enough of it to cure dirty idle circuits on carbs, poor operation due to worn out points and points burned by severe blowby,

learned that even new rebuilt carbs and new carbs can have float and needle problems that should not have happened. But, persistent trouble shooting is the only cure with time no object and not much money involved.

To wit: Bryan Lynch had a rough running engine which had just been resealed and a general cleanup. Both are usually done at the same time to cure oil smells and tidy up the power plant. However, no tuneup was done except to note that the distributor looked to be at a crazy angle.

A complete checkout of the distributor and carb sync brought improvements. But, then there was the problem of setting valves on an engine with shakey "hot" header system. No amount of plugging of tail pipe extensions could quiet the exhaust so the only answer was to back off on the rocker adjustment until it could visually be checked for looseness and the clatter became evident, then turning it down until the engine faltered. That had to be a least a $\frac{1}{4}$ turn down from zero lash. All valves were set this way with singed arm hair, covers removed and the job completed with two more quarter turns before installing covers and gaskets.

The job turned out to make the car a bomb and the neighborhood around Lynch's found out that the big boy had a new toy.

This is the end of this column and

the last sentence of the preceding paragraph will be my only attempt at humor since my July-column - humor was totally lost when satirical but very accurate spelling of the sounds uttered by a drill master were lost when the article was retyped.

Adios, see you after the convention.



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TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION
July 25, 1979 - Regular Meeting

A Regular meeting was called to order by the President, Bryon Lynch, at Village Inn Pizza Parlor, 5133 East 22nd, July 25, 1979, at 7:45 p.m. Present 51.

Bill Fournier reported that in the absence of Treasurer Don Bortle, the current balance in the Treasury was not available.

Minutes of the Hune 27, 1979 Minutes were approved as they appeared in the July Corvairsation.

Can Chairman Don Chastain reported an additional \$15.80 was collected for the month, a slow month.

Activity Chairman Pat Bender reported that the Rose Canyon outing would be held Sunday, August 5th. Meeting will be OK Corral parking lot at 9:30 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. departure. The September activity will be a weenie roast & pot luck at the home of Bryan & Marilyn Lynch on Sunday, September 9th. Details to be in Corvairsation. October's activity will be a Kitt Peak outing, and November's activity will be a tune-up clinic.

Bryan Lynch reported that Joe Kohn of the Phoenix Corvair club has invited TCA members to join them in going to Mt. Hopkins to view a new telescope. Details later.

John North's technical tip: displayed a warped and cracked bell housing.

John North also asked that those who have not yet turned in their Corvair survey, to please do so.

John North brought a current issue of Car Collector Magazine to the meeting and pointed out the excellent feature article on Corvairs which appeared in the magazine.

Joel Gemberling reported that plans were underway to have a Corvair show at Park Mall on September 2 & 3.

Pat Hayhurst and Bryan Lynch were thanked by the membership for their outstanding job in editing and publishing the July Corvairsation.

It was reported that CORSA had available 1980 Corvair calendars (club's cost \$4.00 - could sell at \$5.00).

Intermission, raffles and grab bag followed. (Contributors Barney's Auto Service and TCA members) Number of Corvairs in lot: 30.

Frank McKenna reported that Corvair car covers were available. There being sufficient interest indicated, he will find out cost and bring one to meeting. He reported that also available were TCA name tags at \$3.25 each.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Lewis

Georgia Lewis
Recording Secretary

HAPPENINGS

FRANK'S WINNING TICKET

What's in a name? And for that matter, what's in a number? If the name was Frank McKenna and the number was 309842, history was made on July 25, 1979. For it was on that date that Frank McKenna won the grab bag at the monthly meeting. Big deal you might say and it was a big deal for Frank, our T. C. A. founding father, won his first grab bag.

In approximately three and a half years that T.C.A. has been in existence, Frank has participated in the grab bag drawing. And he won his first legitimate grab bag drawing last month. It was several months ago that he won an illegitimate grab bag. Several friends of Frank's saw to it that he won a grab bag. The grab bag was loaded with treasures: used spark plugs, a broken distributor cap, an instrument panel from a Greenbriar, etc. Frank took this grab bag in the spirit in which it was given. Anyway, Frank, congratulations on the win.



LICENSE PLATE FRAMES ARE HERE!.

Frank McKenna will have then at the next meeting. Two for \$5.00

Don Bortle, Tres.

Our August trip to Rose Canyon was enjoyed by quite a few Corvair lovers. There were 13 Corvairs and 4 foreign type vehicles. Come to the August meeting and see slides of this trip and of past activities such as the Park Mall show and the San Diego Convention. See you there.

-- Pat Bender

There's a monthly Board Meeting of TCA every month--the Wednesday after our monthly meeting, same time same place. YOUR IDEAS ARE IMPORTANT, and they want YOU to come and tell what would make our Club a better one as far as you are concerned. Just drop by Village Inn Pizza Parlor, and look around for the familiar faces!

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Contact: Pat Bender
888-2224

TCA Board Meeting

August 1, 1979

Board Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m., Wednesday, August 1, at Village Inn Pizza Parlor. Present: Bryan Lynch, Pat Hayhurst, Frank McKenna, Pat Bender, Bill Fournier, Don Chastain, Gordon Cauble, John North, Bob Thompson & Georgia Lewis.

Bryan Lynch stated that articles for Corvairsation should be in by August 12 or 13.

It was agreed that non-members should be charged \$2 per ad.

Frank McKenna reminded Bryan Lynch to pursue the files for references to family memberships.

Bryan Lynch reported that Don Chastain has served as Can Chairman for one year and should be succeeded. He will ask for volunteers in the next Corvairsation.

Bryan Lynch stated that 30 CORSA calendars will be ordered.

It was brought to the attention to those present that we have members whose memberships are 3-4 months delinquent. John North suggested that we have a stamp made up to read "NOTICE. MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED. LAST ISSUE." This stamp could be used on last Corvairsation to be issued until membership is renewed. Georgia Lewis volunteered to have stamp made up.

It was agreed that roster which is circulated at Regular Meetings be signed by non-members only, rather than by all present as in the past.

The matter of CORSA membership and insurance was again brought up. It was agreed that those who planned to attend the national meeting in Detroit (Pat Hayhurst, Frank McKenna, Gordon Cauble & Don Bortle) should discuss with CORSA representatives problems and questions which TCA has.

It was suggested and agreed that at each Regular Meeting we have facilities for the posting or submitting of PARTS WANTED, PARTS FOR SALE and TECHNICAL PROBLEMS (QUESTIONS). The technical problems submitted by attendees could be repeated by Pat Hayhurst after Intermission and answered by himself or someone else.

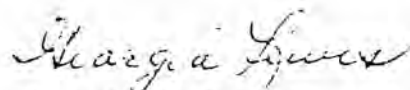
After some discussion as to whether there should be a \$1 per car charge at the Rose Canyon outing, it was decided not to rescind the charge previously agreed upon.

John North brought to the attention of those present that there was a \$5 charge per car at the Park Mall Show, which was paid by the Corvair owners. It was agreed that future charges should be defrayed by TCA.

It was agreed that there should be the following change in Regular Meeting format: Intermission should occur earlier in the meeting, with the general format remaining essentially the same. Business matters should be taken care of at the offset of the meeting rather than intermittently during the entire evening.

It was suggested and agreed that T-shirts and other items should be sold during intermission.

Meeting adjourned.



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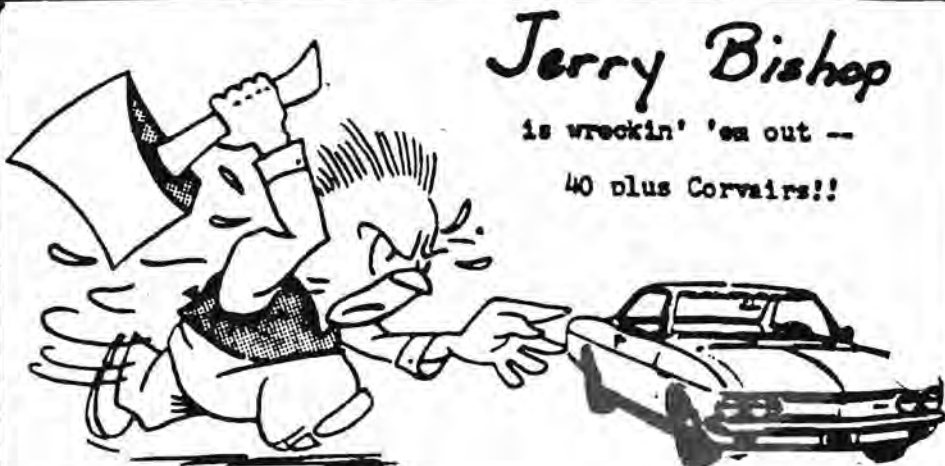
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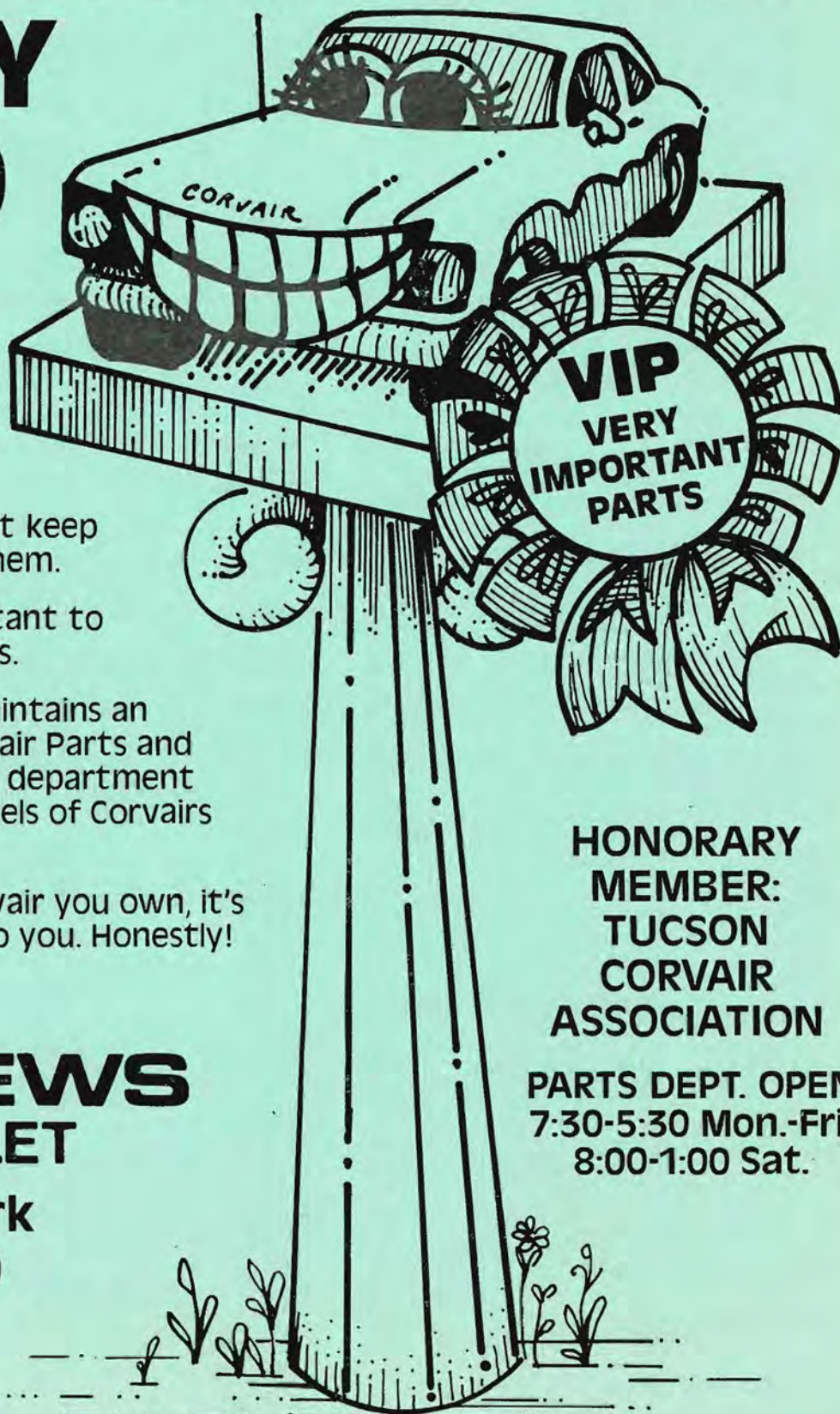
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