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- Feb 1 ➤ Super Bowl party
Feb 21 ➤ Awards Dinner
Feb 28 ➤ Powder Coating discussion
Lunch & Wine tasting
Mar 21 ➤ Lodi Wine Tour
Apr 18 ➤ Bocce Ball and Lunch
Apr 25-26 ➤ Yosemite Tour
Apr 27-May 1 ➤ Ladies Mexican Cruise
May 24 ➤ Wash _N Shine
May 31 ➤ Newcomer BBQ
Jun 5 ➤ Thunderhill DE
Jun 20 ➤ Diablo Mille Tour
Jul 18 ➤ 25th Anniversary BBQ
Aug 8 ➤ Gimmick Rally
Aug 22 ➤ Tour de Jour
Sep 4 ➤ Thunderhill DE
Sep 12-13 ➤ Paso Robles Tour
Sep 19 ➤ Tour of Canepa Design
Sep 20 ➤ San Jose Tour
Sep 26 ➤ End of Summer BBQ
Oct 3 ➤ Oktoberfest
Oct 17 ➤ Coastal Tour
Oct 31 ➤ Gimmick Rally
Nov 14-15 ➤ Feather River Tour
Nov 20 ➤ Planning Meeting
Dec 5 ➤ Holiday Party
Jan 30 2010 ➤ Anniversary Award Dinner
Feb 13 2010 ➤ Go Carts
Feb 27 2010 ➤ Dublin Ski Trip
Mar 14 2010 ➤ St. Patrick's Day Party

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- Jun 28-Jul 5 ➤ Parade
Aug 11-16 ➤ Monterey

GOLDEN GATE REGION AUTO-CROSS SCHEDULE

- Mar 21 Aug 22-23
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Jul 25

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The Inside Line

By Steve Jones

I'm writing this just after the end of our very successful annual Wash & Shine event. We had a whopping 71 cars entered – more than double last year's field – and great foot traffic all morning. The initial feedback from one restaurateur we checked with after the event was that it was a very good day for them as well, but we'll know more about that aspect by the time of our Newcomer BBQ.

Which reminds me – come one, come all to our Newcomer BBQ being hosted again this year by Nedra and Tom Marinshaw on Sunday, May 31st! These events are held especially so that new members can learn just what it is that PCA and the Diablo region offer them in terms of events, services, and opportunities. Please note that there will not be a 914 grill despite the picture of one used on the flier, but the burgers and other grilled items still tasted great last year and I'm sure they will again. As usual if you've joined the region since the last Newcomer event (which was the Oktoberfest held on October 4th, 2008), you attend as our guest. All other members who haven't already RSVP'd per the flyer but wish to attend should send email to membership@diablo-pca.org ASAP.

Other events coming up soon include our Drivers Education day at Thunderhill on Friday, June 5th and the Diablo Mille tour on Saturday, June 20th. Flyers for both of these events appear elsewhere in this newsletter. This DE event will be a prime opportunity to get some track time before the hot summer weather

sets in, and we're fortunate enough to have Porsche of Fremont sponsoring this event despite the general economic conditions. I must say, folks, we are very lucky to have such strong supporters who understand the importance of riding out the tough times with us. I hope you'll consider our sponsors and advertisers the next time you're shopping for services, cars, or accessories.

The second Diablo Mille looks like it will be another fun opportunity to stretch our legs and see what our cars can do on the back roads of Marin and Sonoma Counties, with a great lunch destination at the end. RSVP is requested by June 5th via email to tito@studiorezz.com. And don't under any circumstances make other plans for Saturday, July 18th – because we'll be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the chartering of Diablo Region that day! Kathy and Luis Soler will be hosting this at their home in Livermore, and the organizing committee is working on a number of surprises for all members who attend.

In other news, Porsche Automobil Holding SE – the Factory – continues the merger/acquisition dance with Volkswagen AG. The latest developments I've heard of are a short term loan of about €700 million from VW to Porsche, presumably a bridge as the Factory completes a refinancing of the debt it incurred while building its 51% stake in VW. The other was word that the Porsche and Piech families are seeking outside investment in the independent sports car manufacturer, though I didn't find any solid details to accompany this particular rumor.

Before I sign off I want to take a moment to thank and congratulate the people that worked so hard to make our Wash & Shine such a stellar success. I've mentioned our co-chairs, Eugenie

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Thomas and Charles Rook previously, and with good reason as they put in a tremendous amount of time and energy. However we had a ton of people working hard to make this happen, and I'd like to post a full roster of the volunteers so you can see just how many people it took, but I'd like to mention three in particular if our Esteemed Editor determines I have enough space left. ☺

Warren Gardner went to great lengths to secure support and donations from our advertisers and local businesses, produced the press release for the event and handled some of the media notifications, handled many insurance issues and discussions with the venue, and then pitched in wherever he was needed the day of the event. Kay Maloy, on top of her duties as secretary and newsletter editor, managed to produce a great brochure for the event itself and a fantastic new brochure that describes who and what the Diablo region is, what we do, and how people who aren't PCA members can join. And as I may have mentioned elsewhere, Kelli Camara went through a true trial by fire in trying to get all the new Diablo merchandise approved by the Board and then produced in time to have it on-hand at the Wash & Shine.

With that said, I am tremendously proud of everybody who worked so hard to make the Wash & Shine a success, both before the event and the day it was held. The same goes for all the other great events we've enjoyed so far this year, and I know we've got more good times ahead this summer. So please be sure to come out and enjoy them with your fellow members – starting with the BBQ at the Marinshaw's on the 31st.

Drive safely, *Steve*



Steve's Breakfast

If you live in the Eastern portion of Diablo Region, Steve is bringing breakfast closer to you. Join Steve and other local Porsche Club members for a hearty breakfast and good conversation.

Where: Brentwood Café

When: June 27

Time: 9—11 AM

For directions, go to the calendar on the Diablo Region web site:

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Here at Diablo PCA we bring you a very exclusive one day event, a Diablo Porsche Mille which starts in Emeryville, will end with a lunch on the coastal town of Bodega Bay, California. In this PCA tour event, we will drive an exciting segment of the exclusive California Mille. Though all models of sports cars are welcomed, this event strongly encourages Porsches. Unlike the real USA 1000 Miglia, all Porsches welcomed, pets drivers and passengers.

SATURDAY JUNE 20th 2009

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DEPART 9:30 AM:

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ARRIVE: 11:45 AM Intersecting with Highway 1 we would head into the town of BOLINAS.

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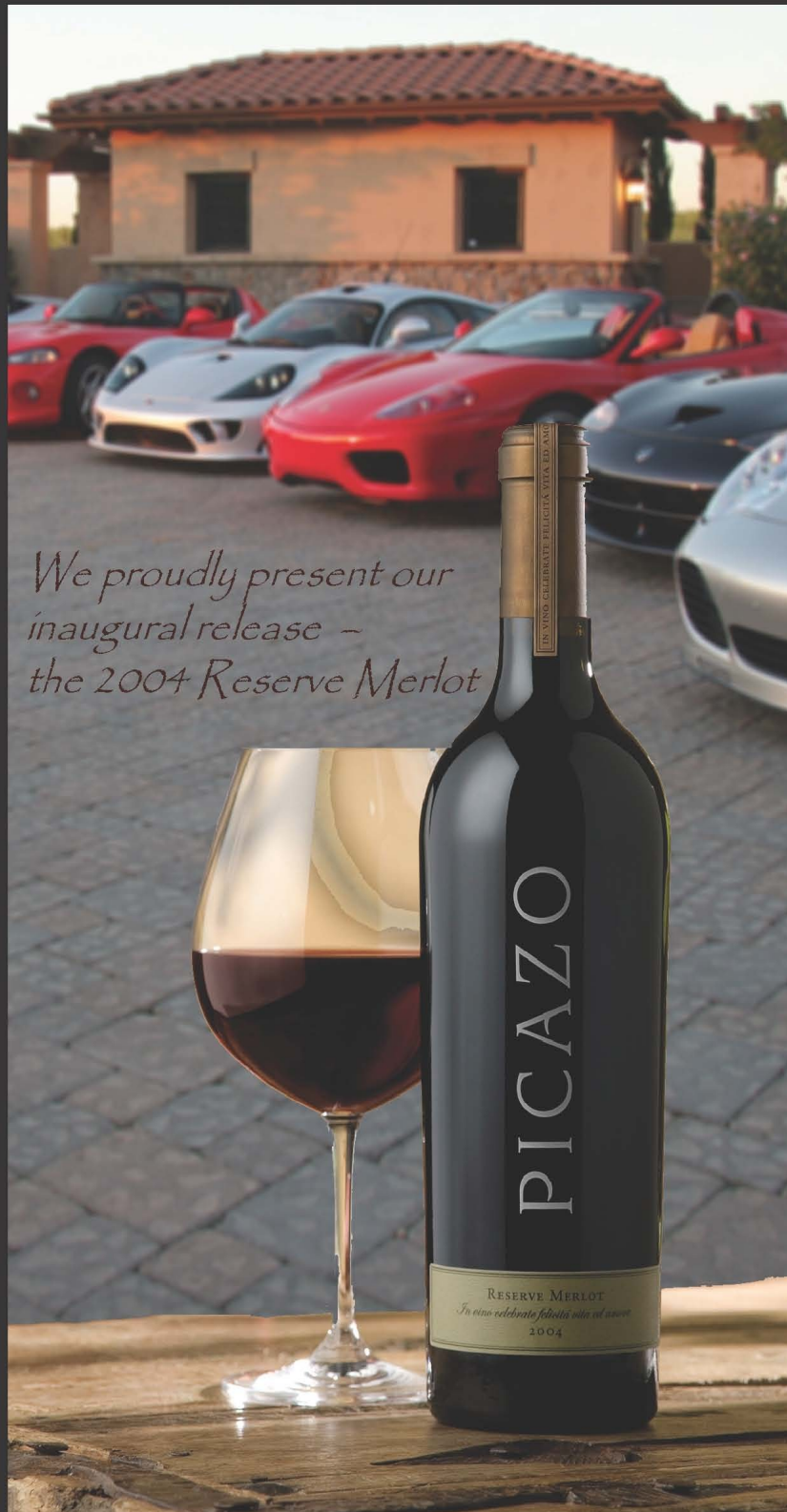
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VW chairman heads for driving seat in Porsche deal

OLBIA, Italy, May 12 (Reuters) - Volkswagen's ([VOWG.DE](#)) chairman has laid down the terms for a merger with Porsche SE in a clear sign that Europe's biggest carmaker has won the upper hand in a power struggle with a would-be predator.

Although it owns more than half of VW, heavily indebted Porsche ([PSHG_p.DE](#)) has seen its plan to buy its much bigger rival spoiled by the financial crisis.

Now that its gamble to take over VW has backfired, Porsche is fighting for influence in a union with the globe's No.3 car company and its stable of brands spanning Bugatti and Lamborghini to the Volkswagen Golf.

Talking to reporters at a car launch late on Monday, VW Chairman Ferdinand Piech named ally VW Chief Executive Martin Winterkorn as his candidate to head a merged group.

He said it was unlikely Porsche boss Wendelin Wiedeking would be happy to stay on in a more "lowly" role. Such criticism from Piech, who is also a major shareholder in Porsche, has ended the careers of other managers.

Piech also played down the chances for Porsche finance chief Holger Haerter to take a top job in the new group, saying his counterpart at VW, Hans Dieter Poetsch, was more credible.

Porsche declined to comment on Piech's statements.

Piech revealed it had already been decided that the headquarters of a new group -- which he said could be named after Auto Union, a carmaker Adolf Hitler used to showcase German engineering prowess -- would be in Volkswagen's home of Wolfsburg.

Piech warned that Porsche needed first

to get its 9 billion euro (\$12.3 billion) in debts under control before a deal could be agreed.

"I cannot imagine that VW would assume another company's risks," said Piech. He added that he was not in favour of selling a stake in the luxury carmaker to another investor.

Porsche's stock fell 10.4 percent on the comments, which one analyst said raised the gloomy prospect that the group would be forced to issue new shares to repay borrowings before embarking on a deal. Preference shares in VW [VOWG_p.DE](#) rose as much as 4 percent.

WHIP HAND

Piech's remarks demonstrate how the tables have turned on Porsche after an audacious takeover bid hatched by Wiedeking and Haerter unravelled.

"In case anyone didn't understand, Piech is making clear today that he is the victor," said one analyst, who asked not to be named.

Piech signalled disagreement over the value of the Porsche sports car business, saying that an 11 billion euro price tag was 2 billion Euros too high.

Wiedeking had wanted to secure access to Volkswagen's technical know-how and the car parts that it uses, for example, from the VW off-road Touareg, to make its Cayenne.

He used share options to creep towards majority control in Volkswagen, making billions of Euros in paper gains as Volkswagen's stock price spiked. However, the move lumbered the Stuttgart-based group with heavy debts, which became difficult to handle when credit markets froze.

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Wiedeking also had bet that the European Commission would overturn a German law that gives the regional government a veto on decisions at VW, which would include letting Porsche take management control.

But that has not happened and has put the more than 10 billion Euros in savings at VW that Porsche had hoped to use to repay its debts out of its reach. In addition, German financial markets watchdog BaFin said on Tuesday that it had started an investigation into possible market manipulation by Porsche linked to its attempt to take over VW. [ID:nWEA1742]

For Piech, the merger -- which both car companies say they want to hammer out within four weeks -- presents him with an opportunity to tighten his grip on both Volkswagen and Porsche.

He and his brother, who together own just over a quarter of Porsche, have been deadlocked in a dispute with their cousins and co-owners from the rival Porsche clan.

Swallowing the sports car maker into the Volkswagen empire would reduce Porsche's status to just one car brand among 10.

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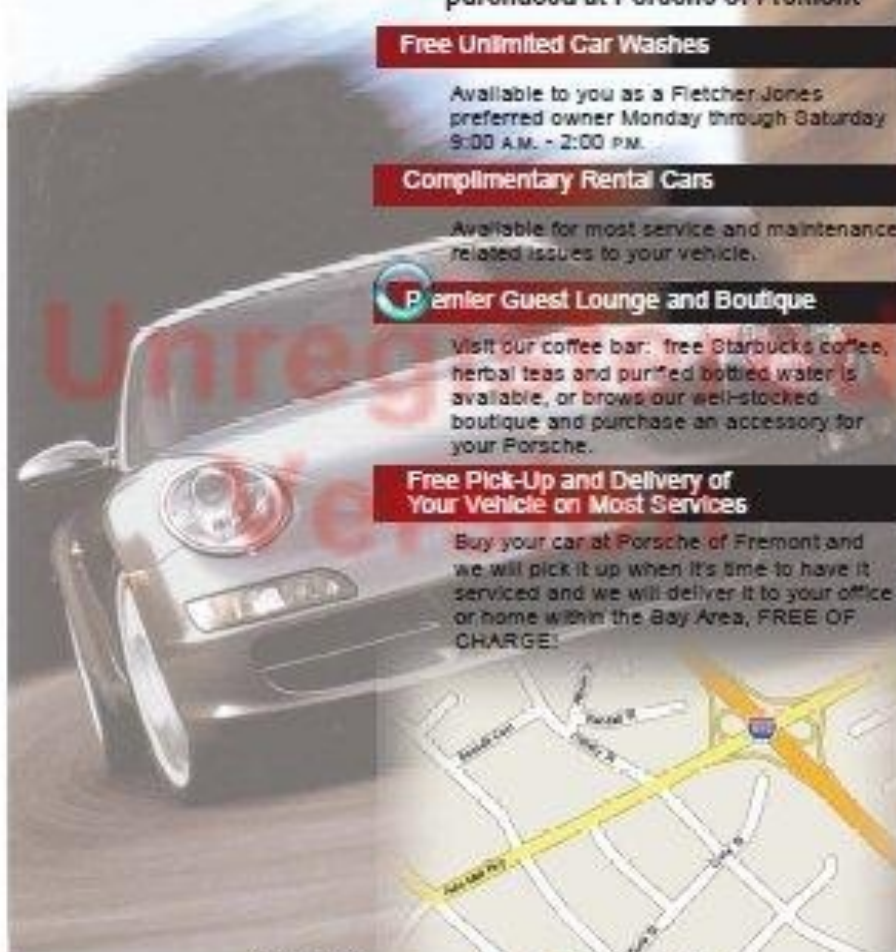
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Tech Inspection is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 at Porsche of Fremont in Fremont from 10-12. For directions to Porsche of Fremont, go to their web site at:

<http://fremont.porschedealer.com/>

Tech inspection also scheduled for Monday, May 13 at Kahlers in Dublin from 6-8. For directions to Kahlers, go to their web site at:

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For more information on registration: contact the Event Chairperson, Luis Soler at 925-784-5344 or at email: soler_luis@yahoo.com

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Advocate Alerts

From Kay Maloy, Editor

Just a quick reminder that if you need to access the Porsche Club of America web site, your password will be reset and needs to be changed. Please review page 9 in the May issue of the Advocate for the instructions and information to follow. Just go to the Diablo Region web site and select Newsletter.

The track day at Infineon Raceway on July 4th sponsored by Hooked on Driving is quickly approaching. This is limited to 25 drivers and is for Porsches only. See the details in the ad below.

Please mark your calendars to come celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Diablo Region on July 18th. It will be a great time to meet some of the individuals who started the club and are still very active in the tours and events. Come catch some of their enthusiasm!



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PRIVATE WEB ADDRESS TO REGISTER: www.hookedondriving.com/diabloPCA09

(Note: If you've been to the HOD website recently, you may need to refresh your screen to see this private page)

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Yosemite Tour

Submitted by Vern Thomas

Saturday, April 24, sixteen couples joined Yosemite Tour leaders Jack and Cathy Kuhn on an adventure to Yosemite Valley. After breakfast in Livermore, two tour groups headed out across the great Central Valley and into the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. The descent into the valley from the north on Highway 120 offered beautiful vistas and plenty of photo opportunities.



In loosely assembled caravans, we meandered through Yosemite Valley to enjoy a "bring your own" picnic lunch. The remainder of the day was left to our own devices. I can't speak for the others, but I do know Vern and Howard Thomas, and Kari and Dale Miller, along with hundreds of tourists enjoyed a short hike to Vernal Falls. This photo of Bridal veil Falls and the Merced River below was taken as we left the valley.

We caught up with the remainder of the group for cocktails and hors d'ourves at the historic Wawona Hotel south of the valley. The backdrop in the photo below is of the only golf course maintained in a national park. Good thing I no longer



golf. I'd still be in those woods hunting down golf balls..

Dinner was held in the Sun Room, a private dining room, where we were treated to a choice of salmon, prime rib or a vegetarian plate. I can't speak for the salmon, but the rosemary rubbed prime rib was delightful. Dinner was followed by desserts chosen from a tray at each table.

As you can tell from the photo, our tour guides were enjoying their role as host and hostess. Cathy quizzed us on Wawona trivia and raffled off bottles wine sporting images of Yosemite.



The following morning we had breakfast at our leisure. A full buffet breakfast was included with the rooms at the Wawona Hotel for each of the participants. Howard and I headed out to the Mariposa Grove for a short hike and to take photos of giant sequoias.

The Yosemite Tour at the historic Wawona Hotel was enjoyed by all. Jack and Cathy said they were pleased to lead the tour again, but wanted



to have a future tour led by different members. At this time, Howard and Vern Thomas have volunteered to organize a future Yosemite Tour, so if you missed this year's tour or want to go again, watch for news in future Advocates.

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Bocce Ball and Wine Tasting – April 18

Submitted by Paula Ciopyk

The Bocce Ball and Wine Tasting event started with a tour from Walnut Creek to Livermore. The drive through the quiet country hills of Alamo and Livermore was picturesque, showing the beauty of the green rolling hills during this time of year. The horses, cows, and sheep just added to the serene setting of the Livermore country. These roads are generally travelled by bicycle clubs, but they shared the road with the Diablo Region Porsche



Parking lot at Ruby Hill Winery

Club that morning.

The tour had everyone in the mood for some wine tasting, which was enjoyed at the Ruby Hill Winery. The winery extended their welcome, as the Diablo Region members sampled reserve wines and did barrel tasting of a pre-released wine. Many members purchased wine to be enjoyed at lunch as well as reserving cases of future wine from the barrel. We thank Ruby Hill Winery for their generosity and for letting us pretty much take over their beautiful facility!

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Last, but not least ... Let the Bocce Ball games begin!! Campo di Bocce, located



Ruby Hill Winery serving our members.

across the street from the Ruby Hill Winery, was the location for our Bocce Ball games and lunch. The game of Bocce Ball was explained and demon-



strated to us by our waiter, and we were off!


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Teams were formed and the Diablo Region Members took the court. As many members admitted to never playing the game, by the end of our afternoon at Campo di Bocce, everyone enjoyed playing the game of Bocce Ball! Some players showed their skills and finesse on the Bocce Ball court



and showed signs of a successful future in the sport! We enjoyed a variety of salads and pizzas courtside. No one went hungry, and a few people didn't seem to want to leave when our court time was over. It was a fun day that began in Walnut Creek with a tour to Livermore, wine tasting and Bocce Ball!



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4152 Camrose Ave, Livermore

Cost: \$10

Time: 4:00—8:00 pm

More information to be announced soon
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Food and Friends

One great thing about being a member of the Diablo Region Porsche Club is getting together with friends over food to discuss cars, travels and just life in general. There are two regularly scheduled gatherings each month. Check your calendar and try to attend soon.

The Saturday Morning Breakfast is held every Saturday at 8 AM at Marie Callender's in Walnut Creek at 1101 S. California Blvd.

The 3rd Thursday Dinner is held the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM at Strizzis in Danville at 3456 Camino Tassajara.

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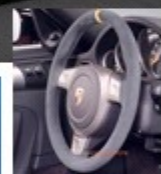


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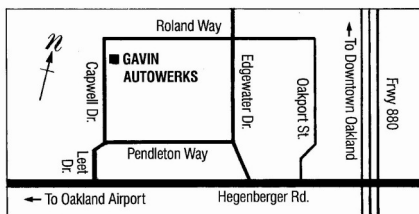


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