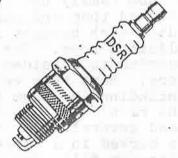
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Aug. 12 Sunday Cuting -Geary Polk leading -Meet at Pinebrook at 4:30 P.M. for an evening of food & fun.

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Aug. 23 - Meeting -266 South McGregor Ave. et 7:30 P.M.

The SPARKPLUG is non-profit and published for the information of our members and friends. Deep South Region meetings are held once each month on the fourth Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Dr. W. T. Wright's office at 266 South McGregor Ave. The SPARKPLUG will be mailed the weekend before each meeting. Annual regional dues are \$10.00. This includes wife membership, with no extra dues, if she is a National A.A.C.A. (or joint) member. National dues are \$13.00 single and \$16.00 joint (husband and wife). Membership is required in the National A.A.C.A. if you are a regional member. National A.A.C.A. if you are a regional member.

#### OUR JULY MEETING.

The meeting on July 26th was opened by President Lloyd Crowdus at 7:30. Acting Chaplain, V. T. Hopkins gave the invocation. The president then introduced visitors John Miller and Dewey Hopkins (Hop's brother from California), to the membership. He then welcomed new members Lou and Arline It was announced that Eschete to the DSR. get well cards would be sent to Shannon

## September

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Sept. 15 & 16 - Outing . The Nettles leading on overniter to Monroeville. Meet at Saraland Alabama Power Co. at 7:00 A.M. Saturday, Sept. 15th.

Sept. 27 - Meeting - 266 South McGregor Ave. at 7:30 P.M.

Douglas and to Agnes Shafer. Peggy Moseley told of the coming outing to the Odom's place in Chunchula for a fish fry. Ray told of the coming outing in September to Monroeville, complete with a barbeque for the DSR. Cecil and Lucille Nettles will be leading this overnighter. Laura Faust is collecting Maxwell House coupons for a percolator for our future club house and requested coupons from anyone that could give them. Lloyd thanked everyone that came out to support Fairhope's 4th of July Celebration but asked for more and better support in the future for events like this. Although we had 11 cars, he said we should have had 20 for patriotic events we support. Lloyd then told us of some very good news on the possibility of getting a beautiful and convenient piece of property for a club house. Gloria Rothenburg reported on the feasibility of the Tiny Diny as a Christmas Party site. She was requested to check several other places to which she agreed. The mystery photo in the July SPARKPLUG was identified as Mrs. Faye Polk. Lloyd told of several calls received by people wanting to get on the mailing list of the SPARKPLUG, some offering postage, but not joining the DSR. Lloyd asked for a membership vote on what to do in such cases. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that no newsletters will be mailed out except to DSR members or to other clubs that swap newsletters with the DSR for mutual news articles. Lloyd then told of Shannon Douglas's offer of a 1957 DeSoto to the DSR to be used to raise funds for a club house for our Region. Lloyd said this is the first club house donation. Geary Polk's outing on August 12th was discussed. We will meet at Pinebrook at 4:30 P.M. for a fun filled evening. Don and Jan Hartman told the membership that they had acquired a 1959 Ford Retractable at the Gadsden Show and Jan ran out of gasoline bringing it home. The meeting adjourned at 8:35, then the obvious occured, an outcry of "on to Shoney's", so our optimistic organization of obsolete omnibus operators obligatingly obeyed our obsession of often overeating.

On Saturday morning, July 28th, at 10:00, Bud and Peggy Moseley led the DSR to Chunchula to the very beautiful and spacious grounds at the home of H. R. and Rosalee Odom. The Odom family had caught fish from their private ponds and prepared and cooked them and shrimp for the best tasting food you've ever eaten! The ladies each brought a vegetable or dessert so we had lots of absolutely delicious food. The Odom's children were deep frying the fish and hush puppies to a golden brown, platter after platter, plus boiled shrimp galore! More than we could ever eat, and believe me, everybody DID eat! Including the Odom family we had 70 present. Quite a nice turn out, and in the rain! Not counting the Odom's many an-The fish was cooked tiques, we had 19 antique cars and several moderns. on the Odom's back porch and was served in a screened gazebo in their yard while the rain fell. After eating our fill plus an extra piece of fish and another slice of cake, we all walked to the Odom's garages for a look at the many beautifully restored antique automobiles and many more unrestored. The ladies went through the house where Mrs. Odom showed them her many antique treasures. They even have a library of antique books! There was book after book of newspapers of the '20s that fascinated "yours truly". Some of the kids went in the pool while others went fishing in their private fish filled ponds. The DSR wishes to thank H. R. and Rosalee Odom and their children for such a nice and fascinating day. Also thanks to Bud and Peggy Moseley for leading us to such a delightful outing. After we had bid our farewells to the Odoms for their gracious hospitality, we spent the evening at Ray and Katherine's to watch video movies of the Page's outing in Waveland, Mississippi last February, the Biloxi Show last May, and the DSR's Smokey Mountain Tour in June. After all the viewing Katherine served everyone coffee or coke and cake. Another very nice DSR outing! Our sincere thanks to the Odoms, the Harpers, and to the Moseleys. ANYBODY that missed this -- well just lost out on a great day!!!!!

At 7:30 P.M. on August 6th all DSR officers and the calling committee met at the Hepler's for the purpose of correcting confusion on efforts made by the calling committee in notifying the membership on DSR activities. Some members have requested not to be called while some never attend and are difficult to reach by phone. If you prefer not to be called by our calling committee please notify Lloyd or Jeannie Hepler. If you are not being called but do want to be then notify Lloyd or Jeannie. A few members are being omitted because of an inactive status. PLEASE let your wishes be known.

Our calling committee does a good job but it is a thankless and time consuming task. all means support them with courtesy and thank them for calling. You will make their day!

A suggestion was made to revise by-laws to include ideas on new memberships.

Discussion on our new club house then followed with Guy Short's drawings of the building being passed around. Proposals on financing was also discussed.

DSR members attending the 20th Annual Noccalula Falls Show at Gadsden on July 21 & 22 were the Harpers, Counselmans, Hartmans, Capdepons, Griffins, and Moseleys. It was reported to be the usual well organized and well done show in their beautiful shady setting as the Gadsden Antique Automobile Club always puts on!

LET'S DO MORE FOR THE DSR IN '84!!!!

This was recently given to me by Geary Polk. It is very I hope all our members good. will plant such a garden!

THE GARDEN OF YOUR HEART

FOR A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN EVERYONE WILL ADMIRE THERE ARE FOUR VEGETABLES WE MUST CULTIVATE.

FIRST WE SHOULD HAVE FOUR ROWS OF PEAS

1 - PATIENCE 2- PROMPTNESS

3- PREPARATION 4- PERSERVERANCE

SECOND WE SHOULD HAVE THREE ROWS OF SQUASH
1- SQUASH GOSSIP
2- SQUASH INDIFFERENCE
3- SQUASH CRITICISM

THIRD WE SHOULD PLAN THREE ROWS OF LETTUS

1- LET US OBEY REGULATIONS

2- LET US BE TRUE TO OUR OBLIGATIONS

3- LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER

FOURTH WE SHOULD HAVE FOUR ROWS OF TURNIPS

1- TURN-UP WHEN NEEDED

2- TURN-UP WITH A SMILE

3- TURN-UP WITH A VISION

4- TURN-UP WITH A DETERMINATION TO MAKE
EVERYTHING IN LIFE COUNT FOR SOMETHING
GOOD AND WORTH WHILE FOR OTHERS AND GOD.

While I was writing this newsletter this morning I received the sad word that our very loyal DSR member, Shannon Douglas, had died at 7:15 A.M. Shannon was only 39 years old and had suffered with a cancer for almost two years. He was a cheerful inspiration up to the last, even when he was in severe pain. He was a devout Christian man and a member of the Myers Memorial Baptist Church. Shannon will always be remembered by the DSR as the man that made the first donation toward a club house for us. He is survived by his wife Glenda, and two sons, Scottie and Chris. Shannon will be sadly missed by everyone that knew him.

## FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:

## SECURE IN A CHANGING WORLD



Our world has changed dramatically in the past 100 years, and futurists predict that even greater changes will occur in the decades ahead. Consider these facts: We watched in amazement as a gigantic rocket propelled the space shuttle CHALLENGER into orbit, then later we looked in wonder as her pilots guided her back to earth. Yet it was only 81 years ago that the first airplane flew at Kitty Hawk. The first mass-produced Model T Ford came off the assembly line only 73 years ago, yet according to U. S. News and World Report it won't be long until we can purchase sleek, comfortable automobiles capable of 75 - 100 miles per gallon, that respond to voice commands, and that automatically avoid collisions. Penicillin was discovered only 43 years ago and the Sabin oral vaccine only 28 years ago - yet we've successfully implanted an artificial heart, we'll soon have mapped the entire DNA, and we have made tremendous strides in overcoming heart disease and cancer. In the first half of the 21st century, futurists say, we'll have a space colony on the moon, and we'll do our shopping from our living room.

Yes, unbelievable changes are being forecast. But whatever course the future takes, however unsettling it may be, as Christians we have no reason to fear. Our confidence is in God, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8), or as James said, "...with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (1:17). With faith in our unchanging God, we are secure in a changing world!

WITH GOD BEHIND YOU AND HIS ARMS BENEATH YOU, YOU CAN FACE WHATEVER LIES AHEAD OF YOU.

## "Ole Hop"

#### SICKNESS OF MEMBERS:

Agnes Shafer was operated on at the Doctor's Hospital on July 23rd. She is at home now and doing very well but is still a bit sore from the surgery. Agnes said she wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, thoughts, and kindness during her convalescence.

Lucille Nettles has fallen several times recently and in some cases the falls have been extremely painful. We are all glad Lucille is up and about and taking her difficulty in stride. The DSR is pulling for a speedy

and complete recovery for Lucille.

Harold Johnson hurt his left leg below his knee on July 21st. He was, of all things, playing baseball! Harold missed several weeks of work. We will be glad when his leg heals and he and Kathy can get back with us. They missed the big fish fry at the Odom's - right in their neighborhood!

Sickness of Members - continued from preceding page ...

In the June SPARKPLUG we told of Ed Grimes' fall and his broken arm. It has healed, but because his other arm had stayed continuously sore since the fall, his doctor X-rayed it and found it was also broken in the same fall. So now Ed has the other arm out of commission. We are all looking forward to the time when Ed is all healed and he, Barbara, and Eddie can get back with us.

Eugenia tripped on a concrete car stop and fell in the parking lot just as our July meeting had ended and injured her right hand. An X-ray showed no broken bones but a bad sprain. Her hand is gradually getting back to normal for which we are all thankful.

NEW ACQUISITIONS:

Don and Jan Hartman recently found and bought a 1959 Ford Retractable hardtop at the Gadsden Show. On their way home, with Jan driving the '59, she ran out of gasoline. A "new" car and out of gas!! Don and Jan sure do

have some very nice antiques now!

Winston and Jewel Bell have acquired a 1928 Chevrolet coupe. The Bells got it from Bob Hargreaves from the West Florida Region, AACA, and Winston is getting it ready to be a GO car - one he can drive and enjoy. Winston said he'd always wanted a little '28. We in the DSR are happy that the pretty little Chevy wound up in Mobile!

Guy and Barbara Short have bought a new (yes, brand new) 1984 Chevy pickup to tow the 1928 Chevrolet sedan he is in the process of restoring. The Shorts are also planning to build a car hauling trailer to tow the '28

Chevy on behind their new truck.

Here are a couple of letters that Lloyd and Lycyle received from the Louisiana folks that were with us on the Smokey Mountain Tour. They are all quite enthusiastic over there and are looking forward to our 1985 12th Annual DSR Tour into Louisiana. And so are we here in Mobile!

June 28, 1984

Dear Lloyd and Lycyle,

Just a note to let you know

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appreciate your letting us go with

you. No made the trip home

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We will look found to seeing

you on the Lohniam Jour,

Best Wisher

Permy & Kry Strom

We have mailed out a 1984 DSR Roster of Members to all members that have not picked their's up at one of our meetings or at an outing. If you have not received your '84 Roster, please see Ernie.

NEVER INVITE TROUBLE - IT ALWAYS ACCEPTS!!!





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July 19, 1984

Dear Lloyd and Lycyle,

Mary Lou and I would like to thank you and all the members of the Deep South Region who were on the Smokeys tour for another great time. We really enjoyed it in spite of having to drive a 1982 antique. We'll do better next year, maybe.

I would like to congratulate Ernie and his right hand assistant Eugenia for the special recognition which the SPARKPLUG received in the June - July issue of the ANTIQUE QUARTERLY, official AAGA publication. I knew they would reach fame and fortune one day. Seriously, that's quite an honor and I'm happy for you.

Also I would like to say a good word about the Nettles and their Chevrolet. They purchased the car on the 1983 tour, totally restored it with the help of some friends so I'm told, and drove it on the 1984 tour, without problems so far as I know. I'm a little envious of someone who can get it finished so soon, for I don't think many restorations get done so quickly, certainly not mine.

When Mary Lou and I left the group in Maggie Valley we drove to Ashville and toured Builtmore just to see how the other half lived. They sure did. Then we went to Atlanta and spent a couple of hours at the National Buick Meet. Even saw the Dobbs there. I didn't know Bill even knew how to spell Buick. Really were a fine display of oldies. Course it must mean something when the early sixties cars just don't seem very old.

Thanks again to all of you.

May Mary Lou Montgomery

Shannon Douglas recently donated his 1957 DeSoto green 4 door sedan to the DSR to be used to raise funds for the club house we are planning. In spite of his serious illness, Shannon and Glenda expressed a deep and planned desire to make the donation, which is the first the DSR received for the club house. The DSR had a wall plaque made that will be on the wall of our club house as a permanent record for the DSR's appreciation to Shannon for his contribution.

Our second contribution for our DSR club house came from Jack's Auto Clean at 3225 St. Stephen's Road in Whistler. A better way to find it is Wolf Ridge Road at Highway 45 (which is St. Stephen's Rd). Jack cleaned up Shannon's 1957 DeSoto, polished it, and painted the engine as a donation to the DSR. His card is left of this writing. Jack also has several cars for sale, an excellent 1960 Mark V Contential convertible at \$11,500, a 1960 Mark V Contential sedan at \$2500, and a 19



PHONE 456-9864

## JACK'S AUTO CLEAN

ALAN TOLBERT or JACK TOLBERT 3225 St. Stephens Road Whistler, Al. 36612

Mark V Contential sedan at \$2500, and a 1957 Buick Super 2-door hardtop at \$1600. And if you need any auto clean up work done, see Jack and support him. He did a beautiful job on the DeSoto!

## OUR PREZ SEZ:

Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Odom and their family for a wonderful

outing at their home on July 28th.

Thanks also to Bud and Peggy Moseley for planning and leading this get together. I was very pleased to see so many of our members in attendance. This kind of participation shows the DSR will always remain an active club.

Also I'd like to thank Geary and Mrs. Polk for the fine outing on August 12th celebrating Mrs. Polk's birthday. Although I was unable to be there, I understand it was a fine outing and well attended by the DSR. I am glad to be a part of our club!

Lloyd

## AUGUST MYSTERY PHOTO



This easy going and pleasant DSR member rarely misses a meeting or outing. He is very prominent and well known in his community. His very attractive wife, who is always with him, gave me this picture to surprise him. Make your guess as to his identity, come to the meeting, and tell us who you think he is!

Did you enjoy the 1984 Smokey Mountain Tour? Did you not go, but wished you could have gone? Well don't give up! The 1985 AACA National Glidden Tour will be over much of the same area on September 15 - 20, 1985. It will be a fun filled 5 day tour with probably as many as 350 antique cars. I hope the DSR can participate in force! If you've never been on a Glidden Tour, it will be a treat you won't forget - so plan a vacation on that week in September!

Eugenia and I have begun a restoration of her 1959 Metropolitan convertible. She's not sure of the color she wants it painted but she's delighted that at long last the restoration has started!

A true music lover is a man that puts his  $\overline{\text{EAR}}$  to the key hole when a pretty girl is singing in the bath tub!

LET'S DO MORE FOR THE DSR IN '84!

A group of DSR members met at Pinebrook at 4:30 P.M. Sunday afternoon, May 12th, and drove to the Polk home to help celebrate Mrs. Faye Polk's (Geary's mother) birthday. It was Geary's outing and he put on a feed that was really great! We had boiled shrimp, turkey, ham, corn, beans, potatoes, hot rolls, salads, and with all the trimmings, plus cakes and pies for dessert. Some of our members were already at the Polk's home when we arrived helping Geary and Mrs. Polk prepare for the crowd. In all there were 59 present. After the blessing was asked everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Polk and we all lined up for a buffet style meal. That Geary is a real cook!!! The food was absolutely scrumptious! Although it rained the entire time we were there it did not stop the DSR from showing up in the usual congenial spirit of brotherhood with everybody enjoying Geary's hospitality. Many thanks to the Polks and all those that made this outing so beautiful! And again, Happy Birthday Mrs. Polk - and we wish you many more!

Everyone in the DSR seems to be getting enthusiastic about prospects of getting a club house. Laura Faust told us, and Jeanie Dobbs is collecting "proof of purchase" from Maxwell House coffee containers to get a new 30 cup percolator for the club house. "Proof of purchase" is the UPC symbol and the GF logo on a paper bag of coffee or on a can it is the plastic lid. Please save your Maxwell House coffee paper bags or plastic can lids for Jeanie Dobbs and help out on a club house percolator!

This was in the Sunday paper and we thought it would be of interest to the membership. Deward and Vera sure do look good after 50 years of marriage, don't they? (They just might pass as newly weds!) Deward is still operating his auto garage on Turner Road, a business started by his father when Deward was a young boy. He is an antique automobile engine expert with a lifetime of experience and has reconditioned many of our DSR member's engines and made them as new ones!

Marien Brent, with 3 friends, left on an extended vacation trip in her motor home on June 3rd and returned home on August 4th. Some of the area her trip included were New Mexico, California, Nevada (Harrah's at Reno), Washington, Idaho, Canada, and South Dakota. Marien said they all had a wonderful time!

The following was in the Magnolia State Model T Ford Club newsletter SPARK ADVANCE. In their June issue was this:

# Randy's Words of Wisdom...

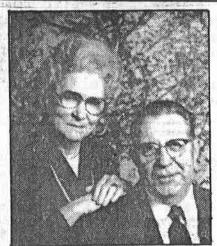
"A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE HOME...AND SHE SHOULD GO THERE JUST AS SOON AS SHE GETS OFF FROM WORK."

Randy Harding of Jackson, MS (many of you know him) told me that every woman in the club got onto him about it. He denys even writing it! Then this followed in the July issue:

#### **RANDY'S WORDS OF WISDOM**

In relation to last month's Words of Wisdom —
"Trouble is merely a state of mind."

## Mobile Press Register sunday, Aug. 12, 1984



ANNIVERSARY CELE-BRANTS - Mr. and Mrs. Deward Kyser, of Chickasaw will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Aug. 13, with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m., at the home of their daughter, Ethel Seelye. Their other daughters, Nell Wilkerson of Chickasaw, Elaine McLeod of Saraland and Imogene Butler will be co-hostesses at the reception. The Kysers were married Aug. 13, 1934, in Möbile. They have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Lloyd and Lycyle left for Kentucky to visit Lloyd's family in his old home town of Morganfield on August 9th and returned home on the 14th. Lloyd's sister, Mrs. Camilla Hagan, has been ill with cancer for some time but is still up and around. Many of our DSR members met Camilla when we were on the DSR Annual Kentucky Tour in 1981. The DSR is praying for a complete and speedy recovery for Camilla.

ANTIQUE CARS FOR SALE:

1960 Mark V Continental convertible in excellent condition - \$11,500, 1960 Mark V Continental sedan - \$2500, 1957 Buick Super 2-door hardtop -\$1600. Call Jack Tolbert at 478-8370 or at work 456-9864.

1950 GMC pickup with 48,000 miles. Is complete but needs engine work.

Call Joe at 653-5758. Only \$800.
1947 Chevrolet 2-door \$2700, 1949 Crosley station wagon show car \$3000,
1927 Dodge fast 4 coupe \$5500, 1930 Model A 2-door \$4500, 1926 Model T roadster with wire wheels \$4500, Two 1961 Metropolitan convertibles \$3000 each or \$5000 for both. A. C. Bridgewater, 2162 Randle Road, Dyersburg, Tenn. zip 38024 or call 901-285-4804. Or see Cecil Nettles. All cars are fully restored and ready to go.

## COMING SHOWS IN OUR AREA:

Aug. 24-25 Pine-belt First Annual Motor Vehicle Expo and Flea Market at Laurel, Mississippi Fairground. For info: Bob White, P.O. Drawer M, Sandersville, MS 39477.

Pensacola AACA 17th Annual Invitational Meet at Seville Square.

Awards banquet Sat. night. Info: John Webster at 904-455-7184.

Old South Antique Car Show at Fort Conde. Reg. \$7.00 1st car, \$3.00 2nd car. Info: Jimmy Neese at 675-4508 or Emmet Blumgren at 626-9715 or Bob Smith, Jackson, AL at 246-4182.

Hershey!!!! Oct. 11-13

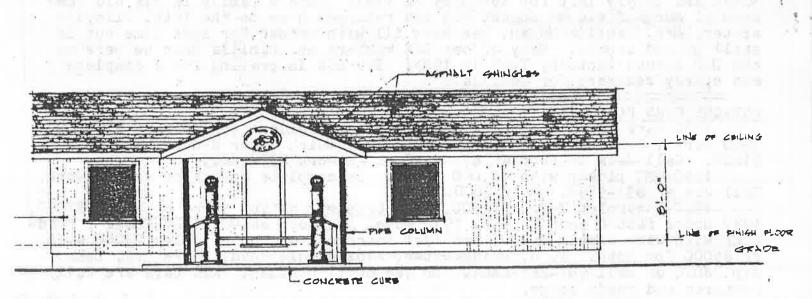
New Orleans Annual Show. For info call Charlie Froehlich at Oct. 20

504-392-6067. Support this show -- they support us!!!

Meridian, Miss. 14th Annual Show at Village Fair Mall. Reg. \$5.00 1st car, others free. Awards banquet Sat. nite at Holliday Inn. For info: Dean Carmichael @ 601-693-6695 or Bob White @ 601-646-5609.

On September 15 & 16, Saturday and Sunday, Cecil and Lucille Nettles will be leading the DSR to Monroeville for an overniter. We will all meet at the Saraland Ala. Power Ca. building just off I-65 at exit 13, at 7:00 A.M. Sat. morning, Sept. 15th. We will be spending the night at the Southwind Motel at Monroeville. Lucille needs to know if you want a motel reservation by Thurs. night, Aug. 23rd, which is our meeting night. Come to the meeting and let her know. If you can't come, then call Lucille at 661-4202 before Thurs. night. If you won't know until after the 23rd, then you can make Their phone is 1-743-4505. your own reservation at the Southwind Motel.

Prez Lloyd Crowdus and all your officers want our attendance up at our meetings! They need to know how much enthusiasm the membership has toward getting a club house. It is about to come to a reality through the efforts of Lloyd and several others that have worked hard on it. It will be a great asset to us all and with very little cost, so let's show our support by coming to the meeting and hearing what they need. Your encouragement will mean a lot to these folks! Don't say, "Let someone else do it", or, "I'm too busy". They are all busy! Come let Lucille Nettles know your wishes on Monroeville. Come make your guess at our mystery photo. Come and just be there! Come on to the meeting this Thursday night, Aug, 23rd, at 7:30 P.M. 266 South McGregor Avenue! You'll feel better about yourself and your DSR for coming! I GUARANTEE IT!!!



# FRONT (SOUTH) ELEVATION

SCALE 1/4" - 1'-0"

THE PROPOSED DSR CLUB HOUSE.

- Designed by Guy Short -

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