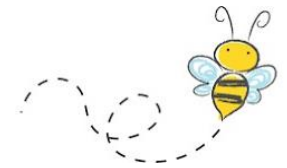




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Brenda's Buzz

Hi Airstream Family!

My name is Brenda Schultz, and I am the new president of the MN Airstream Unit.

I am excited for the 2022-2023 Airstream year. I hope all of you are too. We have a few things set up to get on your calendars. Beginning on November 6, 2022 we have a lunch and theater at Old Log Theater. There is still time to register if you have not. Cordell Woods is the organizer. The cutoff date is Oct. 15th. Our Christmas party is December 10th. We could use a few more volunteers to help. Call Bob Petersen to volunteer. In the past we have had both a Valentine's luncheon and a St. Patrick's Day Party. If these are things you would like to organize, give me a call. More details will be coming regarding Rallies. If you have ideas for any of them, give the organizer a call.

If you are ever interested in organizing a rally that is possible! Also, there is something called a tag-a-long. This is where you are going camping and when you make the reservation you may ask how many sites are available for that time. You then ask other Airstreamers to join you. I just learned about another type of rally called a "Buddy Rally". This is where you set up a rally and people can invite a "buddy" with an S.O.B to join us. (S.O.B. means Some other Brand).

At the Installation Business meeting we discussed contributing to the community we are rallying in. A committee was formed and will come back with a recommendation.

Minnesota has started an international Intra club called Future Streamers. We are hoping to bring in more of our families with children and make rallies more accessible for them. Misti Roach put in many hours to make this happen and we are all grateful for her work!

Minnesota Unit Website

<https://airstreamclub.org/minnesota>

Region 7 Website

<https://airstreamclub.org/members/region-07>

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Before owning an Airstream, my husband, Bart and I never towed a thing! We tent camped a few times when the kids were younger. I would say that floating on air mattresses in your tent, and spending most of the night escorting kids to the bathroom, was not our idea of fun. As it turned out, the kids were involved in so many activities, and we had so many commitments that life went on without camping. And then the kids all left the nest! We began looking at campers, beginning with the tear drop (Yes, the bed on wheels with the kitchen set up outside), and ending with a 19-foot Bambi. She was cute as a bug but not meant for comfortably sleeping two taller people AND getting up in the middle of the night. We now have a 25-foot Flying Cloud, and we love her. Her name is Quaesitor, which is Latin for "Seeker".

Who knew there was an Airstream Club before you owned an Airstream? Not us! Who knew there was a Minnesota Airstream Park? Not us, until we got our airstream home, and the driveway was too steep to get the trailer up. Long story, short, Terry and Steve Pflighaar rented next to us at the MN Airstream Park and told us about the Airstream Club and we were in.

We love the club and have met many friends. It truly feels like a family when we are together. I just heard a speaker ask and answer the question, what is the opposite of Love? It is not, hate. It is indifference. My mind went to the Airstream Club because from my perspective, I see a great group of people who are making a difference in this world. They are people who make a difference in how they treat other people, animals and this earth. The MN Airstream Club members make a difference in how they contribute their talents, time and resources.

So, let's get out and Make a Difference. The world needs us!

Peace,

Brenda

Ps - Of course, I hope that you will join us and get involved in volunteering your ideas, time and enthusiasm for upcoming activities.

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Terry's Tidings

Hi Minnesota Airstream Club,

This is my final "Terry's Tidbits". I finished my year, and our new president, Brenda Schultz is already charging ahead. She is a warm, friendly, and fun person, and very talented and enthusiastic too. I just love her, and I know her year as president will be an exceptional year for all of us!

So, I have one more story for all of you, and I promise, it relates to what I'm going to say:

When I was a library manager, I faced what many in middle management experience. Our library cut open hours, staff hours were cut, and I was tasked with creating a biweekly schedule to accommodate all of the changes. On top of that, I cared about my staff members' family lives, so I was also trying to work with their wished-for days off. Now, some days I think I *might* have a bit of brain power, but this one stumped me for hours. I just could not see how to make it all work! Seeking a fresh setting, I took it out of my office to the front desk where one of my assistants, Molly, was checking in books.

I grumbled a bit, and she asked,

"Can I take a look?"

I kid you not—within five minutes, her pencil was flying, and within fifteen minutes, the whole schedule was in order! I was elated, I was amazed, I was thrilled! And, though I had always tried to tap into the abilities of my staff, I learned more fully that two heads are better than one. We all have unique talents and abilities and training, and things that just make sense (or *not*, in my case!) to our particular brains.

No matter your place in life, it's all about teamwork, my friends.

As I look over this past year, I want to thank all of the incredible people whose teamwork helped make it a success. This club really is a team effort!

- To Brenda Schultz, Sharon Ramler, and Carry Ensign, thank you for creating a wonderful **Holiday party last December**. It was so fun and well-planned.
- Chuck and Joy Dodd hosted our annual **Valentine's Day Luncheon in February**. Thank you!!
- The **Spring Rally was in Fairmont, MN this year**. We had fun exploring the area, and competing in our "Bacon Fest". So many of you participated, helped with cleanup and cooking during that, and our pancake breakfast. Wow, many hands make light work! Thank you all!
- Pamela Rawn planned and carried out the **Northfield City Rally**. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, but boy, did I hear nothing but great things about it! This was our first ever city rally, and it was a rousing success. Thank you, Pamela (and friends who helped her)!
- Thank you to Pete Yanke for planning the caravan route to the **International Rally in Maine** this year. Thank you, Verne Bob Peterson for leading that caravan, and getting everyone there safely. That was the biggest WBCCI International rally since 2007, and was so informative and fun! I highly recommend you attend one. It's a great way to see the bigger picture of this huge club we belong to, and to make friends all over North America (and Europe, when they attend!). Next year's International rally is in Wyoming, much closer to home.

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- Just last weekend, September 23-25, Steve Pflgebraar hosted our **Fall Installation Rally** in Biwabik, to coincide with their Honktober Fest. It was very well attended, and we enjoyed the cute Bavarian town in the Iron Range. We even had some of our Canadian members from Winnipeg and Portage La Prairie come down, and they were a hoot! Thank you, Steve for making such a fun rally for us! Thanks to all who helped: to Carry Ensign for helping wherever she could and for taking photos; to Dave and Tessa Holtegaard for treating us all to Betty's Pies after our pizza supper; and to all who made it a huge success.
- **One more set of thank-yous:** I watch Steve work so hard as our Treasurer, because I live with him. I had no idea it took so many volunteer hours to do that job, and he does it with competence and a cheerful attitude. While I don't live with THEM, I can well imagine that the following members are working just as hard:
 - Chris Olsson (our webmaster and newsletter editor, and now Region 7 1st VP!),
 - Kay Olsson (our Recording Secretary, and, with her Chris, was my advisor and encourager all year!),
 - Pete Yanke (Trustee, and another invaluable font of wisdom for me),
 - Sharon Ramler (Trustee and encourager),
 - Chuck Dodd (Past President and Trustee),
 - Joy Dodd (our Corresponding Secretary), and
 - Daryl Herrmann (our Membership Chairperson). Thank you to all of you.

Thanks again for a great year, for making this easy and fun for me, and for being a part of this fine club!

See you soon,

And please keep those belly pans parallel to the pavement!

Terry



New Officers

If you look at page 1, our MN Airstream Club Officers for 2022-2023 are listed. A big Thank-you to everyone on that list! A couple of changes from the previous year to point out:

Pamela Rawn is our 2nd VP.

Bryon Day has stepped forward to be our 3rd VP.

Cordell Woods is a new Trustee this year, replacing Sharon Ramler who has served the maximum 2 consecutive terms.

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Welcome New MN Airstream Club Members

Kent & Mary Johnston #05846 – Elk River, MN

Lisa & Henry Perez #05976 – Lino Lakes, MN

Viki & Mark Brekke #06377 – Elbow Lake, MN

Diane & Dan Berg #31416 – Plymouth, MN

Molly Boot & Julie Neal #26910 – Minneapolis, MN

Patricia & Mark Hawkins #21486 – Box Elder, SD

Richard Sovada #22025 – St. Cloud, MN

Theresa Mustonen & Daniel Guck #06458 – Baxter, MN

LeAnn & Donald Zogg #06502 – North Oaks, MN

Michelle Ellis & Mike LaBean #10615 – Mondovi, WI

Tim Woodford #07200 – North Saint Paul, MN

Timothy Lynaugh #20547 – Cambridge, MN

Kevin & Maureen Farrell #07619 – Chaska, MN

Erik & Colette Lee #06847 – Portage la Prairie, MB Canada

Steven Borchardt #21153 – Rochester, MN

Dylan Dean & Marian Hagerman #09388 – Minneapolis, MN

Barbera & Dave Tuttle #08216 – Grand Marias, MN

Mark & Kris Kuhn #15337 – Maple Grove, MN

Jim & Charlene Ackley #06627 – Plymouth, MN

Please extend a warm welcome to our new members when you see them!

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2022 - 2023 MN Airstream Club Schedule

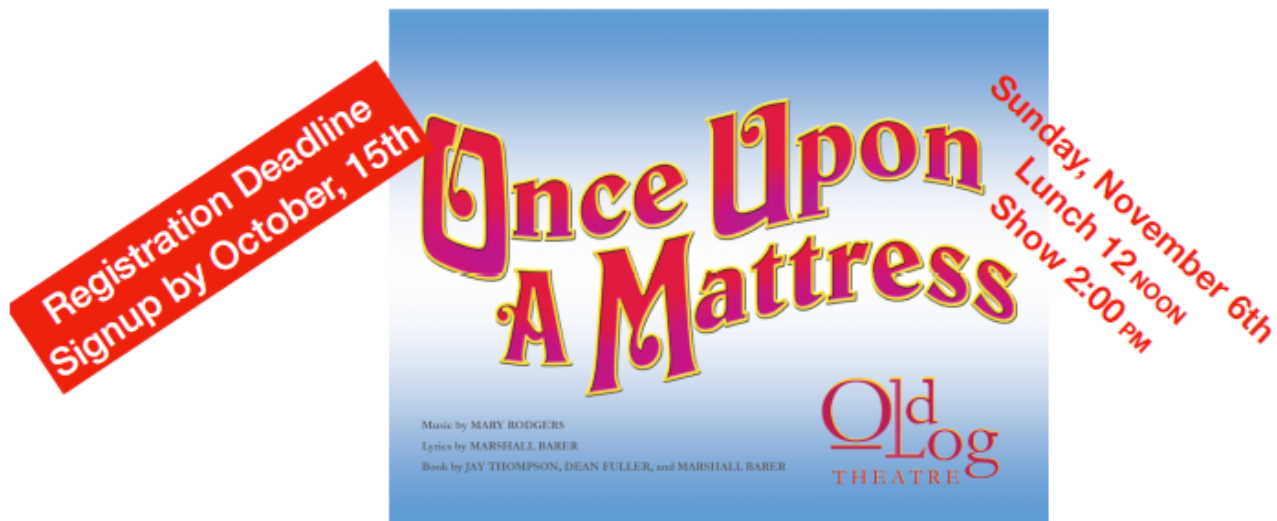
Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
Left Behind Party	Old Log Theatre	Nov 6, 2022	Cordell Woods
	Join us for lunch and a show! See page 8 for more information		
Holiday Dinner	Dehn's Country Manor	Dec 10, 2022	Vernon Petersen
	Link to online information and Registration form: https://form.jotform.com/222686979732171		
Valentine's Luncheon	TBD	Feb TBD	TBD
	(Looking for a volunteer to organize)		
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon	TBD	Mar TBD	TBD
	(Looking for a volunteer to organize)		
Spring Rally	Sylvan Park Campground Lanesboro, MN	May 13 - 14, 2023	Brenda Schultz
Caravan to International	TBD	Leave MN Approx June 17 th	
International Rally	Rock Springs Wyoming	June 14 - 30, 2023	

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Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
Duluth Rally	Indian Point Campground	July 27 - 30, 2023	Richard Narum
Northfield Rally	Northfield, MN	Aug TBD	Pamela Rawn
Fall Installation Rally	MN Airstream Park Clear Lake, MN	Sept 7 - 10, 2023	Brenda Schultz

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Old Log Theatre is proud to present **Once Upon a Mattress**, a musical comedy parody revealing the back stories absent from Hans Christian Anderson's beloved fairy tale, **Princess and the Pea**.



With music by Mary Rodgers, lyrics by Marshall Barer, and book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer, *Once Upon a Mattress* opened on Broadway in 1959, starring Carol Burnett in her Broadway debut. Both the show and Burnett were Tony nominees.

A royal minstrel reveals to the audience that the princess and pea story they've all heard wasn't exactly what happened – he was there and has first-hand knowledge.

Queen Aggravain decreed no couples could marry until her son, Prince Dauntless, found a bride. Princesses came from far and wide to win the hand of the prince, but none could pass the impossible tests given to them by the Queen. That is, until the “shy” swamp princess, Winnifred the Woebegone, showed up. Would she be able to pass the Sensitivity Test, marry her prince, and help Lady Larkin and Sir Harry to the altar?

\$60/person
Includes show, meal, tax, & tip
\$34.50/person for show only

For more information contact:
Cordell Woods
cordellwoods169@gmail.com
(320) 533-0533 (voice & text)

- Menu choices are as follows:
 - Bone-out Short Rib with mashed potatoes, green beans, and au jus
 - Chicken Breast with roasted red potatoes, green beans, and a sherry cream sauce
 - Vegetarian pasta made with house marinara and fresh vegetables.

**Lunch includes dinner rolls, dessert, coffee/tea, and soft drinks. Bar service is available at your own cost.*

OLD LOG THEATRE
5185 Meadville St.
Excelsior, MN 55331

Here's the link to the Registration:
<https://airstreamclub.org/old-log-theatre-once-upon-mattress>
Registration is limited to the first 40 tickets sold.

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Northfield Rally 2023

Date TBD



We had such a great time at our first urban rally in Northfield last summer that we're going to try it again! So, if you wanted to attend but didn't or if you want to do it again, keep August 2023 in mind and stay tuned for details... we'll let you know as soon as we know more!

Pamela Rawn

2022 MN Airstream Club Fall/Installation Rally

All,

Thank you all for attending the rally this fall. From what I hear, all had a great time. The rain for the most part held off, only one night we were not able to have a fire; Saturday. By the time we got back to camp after dinner most of us were tired anyhow.

I think from my observation that the highlights were the pizza and pie party (again thank you Dave & Tesa). The club winning all the axes at the Honktoberfest, Chris and Kay's presentation, fried bread from the Ramler's Saturday morning is impossible to not enjoy and of course just being together. I am amazed at how we like sheep want to be together and just find our way into each other hearts. In such a very short time we all get attached and start asking "when we will see each other again." How wonderful to let the cares of the world for a weekend rest alone at home. The Canadians made their way south for the rally, what a pleasure it was to have them with us. We also had several new rally attenders; I sure hope you had fun and find your way back. I think we had almost 30 units. One unit called in last minute and Peter our camp host found them a spot.

We had two of our biggest rallies in long time in Fairmont and Biwabik, Terry created a lot of momentum in 2022. Brenda is not short on energy the transition will be smooth and show the same energy. Brenda has 2023 planned so make sure you get her schedule and start blocking off dates.

See you soon,
Steve Pflagher

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Pictures from the Fall Installation Rally

By Carry Ensign

Installation of Officers

New President Brenda Schultz being given oath of office by Chris Olsson.



President Brenda Schultz

1VP Vernon Bob Petersen

2nd VP Pamela Rawn

3rd VP Bryon Day

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Presenting officer flags by Terry.

Pizza Night!

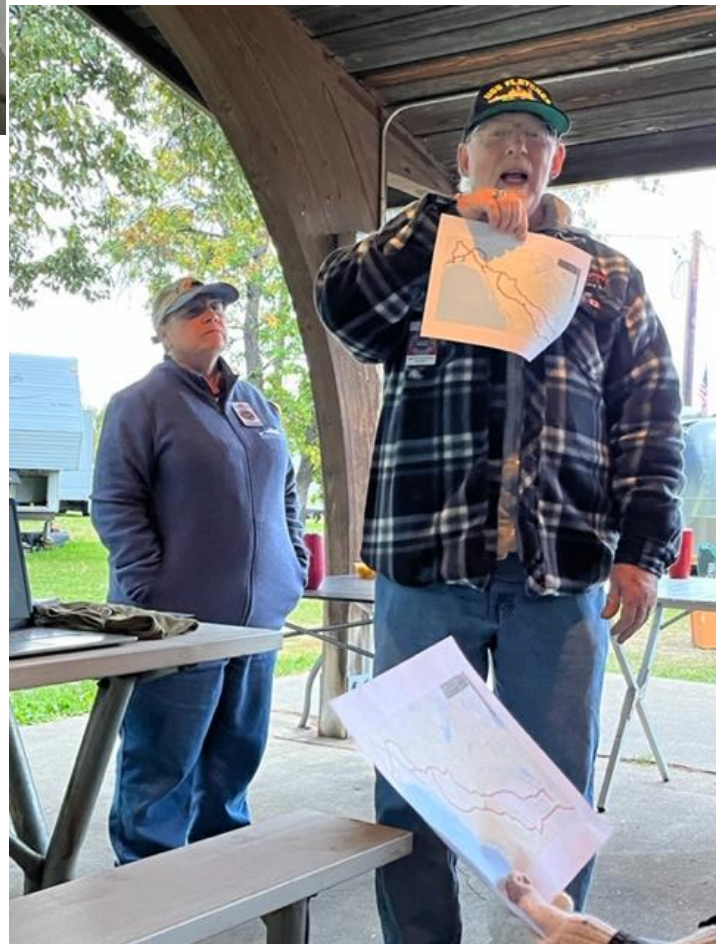


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And Pies!!!

Kay and Chris Olsson talked about their Alaska Trip. My mouth open (as per usual). Fortunately, no pics of me stuffing my mouth... 😊



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A couple of pics from dinner at the Northern Divide Bar & Eatery



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Does it look better on
Brenda or Bart?



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Gary Burnham spent hours getting a night picture of the milky way over the lake at the campground.

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If you were wondering...

Got a question about the Wally Byam Airstream Club (aka, WBAC or WBCCI) or the MN Airstream Club? Wondering who you can talk to? These wonderful people are more than happy to hear from you and help answer your questions. Please feel free to email them. Your question may be forwarded to and answered by another member on the MN Airstream Club.

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Newsletter Editor Ramblings

As many of you know, Kay and I took a trip-of-a-lifetime bucket list item and went on the North to Alaska Caravan this year. Or very first caravan, with 28 other Airstreams. And we had a blast! We both highly recommend the caravan, but you do need to be a prepared for being in very remote areas with no cell service or wifi, and for some pretty rough roads. The scenery and vistas were well worth the trip and the repairs we have to make to our trailer.

I think we can credit the trip and rough roads to only a couple of repairs we need to make. One is our striker plate for the door broke. Not only ours, but there were three other 1972 trailers on the caravan, and all three ended up with broken striker plates. The temporary fix was to buy a household striker plate and attach it to the frame. A more permanent fix will happen this Fall or next Spring.



Another problem many people had was popped rivets. I think we only had 5 or 6 total pop the heads off, all inside our trailer. And 4 of them were on trim pieces. One of our travel companions commented one evening that it was good day as they only popped 2 rivets! Come to find out, they had been popping 5 to 7 rivets each day when we had really rough roads to drive.

But, I don't want to scare anyone from making the trip! Just be prepared with a supply of rivets, more tools than you think you'll need, and if you're really paranoid like us, bring extra tires for both your trailer and truck. So, we had a mounted spare for the trailer, a mounted spare for the truck, and then an unmounted tire for each. Thought process was it would be easier to find a place to mount the tires on the rims if we needed to, rather than find a new trailer or truck tire in some the remote areas. Plus, there are always pretty good mechanics on this caravan, and they are more than happy to help when things broke.

Speaking of tires, there were a total of 3 flats on the entire trip. And we had two of them! The first one was actually not a tire leak, but the steel rim (wheel) developed a pinhole leak, which is almost never heard of on rim that's not rusty. And ours are not rusty. Fortunately, the campground in White Horse had a tire shop on site. We were very fortunate that they had a used rim to replace our bad rim so we had a mounted spare tire for the trailer again.

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Our second flat occurred after the caravan was over. We picked up a screw on the rear tire on the starboard side (door side) of the trailer on our way to Banff. Learned something with this flat. I had bought a new tire repair kit before the trip (another paranoid planning thing). Only to learn that using it on a trailer tire is impossible (at least for me). I have used them on car tires in the past, but trying to push the plug through the 4 steel belts in a trailer tire is something I could not accomplish. So, we swapped it out for the spare and made it home ok with no other tire issues. When I brought the tire in to my local mechanic to get patched, he told me that the "off-the-shelf" patch kits you can buy at an auto parts store are not good for trailer tires because of the 4 or more steel belts. He has a much better tool that he uses, which he did not want to sell to me...

Here's the used rim we bought in White Horse. Lovely color scheme (red primer and white). But, it's actually very pretty since it got us home! It has since been replaced with a new black rim that matches the blue rim (or it will once we paint it blue).



The only other flat was the lone 34-foot (3 axel) trailer in our caravan. They picked up a screw in the sidewall of one of the center tires. So, that's not patchable. We were in Prince George then, so he bought a new tire at the local Canadian Tire store and had it mounted.

If you weren't at the Fall Rally, you missed seeing the Alaska, Yukon, and British Columbia dust and dirt that were all over the truck and our Airstream. The truck has since been washed, and Little Girl (Airstream) will get a bath in the next couple of days. Waiting for a warmer sunny afternoon to bathe her.

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Some random pictures on the next couple of pages.

At the start of the Alaska Highway. Took us a week to get here.



End of the Alaska Highway.



Milage summary of our trip - door to door.



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We did see higher gas prices. Getting gas was never a problem, and we stopped looking at how much it cost after a couple of weeks. This was by Fort Nelson, BC.

Most roads were actually pretty good. It was amazing to see scenery like this, and then you go around a curve in the road, and there's a whole new fabulous vista to take in. This is on the way to Toad River, BC.



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We took plane trip to north of the Arctic Circle and toured Wiseman for a couple of hours. Then flew back to Fairbanks. This was not part of the caravan, but a side trip we booked.



To get from Dawson City, BC to Chicken, AK via the Top of the World Highway, you have to cross the river using the ferry. 2 Airstreams at a time. Took well over 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours to get everyone across.

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Two pictures from the Top of the World Highway. We have more pics we can share if there is interest.

Until next time, safe travels.

Chris

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