

# The Checkpoint

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## Report

The club, what is a club. By definition a association of persons for some common object or cause. Thus we are all clubbies, I am not making this up. This year is the SVR 40th anniversary. I think we need to make this year special and really get a spark ignited that gets more clubbiest interested in taking on a more active roll inside the club.

As some of you may have heard Lorien and I went to the SCCA national convention. It was amazing to see how many clubs namely the small ones that have some of the same problems. It was good to share stories of what they have done thought of doing to get more leadership participation. I am happy to report that SVR has a few less problems then some of the other clubs that I was talking to. That is not to say there is no room for improvement. One thing that I found interesting is back in the 50's what a lot of SCCA members had in common was the Boy Scouts. The member back then had a built in volunteer mentality. Today the common bond with the SCCA members is at one time they worked in the fast food industry, also known as the pay to play crowd. Many discussions were around that we need to offer a superior product to our customers because there are so many things competing for that discretionary entertainment dollar. I know SCCA sometimes has been called big brother because of the sometimes overbearing safety requirements but as a club we are better off with those requirements. I was surprised at how some regions were upset because the SCCA was not protecting them from other auto sport products. Competition just makes the products get better. That is why Marcus Merideth has been tasked with running a few solo trials this year to help develop a better set of rules and bring another product to the SCCA customer. The one item that seemed to be the most common theme at the convention was membership. Not only do they want to maintain the current members but want to attract new members as well. I think that would be a admirable goal for SVR

as well because from those new members will come new ideas and new leadership. One thing I have been working on at the board is trying to get new ideas. With a couple new board members really trying to get some new direction out there. Maybe some of you out there in membership land have a idea? Please don't keep it to yourself let one of the board members know and we will take it to the entire board at the next meeting. Better yet come to a board meeting and tell us yourself.

Another item that was at convention was the Chief of Waivers. SVR already does a supper job at waivers but looks like we need to take it up just one more notch. I think the only thing we really need to work on is the witnessing of the waiver being signed. All that entails is initialing the waiver after each person signs the waiver. With that said is there anyone interested in being Chief of Waivers? Makes for a easy work assignment. This is not a sentence to working the whole day but you do make sure that you have the waiver covered for the entire day.

The other item that got my attention was the teen street survival program. After listening to the seminar it is a lot like the program that was done for the Dow company about 5 years ago at Barstow. I need to do some more search on this and find out it we can put them on using their program but what a way it might be to build a relationship with a area high school. Not to mention after we build the relationship will it potentially yield us a new site?

There was other seminars that we attended such as site acquisition, Rallycross, speed creep and Regional Development.

Before we left we had time to take a quick walk to the Alamo and see a big piece of Texas History.

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**40 Years Ago****April, 1967**

Carolyn Meerzo, editor, wrote "What a Crew Can Expect From the Driver", regarding the race track. This had to do with the race car driver keeping his crew happy enough to come back & do it again! In "Pit Stop Prattle", Jarve Wickes became the new Contest Board Rep., as Martin Tanner had resigned the position. Jarve also congratulated several new drivers for getting through their first "driver's school" at Waterford Hills Race Track. That included Joan Fahlgren, the first lady driver in SVR, driving a Mini Cooper 1300S; Ken Morris in an AH Sprite; Al Ruppenthal in a Corvair; & Tom Groening in an AH Sprite. The "First Rally" of the season was won by Dave Kirby & Charles Raley of Midland; Ken & Ann Himmelein came in 2<sup>nd</sup> of 34 cars entered. Vicki Hammond was collecting stamps, (remember the S&H stamps, Green Stamps, etc.) in hopes of purchasing a portable generator for the club. Tom Hudak & Harold Nadler finished first and Bert & Jerry Pat Miller finished 7<sup>th</sup> out of 19 cars in a recent Rallygators rally. Don Jekel was the Gymkhana organizer for this year and looking for your ideas for event sites.

**30 Years Ago****April, 1977**

The 100 Acre Wood Pro Rally, Rolla, MO., was won by John Buffum & Vicki in their Porsche Carrera. Future events would be run in a new Triumph TR 7. SVR's Walt Krafft, Hinsdale, IL. & John Smiskol, MI. came in 3<sup>rd</sup> in their Datsun 260Z. This rally was said to be one of the roughest events in the series as 27 teams started but only nine finished and none from Michigan. The Schlick Shtick Rallye by Don Jekel was won by Barb & Jim Doidge. Third place went to Sue Smith & Jon Nykamp. For Sale in the Checkpoint: unlimited quantities of Gates Commando Snow Tires, D70 x 13, be the first on your block...call Chuck Fortino or Brian Rebney.

**20 Years Ago****April, 1987**

SVR sponsored a bowling party at the Garden Lanes on Bay Rd., with pizza & beer at the Rueters later. Sixteen members participated, more than show up for the General Meetings! This issue had Regional, Central & National schedules for Solo II, Road Race & Pro Rallies for the year. Jim Harrison was selling his 1983 RX7 with only 28000 miles...and driven only on weekends. Velma Boreen was taking Pre-Registration for Solo II events, 5 for \$25.00 and a free copy of the 1987 SCCA Solo II Rule Book.

**10 Years Ago****April, 1997**

In Left Field, Dave Feighner did his "Who to Watch in 97". The Hub Tire/Subway Solo II Series was announced. Dave Feighner wanted to know what was in the water. It seems that three out of four women in the F-Stock Ladies Class, recently became pregnant! Congratulations to Michelle Siniff, Barb Horning and Linda Barnes. And, congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Todd Robbins on the birth of their daughter Lilian, born March 10. Tom Hudak published "How to Run a Rally", for those who would be interested in doing the Spring Tune Up event on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bev Hall was taking Pre-Registration for Solo II's, 5 events for \$60.00

**40th Anniversary update**

If you were at the year end banquet you heard that club was cooking up a celebration for the clubs birthday. Thanks to Tom Hudak the wheels are in full motion forward for the celebration. Here is the update at this point in time. The Saginaw Valley Region of SCCA will be having a 40th Anniversary Reunion this summer on Saturday Aug. 4th at Plymouth Park, Swede Rd., Midland, MI. But before there is a picnic there will be a TSD rally that Tom and Bob Pierce are working on. Hopefully Tom will publish his how to run a rally again for all of us to get a refresher on what to do. (Hint) After the picnic slash car show, hopefully there will be some race cars from the past as well as some of the present day racecars on display. The on Sunday August 5th there will be a solo event at one of our favorite places to run in Midland. Tom is hoping that some of the legends from the past will be willing to come out and see what we do. Please mark your calendars now for the weekend of August 4th and 5th.



# Showcase Mitsubishi Bay City



## SVR Solo 2007 Chase for the Cup VIII

Saginaw Valley Region Presents the Chase for the Cup VIII sponsored by Showcase Mitsubishi and MyAutoEvents.com. Of course all the latest information can be found on MyAutoEvents.com. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us on a piece of asphalt this summer.

- May 20<sup>th</sup> Site TBA
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> Site TBA
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Site TBA
- July 21<sup>st</sup> Site TBA
- Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Solo Site TBA
- September 8-9 GASS event Flint Area

Registration	9:00 - 10:00 am
Tech Inspection	9:30 - 10:00 am
Novice Walk	10:15 am
Drivers Meeting	10:30am
First car off	11:00am

Entry Fees  
 SCCA Members \$30.00 Non-SCCA \$45.00 Late Fee \$10.00

All events are open to the public. We run rain or shine. All cars and mini-trucks are eligible. Maximum 116" wheelbase. Drivers must have a Snell 95 or newer helmet (some loaners are available). A valid driver's license must be shown at registration.

**Pre-registration is available on MyAutoEvents.com (recommended)**

Any questions, please contact the Solo Board:

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On the left. Right in the middle of San Antonio set the Alamo. Seems different in person than in the history books.

On the right Just on of the sites on the way to the Alamo walking along the River Walk.



The sun is shining and the 2007 solo season is right around the corner!

In 2006, the CenDiv Solo Championship Series celebrated its 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary. The CenDiv Solo Championship Series was the longest running solo series ever in the country!

In 2007, the CenDiv Solo Championship Series has a new look and is sporting a new name. This year the most successful solo series will address the needs of soloists in both Area 4 and Area 5 – the two areas that comprise the Great Lakes Division and Central Division. The series is now called “The Great American Solo Series”, (GASS) with the eight events being hosted by local clubs. These eight events will run SCCA classes and be put on throughout the Great Lakes Division and CenDiv. To qualify for year end awards, a competitor must run a minimum of three events and their best five events are the ones that will count towards the year end championship. The series continues with the same premise that was held at its inception in 1985 – to provide autocrossers in the Midwest the opportunity to run quality events during the summer in preparation for the National Championship event in the fall.

For 2007, the Great American Solo Series will have one major sponsor, SoloPerformance.Com, and three associate sponsors, MidAtlantic Motorsport, MyAutoEvents.com and WCM Ultralite. Without sponsor support, it would be very difficult to offer a division-wide series at no additional cost to the competitors.

The schedule is as follows:

May 26-27	Lexington, KY
June 9-10	Springfield, IL
July 14-15	Oscoda, MI
July 28-29	Dayton, OH
August 11-12	Milwaukee, WI
August 18-19	Peru, IN
September 2	Joliet, IL
September 9	Flint, MI

For further information and updates to this schedule, log-on to [solo2.cendiv-scca.org](http://solo2.cendiv-scca.org).

The summer promises to be a busy one so come and join the fun!

The Great American Solo Series Committee

#### Event Report

February 10th 2007 SVR got the competition season started with a Rally/Snow cross at Crystal Lake Speedway. The day got started with busting some tracks through the snow to outline a course. By the end of the day there was no snow left on the line but I think everyone that made it out had a good time. Check out the results on page 7.

On February 24th Mother nature let us out on the bay for Ice Runs. Those results can be found on page 7 as

well.

On March 3rd there was Great Lakes Division spring training in Toledo Ohio. There was a colorful Solo segment with two of the big worthwhile discussions being Waivers and On-line Registration. Look for SVR to make a push for more online registration. On the other side of the spectrum was the GLD Board of Directors meeting. Lets just say that was a different animal that I was not expecting. I am not sure if new GLD president Rick Meyers was expecting it either, but I know that the other RE's where not expecting Rick. Should be a interesting summer.

SVR Rallycross 2-10-2007 Crystal, Michigan												
Name	Class, #	Car	Run1	Run2	Run3	Run4	Run5	Run6	Run7	Run8	Total	Place
Doug Harvey	SSF 12	Chevy Cavalier	61.466	56.744	55.213	53.669	51.309	52.866	50.219	49.181	430.667	1
Les Fransico	SSF 121	Chevy Cavalier	61.274	55.068	55.613	53.036	54.927	55.281	53.476	50.314	438.989	2
Jeff Finkbeiner	SSF 7	Plymouth Sundace	64.155	60.725	57.946	58.82	55.753	55.395	52.411	51.069	456.274	3
Chuck Tate	SSF 1	Honda Civic	70.204	62.549	59.567	57.571	54.383	57.334	52.541	51.345	465.494	4
Michael Hordijk	SSF 19	VW Golf TDI	63.197	59.792	57.749	54.634	70.322	54.434	55.883	52.412	468.423	5
Chad Sechrist	SSF 119	VW Golf TDI	65.56	59.48	59.643	58.037	90	57.968	54.52	51.929	497.137	6
Stacey DeSpelder	SSF 11	Honda Civic	65.472	61.179	57.999	55.396	90	90	90	90	600.046	7
Dave Feighner	SSA 28	Subaru Legacy GT	53.027	53.377	50.761	50.956	45.858	46.925	46.858	47.395	395.157	1
Matt Price	SSA 39	GMC Envoy POS	54.495	53.534	63.387	54.591	49.225	49.26	48.804	49.766	423.062	2
Jon Armstrong	RPF 94	Honda Civic	54.767	53.808	53.124	54.158	51.39	49.678	50.878	51.853	419.656	1
Chris Holm	RPF 9	Mazda Protégé	63.183	61.387	58.405	58.68	52.875	53.543	52.638	52.79	453.501	2
Todd Robins	RPF 66	Yugo	60.558	62.202	60.352	60.263	55.972	57.035	56.048	57.286	469.716	3
Scott Kelly	RPF 29	Mazda Protégé	60.299	59.979	58.493	59.894	55.791	55.249	54.392	90	494.097	4
James Dimmick	RPF 92	Mazda Protégé	61.175	90	66.462	61.786	66.381	56.037	53.861	54.75	510.452	5
Dave Stefaniak	RPR 21	Chrysler Conquest	90	61.068	60.945	83.413	55.152	84.444	53.972	56.415	545.409	1
Nick Sullivan	RPR 26	Chrysler Conquest	67.132	80.758	62.889	60.449	72.741	58.211	90	57.161	549.341	2
Chris Lancotot	RPR 210	Toyota Tacoma	86.795	76.849	73.743	72.853	64.922	67.191	81.438	66.64	590.431	3
Justin Kollien	RPA 77	Subaru WRX sti	55.104	51.829	51.647	51.284	52.983	49.858	49.163	47.353	409.221	1
Daniel Garant	RPA 177	Subaru WRX sti	57.054	55.966	52.52	53.981	51.892	48.398	46.819	46.756	413.386	2
Dmitriy Martnov	RPA 42	Subaru Impreza 2.6	65.91	56.369	54.989	53.65	52.714	51.242	48.53	46.724	430.128	3
David Allan	RPA 75	Subaru WRX	57.545	57.655	52.106	67.31	53.055	51.125	46.462	46.084	431.342	4
Micah Jones	RPA 88	Subaru WRX (w)	59.402	58.42	64.508	54.573	51.456	52.187	48.501	50.27	439.317	5
Ryan Storzback	RPA 28	Subaru Impreza 2.5	63.99	61.877	60.493	64.013	53.948	58.47	52.328	55.284	470.403	6
Kamen Guentchev	RPA 66	Mitsubishi Legacy	73.404	80.661	68.98	58.327	57.055	55.284	50.515	57.592	501.818	7
Alex Szilagyi	RM2 30	Toyota MR2	61.691	54.205	53.077	55.62	49.299	47.489	48.054	49.201	418.636	1
Gene Martindale	RM2 0	Toyota MR2	53.454	65.181	59.365	63.214	52.827	48.825	47.231	47.261	437.358	2
Scott Harvey	RMA 13	Mitsubeagle Eclipse	55.794	51.751	50.809	51.066	52.983	53.755	49.744	47.04	412.942	1
Mark Kleckner	RMA 21	Mitsubishi Galant vr4	62.014	52.812	57.595	90	52.433	51.56	54.03	53.481	473.925	3

Ice Run Results 2-24-2007												
NAME	CAR	RUN #1	RUN #2	RUN#3	RUN#4	RUN#5	RUN#6	RUN#7	RUN#8	BEST TIME	POS IN CLASS	
DAVE CHAPP	BMW330XI # 6	<b>79.079</b>	79.386	79.091	80.666	83.535	82.941	81.074	81.649	<b>79.079</b>	1T	
MIKE PRICE	ENVOY #39	<b>79.626</b>	80.308	82.939+1	80.833	80.175	81.642	82.29	81.826	<b>79.626</b>	2T	
JEN CHRISTIANSEN	BMW330XI #76	83.666	<b>80.218</b>	DNF	84.844	84.262	85.062	DNF	88.942	<b>80.218</b>	3T	
ELIZABETH ANTOS	YUKON XL #42	<b>87.622</b>	89.817	88.939	90.347	92.841	89.35	90.72	90.431	<b>87.622</b>	4	
DARRENERSPAMER	YUKON XL #24	90.429	89.568	<b>89.109</b>	91.362	91.8	93.424	93.206	92.526	<b>89.109</b>	5	
GARY BARBER	CHEROKEE #11	<b>89.512</b>	91.212	91.286	90.972	92.237	93.184	93.986	95.026	<b>89.512</b>	6	
TERRY BARBER	CHEROKEE #111	<b>95.386</b>	97.15	109.621	98.782	98.938	101.279	101.878	101.648	<b>95.386</b>	7	
DOUG HARVEY	CAVALIER #12	84.518	86.92	87.449	84.138	85.515	86.078	<b>83.978</b>	84.104	<b>83.978</b>	1T-M	
DAVE VANDERWERP	HONDA FIT #1	91.592	92.575	97.462	<b>90.941</b>	92.968	93.036	91.804	91.384	<b>90.941</b>	2T	
CHARLES BINDER	SAAB 900 #22	99.111	99.817	<b>97.932</b>	99.657	100.99	98.515	99.552	100.585	<b>97.932</b>	3	
AL LOCKWOOD	CAVALIER #8	107.897	106.374	107.768	116.09	108.11	<b>104.904</b>	106.677	106.173	<b>104.904</b>	4	
SCOTT HARVEY	EAGLE TALON #13	75.228	<b>75.222</b>	76.521	76.643	77.08	77.405	76.117	76.842	<b>75.222</b>	1T	
KAMEN GUENTCHEV	SUBARU #66	90.276	87.387	85.539	84.972	<b>84.087</b>	86.029	94.678	99.143	<b>84.087</b>	2	
ANDREW LITTLE	TAURUS SHO #17	106.727	103.927	104.813	102.64	<b>99.294</b>	101.046	100.32	99.675	<b>99.294</b>	1T	
CHRIS HOLM	PROTÉGÉ #29	117.728	134.677	<b>116.534</b>	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	<b>116.534</b>	1T-M	

# April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Board Meeting Bay City	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Rallycross DET Clarksville MI	
22	Inputs due for next checkpoint	23	24	25	26	27 Baskets for Racing, Dres- den OH	28
29	30						

# May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
		1	2	3	4	5			
Solo Detroit Season Opener	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
13	14	15	SAE Competition Detroit	16	SAE Competition Detroit	17	SAE Competition Detroit	18	19
Solo SVR Tentative Site TBA	20	21	Inputs due for next checkpoint	22	23	24	25	GASS Solo Lexington KY	26
GASS Solo Lexington KY	27	Solo Detroit Memorial Day	28	29	30	31			

SAGINAW VALLEY REGION  
SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
January 13, 2007

TIME: 5:15 PM

PRESENT: Chris Pruett, Mike Burgess, Lisa Krueger, Dave Feighner, Lorien Feighner, Stacey Despelder, Jarrod Hoops, Dave Siniff, Doug Harvey, Todd Robbins and Sean Tate.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Dave Feighner at 5:15 PM. A motion was made by Dave Siniff seconded

by Chris Pruett to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP

REPORT: 99 members plus dual members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Club is in the black. Balance includes payment of \$300 to Hudak's for gifts for banquet attendees. Year End Trophies should be under \$2000.

EQUIPMENT

REPORT: Everything is in storage for winter.

MERCHANDISE: 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo design is complete. Printer that prints Checkpoints will be able to print stickers. Don't have price or sample yet.

SOLO RPT: Sean Tate would like all club members to email and/or post feedback regarding the proposed nonmember fee for rally/solo events. The fee would be anywhere from \$5-15 for 1 day temporary membership. This proposal is being raised to the Board of Directors in February at the National Convention.

Detroit Region has a new solo director.

The asphalt engineer for Barstow Airport suggested that we wait 18 months before club uses site for solo events.

No dates set for events yet.

OLD

BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW

Doug Harvey and Stacey Despelder checked out a potential rally cross site next to Crystal Speedway in Crystal.

BUSINESS: The Speedway has only one big event. There are lots of possibilities for event dates. The site is located within Western Michigan Region territory. Stacey contacted the RE for WMR and has received permission to use the event site. Doug is proposing that we hold a rally cross at the site on Saturday 2/10. Chris Pruett made a motion, seconded by Stacey Despelder to run a rally cross event at Crystal Speedway on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>, charging \$30 per car for SCCA members and \$40 for non-members. Motion passed.

NEXT MTG: The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm Wednesday February 21st at the Ponderosa in Alma.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Stacey Despelder, seconded by Chris Pruett, to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorien Feighner, Secretary



SAGINAW VALLEY REGION  
SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 21, 2007

TIME: 7:10 PM

PRESENT: Chris Pruett, Mike Burgess, Lisa Krueger, Dave Feighner, Lorien Feighner, Stacey Despelder, Jarrod Hoops and Dave Siniff.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Dave Feighner at 7:10 PM. A motion was made by Chris Pruett seconded by Stacey Despelder to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP

REPORT: 97 members plus dual members.

TREASURER'S

REPORT: Current balance in the black. Balance includes Income and Expenses from Rallycross.

EQUIPMENT REPORT: Plates and Registration is taken care of for Van. Insurance will be coming due soon. Steve Munsell will likely pay for entire year upfront.

MERCHANDISE: Dave Feighner will have sample 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sticker at next Board Meeting. Board discussed the number of stickers to have printed. Amount will depend upon cost and if there is an amount where there is a price break.

SOLO RPT: Dave Feighner provided recap of Solo Board meeting that was received from Sean Tate, as well as proposals to Board.

Jarrod Hoops made a motion, seconded by Chris Pruett to approve the Solo Board recommendation to spend up to \$6 for non-member trophies. Motion passed.

Stacey Despelder made a motion, seconded by Dave Siniff to approve the Solo Board recommendation to spend up to \$500 to purchase an equalizer hitch and bars for the Van. Motion passed. Mike Burgess will purchase.

Chris Pruett made a motion, seconded by Mike Burgess to approve the proposed 2007 Solo schedule as provided by the Solo Board and to authorize up to \$1000 to negotiate with potential site owners to assist with site procurement. Motion passed.

OLD

BUSINESS: First Rallycross conducted. Doug Harvey interested in holding another event in future months. Lorien Feighner attended meetings at National Convention that outlined the proposed Weekend Membership. Lorien outlined proposal and the impact to Regions.

NEW

BUSINESS: Dave Feighner advised Board that the Great Lakes Division Spring Training meeting is being conducted on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> in Toledo Ohio. Cost to attend is \$25. Dave Feighner provided National Convention highlights.

NEXT MTG: The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm Wednesday March 21st at the Ponderosa in Alma.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Chris Pruett, seconded by Stacey Despelder, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorien Feighner, Secretary

**Next Board Meeting**  
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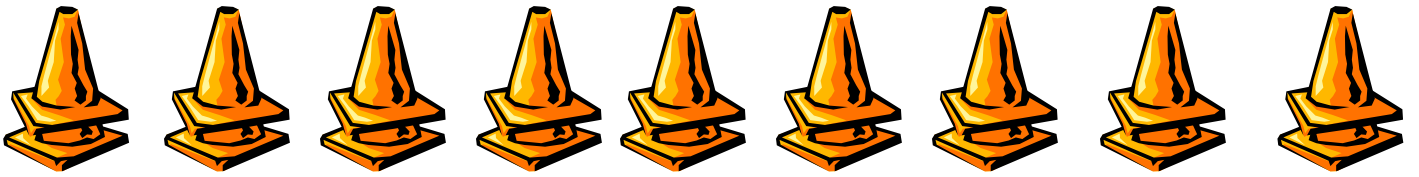
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