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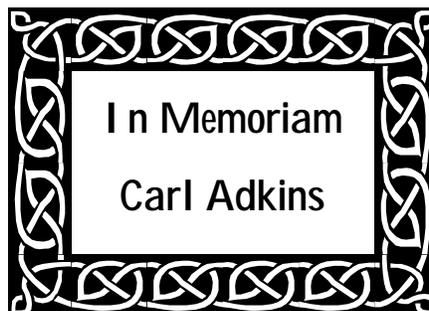
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## Message From The Superintendent

Carl Adkins, the grand old man of model railroading in Lexington, is no longer with us. His contribution to our hobby, the Bluegrass Railroad Club and NMRA Division 10 is unsurpassed. Carl didn't collect brass or use Digitrax but the layout he built in a basement he dug under his home had a wonderful track plan covered with interesting scenes and structures. Best of all, a layout tour at Carl's was not an inconvenience, but something he loved to do. Every time I run my 50 foot box car powered by an At-hearn diesel unit, I will remember Carl. He was a gentle, kind and sharing man who asked for nothing in return for his generosity. He will be sorely missed.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the ballot and survey enclosed (pages 5 & 6) in this issue. Your ideas, suggestions

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In Memoriam

Carl Adkins

## Editor's Notes

Lots to cover this month!

First, while the memory is still fresh (believe me, it doesn't last long!), thanks to **Wendell Greer** for his great clinic at the July meeting on mold making and casting. The techniques must be right, because the finished products are top notch!

Thanks also to **Bill Paulsell** for hosting the July tour, and showing us both his G-scale garden railroad and the HO empire inside. Both are excellent, and it was particularly nice to visit the garden railroad on such a nice day. We had a great

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**“STUFF” & OPPORTUNITIES**

Fred Plymale occasionally knows of *members’ overstock* situations and other opportunities to acquire or dispose of “stuff.” Get in touch with him to find out what’s currently available. These liquidations, generally via a web auction, bear a 15 to 20% fee.

In addition, *The Lantern* is in a position to advertise your “overstock” items, for a fee of 10%.

Contact Pete Birdsong to arrange for an ad, or Fred for liquidations.

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**Witless vs. Clueless**

*Rivets O’Reilly and Larry Loungecar*

*“Upson Downs”*

*Larry:* Hey, Rivets—thought I’d drop by and see how you’re comin’ installin’ your new DCC system. How’s it goin’?

*Rivets:* It’s sorta up-n-down, Larry; sorta up-n-down!

*Larry:* Whattaya mean, Rivets?

*Rivets:* Well, for one thing, I got four engines runnin’ with decoders so far.

*Larry:* That sounds pretty good, Rivets, right?

*Rivets:* Wrong; I found out it’s true what they say about how you can have a cornfield meet with DCC. And now I’ve got those four engines in the backshop to repair.

*Larry:* Aw, that’s a bummer, Rivets. Have you done anything else?

*Rivets:* Yeah, I got most of my turnouts set up on stationary decoders, so you can switch ‘em using the hand-held throttles.

*Larry:* That sounds pretty cool! How do you work ‘em, Rivets?

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*Rivets:* You just dial up the turnout number, and then press one button to throw the turnout, or another one to close it.

*Larry:* Sounds pretty easy, Rivets. But how do you remember which turnout number you want?

*Rivets:* Uh, that’s a little problem so far, Larry, and two more engines in the backshop.

*Larry:* Sorry about that. But if you *could* remember which number to dial up, then how do you know whether to ‘throw’ or ‘close’ it?

*Rivets:* Two more engines in the backshop!

*Larry:* Gee, that’s too bad. Should I ask how it went settin’ up your reversin’ sections?

*Rivets:* Yeah, that’s somethin’ that went pretty well, Larry.

*Larry:* So, you can run all your trains through the reversin’ sections automatically, now? That’s really neat!

*Rivets:* I didn’t say that, Larry.

*Larry:* But I thought you said that part went OK?

*Rivets:* That’s right.

*Larry:* Then how come you can’t run your trains through ‘em?

*Rivets:* I could if I had any engines left to pull ‘em; they’re all in the backshop.

*Larry:* Oh, yeah. Say, how much did you spend on this system, anyway, Rivets?

*Rivets:* Goodbye, Larry.



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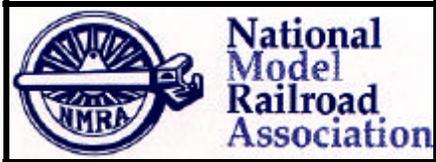
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# AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
AUG	4	MCR DIV 10	Eagle Creek Library, Lexington, Sunday, 2:00 pm	Fred Plymale & John Gorman on Model photography	Bob Larger HO Digitrax Layout	Commercial Structures
	9	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Ctr., Lexington, 7:30pm	Anthony Hardy Modeling Clinic		
SEP	1	MCR DIV 10	Eubank, KY	Ray & Renee Grosser	Ray & Renee Grosser	Scratch/Kitbash
OCT	5-6	MCR DIV 4 SHOW	Contact Div 4 for information:	Paul R. Lemermeier, Superintendent., 440-734-0399 prlemer@juno.com		
	6	MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library, Lexington, Sunday, 2:00 pm	Bob Frankrome of Div. 8: Open Loads	TBD	Non-Revenue Cars (MOW)
	11	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Ctr., Lexington, 7:30pm	Doug Clarke on Insurance		
	25-26	MCR DIV 7 SHOW	Lakota West High School, 8940 Union Centre Blvd., West Chester, OH (Exit 19 on I-75N)	Contact Rick Crumrine for info: rkcrumrine@aol.com, or visit website: <a href="http://www.cincy-div7.org/">http://www.cincy-div7.org/</a>		
NOV	17	MCR DIV 6 SHOW	Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hilliard, OH, 10:00—4:00	Train Show, Operating Layouts, Demos, Food		
APR 2003	24-27	MCR DIV 7 CONV	Springdale Best Western, Rt 4 and I-275, Cincinnati, OH	Contact Charlie Atkinson, atrain@juno.com, or Div website: <a href="http://www.cincy-div7.org/">http://www.cincy-div7.org/</a>		
JUL 2003	13-19	NMRA Nat'l Conv	Toronto, Canada	See Website for full details: <a href="http://www.ml2003.com/pages/home.html">http://www.ml2003.com/pages/home.html</a>		
MAY 2004	13-16	MCR Conv	Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA	Contact Div 2 for more information		
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MAY 2005	12-15	MCR Conv	Comfort Inn, Austinburg, OH	Contact: Matt Kross e-mail mkross@earthlink.net		
JUL 2005	TBD	NMRA Nat'l Conv	TBD, Cincinnati			



# DIVISION 10 ELECTIONS BALLOT

**DIVISION 10 OFFICER ELECTIONS:** It's time for elections for officers for Division 10. Officers are elected for two-year terms. Wendell Greer has chaired the nominations committee, but no nominations have been forthcoming. The Officer slate sketches appear below, along with a ballot, which should be returned to Wendell by September 15th.

**For Superintendent:** Bill Robbins is an active member of both the NMRA Div 10 and The Bluegrass RR Club. He is also active in the Tuesday night group, and hosts an Operations Session every other month on his home HO scale layout. He has converted it from a "Switch List" to a Card Order system, and is planning on migrating to DCC control. His plans as Superintendent include: Development of a program to encourage the construction of new home layouts and the improvement of existing ones; Informing members and teaching them in the latest modeling techniques and Supporting those activities in which all members will want to take an active role.

**For Assistant Superintendent:** Mike Armstrong has served for the past year as Treasurer, and has also chaired the Company Store and Estate Auctions committees. He is probably the most "cosmopolitan" member of the officer slate, involved in N, HO, O and G, and in outreach programs to youth. His plans for the future include involvement in shows, expansion of outreach activities, and generally lending his enthusiastic support for all of the Division 10 activities and initiatives.

**For Secretary:** John Gorman has been an active and enthusiastic member of Division 10, and has served as photographer, providing photos for the Lantern and the web site. He's also been active in the Tuesday night group, and in the new HO modular SIG. In addition to Secretary, he plans to serve also as Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. He plans on maintaining high standards for the publications, and adding some new features, such as product reviews, or member-submitted features.

**For Treasurer:** Fred Plymale has served for the past three years as Division 10 Superintendent, and informally as Advertising and Program Chairman. He was the driving force behind re-instituting the Division, and has been tireless in all the efforts necessary to ensure a firm grounding. He has been active in the Tuesday night group, the N-scale SIG, and in the new HO Modular SIG. His plans for the next two years include continuing his high level of involvement in many aspects of the Division, including possibly a show.

## BALLOT

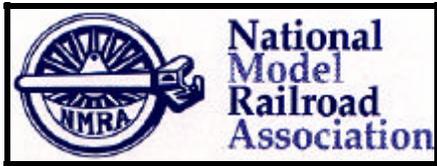
### FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF NMRA, MID CENTRAL REGION, DIVISION 10

For the two years beginning October 1, 2000, and ending September 30, 2002

- |                                      |       |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| <b>For Superintendent:</b>           | _____ | <b>Bill Robbins</b>   |
| <b>For Assistant Superintendent:</b> | _____ | <b>Mike Armstrong</b> |
| <b>For Secretary:</b>                | _____ | <b>John Gorman</b>    |
| <b>For Treasurer:</b>                | _____ | <b>Fred Plymale</b>   |

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return Ballots (and completed SURVEY on other side) to:  
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# Activity Survey

**TELL US WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITY YOU'D LIKE TO SEE OR GIVE. CHECK OFF THE FORM AND MAIL IN WITH THE BALLOT ON THE OTHER SIDE. USE ANOTHER SHEET IF NEEDED..**

**YOUR LAYOUT**                      Yes No

Do you have a home layout?      \_\_\_ \_\_\_

Do you have space for one?      \_\_\_ \_\_\_

Layout is about \_\_\_ % complete

Would you like to build one?      \_\_\_ \_\_\_

Do you have a module?            \_\_\_ \_\_\_

Would you like to build one?      \_\_\_ \_\_\_

Could the division help you get started?                                      \_\_\_ \_\_\_

...help you fix problems?          \_\_\_ \_\_\_

...help some other way: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

You could help others with: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**CLINICS**  
LIKE CAN  
TO GIVE  
SEE IT

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Large Scale Outdoor Railroads

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Tin-plate Models

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Narrow Gauge Railroads

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Beginners Question & Answer

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Basic Benchwork Construction

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Layout Design/Trackplanning

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Laying Track

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Basic Wiring

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Soldering

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Scenery Construction

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Making Trees

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ How to Model Water

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Backdrop Painting

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Layout Lighting

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Operations & Dispatching

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Communication Equipment

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Signals

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Digital Command Control (DCC)

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Tips on Keeping Layouts Clean

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Lineside Structures

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Offline Structures

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Mining Industry

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Steel Industry

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Industry

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Building Resin Kits

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Building Wood Structure Kits

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Building Plastic Kits

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Automobiles and Trucks

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Painting Techniques

**CLINICS** (Continued)  
LIKE CAN  
TO GIVE  
SEE IT

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Decals/ Dry Transfers

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Weathering Techniques

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Modeling Freight Cars\_

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Passenger Trains

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ MOW Equipment

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Cabooses

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Improving Inexpensive Freight cars

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Model Freight Car Rosters

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Open Loads

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Trucks (RR)/Wheels

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Couplers

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Steam Locomotives

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Electric Locomotives/ Traction

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Diesel Locomotives

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Locomotive Motor Replacement

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Lube & Maint: Steam & Diesel Engines

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Entering Contests

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Prototype Research

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Model Photography

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Prototype Photography

**WORKSHOPS**

Should we have some hands-on workshops?                                      Yes No

Instead of some clinics                      \_\_\_ \_\_\_

In addition to clinics                        \_\_\_ \_\_\_

**OTHER**

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Video/Slide Shows on Local Prototype

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Video/Slide Shows on other Prototype

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Non-Div 10 Layout tours

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Exchange Tours with Div 8, Div 10 or others?

**OTHER** (Continued)

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Train Rides (New River Gorge, Cass, etc.)

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Other Tours: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Other Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNICATIONS**

*Lantern*: Features I'd like to see:

\_\_\_ Product Reviews

\_\_\_ Personal Experiences

\_\_\_ Classified Ads

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Features I don't like in *The Lantern*:

\_\_\_\_\_

Features I'd like to see in the Web site: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Features I don't like in the Web site:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Should we deliver *The Lantern* free over the web and charge extra for mail delivery?                                      Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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**Please use Additional sheet for more comments.**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCALE(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

*Editor's Notes (Continued from page 1)*

turnout for the meeting, especially for July, when things are usually pretty slow, with lots of people on vacation. I was intrigued by Bill's comment that he is beginning to think about Operations on his layout. Godspeed, Bill. I loooove Operations!

Looking ahead to August, we should have an equally interesting meeting, plus lots of other activity. The clinic by **Fred Plymale** and **John Gorman** on model photography should be particularly interesting, and hopefully generate lots more entries in the Bring & Brag contests.

See Page 8 for this month's Bring & Brag results. Congratulations to the winners: **Fritz Dutro, John Gorman, Fred Plymale, and Bill Robbins.**

It's great we finally have a full slate of nominees for the September election of new officers. Be sure to read their statements in the ballot on page 5. I really like **Bill Robbin's** objective of encouraging construction of more home layouts and the improvement of existing ones. I really need some motivation there! I know **John Gorman** is going to make an excellent Secretary-Editor-Webmaster, because he excels at everything he does, and is a technical wizard. And of course, we already know the fine support we'll get from **Mike armstrong** and **Fred Plymale**. More of the same from them will be just great!

Please send in your ballots (the nominees need and deserve encouragement, right?), and/or additional nominations for officers, for the next term, to **Wendell Greer**, who graciously volunteered to chair the nominations  
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*Message from The Superintendent (Continued from page 1)*

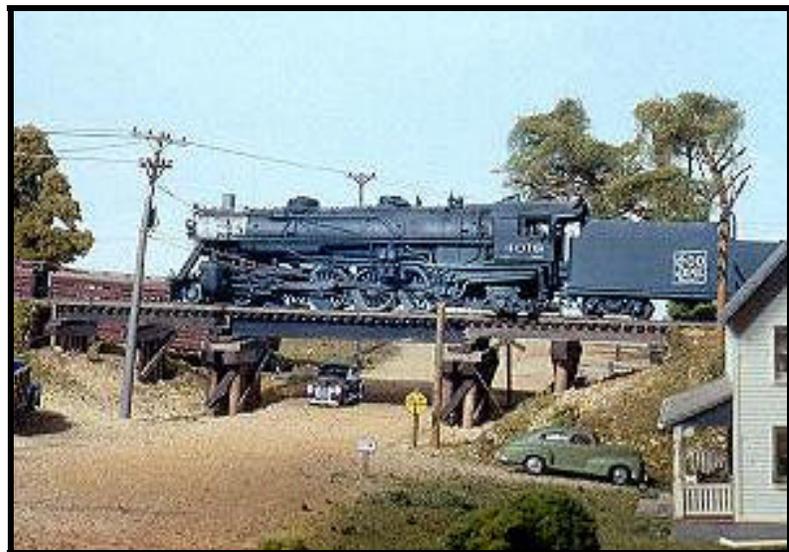
and support for Bill Robbins as the next Superintendent will be of great help to him in providing the modeling clinics, workshops and other activities that interest you. The greater your level of participation, the more you will benefit from being a member of Division 10. Please return your ballot and completed survey to Wendell Greer, MMR, at our next meeting or by mail.

We will start what I hope will be a monthly raffle at our August 4th meeting. Raffle tickets will be five for \$1.00 and there will be some nice prizes that have been donated for the raffle. It should be fun and it's for a good cause so please participate and purchase your tickets when you get your Bring and Brag Ballots from Alan Brock. If you would like to donate an item for future raffles, please give me a call to arrange for pickup.

Next month we should have a report on the national train show in Miami and information regarding how much of the NMRA Long Range Plan our esteemed trustees have approved. Let's hope terms limits was high on the approved list.

**Fred**

**The scene and caption below are from  
the NMRA national web site.**



**Trestle Crossing at Stockton.** Soo Line 4-8-2 crosses the trestle at Stockton (Wisconsin). Pinhole lens shot. Trestle is scratch-built from prototype photos. **Photo by John Proebsting.**

*Editor's Notes (Continued from page 7)*

committee. Additional nominations will be gratefully received, but remember it's not 'cricket' to nominate someone without his or her consent.

Speaking of sending stuff in, please also fill out and send in, or bring to a meeting, the survey to indicate your preferences for future activities. This will be a great help to the newly elected officers in deciding what activities to provide for you.

As of this writing, we are still in the planning stages on some out-of-town tours that should be really interesting: Perhaps this month, a day-trip to Rick Rideout's layout and shop in Evansville, Indiana, and sometime after that an over-nighter to some Northern Ohio club layouts. And in September, don't forget, we'll have our monthly meeting in Eubank, KY, to see the new domicile of **Ray & Renee Grosser's** layout.

I'm probably forgetting something, but enough for now...

**Pete**

## Treasurer's Report

<b>June 1, 2002 Bal</b>	\$4700.53
Income	0.00
Expense	39.00
<b>June 30, 2002 Bal</b>	4661.53

Please contact me if you would like more details.

**Mike**

## Bring & Brag

### MODELS

High to Low or Tie	Jul	YTD
<b>Fred Plymale (2nd)</b>	4	22.5
<b>John Gorman (3rd -Tie)</b>	2.5	16
<b>Pete Birdsong (3rd -Tie)</b>	2.5	13.5
<b>Fritz Dutro (1st)</b>	5	8
Lou Jaquith	0	7
Bob Lawson	0	5
Mike Armstrong	0	4
Howard Coleman	0	4
Mike Barrett	0	2
Pat Gerstle	0	2
Wendell Greer	0	2
Bill Paulsell	0	2
Mike Walters	0	2

### PHOTOS

High to Low or Tie	Jul	YTD
<b>John Gorman (3rd)</b>	3	17.5
Pete Birdsong	2	14.5
<b>Fritz Dutro (2nd)</b>	4	7
<b>Bill Robbins (1st)</b>	5	5
Bill Paulsell	0	3
Fred Plymale	0	2

## COLEMAN'S COLLECTION

*(Favorite Railroad Websites from Howard Coleman)*

Here's my pick for this month—lots of pictures and information. Just click around and you're sure to find something you like.

[http://www.railroadpix.com/rrphotos/  
Tourist\\_Railways\\_and\\_Museums/](http://www.railroadpix.com/rrphotos/Tourist_Railways_and_Museums/)

**Howard**

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## MEMBER PROFILES

### Fritz Dutro



Fritz's layout in HO models a fictitious extension of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad from Zanesville to Corning, Ohio in 1928. Since he loves small steam locomotives, this gives him a great opportunity to buy lots of new Spectrum 2-8-0's. He also has this strange idea of electrifying the right of way. He's bought lots of MDC Boxcabs and pantographs, and now is trying to figure out the catenary.

Fritz is married, with one son who will graduate from high school in the spring of 2003. The family moved to Richmond 2 1/2 years ago with his employer, Duke Energy (NOT Duke University - that's important with all the UK fans around here!) He is expecting to stay here for a while, but has been told if he's a bad boy they'll send him right back to New York.

He was born and raised in Southeastern Ohio, with his first exposure to railroads the Penn-Central. It was several years before he realized that not every locomotive was black and every boxcar jade green, covered with rust.

He's been toting around three sections of a layout that has been under construction since 1988. He keeps buying houses without basements or other layout rooms, and although he is an accomplished negotiator, he keeps losing discussions to acquire the real estate needed to continue building the layout.

Most of his current modeling involves completing all the rolling stock he has. He's sure the folks at Kadee and Proto 2000 appreciate all the couplers and wheelsets he's bought. Just for fun, he's also working on finishing a steel mill for a club he still belongs to "up North." It has provided him with quite a challenge to construct buildings to fit a layout 300 miles away.

He has dabbled in many of the aspects of model railroading over the past 32 years. Probably his favorite activities are rural scenery, scratchbuilding structures and handlaying track. If he ever gets that unfinished basement, he'll get to practice these things again.

He has enjoyed railfanning in Kentucky, even if he has to look at nothing but diesels, and has found many scenes worth modeling. He tries to make as many Tuesday night meetings as his travel schedule permits, and would be happy to talk trains with you there.

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**Next Meeting:**  
Eagle Creek Library,  
Lexington,  
Sunday, August 4,  
at 2:00 pm

**Clinic:** Fred Plymale  
& John Gorman on  
Model photography

**Tour:** Bob Larger's  
HO Digitrax Layout

**Bring & Btag:**  
Commercial Structures



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