



The Norton Colorado

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How do YOU spell attitude?

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 11:

**Winter Banquet
Wynkoop Brewing Co.**
<http://www.wynkoop.com/>

See page 10 for details on this event!

**Saturday, March 3:
Vintage Motos Museum**

**Sunday, March 18:
Streets of London Pub
1501 E. Colfax, Denver**

The big news for February is, of course, the Winter Banquet, and Prez Bergman spells out the details on page 10. The prez has plenty to say, too, about the current status of Norton Colorado - membership, participation in events and that sort of thing on page 12. Be sure to read his "State of the Onion Address" on page 5.

For history buffs, a couple of fun puzzlers are buried elsewhere in the issue, and of course, to keep the angry braying of restless and pruriently preoccupied members to a dull roar, a bit of gratuitous nonsense is included in the mix. See you on the 11th!



Toe-Tapping at the Toad

-Eric Bergman-

Our January pub meeting was held at the Toad Tavern in Littleton. We had the place pretty much to ourselves and enjoyed a relatively relaxed and quiet gathering. Their beer taps worked, the barmaid had all the major qualifications (blond hair, big knockers, and tattoos), and the old fellow manning the kitchen cranked out some good sandwiches for us. Turnout was good, and we even had a Norton among the several motorcycles ridden. It was a very pleasant surprise to see **Ernie Fitzgerald and Trish** show up. Ernie's poor health has kept him away from many meetings that he would have loved to attend in the last couple of years. Several members vowed to be more visible this year: **Al Turner** because he is now retired ("How is it? Perfect, but a little better than that."); **Mike Klimo**, because he is again unencumbered by feminine companionship; **Matt Baroody**, who is fully recovered from his terrible crash last year on his Dunstall Commando and is planning to be the first owner of a NEW NORTON when they come on the market in Colorado.



Notorious tree-hugger Rick Black reflects happily on the bite he took out of the bark



Rode a Norton

Rick Black

Rode Something Lesser

Lee Milne (Honda)

Jo Teague (Honda)

Mike Klimo (Kawasaki)

Steve Lloyd (H-D)

Al Turner (H-D)

Matt Barody (BMW)

Got There

Bob Ohman

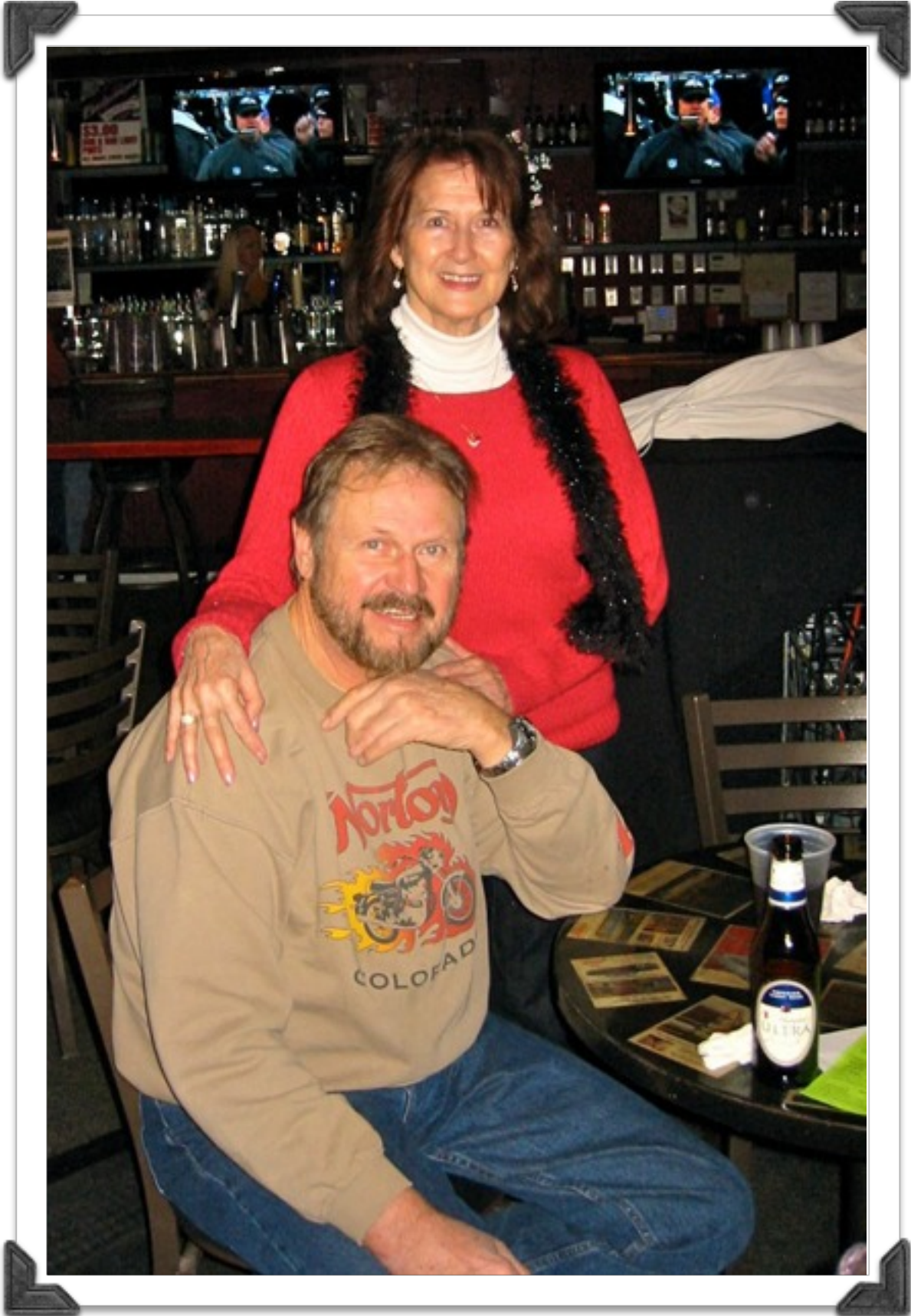
Eric Bergman

Jim Colt

Ron Pierce

Bob Martin & Sheila Wilson

Ernie Fitzgerald & Trish Sanders





State of the Onion Address

-Eric Bergman-



As the Winter Banquet marks the start of the Norton Colorado Year, it seems appropriate that I should issue a few statements regarding the club business and the overall health of the club.

The treasury is reasonably healthy. The balance as of December 30, 2011 was \$2152.28, and Charley has deposited another \$200 or so in dues payments since then. There are still about \$800 in dues payments that I expect will come in over the next few weeks. We will make something at the Banquet from sales of the calendars and other swag, and there are some costs for the Banquet that the club will bear, such as room rent and any shortfall on the food bill. When the dust has settled I expect we will go forward with a workable balance.

Membership in Norton Colorado has been rising every year lately, which is extremely gratifying. The level of participation in events is holding steady, but that means that there are more members who are not participating very often. I urge those members to come out a few times in 2012 and see if you actually enjoy the company of other members. We have a variety of events and there ought to be

something to appeal to almost anyone. The real strength of this club comes from the strong friendships that have formed between many of our members, and that cannot happen without participation in events. Give it a chance.

Bob Herman has been doing a wonderful job on the newsletter, putting out new issues on a nearly monthly basis for two years, and those issues are always filled with (to me) interesting and amusing material. If you disagree on the score, how much material have you sent Bob that he has not used? For 2012 I would like to encourage every one of you to send at least one item to Bob for the newsletter, whether it's a photo of yourself as a young dog doing something daring on a motorcycle, a review of some product you think could be of interest to other members, a tech tip, a ride report, a good joke, or even something lascivious. We do have a reputation to keep up!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers for their dedication in making Norton Colorado the best club (of any sort) that most of us have ever belonged to. It has been a pleasure working with them all, and I will be delighted to move forward with their help.

Eric



Colorado Geography Quiz of the Month



The above photo dates to the late 1800s and depicts a social event in a Colorado location that many or most Norton Colorado members likely have passed any number of times in their travels. On the next page is a photograph taken recently at exactly the same location. The first eagle-eyed member to correctly identify the location wins a copy of the best-selling novel: "*How I earned \$25,000 a month as a historian.*"

**An adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered.
An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered.**

-Gilbert K. Chesterton-



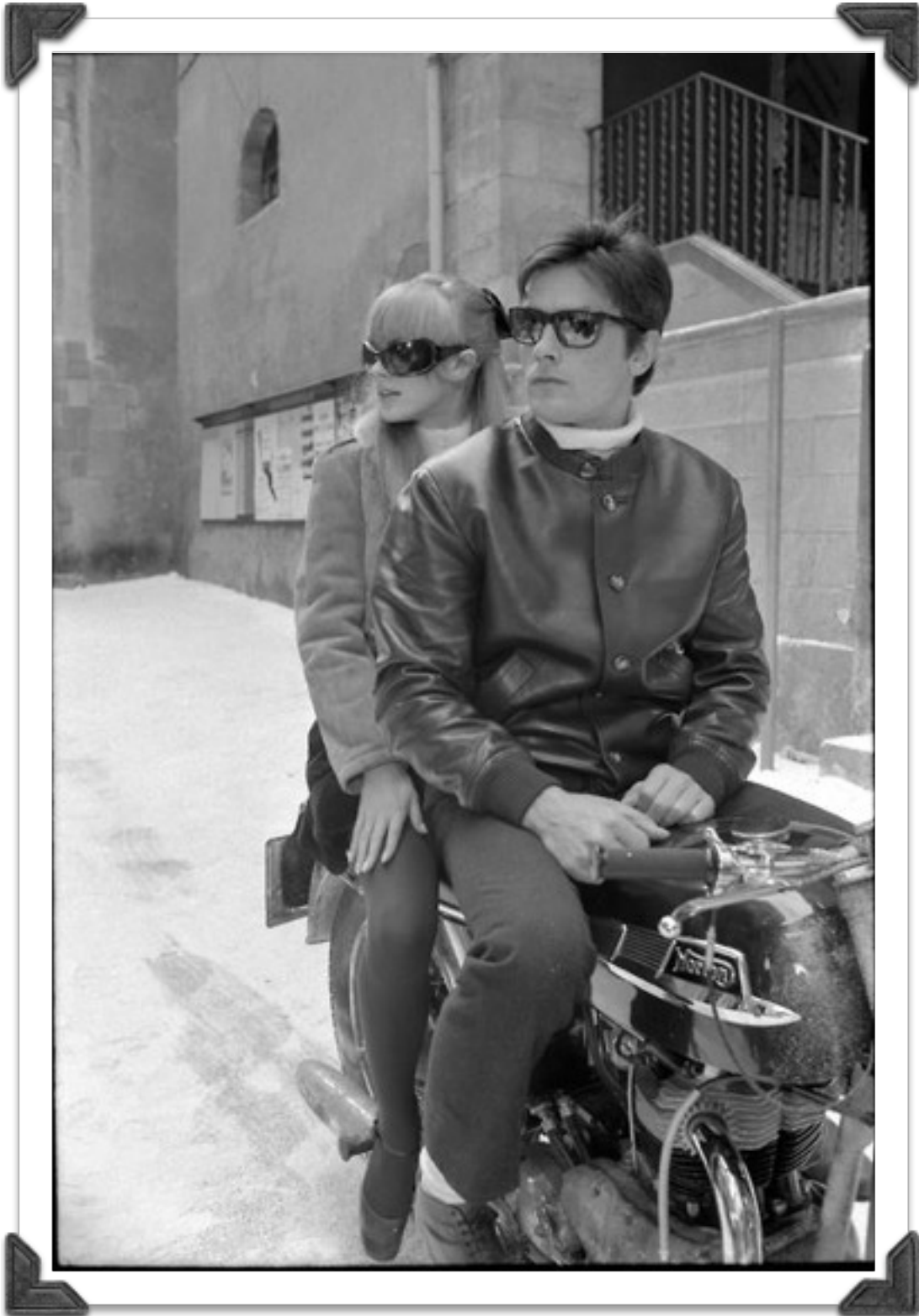
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New Member Profile: Shane Evans

Shane Evans bought his first road bike 15 years ago that happened to be a 1968 Norton Atlas that is still a daily rider today. Over the years he bought and sold many cycles and his collection today includes a 1973 Triumph Tiger 750, 68' BSA A50 chopper, 69' Yamaha YR2 350, Honda CB350, 76 KZ 750B, and a custom 74' Kawasaki Z1 900. When he is not running the bar/ restaurant called Crash 45 that hosts a vintage cycle night every Thursday, you can find him in his shop sculpting metal and fabricating on various cycle and art projects.



Mystery Member of the Month





Norton History Quiz of the Month



A bloke from Brighton sent me this photo with the following teaser:

“There are 5 non-standard items in this pic. Can you spot them? Might be a poser for your chums?”

So, chums and chumettes - Norton historians out there - who has the answers? First one to correctly identify the five modifications gets \$25,000 a month, which seems to be the standard historian pay rate these days.

Norton Colorado Word of the Month

Stupiphany: *n. The realization that you just did something stupid*



The Winter Banquet

-Eric Bergman-

As you ought to know by now the Norton Colorado Winter Banquet will be held at the Wynkoop Brewery in LoDo on Saturday, February 11, starting at 5 PM. There is some on-street parking and several nearby parking garages. We will again be in the Mercantile Room, behind the main bar. We will have a buffet dinner, for which you will be expected to pay \$20 per person at the door (please have checks ready or correct change). We don't worry much about children; use your discretion about



John Kinlin and other Norton Colorado members at last year's Winter Banquet.

contributing something towards their food. The buffet dinner this year will be of the mexican variety. There will be vegetarian options. Pay for your own booze. The room has its own bar, which will be manned throughout the evening. Tip generously.

The program will be as it has been for some time: general carousing from 5 to 6, dinner from 6 to 7, a business session which will be kept as brief as possible, and then the infamous Norton Colorado Gift Exchange, followed by more general carousing if anyone's up for it. We're usually done by 9 or 10 PM.

EVER NOTICE THAT "WHATTHEHELL" IS ALWAYS THE RIGHT DECISION?

-Marilyn Monroe



Dues

About half the members have already renewed their memberships for 2012, which has made Charley Gremmels simply giddy. We understand that many of you like to wait until the Banquet to pay your dues, but please consider that paying beforehand makes Charley's job at the Banquet much much easier. Information about paying dues can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Swag

There will be 2012 Calendars available to buy, at \$15 a pop. Supplies may be limited so if you really want to be sure there is one (or more) with your name on it, contact Mike Gallagher and let him know. His contact info can be found on the last page of the newsletter. The new club t-shirts will certainly be available. There may be other club swag to buy as well, often at substantial discount. Check with Mike if there's something you want.

Business

The main business at the Winter Banquet is election of officers and giving out awards. No one has notified me of an interest in running for any office and all the incumbents have indicated a willingness to continue, so the election process is likely to be quite brief. There will still be an opportunity for anyone to announce their candidacy for any office at the last minute. The main award is the President's Award. Sometimes we issue other awards, but this year the urge was lacking. There will be an opportunity for anyone to stand up and have their say about the operation of the club.

Gift Exchange

I will not attempt to explain all the rules for the Gift Exchange. Suffice it to say that participants bring a wrapped gift which is piled up with all the other wrapped gifts. A lottery is used to determine the order in which each participant has the opportunity to take something from the pile to call their own, or to appropriate the gift a previous participant chose. It usually becomes quite amusing and everyone ends up with a gift. Participation is not required. Gifts should have a value of around \$20-25 and be something that would appeal to a Norton Colorado member or perhaps a spouse of such a member. In the past it has been common for gifts to be motorcycle-related but I would like to suggest that this year, we focus of food and drink-related items. Please, no gag gifts and remember, they must be wrapped.



John says: "Please, exercise restraint in the car park!"



Norton Colorado Event Participation for 2011

-Eric Bergman-

Many of us wonder how the club is trending over time, as measured by things like number of memberships and attendance at club events. I think many of us fear that the long-term trend is inevitably downward. Ultimately, I'm sure that's the case, but I have looked at the numbers again this year and I think it is difficult to document a death spiral with them. Here they are, compared to the same figures for 2010. "Points" refers to President's Points.

Number of memberships: 78 in 2010, 87 in 2011. Couples and singles memberships count the same.

Number of official events: 31 in 2010, 29 in 2011. These numbers include events organized by the West Slope Norton Riders. I only include events at which at least 1 point was awarded, because a few events in each year were washouts (I think they were all West Slope events).

Number of participants: 427 in 2010 (13.77 per event), 418 in 2011 (14.41 per event).

Number of club members who attended at least one event: 97 in both 2010 and 2011. This is a more important number (to me) than the number of memberships.

Number of points scored: 1298.5 in 2010 (41.89), 1123 in 2011 (38.72). This might seem worrisome, but recall that I changed the scoring system for 2011, such that riding "something lesser" earns only 2 points, rather than 3, as did in prior years.

Number of times a Norton was ridden to an event: 147 in 2010 (4.74 per event), 139 in 2011 (4.79 per event). This all-important metric seems to be holding steady.

Based on the two most important measures, level of participation in events and number of Nortons ridden, the health of the club in 2011 is almost exactly what it was in 2010. However, the percentage of our membership that participates in events has dropped a bit. I think most of us are hoping to do better in 2012!

2011 President's Points Final Standings

Debby Johnson	65
Eric Bergman	59
Denny Westervelt	47
Mark Achten	44
Rick Black	43
Mike Gallagher	37
Steve Harris	37
Gary Bolduc	32
Jim Comstock	30
Scott Robinson	29





Membership

Membership in Norton Colorado is open to anyone, regardless of whether they own a Norton, or any motorcycle whatsoever. Dues are \$20/year individual, \$22 for a couple or family unit, payable to "Norton Colorado" and sent to the Treasurer, whose contact information is listed on the last page of this newsletter.

The list on page 15 is the official membership, as understood by the Newsletter Editor on the date of publication of the newsletter. Please let me know if I have made an error.

The membership year begins with the Winter Banquet in February. New members who join after August 1 are credited with membership for the following year.

Western Slope Riders

*Many Norton Colorado members live in the western part of the state, and finally have noticed that it's inconvenient to ride 500 miles for High Tea on the Front Range. Said members have formed a loose confederation known as the **Western Slope Riders**, and are having their own High Tea and other fun times. All Norton Colorado members are welcome at these Western Slope events, so if you city kids want to find out what the shoe feels like on the other foot, plan to ride out and join the Western Slope contingent.*

Contact: Gary Bolduc, President 303-877-9374



Club Events

The following events have been scheduled for the 2011 season. Participation in these events will be counted for the President's Award. The coming month's events are shown in red. Events may be added, dropped, or rescheduled through the year. **Watch this space!**

February 11, 2012: (Saturday)

Winter Banquet:

Wynkoop Brewing Co.

1634 18th Street

Denver, CO 80202

(303) 297-2700

<http://www.wynkoop.com/>

March 3, 2012: (Saturday)

Vintage Motos Museum, Denver

March 18: (Noon Sunday)

Streets of London Pub

1501 E. Colfax

Denver



Gratuitousness

Calvin Rickson, an engineer from Texas A&M University has designed a bra that keeps women's breasts from jiggling, bouncing up and down, and stops nipples from pushing through the fabric when cold weather sets in.



After a news conference announcing the invention, a large group of men took Mr. Rickson outside and kicked the shit out of him.



When Life Just Blows... FUKIDOL!

Saturday morning I got up early, dressed, made my lunch, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked up the boat up to the van and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour. The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. I cuddled up to my wife's back; now with a different anticipation, and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible."

My loving wife of 5 years replied, "And, can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?"

And that's how the fight started....



"Drinking when we are not thirsty and making love all year round, madam; that is all there is to distinguish us from other animals." — Pierre Beaumarchais



Membership Page

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Total		87	8	(I'm just counting memberships now, not number of people)			

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TIMELESS STYLE

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