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2019 Event Calendar

<i>12/27 – 30/18 Daytona</i>	<i>7/13 –14 Shenandoah</i>
1/24 – 26 Bushnell, FL	7/26 & 27 Avon, NY
1/31 – 2/2 Riverside, CA	8/1– 3 Quincy, IL
<i>3/8 – 10 *Roebling Rd</i>	<i>8/9 -11 *Canaan, NH</i>
3/14 – 16 Barnesville, GA	<i>8/9 – 11 *Heartland Park, KS</i>
<i>4/ 13 & 14 Shenandoah</i>	8/22 – 24 Camden, OH
5/2 – 4 Fremont, OH	<i>8/24 & 25 Summit Point</i>
5/17 & 18 Lafayette, NY	9/6 & 7 Oreville, PA
5/23 – 25 Springfield, IL	9/19 –21 Delmar, IA
6/13 – 15 New Castle, IN	<i>9/27 – 29 Pittsburgh Intrnl</i>
<i>6/14 – 16 Mid-Ohio</i>	10/4 & 5 Cuddebackville, NY
6/21 & 22 Chestertown, MD	10/4 & 5 Whiteland, IN
<i>6/21 – 23 Charlotte</i>	10/10 - 12 Bakersfield, CA
7/11 – 13 Brodhead, WI	<i>10/19 & 20 Roebling Rd</i>
<i>7/12 – 14 Grattan</i>	<i>11/8 – 10 NCMMP</i>

VKA Sprint Events in BOLD *Vintage Enduro Events in ITALICS*

NE Promoters' Cup Series (Tier I & II) * **TENTATIVE**

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY BY BILL BLOODWORTH

SYNOPSIS (Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, January, 2019):

There are 417 total members, 372 full members and 45 associate members. The ending December cash balance is \$21,615.00 which reflects revenue of \$2,477.00 and expenses of \$1,800.15. Gary stated his concern regarding deviation of some of the reproduction karts from the original design. He and others noted that it is a gray area as to where to draw the line. Joe Swantek reported on some of the results of his online payment acceptance research. This year promotional funds will be allocated equally among the four regions. Last year the funds were allocated based on regional membership percentages of the total membership. John Copeland is waiting on participation info from the recent Daytona enduro event in order to determine how many new vintage entries there were. Certificates are ready for the Riverside and Bushnell events. A package to support the upcoming Ohio show and swap meet is also ready. Bill McCornack is working with Midwest track personnel to condense the number of classes. Bill McCornack is preparing packages with printed copies of the VKA Guidelines and membership applications which will be sent to promoters and track owners in advance of their events. Preparation of the upcoming February – March publication is in progress. Photographer support for the next three events has been identified. Design of the next version of the VKA t-shirt is in progress with John Copeland volunteering to submit a new design. The review team will be led by Gary Wlodarsky. A reduction in the number of shirts ordered is being considered



(Editor's note: Board Meetings occur monthly. Board Minutes are written and formally approved by Board Members at a subsequent meeting. Once Board Minutes are approved, a synopsis is included in the next edition of FirstTurn for membership information.)

BUTCH KA VENAUGH MEMORIAL EVENT BY ROLF HILL

Dateline May 2 – 4, Fremont, OH. There wasn't a dry eye in the house ... more on that later.

It rained, pretty much all-day Friday and Saturday morning. It rained fun and poured bench racing and just a whole bunch of "catching-up." It was truly a weekend of VINTAGE "racing" where the racing was beating the next karter to story of the next old memory or karting secret. Actually, Thursday was a nice day and the track was dry. Several karts were out on the track, practicing, tuning and getting used to the layout. Vintage karters from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Illinois, Maryland, Canada and as far as Florida were there. There was a total of 44 entries. (Not bad at all given the weather forecast.)

Thursday night, Gary broke out the fryers, and with the help of Jim Donovan and Rolf Hill (mostly the first two), fed the crowd fried Peach, Walleye and chicken, garnished with potato salad and coleslaw. (Gary was very thankful for the donations that helped defray the cost of the fish.)

The Kart Show was Friday. (Check out the pictures on www.VKAkarting.com.)

FREMONT SHOW RESULTS BY ROMERO LLAMAS	
HISTORIC	
Restored	Fox Mak Kart; PP 82; Tom Kelley
REAR	
Unrestored	'71 Margay Cheetah; Dual 91b1; Tom Day
Restored	Rupp Chapparal; MC-9; Jake Kelley
Modified	Rupp Chapparal; Dual MC-101; Bill Stocksdaile
SIDEWINDER	
Unrestored	CKS; Yamaha; Kirk Gustafson
Restored	Bug Stinger; Yamaha KT-100; Joann Hertzig
Modified	Margay Lynz; TKM; Mike Lotz
PAST CHAMPION	
Best In Show	Richard Peck's '63 Sprint A; Mc-7
Peoples' Choice	Rupp Grand Prix; MC-101; Brian Naufzinger

The kart that used to be Butch Kavanaugh's was on display. Butch's good friend, our President, Gary Wlodarsky, couldn't resist the



opportunity to keep it from just gathering dust. He bought it. JoAnn Hertzig who raced with Butch in the early '60s and was good friends with him got emotional when she saw it. It brought back many good memories for her.

Gary took note and decided to give it to her at the Kart Show. Through the generosity of Gary (and several other vintage karters who heard the story), JoAnn's memories brought her tears. Even the guy up above must have been touched, 'cause at just about the same time, His tears brought a fitting end to the Kart Show. (Check out the pictures on www.VKAkarting.com.)



Saturday started off "overcast." But before noon it cleared-up enough and the track dried-off so the demonstrations could start. Everyone was eager to get out and strut-their-stuff, and there were some pretty exciting demonstrations.

All-in-all, ***Fremont was Fun.*** It was a well-run event with virtually no delays. Everyone seemed to love the Thursday Fish Fry and Friday dinner, oh, and the fun on and off the track.

Rolf Hill



FREMONT DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Historic Participants	Don Thompson		
Juniors	Ben Nagel	Jake Kelley	* * * * *
Over-60 Rear	Jerry Nagel	JoAnn Hertzig	* * * * *
Rear 6.1	Jerry Nagel	Rolf Hill	* * * * *
Rear 8.2	Marc Nagel	Al Hasenfratz	Richard Engel
Sportsman Rear	Romero Llamas	Roy Fenwick	Tom Kelley
Yamaha Limited	Dean Sauder	Mike Dobie	Kyle Sauder
Dual Yamaha	Bud Snelling	Jeff Snelling	* * * * *
S/W 6.1	Ron Funkhouser	Dave Sexton	* * * * *
S/W 8.2	Tim Stevens	* * * * *	* * * * *
S/W 135 cc For.	Kevin Fische	* * * * *	* * * * *
SW 80-87	Bill Arrandale	* * * * *	* * * * *
Dual Rear C	Jerry Nagel	Scott Nagel	* * * * *
Yam. Piston Port	Sandy Stropko	Bruce Samuel	Direk Beijer
Sportsman S/W	Al Hasenfratz	Michael Day	Ron Funkhouser
4-Cycle Stock	Kevin Fische	* * * * *	* * * * *
Classic Div.	Mike Dobie	* * * * *	* * * * *
Over-60 S/W	Kirk Gustafson	Tom Day	Bill Stocksedale

LAFAYETTE EVENT SUMMARY BY ROLF HILL

WOW! I could stop here, but there was so much more that “wow” doesn’t quite cover it.



Despite another weather forecast that likely affected turnout there were 56 entrants in the first of the Northeast Promoters Cup Series (NEPCS). New track owners Tony and Tina Goddard were excellent hosts and made for a most enjoyable event despite some technical issues and a NEPCS format that ran shall we say l-o-n-g.

We’ve all looked at envy to the weatherman’s job where he keeps his job when he gets it wrong **HALF** the time. This was one of those weekends. Although the forecast was much like Fremont, the LaFayette track was dry the whole time and the sky cleared. Not a drop of rain during the day. The track was dry for practice and the Heats. Perfect conditions for a vintage go kart event.

Speaking of “the track,” it was beautiful. Nestled in the rolling hills just south of Syracuse, the long-track is a close second to the elevation changes at Delmar. Beyond the setting, the real **plus** for LaFayette is the surface ... **new and smooth!** Red and white safety barriers provide additional contrast to the fast-paced pavement and the serenity of the wooded hillside.

The organizers decided to run the short track for the rear-engine karts and the long-track (with the hairpin that was on the side of the hill) for the sidewinders. Track personnel moved cones between the two layouts, so there was no confusion on anyone’s part. Track personnel also placed cones in the first turn for the first lap to keep karts apart. That worked great!

One turn that challenged nearly everyone was the second left turn (on the short-track) ... especially for the rear-engine karts. It was one of those with a decreasing radius. For speed, drivers could come in wide, stay wide and hit the apex two-thirds the way around the turn. If you did that in a race, however, you’d be

hanging a huge sign on your bumper that said, “pass me on the inside ... plenty of room.” “Tactical driving” was important (nuff said). **For the most part** ... it was a safe event. However, there might have been some “paint transfer” and some broken egos, but nothing **SERIOUS**.

I mentioned the track, the setting and the weather, but one thing that was unique to LaFayette was the **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**. Never before (at least in my 8+ years with VKA) have I been to an event with live entertainment. A three-piece group serenaded the vintage crowd for well over an hour... during the delicious catered pasta & chicken, boiled potatoes, coleslaw dinner provided by the track. The group was called **Vectors Lite** and consisted of Robert MacBlane (vocals and electric guitar), Michael Hattala (vocals and acoustic guitar) and Javier Sanz (electric base). They played a variety of American music that the vintage crowd really enjoyed. I also noticed two or three ATVs parked on the upper hill where some vintage RVs were parked. Tony Goddard explained that there is a trail that goes through their property and many of the local hikers, bikers, joggers and ATV riders often pass through the property. They, too, enjoyed the music that was a real treat for this first NEPCS.

Rolf Hill

LaFAYETTE DEMONSTRATION EVENT RESULTS			
Class	1st	2nd	3rd
Historic Participants	Rusty Becker, Kurt Bogerman, Rick Keller, Doug Jorgensen, Sal Palatucci, Bob Lefevre, John Wolkiewicz, Chris Gruber, Paul Hunter		
Rear 8.2	A.Richardson	Jon Fairoaks	Bob Potts
Rear 6.1	A.Richardson	Jerry Nagel	Eric Krobath
Sportsman Rear	A.Richardson	Sam Polito	Paul Hunter
Yamaha Ltd.	Bill Brown	Mike Daidone	Gary Edwards
YamahaOver-60	Alan Davidson	Peter Lipp	* * * * *
8.2 S/W Amer.	Karl Ginter	Steve Calabrese	* * * * *
6.1 S/W Foreign	Bob Anderson	Karl Ginter	
Yamaha Stock	Skip Owen	Troy Brown	Scott Nagel
Dual Yamaha Stock	Federico Rotela	Bob Anderson	C. Postiglione
Dual Yamaha Modified	Scott Nagel		

LaFAYETTE SHOW RESULTS BY ROLF HILL	
HISTORIC	
Unrestored	Fox; MC-9; Rick Keller
Restored	'64 Bug Sprint; WB-580; Paul Hunter
Modified	Blitz Kart; MC-7; Rusty Becker
REARChaparral	
Restored	Rupp Chaparral; WB; Gordon Bonett
Modified	Bug Sprint; MC-92; John Wolkiewicz
SIDEWINDER	
Unrestored	Yamaha RC-100; KT-100; Kurt Bogerman
Restored	Hornet SS1; MC-91b; Bob Anderson
Modified	Laguna twin; KT-100; Chris Postiglione
MINI BIKE	
Best in Show	Rupp Enduro; WB-820; Erick Krobath
PAST CHAMPION	
Best in Show	'76 Invader Pro; MC-101B; Steve Calabrese
Promoters Choice	Rupp Chaparral; WB; Gordon Bonett
Peoples' Choice	Blitz; MC-75; Doug Jorgensen



A special thanks goes to the judges: Bill Mack, Steve Calabrese, Kurt Bogerman and Paul Hunter.



More pictures of all the show entries and winners are on the VKA website ... www.VKAkarting.com.

Driving north on rt 81 towards Syracuse NY brought back many fond memories for me as I spent my college years at Cortland State University only 3 exits from the former Cherry Valley go kart racetrack, now known as Lafayette Motor Sports. If I had known that on that exit there was a go kart racetrack well, I may not have graduated. The forecast from May 19 until May 23 has been rain and the track had been wet for days but as the vintage karters showed up so did sunny skies and perfect weather was forecast along with some hot racing action. The historic track has been on the circuit since the 1960's and just like a vintage kart it needed some renovation. The new owners did just that, freshly paved, new barriers and brightly painted lines all looked amazing for the Northeast Vintage Kart Promoters Cup first event of the season.

I arrived Friday morning to a friendly face and a British accent, had I driven a bit too far east? Track owner Tina greeted us, quickly signed us in with a pit pass and escorted us to our spot for the weekend. Within minutes we had the truck unloaded and were greeting old friends and filling the tanks for some laps. By 10am the crack of 2 strokes could be heard throughout the valley and the smell of Castor filled the air. Day 1 was practice and karts were flying on the fresh smooth pavement. For this event 2 courses were set up, a short sweeping course for all rear engine karts and a long technical layout for the sidewinders and the massive pulling power of the 5 Yamaha duals that showed up. Day 1 had some great food to offer with a local food truck for lunch and the track supplying a nice dinner with live entertainment and a campfire to relax and take in the day.

Friday evening rolled out an exciting Kart show down the first straightaway, it was clear that winter was spent by many in the shop as there was an amazing number of awesome machines lined up. The judges Steve Calabrese, Bill Mack, Paul Hunter and Kurt Bogerman took their time and carefully assessed our hard work and when the awards were handed out I really feel the correct karts were recognized. My personal favorite kart was a 1968 Hornet owned by Bob Anderson since new. He had just finished the restoration and

it was perfect with smoothed out welds, gleaming chrome and a custom cut Nassau panel, the kart just stood out.

Things got off to a slow start on Saturday; with a solid turnout the track was not prepared with enough transponders for the 67 in heat races. A complicated system was devised with handing in and receiving new devices each time you went on the track, and even though it was time consuming eventually we all got into a rhythm and racing was underway. Practice and qualifying flew by me as I ran into technical issues all morning but with some great friends surrounding my pit area they all kept me on track and I had a great time finessing the corners of Lafayette. After the three rounds of racing settled down and engines quieted, awards were handed out to all the winners, they exchanged handshakes. “Till we meet again”.



SPRINGFIELD EVENT BY BILL MCCORNACK

Midwest Vintage Karters gathered in Springfield, Illinois for the “Land of Lincoln” event from May 24th to 26th, hosted again this year by the Mid State Kart Club and its president, Jon Clem.

As usual, this year’s event had a great turnout with 66 entries. The most popular classes were: Sportsman Sidewinder (13), Yamaha Piston Port (8), Yamaha Limited (7).

Like other events around the country this year, the weather was not optimal, but the clouds couldn’t diminish the energy of the VKA participants.

In addition to all the fun at the track, the NBC Affiliate TV station (Springfield) did a news segment on the event (those of you who visit the VKA Facebook page may have seen the film clip). To see the video clip first go to <https://www.wandtv.com/> and then use their search box to look for “vintage karting”. Great Story!!





The judges had a difficult time deciding who should receive awards as there were so many beautiful Karts.



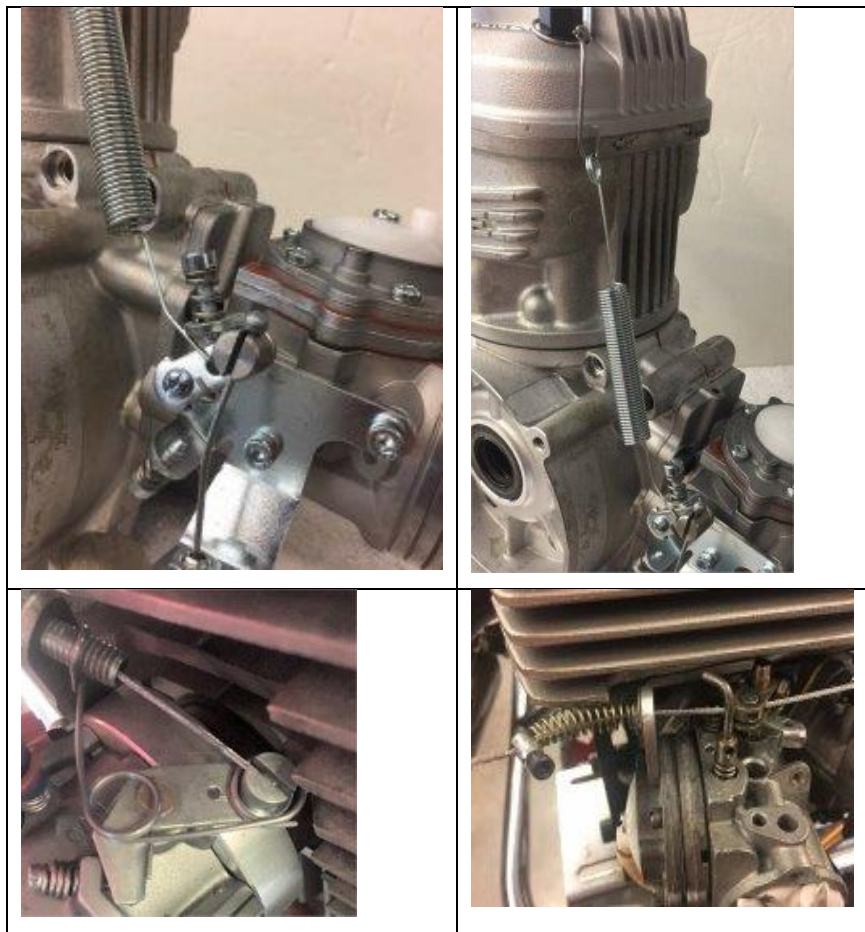


This event was VKA Karting at its best: a very nice track, excellent promoters, a safe event, and everyone had fun!

Recently all the major modern karting organizations adopted a new rule that mandates all carbs (except slide valve type) employ an auxiliary throttle return spring. This was done in response to several incidents and injuries. This extra spring is designed to still return the shutter to the closed position in the event the primary carb spring fails.

At this stage the VKA has not taken any official action on this situation but I thought it would be appropriate to show a few of the available solutions in the interest of safety. Lynn Haddock





SAFETY NOTICE: EFFECTIVE JULY 1 -
THE VKA BOARD HAS REVISED THE
GUIDELINES TO RESTRICT THE USE OF
CAMERAS. CHECK THE REVISED
GUIDELINES ON VKAkarting.COM

RESOURCES

Don Axe – I manufacture 1” Vintage Axels, clutch nuts, MAC dovetail mounts, billet seat struts and custom parts. Tel: 419-733-4221

Bud, Kirt, or Craig Bennett - RM Motorsports
Remanufactured S/W karts similar to Invader. Fabricating, restoration.
Tel: 248-344-1515 rmmotorsports.com

Jeff Brown - Full Engine Service; Modifying & Rebuilding foreign, WBs and Macs since 1967; Honing, Inertia Dyno Testing
Tel: 248-613-5839 [Email: invaderjb@gmail.com](mailto:invaderjb@gmail.com)

Mike Berg - MC Rod Needles - MC/Foreign Bearings & Seals - Torqupine Heads Tel: 309-749-5658 Email: magmo44@att.net

John Copeland - Fox Valley Kart - - VKA required 3rd Bearing supports for sidewinders. Also motor mounts and other machined accessories.
Tel: 765-742-0935 [Email: John@foxvalleykart.com](mailto:John@foxvalleykart.com)

Jim Donovan - Max-Torque Ltd. – Clutches for most engines
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Ken Head – KRH Engineering – Restore/sale of Sprint/Enduro Vintage Karts. Tel.: 714-612-4102 Email: 1HeadRacing@gmail.com

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Terry Ives- MAC pistons, parts, repair: Max-Torque spring tool/Burco/Hartman/Horstman; Tilly & Walbro Parts; Gem Manifolds; Billet drums; Ripley Parts Tel: 916-201-7707 Email: tii@surewest.net

Gordon Juhasz-Vintage Karting Specialty Quality Kart Restorations. Buy - Sell- Trade. Ph: 765-969-7756 Email: GordonJuhasz@gmail.com

Howard Kaplan – DXL N.O.S. High temp, semi-metallic friction discs Nippondenso – W34EN – Alky racing plugs for most foreign & Yamaha Tel: 773-965-9755 Email: HowardKaplan@comcast.net

Rich Ludwig – Kustom Kart Shop NOS pistons, rings 48.0 to 56.4; connecting rods 100, 102, 104 mm; cylinder liners, K88, K78, BM 96, LMR, Tel: (732) 477-6869.

Bill McCornack – McCulloch and Yamaha engine building, Tillotson carbs, L & T oil clutches, Big Volume Pipes, Red Line oils Tel. 630-400-2645 nights /weekends Email: bill.mccornack@comcast.net

Jack Murray – Collector of Early and Mid 60's Karts, Engines, and Rare NOS Parts. NOS GEM Pyramid Reed Cages, NOS Margay Dual Engine Gear Boxes and Parts, New Tourek Type Ball Joints. Tel: 619-501-5066

Al Postiglione - Reproduction "Vintage Kart and Engine Stickers." Email: apost@optonline.net

Bill Rowan - R&I Metals- , 1876 S. Taylor Ave., Ontario, CA 91761 Fox Satellite Seat shells and foam; Tel: 951-897-4951 www.RImetal.com Email: Bill@RImetal.com

Robert Stanton - Robron Incorporated - Dart chassis, parts and repair Tel: 843-479-6962 or 843-862-4559 (c) Email: robroninc@bellsouth.net

Ed Sahagian - Line boring, blueprinting, head surfacing, helicoiling & prototyping Tel: 912-330-9120

Lake Speed – B Bomb Engines – Parts –Buy & Sell – Service & Repair TRIC-LOC Kart Clutch Oil Tel: 704-938-4912 Email: LakeSpeed83@gmail.com

Dick Teal – Reproduction Fox pedals - floor pans - throttle arms – etc. Tel: 920-485-2844 Email: teal@charter.net

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Scott Wigginton - ASW R&D Machining, 3535 Victor St., Santa Clara, CA 95054; 4" & 5" Go Power rims; front and rear.
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY EDITOR



The Board has considered alternative ways for the membership to be able to pay their dues electronically. After careful study the Board approved the establishment of a PayPal Account. At the time of this writing we were still finalizing a few details. Look for the PayPal payment option to be added to the online VKA application form in the next few weeks. The application can be found on the VKA website or the VKA Facebook page.

Also, **PLEASE** be sure you read the new camera restriction noted on Page 16!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Suggestion: Always refer to the VKA Website for the most up to date information! www.VKAkarting.com

June 21 – 22 Nicholson Speedway Chestertown, MD NE Promoter's Cup	July 11 - 13 Sugar River Raceway Brodhead, WI VKA Sprint Event
July 26 - 27 Genesee Valley Kart Club Avon, NY	August 1 – 3 Quincy Grand Prix of Karting Quincy, IL VKA Sprint Event
August 22 – 24 G & K Kartway Camden, OH VKA Sprint Event	August 24 – 25 Summit Point Motorsports Park Summit Point, WV Enduro Event



MEMBERSHIP

The strongest indication of the health of an association is its ability to attract a robust membership. By that measure the Vintage Karting Association finds itself relevant to the needs of its members, and for prospective members, who want to share our love of this unique sport.

The graph below shows our membership totals by month over a few recent years. Membership tends to grow during the summer months (the “demonstration season”) and somewhat at each calendar year-end. Look how the VKA Membership has grown!



MEMBERSHIP REMINDER: 12 mo. Full Member = \$35; Associate Member = \$10 Foreign Member = \$45; Expanded/36 mo. U.S. Membership = \$95 & Associate Member = \$30.

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Bill Bloodworth, 4621 Wooded Acres Dr., Arlington, TX 76016.

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