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Mini-Scene, Season
Change with Amtrak and
more.....***



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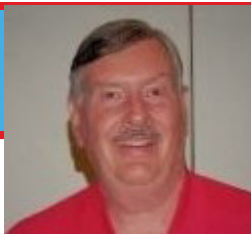
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On the Cover...



Superintendent Report

It is better to give...

We have all heard the saying “*It is better to give than to receive*” but it is really true? From personal exercise, I would say “Yes!” In fact, I will go even further and state I believe you will likely receive more because you choose to give rather than just receive.

How so? Let me explain by example.

I first joined the NMRA in 1981. The reason, I wanted to attend the local Lone Star Region’s annual convention being held that year in Fort Worth, TX. (I was then living in Arlington, TX.) During that same time period, I was a member of a round-robin group called the Narrow Gauge Circle. Through one of its members, I was assembling/reviewing kits for the pages of *Railroad Model Craftsman*. So it wasn’t much of a stretch to bring one of the models as an entry for the convention’s model evaluations contest.

While not important how the model scored (for those who have to know, it came in 3rd. Wow, did I ever learn a lot about filling out an evaluation form!) The chain of events that occurred afterward was life changing. That model became an icebreaker. It introduced me to many other like-minded modelers; several who remain close friends to this day. Then those friendships lead to even more introductions and, sometimes, invitations to several very select model layout visitations or operations sessions.

Would I have made some of those same friendships, or eventually visited a few of those layouts anyways? Possibly. Who really knows? More importantly, what I firmly believe is that through the act of **sharing** a single model – *a form of giving* – I received back so much more in return.

Another example...

The starting point, a late evening phone call during which a friend (we lived a couple of hundred miles apart) mentioned he would soon resign as Editor of a railroad historical society, due to a pending work/life-style change, we both belonged to. Sensing a “trap” at the time, I cautiously inquired who was going to replace him. He replied a third member, a very knowledgeable and well respected historian/researcher, had indicated a possible willingness to serve. There was concern however – the time, drive, and motivation necessary to solicit, edit, and paste-up articles; then publish and distribute them under the cover of a quarterly newsletter might quickly overwhelm him due to his already busy schedule.

Jumping forward a couple of long, soul-searching days, I phoned my buddy back up and asked if the Editor position might still be available. I recalled stating my qualifications: “...an inexperienced, knowledge lacking, wet behind the ears, ‘pup’ who felt the need to step up and give back to an organization he strongly believed in.” I think I also said something like “...but my mentor (him) was only a short 3 hours drive away?!”. He replied he wasn’t sure if the job was still available; promised to check on it, then call me back.

Well, it wouldn’t be much of a story if I didn’t become the society’s next Editor; a position I held for 6 years. And what a wonderful, rewarding, growth expanding 6 years it was! By simply **volunteering** a bit of my time – *another form of giving* – I was introduced to more subject matter experts than would ever been possible via any other route. Together, as newly acquainted “partners” (some of which I still have not met fact-to-face), we created and printed dozens upon dozens of articles of value to every member of the society.

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And, again, in return, I received many, many times more facts, details, photos, and stories than would ever been accumulated had I instead just waited for the next newsletter to be delivered in the mail.

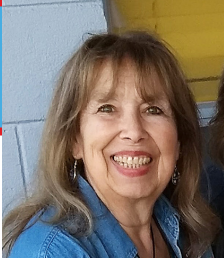
Perhaps an important “life” lesson learned too: *You don't have to be an expert to volunteer.* Prior experience and noteworthy qualifications are not always necessary. A willingness to offer one's best effort is usually enough; others/mentors will show you the way.

So, think about it. Isn't it better to give than receive? Haven't you also experienced a similar example or two? As my grandfather would instill into all his grandchildren, *“If one thinks of, or acts in, the best interest of others, one never has to guard their back.”*

Please accept my best wishes to you, your family and friends for a happy, joyous holiday season and a healthy, prosperous 2021. Happy model railroading to you! Be safe and remain vigilant,

- Vic Cavalli

Superintendent, Los Angeles Division of the PSR, NMRA, Inc.



Directors Report

Hello Los Angeles Division Members,

I hope this finds you and yours safe and well. It's hard to believe that the holidays are just around the corner!

The L.A. Division Advisory Board will be moving forward with virtual meets via the ZOOM app. Please watch your email for notification of the first meet that will be held in November. If you would like to present a "show and tell" item to let everyone know what you've been working on, do a clinic, or show us your layout, please contact us here at the L.A. Division to let us know. We will be happy to add you to the lineup of presenters! We hope you will attend our virtual meets so we can continue the fellowship of our wonderful hobby until such time we are able, once again, to gather in person.

As previously mentioned, the Pacific Southwest Regional Board of Directors has been working on formally obtaining a 501c3 status for our Region encompassing all four Divisions. We have received notification that the paperwork has been filed. We are looking forward to confirmation that the process has been completed soon.

The PSR Regional elections for the offices of Region President and Region Vice President have taken place. The results are in and Vic Cavalli, the Regional Elections Chair, will be including the results in this issue of the Coupler. The PSR Board of Directors will have had a meeting on October 25th, 2020. The newly elected President and Vice President will be installed during this meeting. Under normal circumstances, the installation would have occurred at the Van Nuys Local 2020 Regional Convention during the Saturday night banquet.

As a result of the continuing Los Angeles County (and venue) Covid-19 restrictions, the Los Angeles Division is not able to have any in person events for the remainder of the year (including the meet listed below). The Los Angeles Division Board members are in hopes that 2021 will look very different from today's "new normal" and that we will be able to meet in person once again. Looking forward to seeing you then!

Reminder: Dec 5th – 6th: *****CANCELLED*****

Frosty Freight (formerly Freight Fright held in October)

South Coast Botanic Gardens

26300 Crenshaw Blvd.

Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

Until next time....Happy Modeling! And, above all else, stay safe!

Mona Raymer,

Director, Los Angeles Division, PSR, NMRA

From the Website Guy



Modeling as a Memoir

I am sure all of you have had the perfect railfan day. Maybe you visited a line that doesn't always see a lot of traffic and on that day trains were rerouted due to problems on the normal route. Or maybe an excursion train brought back fond memories from another time. Whatever the case may be, model railroading is the perfect way to relive a memorable day. For me, the first day of a trip to the Pacific Northwest led to one of my favorite locomotive projects.

My trip began at Los Angeles Union Station, where I was getting on the northbound Coast Starlight. My Destination was Dunsmuir, arriving there at 5:00 am! My friend met me at the train, and we slept for a couple of hours in the motel room he had gotten the night before. After getting up and exploring Dunsmuir, we headed to our first destination of the trip, the McCloud River Railroad yard at McCloud, CA. I wasn't sure what to expect and what we found was a combination of time capsule and joyful discovery. There was still plenty of equipment on the property and we spent the next few hours exploring every inch of the yard facility. The whole time we were there I expected someone to drive up and ask us to leave, but thankfully that never happened. The variety of equipment stored there was extraordinary, from box cars to passenger cars (both streamlined and heavyweight) and all kinds of maintenance equipment, some very obviously home built. Anyone who knows me, knows that I have a fascination with locomotives, so I was very happy that parked in the yard was a bright yellow Baldwin VO1000 and in the engine house were the 3 remaining McCloud River SD38s. The only locomotive that was not there was 2-6-2 #25.

The yard complex was spread out, so it took some time to see everything that was there. I was very pleasantly surprised to find a couple of Spokane, Portland & Seattle head end cars and although they had some graffiti, they were well worth photographing. The rest of the trip was most memorable and included time spent at Garibaldi, Oregon, home of the Oregon Coast Scenic Railway AND McCloud River 2-6-2 #25, Klamath Falls, Albany, and Toledo (all in Oregon), the Columbia River Gorge (both sides) and Portland. There were other places as well, each one as fascinating and enjoyable as the others. The night before coming home, I was telling my friend how much I enjoyed the yard at McCloud and wanted to model their SD38s. I knew that Athearn made an SD38 and had offered it in the brown McCloud River paint scheme. We looked on ebay but did not find one. I told my friend that I would keep looking, and about that time he casually mentioned that at one time the McCloud River Railroad had an SD38-2. I have a lot of model trains and sometimes get a pleasant surprise when I go looking through my collection and find something that I had completely forgotten about. However, in this case, I knew that I had an SD38-2 waiting to be painted S.P. and knew immediately that the locomotive would never see scarlet and grey!!

We looked online and found photos of the locomotive and it was painted in a really nice orange and white paint scheme with white stripes on the nose. My friend was pretty sure that Microscale made McCloud River Railroad decals, a quick check on ebay verified that and with the click of a button a painting project was started.

From the Website Guy

When I got home I looked online for more photos of SD38-2 #39 and found that the color in the photos varied with regards to the correct shade of orange. In some of the photos the orange almost looked red and in others a really pale shade. I was finally able to get what I thought would be the correct color by comparing the backgrounds of the photos and seeing which background had the correct colors. Once I decided on the color, the next challenge was mixing the paint. Fortunately, I had a shade of orange that was very close and only needed to add a little white to get the color I was looking for. Of course this was the first time I had painted a McCloud River locomotive, so masking was a little tricky but the model came out very well and gets compliments all the time when I run it on the layout of the Glendale Model Railroad Society, which I am a long time member of. Since then, Athearn re-released their SD38 in the orange and white McCloud River Railroad paint scheme, so now my SD38-2 has a mate to run with, however my model of McCloud River Railroad #39 is a memoir of an amazing trip to an incredible part of the country and looking at the model always brings back fond memories.



McCloud yard



McCloud River SD39s



SP & S head end cars



My McCloud River SD39-2



My McCloud River SD39-2



Membership Services

Members' Services

Collected/edited by Vic Cavalli

Amazing how fast 2020 has seemed to fly by. Shortly, we will be ushering in a new (and hopefully less virus influenced) year. If you're like me, this final quarter of the year is spent thinking more about friends and family – including creating holiday gift lists.

For that fellow model railroader on your list, but not yet an NMRA member, how about giving them a *Rail Pass* membership? Receive nine full months of the *NMRA Magazine*, quarterly electronic versions of the Region's *The Dispatch* and our Division's *L.A. Coupler*, invitations to monthly social media Zoom meetings, discounts from both national and local hobby shops, suppliers and manufacturers, plus more! Not a shabby gift at only \$19.95.

Here's a link to the NMRA's membership page: https://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/membership/railpass_form.pdf

For the friend who already is a member, consider giving them a subscription to one of their favorite railroad's historical societies or Special Interest Groups (SIGs). Using any search engine, such as Google, query: *railroad historical society* or *model railroad SIG*. You'll be amazed how many groups are out there.

While on the subject of friends, please **welcome our two newest members**:

Donald Bergmann of Pasadena, CA. Donald joined 11/1/2020

Christian Sanchez of Downey, CA. Christian joined 11/1/2020

They bring our Division's total membership to 202.

It also provides the perfect lead-in to a new program the Advisory Board has chosen to pilot over the next 12 months. Introducing the Los Angeles Division's ***Buddy Program***.

Overseen by Past-Superintendent Mike O'Brien, the plan is to pair up more experienced L.A. Division "mentors" with newer enrolled members (or even longer-termed ones); providing them with whatever assistance, guidance, direction, or information they might request. Depending on the person a mentor is matched with, this might include:

- Helping the newer member meet other like-interested modelers
- Answering questions or directing them to others who might have an answer
- Providing experience or informal support when thought advisable
- Arranging with them to attend events or meets (virtually or physically; and when permissible once again)
- Helping to find ways to keep the newer member interested and engaged
- Introducing them to NMRA programs, such as the Achievement Program or EduTRAIN
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- Determining, then building upon their passions; allowing the newer member to branch out into other areas of the hobby
- Offering the newer member ways they might find enjoyable while contributing to the Division and Region

While reading through this list of possibilities, might you see yourself as either a mentor or someone who'd like to be buddy'd-up? If so, contact Mike for more details.

And, of course, should you have any question regarding your membership or benefits, feel free to contact any member of the Members' Services Team. Contact information can be found in the rear of every issue of the *L.A. Coupler*.

Wishing you and yours a joy filled holiday season and a happy 2021.



Financial Report

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**LADivPSRNMRA
Balance Sheet
As of October 15, 2020**

	Oct 15, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	
Advisory Board Expenses	1,050.01
Total Advisory Board	1,050.01
Bank Fees	2,180.71
Banquet Expenses	3,398.09
Income	-2,385.00
Total Banquet	1,013.09
Build a Memory Income	-1,200.89
Total Build a Memory	-1,200.89
Childrens Coloring Boxcar Expenses	506.37
Total Childrens Coloring Boxcar	506.37
Coupler Elections	111.64
Expenses	1,042.49
Total Elections	1,042.49
Freight Fright Modular Meet Expenses	1,224.12
Income	-851.43
Total Freight Fright Modular Meet	372.69
NMRA Promotional Events Expenses	2,354.43
Income	-1,621.15
Total NMRA Promotional Events	733.28
Regional Convention Expenses	42,245.07
Income	-42,554.31
Total Regional Convention	-309.24
SpringRail Expenses	6,625.13
Income	-9,400.40
Total SpringRail	-2,775.27
Checking - Other	4,980.13
Total Checking	7,705.01
Savings	
Intrest	-6.92
Savings - Other	5,107.56
Total Savings	5,100.64
Total Checking/Savings	12,805.65
Total Current Assets	12,805.65
TOTAL ASSETS	12,805.65

James L. Keena
Chief Clerk/Paymaster
LA Div. PSR NMRA

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PSR 2020 Election Results

PSR 2020 Election Results Announcement

By Vic Cavalli

PSR Nominations and Elections Committee Chair

From August 8th – 23rd, Pacific Southwest Region (PSR) members were asked to choose its leadership for the next two years. Using the computer app *ElectionBuddy*, 879 “electronic” ballots were sent out with a record setting 26% of them (244 in total) being submitted.

After all votes were tabulated and validated by the PSR Nominations and Elections Committee, results were forwarded on to the PSR Board for certification. All involved extend their congratulations to our newly elected officers:

President-Elect: **Pat Raymer**

Vice President-Elect: **Gary Butts, MMR**

The Region’s new President and Vice President were installed on October 25th during the PSR’s Annual Board of Directors meeting, held virtually via a Zoom meeting.



President-Elect Pat Raymer.



Vice President-Elect Gary Butts, MMR

Experiencing the Change of Seasons on Amtrak

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Recently my wife suggested to me that we could take a train ride for my birthday. Of course, I had to see what I could put together in order to travel on portions of Amtrak routes that I have not yet traveled on. Also, since this was autumn it would be a good opportunity to see the changing fall colors of leaves across the country. This would be basically a round trip whistle stop tour of the western portion of the United States.

Due to lower ridership because of COVID-19 restrictions, Amtrak has now reduced service on many of its trains to just tri-weekly service. The trains are operating with reduced capacity, social distancing and face masks are required. Onboard meals are now all prepackaged, prepared and heated up prior to serving. Breakfast is served continental style while lunch and dinner both have the same selection of meals.

I reserved a route for us departing Los Angeles on Friday, October 16th by first traveling north on the Coast Starlight to Portland, Oregon. As we traveled northward, we enjoyed seeing the changing colors of fall. In Portland on October 17th we connected with the Portland to Spokane, Washington portion of the Empire Builder traveling east to Chicago, Illinois. On our journey eastward the fall turned to winter and we experienced the beauty of the first snowfall in Montana. We stayed overnight in Chicago enjoying again the changing colors of the trees on October 19th. We then boarded the Texas Eagle on October 20th headed southbound. While in Saint Louis, Missouri we were treated to a rain, thunder, and lightning display. Our train was connected with the westbound Sunset Limited in San Antonio, TX during the night for our return trip arriving back in Los Angeles on the early morning of October 23rd.

In one week of travel, we were able to experience summer like weather, travel along the Pacific Ocean, see the changing colors of fall and feel the cold snowflakes of winter's first mountain storm and enjoy a mid-west thunder and lightning storm from the safety of our train.

While on the trip several historic displays of preserved railway equipment were observed and photographed when possible. There were several preserved cabooses seen from the Southern Pacific, Great Northern, Santa Fe, Texas & Pacific and Missouri Pacific. In Temple, Texas right adjacent to our train was a preserved Santa Fe ALCO HH-1000, in desperate need of repainting, but still a joy to see in person. Several other passenger cars and cabooses were also displayed in this museum. We saw several steam locomotives that are preserved, including examples from the Great Northern and Southern Pacific.

In addition, there are many examples of fallen flag equipment still working on the railroads in revenue service or in a maintenance-of-way capacity. I observed Northern Pacific, Missouri Pacific, Santa Fe, Chicago Northwestern, Burlington Northern and Southern Pacific all still carrying their reporting marks or heralds.

If you are looking to get away for a while without having to drive, consider an Amtrak train trip vacation. Yes, the service is not the same as in the glory days of train travel, but it is still the best way to see and enjoy the beauty of America at SEE LEVEL.

Sincerely,

James Keena

Chief Clerk Paymaster

Experiencing the Change of Seasons on Amtrak



ATSF ALCO HH-1000 Temple, TX.



ATSF Caboose.



GN 2584 Harve, MT.



GN at the Izack Waltin Inn, Glacier.



GN Switcher in Whitefish, MT.



Klamath Falls, OR.

Experiencing the Change of Seasons on Amtrak



NP Covered Hopper.



Practicing Safety First.jpg



LA Union Station.



TRE Commuter Fort Worth, TX.



SP Caboose Salem, OR.

How to: Mini-Scene

How To: Mini-Scene Idea

By, Vic Cavalli

Here's an idea you might want to consider, a mini-scene per se. Located at the very end-of-track on the Southern Pacific's standard gauge Jawbone branch, at Owenyo, CA, the "friendly" S.P. really out did itself with this track bumper. Easy to recreate, start with a pair of heavily distressed 9"x7"x8'6" ties stacked on top of each other. Mount them (i.e., the ties) atop of track's rail, approximately 6' from the end of the spur. Finally, wrap a piece of medium-linked chain around each side of the stacked ties, hiding each chain's ends under the spur's rail. You're done. Unless... you want to add some super detailing such as: bolt holes at the end of each piece of rail, a bit of earth fill behind the tie bumper, or a few well beaten boards and litter.

Photo: Vic Cavalli Collection



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2) *From the PDF:*

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Train Toons *By Ron Westlund*



L.A. Division Board meetings
are held electronically the
second Thursday of each month.
Contact Vic Cavalli, Division
Superintendent, for details.

LA Division Facebook Page



Do you want to know more about what's going on in the Los Angeles Division of the NMRA?

Are you searching for more connection with the NMRA? Do you want to hear and learn from others about the Model Railroading Hobby?

Become a part of model railroading in the Los Angeles area and join the NMRA Los Angeles Division Facebook page! Give it a try!

It is open to all NMRA members and provides a valuable tool for learning about local events, activities of your NMRA Division Board, and just general modeling information.

Go to the link and ask to join! No obligation and one of the few things that are free! Be an active part of your local Model Railroading community!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1960134804039677/members/>



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Volunteers Needed



Los Angeles Division PSR NMRA



NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Los Angeles Division PSR NMRA is currently in the need of some extra help and volunteers. We try to actively promote the Model Railroad Hobby and community through our Spring Rail Meets, Social Media events, Freight Fright, Regional Conventions, "Coupler" Newsletter, Website and involvement with the other Southern California Divisions, Model Railroad Clubs, and Home Layouts. We are looking for volunteers to spend maybe a few hours each week or so helping in these areas. Your contribution and participation would be greatly appreciate, helping to secure the long-term success of the Los Angeles Division PSR NMRA!

Assistant Web master – working with the L.A. Division Webmaster, the assistant webmaster helps to keep the Division's website working smoothly, its contents up-to-date; adding new (or deleting old) contents to its pages in a timely fashion.

Members' Aid Chair – as a part of the Members' Benefits Team (Recruitment, Retention, Members' Aid, and Buddy Program), the Members' Aid Chair acts as the point of contact for the Division's at-large membership; answering or directing their question, concerns, or needs to the appropriate NMRA resources or person. Periodically, this individual would also be expected to highlight/share NMRA benefits available to its membership via the pages of the Division's quarterly newsletter The L.A. Coupler.

Social Media Coordinators – Social Media Coordinators act as the caretakers, overseers, and moderators of the L.A. Division new and expanding Zoom media capabilities. Currently used only for audio/visual meetings, the L.A. Division envisions Zoom as becoming the vehicle by which members may participate in Chat Groups, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), Show-and-Tells, Clinics, Prototype and/or Model Railroad Tours, ... The limiting factor here is only the collective imaginations of the team's coordinators.

Historian – a new (or possibly old one being brought back) position. It's holder will be responsible for collecting and archiving Division history, physically, within the pages of the Division's quarterly newsletter The L.A. Coupler, and (working with the Division's webmasters) on the pages of the Division's website. Areas of history that the Division would like preserved include (but are not limited to): previous issues of the L.A. Coupler, Members' Honors (i.e., MMRs, Officers, Golden Spike recipients, Member of the Year recipients), photos of meets, conventions, and/or shows, ...

L.A. Coupler/Social Media Contributors – though not a "staff" member of the L.A. Division Advisory Board, the Division is always in need of individuals who are willing to share articles and/or photos of their model or prototype railroading interests. Should you think you have something to share, please contact the Division's Superintendent, any member of the L.A. Coupler's staff, and/or any of the Social Media Team's coordinators.

Outreach Volunteers - We are looking for someone to make calls to members inviting them to participate in upcoming events and meetings. This would require a very social individual with an interest in chatting. They could also promote articles for the Coupler from Members.

Please Contact: Superintendent@ladiv-nmra.org

MODEL TRAIN & RAILROAD EVENTS:

Area Covered: Counties of Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Mono, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara & Ventura + National Conventions

Last updated: 9/19/2020

Due to the ongoing public health concerns, we recommend checking with organizers to confirm event status.

2020

~~October 2, 3 & 4 - Central Coast Railroad Festival, San Luis Obispo Area <<< CANCELLED~~

~~October 3 - L.A. Area Prototype Modelers Meet, Bellflower <<<CANCELLED>>>~~

October 3 & 4 - Los Angeles Model Railroad Society Open House, Hawthorne

October 4 - T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division Meet, Arcadia

October 10 - North County Model Railroad Society Open House & Swap Meet, Oceanside

October 10 - San Diego Division Layout Tour, Oceanside

October 10-12 - Travel Town Depot Days, Los Angeles

October 14 -18 – Calrailfans’ Tehachapi Event, Tehachapi

October 17 - Roundhouse Gang Swap Meet, San Bernardino

October 24 - Cajon Division Fall Meet, Buena Park

October 31 - Train Collectors Association/Western Division Meet, Arcadia

November 1 - T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division Meet, Arcadia

November 4, 7 & 9 - Highland Park Society Open House, San Gabriel

~~November 7 - Santa Susana Depot & Museum Swap Meet, Simi Valley <<< CANCELLED~~

November 7, 8, 11, 14 & 15 - Southern California Railway Museum’s Day Out with Thomas, Perris

November 14, 15 & 17 - California Southern Model Railroad Club Open House, Norwalk

December 5 - Los Angeles Model Railroad Society Open House, Hawthorne

~~December 5 & 6 - Frosty Freight Module Meet, Palos Verdes Peninsula <<< CANCELLED~~

December 6 - T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division Meet, Arcadia

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