

The Walker

Newsletter of the Old Dominion Appalachian Trail Club

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President's Message

Greetings!!

Labor Day weekend will soon be upon us and that is always a sign that fall is not far behind. As a member you have much to choose from depending how you would like to participate. I know the hike schedule is full of opportunities for every experience level. Work trips will still be held through November weather permitting. Attendance on these work trips still remained strong through the summer heat.

The 40th ATC Biennial Conference has come and gone. It was well attended by ODATC members, many of whom volunteered in various capacities to assist with the implementation of yet another really nice event. We had 3 club members recognized during the business meeting for 25 years of service to the Appalachian Trail: Leonard Adkins, Dave Wilcox, and Bob Kyle. Congratulations to each for their continued dedication to the protection and promotion of the AT. You might want to mark your calendars now for the 2017 conference which will be held Aug 4-11 at Colby College in Waterville Maine.

The movie *A Walk in the Woods* is coming soon to a theater near you!! Those of you who are members of the ATC will have seen the summer issue of the AT Journeys magazine. There are several interesting articles about the making of the movie and thoughts of author Bill Bryson about his actual adventures, the writing of the book, and now the movie. I must say having watched the movie trailer it has the potential of being a very funny movie. And I must admit I still enjoy watching Robert Redford after all these years!! That said – there are serious concerns about the impact of this movie on the AT and an increase in the number of thru hikers in 2016. A task force was created in 2014 to start preparing for the anticipated increased use. This group has proposed different alternatives to the traditional end to end thru hikes, especially starting in the south at Springer Mountain. However with proper education, planning, and preparation by the users, the Trail will persevere for many generations to come. For more information and to view the movie trailer, go to the link appalachiantrail.org/AWalkintheWoods

Quick reminder, we are still seeking nominations for ODATC Board and there are several positions open. Information is provided in the newsletter with a list of current nominees and remaining open positions.

Don't forget our club meeting will be shifting to the second Tuesday with the first meeting on September 8 at the Science Museum of Virginia on Broad Street in downtown Richmond.

Happy Trails! Theresa

ODATC Hike Rating Codes

Hiking boots are strongly recommended for all hikes. Hikers must be properly equipped, aware of their limitations & hike within their ability. In the interest of safety, activity coordinators may refuse to allow participation by club members or their guests.

Terrain

- 1 = Very Strenuous
- 2 = Strenuous
- 3 = Moderate
- 4 = Easy

Distance

- A = More than 13 miles
- B = 9 to 13 miles
- C = 5 to 9 miles
- D = Under 5 miles

CARPPOOLING Please honor the following suggested donation to your driver when carpooling to and from hikes: \$10 per rider for travel to and around the Charlottesville area (60-70 miles approx.) \$15+ per rider for travel beyond Charlottesville (over 75 miles).

Trips, Treks, and Talks - Ted McGarry & Jim Hunt, Contributors

September 5 (Saturday) Northern SNP hike (A or B/2)

Matt Powell (mjp20k@yahoo.com) Join Matt on a long mountain hike in the northern part of the SNP

September 8 (Tuesday) ODATC General Membership Meeting. We have moved the General Membership Meeting to a new week, the second week of the month, but still on a Tuesday night (second Tuesday of odd months except July) at a new location, the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 West Broad Street, Richmond 23220. We are honored to have a special guest speaker, Ralph White, the former director of the James River Parks System in Richmond who will be speaking on the Parks of Australia. Get ready for some fascinating photos of the beautiful Australian parks and outback scenery. Come join us at our new meeting location in the Discovery Room. Snacks to share are always welcome. Join us at 6:30 pm for some socializing time before the meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

September 9 (Wednesday) Pole Green Park - Hanover (D/4)

Jim Hunt (730-2364 or hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com). Jim, one of the original organizers of the Wednesday hike series, will lead the first Wednesday hike of the season after the summer hiatus. From I-295 take Pole Green Rd East Exit for 4.1 miles, pass the Pole Green Elementary School on the left, take the next left on Pole Green Park La., travel 0.4 miles, right turn on Pole Green Park Dr. to a parking lot. (8996 Pole Green Park Lane, Mechanicsville 23116). Visit the 'famous' Pole Green Farmers Market after the hike. Meet at 9:50 am.

September 12 (Saturday) Doyle River (C/3)

Bill Tennant (Willyten10@aol.com or 282-0590) Welcome back to Shenandoah National Park. This hike is an 8.4 miler down Jones Run then up Doyle River. We will stop for lunch at one of the nicest waterfalls in the Shenandoah National Park. It's 1800 feet of elevation change but they are small feet. Can be shortened to 7.0 miles if you want a little easier walk. Contact Bill for meeting location and time.

September 14 (Monday afternoon) Buttermilk Trail Loop - James River Park RVA (C/2)

Diana Nunez-Hoyle (diana.nunezhoyle@gmail.com). This is one of a series of brisk Monday afternoon hikes this Fall to keep us in shape. The 7 mile hike starts on the trail on the north bank of the River, crosses the Boulevard Bridge, proceeds through the James River Park and the Buttermilk Trail and re-crosses the river over the Belle Isle pedestrian bridge, ending at the cars. Meet at the free parking lot on Tredegar St. between the Lee Bridge and 2nd St. Bring water and snacks. Meet at 5:00pm.

September 16 (Wednesday) 'Central Park' – RVA (D/4)

Suzanne Hallberg (955-9510) and Jim Metz (615-1949). Maymont is 'Richmond's Central Park' according to an out of state contributor to www.tripadvisor.com. It is consumer rated on Trip Advisor as #2 of 91 attractions in Richmond, VMFA was first. Enjoy this 4 mile hike around two lakes in Byrd Park and throughout Maymont including the animals. Meet at the Spotswood Rd. parking lot off Boulevard Bridge Drive (opposite Dogwood Dell). Optional lunch at a Carytown eatery. Meet at 9:50 am.

September 19 (Saturday) Hawksbill Mountain via AT - SNP (C/3)

Larry Kidd (804-784-3617 or lckiddjr@comcast.net). This is an approximately 8.1 mile lollipop hike leaving from the White Oak Parking Area at Mile 42.5 heading south on the AT for 2.6 miles where it intersects with the Hawksbill Gap parking lot and the start of the 2.9-mile circuit hike around and over Hawksbill Mountain as described in PATC's Circuit Hikes in Shenandoah National Park (750 feet of elevation change). This circuit portion of the trail is made up by the AT, Salamander Trail, and Lower Hawksbill Trail. We will then return north 2.6 miles on the AT back to the starting White Oak Parking Area. This is a moderate hike with beautiful views much of the way, and a spectacular view at the top of the highest mountain in the SNP (4051 feet). Bring a lunch which we can hopefully eat on the top of the mountain. Bring National Park pass if available. Call/Contact for meeting time and locations.

September 19 (Saturday) Northern SNP hike (A or B/2)

Matt Powell (mjp20k@yahoo.com) Join Matt on a long mountain hike in the northern part of the SNP

September 20 (Sunday) Cold Mountain (C/3)

Art Ritter (o2behiking@yahoo.com) Let's hit the road fairly early and head out to hike Cold (Cole) Mountain, rated as the 5th most scenic day hike in Virginia by one experienced hiker! Cold Mountain is near Pleasant Mountain, and features about a 6.5 mile loop with steady but not steep elevation gains (about 1,400 feet of gain and loss). There are outstanding views from the balds at the top, and scenic forest hiking along several trails to reach those views. We'll meet at the Westchester Commons Shopping Center (Intersection of Rt. 60 and 288) behind the Books a Million store (across from the Regal Cinemas 16. E-mail Art for time.

September 23 (Wednesday) Deep Run Park – Western Henrico (D/4)

Bill Tennant (282-0590 or willyten@aol.com) A five mile circuit hike into all of the corners of Deep Run Park to include old beaver dams, railroad right-of-ways and bike trails. Enter Deep Run Park off Ridgefield Parkway between Gaskins and Pump. Go to the first parking area to the right after the entrance. Meet at 9:50 am.

September 26th (Saturday) Annual AT Family Hike (D/3)

Theresa Duffey (804-550-0955 or taduffey2054@comcast.net) This year's family friendly hike will be along the Appalachian Trail starting at Three Ridges Overlook parking area and ending at the Dripping Rock parking area. This hike is approximately 4 miles with minimal elevation change. There is a nice resting point overlooking Cedar Cliffs. We will need to leave a shuttle vehicle at the Dripping Rock parking area. Families of all ages and generations welcome!! Wear sturdy shoes, dress for the weather, and bring water and snacks. Optional late lunch for those interested. Contact Theresa for departure time and location.

September 26 (Saturday) Appalachian Trail from Rockfish Gap to Humpback Rocks (C/3)

Bill Tennant (804-282-0590 or Willyten10-@aol.com) Let's take a walk on ODATC's section of the Appalachian Trail. We'll start at Rockfish Gap and stop for lunch at the best shelter on the AT. Then we'll walk up to the Humpback Rocks parking lot. Less than 1000 feet of elevation gain. Total hike is about 8 or 9 miles. Additional hike up to Humpback Rocks optional. Car shuttle will be required. Call Bill for time and meeting place.

September 28 (Monday afternoon) Buttermilk Trail Loop - James River Park - RVA (C/2)

Diana Nunez-Hoyle (diana.nunezhoyle@gmail.com). This is one of a series of brisk Monday afternoon hikes this Fall to keep us in shape. The 7 mile hike starts on the trail on the north bank of the River, crosses the Boulevard Bridge, proceeds through the James River Park and the Buttermilk Trail and re-crosses the river over the Belle Isle pedestrian bridge, ending at the cars. Meet at the free parking lot on Tredegar St. between the Lee Bridge and 2nd St. Bring water and snacks. Meet at 5:00pm.

September 30 (Wednesday) Westview on the James - Goochland (C/3)

Larry Kidd (784-3617 or lckiddjr@comcast.net). Hike on a 5 mile circuit through the Westview on the James Methodist camp including frontage along the James River. The site is about 30 miles west of Downtown. Take I-64 West Exit 167 Oilville, left on Rte. 617, right on U.S. 250 West, next left on Rte. 632, left on US 522 South (at Goochland C.H.), right at light Rte. 6 West for 4 miles, to the "Rock Castle-Westview" sign, left turn on Rte. 600 for 6 miles, right on Rte. 643 West View Road. The camp entrance is 1/2 mile on the left. The scenic trip from Richmond is due west on Patterson Av. (Rte. 6) through Goochland Court House then 4 miles to the "Rock Castle-Westview" sign. Follow directions above. We will meet in front of the camp office building outside the main gate. On-site toilets. Optional lunch in nearby Goochland Court House. Meet at 9:50 am.

Note: People interested in carpooling from the Tuckahoe Village West shopping center on Patterson Ave (located just before the Henrico Goochland County line) can email other members

October 3 (Saturday) Reed's Gap to Humpback Rocks (B/3)

Jack Martin (678-8083 or rjmartinii@gmail.com) Hike 12 miles of the 19.1 miles which our club maintains on the AT. Car shuttling involved so let Jack know if you plan to go. Bring water and lunch. Meet at I-64 Exit 167, Oilville Park and Ride at 8:00 am.

October 5 (Monday) Cedar Run/White Oak Canyon - SNP (B/2)

David Olli (864-1461 or dolli@smv.org) Rugged terrain, beautiful falls and pools, lovely forest canopy, canyon overlooks, few tricky rocky/boulder accents and descents but on one my favorite Blue Ridge hikes any time of year. Game time decision on whether we take the 10 or 7.5 mile circuit. No small children or pets please and I like to keep the posse to no more than 12.

October 7 (Wednesday) Henricus and Dutch Gap Conservation Area - Chesterfield (D/4)

Dennis Schafer (314-2434 or dennispschafer@gmail.com). Come take a walk around the lagoon at Dutch Gap. Plenty of Colonial and Civil War History. To reach the park, take I-95 to Exit 61 towards Hopewell, follow Rte. 10 East only 0.2 miles, immediate left onto Rte. 732 (Old Stage Road) for two miles. Follow the signs to the park. Meet at the Henricus Village parking lot at 9:50 am.

October 8 (Thursday) Old Rag Mountain - SNP (C/1)

Jack Martin (678-8083 or rjmartinii@gmail.com) Hike #13 in "Circuit Hikes in Shenandoah National Park". Length=9.4 miles, elevation change=2,200 ft., time=6 hours, but well worth the effort. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the I-64 West Exit 167 Oilville Park and Ride, at 8:00 am.

October 10 (Saturday) South River Falls - SNP (B/3)

Bill Tennant (282-0590 or Willyten10@aol.com) This 10 mile circuit hike with 1,800 ft. elevation change, is in PATC's Circuit Hikes in Shenandoah National Park. The hike features Shenandoah National Park's

third largest waterfall, Kites Deadening, an old cemetery, and the Pocasin mission ruins. We stop for lunch at one of the old PATC cabins. It's a good time of the year to go. The leaves should be a-changin'. Contact Bill for time and meeting place.

October 10 – October 16 Backpacking Across Maryland (B/3)

Please join us on our annual trek across Maryland from Saturday to Friday. We will hike six to nine miles each day for a total mileage of approximately 42 miles. We plan to include a mid-hike repast at the Old South Mountain Inn for dinner. This hike is limited to ten participants so please contact Aseeayah (AK) at (solitude1957@hotmail.com) as soon as possible.

October 12 (Monday – Columbus Day) Carter Taylor Trail –Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest (B/3) Jack Martin(678-8083 or rjmartiniii@gmail.com) Loop trail (12 miles) through 19,710 acre state forest. Rolling hills of Piedmont with relatively flat forest roads, dense woods and open fields. Bring water and lunch. Contact Jack for meet-up location.

October 14 (Wednesday) Larus Park - RVA (D/4)

Suzanne Hallberg (955-9510) and Jim Metz (615-1949). While owned by the city since 1978, Lewis G. Larus Park was not formally developed until 2006. Larus park is 106 acres of wooded solitude surrounded by urban hustle and bustle with about 5 miles of trails. It's bounded by Huguenot Road, Chippenham Parkway and a regional shopping center yet manages to remain virtually unknown to most Richmonders. It really is the Richmond city park system's hidden gem. We will meet in the back of the parking lot away from the Martin's Food Store entrance in the Stony Point Shopping Center, on Huguenot Road near its intersection with Stony Point Road and hike about 4.5 miles in Larus Park with an optional lunch in one of the nearby Bon Air restaurants. Meet at 9:50 am.

October 17 (Saturday) Camp Hoover (Rapidan Camp) Loop -SNP (B/3)

Larry Kidd (lckiddjr@comcast.net or 784-3617). A moderate 7.6 mile loop hike with 1200 feet elevation change in Shenandoah National Park. Starting from the parking area at Milam Gap head south on the AT 2.7 miles then descend on the Laurel Prong Trail 3.2 miles to the famous Hoover Camp and return by the Mill Prong Trail and the AT 1.7 miles. This is the website [Hiking Upwards Camp Hoover Hike](http://HikingUpwards.com). Bring a lunch to eat at Camp Hoover followed by a ranger led tour of the President's cabin. Contact Larry for meeting time and place.

October 17 (Saturday) Central SNP hike (A or B/2)

Matt Powell (mjp20k@yahoo.com) Join Matt on a long mountain hike in the northern part of the SNP

October 21 (Wednesday) Crozier Hike and Social - Goochland (C/3)

Jack Martin (678-8083 or rjmartiniii@gmail.com) Hike in the woods of Goochland and stay for lunch afterwards (drinks, hamburgers, hot dogs provided). Bring a side dish and RSVP to Jack if you plan to attend. Meet at the I-64 West Exit 167, Oilville Park & Ride at 9:30 am (early meeting time).

October 24-25 (Sat/Sun) Overnight Camp-out - Bremono Plantation in Fluvanna County

Jenni Pendergrass (jennipendergrass@aol.com or 804-221-3226). Come out and enjoy a rare opportunity to spend some time at historic Bremono Plantation, a 3,500 acre property located along the James River and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This year we have planned some different hikes for both Saturday and Sunday morning. You can arrive anytime on Saturday after 10:00 a.m. and we plan to begin our guided hike around 1:00 in the afternoon. After our Saturday hike it's time to kick back, have some dinner and enjoy a bonfire to cap off the day. Dinner will be pot-luck so please bring a cold or hot dish to share, and your beverage of choice. Bring your camping gear (or inside sleeping space is available) if you'd like to spend the night. Breakfast will be provided Sunday morning for any hikers staying overnight. Our host & guide for the weekend is Woody Cumbo, long-time property manager of Lower Bremono, who has graciously offered us the use of his home on the grounds for our overnight stay. Directions will be provided.

October 26 (Monday) Forest Hill Park to Belle Isle Circuit - RVA (C/4)

Jim Hunt (730-2364 or hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com). Beautiful 6 mile hike through the Park and along the James River to Belle Isle and return. Enjoy the refurbished lake and park. Meet at the circle at the north end of 41st Street in Forest Hill Park at 9:20 am.

October 28 (Wednesday) Rural Plains House - Hanover (D/4)

Jim Hunt (730-2364 or hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com). We will hike the Rural Plains House site where Patrick Henry got married. The hike is in a new national park with new trails added two years ago. From I-295 exit Pole Green Road East, go 1/2 mile, left turn into the Food Lion S.C. at 8319 Bell Creek Rd 23116 and meet in front of the Subway at 9:50 am.

October 29 (Thursday) Torry Ridge - South of Waynesboro (B/2)

Jack Martin (678-8083 or rjmartinii@gmail.com) Start at White Rock Gap off the Blue Ridge Parkway, pass a waterfall, hike along mountain crests, through Sherando Lake Campground (See "Hiking Upward" for complete description). Bring water and lunch. Meet at I-64 West Exit 167 Oilville Park and Ride at 8:00 am.

October 31 (Saturday) Moorman's River (B/3)

Jim Hunt (hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com or 804-730-2364) This 8 mile hike is described in the PATC's Circuit Hikes in Shenandoah National Park. We start down the easy Moorman's River trail then climb out of the valley on the Turk Branch Trail. After lunch we come back on a pleasant section of the AT. Not too strenuous. A Saturday walk in the woods. Bring National Park pass if available. Contact Jim for meeting time and location. This hike would be a good start of your weekend follow by the Halloween Hoot at our shelter.

October 31 (Halloween) to November 1 (Saturday to Sunday) Halloween Hoot (B/3)

Mike Shelor trailguymike@aol.com Come join Mike on one of the great ODATC overnight events at our shelter. The Halloween Hoot is always a good time and it nice to be in the woods. E-mail Mike for details.

Upcoming Programs - Sue Kropp, Contributor

September 8, 2015 – This will be our first meeting at the Science Museum of Virginia. We are honored to have a special guest speaker to kick off our new location and new meeting date. Ralph White, the former director of the James River Parks System in Richmond will be speaking on the Parks of Australia. Get ready for some fascinating photos of the beautiful Australian parks and outback scenery. Come join us at our new meeting location, The Discovery Room at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 West Broad Street, Richmond VA 23220-2057. Snacks to share are always welcome. Join us at 6:30 for some socializing time before the meeting begins. For more information contact Sue Kropp at: odatc.programs@gmail.com.

November 10, 2015 - David Spears, the State Geologist since 2009 will speak on the geology of western Virginia specifically as it relates to the Appalachian Trail. Geology controls the topography, and therefore played a large role in the location of the trail. This is our opportunity to find out what lies below our feet (besides rocks, lots of rocks). A meeting not to miss. We will also be electing the new 2016 Board members!

All general club meetings are now being held on the second Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November at The Virginia Science Museum located at 2500 West Broad Street, Richmond VA 23220-2057.

The meetings officially begin at 7PM, but members are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes early for socializing. Snacks to share are always welcome.

For more information contact Sue Kropp at odatc.programs@gmail.com.

Welcome to New Members

ODATC would like to recognize and welcome new members. Current club members are encouraged to welcome and get to know them better as they join us on scheduled hikes listed above.

Erin Bishop
David Lewis

Sharon Brownlee
Pamela Solomon

William Cox
Harman Zavi

Hank Harman Recognized for 75 Years



At the 2015 ATC Biennial Conference, Hank Harmon, a long standing member of ODATC, was recognized by the National Park Service for his contributions and promotion of the Appalachian Trail over the past 75 years. As the first individual to receive such a distinction, Hank was presented with a special award by Wendy Janssen, NPS Superintendent of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Present at the ceremony were Hank's children, grandchildren and several club members. Check out the home page of the club website for pictures of this event.

His connection to the trail started at the age of 15 when Hank began planning his first section hike after contacting the PATC headquarters for maps and information about trail conditions. Following his hike, he provided a very detailed report of the trail conditions which ultimately led to his becoming the youngest club member and the start of his long relationship with the AT. It took 30 years of section hiking for Hank to complete the entire Appalachian Trail, with about 75% of those hikes completed with his children. An accomplishment many of us only dream of achieving.

Hank has been a member of the ATC since 1946; he also continued to maintain his membership with PATC, and then joined ODATC in the early 1970's. He has held several ODATC Board positions including president. He is also a distinguished member of ODATC. While his role in club management and leadership has changed over the years, Hank is a regular at club meetings. He continued to lead hikes along the trail as well as several signature hikes still being offered by close friends. At the 2015 conference, Hank gave a presentation entitled "How we old timers hiked" by Awesome Gramps. It was quite entertaining and very well attended. We are fortunate that he will give this presentation to ODATC members at the January club meeting.

One last tidbit about this amazing individual, he celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends while attending the conference.

Congratulations, Hank!!!

ODATC BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

Nominees for the 2016-2017 Board of Directors have been selected for the following positions. The club membership will vote on the nominees at the November general meeting.

President	–	David Grimes
Treasurer	–	Jack Martin
Secretary	–	Sue Kropp
Membership	–	John Spindler
Programs	–	David Olli
Activities	–	Jim Hunt and Ted McGarry

Nominees are still being sought for the ODATC Board positions: Land Management, Outreach and Newsletter. The term for each position is 2 years and will begin in January 2016. In general, all board members are expected to attend and participate in at least 2/3rds of the board meetings which will usually be held at the Science Museum of Virginia on the second Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December; additional meetings may be scheduled depending on need. Time commitment will vary based on the position. Having access to email and a computer are necessary for most positions and board communications. Several positions have the flexibility to develop committees and/or solicit volunteers to assist with implementing position duties. Below is a brief summary of some of primary responsibilities.

Land Management – individual manages the monitoring of the Blue Ridge Parkway/AT corridor boundary; reporting any land management problems, intrusions, or agreement violations to the Board, ATC VARO office and appropriate agency partners

Outreach – individual identifies events for promoting the club and coordinates volunteers for these events; responsible for the content, reproduction and availability of club publications (other than newsletter) and the club display

Newsletter – individual responsible for producing and distributing the club newsletter (Walker) up to 6 times per year; soliciting, reviewing and approving all material included in each issue; coordinating with the Webmaster to post newsletter on website

If you would like additional information please contact the current board member (names included in the Walker), Karl Huber at trail.landmgmt@gmail.com or Theresa Duffey at odatc.president@gmail.com.

2015 ODATC Board of Directors

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Board meetings are typically held the first Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October, and December. Meeting dates are occasionally changed so please contact the president for times and location. All meetings are open to the membership.

Lest we forget...

The ODATC Mission

- The construction and maintenance of foot trails for hikers, including the trail between Reeds Gap and Rockfish Gap.
- The provision of excursions on such trails or other areas
- Offering educational activities related to the need for preserving the great outdoors.

ODATC and ATC

ODATC is a maintenance club and a member of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC). Annual dues are \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families. Lifetime memberships are available for \$250. Renewals are due annually based upon the month you joined. Renewals and applications for membership can be processed online. If you prefer the USPS, forms for renewal and application may be printed from the website. If you are interested in becoming a member of the ATC you can call (304) 535-6331, ext. 119, e-mail them at membership@appalachiantrail.org or use this link to their website: <http://www.appalachiantrail.org/donate/join-renew>.

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Club member stories and photos are welcome!

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