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Upcoming Events

(Click on event title to go directly to our website for more information and to register or <u>here for all events</u>.)

March Luncheon March 29, 2025 WISC-UP Luncheon Stone Porch Alehouse Verona, WI Hosts Ginny Janssen & Bill Scheuerell (BRN 3649)

Driftless Outing/Rally May 29 - June 1 Viroqua, WI Hosts Jim Guthrie & Joanne Peterson (BRN 11970)

A Message from President Morten Lindstad BRN 1636



Happy Spring.!?

Today we have snow and yesterday we had 58 degrees. Ok it's too early to take the Airstream out of the garage, and where would we go anyway?

Winter is still here, and I received the familiar notes to renew the Wisconsin License Plates. I'm happy to see it is only \$15 and has not gone up for many years. Did you remember to renew you Airstream Club membership?? WISC-Up is only \$10.

Jan and I enjoyed hosting the February lunch at HI-WAY Harry's in Johnson Creek. We were 29 Airstreamers, but no

shining rigs in the parking lot. The restaurant hostess was disappointed, she had hoped to see the inside of an Airstream. I told her we will stop by this summer when we travel to a Rally.

It was a pleasure to meet Chris and Wendy Brown who are



Chris & Wendy Brown BRN 21124



Future Streamers Rally Rio, WI June 19 - 22, 2025 Hosts Stephanie & Zachary Lee (BRN 8583) <u>Click here for more</u> <u>information!</u>

<u>Festival of Sail Duluth</u> Duluth, MN July 10 - 13, 2025 Hosts Jane and Greg Hyer (BRN 4297)

2025 International Rally York, Pennsylvania York Expo Center August 23 - 28, 2025 Registration Link Here

2025 MN Airstream Club & Region 7 Fall Rally Wildwood RV & Campground Shafer MN September 11 - 14, 2025 Host Pam Rawn (BRN 9757)



A Message from President Morten Lindstad (Cont.)

BRN 1636

new members from Waukesha and Constance Prouty is a new member from Reedsburg. Yes, it's a familiar name, she is the sister of Steve Prouty.

The next luncheon is Saturday March 29 in Verona, hosted by Ginny Janssen & Bill Scheuerell. Please sign up at the <u>Wisc-UP</u> <u>web site</u> so the restaurant can plan for how many guests will be there. My son is getting his black belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu that day, so Jan and I will miss this get together.



Constance Prouty BRN 7072

This year's first rally will be in Viroqua hosted by Joanne Peterson and Jim Guthrie, last year's president. They hosted a very nice rally at the same fairground in May 2022. The fairground is central in town with walking distance to shops, restaurants and a large used books store.

On the business side we must revise the club's Constitution (states who we are) Bylaws (states what we do) and Policies (states how we do it). This must be done every 5th year to align with WBCCI and maintain our Non-Profit status. To lead this work we need a chairperson on the Constitution and Bylaw Committee. Why not YOU?

If you have experience working with legal documents, please consider this and let me know if YOU are willing to be a candidate.

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Membership News



Pattie Cook BRN 22562 Pattie is our Membership

Her email is:

Chair.

pattiejcook@gmail.com

Here are the latest new members of the Wisc-UP! Welcome!

Pattie 👇

Briggs Colin and Nikki Larson BRN 17073 Mount Pleasant, WI

Tim and Ruth Lewis BRN 2068 Hudson, WI

Kenneth and Karen Renner BRN 1121 Green Bay, WI

Cheryl Vogel BRN 24111 New Holstein, WI

Sheri and Korey Wagner BRN 3421 Fond du Lac, WI

A Message from President Morten Lindstad (cont.)

BRN 1636

Most club activities are listed on the <u>Wisc-UP website</u> so check it out occasionally. We have some great rallies planned for this summer, but we can always have more!

If you plan a camping trip somewhere why not invite the rest of us? You know it's a nice group of people and they will really appreciate seeing YOU.

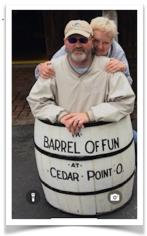
Thank you to all the volunteers who keep this club going! Morten.

Message From the Editors

Sandy & Ed Emerick

BRN 4425

This photo was taken at one of my favorite amusement parks, Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio. We would go there when I was a kid, the night before going was like the night before Christmas. That excitement never has left me, I love that place. We would take the kids there with the Airstream and spend a week enjoying the park and



the Lake Erie shore. My oldest daughter worked there while she was in college and we would visit twice a summer. The campground is great, big sites, big pool, walking distance into the park and it was clean, very clean. I got up one morning and found a young man cleaning out my grill from the night's cookout and dusting off the spiderwebs from our lamp post. It

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From left to right; Terri Hix, Kathy & Gary Anderson and Past President Jim Guthrie enjoying last month's Wisc-Up luncheon.

Editor's Note: I apologize for missing this in the last issue. I was told my punishment was to post a flamingo, it was stolen.



Ed's fish tattoo turns out to be a bit too realistic.

Message From the Editors

Sandy & Ed Emerick (Cont.)

BRN 4425

is by far the nicest campground I can remember staying at (other than Breckinridge CO).

So why you ask am I going down memory lane....

Like me, I bet you have a place that you just love to go. That place that the night before going on the trip you can't sleep because of the overwhelming excitement. I know you have that one place, and our members need to know about it!

So here comes the sales pitch, put the pen to the paper or the ink in the pen (If you do that you are really old!) and tell us about your favorite Streaming place. Our members are always looking for adventure and you can make that happen by sharing. Tell us where to go! Be kind!

As we head into rally season, I need some rally reporters. Please don't make me beg, or threaten, or make stuff up, be

a volunteer rally reporter. Our members need to know and only you can make that happen.

Also as you know we will publish anything you send including a random box of springs. The next newsletter cut off is May 10, 2025. Send us your stuff; travel stuff, where to go, something for sale, repairs, hobbies, anything you want. Send us stuff and we will make you famous.



Jim Guthrie's spring collection, photo courtesy of Joanne Peterson

Thanks for supporting your local Wisc-UP newsletter!

ACI Fly Fishing Intra-Club

Provided by Chris Olsson (BRN 7827)



Anthony Robbins from Region 3 (North Carolina) is forming a new Fly Fishing Intra-club. One of the requirements for starting an Intra-club is that he needs 4 officers (President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer) and 10 charter members. If you are interested in joining this new intra-club, please email me (<u>cwolsson@comcast.net</u>) and I will forward your contact information to Anthony.

Safe Travels,

Chris Olsson

MN Airstream Club Webmaster & Region 7 President

New Member Spotlight John & Peggy Lonergan (BRN7256)

Peggy and I are from Neosho Wisconsin. We have three adult children and 10 grandchildren. Like many of you, we have been camping since our childhood days. We started in a tent, moved up to a pop-up, then a travel trailer and now our dream of an Airstream.

Last summer we purchased a used 2017 30' Classic named "Winston" (Peggy and I met at Winston Park Jr High). Our first major trip with Winston was to Savannah Georgia this past January. It was a great trip until the last few days. We started home a few days early to miss the 6" of snow they had. We could have stayed in Wisconsin for that!

Looking forward to more trips and experiencing a local rally.

John & Peggy Lonergan



Happy Birthday Pearl Adams -Kyle! (BRN 232)

Help me wish Pearl Adams -Kyle a Happy Birthday! I believe Pearl is the longest tenured member of Wisc-UP and I know one of the first people we met when we joined the club in 1998.

Pearl has been the Wisc -Up and Region 7 President and has led many caravans with her husband Fred Adams. Happy Birthday Pearl we wish you many more!

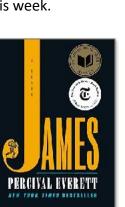


Our Member Are Readers

Books I Would Recommend

By Kurt Jorgensen (BRN 6104)

Two books to recommend, both I finished this week.



#1. "James" by

Percival Everett. Fictional novel with the story of Huckleberry Finn but told from the perspective of the slave, James, whom accompanied Huck on his trip on the raft on the Mississippi River.

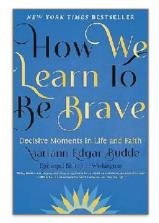
#2. "How We Learn to be Brave" by Mariann Edgar Budde who achieved some fame or notoriety recently, depending on your political perspective, within her perspective as the current Episcopal Bishop in the Washington DC area. Good book. She is not afraid to talk about her failures, and growth, in both her leadership and

personal life. The book may be





more about leadership than courage and bravery, but then, the two often go together.



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Did you know it snows in the UP in the Winter?

By Jane Carmichael (BRN 219)

The rear end of my 2019 28' FC Airstream in Marquette, MI last week. 20.4" of snow in 24 hours set a record.

We are in Arizona and have forgotten how to shovel....

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The truck and 30' FC belong to Misti and Mark Roach, Minnesota Airstream Club, who stopped by for a wild night with sons Jackson (L) and Will (R)

That's why we winter in Arizona!







Here is a photo of Eddy Klein in front of the Lake Havasu City, AZ courtesy parking spot next to the home we rent.

New Member Spotlight John and Sheri Cujak (BRN 20164)

Hello, we are John and Sheri Cujak. We have a Yorkshire terrier, Piper, who is 11 years old. We have two grown children, Molly(23) and Alex(21). We have a 2020 Airstream Caravel 16RB which we purchased used in May 2023 from a nice couple in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was one of three in the nation that fit our requirements. We



are ACI Members (BRN 20164) since October of 2024, and Harvest Host members since June 2023.

We have enjoyed boondocking in some awesome locations such as South Dakota National Grasslands



(the Wall), many wineries, upper Michigan, and small off-the-beaten-path campgrounds. Even a friend's farmland. We have a March 2025 trip planned to tour the Airstream mothership in Jackson Center, OH. We will be camping at Road America for the Indycar race in June and a week at Arbor Vitae campground in August.

I have a business that helps people save money for retirement, and Sheri is a high school English teacher(retiring this year). Because I love my wife, we did upgrade from a Teardrop

camper I built in 2016-2017. She wanted a bathroom.(Hehehe). I have 3D printed a full-size R2-D2 unit from the OG Star Wars movies--yes, some people are too young to know who he is!

We look forward to meeting folks from the WISC-UP Unit of the Airstream Club!

Improvements: 290 Watts of solar, Victron charger, MPPT 100/30, Smartshunt, Cerbo GX with Touch 50 display, 200 Ah of SOK Lithium batteries, RV Snap pads, Avalon King Ceramic Coating, Dashcam, security cameras, RUUVI Tags to monitor temps, Mopeka Propane Level sensors and many more small improvements.





Our Members' Travels

Wintering In Arizona

By Mike Cooney (BRN 21412)



Having grown weary of Wisconsin winters, we packed it up to head southwest to Tucson, AZ in early January. Winter storms caused us to rethink the route. We decided to head south as far as possible before turning west. This got us to Dallas just in time for the massive ice storm that brought the city to its knees for a day. We took the Ice Day as a down day and got the trailer de-winterized before continuing on.

After spending a few days with friends from Green Bay in Las Cruces, NM, we began the final leg of our journey enroute to Casa Grande, AZ. The city is about 50 miles south of Phoenix and 50 miles north of Tucson.

The Palm Creek RV Resort & Residences is our winter residence from January 15th until the third week of April. We discovered the park last year when, while passing nearby, we remembered that fellow Wisc-Up'ers Kelly and Pam Meer were wintering there. We called them and were told there was a nice site next door to theirs that was available. We booked it for two weeks last year and for a little over 3 months this year. And like last year, the Meers are our neighbors again this year.

Here's a link to Sun Resorts and Residences.

There is a lot to do both on-site and within a 50-mile radius. The site itself has golf, pickleball, tennis, swimming pools, a bistro, and more. Mary has been taking up silversmithing, some pottery, and woodworking. She has facilities to master. We routinely play couples golf with the Meers.. Mike has a BMW motorcycle out here and takes long bike trips. Kelly Meer diagnosed the problem with our Zip Dee awning and saved us about \$2000 in repair costs once we ordered the parts and did the installation. And the Meers have introduced us to the many folks they have met during their past year's stay at the Park.

The weather in Casa Grande is grand. It is also very dry. We have had only 1/3 of one inch of rain since we arrived here. The skies are bright blue and sunny every day with highs in the mid-70s and lows to the mid 40's.

Two things that surprised us were 1) the total absence of bugs and 2) that there is never any morning dew. Or any other dew.

It has been a great winter for us. If it appeals to you too there is still space available next year. We will be glad to fill you in on the details. (Continued)

Our Members' Travels

Wintering In Arizona (Cont.)

By Mike Cooney (BRN 21412)



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We are looking forward to our return trip, the summer in WI, the early fall Caravan around the UP and hopefully a rally with the group.

PS: Just east of Tucson we came across a spectacular State of AZ campground we want to recommend highly to you. Kartchner Caverns <u>https://azstateparks.com/Kartchner</u> In addition to large, private, scenic sites there is a cave system that was only recently discovered. (1980's). It was kept secret for many years so as to prevent damage and vandalism until such time as it could be adequately protected from public intrusion of any kind. The geologic formations you can now observe are unlike anything anywhere else in the world The Kartchner family was aware of the need to protect and preserve the site but knew they needed help. The governor of Arizona at the time was an expert geologist and also recognized the the value of the site. The family turned the property over to the State to develop, protect and ultimately make available to the public. Interestingly, the two amateur spelunkers who discovered the caves while hiking around the area during their college days are still alive and occasionally lead tours themselves.

And don't forget to ask us about the Biosphere 2 which you can also visit while in the Area. Or the Titan II missile site / museum where you can descend into the missile silo, observe the 100 foot tall ICBM including the nuclear warhead in its silo, and participate in a 1960's era launch sequence from the intact launch control center.



Pam Meer, Mary Geyer-Cooney, Kelly Meer, Mike Cooney

New Member Spotlight Deb & Pat Conway (BRN 7208)

Hello New Airstream Friends:

On Halloween Day 2024, we went to the Woodland Airstream in Grand Rapids, Michigan and said, "Trick or 2023 23foot International" to fulfill a marriagelong dream of buying an Airstream! We are nearing retirement, visions of our Airstream Dream started dancing in our heads, we started following Facebook



Airstream forums, got excited, bought a Chevy Silverado, one thing led to another, and we did it. Here's another piece of the puzzle. During the first year of our marriage, we made a lifetime goal to visit all 50 National Parks. As you may know, there are currently 63 National Parks and we have visited 62 of them. We are campers and backpackers at heart. With only one National Park remaining we are looking for the next round of big adventures.

Truth be told, owning a new Airstream is a bit overwhelming right now and a big change for us. For example, last summer we finally checked off a bucket-list item and drove the Lake Superior Circle Tour – starting at our cabin in Mercer, WI and going clockwise for 10 days. We slept in a backpacking tent, car camped, ate mostly one pot meals from our trusty backpacking cook kit, and were on the move to a different campsite every day. We feel that lugging around the 6,000# International will change things a little (smiley face).

We are writing this introduction to you a week after the American Birkebeiner cross country ski race from Cable to Hayward, Wisconsin. The Birkie is an integral part of our families' lives (Pat's first Birkie was 1983) and continues to bring our family, friends, and kids together for a joyous celebration of winter and a healthy dose of up-north revelry. We love winter! When we go the Birkie, we feel that we are hanging out with "our people." Now, we our wondering if our tribe will expand to include Airstreamers. We feel we already have something in common with you – the thought/need to be part of a community with like-minded people.

We look forward to meeting you and hearing your stories. Deb will be the one mixing Brandy Old Fashions.



Airstreamers Are Cruising to Alaska!

Provided By Jane Carmichael (BRN 219)

The Airstreamers are cruising to Alaska July 4 - 11, 2025 aboard the Celebrity Edge. Info was detailed on the JOT form from Melissa Richardson, but link is no longer working at time of publication. Please contact Melissa for availability of space if you are interested.

The starting price listed (\$3705) is for 2 persons and includes the Classic beverage package, WiFi, taxes and fees. This price is locked in until March 5. Some folks are flying to Seattle and some are taking their Airstream to the Land Yacht Harbor to camp before/after the cruise. LYH has a special rate to keep your Airstream there while you cruise. More information below.

Another option for your summer travels!

Hello fellow Silver on the Seas cruisers!

We've had some recent cancellations and still have space in our group block with Celebrity Cruises so now is the time to invite your family and friends to join in the fun! All stateroom types are available: Deluxe Inside through Aqua Class Veranda, starting at \$3705.02 for two people, including refundable deposit, Classic Beverage Package, Basic wifi, and taxes & fees. We have locked in group pricing until March 5 which is WAY better than the current publicly available pricing with Celebrity Cruises. We also have room on our private excursions so no one will feel left out of the adventures!

You will receive a \$25 onboard credit for each stateroom you refer that sails with us.

Please have anyone interested in the cruise complete the Jotform (using your BRN if they don't have one and note your name in the comment box): <u>https://form.jotform.com/</u>24083779714806

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We Rally Together! Spring in Vernon County

May 29 - June 1 2025

Hosted by Jim Guthrie and Joanne Peterson. (BRN 11970)



Vernon County has a lot to offer visitors. The hilly unglaciated land features steep hills, forested ridges and deeply carved valleys, make it one of the most scenic areas in Wisconsin. It is has numerous organic and Amish owned family farms, and is the home of Organic Valley Coop.

Camping will be at the Vernon County Fairgrounds, north side of Viroqua on Hwy 14. There are up to 56 available sites, most have electric service; potable water is available at the main entrance for filling fresh tanks. A dump site is also available on site. Rally fee \$20/per adult, plus \$60 for 3 nights camping.

Friday fish fry. Sign up on the registration form so that we can give the restaurants accurate head counts. We will order off the menu.

Breakfast at the youth barn, 8 am Fri, Sat, & Sun. Please bring your own coffee.

Things to do ...

Go to the Farmers Market downtown Viroqua Saturday morning 7 to 11 am. Many Amish, organic farmers and local artisans bring in their best. Go downtown Viroqua, stop in to some of the unique and interesting shops. Visit Amish farms. We have a list of farms selling food, furniture, plants and hand made rugs and quilts. Canoe the winding Kickapoo River. Rentals are available in Ontario. Hike or bike 24 miles of off-road trails of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. Fish the many Class 1 Trout streams nearby. Visit Norskedalen, a Norwegian Nature and Heritage Cultural Center, Coon Valley. Follow the Black Hawk Trail; the route taken by the Sauk leader, Chief Black Hawk, as his people fled American soldiers in 1836. Tour The Great River Road, The Scenic Byway along the Mississippi River. Visit some of the many winery and breweries in the area. Visit Jim's favorite resale store, Trails End, aka The Amish Walmart, Cashton. Go for a long drive through the beautiful rolling hills of the Cooley region.

Have a great meal. There are several excellent restaurants in the area, including the 4 Star Driftless Cafe. (Make a reservation and see the menu for the <u>Driftless Cafe here</u>.)

Click here to Register!

WISC-UP Airstream Club

We Rally Together! Festival of Sail Duluth 2025 Rally

July 10-13, 2025.

Hosted by Jane & Greg Hyer (BRN 4297)

Avast! Me Hearties, Come Chew the Fat and Bilge.

Get your land yachts prepared and join Wisc-UP Airstreamers for a rally on the shores of the world's greatest lake. The festival draws thousands of ship-gazers to Duluth's shoreline for a parade of sails, tours, day trips, educational programing and general gawking. It's a rare chance to catch a glimpse, step aboard and even set sail on some of the grandest ships of yore and fun for the entire family. Ships can be viewed without paid passes but passes required (through festival website below) for onboard viewing or sailing. The Festival Of Sail Duluth is held on the newly constructed Harbor Plaza, located near the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC) on the shimmering shores of Lake Superior; food, beverage, historical education, entertainment and PIRATES. What could possible go wrong?

Festival Web site: www.festofsailduluth.com.

Contact Indian Point Campground in Duluth (<u>218-628-4977</u>) to reserve a site under Wisc-UP Airstream Club. A block of camp sites are reserved and **held until May 18th**. Available sites are 30 amp + water or electricity only sites. **These sites will GO QUICKLY**.

Indian Point Campground web site: www.duluthindianpointcampground.com

As part of our **Wisc-UP 4 Good project**, this Rally will support the St. Louis River Alliance. The St. Louis River Alliance is a membership organization committed to supporting the resiliency of the St. Louis River. As river stewards, they are the voice of the river, working together to protect, restore and enhance the St. Louis River. <u>https://www.stlouisriver.org/about-us</u>

GET CRACKIN' YE BLOOMIN' COCKROACHES er I'll crush ye barnacles.

More information and schedules will follow closer to date. Please contact Jane or Greg if you plan to join us.

Jane and Greg Hyer jwhyer@outlook.com or greg.hyer@wisc.edu.

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Repairs, Restorations & Cool Airstream Things

How to Choose Toilet Paper for your RV

By Kay Olsson (BRN 7827)

Ok, so I have a little bit of passion about this topic. RV toilet paper is pricey. Plus, I don't like having to go somewhere "special" to get toilet paper besides the grocery store. We are of the "flusher" philosophy regarding toilet paper. Some people garbage can it. I respect that, but I don't do it. You do have to be careful what you flush down into your black tank, though. Definitely don't flush those personal wipes that are advertised as flushable. They will flush, but they don't break apart. Anything that doesn't break apart in your tank can clog it. Not all toilet paper is made the same, either. Some papers dissolve better than others. I always test my potential trailer toilet paper prior to use in the trailer. I have discovered that even if I use the same brand year to year, I should test it annually. Why? Because manufacturers change formulations from time to time, and once it really tripped us up. We couldn't figure out why suddenly we were having issues draining our black tank. After struggling with it for a little while, I had an epiphany and tested the toilet paper I had been using for several years. Lo and behold, it didn't break apart anymore. And, that turned out to be our problem.

So, how do you test toilet paper for breakapartability? This is what I do (my mom taught me this). I take a quart jar, fill about 2/3 full of water, add about 3 squares of the toilet paper I'm testing, let it sit a minute or so, then shake it. If it turns into flakes of toilet paper in the jar, it's good for my black tank. If it stays intact, not so good. Oh, and don't go by "septic safe". I've seen some of those not break apart at all. So, I'm sure you're asking what do I use? Fiora.



This is my first example. Doesn't look bad in the jar, but as you can see from the next picture below, it didn't break apart.



I'm not using this one....



This one is very broken up.



Much better.

Happy testing!



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Region 7 President Ramblings Region 7 Rally Report

By Chris Olsson (BRN 7827)



Since the last IBT Meeting on January 23rd, we had an electronic vote to pass a resolution that extends the next Executive Council term of

office to 29 months instead of the usual 24 months. This was done to align the Executive Council terms to a calendar year. The ACI Constitution states that Executive Council terms need to align with the Financial Calendar. Since the ACI Financial Calendar was changed from August – July 31 to January 1 – December 31, the Executive Council terms needed to be adjusted. This is a one-time adjustment for the next Executive Council, which will be elected by the ACI Membership this year. So, the newly elected Executive Council members will serve from August 1, 2025, thru December 31, 2027. Future Executive Council terms will be from January to December 31 of the following year (Jan 1, 2028 – Dec 31, 2029 for example).

This does not affect the Region Presidents. The Region 7 President term of office remains Aug 1st – July 31st of the following year (2-year term).

Speaking of the Executive Council, applications for candidacy are now open. If you want to run for the ACI Executive Council, please go to the link below:

https://airstreamclub.org/IBTCandidate

If you don't know, there are 9 elected members of the Executive Council. Once the 9 members are elected, the entire IBT elects the ACI President and Vice President from the 9 elected members. The IBT consists of the 9 Executive Council members plus the 12 Region Presidents.

The next IBT Meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2025. Watch your email for information on the IBT Meeting and how to watch it live if you want to.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or something you would like me to bring to the IBT, please let me know.

Chris Olsson

R7 President

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