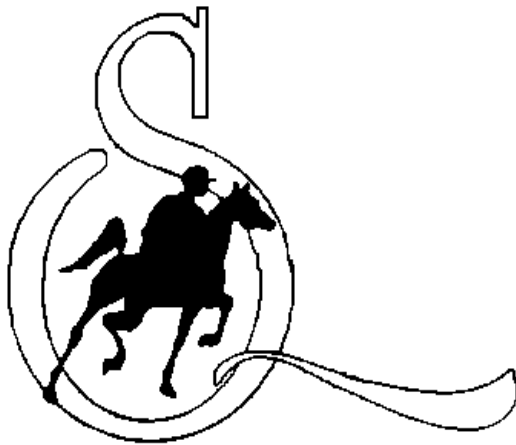


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President's Message



**MINUTES OF BOARD AND
GENERAL MEETING 1-21-04**

Meeting called to order at 7 PM.
Present: Steve Lenheim, Elaine Alton, Trilby Pederson, Kathy Miller, Jill Kilty-Newburn, Doug Reynaud, Mary Jane Anderson, Marvin Snowbarger (arrived 7:43 PM) Guests: Katie Alton, Nate Reynaud.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Membership Fees were quoted erroneously in January's Newsletter. Individual Membership is now \$15. Junior Membership is \$5.

Jill reported that she submitted ride results to the AERC as requested.

President's Report

Nothing brought to his attention in the last 30 days.

Treasurer's Report

Balance	\$9,706.37
Deposits(dues)	515.00
Wrote Checks	2,392.21
Balance	7,829.16

Checks Written:	264.00 – Drug Fee
	40.00 - AERC
	56.22 – check to Trilby for Christmas party expense.
	217.99 – check to Judy for Aug-Oct newsletter expenses.
	1534.00 – Bay Area Ridge Trails
	200.00 – Harry's Hofbrau

80.00 - Hallmark Equine Insurance (premium due this month)

Trails Account: 904.04
Junior Account: 772.04

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Membership: Maryben is still receiving dues but some are still outstanding.

Programs: Steve asked if anyone knew anybody who would be willing to give a presentation. Maryben thought that speakers were reluctant because of low turn out. This matter was discussed. Steve will work on getting some programs together and throwing a barbecue at the same time to encourage turnout.

Goodwill: Sadly, Bing's father has passed away. Maryben will send a card from us to Bing. She will also send a card to Cindy Prior who broke her fibula at Death Valley.

Trails: Some riders were caught on QS closed trails. A discussion on this subject followed. Doug reported that there will be 3 more dates for trail work at Coe Park and that this work is an ongoing project. We need volunteers to help out. Volunteers please contact Doug Reynaud.

Spring Ride: Maryben reported that this ride was still not sanctioned. Steve reported that there was no warm response to going back to Coe for the Spring Ride. We need volunteers to work this ride. There was a discussion regarding interest in Quicksilver or Calero or Coe for the Spring Ride. Doug will look into the possibilities and also offered to manage it. Steve suggested a Board Meeting on February 11th. This was agreed upon. Subject – Spring Ride at Coe Park; Place – Steve’s House; Time – 5.30 drinks, 6.30-7.30 dinner.

Fall Ride: Discussion. We need to decide upon date, head vet, and manager.

Awards: The Awards Banquet will be on February 7th at 6.30 PM at Harry’s Hofbrau, Saratoga Avenue, off I 280.

Newsletter: Some people are not receiving their Newsletter. Steve and Maryben will go over the membership list and update it. People need to inform Maryben when they change address and/or ‘phone numbers and email addresses.

New Business

Trilby reported that after the Christmas Party there was no hot water at the club and she had to take dishes home to wash. A new heater was installed costing \$150.47. A motion was proposed that QS pay New Almaden Club for the cost of the heater. This motion was passed and Trilby submitted the bill to the Treasurer.

Mary Jane Anderson reported that she had had discussions with landowners regarding problems with QS Management about access to the trails, fences and entrances, rights of way etc. She read out a letter she wrote to the Management on this subject. A petition was passed around regarding park access from landowner property for any landowners present to read and sign. She reported that she is trying to get a hearing organized regarding this matter. This subject generated a lot of discussion.

The meeting closed at 8:29 PM.

WANT ADS

SADDLES & TACK FOR SALE

Custom made Brazilian western-style endurance saddle. This saddle was made for an Arab and has never been used. \$500. Call Robert Oram at 831-761-1184.

Sharon Saare, "D" tree, 15" seat. EXTREMELY wide and fits a straight-backed

horse. Probably more suited for a gaited horse. I will be in the SF Bay Area through March. Call 435-901-3480 or jenn_layman@yahoo.com

Brand new Abetta Arabian Endurance Saddle for sale. 15" seat, brown, still in the original box. Made of Cordura (rugged, washable), weighs 15 lbs, is shock-absorbent, weather resistant, center fire rigging, wide endurance stirrups. Built on a solid Ralide tree. \$400 plus shipping. Call Debbie Boscoe at 831 423-6461 or dboscoe@pacbell.net.

Used Crosby AGA Grand Prix 17 inch saddle with fittings, \$450.

Used Crosby Prix St. George dressage saddle 17 inch with fittings, \$450.

Used Baker blanket; \$40 size 84. Used Baker sheet; \$30 size 84.

New English leather bridles with laced reins, \$25 each; one is Cob size, the other is horse size. Bits & spurs, \$5-\$10. Tracy @ 408 379-6209.

Ortho-Flex Express Lite. Like new. Will include misc. tack in sale. Asking \$1500. Call Michelle at (831) 761-2578.

HORSES FOR SALE

Almost 12 years old Polish Arab gelding, son of Monogram. He is 14.3-15 hands (have not sticked him since he was 5). This guy wants to help someone get started in endurance, or CTR (would be a great junior horse). He'd be very happy doing 4-H or arena work as well (doubt he would be much of a jumper). He is a pocket pony, very easy keeper, mellows more each year, a real love. He was ridden for several months this fall by a very green teenager. Sadly, I have outgrown this horse in my endurance career, and cannot afford a herd. He has 600 AERC miles (all w/me)-you can see his record under Monologue. He will be in the San Francisco Bay Area the months of Feb/Mar with me getting in shape, then back home to Park City, UT in early April. Asking \$3500.00, but negotiable to the right home (a trade will be considered). Contact Jennifer @ 435-901-3480 jenn_layman@yahoo.com. Photos available.

Bay gelding, coming 9 yr old, 15 hands, 8 inch cannons, for pleasure riding. Shooter has very mild arthritis in his right front fetlock but can do

LD's or trail fun stuff. He's great on the trail; he has done a multiday and a 1-day 100. He should be limited on his endurance adventures. Asking \$1500. Call Heather Reynolds at 408 778-6957.

Stalls with Paddocks/Pasture for Rent

Brand new 12x12 stalls with 24x12 paddocks, shavings; we clean. \$250, pasture \$180. Feed twice a day, high grade oat and alfalfa hay. 96x48 outdoor arena. Close to 3,600 acre Almaden Quicksilver County Park with 19 miles of manicured trails. Call Trilby at 408 997-7500 for more information.

Rooms for Rent

Now you can now live with your horse ☺

Room with bath in Trilby's barn, refrigerator and microwave. \$450 per month. 408-997-7500.

Studio apartment in Morgan Hill on Foothill Ave. One large newly painted room, with small cooking area and a bathroom. Apartment only, \$600.00, apartment with one (1) horse \$750.00. Call 408-569-6600 or 408-710-5651.

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TRAIL NEWS

Julie sent this notice from ridecamp.

California Trails Conference

from Jeannie Gillen, Equestrian member of the State Trails Committee

With "poop patrol", "continued access" to public lands (i.e. horses being left out of federal trail grants, because some bureaucrats don't consider them transportation), "sharing trails" with other uses, specifically bicyclists, etc., I thought this would be a

good time to remind you all that the California State Trails Conference is scheduled for March 25-28 in historic Folsom, California. This year's conference is located in Folsom specifically to accommodate horses; there are 30 miles of MULTI-USE trails for you to enjoy. In the past, these Conferences easily accommodated bicyclist and hikers but not horses. As the Equestrian member of the State Trails Committee, that was my first request. I think that, coupled with the fact that three people showed up at last year's Conference in Tahoe WITH HORSES (and no place to put them) has helped them realize they need to accommodate us.

So, please send someone from your organization, club, group or riding community to the Conference to demonstrate our interest and effect on trails, past, present and future. Go to www.rec-trails-conf.org for more info. I am also on the B.O.D. for The California Trails and Greenways Foundation. We are granting a \$500.00 scholarship for Conference Attendance this year. If you are, or know of, an equestrian representative that would be an asset to the conference and can't afford to go, e-mail me.

Also, I will be on an Equestrian-Bicyclist Panel, and will appreciate your input about sharing trails. I, for one, have been very impressed with the "odd-even" days policy at several parks where sharing just hasn't worked due to speed, spooky horses, blind curves, steep terrain. This policy provides that "horses can be on all trails every day. Bikes can be on trails on the even days of the month, i.e., 2, 4, 6, etc." This gives people the option of sharing or not sharing and still meets the public land use requirement for sharing of resources, aka trails.

I welcome and value your thoughts and opinions. I hope some of you will get involved.

Happy Trails, Jeannie Gillen
jeanniegillen@sierratel.com

Your editor, Judy Etheridge, will be attending this conference; company and/or input from other Quicksilver members would be most appreciated. Please call me at 925 868-0232 or e-mail me at misxfire@aol.com.

Trail Work at Henry Coe

We need volunteers to help with trail repair for Henry Coe State Park. If you can help the information follows: Please contact Chere Bargar at 408 683-2247 if you plan to participate.

Dates: 2/15/2004
1/13/2004

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Meet at the Hunting Hollow entrance

Things to bring: Your lunch - warm clothing, gloves - other tools will be provided.

Please turn to pages 7-8 for some thought provoking articles from members about the Park for which this club is named.

Events

This year's AERC Convention and Trade Show will be on February 27 & 28 at the Silver Legacy in Reno.

AERC and NATRC are combining their conventions at the Silver Legacy this year - members from both groups are encouraged to attend events at each site - the AERC trade show takes place both days, Friday February 27th and Saturday the 28th.

NATRC's events begin on Saturday - learn more about NATRC at their website <http://www.natrc.org>. NATRC is raffling a Syd Hill Coloma model saddle designed mostly for Arabs, 6 tickets for \$25.00.

This is definitely a chance to meet up with some old friends and a time to make some new acquaintances. Old friends, indeed, Julie and Becky are two of the NATRC speakers☺

CAVALIA

Horse Spectacle Under the Big Top

In San Francisco

Blending dramatic visual effects, live music, dance and acrobatics with the bold presence of over thirty magnificent horses- including the incredible Lusitanian stallions- CAVALIA raises the bar for spectacular entertainment in the 21st century.

In this breathtaking setting, CAVALIA explores man's poignant history and fascinating bond with horses.

Opens on February 20 through 26th. Under the White Big Top at SBC Park, Lot B. Box office at www.cavalial.net or call 1-866-999-8111.

Member News

We were sorry to learn that **Chere Montgomery's** long time companion **Bu** died suddenly on January 6. Bu was only 20 years old.

More Decade Club News

In the January 2004 issue of Endurance News QSER member, **Karen Chaton** began a series of interviews with members of the Decade Club, horse and rider

teams who have been together for at least 10 years. Several QSers will soon be featured in the series. Mike Maul sent the following statistics and wrote, "Congratulations to these riders who have shown real longevity with their equine partners. "

Current QSER members:

Rider Name	Horse Name	Year Began	Team	Rider Miles	Horse Miles	Team Miles
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Mike Tracy	Aron Moon	1989	15	4970	5020	4970
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Pat Verheul	Razda	1988	16	11080	5515	5465
Gertie Walker	Eddie	1991	13	2775	2925	2575

Past member: Judy Long and Warpaint

Read their stories online at:

Judy and Warpaint
http://www.aerc.org/long_judy1.asp

Mike Tracy & Moon:
http://aerc.org/long_miket.asp

Pat Verheul & Razda: http://aerc.org/long_patv.asp

Gertie Walker & Eddie:
http://aerc.org/long_gertrudw.asp

Mtn. Mist Mirage+// an Ara-Appaloosa gelding owned and ridden by **Marilyn Orlando** recently received his AERC 1,000 Mile Award. He also was named Champion Endurance Appaloosa for the Golden State Appaloosa Horse Association and State Champion Endurance Appaloosa from Cal-Western Appaloosa and was inducted into the Hall of Fame for his outstanding achievements in the field of distance riding. He is only the second distance horse to achieve this honor; the other one is Irish Coffee '76 is also owned and ridden by Marilyn. She owns two of the six horses to achieve this high honor. Marilyn received a beautiful belt buckle, a hand painted statue of her horse and a stall plaque commemorating the achievement.

Marilyn has completed 3,000 miles of endurance riding, giving her a total of 5,000 miles of distance riding in both endurance and competitive trail.

Glossary of Horse Terms

Julie found this on ridecamp, too funny☺

Hock: Financial condition of all horse owners.
Stall: What your rig does at rush hour in an unfamiliar city on the way to a big horse show .

A Bit: What you have left in your pocket after you've been to your favorite tack shop.

Fence: Decorative structure built to provide your horse with something to chew on.

Horse Auction: What you think of having after your horse bucks you off.

Pinto: Green coat pattern found on freshly washed light colored horses left unattended for 2 minutes.

Well Mannered: Hasn't stepped on, bitten, or kicked anyone for a week.

Rasp: Abrasive metal tool used to remove excess skin from ones knuckles.

Lunging: Popular training method in which a horse exercises their owner by spinning them in circles until dizzy.

Gallop: Customary gait a horse chooses when returning back to the barn.

Nicely Started: Lunges, but not enough health insurance to even think about riding him.

Colic: Gastro-intestinal result of eating at horse fair food stands.

Colt: What your mare gives you when you want a filly.

Easy to Load: Only takes 3 hours, 4 men, a 50lb bag of oats, and a tractor with loader.

Easy to Catch: In a 10x10 stall.

Easy Rider: Rides good in a trailer; not to be confused with "ride-able".

Endurance Ride: End result when your horse spooks and runs away with you.

Hives: What you get when receive the vet bill for your 6 horses, 3 dogs, 4 cats, and 1 donkey.

Hobbles: Walking gait of a horse owner after their foot has been stepped on by their horse.

Feed: Expensive substance used to manufacture manure.

Dog House: What you are in when you spend too much money on grooming supplies and pretty halters.

Light Cribber: We can't afford to build anymore fencing or box stalls for this buzz saw on four legs.

Three Gaited Horse: A horse that. 1) trips, 2) stumbles, 3) falls.

"Things turn out best for those who make the best of the way things turn out".

It's That Time of Year!!!!

Your QUICKSILVER Riders membership fee was due by January 1, 2004 but since I forgot to put this form in the December newsletter, it is now due on February 1, 2004.

We need your name _____

And then your address _____

And your phone number, Fax, e-mail _____

And last we need the names of the other members of your family.

And then we need your money! Senior membership is \$ 15 _____

Junior membership is \$ 5 _____

Why join the Quicksilver Endurance Riders? You will have the opportunity to participate in poker rides, moonlight rides, endurance rides, trail projects as well as attend monthly meetings, the Christmas party and the annual awards ceremony and saving the best for last, you will meet the best friends you will ever have!

How are our dues spent? Annual Yearbook/Calendar; monthly Newsletter; a representative voice in horse politics locally; trail maintenance and improvement projects; year-end awards and monthly meetings.

Send your 2004 dues, checks made out to: Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.

**Mail to Membership Chairperson: Maryben Stover
1299 Sandra Drive
San Jose, CA 95125-3535**

May your and your horse have wonderful Year 2004 riding together as members of the QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS.

TAKE YOUR PICK

by Marvin Snowbarger

This little article is interactive. After having read it, you can respond with a choice reflecting your views of the workings of the County's Parks and Recreation Department. Believe me, had I been able to have success as a trail volunteer (encouraged by County publicity and described below), I would not have written it. Here goes:

Over the last few months I had noticed advertisements for the County's Volunteer Trail Days, and I was interested in helping. On Friday morning, January 9, I called the County's Volunteer Coordinator (408/355-2264) to ask for information about the Saturday, January 10, Trails Day work on Quicksilver Park's Prospect #3 trail.

I did not get a reply to the voice-mail message that I left, so I checked with the County's web site. It showed the many scheduled Trail Days, but it had not been updated and it contained no detailed information about the January 10, Trail Date.

Nevertheless, I decided to show up at the Hacienda Staging Area (which I had been unable to verify was even to be the staging location) at 8am and take my chances. My running partner, Pat McDonald, accompanied me. We were ready for trail work on that brisk, but, beautiful, Saturday morning.

We arrived early to make sure we would be in the work-party, but no one from the County was there. We hung around and, eventually, with the arrival of a Park Ranger, learned that there was to be no Trail Days. So much for good intentions. We headed for Starbucks knowing there would be no disappointments there.

Monday, January 12, I called, again, the County's Volunteer Coordinator, and, again, got the voice-mail. I left a complaint about the lack of a call-back and the out-of-date web site. Later, having discussed the situation with other people, I called a +County Parks trail coordinator named Greg Bringleston. Once again, I had to leave a voice mail, and, again, I aired my complaints.

That afternoon, Greg returned my call (I never did get a return call from the County's Volunteer Coordinator). He said that the Prospect 3 Trail

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Day (as well as others) had been canceled last November, 2003, because of concern about the weather; he acknowledged that the web-site had not been updated; he apologized for the breakdown in communication; he volunteered that the County should be updating and disseminating valid information; and, he informed me that the County should be doing a better job. I agreed and thanked him.

So, now the question. Is this a breakdown caused by a County staff that is so beleaguered that it cannot answer its phones and cannot keep up with its workload? Or, is this a breakdown caused by an insulated and unengaged County staff that does not take its job seriously?

TAKE YOUR PICK.

there (well, depending on which horse you were riding), I myself miss those days. They seem to have slowly disappeared. Where are those days when deciding factors of whether you were going to ride or not simply depended on things as, you would but the horse is lame, horse lost a shoe (nothing easy about an easyboot), or my best riding buddy could not go because she has housework to do, how lame is that.

Here are a few questions that would greatly benefit our attempts to regain those simple times so dearly missed. Remember your opinions and suggestions are important.

- 1) Are you satisfied with the current management of Quicksilver Park?
- 2) Do you feel reluctant to ride in the park for any specific reason?
- 3) Have you or anyone you know had any unpleasant encounters that park management could have handled differently?
- 4) If you could change or add anything relating to that experience stated above what would it be?
- 5) Finally, do you have any concerns or unresolved issues pertaining to riding in this park, that could be presented to the Board of Supervisors on your behalf.

My reasons for these questions are a direct result of numerous incidents that my friends and I have encountered over the past few years. Recently, Park Rangers informed us that not only could we not rider out of our back gate, but could not step out the back gate onto the park property. It seems that my friends and I are not the only landowners who have been approached with similar notifications. My experiences and those recently brought to my attention, continue to reflect a "management style" that enforces rules and regulations in ways that may be interpreted to single out the equestrian users of the park.

WHERE HAS OUR OLD QUICKSILVER PARK GONE?

by Mary Anderson

That is what some of us would like to know. Remember the days when you could ride in the park with no worries and truly enjoy being

I think it is safe to day that a lot of us have felt our riding schedule is becoming more and more dependent on whether or not the park is open,

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closed, undecided... as to equestrians. There are several parks governed by the same management, however, only two of those parks close while the others remain open. This is in comparison to years past when the parks were for the most part open.

In recent conversations with several landowners, whose property border Quicksilver Park, it has become apparent that many of them have become dissatisfied with the current park management. There appears to be a lot of inconsistency with the enforcement of park regulations. This is not to say that we do not have some great Park Rangers, because we do, but upper management definitely has some issues that need to be addressed.

We all have the same goal in keeping our parks a clean, safe and enjoyable environment where wildlife and humans cross paths. This land was donated for everyone to enjoy. There is a lot of

FIRE MOUNTAIN RIDE - 2004

A sure cure for the winter doldrums for some of us in foggy, muddy Northern California was the Fire Mountain Ride, held on January 17th. Actually, there were three rides - a 30, a 50, and, to celebrate their 25th consecutive year, a 75 miler. Base camp was near Ridgecrest, at the Valley Riders Equestrian Center. There was plenty of room for parking there, and ride management had provided many water troughs, porta potties, and complimentary food for the enjoyment of all.

The ride was not a difficult one. The trail consisted of single track and dirt roads on BLM desert with very few rocks and NO mud. It consisted of loops going in and out of base camp, which made a crew unnecessary. The trail was perfectly marked, and water was available, thanks to indispensable Alex, every six miles or so. The weather was incredible, with not a cloud in the sky. The freezing morning warmed up to a day of perfect riding

equestrian history behind this park. Sometimes we forget to share these stories so that their legacy travels on into the future, for example, the Virl O. Norton legacy, share it with a friend... Sometimes we forget to share them from generation to generation.

If you or anyone you know would like to share their experiences, incidents, suggestions and especially any positive items that we can also share, please feel free to do so. You can forward this information to me via: e-mail, mary.anderson2@usdoj.gov or feel free to pass it on to Maryben or Trilby.

Thank you for your support and Happy Trails to All...

The stars were so vivid that you wanted to reach out and grab one for your horse's halter. The lights of Ridgecrest twinkling below the base camp reminded us how close civilization was, even though we were in our special little endurance world. The desert itself has its own beauty, and it changes all day long with the shifting sun and shadows.

The 75 miler had 20 starters and 15 finishers. Their route was the same as the 50 mile course with an additional 25 mile loop. The winner was Leah McCombs on Chachi, and BC was awarded to Gary Glazer on Acting Up.

The 50 miler started 53, with 43 finishers. Quicksilver represented the middle of the pack with Melissa and Robert coming in 17th and 18th, and Doug and I following in 20th and 21st places. (If I missed any other QS members, I apologize; the days were very short and we didn't do much wandering around camp. It can be a fast ride, with winner Fred Beahm finishing in 4:09, BC went to Steph Teeter, third place.

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temperatures with a slight cool breeze to help the shaggy horses in the afternoon. Once the sun goes down the temperature plummets rapidly. Ride management had several campfires where the dinner and award ceremony were held, an excellent idea. around camp.) It can be a fast ride, with winner Fred Beahm finishing in 4:09. BC went to Steph Teeter, third place. The Ribleys and the Whites did it in 7:26 and 7:28.

Hall of Fame horse Zayante also finished the 50, and John Parke on his trusty Remington were the final team to finish the 75 miler. The 30 miler had 24 finishers out of about 30 entrants. Finishing awards for all riders were handy hay totes.

Head veterinarian was our own, very capable Michele Roush. She was helped by

One thing I appreciated was the fact that the three rides started an hour apart from each other. If you have ever been on a temperamental horse, starting after the pack so you can get control, and then had a group of people in the later ride come blasting past, you know what I mean. An hour difference is helpful for riders on a communal trail where everyone is doing loops in the same order.

I was disappointed to miss the Death Valley Encounter. The Fire Mountain Ride, 2 1/2 weeks later, compensated somewhat. It wasn't a multi-day, but it was a great one day ride in the same country. If the holidays are too complicated to get to Death Valley, I recommend this one. It is a wonderful antidote to a gloomy January.

Barbara White

2004 February Events

Date	Region	Ride Name	Distance	Manager	Phone #
02/14	PS	20 Mule Team	35/65/100	Jackie Bumgardner	760-375-8915
02/21	W	Shine & Shine Only	25/50	Becky Grand Hart	408-997-0814

On Wednesday, February 11 there will be a Board Meeting to plan the Spring Ride at Coe Park at Steve's house. Drinks at 5:30 PM, dinner 6:30-7:30, meeting???

February 7, 2004 Quicksilver Riders Awards Dinner

no meeting, instead we party at the annual Awards Ceremony on February 7 At 6:30 PM at Harry's Hofbrau, Saratoga and Keily in Santa Clara.

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