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DIRECTORS CORNER

A WORD from Director Tom Dostart...

Think about Great Weather, Fun Rides, Wonderful Friends, Good Food and a Harley. It must be a **HOG** Summer!!

There are many upcoming events in the next several months both for NCHOG and North Cascades Harley-Davidson. Please check the calendar for the August and September events.

Remember that we need volunteers for the August and September Cascades H-D events. **Everyone** should be able to volunteer at least once a year. We are NCHOG members because we are sponsored by North Cascades Harley-Davidson. Sig does not ask very much of us, so let's volunteer to help out at the upcoming events.

Now is the time to start thinking about being an NCHOG Officer. Starting in Oct, we will be collecting nominations for all of the HOG officer positions. Although I don't know who will want to continue in their officer positions for 2020, there are 2 positions that will be available that I do know about. Both Catherine and I are going to step down as officers at the end of 2019. We have both been NCHOG members for more than 14 years and during that time we have been primary officers for a total of 17 years between the two of us, 9 for Catherine and 8 for me, serving as Director, Assistant Director, Secretary and Treasurer. It is time for several of you to step up and be HOG officers.

To continue the theme of Bucket List Rides from last month, here is one for the records. Have you ever thought about riding for more than a week in the Rocky Mountains, enjoying the twist and turns of 60 mountain passes? In an article Rider Magazine, two riders undertook riding the passes of Colorado in 9 consecutive days. These 60 passes included Passes, High Points, Saddles and Divides, just to make sure they didn't miss any of Colorado. One even changed from pavement to a dirt road to get to the top.

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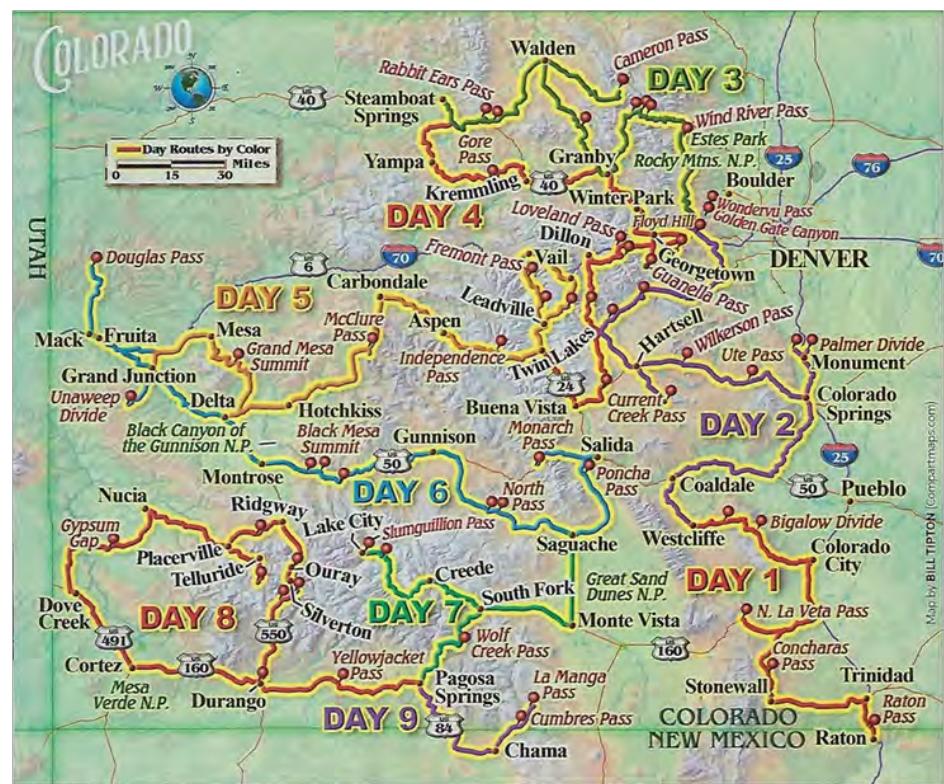
"In a car you're always in a compartment, and because you're used to it you don't realize that through that car window everything you see is just more TV. You're a passive observer and it is all moving by you boringly in a frame."

On a cycle the frame is gone. You're completely in contact with it all. You're *in* the scene, not just watching it anymore, and the sense of presence is overwhelming."

— Robert M. Pirsig, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance: An Inquiry Into Values*

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This map shows their journey. The article mentions riding conditions, from twisting threads of roads on the high passes to Interstates Highways and tunnels making easy riding for a few of the passes. This trip was undertaken in the summer, but even then they encountered temperatures from 38 degrees to 103 degrees. Although the set their goal for 350 miles per day, some days took up to 11 hours to complete because of the roads. All in all, they covered almost 3400 miles in Colorado. Just planning the routes was quite an accomplishment.



Map by BILL TIPTON (compartmaps.com)

Do you want ride farther? I'm sure that you could continue by looking for the passes in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Oregon or even Washington? There must be a few more mountain passes with twists and turns out there that you have not encountered!

Ride safe and we will see you on the road!

Tom.



EDITORS DESK

This summer, if you can call it that, has been strange. The weather has been largely so-so. I also returned to work full time in January and as such my hobbies (shooting, riding, garage time) have suffered extreme neglect.

I will say that I've encountered some mechanical issues with both of my Harleys though that has kept them in the shop and me from riding. My Road King has been laid up for quite some time with a problem that defies explanation. It also is thwarting the efforts of the dealership techs. My Electra Glide managed to wear out my primary sprocket that caused not one but two inner seals to fail resulting in my first ever Harley oil leak. The oil leak is totally unacceptable. Somewhat minor by the amount of oil that actually drips. However, it drips right in front of the rear tire and as such makes one hell of a mess of my rear tire and wheel. I'm feeling first hand the frustrations of equipment failure issues during the prime riding season. I was sharing my frustrations with a friend the other day and after I had finished "venting" he simply said, "Get a metric". I strongly replied, "NEVER!" I own Harley because it's what I want, what I like to hear and look at and it's all that simple. Period. Done. No discussion.

On another note, I was forewarned....."don't expect much in the way of newsletter contributions for the July and August newsletters" I was told by quite a few as I exhibited early exuberance while putting together the newsletter. They said, "Everyone will be busy with summer stuff, travel, riding and so many other things the rest of the year does not allow you will find it hard to get anyone to send you content". I am finding this to be true so the newsletter will be somewhat condensed (less pages) and maybe a few more pictures than usual. To those that sent stuff in, articles, information or pictures, a big THANK YOU! Our newsletter speaks about our chapter and members that contribute help make it interesting.

Now, all that being said, we are pleased to have a "Guest Contributor" this month. Ms. Doni Stull, whom some of you already know is responsible for almost all of the effort that goes into producing the newsletter. Doni and I had a wonderful long weekend trip to Montana to visit her son and though I've been to that beautiful state a number of times both on my motorcycle and in a cage, I never saw or experienced Montana as we just did. She agreed to share her experience and perspective on Montana from not only a motorcycle owner/rider/passenger perspective but also from the mind and heart of a proud mother of an Army veteran who lives in rural Big Sky Country and has recently become a Harley Davidson owner.

Anyway, I hope you like the newsletter and I hope you are enjoying your motorcycle and this beautiful world God has provided for us.

*Thanks,
~Jerry*





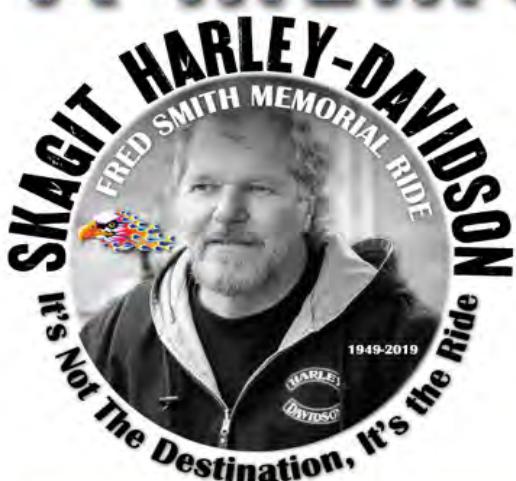
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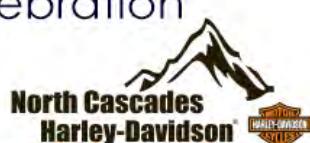
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OF SKAGIT HARLEY-DAVIDSON

KICK STANDS UP @ 10:00AM

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will begin . . .

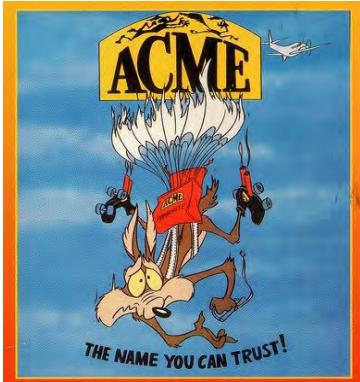


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COOL STUFF

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SO HERE IS WHAT’S IN STORE.....

Pistol Shoot For Sunday August 25th. Meet at the range behind Harley at 10am

Brewery and Spirits Tour coming in September! Take a tour to local Breweries and Distilleries in our area DTBD. *We do need designated drivers just in case if you have an RV or Truck to transport our inebriates that will be a plus!*

We will have another golf Tournament later this year and the Gallery should be huge, but the prizes not so much!

Remember it's your Chapter! Lets make it a good one!

~~Jan. Aka Mr. Excitement!



THE USUAL STUFF

HOG TROUGH

Hog Trough Dinners are usually held once a month with surprise locations announced in advance. Thanks to the efforts of Jan, aka "Mr. Excitement", each months dinner locations vary in menu and location making it pretty easy to get out of the house and spend some kick-back time with other members.

Do you have a favorite neighborhood eatery to suggest? One that would handle and welcome a larger group? Let Jan know! See you there!



LADIES OF HARLEY

A get-together for the ladies each month!

LOH Officer - Joan Oxford

Third Tuesday of each month, we meet in the back room at Bob's Burgers & Brew for camaraderie and good food.



NCHOG MEETING

First Sunday meeting is at American Legion in Sedro-Woolley. Meeting starts at 10 am. Doors open at 8:30am with the kind folks from the Legion preparing an excellent breakfast including all the good stuff, coffee and juice for a great price! Hang out before the meeting and catch up with each other!

OFFICERS MEETING

The Officer meetings generally occur the Tuesday before the general meeting at 5:30pm. Location is Foothills Toyota. Check the calendar for the exact dates. Any member is welcome to sit in at the Officers Meeting.

HEY!! Make sure you join NCHOG's Facebook group at

facebook.com/groups/nchog

This is where you can stay in touch with group activities, member comments and see pictures that have been submitted. It's easy to log on to Facebook and so it's easy to stay up to date with chapter postings! Try it.....you'll like it!!

**and while you are clicking around and surfing around....visit our website:
www.northcascadeshog.com**

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

TREASURER LEN NORTHRUP IS THE AUTHOR OF THIS MONTH'S SAFETY TIP. *Thanks Len!*

Soon the 2020 Bikes will hit the dealerships and many of us will be in the showrooms looking at Harley's newest creations. Some of us will want to upgrade and take the plunge into a sea of decisions concerning that new purchase. For many of us it has been awhile since our last bike purchase and certainly things have changed.

Some important questions you may have are: What's covered by the Warranty? Should I buy an Extended Service Plan (ESP)? What parts or accessories can I add to the bike and not lose coverage? There will be many more questions, but the information below should answer many of them.

Factory Warranty

First, the new motorcycle comes from the factory with a two year warranty on everything related to the bike except items that are considered "consumables", or damaged due to road debris, e.g. brake pads, tires, wheels, air cleaner filter, fluids, etc. If you decide to add parts or accessories within 60 days of purchase they will also be covered under the two year warranty and remain covered under any ESP you might have purchased, provided those parts or accessories are genuine HD parts, and they are installed by HD technicians at the dealership. To ensure these parts get covered be sure to let the dealership know that you are within 60 days. After the 60 day time period, any parts or accessories you add will only have that part or accessory warranty, labor not included. Most of these warranties will be 12 months, but not all, so ask what the warranty is when you purchase any parts or accessories.

Extended Service Plans (ESP)

Extended service plans offer warranty coverage beyond the factory warranty. This coverage is comprehensive, but some things may not be covered. You can get plans that will go out to a full seven years (extends coverage 5 years beyond the factory warranty). These plans go into effect immediately following the factory warranty. Additionally, the ESP includes an Expense Reimbursement Package (Trip Interruption) that goes into effect immediately. Of course there is a cost for these plans and you will want to know what you are buying.

Optional Tire and Wheel coverage

Available at additional cost and goes into effect immediately.



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Warranty Forever Plan

North Cascades Harley Davidson provides a ‘Warranty Forever’ program on new and used Harley Davidson motorcycles up to 5 model years old. This program will protect your bike’s Engine, Transmission, Primary Drive and Drive Axle for the entire time you own the bike provided that all scheduled services are done at the dealership. If you must have maintenance done while on the road ensure you save the receipts and that the work is done at a certified repair facility. This program is not available on consignment bikes.

Performance Upgrades

With the introduction of the Milwaukee Eight engine in 2017, Harley Davidson has taken major steps to reduce emissions from their product. As a result they have implemented stringent policies related to warranty coverage regarding performance upgrades to the Milwaukee Eight engine.

If you want to do anything to your bike, especially performance upgrades and are not sure how it will affect your warranty, ask the dealership. If you experience an issue that may or may not be covered, work with the dealership. They want to be fair and honest when dealing with their customers and they will do what they can to resolve the issue.

Happy Riding! ~Len

A NOTE FROM CHAPLAIN MARK REEVES...

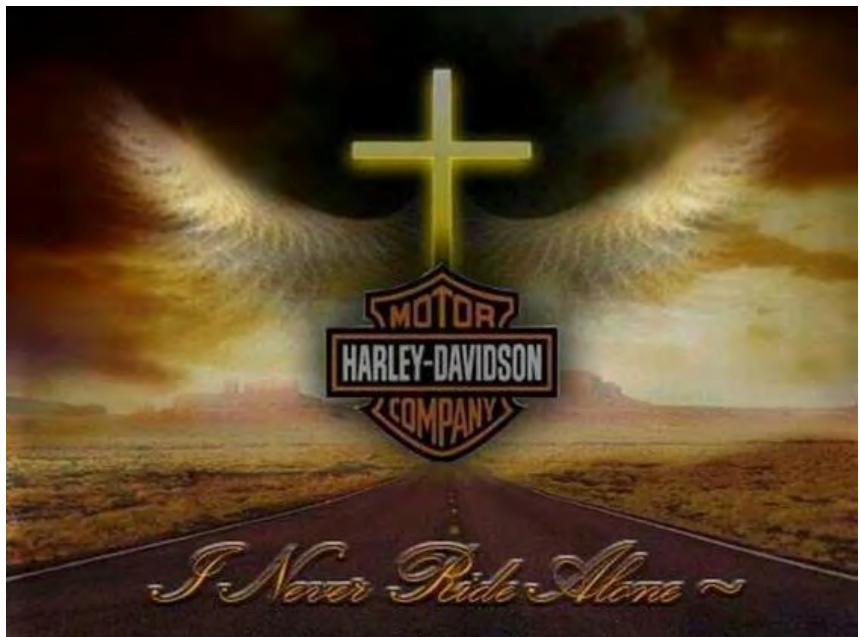
Back in the saddle!!

After writing this I will head home to join Pam for her first solo ride since breaking her leg. Praying all goes well.

Pam did ride pillion with me down and up Whidbey island over 4th of July weekend, that went great.

We will continue to hold you all up in prayer for a safe riding season!

*Love you all,
Chaplain Mark*



LETS RIDE

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EVENT CALENDAR

July 31-Aug 4 — Group ride to Central Oregon. See Catherine for more details.

Saturday, August 3rd— First Saturday Ride with Allen & Ron.

Sunday, August 4th— HOG Chapter Meeting. American Legion Hall, 701 Murdock Street, Sedro-Woolley. Breakfast served at 8:30, meeting starts at 10:00. All members are encouraged to attend!

Saturday August 10th. NCHD 5th Annual Too Broke For Sturgis Party. 10am-4pm. A group ride, band, food.....It's gonna be swell!

Sun, Aug 11th — Burn Run- meet 9 a.m. Skagit Casino, Bow Hill

Saturday August 17 — FRED SMITH MEMORIAL RIDE. LEAVES NORTH CASCADES HARLEY-DAVIDSON AT 10:00

Tuesday August 20th — Ladies of Harley Meeting, 5:30 at Bob's Burgers & Brew, 9394 Old Hwy 99, Burlington for camaraderie and good food!

Thurs, Aug 22 — HOG Trough, Bob's Burgers, Cook Road

Saturday, August 31st. Road Captains Meeting. 9am. Mount Vernon Denny's!

Tuesday, September 3rd—NCHOG Officers Meeting. 5:30pm-6:30(ish). All HOG members are welcome. Foothills Toyota Conference Room, 1881 Bouslog Road Burlington

Saturday, September 7th — First Saturday Ride with Tom and Rick.
(Harrison Hot Springs?)

Sunday, September 8th — NCHOG
BARBECUE AND PICNIC!! WA Park,
Anacortes. 9:00 am meet at Dealership for group ride to venue. 10:00 meeting, picnic to follow.



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GUEST WRITER....

THANK YOU TO THIS MONTHS Guest Writer, Doni Stull for her non-member perspective on what the Harley Brotherhood is all about...

As “Good Jerrys” domestic partner, I have become his ad hoc Administrative Assistant when it comes to putting together this Newsletter each month. As such I have come to look forward to the “Member Spotlight” section where HOG members take turns sharing their stories and life circumstances that has led up to their involvement in the Harley-Davidson Brotherhood. It has always struck me how different everybody’s story is, yet there is often a similar thread...many of you have literally cut your teeth on the leather of your fathers riding gloves. It has led me to take the “brotherhood” concept one step further, and I have come to think of the Harley-Davidson world more as a *family*, than as a *brotherhood*. Which leads me to the purpose of this missive; my oldest son (age 24) just bought his first Harley. Totally cool, right? But there is so much more to the story.....

JC (John Charles, named after his two grandfathers) lost his Dad two years ago from health issues related to exposure to agent orange. Ron was a Navy Seal, two tours in Vietnam, came home injured and disillusioned to a nation that hated him. He found understanding and brotherhood with the Hells Angels for a number of years. He was living in a small town in rural Oregon when I met him (23 years later)...a gentle man plagued with many demons from his time in the military, but he had found a fragile peace. We met, married, had two sons, but the scars from his time “In Country” made my sons second generation victims of the Vietnam War. That being said, some of JC’s oldest dearest memories are of riding on the back of his Dads Harley. Ron had many friends that he rode with in his HA days that came to visit in Oregon and they “took in” both of my sons as family. Even though that wasn’t Ron’s life anymore...it was a part of who he was.

Since his fathers death, JC has drifted from the Army (where he had been enlisted for three years), to Oregon, to Washington, to Texas, and finally to Montana...which is where Good Jerry and I caught up with him last weekend.

Have you been to Montana? Wow. If you ever need to find yourself....Montana is the place to do it. There are no words to describe the peace and the solitude and the wide-open spaces that give you oodles of room to decide who it is you really want to be...or who it is that you were meant to be. And after last weekend, I have come to believe that buying that bike was JCs way of connecting with his Dad. And himself. And maybe even with me as well. I have always loved bikes, and particularly Harleys. Always wanted one of my own. But until I met Jerry, I was always with someone...from my father to boyfriends to husbands, who told me “No.” When I met Jerry and started riding “two up” with him across the United States, he encouraged me to get a bike of my own, and two years ago at the age of 57, I bought a little Suzuki 800 Boulevard...a “starter bike” to see if I loved it as much as I thought I would. I did. So when JC called me out of the blue and told me he bought a bike, of course I was able to say “That’s awesome! Tell me about it.” And the first thing out of his mouth was “Dad would love it!” (the second thing was “your awesome Mom”).

When we arrived in Three Forks, Montana my son met us on his Harley...a 1991 Full Custom Screamin’ Eagle Sportster, and I have never seen him so happy. He belonged. He was totally connected to his Dad. And to me. And to this huge amazing family of like-minded people that just want to step outside the lines and color the world in whatever crayon color they perceive it to be. It is amazing and it is something that the ordinary person can never understand. (*continued on page 15*)

SECRETARY'S THOUGHTS

Let's see.....what are my thoughts??

Let's start with the minutes from our last 1st Sunday Chapter Meeting that took place July 7th at the luxurious Sedro-Woolley American Legion Hall where they serve up the most wonderful breakfast you could ever hope to get for the paltry sum of \$8.00!

Our meeting started promptly at 10 am with Director Tom noting that the USA Women's Soccer Team had won the World Cup and what an honor it is to be an American. Tom also honored our guest, Ms. Doni Stull, for her excellent work on our monthly newsletter.

Curt gave us a report on the 1st Saturday Ride that 3 guys showed up for. They rolled out 200 miles and had a way better time than if they'd gone to work.

Bob's Overnight Ride on August 17th is now Allen's Overnight Ride. All else remains the same.

Vince gave a little summary of his Solstice Ride. Noted that he is moving to Germany. Best Wishes!

The Central Oregon Ride 7/31-8/4.

Dealer Events 8/10 Anniversary Party. Needs Volunteers please and the 9/20 Oyster Run Party. Christmas Party preparations and planning are beginning to take shape. 8/24 is the Burn Camp Ride with Ron to lead.

Catherine gives HOG Rally update. Dates are 9/12-9/14. With elections for new officers in the near future Cathy conducts a "Lightning Round" that illustrates most Officer positions have been filled by the same folks. The Chapter encourages those that have not served to please volunteer.

Treasurer Len reports that the groups financial health is healthy!

Steve reports that we are currently at 130 members strong! He also notes that when buying a new motorcycle the dealership is offering a "pre-purchase" maintenance contract that covers your maintenance for 3 years for only \$999.00.

Jan goes over all of the exciting things that Mr. Excitement has planned for July including the 1st Sunday After Meeting Ride, HOG Trough Dinners, Central Whidbey Rifle Shoot and the always popular September 1st Sunday Chapter Meeting/Ride/Picnic at Washington Park, Sedro-Woolley where members will prepare gourmet grill delights such as hamburgers, hotdogs AND bratwurst!

Safety Guy BP presents an excellent talk on safety. Those that miss the meetings miss some great information and great work by our own Safety Guy! Thank you BP for your careful and concise safety topics!

Editor Jerry asks for newsletter submissions to be in by July 16th. Most people are observed filing their nails.

Member Mike shares that the DOL is considering changing the endorsement designations for motorcycle licenses.

Terry Webmaster says there is a swell video on the website. He is also awarded a jug of Brown Sugar Bourbon by Tom because he found out he liked it a lot!

Door prizes and drawings are conducted with winners Pam, Ayse, Dar, Wayne, Howard, Len Rick and Jim. The really BIG WINNER turns out to be Monica who rakes in \$90.00 in the 50/50 drawing!

The meeting is closed and everyone stands around and visits while some people help clean up the tables.

A fine meeting was had by all.

There ya have it! If you missed the meeting you missed it.

**Thanks,
~Jerry**



(Guest Writer, continued from page 13)

When we came back home I wanted to do something for JC and for his Dad. I was going to order him a license plate frame similar to the one that I have seen hanging on Jerry's garage wall for a couple of years that simply says..."Miss You Dad." When I mentioned it to Jerry, he immediately went out to the garage and took his own down from the wall (where it has hung since he took it off of his Harley 5 years after the death of his own father) and said "It is JCs turn..."

Hugs and peaceful thoughts to all.....we are blessed beyond measure....

~~~**Doni.**



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers for upcoming events. Chat with Andy at NCHD or see Tom Dostart if you are interested!



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