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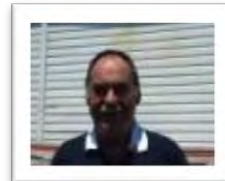
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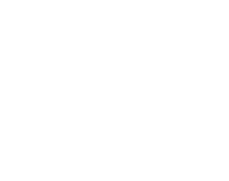
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President's Report

Well here we are well and truly into the second half of the year. As I stated in an earlier email about my apologies for the lack of communication due to my computer problems, also attending the National Convention in Hampton Virginia and having my left shoulder joint replaced, I am now back in action.

Our Membership member Joe Caruana is doing a fantastic job looking after the membership, but he tells me there are still some members who have not renewed. If you are intending to renew your membership please do it ASAP, I am in the process of making the membership payment easier by starting a PayPal account for NCRS Australia Inc. on its own. This should make the payment process a lot easier. I am hoping to have it up and running by the end of October.

The next Chapter Meet will be held in Melbourne on October 18-20th. If you haven't already received the entry form, please contact me and I will forward it on to you. I have indications from our New Zealand members that there will be three couples coming over to attend and assist us with this Meet, which is fantastic.

On November 29th to December 1st we will be holding a second judging Meet in Perth. I will be sending out the entry form for this event in the very near future.

The Nationals this year were in Hampton Virginia, so as usual the "Road Tour" left from Denver starting on the 13th July, we were very fortunate that Ralph Ridge lent us his 1990 ZR1 for this trip. The Road tour went from Denver, Dodge City, Tulsa, Branson, Bowling Green, Wytheville, Mechanicsville for the "last night out party", then into Hampton. This year was the "Year of the 63" and I must say there was some incredible cars on display as well as being judged. We had 7 Australians attend, thanks to Joe Caruana, Peter & Gayle Whiston, Frank & Robyn Breekervelt and Wendy & I, also there was a good contingency of (8) from New Zealand.

For those members who have never attended these Nationals, you should put it on your "Bucket List" of must things to do.

At the convention, NCRS Australia Inc. was awarded with a Top Flight Chapter Award, we have now won this award for the past three years in a row, so congratulations goes to David Alder and Gary Cowans for doing a fantastic job in this Chapter Flight Award program.

I would like you to consider the above dates for the upcoming Chapter Judging Meets in Melbourne and Perth, because we need you to participate in these Meets to make them a success.

We will be holding our AGM this year at the Perth Chapter Meet, I will be sending out the relevant documentation in the very near future.

See you at the next Meet.

Murray Forman
President NCRS Australia Inc.

Vice President's Report

Hi All,

As we enter a new season for 2013, we now have our 3rd PM for the year. Lets see if we get any improvements to our roads.

I hope that all of you have been out & about enjoying your Corvettes as presently the Eastern States have been getting a very mild season.

Since our last newsletter the Sydney Regional members in June enjoyed a BBQ at Rouse Hill. The weather was perfect with 24 members & partners, along with 8 Vettes. A great day chatting was had. Thank you to all that came along.

In July Murray & Wendy once again met up with the Denver Co. Chapter & completed the Road Tour to the 2013 NCRS National Convention. This year being held at Hampton Va. Driving Ralph Ridge's C4ZR1 they met up with Australian Chapter members, Joe Caruana, Peter & Gayle Whiston & Frank & Robyn Breekvelt at Bowling Green Ky.

From those whom I have spoken with saying they all had a great time.

As Di & I were Caravanning about the past months checking out the local warmer

Countryside, elected not to do the Road Tour this year but go to the U.S. later in October.

As my C5 has now gone to a new home in Adelaide, I now have time to check out some C2's.

Whilst talking about C2's, Bob Lynn & Jenny McMillan (Sydney) have taken delivery of their Red '64 Convertible, fresh out of NYNY. From what I hear Bob has been keeping Ralph busy making crates, bound for Down under.

Once again we are planning another BBQ at Rouse Hill on Sunday 22nd September. All are welcome as this is an Australian wide invitation. Drive-Fly we have beds available.

Until we meet again, it's bye for now,

Harry Turner

Vice President NCRS Australia Inc.

Treasurer's Report

NCRS Treasurers Report

30 May – 29 August 2013

Closing Balance as per Bank Statement 29 May 2013 **\$17053.61**

Opening Balance as per bank statement 30 May 2013 \$17053.61

Cheque Deposits

| | | |
|---------|--------|--------|
| 12 June | Ryan | \$ 50 |
| | Jones | \$ 50 |
| | Holman | \$ 100 |
| | Martin | \$ 100 |
| 17 June | | \$ 50 |

Direct Deposits

| | | |
|----------------|----------|-----------|
| 01 June | Interest | \$.55 |
| 10 June | Baker | \$ 50 |
| 11 June | Grogan | \$ 50 |
| 12 June | Ruse | \$ 50 |
| 13 June | Shugar | \$ 50 |
| 17 June | Rokas | \$ 100 |
| 01 July | Interest | \$.54 |
| 02 July | Webster | \$ 50 |
| 01 August | Interest | \$.57 |
| Total Deposits | | \$ 701.66 |

Cheque Withdrawals

| | | |
|-------------------|----|--------|
| 17 June | 31 | \$ 150 |
| 17 June | 30 | \$ 75 |
| 19 August | 32 | \$ 150 |
| 21 August | 34 | \$ 145 |
| Total Withdrawals | | \$ 520 |

Balance as per Bank Statement 29 August 13 \$17235.27

Debra Mavin
President NCRS Australia Inc.

Editor's Report

Hi folks, BIG apologies for lateness of the newsletter.

I don't want to come across as negative, but in the same breath I think it important to be open and honest – THIS NEWSLETTER IS MUCH DIMINISHED WITHOUT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. The following blue-coloured text is what I wrote in our last newsletter:

I'll get right to an important topic – this is YOUR/OUR newsletter (not mine) so I'm expecting and eagerly awaiting your contributions for future editions, especially for the new "*Tech Torque*" section. I've included a plagiarised sample from one of our sister Chapters to give you an idea. It doesn't matter how simple or complex your material is – it will definitely be of assistance to our membership. Sharing of info is an important part of our NCRS charter so please 'step-up' and send your info to me at: the_rabbit@iprimus.com.au You can also send through non-tech items which I'll include in the "*Bits-n-Pieces*" section of the newsletter. To help me 'sort' the gazillion emails I receive daily, please include "*NCRS newsletter*" in the subject text of your email, thanks.

Talking of other Chapter's newsletters, many of them have 'catchy' titles such as: 'The Redline Times', 'Side Pipe', 'The Spinner', 'RPM', 'Vetteformation', 'Vettecetera'. I'd like for us to name our newsletter so please send me your suggestions.

Unfortunately I only received contributions from one member (BIG thanks – you know who you are). I know there's lots of info you'd love to share with your fellow members, so if you have difficulty contacting me on the above email (don't forget the 'underscore' between the & rabbit), give me a call 0416165327 and we'll sort something out.

'till next time, happy vette'ing

Cheers,
Gary Wilkinson
Editor NCRS Australia Inc

NCRS Board of Directors Meeting, Hampton, VA. 26 July 2013

NCRS Board of directors Meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM EDT

Present were:

Vito Cimilluca, Bill Baker, John Ballard, Bill Braun, Joan Burnett, Dick Capello, Carl Davidson, Marilyn Heitzman, Mike Ingham
Dave Brigham, Carlton Colclough, Larry Colvin, Jeff Cook, Dana Forrester, Mark Lincoln, Eric Mortimer, Gary Mortimer, Vinnie Peters, John Waggoner

Several general members were present in the audience.

2013 National Convention – Vito congratulated the team, John Yglesias, Duane Ravenberg, John Veen and Casey Strawmyre and all the volunteers. He thanked the Mid Atlantic Chapter for hosting the event and doing a fabulous job.

The road tour was the largest yet with 172 cars participating from all over the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Everyone reported having a great time. A big thank you to the Road Tour sponsors, Zip Products and Trailcon with a special thank you to the McCagh's for their hospitality.

2014 National Convention – The 2014 convention will be in Overland, KS with Dana Forrester as the Chairman. Dana showed a short clip on the facility and the city of Overland. They are in the midst of finalizing the day tours and activities and promise a fabulous time for everyone attending.

2016 National Convention – Vinnie Capone distributed and reviewed the New England Chapter's proposal for the 2016 Convention in Warwick, Rhode Island. The proposal was accepted unanimously by the Board with Vinnie Capone as the Convention Chairman.

Secretary's Report – Larry Colvin is waiting for Director petitions from Region IV, V & VI. Vito recognized the contributions to the NCRS of John Ballard during his term on the Board of Directors.

Membership – Currently there are 15,708 members. Eric Mortimer reports that the NCRS Facebook page has 1,300 followers and is a great source of free advertising for the organization. A copy of "Road to Top Flight" will be included in new membership packets..

Judging – Dave Brigham reported that the transition of position of the National Judging Chairman has been reasonably smooth. Roy will continue to assist with the transition.

National Corvette Museum – Dana Forrester reported that there will be three new NCM Hall of Fame inductees this year and the Motorsports Park is moving forward.

Driveline & Restorer - Eric Mortimer & Vinnie Peters were congratulated for once again being awarded the Golden Quill Award for the Driveline and Restorer publications.

Public Relations – Carlton Colclough reminded the Regional Directors of the deadline for submitting Chapter Charity Matching Funds paperwork no later than October 31st and a copy of the Chapter cancelled check must accompany the paperwork.

Carlton reported that Mr.Hendrick has committed to supporting the 2014 National Convention.

Online Advertising Proposal – Dick Capello reported the committee’s findings and the program was approved unanimously. It is estimated that it will take 60 to 90 days to build and test the new site. The site will be up and running as soon as all the programming is completed. A performance analysis will be done after one year. Program particulars will be sent by the Regional Directors once they are completed.

Automatic Membership Renewal will be implemented with the use of PayPal. John Waggoner reported that the process through PayPal complies with industry standard practices.

Archives - Bill Sangrey has secured additional materials for the NCRS archives and will share the materials with the National Corvette Museum as in the past.

Discussion Board - The NCRS site was recently hacked for the second time. The technology staff is looking at proposals from companies who would monitor for hacking attempts and perform some repair if the site is hacked again.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM EDT

Date of the next Board meeting: March, 2014 TBD

NCRS Foundation Board of Directors Meeting, Hampton, VA. 26 July 2013

NCRS Foundation Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM EDT

Present were:

Vito Cimilluca, Bill Baker, John Ballard, Bill Braun, Joan Burnett, Dick Capello, Carl Davidson, Marilyn Heitzman, Mike Ingham
Carlton Colclough, Larry Colvin, Jeff Cook, Mark Lincoln

No general members were present in the audience.

Foundation Report Review and Scholarship Approval – The Board voted for the Foundation to award eight \$1,000 scholarships with two scholarships to be automotive related and the remaining six will be general. One will be awarded from the Marvin Burnett Memorial Scholarship for \$2,500.

U.S. Navy Distinguished Visitor Raffle – Members of the Board that had not purchased a program raffle ticket picked 12 winning names and 12 alternates.

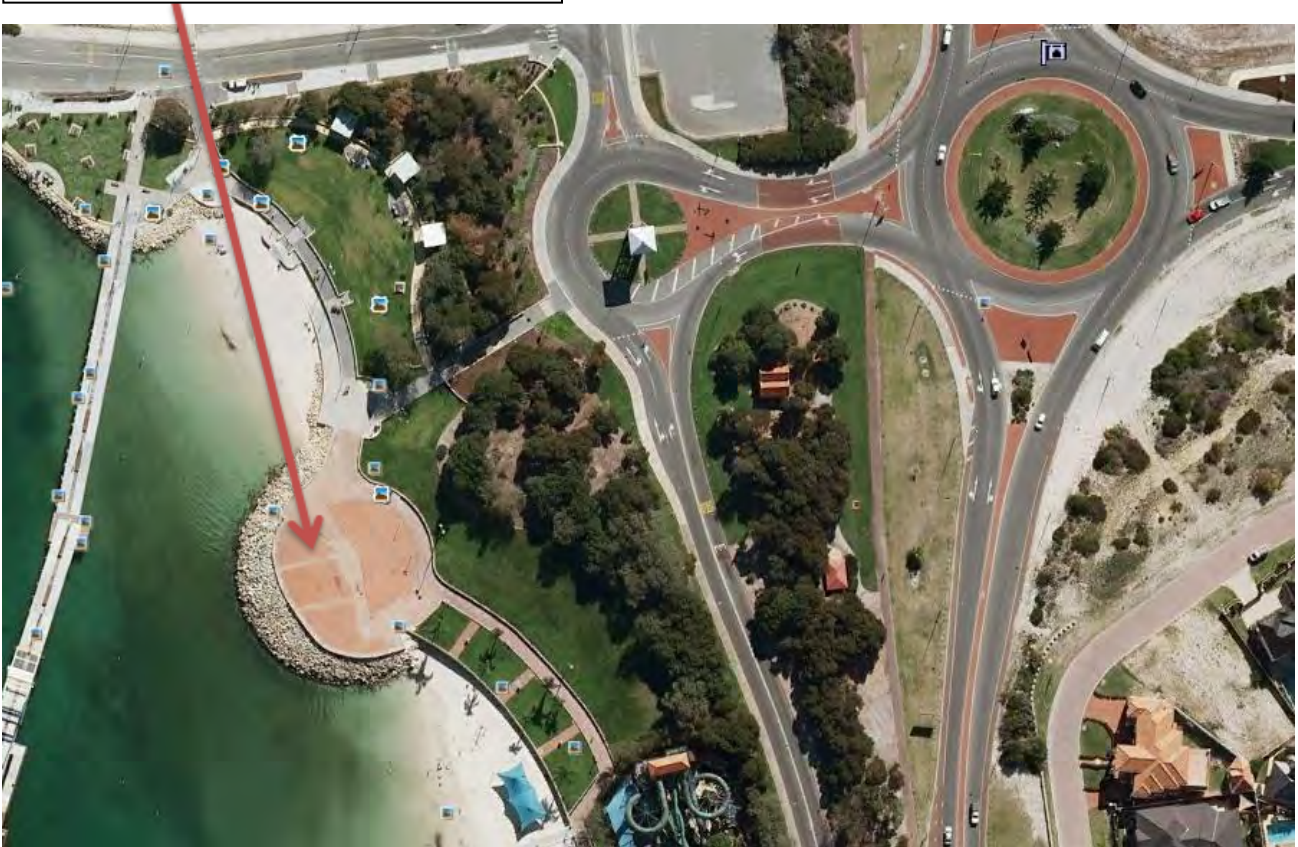
The 12 winners are: Joe Czyzewski, Vinnie Peters, Don Larue, Dave Heitzman, John St. Peter, Teresa Foss, Dave Ewan, Donna Crupi, Tom Huellemeyer, Bob Burkhardt, Mike Sams, & Joan Rankowitz. If any of the first 12 are unable to attend at the designation date, the alternate people will be contacted in the order pulled.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM EDT

60th Anniversary of Corvette Meet, Perth

On 30th June the Corvettes of Western Australia Club organised a fantastic day out to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Corvette. 60 cars showed up (nice coincidence) with 8 NCRS members joining the mix of all eras and styles from very original through to amazingly well engineered rest-mods and everything in-between. Perth turned on awesome weather for the cruise up the coast road and the static display at Hillary's Boat Harbour – the public were witness to a fine display of America's sports car in perfect Aussie conditions! Congratulations and a BIG thanks go to the CoWA organisers.

Corvette display area overlooking the harbour





Inaugural Avon Classic Rally, York, WA

The Vintage & Veteran Car Club of WA organised a 'navigation rally' for all makes, models and ages from Vintage thru Classic on Sunday 27th Oct, starting and ending in the historic WA town of York (est. 1835), approx 100km east of Perth. After what felt like months of constant rain, a perfect sunny day with 26degC temp welcomed a field of around 20 vehicles for the rally. 2 corvettes participated in the rally with 4 others making the trip to show support and enjoy a slightly later start to the day :o) A spectacular 1910 vintage 'horse-less carriage' powered by a twin cylinder horizontally opposed steam engine wore the '#1' entrant number.



Tech Torque

Editor's note: unfortunately no "technical" contributions from our membership to fill this space.....and it isn't right for me to 'pinch' material from other sources so I'll repeat what was in our last newsletter.....[the following article appeared in the May-June 2013 newsletter \(The Redline Times\) of the Carolinas Chapter and serves as an example of the kind of article which I'm hoping to include in our future newsletters – assuming YOU make a contribution.....](#)

TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW

REFINISHING FORGED-STEEL STRUT RODS

Bunky Byrd #12641

General Motors utilized forged steel for suspension parts over many years. Strut rods and other suspension parts for Corvettes were forged for strength as far back as the 1950s. The process required the steel to be heated and pressed into the desired shape. A scaly blue to blue/teal surface appeared during the cooling process, and no paint preservatives were applied.

The scaly surface often flakes off from years of driving wear, but typically low-mileage cars still have some remaining. Over the years of judging for NCRS, I've seen little attempt to replicate the original forged surface. Most restorers either clear coat the bare metal or apply Cast Blast®. I decided to experiment with various products in order to create the forged-steel appearance.



As pictured above left, I began with clean bare metal. Next I applied gun bluing per the instructions in the kit. (I used a Birchwood Casey Perma-Blue® from Gander Mountain.) Kits by various manufacturers can be purchased at gun shows or gun shops. I deviated from the instruction by allowing the bluing solution to remain on the strut rods overnight instead of a few minutes and thus obtained a darker color. (*above right*)

You will need to experiment with whatever brand purchased to create a nice blue/gray effect. I allowed some of the original gray color to show through the bluing. At this juncture, the color was probably close enough to pass Flight judging, but I was not satisfied. I mixed Dykem® Steel Blue Layout Fluid with Krylon® Satin Touch green paint at a ratio of one-third blue to two-thirds green. This created a blue solution with a dash of teal undertones. I lightly applied this with a brush, not being concerned with completely covering the rough surface, and let this settle into the low areas. (*below*)

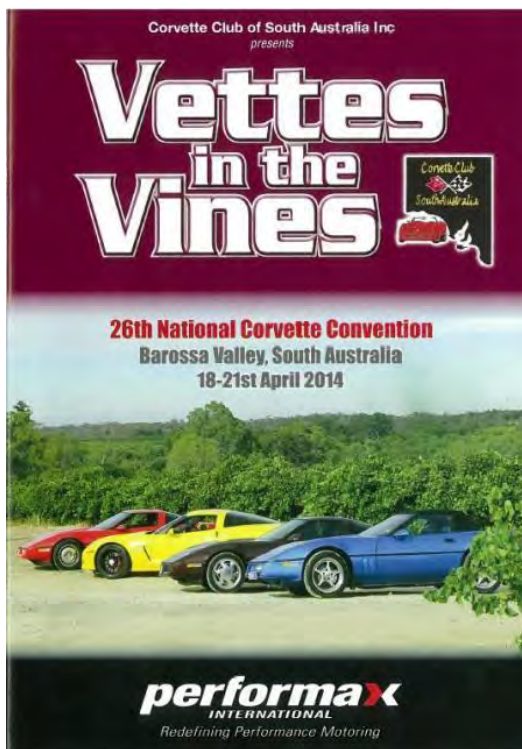


After overnight drying, I gently rubbed the rods with a lacquer-thinner-impregnated rag. The goal was to remove paint from edges and create an uneven motley finish with both the gun bluing and original bare metal showing through. If you remove too much paint, just reapply and let dry overnight.

When satisfied with the color and surface, spray dull-coat clear paint (I used Krylon® Matte Finish) over the strut rods. This will remove any shine and protect from corrosion. Even though the process does not create a rough texture, the various colors are well represented in the final product. (*below*)



I welcome feedback and results of your experimentation. bunkybyrd@aol.com



Nullarbor Cruise to South Australia April 2014

Expressions of interest are called from NCRS Members for a Road Tour from Perth to Adelaide for next year's National Corvette Convention held 18-21st April 2014:

(<http://www.corvetteclubofsa.com.au/flyers/CCSA%20bro.pdf>) .

We need to know how many members are interested and what transport options are required, such as;

- 1. Drive both ways
- 2. Drive over put Corvette on the train for return journey
- 3. Train Corvette both ways.

Please call Terry Martin on work 089 443 1944, mobile 0448 816 067 to discuss.

Amelia Island 2013: 1964 Corvette XP-819

Fascinating YouTube clip on an experimental Corvette..... <http://youtu.be/1vOVu9vxMSo>

Amelia Island 2013: See-Through 1965 Corvette

Another great YouTube clip..... <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RpCB-45rRZk>

St Louis Corvette Assembly Plant Movies

And even more great stuff from YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2V6M-Hh1BbQ>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fQLnAStZ1GE>

Take care of yourself (anonymous)

A recent joint study conducted by the Vic Dept of Health and the RTA indicates that 23% of traffic accidents are alcohol-related.

This means that the remaining 77% are caused by people who just drink tea, coffee, lattes, carbonated drinks, juices, milkshakes and stuff like that.

Therefore, beware of those who do not drink alcohol.

They cause three times as many accidents.

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NCRS AUSTRALIA INC. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Hi Everyone,

There are still some of our members who have not yet paid their renewals. I am not going to chase them, if they wish to remain members please renew your membership. It is due in January this year, but we still have not received some payments.

At the AGM it was decided to increase the present membership to \$50.00

The Chapter would appreciate your assistance with this renewal by paying it ASAP and also fill out the attached membership form below with your information so we can check that our records are all correct.

There will be no membership cards sent out this time as the last card you received is good for the next few years.

We will send you a receipt of your payment. Please don't forget if you have a BUDDY please pay their membership with yours at the same time. I will inform your BUDDY that you have paid their membership, and to make sure they have paid your membership in there Chapter in USA.

There are 2 ways to pay this membership

1. Post a Cheque or Money Order made out to NCRS Australia Inc. to our postal address: P.O. Box 207 Kurmond NSW 2757
2. Direct bank transfer to our account: NCRS Australia Inc. BSB: 062595
Acc#10245414

Please fill in the form and pay for your membership ASAP.

Murray Forman
President NCRS Australia Inc.



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Surname: _____ First Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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Post/Zip Code: _____ State _____ Country _____

H/ Phone: _____ W/ Phone: _____ M/ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Occupation: _____

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(If insufficient space – please attach a further, separate listing). Please use the following code to denote condition: **R** = Restored **UR** = UN Restoration **EO** = Excellent Original **GO** = Good Original **PO** = Poor Original **LH** = Left hand Drive

| YEAR | BODY STYLE | REG No. | LAST REG. No. | COLOUR | CONDITION/ STEERING | VIN ID PLATE |
|-------|--------------------|------------|---------------|--------|------------------------|--------------|
| | Coupe/ Roadster | if current | if known | | as per above code | |
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*I have NO OBJECTION to the above details being included in the Members Directory circulated to all financial members.

*I OBJECT to the above details being included in the Members Directory which will be circulated to all current financial members. (*Please delete whichever4 in NOT applicable).

I agree that I will not use the information contained in the Members Directory for any purpose other than to contact another member to discuss matters of mutual interest. I will not divulge the content of the Members Directory to any other persons or corporate entity.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I enclose herewith: \$AUD \$50.00. Please send Personal Cheque, Bank Cheque or Money Order. Make Cheque or Money Order payable to **NCRS Australia Inc.**

For office use only:Date Received: ____/____/____ Receipt # _____

Cash/Chq/MO: Cheque No: _____ Acceptance Date: ____/____/____

NCRS Australia Member Number: _____ Name of Bank: _____

EMAIL: info@ncrs.com.au

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