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Above: 500 Sport Sedan in Danube Blue.

Below: 500 Sport Sedan Interior in Blue.



Meeting: May 18 at 10 AM
America on Wheels Museum
Bring Sunshine & Your Corvair!



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Captain Hook! by Bob Marlow



For years (decades, probably!), LVCC could depend on Dick Weidner to bring interesting materials for "show and tell" at each monthly club meeting. Photos, old magazines, brochures, and various oddball Corvair parts, Dick had 'em, and they always made for interesting meetings.

I call such things the "hook" that draws members to a meeting, and so I guess Dick has been the club's "Captain Hook!"

As Dick's time became consumed by the care needed by his late wife, and his ability to attend the meetings became limited, the club got away from the "show and tell" aspect of the meetings. It's time to get back to the practice of having a "hook" for each meeting. But instead of expecting Dick to carry the ball, we want to encourage all members to think about what they might have to contribute.

For example, maybe you have one or more unique tools for working on a Corvair. Maybe you could do a Corvair trivia contest, or a parts identification contest. Maybe you possess some unusual Corvair literature (have you seen the Corvair fishing lure brochure that Chevy once published?)

For our May meeting, we will kick-start this initiative: For the meeting on May 18 at the America On Wheels Museum, we are going to take advantage of the (hopefully) good May weather and make it a "Drive Your Corvair" meeting. If you have a road-worthy Corvair (and you do, right?), drive it to the meeting and show it off in the parking lot. Rich Greene and Al Lacki drive their Corvairs to almost every meeting, so certainly you can do so too this month.

Once the indoor portion of the meeting is over we can go outside and ooh and aah at the beautiful Corvairs, admire the design of the work-in-progress cars, and appreciate the patina of the "survivor" Corvairs. We can mentally connect our fellow members to the cars they own. Being a group of "car guys" (that's a gender-neutral term, by the way) we know that a few deck lids will get opened for engine gazing.

Every member's Corvair is invited and welcomed. This is not a car show, it's not even an informal cars-n-coffee. It's LVCC members and their Corvairs! But what if you don't have a road-ready Corvair? I myself fall into that category, since I do not at present own a Corvair. But rest assured, you will still be welcome even if you roll up in your modern water-pumper and you can still enjoy seeing the cars of others.

And if the weather is bad? Well, our meeting will take place inside the museum as always, but if conditions preclude having a parking lot gathering afterward, we already have a

backup "show and tell" item for indoors. Come to the meeting to find out what it is!

And please think about suggestions for future meeting "hooks!"

Gathering at the LVCC Swap Meet by Dave Fox

Source: May 2024 issue of Transmissions, the monthly newsletter of the Philadelphia Corvair Association (PCA).

On Saturday, April 13th, a number of members of the PCA joined the LVCC for their annual Corvair swap meet at Egerton's Farm in Bath, PA. I caught a ride up with Larry Asheuer who already had his truck bed fully loaded with items to sell.

As the morning progressed our PCA attendee group grew to also include Bob King, Bob Weideman, Randy Wilbert, and Rich Greene. In addition, there were many LVCC members and others in attendance, so all in all there was a good deal of buying and selling going on.

This year the weather was somewhat the opposite of that from a year ago. Early in the day it was chilly with a stiff breeze, and also some intermittent rain, but the skies slowly began to clear going into the afternoon. In 2023 we had a decent morning, but storms were looming, and by the time we were driving home we had torrential rain, and even some flooding.

Although 2024 did not give us great weather, it still was good enough for the many determined shoppers to do some successful parts scrounging and bargaining. There were approximately a dozen vendors on-site and many good deals were had on some rare, and some not so rare, parts, tools and maintenance items needed for various Corvair projects.

There were coffee, soda, donuts, hot dogs, and burgers available for purchase, so everyone had plenty to eat.

Thanks again to the Egertons for their hospitality, and for hosting all of us on their very cool farm grounds. It's a great venue for this event.

Finally, the day wrapped up with the drawing of a 50-50 which was won by a gentleman whose name I am told is Scott. There were plenty of participants, and Scott donated

LVCC Swap Meet Photos



Larry Asheuer's setup. Lots of variety with plenty of NOS and used Corvair parts. A good assortment of air tools, too!



Scott Oberholzer's setup. See the bright red dot? It's Scott's propane space heater. Yes, it was a cold day!



Bob Marlow's stand under the EZ-Up with well-marked parts for sale. Over on the left-side of the photo is Ken Klingaman and - off in the distance - Dan Schmidt.



John Sweet came all the way out from Western Pennsylvania to be with us. Left to right: John, Al Lacki, Rich Greene and Brian O'Neill.





Bob King arrived in his Corvair with a stash of parts in the trunk and back seat.



Raymond Coker keeps the mood bright despite the dull skies! Some of the vendors put tarps over their wares to protect the GM NOS packaging from the rain.



Joan Lacki's coffee table. Daughter Karen Lacki took care of the grill. Burgers, hot dogs and all the fixin's. Greg Dittrich provided donuts, soda and bottled water.



More vendor displays! Great deals offered on so many parts. NOS parts, used parts.



The back-field at Egerton's farm offered a huge amount of parking space for buyers.



Egerton's lean-to. With the propane grill going full blast, it was the warmest place to hang out!

his winnings back to LVCC, so in the end their club made out well. (Editor's Note: "Scott" is Scott Oberholzer, a long-timemember of LVCC).

I'm looking forward to next year's swap meet, and hopefully the third time will be the charm with regards to the weather! Thanks to Larry Asheuer for his help with the details of this story.

MINUTES

Lehigh Valley Corvair Club

Membership Meeting
April 20, 2024
America OnWheels Museum
Allentown, PA

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by President Al Lacki. In attendance were Aaron Buzzard, Dave Buzzard, Christine Casaleiz, Duke Casaleiz, Rich Greene, Ken Klingaman, Al Lacki, Bob Marlow, Dave Smullen, and Jeff Strausser.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the March meeting were approved as published in the Fifth Wheel newsletter.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the treasurer's report was approved as published in the Fifth Wheel newsletter.

Old Business:

The recent swap met was discussed. The club took in \$220.50 income for the day, from refreshment sales and the 50-50 raffle. Refreshment costs were \$156.00, and the rental of the porta-john for the day was \$250.00, for a net loss of \$185.50. It was noted that for next year, the rental cost for the porta-john will be lower thanks to an offer from the supplier, and of course good weather is needed instead of the rain that plagued both 2023 and 2024.

New Business:

It was discussed that the club has been invited to participate in a car show at the Lehigh Valley Zoo in Schnecksville on July 20. While it is the Zoo's desire to group cars by club and make, individual participants are also welcome. Rich Greene suggest that to attend as a club we could meet at the Schneckville Diner beforehand.

It was also noted that there will be a car show in August at the Mountain View drag strip in Wind Gap.

The formal meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Among the informal discussion topics were considerations for long-distance driving in our now-old Corvairs and Dave Buzzard's "slowest car on Earth" Chevette.

Following the meeting, the attendees were invited to view the museum's newest display, featuring 60 years of, um, Ford Mustangs!

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Marlow, LVCC Secretary

Treasury Report

By Joan Lacki

Beginning Balance: March 31, 2024			\$ 2,084.61
Receipts:			
	Membership	\$ -	
	4/17/24 Swap Meet 50/50	\$ 45.50	
	4/17/24 Swap Meet Food	\$ 175.00	
			\$ 220.50
Expenses:			
	Newsletter Expense (Allan Lacki)	\$ (10.60)	
	P.O. Box Rental	\$ (84.00)	
	Swap Meet Drinks / Doughnuts	\$ (64.00)	
	Swap Meet Misc. Food / Supplies	\$ (42.44)	
	Swap Meet Hamburgers / Hot Dogs	\$ (50.00)	
	Swap Meet Porta Potty	\$ (250.00)	
	LVCC Check Order	\$ (30.50)	
			\$ (531.54)
Ending Balance:			\$ 1,773.57

Check Your Harmonic Balancer

by Steve Goodman

Source: May 2024 issue of The Drip Line, the official newsletter of the Pikes Peak Corvair Club.

The harmonic balancer is also known as the crankshaft pulley. In 1964 when the crankshaft stroke was increased the engineers added the harmonic balancer instead of the simple pul-

ley on the 1960-1963 engines. The concern was the longer stroke could set up some vibrations (harmonics) in the crankshaft at certain rpm and cause cracking/breaking of the crankshaft.

The balancer is two pieces, the inside which is the hub to bolt to the end of the crank and an outer ring with a rubber type sleeve between the two metal parts. There was a vulcanizing/gluing adhesive applied to keep the two parts together.

Unfortunately, after heat works at making the rubber hard and oil spillage and leaking tries to soften the rubber there comes a time when the outer ring becomes loose. Sometimes the outer ring will wobble while running and quickly catch the eye of owner or mechanic or on-looker. Since the timing mark is on the outer ring many times the looseness of the part will show while setting the timing due to being in a different position.

While running the outer ring always is pulled away from the engine (towards the rear of the car) and what is in the way of the pulley as it comes backing out??? The oil filter!!!



The oil filter 'can' is very thin metal and within only a few minutes of having the ring rubbing against the side of the filter the result will be a very quick mess and oil will cover the engine; especially if the engine is at speed on the road.**

There is NO quick roadside repair for this; the balancer must be replaced. Look how the pulley is against the oil filter in this picture.

BUT sometimes luck is on the side of the driver (and mechanic). In this case John and Kathy Green had set a date for me to do a simple oil/filter/lube front suspension and general check of their 1968 coupe before the start of the driving/car event season this year. John was going to hang around with the car and I raised the rear and started draining the oil.

I always slip a baggie around the oil filter so no leaks/drips get on the engine or body. Hmm the baggie will not slip between the pulley and the filter and I immediately see the reason: the outer ring of the pulley is against the oil filter. I will admit that I was intent on getting the oil filter off and simply did not bother to look at the balancer before that point.

So, in this case, everyone got lucky and no bad story about a Corvair broken down alongside the road. But here is what we found....

If the pictures show well, look closely at the oil filter and notice the paint worn off and metal showing.



Also there is a 'hash mark' across both pieces of the balancer and the old part shows the movement between the two pieces. The old pulley still on the engine. Notice the outer ring is pulled away and hash marks not lined up.



The picture of the fresh balancer on the next page shows where I used a white Sharpie to highlight the hash mark and also the timing notch on the outer edge of the pulley.

May 18 - Bring Your Corvair Meeting!



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****Unless your engine has A/C or smog, then the 90 degree filter adapter keeps the filter out of the path of the spinning ring. In these cases, the ring finally falls off the hub and the fan belt is flipped and the gen/fan light shines brightly and the driver sez "dam my belt has come off". When the mess is discovered, towing insurance is necessary.**

Bling For Your Corvair by Chris Senegeto

Source: Chris is the new editor for The Fanbelt, the official newsletter of the New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts!

In search of some *BLING* for your Corvair? I was! I was looking for something to add a bit of pizzazz to my engine bay and a chrome dipstick seemed like it would do the trick.

I searched all of the usual sources and came up "Out Of Stock" across the board until I found this company. I ordered the dipstick, received it within a few days and have been very pleased with my purchase.

Apparently, this vendor was also out of stock shortly after I made my purchase, but now their website says "arriving soon". Not sure what constitutes "arriving soon" but here is the link. <https://tinyurl.com/2nte8jcy>



LVCC Classified Ads



A&L Corvair Parts: New Parts: Brakes hoses, air filters, oil filters, tune-up parts, brake shoes, shocks, tail light lenses, gaskets, plugs, cables, choke pull offs, electrical switches, gas filters, caps, backup switches, suspension parts, engine bearings, valves, emblems, exhaust, turbo parts, patch panels, early bezels, head studs, 140 exhaust extractors, Y pipes, mufflers, fuzzies, clutch cables, lower bracket, heim joints, models, magazines, CORSA magazines, Hot Wheels, Racing Champions cars and much, much more. Contact Larry for pricing. Used Parts: Too many to list. Larry Asheuer Call 267-994-1569 or email: alcorvair@msn.com

Sky King Automotive Services: Now offering Corvair head work. Valve-seat grinding, Pro Flow grinding/ polishing, cleaning-cutting head gasket surfaces, de-flashing, thread repair. (I have measurement equip to confirm correct gasket surface depths). HV carb rebuilding. Top engine cover modifications for one gasket, no more leaks! Sound proofing interiors, gas tank replacements, as well as rear and front axle bearing units. Late rears in stock! Bob King kcorvair@ptd.net or text/call to 610-442-2873.

Jeff Marvill's Suspension Services: I have over 45 years of suspension experience and I'm extremely experienced with the Corvair suspension systems as well as all other makes of vintage cars. I also have a computerized alignment system here so all repairs can remain in house. Now that I'm retired, I have more available time to repair these great cars. I can be reached at 267-424-4911 .Jeff Marvill, Perkasio, PA

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Cruise Nights

Interested in doing a cruise night? Go to <https://carmacruisefinder.com/> It's easy to use and lists more cruise events than we could possibly fit in this newsletter!

Car Shows and Other Events: LVCC-Sanctioned Events denoted with a check mark like this: ✓

✓Saturday May 18, 2024 - LVCC Membership Meeting. Drive Your Corvair!

Location: America On Wheels Museum, 5 North Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Time: 10 AM. This is a reminder to drive your Corvair to our next meeting! We'll have a regular meeting inside the museum followed by show-and-tell session in the museum parking lot. See Bob Marlow's "Captain Hook" article in this issue of *The Fifth Wheel*.

Sunday May 19, 2024 Corvair Ranch Open House

Location: Corvair Ranch, 1079 Bon-Ox Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Time: 9 AM 'til whenever. This is a Corvair owner meet-up. Come enjoy our hospitality, good food, games, raffles, prizes (plus a \$100 gift certificate grand prize), and most importantly, the company and friendship of many other Corvair enthusiasts. All this, while finding that NOS, Remanufactured and used parts to keep your Corvair looking great and running smooth. Take a tour of our complete grounds including our "field of dreams" (around 600 Corvairs). Hope to see you there in your Vair! Hosted by the Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club. Contact Tom Rahochik. Phone: 717-624-2805. E-mail: findit@theranch.today

Sunday June 2, 2024 - General Motors on Display Car Show

Location: Macungie Memorial Park (home of Das Awkscht Fescht), Rt. 100, center of Macungie, Pa. Time: 9 AM to 5 PM. Day of Show Price: \$15 per vehicle. No judging or trophies. High quality dash plaques for the first 100 registered vehicles excluding cars for sale. Door prizes will be awarded by drawing. Flea market spaces 20'x20' \$15.00 pre-registered, \$20.00 day of show. Vendors must furnish tables. For Sale signs are not permitted on the show field. Car corral available. Contact: Rosemary & Don Haley, 9 Beryl Rd.; Paoli, PA 19301. Phone: (610) 608-7904 Email: gmondisplay@gmail.com

Saturday, June 8, 2024 - Fleetwood Rotary Show of Wheels Car Show

Location: 334 West Main Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522. Time: 8 AM to 4 PM. Day of Show Price: \$20 per vehicle. People's Choice judging (No Corvair class). Flea market & vendor spaces: \$20 (must register by June 3). Food, door prizes, 50/50, rubber duck races in the creek! Contact info: Gary Eberly (484) 332-1056, garye@effectivegs.com

Saturday June 8, 2024. High Performance Driving with NECC

Location: New York Safety Track. 396 Zimmerman Rd, Harpersfield, NY 12093. Time: 7 AM to 5 PM. How would you like to test your car and your driving skills on a "Real Racetrack"? We do not mean 5 or 6 laps. We mean a full day of driving experience on a sports car racing circuit. Normal Price = \$375 per driver. Register before May 24 and receive a \$50 early bird discount. We are Northeast Corvair Council, Inc. doing business as NECC Motorsports. Full details: www.neccmotorsports.com

Sunday, June 16, 2024 - 22nd Silver Creek Father's Day Car Show

Location: Silver Creek Athletic Association • 2943 Route 212 • Springtown, PA 18081. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Day of show price: \$10 per vehicle. Rain or shine. Entertainment. Food. Drink. 50/50. Trophies (No Corvair class). Playground for kids. Auto related and non-auto related flea markets. Contact us at SCAACarshow@gmail.com or visit our website at www.silvercreekathleticassociation.com

Sunday, June 16, 2024 - Womelsdorf Father's Day Car Show

Location: Womelsdorf Town Park. Water Street, Womelsdorf, PA. Time: 10 AM to 3 PM. Rain Or Shine. Price: \$15 per show car. Music 12 PM. to 3 PM. Plenty of Food at affordable prices. Contacts: Ray E. Swope, Jr. (610) 589-5616 & Paul Hopple (610) 589-5349.

Thursday July 4, 2024 - Quakertown Community Day & Car Show

Location: Quakertown Memorial Park, 600 W Mill St, Quakertown, PA 18951. Time: 8 AM to 1 PM. Day of Show Price: \$20

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per show car. No vehicle newer than 2003. Pancake breakfast, kids activities, firefighter battles, car show, music. For rain delay and other information, call Borough Hall at (215) 536-5001 or visit www.quakertown.org

Saturday, July 20, 2024 - Lehigh Valley Zoo Car Show

Location: 5150 Game Preserve Road, Schnecksville, PA. Time: 10 AM to 4 PM. Rain or Shine. Price: \$0 per show vehicle. Yes, \$0 and in addition, you get two complimentary admission tickets to the Zoo. RSVP required! The show cars will be parked at covered locations around the zoo property and the organizers need to know how many cars need to be accommodated. The plan is to have club cars parked together. Interested? Call Julia Wilhide at (610) 799-4171 Extension 241 or email jwilhide@lvzoo.org

Saturday July 20, 2024. High Performance Driving with NECC

Location: Pocono Raceway. 1234 Long Pond Rd, Long Pond, PA 18334-8019. Time: 7 AM to 5 PM. How would you like to test your car and your driving skills on a "Real Racetrack"? We do not mean 5 or 6 laps. We mean a full day of driving experience on a sports car racing circuit. Normal Price = \$375 per driver. Register before May 24 and receive a \$50 early bird discount. We are Northeast Corvair Council, Inc. doing business as NECC Motorsports. Full details: www.neccmotorsports.com

July 22 to July 25, 2024 - 2024 CORSA International Convention – Dayton

Location: Marriott at the University of Dayton, 1414 South Patterson Boulevard, Dayton, Ohio 45409. The Dayton Corvair Club, the Corvair Club of Cincinnati, and the Columbus Mid-Ohio Vair Force had have worked together to host this event and they are eagerly awaiting to welcome you. Schedule includes all-Corvair car show, concours, rally, economy run, tech sessions and more. Hotel reservations can be made now! Call 1 937-223-1000 to reach the hotel. Registration for convention events will open in late February. Remember – You need to be a CORSA member to sign up!

✓Sunday August 4, 2024 - Das Awkscht Fescht Car Club Day

Location: Macungie Memorial Park, 50 North Poplar Street, Macungie, PA 18062. Time: 8 AM to 3 PM. Price: \$20 per show car. Pre-registration required and due July 1st! Rain or shine. Sunday is Car Club Day and LVCC has reserved a section just for Corvairs! Phone: 610-967-2317. Email: info@awkscht.com <https://awkscht.com/registration/>

Sunday August 11, 2024 - 24th Annual Perry Township Auto Show

Location: Perry Township Recreation Area, 702 Onyx Cave Road, Hamburg, PA 19526. Rain Date: August 18. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Day of Show Price: \$20 per show car. (Pre-registration available for \$15). Door prizes. Food and music.

Saturday, August 24, 2024. First State (Delaware) Corvair Car Show

Location: Limestone Presbyterian Church, 3201 Limestone Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808. Time: 9 AM to 2 PM. This is an all-Corvair show sponsored by the First State Corvair Club, a chapter of the Corvair Society of America. The entry fee covers coffee, cookies, beverages, a variety of great sandwiches for lunch, plenty of door prizes and nice trophies. It was well worth the price of registration. For more info, contact Mike Slotwinski at 302-377-5268 or e-mail him at slinkyslot@verizon.net

Saturday August 31, 2024 - 58th Annual Duryea Day Car & Truck Show

Location: Boyertown Community Park, 419 South Madison Street, Boyertown, PA. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Day of Show Price: \$20 per show car. Price includes admittance to the Boyertown Antique Car Museum. Flea market spaces available. Hundreds of vehicles will be on display throughout the park. Shuttle service will also be available between the Park and Museum throughout the event.

September 1, 2024 - Borough of Robesonia Car Show, Market Place and Flea Market.

Location: West Ruth Avenue at the ball field, Robesonia, PA. Rain Date: September 2. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Day of Show Price: \$15 per show car. Music, breakfast. Vendor tables available. (610) 693-3474. RobesoniaBorough@comcast.net robesoniaboro.org

Saturday, September 21, 2024 - Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club Corvair Day

Location: Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR), 100 Baltimore Road, York Springs, PA 17372. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Day of Show Price: \$15 per show car. Free flea market spaces. Join us for our Annual Corvair Day event being held at Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR). <https://www.centralpacorvairclub.org>

We Meet Here!

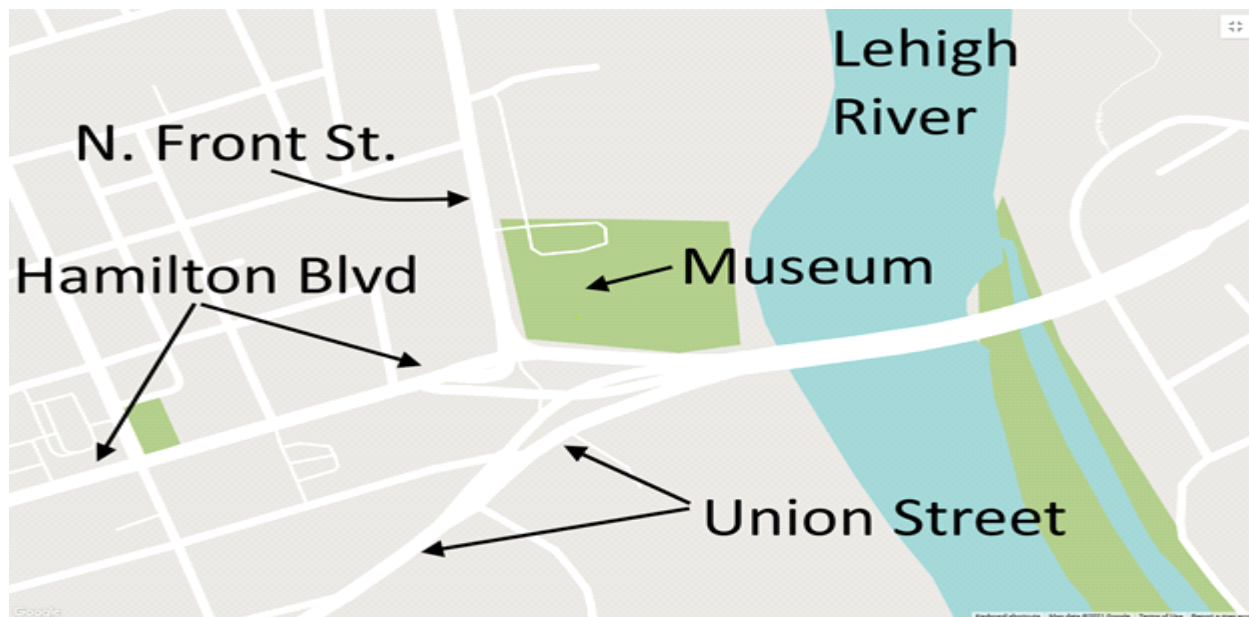


Next Meeting Date: **Saturday May 18, 2024, 10 AM**

>>>> It's Bring Your Corvair Day! <<<<

Place: America On Wheels Museum

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