

Super's Signal

A publication of Division 6, Mid Central Region of The National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

April 2023



DIRECTOR ELECTION

Reported by Harry "Butch" Sage
Buckeye Division Elections Teller

Vote now:

2023 Buckeye Division Directors Election

The Officers of the Buckeye Division invite you to vote in The 2023 Buckeye Division Directors Election.

The voting deadline is **April 27, 2023, 11:00 pm** Eastern Time (US & Canada).

We are using an Online Election System to tabulate our votes. The Election System assigned a unique access key to you. The Election System will only allow you to vote once, and your voting choices will remain anonymous. Do not forward this email. Do not reply to this email to vote, as the Election System will not register your vote.

If you have election questions, feedback, or want removal from future ballot lists, please email Buckeye Division at buckeyedivelections@gmail.com.

14 April Division 6 Meeting Hilltop Library 511 South Hague Ave Columbus

1:00: Social gathering at Hilltop Library
1:05: Contest submissions open
1:45: Contest submissions closes; Voting begins
1:55: Contest voting ends
2:00: Division 6 Meeting
2:45: Clinic:
5:00: Hilltop Library Closes
Contest: RR Served Structure, Not RR Owned

A note From the Editor

Donald Wilke

A couple of things.

First – I'm sorry this edition of the *Signal* is late. Multiply things converged at almost the same time. A few things had to slide. Unfortunately, one had to be the *Signal*. Moving a soon-to-be 99-year-old veteran from a rehab center to an assisted living facility and moving furniture from Mansfield to southern Delaware County took some time. Then there are the granddaughters, two preparing for college, one in college, and one graduating from college. And about five other essential things.

Second – There will be no division meeting in

May because of the Mid Central Region Convention in May. There will be a Virtual Photo Contest (**Railroad Signals**) but no Model Contest in May. I decided there will be no *Super's Signal* in May. I will post the results of the May Photo Contest as normal. The June contests at Marion will both be **Favorite Train**. The June *Signal* will also have the results of both contests.

Third – Mike still needs Mini-Clinics, 10–20 minutes, for the Marion meeting. Contact Mike at wvunion@gmail.com

Super's Signal Deadline
30 June



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A full list of Division 6 Chairs can be found at:
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**Clerk's Report
Buckeye Division,
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.
Membership Meeting
Hilliard Library
18 March 2023**

Pat Hreachmack, for the Clerk

Division 6 Meeting:

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superintendent, called the Division 6 Meeting to order.

Division 6 Officers Present:

Superintendent	Matt Goodman
Paymaster	Jim Borcz
Director	Dick Briggs, MMR®
Director	Don Wilke
Director	Mike Wolf, MMR®

Division 6 Chairs Present:

Achievement Program	Dick Briggs, MMR®
Car Project	Greg Short
Assistant Contest	Harry "Butch" Sage
Inspector of Elections	Harry "Butch" Sage
Membership	Ken McDonough
Programs	Mike Wolf, MMR®
Super's Signal Publisher	Don Wilke
Train Show	Greg Short
Webmaster	Don Wilke

Absent:

Assistant Superintendent	Dexter Hill
Clerk	Carter Jastram
Contest	Jim Ruisinger
Raffle	Harry "Butch" Sage
Social	Jim Ruisinger

Announcements:

None

Reports:

Clerk's Report: Pat Hreachmack. The membership approved the Clerk's Report, as published in the March 2023 Super's Signal.

Paymaster's Report: Jim Borcz. The membership approved the Paymaster's Report, pending audit.

Program Locations Report: Greg Short.

Program Clinics Report: Mike Wolf.

Communications Report: Don Wilke. The deadline for articles in the next issue of the *Signal* is Thursday.

The division website is up to date. Don has installed a button on the web page shows a

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map for the the next meeting location. Don is owed some funds for his work updating the web site.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. 156 members + 1.

Car Project Report: Greg Short. Greg has not yet received a response from Bowser or Accurail.

Elections Inspector Report: Butch Sage. The three Director offices are open for election. The nominees are Mark Krueger, Ken McDonough, Don Wilke, and Mike Wolf. The winners' terms of office will begin on May 31 for two years. Members will receive ballots by email and will vote using Election-Buddy (as the National does). Members without email addresses will receive snail mail ballots. Biographies will be available in the *Super's Signal* and the election form.

Old Business

Upcoming Lancaster Smoke Stack Hobby Show.

New Business:

There will be an email coming out for Election Buddy. Watch for it. Election closes 30 days after the date of the email.

Club Reports:

Central Ohio Model Railroad Club: Pat Hreachmack. Pat reported that COMRC still has three HO-Scale cars for sale. These are an auto car, a grain car and the new club car. These may be purchased any

Tuesday or Thursday at COMRC.

Contest Results:

Virtual Photo Contest:

Third Place (Tie): Mark Krueger, *Siemens ES-64U4-A Euro Sprinter*; Howdy Lamprecht, *Sapphire Ridge rail-bus #10*

Second Place: George Stringer, *Rio Grande Southern Galloping Goose 7*

First Place: Mark Krueger, *Modeling by John Wissinger MMR*®

Model Contest:

1st Place: Howdy L. for his Sapphire Mk V railcar.

2nd Place: Greg Short for his UP gas/Electric rail car.

3rd Place: Matt for his Sperry Rail Inspection car.

Raffle:

1st. Joe B. won the Buckeye Steel car.

2nd. Jim B. won the N scale boxcar.

Good of the Order:

The April meeting will be at Hilltop Library. No meeting in May due to convention in Pittsburgh. June meeting on the 17th to be at Marion.

Clinic:

Jerry Severson provided the clinic regarding "Moving the Ringling Brothers Barnham Baily Circus.



Lancaster Train Show

Ken McDonough

The Lancaster Train Show sponsored by Smokestack Hobbies was held at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds yesterday. It was a good show, and it was well attended despite the blustery weather. Visitors could find a wide selection of model railroad items, and all the scales were well represented by numerous vendors. Looked like a lot of folks found things they needed. The vendors had a wide selection of items, and stayed pretty busy. There were several nice display layouts, including two Lionel layouts, two N scale layouts, and a HO switching layout.

Don of Smokestack Hobbies graciously provided a table for Div 6. Special thanks go to Jerry Severson and Doug Kullman who helped Don set up tables Friday afternoon. Thanks also to Dexter Hill, Howdy Lamprecht and Mike Wolf for manning the Div. 6 table on Saturday. Many members, interested folks and friends stopped by to chat. All in all it was a good day!

DIRECTOR ELECTION

Reported by Harry "Butch" Sage
 Buckeye Division Elections Teller

You will receive an email from ElectionBuddy after publishing the March 2023 *Super's Signal*. This email will contain a link to cast your ballot for up to three of the four candidates running for the Director positions commencing May 31, 2023. The election will close 30 days after sending the ElectionBuddy email. Please take the few minutes needed to vote in this election. The four candidate's statements are in alphabetical order on the following pages.

**Mark Krueger**

I have been an NMRA member for many years and benefited from that membership though the people I've met, the activities I've participated in, and the standards the NMRA has created. While I do not have a specific agenda for the division, my thought in accepting the nomination for division Director is to give back by serving an organization that has benefited me. I am a Mechanical Engineer by training and am retired after a 35 year career in consulting and software development. I moved with my wife to Columbus in 2021 when she took a position at The Ohio State University

Ken McDonough

I have been a rail-fan and model railroader for as long as I can remember. I started out with an American Flyer S-Gauge set, which I still have. Built several HO layouts during my teen years. Dabbled in N-Scale for a brief time, then decided HO was for me. After we moved to Columbus in 1983, I attended a Division 6 meeting at the Westerville Public Library, and met some great people. Joined Division 6 shortly thereafter. Became very active, and built a corner module for the modular layout Division 6 then had which was displayed at area malls and other locales. When we moved to the Ohio State Fair, I continued to be very active, and spent a lot of time building and operating the HO layout during the Fair and at other times. I served as the facilities coordinator during Discoverail, the 1992 National Convention in Columbus. As my daughters were growing up, family responsibilities at church, girls softball, and then marching band and drum-line in high school took precedence. That continued as they all marched in college. I kept the rail-fan and model railroad fires burning by continuing to subscribe to *MR*, *Trains*, and *Classic Trains*, and collecting many railroad books. I've always been interested in railroad history. My wife thinks I always plan trips and vacations around railroad themes, but doesn't everyone follow a rail line (or an abandoned rail line) and look up stations, etc. – so that isn't true ...is it? I am a longtime member of the PRRT&HS, and a member of the Sunbury Model Railroad Group. I recently rejoined the FEBT, and joined the Penn Central Historical Society. During a trip to visit Colorado's historic railroads several years ago, I met a fellow rail-fan and modeler from California who encouraged me to rejoin the NMRA, so I did. As retirement approached, we finished our basement, and I am building a layout with the CA&C as a theme. DCC is new to me – I was hooked as soon as I heard the sounds of a diesel locomotive –and I am looking forward to learning much more about operations.

I would like to serve Division 6 as a Director because I have a strong interest in supporting the hobby of model railroading. Division 6 has been active in doing many positive things, such as conducting meetings by Zoom, hosting virtual photo contests, encouraging members to share ideas and techniques at clinics, and getting out to various clubs and rail-fan sites around the division. I would like to continue to support these efforts, and interact with other Divisions in our Region. I would like to see all of us encourage new folks to join the division. It's great to see our members share ideas and encourage and support others in their modeling efforts, in person, in Zoom meetings, or using our Groups.io discussion forum. Everyone I have met is more than willing to answer questions and help solve challenges. We all have something we can contribute to this great hobby. I am looking forward to serving as membership chair for the division. I hope that by rejoining the NMRA, my perspective will complement those who have served for a longer time. I would appreciate your support by voting for me as a Director for Division 6.

Donald Wilke



My first layout was a 4x8-HO layout in the middle of my father's double-track around the basement O-Scale layout. I joined the NMRA, Division 4, in the late '50s as a family member. After college, I became active in Division 6, attending most meetings. In the mid-'70s, I became an inactive member of Division 6. Something about wife, kids, and work. I followed division activities through the *Super's Signal*. This is why I think making the *Signal* available to as many members as possible is important. [You can find copies of the *Signal* at:

<https://archive.div6-mcr-nmra.org/Signal-20.html>

I again became active in the Mid Central Region and Division 6 in '06. I became the WebMaster for Division 6 and the Mid Central Region. When Dick Briggs became the Mid Central Region President, he talked me into publishing the *Kingpin*. I did that for about seven years. I took over publishing the *Super's Signal* in 2010, and the *Signal* has undergone many changes. I worked behind the scenes at the last two Division 6 sponsored regional conventions. I was a core group member that put on the last convention. I ran for Division 6 Director in 2011 when Division 6 changed the Trustee position to Director. I'm now working on my fifth layout, five years of planning and four years of moving stuff around the basement. I would appreciate your vote to continue serving as your Division 6 Director.

Mike Wolf, MMR®



I am a lifelong model train enthusiast and have been a member of Division 6 since moving to Ohio 15 years ago. I have served as Director for the last six years. During that time, my focus has been in three areas: listening to the needs of the membership, expanding our membership and member retention efforts, and improving the financial strength of the division. I was a founding member of our Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee. In addition to our recruiting efforts at various shows in the area, the committee has made improvements to our meetings and events that YOU have suggested. For example, shorter business meetings, more clinics, etc. To that end, I've volunteered as a Co-Program chair for clinics to ensure a wide variety of clinics and layout tours each month. Additionally, I've assisted the Train Show committee with advertising and promotion support for the last three

years. Lastly, I have focused on supporting fiscally responsible decisions when it comes to spending Division 6 funds. Activities and projects that benefit the membership while preserving adequate funds for the future. I will continue to focus on these efforts and continue to listen to your suggestions to improve your Division. I would appreciate your vote and to continue serving as your Division 6 Director.



which your presentation qualifies.

Clinic Corner

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Mike Wolf, MMR
Clinic Coordinator

Thanks to Jerry Severson for presenting *How The Big Show Moved in The 1920s, The Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus*. For those that missed the meeting or would like to watch it again, here's the link:
<https://youtu.be/35Oik12wQ9E>

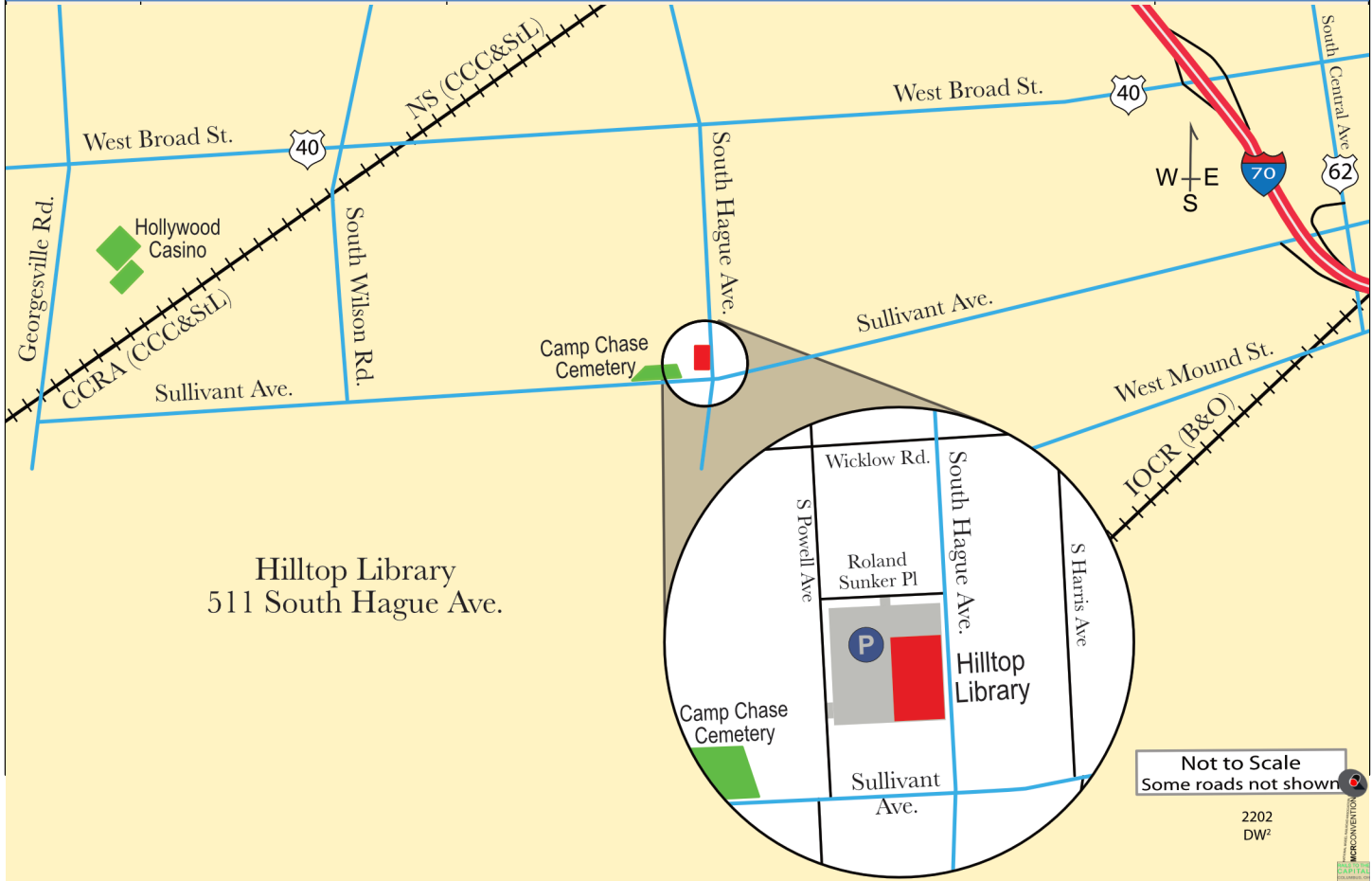
No one has volunteered to provide a clinic in April, but our full-day event in Marion is coming quickly in June. Drop me a line at wvunion@gmail.com if you have an idea you'd like to present or a layout you'd like to share with others. We'll have both full-length and mini-clinics. Clinics can count toward the Author or Volunteer AP. Check out the requirements for each Certificate see



which your presentation qualifies.

Division 6 – 2023 Time Table

Date	Event	Meeting	City
21 January (Change)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Hilltop Library</i> Clinic: <i>Map Maker: Using Google Maps to Build Maps of Non-existent</i> , Matt Goodman; <i>Using Maps to Research and Document Railroads - Two Case Studies</i> , Butch Sage Contest: Open Car with Load	Columbus
25 January	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
18 February	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Hilltop Library</i> Layout Tours: Matt Goodman, Darrell Logan Contest: Non-Revenue / MOW	Columbus
23 February	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
18 March	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Hilliard Library</i> Clinic: <i>How The Big Show Moved in The 1920's, The Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus</i> , Jerry Severson Contest: Self Propelled & Non-Steam Locomotive	Hilliard
24 March	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
15 April	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Hilltop Library</i> Clinic: Contest: RR Served Structure, Not RR Owned	Columbus
29 April	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
4-7 May	MCR Convention	Virtual Photo Contest: Railroad Signals [No Model Contest]	Pittsburgh, PA
17 June Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Marion Union Station</i> Clinic: Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Favorite Train	Marion
30 June	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		



Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Model & Photo Contest

The Virtual Photo Contest for May is **Railroad Signals** (No Model Contest) and both contests for June at Marion is **Favorite Train**.

Jimmy Ruisinger

Jimmy is at home an he should be at the meeting.

A word about Contests - Gonna keep harpin' on this!

We've tried to keep the subject matter pretty much the same from year to year, with a wrinkle or two from time to time. Members can plan ahead and have something to enter. The Model Contest requires that the model be present at the actual meeting.

But, we conduct the Photo Contests virtually via the web in order to allow as many members as possible to enter a photo without the need to attend the meetings. I'm puzzled that we have pretty much the same 10 – 15 members submitting photos and voting. Now, with 150+ members on the roster, that's pretty sad. We ARE all model railroaders and, almost by default, railroad photographers.

There really is no reason we can't have 20, 30, or even 40 or more photos entered. If you're like me, you've taken hundreds, if not thousands, of railroad-themed photos over the years. Dig through your photos and slides and dig out some good ones to enter. You can take slides to a photography shop and have them digitized to put on your computer. Plus, I imagine we have members who have slide scanners that can maybe help you out.

The rules are simple. The division member submitting the photo must have taken the photo. The photo can be either the prototype or a model. Take this as a challenge

ENTER THE PHOTO CONTESTS!!!!

The Contest Committee is considering some new ideas for contest subjects. If any of you have ideas that might have broad appeal to our members, drop the Contest Chairman a note with your idea(s). As always, if you have any questions about our Division 6 Contests, feel free to direct any questions to:

Contest Chair, Jim Ruisinger.
Jimbo2490@yahoo.com

Photos of all the winner are at:

https://archive2.div6-mcr-nmra.org/ContestFold/contest230318/Contest_230218.html

March Contest: Self Propelled & Non-Steam Locomotive

Virtual Photo Contest:

1st Place: Mark Krueger, *Model by John Wissinger MMR®*

2nd Place: George Stringer, *Rio Grande Southern Galloping Goose 7*

3rd Place (Tie): Mark Krueger, *Siemens ES64U4-A Euro Sprinter*

3rd Place (Tie): Howdy Lamprecht, *Sapphire Ridge rail-bus #10*

Model Contest:

1st Place: Howdy Lamprecht, *Sapphire Ridge rail-bus #10*

2nd Place: Greg Short, *Union Pacific Gas-Electric #M-32*

3rd Place: Matt Goodman, *Sperry Rail Service Detector Car #136*



1st Place Virtual Photo
by Mark Krueger
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1st Place Model
by Howdy Lamprecht
Copyright by Don Wilke



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Here are some of the **POTENTIAL** activities available at the **RAILS TO PITTSBURGH** Convention!

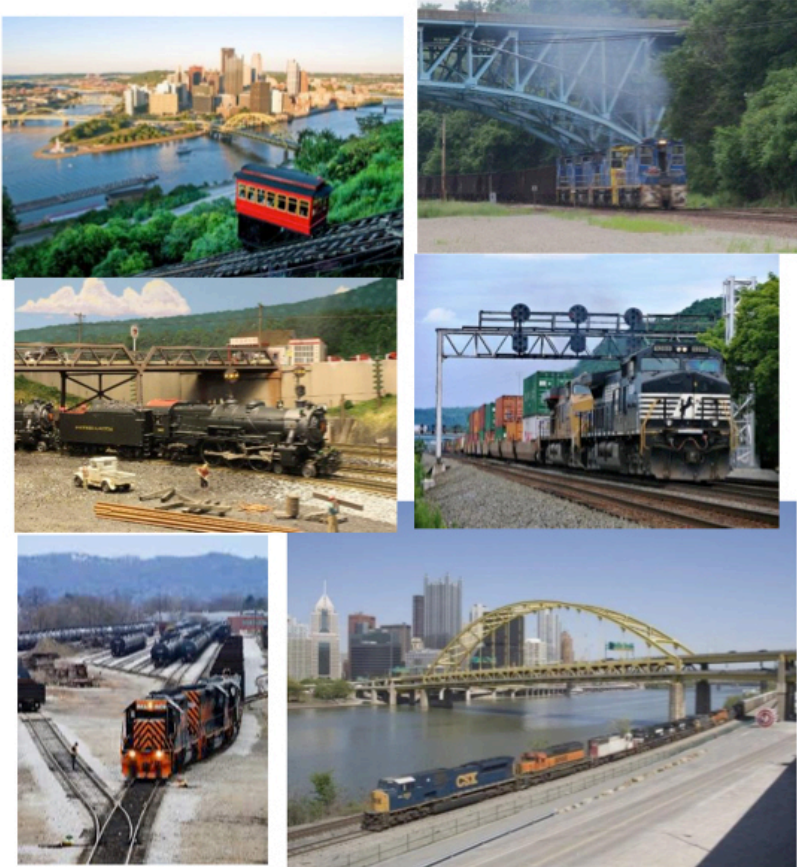
A Variety of Rail Tours
 Steel Industry History
 The Bridges of Pittsburgh
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 The Pennsylvania Trolley Museum
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 Carnegie Science Center – National Aviary
 Heinz History Center – Duquesne Incline
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Railfanning
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For more information, check our website frequently for updates: www.keystonedivision.org

Fifth Annual NMRA Division 6

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Cambridge Ohio

Sunday

October 22, 2023

10 am to 3 pm



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