

# Orange County Model A Ford Club

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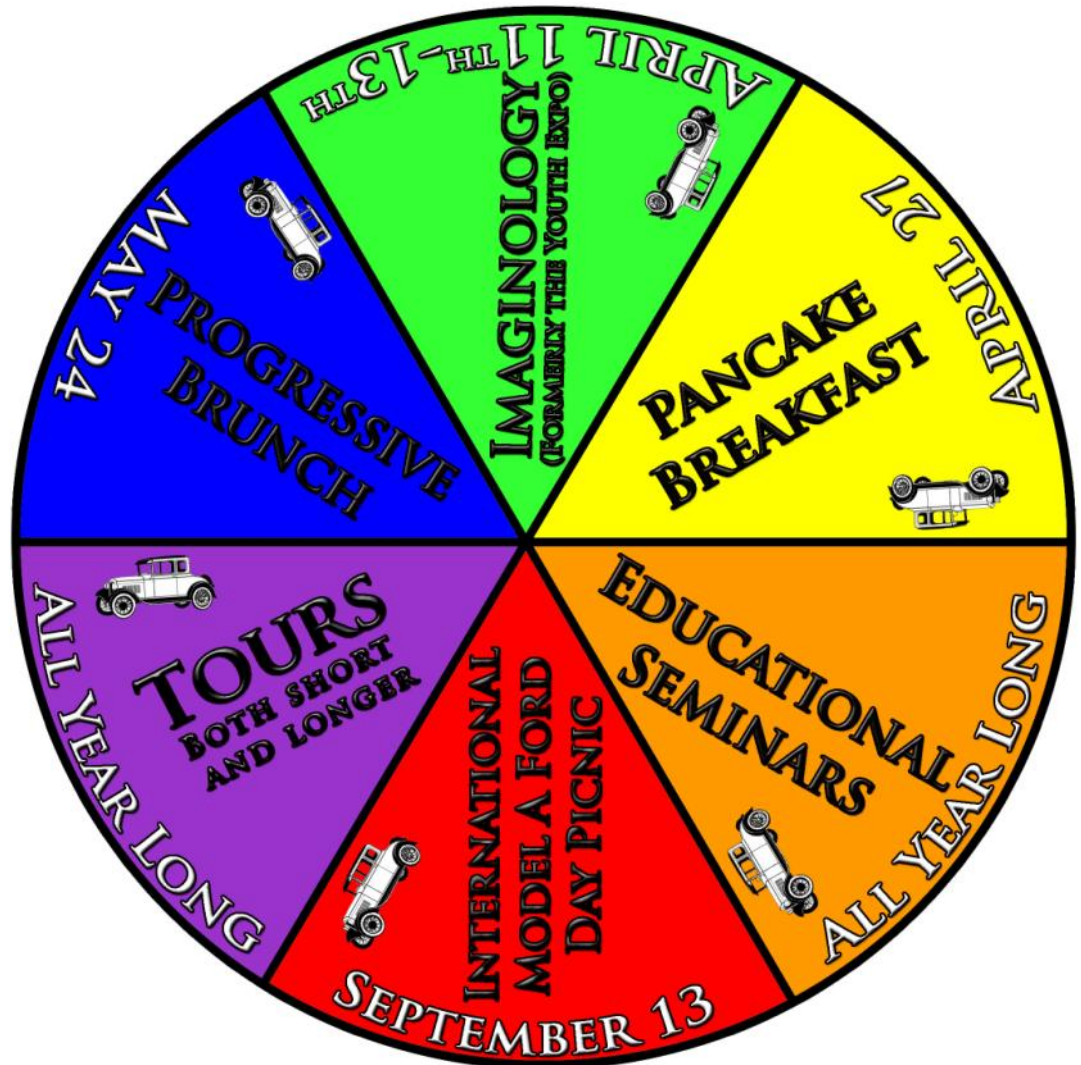
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## Special points of interest:

- So many wonderful tours and events schedule for the coming year
- Lots of Model A joined us for the January tour to Stanley Ranch Museum

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BETTER GRAB YOUR CALENDAR  
WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A BUSY YEAR WITH  
SO MANY FUN DAYS  
THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE EVENTS



**Rick Hall**  
**President**

## President's Message

We are off to a great start for 2014. The January tour to the Stanley Ranch Museum was very interesting and well attended by 40 members. The lunch following the tour was excellent and it was great to see some of the club's kids having fun on the tour as well. Louise and I enjoyed our first ride in a tow truck with our Model A, but we won't talk about that right now.

Our annual Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday, April 27 at Hart Park, so be sure to come to the next club meeting to hear more about it and to sign up for your job - remember, this event provides the income our club needs to operate.

At the January board meeting, we began discussions about sponsoring the International Model A Day picnic again

this year. It was a fun event last year and very successful for the first effort. We decided to sponsor it again, but make it bigger and better. Carolyn Ratzlaff, our Southern California Regional Group representative attended the SCRG board meeting and asked for their support for making our picnic a regional event. The response was very positive and SCRG agreed to pay the park fee, up to \$500. Thanks, Carolyn - great job! This will become a great event. It will require some work, but far less than the pancake breakfast. Working together is how we build camaraderie, friendships and a strong club.

Keep those A's rollin' - see you at the meeting.

**Rick Hall**





## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



**Feb 1 (Sat)** First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W. Katella Ave., Orange



**Feb 13 (Thu)** General Meeting at 7:30PM, details on back page. Guests are always welcome.

Board meeting at 6PM

**Feb 15 (Sat)** Tour of Rancho Los Alamitos. Details on Page 5.



**Feb 27 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ Ruby's Café, 18461 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley

92708 at 8:30AM. For info contact Terry Collings (714)970-7194



**Mar 1 (Sat)** First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W. Katella Ave., Orange

**Apr 4-6** CCRG Jamboree hosted by the Paso Robles A's

**Apr 11-13** Imaginology (formerly Youth Expo) at the Orange County Fair Grounds. Contact Dominic Cimarusti if you would like to volunteer at the booth.

**Apr 27 (Sun)** Pancake Breakfast, Hart Park, Orange. Frank Reese

will have sign up sheets at the General Meetings

**May 24 (Sat)** Progressive Brunch ~ more details in the near future. Contact Sheila Plotkin if you would like to be one of the stops.



**Jun 21 (Sat)** CCRG Meeting, home of John & Dianne Frazee, 2410 Appian Rd., Carlsbad, 760-729-4865

**Jul 14-18** MAFCA National Convention, Puyallup, WA, contact [www.2014mafcanational.org](http://www.2014mafcanational.org)

**Sep 13** International Model A Ford Day Picnic, Hart Park.. Save the Date.

## ROSTERS ARE HERE!!

Rosters will be available for members at the February general meeting. Please pick up rosters for your club neighbors and friend to help save on delivery charges.



Winner of this month's Hard Luck Trophy?  
Got to drive your car to WIN!

## Swap Meets

**Feb 21, 22 & 23**—Big 3 Auto Parts Exchange at QUAL-COMM Stadium, San Diego; Fri. 12-4 p.m., Sat 8-4 p.m., Sun. 8-4p.m.

**Jun 28**— 17th Annual OC Model T Ford Club Parts Exchange & Car Show, 6am-2pm, El Dorado High School, 1651 Valencia

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## General Meeting Minutes

### Orange County Model A Ford Club Meeting, January 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Hall at 7:40 pm. Rick then led the flag salute.

There were 47 club members in attendance.

Club Greeter, Doris Marshall introduced Steve Beck who has a 1930 Coupe. She then entertained us with a joke.

Secretary Pam Heiland, asked that the minutes of the November meeting be approved as printed. Sheila Plotkin made a motion to do so which was seconded by

Esther Goff and passed unanimously.

Treasurer, Joe Goff presented the treasurer's report and commented that we finished 2013 in the black. We had anticipated a loss for last year so this was good news. Pam Heiland made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Sheila Plotkin and passed unanimously. Joe also announced that tonight is the last opportunity to pay your 2014 dues to be included in the club roster.

Vice President/Activities Chairman, Frank Mowrer reminded everyone about the tour this Saturday, January 11 to the Stanley Ranch in Garden Grove. The tour will leave Panera Bread on Tustin Ave. in Orange at 9:15 am to be in Garden Grove for a 10:00am tour. There will be three docents to assist us when we arrive. Stanley Ranch has many old buildings, antiques and vehicles for us to enjoy. The cost is \$50 per adult and \$1 per child. We will tour to a local restaurant for lunch following the tour of Stanley Ranch. Frank also asked for suggestions for a February tour. If you have a site you would like to visit or have any suggestions of things to do, please contact Frank, 949/581-7621.

Technical Advisor, Pete Cruz presented an excellent presentation on Model A head lights. He also announce he is planning a seminar in February on preparing the Model A's for touring. More information will be available soon.

Membership Drawing: Don Ratzlaff conducted the drawing. The names drawn were Curtis and Linda Buck who were not at the meeting so the prize will roll over to \$90.00 at the February meeting. Don also noted that we have a "tools for loan" section on our website. Please let him know if you have any tools you are willing to loan to other club members.

Sunshine and Sorrow: Jeanne Parrish informed us that Frank Reese has been in the hospital, extremely ill with pneumonia. He is home now and doing better. Bruce Harris is still very ill. He still has a feeding tube. Joanie will be bringing him home soon and will have help. Please keep these members in your prayers and encourage them with cards. Jeanne also thanked everyone for their prayers, thoughts, cards, etc. following her stroke. She is doing well now and really appreciates everyone's prayers.

Youth Expo: Colleen Schmidt reported that the name of this event has been changed to Imaginology this year. It will be held at the OC Fairgrounds April 11, 12, & 13. We need volunteers to take their cars for display and also for booth workers. The event is free, however there is a parking fee. Colleen will have parking passes for the booth workers. It was suggested that we have model A carbs, distributors, etc. which could be displayed on a table at the booth.

Pancake Breakfast: Frank Reese has secured the date of April 27 for our 2014 Pancake Breakfast at Hart Park in Orange. Frank has been very ill but he will be at the February meeting with sign up sheets, etc. We always need lots of help for this event. It is our main source of revenue to keep the club functioning.

SCRG Representative Carolyn Ratzlaff will be attending the SCRG meeting at the home of Marlin Perry in Arcadia on January 18. If anyone is interested in attending, please let Carolyn know.

President, Rick Hall informed us that the club needs a volunteer to act as Election Chairman this year.

Kathie McCall has done an excellent job for many years and would like to be replaced.

Holiday Party 2014: It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that we return to Angelo's and Vinci's in Fullerton this year. Please contact Kathie McCall if you are willing to be the chairman for this event or for election chairman. She can be reached at 714/633-0946.

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**Next Tour — Rancho Los Alamitos — February 15<sup>th</sup>**

Our tour will begin at 1pm on February 15th. We will have brunch somewhere along the way. More info on that at the February general meeting.

Rancho Los Alamitos is twice listed on the National Register of Historic Places - once as the sacred Tongva village of Povuu'ngna, the traditional birthplace of the native people of the Los Angeles Basin and, second, for the evolution of its significant historic landscape over time. The site includes traces of the ancestral village, an adobe-core ranch house ca. 1800, four acres of lush historic gardens developed during the 1920s and 30s, and the restored working ranch barnyard of the early-mid 20th century. With the opening of the Rancho Center, the film, new exhibits and room environments feature the landscape, the people and the place over time and within the context of the development of the region and the state.



This exceptional site reveals the early Tongva presence, the Spanish and Mexican periods, the ranching and farming era, and the imprint of 20th century development. A quintessential place for people to experience the living story of southern California, Rancho Los Alamitos is a microcosm of the region, past to present.

For more info on this tour, contact Frank Mowrer (email: frank25t@hotmail.com).

**ROSTER RAFFLE**  
**CURTIS AND LINDA BUCK'S NAMES WERE**  
**SELECTED. HAD THEY BEEN PRESENT,**  
**THEY WOULD HAVE WON \$80. OH WELL, IT**  
**MAKES THE FEBRUARY DRAWING \$90!!**





## Ford Model A History

By Pete Cruz

Club members and enthusiasts all know the Model A Ford as a series of cars built by the Ford Motor Company from 1928 through 1931. Digging a little deeper we understand that the cars were actually produced from November 1927 through March 1932. So by adding the fact that Model A's were produced a "little earlier" and a "little later" than initially reported we can wrap up the production history of the Model A Ford... or can we?

Henry Ford's first car was his "Quadracycle" built in 1896. Ford tinkered with other designs including racing variants until finally convincing investors to throw in with him and establish the Ford Motor Company in 1903. Anxious to produce and sell cars, the company developed the Model A. They produced about 1,750 of these cars which were powered by a two cylinder, eight horsepower engine using a chain drive to push the car down the road at a very respectable top speed of 45mph.

In my mind the original Model A was the inspiration for the "motorcar" Thaddeus Toad traded "Toad Hall" for in Disney's adaptation of "The Wind in the Willows"... but I could be wrong.



Walt Disney



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So with that being said, we now have the "full" picture of the Ford Model A production story. Or do we?

In April 1917 the United States of America declared war on Germany opening up our involvement in WWI. Shortly thereafter the Aircraft Production Board commissioned the creation of a new aircraft engine to bring America into the modern age of combat aircraft. It took just two months from inception to the first prototype of the Liberty 12 aircraft engine. Of course the Ford Motor Company played a major role in the effort producing ALL of the cylinders used in the new engines and 3,950 complete engines. Thus Ford was instrumental in helping win the war. So, what designation inconspicuously shows up on the nameplate used by Ford? You guessed it!



## Do You Recognize Me?

I was born in the now infamous and police protected community of Watts! In the early era, this was a highly respected community and during this time, you could safely walk to USC and Exposition Park to enjoy a mile high Curry Ice Cream Cone. (THE talk of the town.)

At the early age of 12, the family moved to Temple City and I attended Pasadena City College. Graduation was in the Rose Bowl. While there, I volunteered time to help decorate the Rose Parade floats. It was a very informative and creative experience. A favorite pastime for me was working as an exercise jockey for the race horses at Santa Anita Racetrack in Arcadia.

During this period, I met my future spouse through a friend. We married a year later and moved to an island where I worked and had two daughters. After a few years on the island, we moved to upstate New York. It was forever cold and snowed six months of the year. A third daughter was born.

Another move took us to a town where I worked for an organization providing medical care. This lasted four years and was a very challenging experience. I was also active in political groups and their many causes. Going into the "hollows" was always a challenge. Until the Appalachian folks really trusted our group and cause, strangers would go off alerting the folks of gun shots. The greatest fear during this time, I attended nursing school and received a nursing degree.

Returning to California, the lure of real estate drew me to become the President of the local real estate board and was appointed by the County Supervisor Gaddi Vasquez to the county's Assessment Hearing Board. Homeowners, with their attorney, would plead cases to have their property taxes lowered. I worked on many political campaigns for senators, assemblymen and supervisors. My second love was politics.

Additional clues as to my identity. For my birthday, I learned to drive an 18-wheeler. I love Elvis (who doesn't?) and Disney. I have a tattoo of a penguin. Where is it located? You'll have to ask me personally.

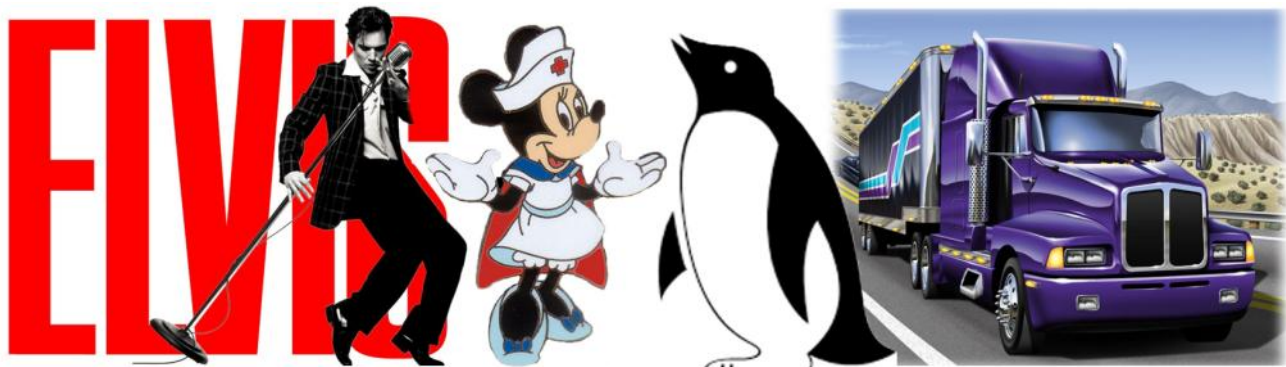
Any clue who I am? — Answer on Page 9.

Here's an opportunity to get to know another club member better. We will be including a sort of "What's My Line?" article, only it will be entitled "Do You Recognize Me?" Throughout the article you will receive hints. We hope you enjoy the process of learning a little more about your Model A friends.



Kentucky. Here, I worked for a social or-care/education to the people of Appalachia. during the Kennedy "War on Poverty" era. groups and their many causes. Going into challenge. Until the Appalachian folks really gun shots would go off alerting the folks of was that the strangers were revenuers!! Eastern Kentucky University and received a

and then making Orange County home, the receive my broker's license. I became the tate board and was appointed by County the county's Assessment Hearing Board. torneys, would plead cases to have their worked on many political campaigns for







Another beautiful Saturday in January greeted us for our tour to the Stanley Ranch Museum & Historical Village. There were 10 Model A's and 34 people on our expedition.

Walking through the many antiquated homes and businesses brought back fond memories for many of us. I cannot count the number of times someone would say "Remember this?" or "We had one of these".

The most sentimental recall was when we were all standing in front of an old upright radio. Everyone apparently had the same fond memory of sitting on the floor and facing the radio, rooting on the miraculous good deeds of super heroes Batman & Robin, Captain Marvel and Superman!

One of the houses was dedicated to music and it was here that our very own and highly talented Kathie McCall entertained us by playing a ditty tune on the pump organ.

*Esther Goff*



Again, high five to Frank Mowrer for all his hard work. In case you did not know it, on his own time, Frank goes to our tour sites and previews restaurants in the area to ensure we have a good time.



**Stanley Ranch  
Museum & Historical Village**



**ANSWER TO "Do You Recognize Me?"**—Esther Goff, our fabulous resident writer.



*The club's Progressive Brunch will be held on 5/24 and we are looking for someone to cover appetizers or main course. Please contact Sheila Plotkin if you would like to help out.*



Join us for good food and company

**Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch**

February 27 8:30 am

Ruby's Café

18461 Brookhurst St.

Fountain Valley, 92708

714-964-2533

Info: Terry Collings 714 970-7194

**If you have tools you are willing to loan other members, please let Don Ratzlaff know and he will include the info on the Members' Only section of our club's website.**



### **Meet our New and Returning Members:**

**Jim Yedor**, 1622 Sierra Alta, Santa Ana, CA 92705, Hm: 714-838-8956; Email: jye-dor@aol.com; 1929 Tudor Sedan

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OCFAIR  
**IMAGINOLOGY**  
 FULL S.T.E.A.M. AHEAD  
**April 11-13, 2014**  
 This event was formerly called  
 the Youth Expo.  
 Let's show the future Model  
 A'ers what to means to own  
 and drive a Model A.

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Fourth Thursday Breakfast: Terry Collings was unable to attend the meeting but Rick announced that the breakfast will be at the Miraloma Café in Anaheim this month. Call Terry for more information, 714/745-1919.

Model A Driver Drawing: Gary and Rhonda Chambers won the drawing. Congratulations!

Hard Luck Trophy: Phil Joujon-Roche received the hard luck trophy at the November meeting for a problem with his window. He thanked the club members who helped him fix the problem.

**Business Cards:** Bev Marsh has club business cards if anyone wants them. The cards have space to put your name on them to hand out to interested people.

**International Model A Ford Day:** will be held at (Cont'd Page 11)



#### EDITOR'S NOTE

*Do you want to receive your newsletter by email? Just email me at [tismith@cookseylaw.com](mailto:tismith@cookseylaw.com).*

*I want to thank those of you who have elected to have the Distributor delivered this way — Go GREEN.*



## Car Barn Specials

**Wanted:** A running Model A Engine any year is ok. Contact James G. Michaeloff, 562) 537-7767

**FOR SALE:** Debbie Buford is seeking help in selling Phil's Model A, "Rosie". The car is a 1980 Shay Roadster, gray and black. It has a newly rebuilt transmission, all new belts and hoses including timing belt and a new radiator. Phil added several original Model A parts and has Shay spares. Debbie is asking \$17,000. If you know of someone who is interested or a broker who can sell her car please call Dave at (805) 391-0485 or (805) 498-9966, [dgpoly@aol.com](mailto:dgpoly@aol.com). This A is in California.



**FOR SALE:** 1930 Ford pickup. Will need complete restoration. Has been inside last 34 years and currently in Santa Ana. Asking \$1,200. Can email more pictures. Contact Garth Flint (949) 350-3361.

**FOR SALE:** 1931 Coupe with Rumble Seat—Mitchell Transmission, Mitchell Overdrive, H&H Engine, Mallory Ignition. Leather upholstery, body, paint and tires in good condition. Frame off. Restoration 5 years ago. Runs and drives well. Contact Ken Wehage at 949-366-2470

**—PRICE REDUCED \$13,000—**



**FOR SALE:** 1930 Model A Coupe with rumble seat. It is in excellent mechanical, body, and inside condition. It is now garaged when I bought it. Call Tom Forth at 714-914-8014. Asking \$13,000 OBO.

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Mason Regional Park in Irvine on September 13. We need a chairman for this event. Richard Parrish chaired it in 2013 and is willing to help anyone who will take this job. This is a fun event and a fairly easy one to chair. We have a lot more lead time this year so we expect more participation. This event is open to all clubs. Domenic Cimarusti knows a man who owns a cut-away running Model A engine who will be displaying it at this event. He will also display it at this year's pancake breakfast.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to enjoy delicious refreshments furnished by Louise Hall and Bev Marsh. Thank you ladies.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Heiland, Secretary

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## **Next General Meeting**

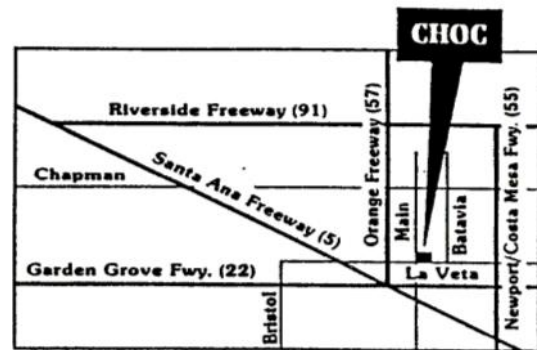
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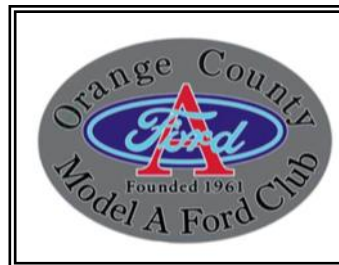
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**CHOC Hospital Complex**

**455 South Main Street, Orange, CA**



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