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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor



Message from the Regional Director

Hello fellow members.

We are in the final throes of wrapping up a busy 2019. The club has two more offerings which I hope to see you at. I know many of you attended Hershey this year. We're not done with car outings. When you get back I hope you'll consider joining us on our fall tour which will take us to the Dairyland. You can read more about it in this issue.



We also have our annual dinner coming up next month on November 17. We consider ourselves lucky to be having this in a new location courtesy of board-member Claude Ohanesian's connections. We will be enjoying the beauty and hospitality of Exmoor country club. We also will have a special guest speaker. Steven Stitle will be discussing the thrills of driving in The Colorado Grand.

Finally I would like to welcome our newest board member, Dawn Collazo. She too is a long time car enthusiast who has a passion for the classics. Please wish her well and many happy miles as she lends skills and embraces what binds us together.

CORDially,
Russ

Meet Dawn Collazo



Our newest board member has enjoyed road trips and driving since she was first licensed. Dawn is blessed with two sons who share her passion for cars. Every car has a story and has helped many friends and families build lifetime memories together.

Cover Photo: 1932 Stutz 4 door convertible sedan owned by the Driehaus Collection and driven into the Geneva Concours winners circle by Stephen Murphy. The car is believed to have been operational its entire life. Original finishes and upholstery are being preserved, rather than restored.

Welcome to our newest member: John Rock

GIR/CCCA 2019 Events

August 25: Geneva, IL Concours d'Elegance

October 19 - 20: Are you signed up for our trip to New Glarus, WI? If not, do it TODAY!

Call Kim 630-648-9767

November 17: Annual Dinner - Exmoor Country Club
Details TBA

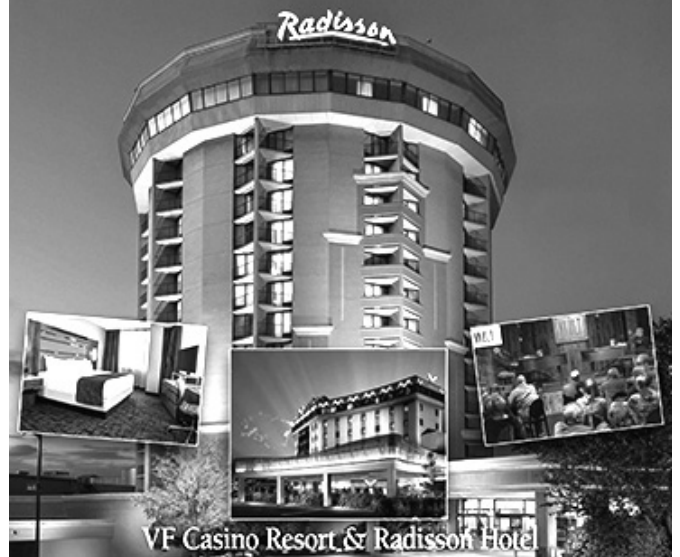
Other Events of Note

October 26: Las Vegas Concours d'Elegance

November 3: Hilton Head Island Concours

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It's Renewal Time!

National is in the process of sending out renewal forms for the coming year. Please don't forget to add the Illinois Region to your membership.

Your membership helps enable us to send out our newsletters and our award winning magazine, The Dashboard. It helps us plan and offer our annual spring and fall tours, behind-the-scenes events and garage tours. It provides support for our annual Oakbrook Father's Day Show - one of the best shows in the area.

This is a good time of year to also talk to your car-loving friends about joining GIRCCCA. We love seeing new members.

Without people like you, this club could not exist. We need and greatly appreciate your support. Thank you!

Editor's Corner



Our Fall Tour is coming up! In just a few days we will hit the road. It's not too late to join us if you have not signed up. Below are some of the details that were sent out to everyone in a separate mailing.

Fall is my favorite time of year. I hope the fall colors will wait for us across the state line. With just a few days to go, I haven't seen much changing color here yet, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed that it will be the same a little bit north to where we are going. These tours are always fun, and we always get to see places and car collections most of us have not seen before. Not to mention food. Part of any trip for me is about the food. Local specialties or just good food, done right and nicely presented, always makes a statement and is worth remembering.

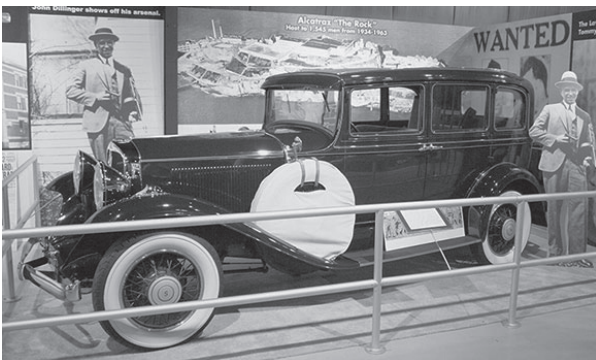
Speaking of local specialties... I have my list. Cheese curds and fudge, New Glarus

Beer for the kids, and since it is autumn, maybe we can pick up some apples or pumpkins at a farm stand somewhere along the road. Keep your eyes open and your palates ready. And don't forget the camera!

- Maureen



Latecomers: You can still sign up as late as Thursday! Call **Kim** 630-648-9767. Fee Is \$40 per person. Hotel and dinner are your responsibility.



Saturday, Oct 19

- 8:30 am Meet at The Corner Bakery 1901 Woodfield Road, Schaumburg
- 9:00 am sharp - head for Rockford, IL
- 11:00 am - Our first stop will be the Laurent House. A Frank Lloyd Wright designed home, the only building that he created specifically for a client with a physical disability.
- 12:30 pm - Lunch: Green Fire Restaurant Rockford, IL.
- 2:00 pm - The Historic Auto Museum Roscoe, IL
- 4:00 pm - head for Madison/Verona Holiday Inn Express
- 6:00 pm - New Glarus Hotel Restaurant

Sunday, Oct 20

Breakfast at the hotel

- 9:15am - head for nearby Fitchburg, WI to view the Private Collection of GIR members Ron and Heidi DeWoskin
- 11:00 am - head for New Glarus for lunch, optional Brewery Tour and some leisure time on your own to explore this quaint and scenic town

Hotel Info: Holiday Inn Express 515 W. Verona Ave. Verona, WI 53593

The hotel provides a hot breakfast. **NOTE:** When making your hotel reservations mention GIRCCCA to see if the group rate of \$146.20 (taxes included) is still available. Phone# is **608-497-4500**

Historic Road Trips

As road trips go, our imminent Fall Tour is small. But it got me thinking about road trips in general. Hagerty just put out a story on the Abernathy boys - Louis, known as Bud, age 9, and Temple, age 6, who drove a Brush Runabout automobile from New York City to their hometown of Frederick, Oklahoma. With the blessing of their father. No surprise, since in 1909 he sent his two sons, by themselves, riding their two horses to Santa Fe, New Mexico and back to Oklahoma.

Brush was one of the main competitors to Henry Ford's Model T. The boys purchased a Model D runabout for \$485 from a New York dealer. Temple's legs were too short to reach the pedals, so Bud would end up doing the driving, but Temple had the important (and dangerous) responsibility of crank-starting the Brush.

Louis and Temple arrived in Oklahoma City 23 days after they left New York City, greeted by a throng of well-wishers. The odometer on the Brush read 2512.2 miles. That's an average of over 100 miles a day—pretty impressive when you consider what roads were like in 1910.

Bertha Benz of course has long been credited with making the very first road trip in an automobile. In 1888, Bertha decided to demonstrate just how powerful the vehicle was, taking it on a 60-mile journey over the German countryside to see her mother, taking her two teenage sons along for the ride. Being a resourceful woman, Bertha invented solutions to every problem she encountered; she had a shoemaker add leather to the braking blocks, thereby inventing brake pads, used her hatpin to unclog a fuel line and her garter to insulate a wire. She successfully reached her destination in fewer than 12 hours no doubt doing more for the name Benz and the automobile in general, than any amount of advertising.

In the spring of 1904, Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson set off for what would become the first cross-country U.S. road trip. Jackson, a restless doctor eager for a challenge, made a \$50 bet in a San Francisco club room that he could drive an automobile farther than one had ever been. He departed San Francisco in a 20-horsepower Winton touring car for New York—an endeavor that took 63 days, countless repairs, and a good deal of money.

With the help of a former bicycle mechanic, Sewall Crocker, and a stray dog (whom he outfitted with driving goggles), Jackson set out on his adventure. Jackson and Crocker broke down for the first time just 15 miles after departing. They repaired countless blown out tires and at one point had to be rescued from quicksand by a horse.

As for the bet, Jackson never did collect that \$50.

Just six years after Jackson's historic trip across the U.S., Alice Ramsey, a 22-year-old New Jersey native, became the first woman to complete the journey by automobile. Ramsey's trip was sponsored by the Maxwell-Briscoe Company, a popular automaker at the time.

She was Accompanied by her two older sisters-in-law and a teenaged friend, none of whom knew how to drive. The journey took 59 days and covered 3,800 miles. The highest speed they reached was 42 miles per hour—a speed they described as “terrific.”

by Maureen Blevins



Out and About



The annual Cantigny Car Show in Winfield normally draws over 400 cars but the morning rains scared away a hundred or so folks. The more than 300 cars on display were a good assortment and gave visitors plenty to look at.

This show is put on by Cantigny itself and car clubs have nothing to do with it.

In addition to the cars, there were displays, music, and food trucks. The weather cleared and the sun was out by noon.

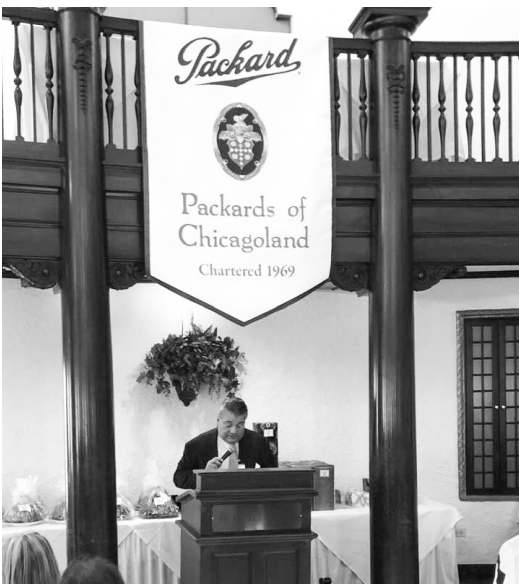


On September 8th, rain notwithstanding, I attended the **33rd Annual British Car Festival** at Harper College. This is a top car show in our area each year. The show usually draws 400 plus cars, but the rain dropped the turn-out to about 300-325.

The greenery on the Harper campus was really lush. Saw some car club friends, learned more new stuff, and ate a very tasty pulled pork sandwich from a food truck. And—there was not one drop of rain while I was there.

I suggest that you put this show on your calendar for next year.

Charles Falk



The 50th Anniversary of the Packards of Chicagoland celebration was a two day event (September 21st & 22nd).

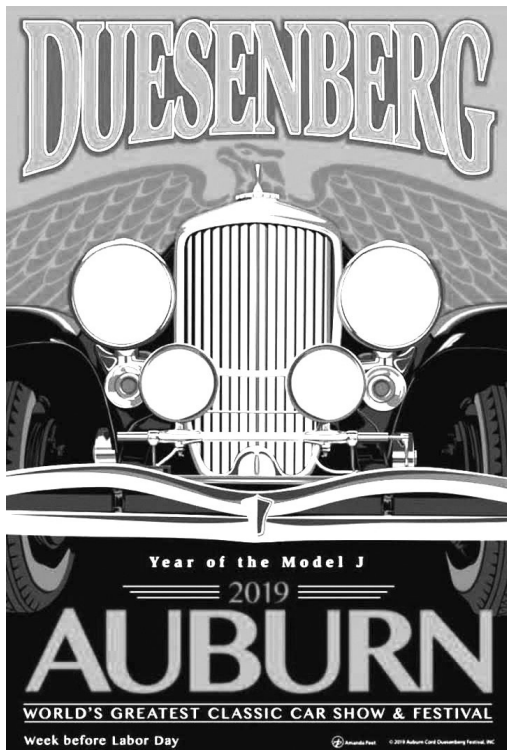
Day 1 began with a visit to Good Templar Park in Geneva. That's the location of the Viking ship Gokstad. The ship was built from the plans of Lief Erickson's ship in Norway in 1893 and then sailed to Chicago for display in the 1893 Columbian Exposition. The success of the sailing validated that Erickson's much earlier claims of sailing exploits could have occurred.

A nice lunch and good conversation followed, at Firefox in Geneva. Afterwards a visit to Bob and Sheila Joynt's home allowed everyone to get up close and personal to Bob's fine car collection. Bob also gave a conducted tour of his family's interesting collection of art and automobilia.

Day 2 involved food and drink at the Baker Hotel In St. Charles where several long-time members were recognized for their long-term service to the club.

Photos and coverage by Charles Falk

Out and About



Auburn, IN

Kim Roberts and her daughter Maggie made it out to Auburn this year. Always a fun event, they spent time at the parade, the street dance and the auction.

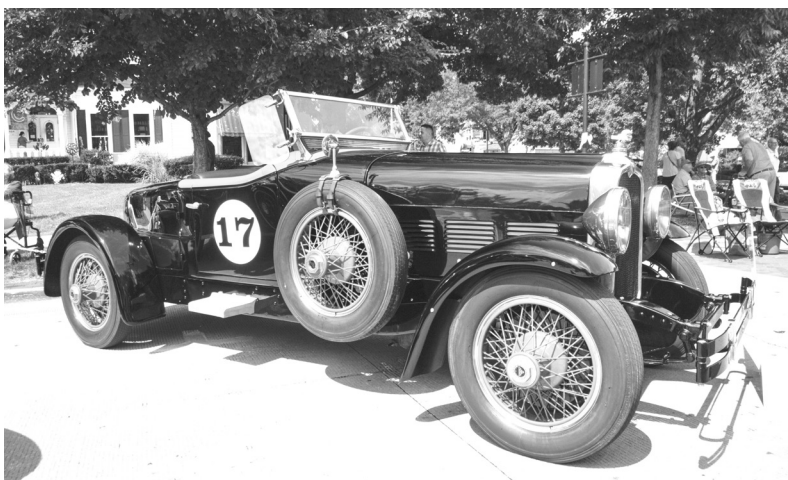
Maggie and Kim are pictured here with Tony Ficco. No word yet on whether or not Kim succumbed to the auctioneer's spiel or if she was able to resist.

Photos provided by Kim Roberts



The 2019 Geneva Concours was well attended. Mother Nature did her part this year and neither rained on us nor did she roast us. A pleasant day indeed.

Featured marques this year were Stutz, Allard, Fintailed Automobiles, the 100th Anniversary of the Bentley



Motor Car Company and the Sports Car Club of America's Diamond Anniversary.

Pictured at left is a 1927 Stutz Black Hawk Boattail owned by the Schoenthaler Family. It was a great tribute to Ed and Judy Schoenthaler to see this car on display at the concours. The car made it to the winners circle.

Ever see a 4 passenger motorcycle? That is what you see in the below left photo. Very rare!

Below - Darlene Sobczyk helps Bob Joynt make his lunch selection before he heads over to the awards tent and the microphone as master of ceremonies for the parade of winners.



In Memoriam

Judith Kelley June 11, 1941 - April 20, 2019

Judy passed away April 20th, 2019, surrounded by her family. Judy was married for nearly 55 years to Charles "Chuck" Kelley. She is survived by her husband, four children, and numerous grandchildren. Judy was a beloved family and community member that enjoyed everything she participated in. A loyal member of the Barrington United Methodist church, she sang in the musical traveling group "Spirit of the Times". She had many hobbies including cooking, gardening, decorating, antiques, refinishing, and was an accomplished artist in painting and sculpture. She was an avid tennis player and also founded a local walking club to help get people out into nature and socialize while exercising. With her love of travel, she collected many artifacts including an extensive collection of American Indian collectibles. Judy enjoyed charity work and was part of numerous mission trips with her children to the Appalachians. She had been many things in life including an ER nurse, artist, antique store owner, collector, and mom to many including caring for many animals. She opened the doors to her home and all who had the honor of meeting her understood the special spirit she was. Judy will be remembered as a mom and grandmother who was at every event and usually brought something along to eat for everyone. She inspired many to be better people.



Patricia S. Vandiver 1936—2019



After a brief illness, Patricia Vandiver of Belvidere, IL passed away on May 29, 2019.

Patricia Sue Strider Vandiver, graduated from the University of Central Missouri in 1959 with a degree in Business Administration. She was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority and Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. She was also a member of Christ United Methodist Church, Rockford Woman's Club, The Circle of Friends, Antique Friends, Jenny's Group and a 40 year member of The Stitchers. Pat was employed by Kaiser Aluminum, Square D Company, taught at Guilford High School in 1967-1968 and owned Valley Self-Storage for 24 years. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend who touched the lives of

countless many. She loved well and was well loved.

Survived by her husband of nearly 55 years, Jim Vandiver; daughters, and grandchildren

Memorials may be made to Christ United Methodist Church, 4509 Highcrest Rd., Rockford, IL 61107.

William Scott Stastny, May 13, 1956 - August 22, 2019 age 63, died unexpectedly in the early morning of August 22, 2019 after checking into the Central DuPage Hospital emergency room.

From a very early time Scott showed an aptitude for anything mechanical by disassembling old lawn mower motors and such. Repairing/rebuilding automobiles took hold in high school during a time when American iron ruled the roads. Even before he obtained a driver's license he was practicing his craft on hand-me-down cars that his older brother, Ed would use for transportation. While still in high school, Scott apprenticed at a local Chrysler/Plymouth dealership which lead to employment at a local auto parts store (Alpha Auto Parts). After moving into a position as an auto paint representative for PPG, he moved to West Chicago. He began to moonlight in the evenings at a local garage. At some point he came to the conclusion that he could make a living of the business, took over the building and created DeLuxe Auto Werks. Over the decades Scott completed numerous award winning cars for many happy owners and was a familiar face in numerous antique automobile club gatherings (Studebaker Drivers Club, Pierce Arrow Society, AACA, Packard Automobile Classics, & CCCA). He also had been active on many charity organization including Special Olympics.

Scott's other interests include various other restoration related activities of his turn of the century home and antique outboard motors. He also enjoyed the outdoors through camping, fishing, and gardening.

He will be sorely missed by his many friends and brother.



Pebble Beach

Being able to participate in the 69th Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance August 18, was a great pleasure and a once in a life time experience. Driving on to the field through the gauntlet of the "dawn patrol" and being able to drive over the awards ramp under the TV cameras and in front of hundreds of onlookers was quite exciting and surreal.

We trailered our car out to CA, enjoying the diversity and vastness of the Western States. Our daughter and family live in San Jose, CA and we visited there. We were invited to see the private car collection of John Mozart in Mountain View. Also enjoyable was our dinner and visit in Carmel with Bob and Sheila Joynt.

We participated in the Tour d'elegance, driving through Mountains and the Big Sur. On Saturday evening Pebble Beach hosted a British Roaring Twenties Gala with wonderful dinner stations, various libations and entertainment.

On Sunday, being joined on the show field by our daughter, son-in-law, (Katie and Jon Lohman) our two grand children (Micah and Evelyn Lohman) of San Jose, California and two couples from our home town of Freeport, IL, Tom and Melinda Ferguson, and Steve and Carol Kneubuehl, made it an unforgettable experience. What a blessing!

Greg Haack



Greg Haack drives his car up the ramp to accept his award.



The Haacks were not the only members at Pebble Beach this year. Also enjoying a trip to California were Bob and Bonnie Starzyk, (left), Mary Ellen Thielemann and Russ Rodriguez (right). The Haacks were there with their 1935 Packard Super 8 Coupe and placed third in their class. Way to go!

Photos courtesy Bob Starzyk



Automobile Air Conditioning: *part two*

Henney introduced air conditioning for its ambulances in the late 1930s, beating the rest of the industry by a mile. So we thought this item, from Niagara Packards, would be appropriate for this publication.

My car's manual says to roll down the windows to let out all the hot air before turning on the A/C. WHY???

As soon as you enter the car open the windows and then after a couple of minutes turn ON the A/C. According to research, the cars dashboard, seats, A/C ducts, in fact, ALL of the plastic objects in your vehicle emit BENZINE, a cancer-causing toxin - a big carcinogen. The "acceptable" benzene level indoors is 50 mg per sq. ft. A car parked indoors with windows closed will contain 400-800 mg. of benzene - eight times the acceptable level. If parked outdoors in the sun, at a temp above 60 degrees the benzene level goes up to 2000-4000 mg - 40 times the acceptable level. People who get into the car, keeping the windows closed, will eventually inhale excessive amounts of the benzene toxin.

No wonder more folks are dying from cancer than ever before. We wonder where this stuff comes from, but here is an example that explains a lot of the cancer-causing incidents. Many people are in their cars the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night, 7 days a week. Please do NOT turn on the A/C as soon as you enter the car. Open the windows after you enter your car and then after a couple of minutes turn ON the A/C.

Take the time to observe the smell of heated plastic in your car when you open it and BEFORE you start it up. In addition to causing cancer, benzene poisons your bones, causes anemia and reduces white blood cells. Prolonged exposure can cause leukemia and increases the risk of some cancers. It can also affect your kidneys and liver; what's worse, it is extremely difficult for your body to expel this toxic stuff.

So please open the windows and doors of your car and give it some time for the interior to air out and dispel the deadly stuff before you enter the vehicle

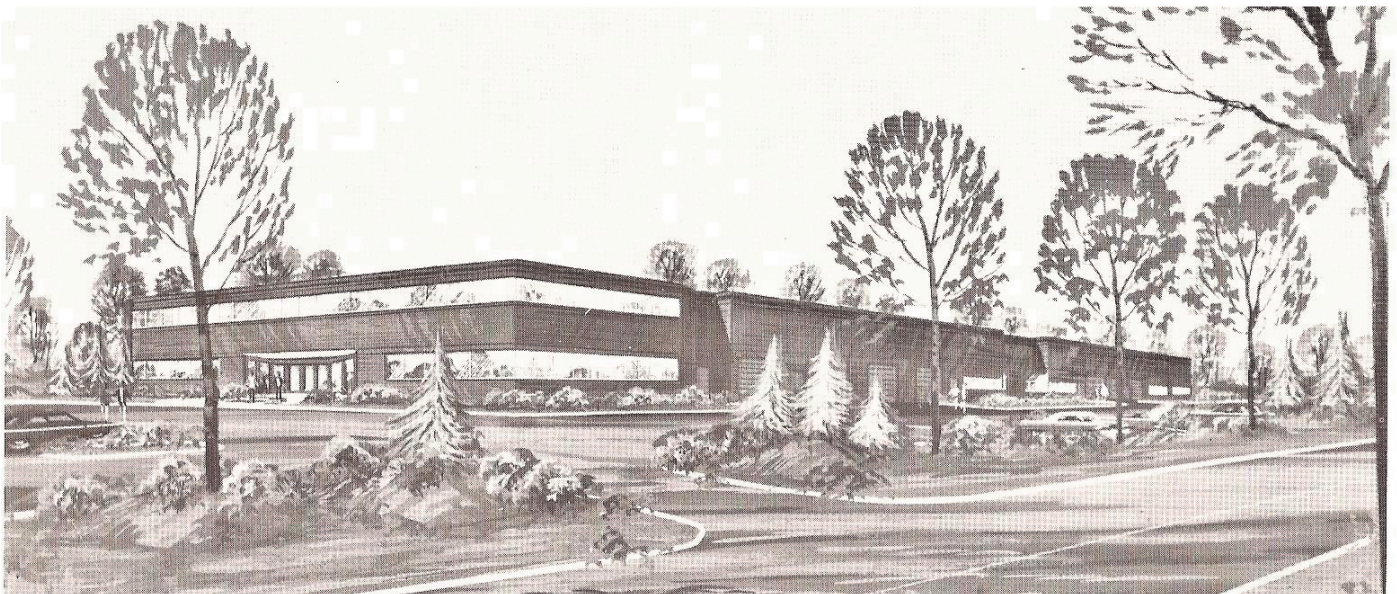
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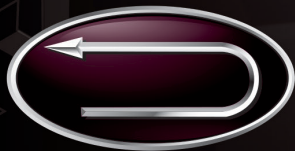
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