



February 2012



GWRRA ID-H

Northern Gem Wings



Upcoming Events

February 11, 2:00 pm
Valentine Party/Pot Luck
Odd Fellows Hall
200 E Railroad Ave, Post Falls

February 18, 8:00 am
Breakfast at JB's
740 W Appleway, Coeur d'Alene

February 23, 5:30 pm
Dinner at Chill's
482 W Sunset Ave, Coeur d'Alene

March 3, 2:00 pm
Pot Luck at Bill & Lorraine's
1028 N 14th, Coeur d'Alene

March 14, 8:00 am
Breakfast at JB's
740 W Appleway, Coeur d'Alene

March 22, 5:30 pm
Dinner at Azteca Grill
2462 N Old Mill Loop, Coeur d'Alene

Chapter Directors

Ride On...

There **IS** a perfectly good reason for the delay regarding Tina and me assuming the role of ID-H Chapter Directors. As you may or may not remember (or choose NOT to recall) we served as your ACD's while **Terry and Betty** were at the helm. Prior to us actually stepping forward, life happened. (It's a long story). BUT, that's not the real reason we deferred the endeavor! Anyway, as it turned out, **Raejean and Jerry** were eager (cough, cough) to take charge. And a fine job they did.

The true, unadulterated reason for the postponement is simple: **we only have to serve 11 months!!** How neat is that? That's right, according to the Mayans (I am not a Mayan, nor do I know any Mayans, but I can read and I have watched the movie 2012) the world is scheduled to end December 21, 2012! As luck would have it, I got on line, purchased a pair of tickets (Grissom, our Schnauzer, rides for free with a First Class ticket) on one of the mammoth transport vessels as seen in the movie. There is still limited seating available. Therefore, if the world's going to end, we'd better get busy with Chapter events!

Don and Sharon have graciously stepped forward and are heading up the ID-H River Run Committee. The River Run is scheduled for August 3rd, 4th and 5th this year. Also, **Tim and Martie** are creating a cool, river run themed "T-Shirt" that will be offered for sale. The design will be posted on their new business (www.mysportgear.com) when completed. I am delighted to announce **Chuck New** is continuing as ACD, **Lu and Bill** will remain your Treasurers and Storekeepers, **Sharon** will take over as Sunshine Coordinator, **Don** will be our Ride Coordinator, and **Ralph and Peggy** agreed to remain as Newsletter Editors! I am very happy to announce **Becky Clegg** as our new Membership Enhancement Coordinator! As you know, Becky is intelligent, organized and a hard worker. She is a great addition to our already outstanding staff. That of course leaves one important position open: **Rider Educator**. *It is vital to the success of the Chapter this position be filled.* Currently, we are trying to coerce, err... I mean schmooze a very well respected, intelligent, and competent member to fill this spot. We certainly do not want to reinvent the wheel but this position is important to help the Chapter to grow, to educate and most of all, to have fun in the process. We'll need help in planning a CPR First Aid Course, ARC, Levels Program, Find A Friend, and other fantastic GWRRA programs.

As an aside, a big "Way To Go" to the Bayview Beauties, **Pat, Patti, Betty and Sue** for a dramatic new slim and trim, healthy look. Losing weight is a challenge but these four ladies have bellied up to the bar (pun intended) and look fantastic. Way to go ladies!

Also, as you've noticed our Newsletter front page shed some weight. I hope you all approve of the new, slimmed down, clean, North Idaho look! The **Mitchell's** created the design and **Peggy** dotted the "I's" and crossed the "T's". Fantastic job guys!

Finally, thank you for letting us serve as your CD's for the next few years. I hope we don't disappoint. Also, should anyone have questions, problems or concerns, just call Tina. Let's see, I have her phone number here somewhere....

Fair Skies and Tailwinds

Bruce and Tina

208-651-1604



Assistant Chapter Director

THE VIEW OVER THE WINDSHIELD

Our chapter is experiencing a transition. People's lives are changing and people are changing their lives. We are fortunate that our group has people that can enhance the motto, "*Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge.*"

Jerry and Raejean Widmer have stepped down as Chapter Directors. There are changes in their lives and we wish them well.

Bruce and Tina Eckhardt have stepped to the front of the room and are now our new CD's. They have been members for several years and understand how the chapter works, but more importantly they understand the people.

A few tidbits: Bruce was born in Boston, Massachusetts and Tina in Indianapolis, Indiana. Tina received her degree in accounting from Franklin College. After graduation she made the trip out of the Midwest. Bruce was a business and marketing major at Eastern Washington University.

While he was in school he worked part time at J. C. Penny.. At one point his mother sent him money for tuition, but he had different priorities. He took the money and bought a Honda CB 350. Since the motorcycle was paid for, he took out a loan with the bike as collateral for his tuition. A win/win, right? Years later he told his mom what he had done and like a good parent, she said, "I knew."

During this time, Tina was riding a scooter that was having a frequent problem staying perpendicular. One incident happened on Northwest Blvd where she just fell over – in front of a cop car. Who could believe anything bad about this pixie? The officer helped her up, dusted her off, gave her a fatherly warning, "Be more careful." And away she went.

These two get along very well. If you want a stimulating conversation, ask Tina about Bruce's love of small canines, or ask Bruce about Tina's real height. But when it comes to ID-H, they both agree that their goal is to increase membership in the chapter and increase the activity of the club.

Everyone knows Bill and Lorraine. They have been in the chapter for several years and in fact this is their second time as Couple of the Year. The first time was four years ago. Additionally, they remain our current treasurers and storekeepers and they're at every meeting!

They were both born in the great Northwest and each has lived elsewhere. It's a modern love story - they met on the Internet, and it was a rule of the website that if a lady showed any interest in Bill, he had to reciprocate by inviting her to lunch. And so it went...

Lu has had motorcycles for much of her life, including a CB 175 which she enjoyed immensely. Bill was a late bloomer. His first bike was a GL 1000, which he traded away and he eventually picked up an 1100. Bill had a friend in Coeur d'Alene, Gordie, who ran a hot dog stand. When he saw Bill's new GL 1100, he invited him to a GWRRA meeting.

Bill reminds you of a gruff old bear, but with a quick wit and a twinkle in his eye. You'd never guess this "Tell It Like It Is" guy loves classical music, and is a sensationally good cook. He can also be very sentimental; he saves all of the greeting cards he receives. The soft-spoken, very kind Lorraine enjoys Bunko (a card game) and creating ceramic figures.

Without a doubt, when the subject of Couple of the Year comes up they are both very honored and grateful.

Our chapter is very fortunate to have such quality within our group.



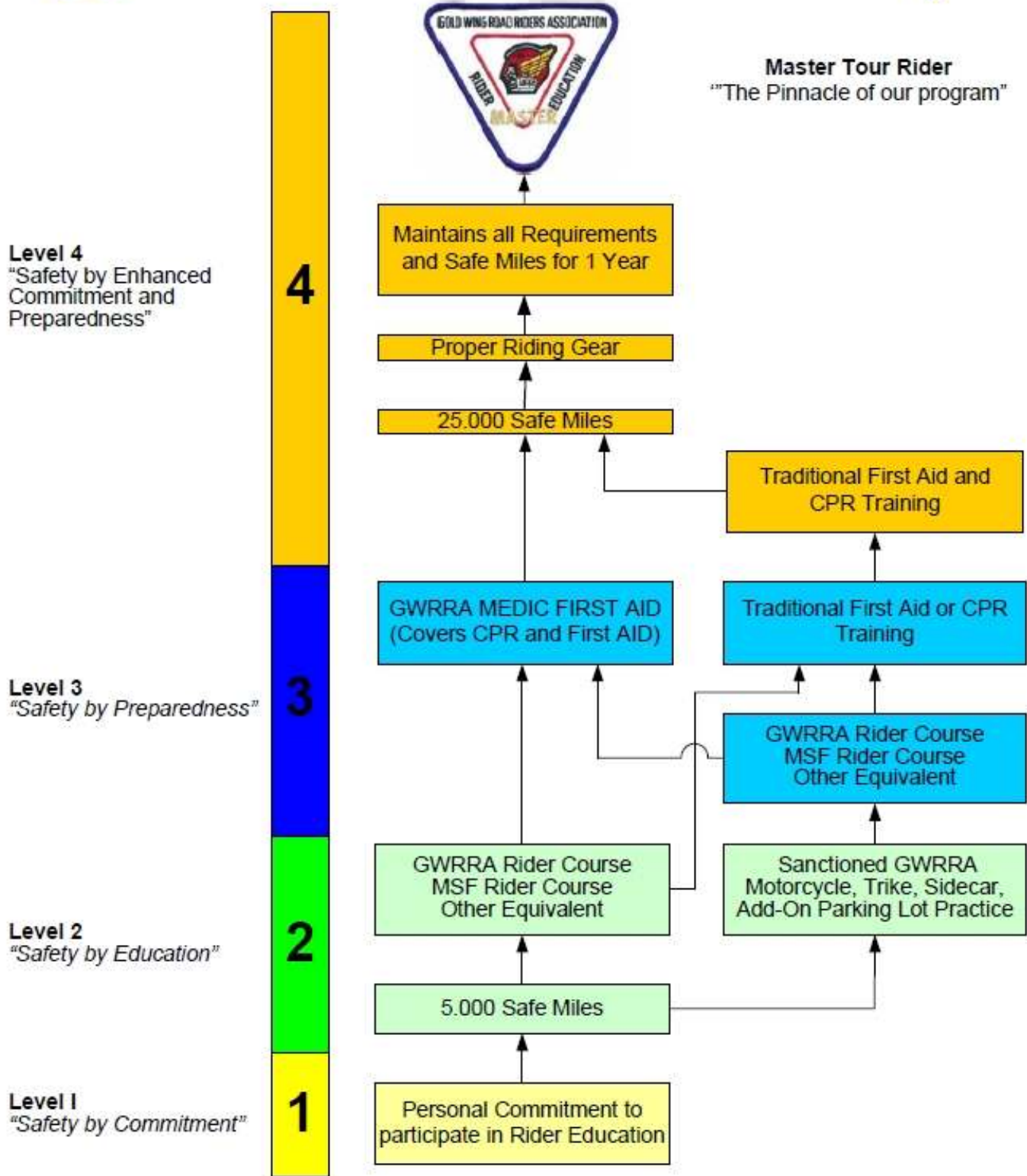
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Press Release

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES REVAMPED RECRUITMENT PROGRAM, “FIND-A-FRIEND” with a twist, **NEVER PAY DUES AGAIN!**

Phoenix, AZ (December 1, 2011)—Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRR) announces a change to their long-standing **Find-A-Friend Program**. This Recruitment Program, for the Members of the Association, has always been a popular program, but now, GWRR has added a new twist. Members who recruit just five (5) new memberships (households) into GWRR will receive a gift certificate worth \$55! Essentially they **NEVER HAVE TO PAY DUES AGAIN!** The program will begin January 1, 2012 and run through December 31, 2012. It will be open to all Members of GWRR. This program is just part of GWRR's way to help celebrate their 35th anniversary (1977-2012).

To explain the **Find-A-Friend Program** and the **NEVER PAY DUES AGAIN** twist, for every five (5) new memberships (households) you recruit, you will receive a gift certificate with the equivalent value of a Family Membership- \$55. You must recruit new Members only, not renewals. Each membership (household) counts as “ONE” regardless of the number of Family Members in the membership. (They will however, count under the Find-A-Friend pin and T-shirt program.) Gift Certificates are non-transferable and will have a one year expiration date.

There is no maximum number of gift certificates Members can earn.

Free years are issued and redeemed in the form of a certificate that is sent by the Home Office. Upon achieving the count of five new memberships (households), Members have the “option” to redeem certificates(s) for any of the following:

- **GWRR Membership Renewal**
- **GWRR Official Merchandise**
- **Wing Ding Registration**
- **Chapter Charter Fees**

Memberships recruited during special events (mall shows, rallies, motorcycle shows, etc.) qualify for this program. Life Members may use the certificates for GWRR Official Merchandise, Wing Ding Registration or Charter Fees. Free year's membership may be applied towards consecutive years necessary for Life Membership. Trial Membership applications may be used for the recruiting efforts. Membership fees must be paid to qualify for this Find-A-Friend program.

GWRR will provide hangar tags, information recruiting cards, and inserts that explain the program to help your recruiting efforts. If you would like recruiting materials, all you have to do is e-mail customerservice@gwrra.org or call Customer Service, they will be more than happy to send these great recruiting tools to you. In addition, you will be able to download the following from our Find-A-Friend website (www.gwrra.org/FAF.html): website ads, Chapter newsletter ads, printable Find-A-Friend applications, hangar tags, information recruiting cards and inserts that explain the program.

GWRR, with its motto “**Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,**” is a not-for-profit organization with over 72,000 Members in 53 countries, and 4,000 volunteer leaders providing rider education and social structure, along with organizing events, rallies, rides and meetings throughout the year. Visit GWRR's Web site: www.gwrra.org or call (800) 843-9460 or (623) 581-2500 (in Phoenix) for more information.

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Valentine's Day

**Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a popular Valentine's Day item.**

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BEAU	DATE	GIFT	RESTAURANT
BELOVED	DEAR	GIRLFRIEND	ROMANCE
BOYFRIEND	DEVOTION	HEARTS	ROSES
CANDLES	FANCY	JEWELRY	SENTIMENT
CANDY	FEBRUARY	LIKE	SUITOR
CHOCOLATES	FLAME	LOVEBIRDS	SWEETHEART



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February

- 3 Chuck New
- 4 Jerry Whalen
- 9 Bruce Ely
- 13 Donna Whalen
- 13 Ralph Taylor
- 21 Billie Leonard
- 22 Jerry Widmer
- 25 Bill Trombly
- 27 Don Weber

March

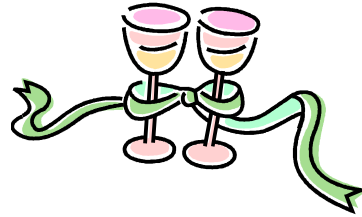
- 10 Jean Schmidt
- 12 Sue Davis
- 14 Bruce Eckhardt

February

- 12 Jerry & Raejean Widmer

March

- 8 Don & Sharon Weber
- 17 Bruce & Betty Ely
- 19 Ralph & Peggy Taylor



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Is YOUR birthday or anniversary missing? That means we need you to give us that information so we can include them on our calendar and in our newsletter. Please contact us or Sharon Weber with your dates.
 ++++ *Ralph & Peggy*



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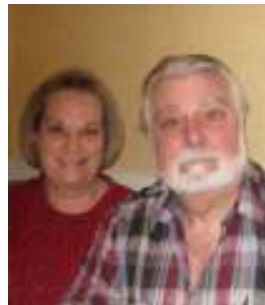
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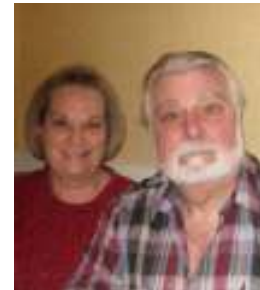
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2012 COUPLE OF THE YEAR
Lorraine Upmeyer and
Bill Trombly



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2012 ID-H Calendar of Events

January	15th	WA-N Breakfast Gathering	Golden Corral	8:00 AM	468-1895
	21st	ID-H Breakfast Gathering	JB's	9:00 AM	765-3225
	26th	ID-H Meet and Eat	Red Robin	5:30 PM	765-2421
	28th	Pot Luck & Wood Shop	Terry & Betty's	2:00 PM	683-6059
February	1st	WA-N Meet & Eat	Thai Bamboo	6:00 PM	444-8424
	11th	Valentines Day Party	Odd Fellows	2:00 PM	
	18th	ID-H Breakfast Gathering	JB's	8:00 AM	765-3225
	19th	WA-N Breakfast Gathering	Golden Corral	8:00 AM	468-1895
	23rd	ID-H Meet and Eat	Chili's	5:30 PM	676-1826
March	3rd	Pot Luck	Bill & Lu's	2:00 PM	665-9585
	7th	WA-N Meet & Eat	Das Steinhaus	6:00 PM	326-2214
	17th	ID-H Breakfast Gathering	JB's	8:00 AM	765-3225
	18th	WA-N Breakfast Gathering	Golden Corral	8:00 AM	468-1895
	22nd	ID-H Meet and Eat	Azteca	5:30 PM	676-0200
April	4th	WA-N Meet & Eat	Dewey's Burgers	6:00 PM	325-7443
	15th	WA-N Breakfast Gathering and Brown Bag Auction	Golden Corral	8:00 AM	468-1895
	15th	Pot Luck	Pat & John's	2:00 PM	683-2902
	21st	ID-H Breakfast Gathering	JB's	8:00 AM	765-3225
	26th	ID-H Meet and Eat	O'Malley's	5:30 PM	687-5996
May	2nd	WA-N Dinner Ride	The West Wing	6:00 PM	443-1660
	5th	Pot Luck	Bruce & Tina's	2:00 PM	651-1604
	19th	ID-H Breakfast Gathering and Maintenance Day	JB's	8:00 AM	765-3225
	20th	WA-N Breakfast Gathering	Golden Corral	8:00 AM	468-1895
	24th	ID-H Meet and Eat	Rancho Viejo	5:30 PM	762-3310
June	2nd	Pot Luck	Tim & Martie's	2:00 PM	290-8395
	6th	WA-N Dinner Ride	Klink's on the Lake	6:00 PM	235-2391
	16th	ID-H Breakfast Gathering	JB's	8:00 AM	765-3225
	28th	ID-H Dinner Ride	Timbercreek	5:30 PM	892-6390



A big thank you to Jerry and Raejean for all you have done for Idaho-H!!



Raejean presents Bill and Lorraine with their Couple of the Year Award

July	15th	WA-N Breakfast Gathering	Golden Corral	8:00 AM	468-1895
	21st	ID-H Breakfast Gathering	JB's	8:00 AM	765-3225
	26th	ID-H Dinner Ride	CDA Casino	5:30 PM	NA
August	3rd-5th	ID-H River Run	CDA River		
	1st	WA-N Dinner Ride	Famous Willie's	6:00 PM	773-0000
	18th	ID-H Breakfast Gathering and Day Ride	JB's	8:00 AM	765-3225
	19th	WA-N Breakfast Gathering	Golden Corral	8:00 AM	468-1895
	23rd	ID-H Dinner Ride	The Hydra	5:30 PM	263-7123
September	7th-9th	WA-N Campout	Diamond Lake		
	8th	WA-N Dinner Ride	Southshore Store	6:00 PM	447-2035
	15th	ID-H Breakfast Gathering	JB's	8:00 AM	765-3225
	16th	WA-N Breakfast Gathering	Golden Corral	8:00 AM	468-1895
	27th	ID-H Meet and Eat	Tomato Street	5:30 PM	667-5000
October	3rd	WA-N Meet & Eat	Dragon Inn	6:00 PM	933-3737
	13th	Pot Luck	Bruce & Betty's	2:00 PM	
	20th	ID-H Breakfast Gathering	JB's	8:00 AM	765-3225
	21st	WA-N Breakfast Gathering	Golden Corral	8:00 AM	468-1895
	25th	ID-H Meet and Eat	Texas Roadhouse	5:30 PM	664-1903
November	7th	WA-N Meet & Eat	Mama Mia's	6:00 PM	467-7786
	8th	ID-H Meet and Eat	Top of China	5:30 PM	676-8888
	17th	ID-H Breakfast Gathering	JB's	8:00 AM	765-3225
	18th	WA-N Breakfast Gathering	Golden Corral	8:00 AM	468-1895
December	1st	Christmas Party	Leisure Park	2:00 PM	651-1604
	15th	ID-H Breakfast Gathering	JB's	8:00 AM	765-3225
	16th	WA-N Breakfast Gathering	Golden Corral	8:00 AM	468-1895
	20th	ID-H Meet and Eat	Pizza Factory	5:30 PM	765-3434

As most of you know, GWRRA celebrates its 35th birthday in 2012. Following is a list of interesting events from 1977:

**GWRRA was created with 7 members at the first meeting.

**The cost of a new Goldwing was \$2,938.

**The cost of a gallon of gas was \$.65 cents.

**The average cost of a gallon of milk was \$1.50.

**The cost of a loaf of bread was \$.36 cents.

**Average cost of a new home was \$49K.

**The average yearly income was \$15K.

**"Margaretville" by Jimmy Buffett was one of the billboard #1 songs.

**"Star Wars" opens.

**Snow falls in Miami, Florida, for the only time in history.

**Jimmy Carter becomes 39th President of USA.

**Oakland Raiders won Super Bowl XI.

**Portland Trailblazers won the NBA championship.

**New York Yankees won the World Series.

**Montreal Canadians won the Stanley Cup.

**Tom Watson won the Master's golf tournament.

**Rock 'n Roll legend Elvis Presley passed away.

**Apple Computers was incorporated.

**"The Fonz" jumped a motorcycle over a shark on TV's "Happy Days."

**The "World Trade Center" is completed in New York.

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