

The Prez Sez by Jim Long

The GPAA Gold Show was a great success for Denver. We knocked the socks off of the Utah, S. Dakota, and Wyoming shows in attendance numbers. Your Club was well represented at the Show and we met and spoke to an awful lot of folks there and managed to sign up quite a few new members. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for a write up on the Show and all that.

Late on Sunday, I just happened to have a conversation with Gary Sturgill who is the National Director of Gold Shows for the GPAA. We were talking about how successful the Show had been and how pleased GPAA was with how a few of the local Clubs had helped out with everything. And we got to talking about the value of memberships in the Clubs. We exchanged a few personal war stories about folks we had both met who were adamantly opposed to joining Clubs for a myriad of reasons but mostly just because they didn't like following Club Rules and being told what to do and what not to do. We both agreed that these are exactly some of the folks out there who wind u causing us a lot of grief from within our own culture.

I commented on the fact that for some time now, I have preferred not to associate too closely with some of those non-Club folks. I have had a few very negative experiences lately with some of them. I don't want to really throw a lot of rocks here in this publication nor name names as that is pretty much just counter productive in the long run. Now I do happen to have quite a few friends who are not Club members and I do prospect with them but that is because they have proven to not be trouble makers and they are actually pretty nice folks. They just don't belong to any Club for a lot of different reasons. But the key thing is that they do support responsible care of the environment and responsible prospecting. That alone makes them my friends and people worth knowing and hanging out with.

Gary and I discussed the fact that today, all the prospectors and the small scale miners across the country speak in only a whisper. And the only way that we are ever going to be heard is we are going to have to speak out loud and clear. One of the best and easiest ways to do this is to be an advocate for and a member of the Public Lands for People (PLP), an organizations that fights very hard for our rights as small scale miners to access and use public lands, a right afforded to us by the Mining Laws of 1873. Now a lot of folks are just not comfortable speaking to large groups or able to articulate their feelings without a lot of emotions. That is why it is so important to carefully select your leaders and elect your leaders for their skills and abilities to lead, not necessarily because they are 'good ol' boys or girls'.

I hope that I can continue being that kind of leader for you as we look forward to another great year in 2013. Elections are coming up. Not just national elections, but your Club elections as well. Just as there is nationally, there is a lot riding on the interests of prospectors and small scale miners in the future. We need to raise our voices in unity and make sure that voice is a loud one.

Well, that is about all I have from here for now. So until we meet again, keep your sunny sides up and may the bottoms of your pans turn bright with that 'Yaller Gold'!

You may contact me at 303-452-6087 or at jnslong945@msn.com

Happy and safe prospecting to all!!!

The V.P. Corner by Mike Hurtado

Part # 8 Gold Rush History. As before Ada's new profession has changed her life. Ada kept her word. Within a week she had created a great stir by opening the settlement's first house of prostitution. From that day every man who met her acclaimed her charms. She was hailed as the most beautiful woman in the territory. Her bagnio became known from St. Louis to San Francisco, and most new arrivals managed at least one fling at her establishment. As the settlement prospered, so did Ada. Within a year she left her shack on Indian Row and moved into a pretentious, two-story house on Arapahoe street in the newest part of town. The fancier diggings made no deference to Ada or her business, except to attract a higher class trade. Her basic convictions prevented her from fleecing lonely prospectors or rolling drunks. She served the best liquor in town and operated a clean and honest house. With such a career spawned in tragedy, however, it was ironically inevitable that tragedy should mark the end of Ada La Mont. For ten years she prospered and amassed a small fortune. Then the wide, silent prairie gave up a single ghost. A friend of Ada's, returned to Denver from a trip to Kansas, stumbled upon a human skeleton on the prairie. Investigating, he found a hole in the back of the head and a lead bullet still lodged in the skull. In a bundle of rotting rags he found a small bible. There, still legible in recognizable penmanship, was Ada's gift inscription to her husband. The friend brought the bible back to Denver and returned it to Ada. She suffered a profound emotional shock. Almost at once her fortunes turned. She began to drink. Her old charm seemed to desert her. Finally, with business failing, she boarded up her house and moved on.



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I hope this history lesson is getting better as we go on. As before if you have any questions please give me a call. (720)-443-9545. Mike H.

From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Peg Brozek

Thanks to Lloyd Lauck and Greg Davis for their contributions to the members only drawing.

It's October, time to volunteer or nominate (with their permission) new board members. So to honor this tradition, we will have a total of 7.7 grms of gold for the drawings with the largest being 2.9 grms (a nugget with character).

Don't forget blue tickets are on sell for that special nugget.

Come prepared to buy and good luck to all.

Peg

ELECTION TIME by Joe Shubert

Hello GPR Club Members

I will have nomination forms at the October Meeting. Please think about running for office or nominating someone. If you nominate someone for an office you must have their permission to do so.

Open positions are:

- Secretary/Treasurer
- Two Board Members

Qualifications to run for office:

- 1) Must be a Club member in good standing. (Current membership dues paid.)
- 2) Candidates for President and Vice President must have been active as a Committee person, Officer, or a director on the board.
- 3) All nominations must be received by the Nominations Committee Coordinator at the October meeting, mailed or emailed to him by November 14, 2012.

The list of nominees will be compiled on a ballot form for the November meeting. Only Club Member will receive a ballot when they sign in at the meeting. A sealed ballot box will be present for all completed ballots to be placed into.

The ballots will be counted and the results printed in the December news letter.

Step up and run for a position. We could use some new blood at the helm. You can run for any office that you are qualified to run for even if the person that holds the position is running for reelection.

Board Meeting Minutes From Sept 2012

X	James Long	X	Joe Shubert	X	Joe Fortunato	X	Don Luchtenburg
X	Mike Hurtado	X	Joe Johnston	X	Terry Weatherly	X	Greg Davis
X	Peg Brozek		Sue Lemieux	X	Andy Doll		Gary Hawley

Quorum present? Yes

Call to Order: By JJ at 6:04pm

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Yes

Corrections: None

Approved as read/corrected: Yes

Treasurer's Report: Questions: None .Approved: yes

Correspondence: 6 phone calls, 7 e-mails, 3 mailings

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What 2 US states produce the most gold?



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Committee Reports: Mike H. reported the Pins have arrived and are in the store for sale at \$5 per pin. Pres Long stated that the Commemorative Coin has been approved by unanimous e-mail vote and ordered and will be here early in October.

Webmaster: Total Hits 124309 Hits for last month 863.

Unfinished business: None.

New business: None

Planned Outings for 2011: As of this date, the following outings are established:

- Sept. 22-23 GPAA Gold Show at Denver Coliseum. We have obtained a booth for the show. We will be selling magnets and pins.
- No other specific planned outings are scheduled as of yet !!!

From the Floor:

- Mike H. advised that he will be donating a charcoal painting to Tom Hendrix of the Cross Mine on behalf of himself and the Club.
- Joe S. announced that there will be 3 open Board positions for next year and that nominations will be taken in Oct., Voting will take place in Nov. and results announced in Dec. and we will be taking nominations for the Ken Barker Award also.
- JJ advised that the 2 panning demos in Highlands Ranch and Idaho Springs went very well.
- Sue L. is on a well deserved vacation back to Massachusetts.
- JJ also advised that he will miss the Oct. Mtg. and Mike H. would have the helm.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting Oct. 17, 2012 at 6:00pm. Next General Meeting Oct. 17, 2012 at 7:00pm

Tonight's general meeting program: Part 2 of the DVD titled 'How to separate gold from black sand without chemicals'.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:45pm.

2012 GPR Board of Directors Members

President James Long

Vice President

Mike Hurtado

Secretary/Treasurer

Peg Brozek

2 Year Board

Members

Joe Johnston (2010)

Joe Shubert (2011)

1 Year Board

Members

Sue Lemieux

Joe Fortunato

Terry Weatherly

Andy Doll

Don Luchtenburg

Greg Davis

General Meeting Minutes From Sept 2012

- 1) Meeting was opened at 7:05 by Pres. JJ Long with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Pres. Long gave the Metals Report with gold at \$1769.70 an ounce, silver at \$34.17, platinum at \$1637.00 and palladium at \$675.00.
- 3) Web hits for last month were up, reflecting 863 hits for last 30 days.
- 4) Treasurer Peg Brozek reported that the Club remains in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. Also, we are now selling tickets for the new 'Members Only' drawing for a large 14 gram nugget.
- 5) Pam and George Schmitt reported from the Membership Table that approx. 89 members were in attendance. There were 9 guests and 3 new members and a current membership is at 133 families representing over 200 total members.
- 6) Tonight's program was introduced. This was Part 2 of the DVD titled 'How to separate your gold from black sands without chemicals'.
- 7) Mike Huratado announced that the Pins have arrived and have been placed into the store with a sale price of \$5.00 per pin. The Commemorative Coin has been ordered and will be here in early October. Also, that the owner of the Cross Mine has agreed to offer additional tours at 15.00 per person.. A sign up sheet was put out for those interested.
- 8) Sue Clover delivered the Question of the Month to the attendees. 'What is the largest gold nugget in existence?'
- 9) Rob Deschambault presented the 2012 Cache Clue #7 to the membership.
- 10) Pres. Long announced that the panning demo at Highlands Ranch Days went very well as did the panning demo at the Clear Creek Watershed Festival in Idaho Springs. He thanked all the volunteers that made both events so successful. He also thanked everyone for adhering to the request not to use motorized equipment in Clear Creek at the Youngfield location.
- 11) Sue Lemieux was on vacation and there were no books to be auctioned off tonight.



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12) Rob Deshambault reports that the Club Store still has a lot of products for sale, so please support your Club and purchase several. They make great gift items as well. This will be Rob's last year overseeing the Store and we have a replacement who will take over the Store starting in January.

13) Pres. Long reported that the following scheduled outings for 2012 to date:

- Sept. 22-23 SS GPAA Gold Show at Denver Coliseum. We will have a booth and will be selling magnets and pins.
- Sept. 29 Sa Beginners Panning/Sluicing Class at 6911 N. Washington at 9am.
- No other specific planned outings are scheduled at this moment but there are sure to be plenty more to come!!!

14) Pres Long announcements:

- There will be a Pumpkin Carving Contest for the October meeting. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers.
- Also, Club Officer elections will be conducted in November along with the Ken Barker Award. Several Board spots are open and anyone can nominate anybody or nominate yourself for any position on the Board. Joe Schubert will be preparing nominations forms for the October meeting.
- Also, a Leatherman's tool and pouch were lost during the Twin Lakes Outing. If anyone found it, notify Pres. Long for its return to its owner.

15) Pres. Long announced at break at 8:20m. Meeting called back to order at 8:40pm.

16) Sue Clover announced that there were 36 winners of the 'Question of the Month' and that the answer was 'The Hand of Faith' which is currently in the Golden Nugget Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

17) The evening was concluded with drawings for door prizes followed by drawings numerous prizes and for the gold nuggets. A reminder that holders of drawing tickets who did not win and want to redeem those tickets may present them at the end of the Meeting and they will be reimbursed at .01 cents on the dollar, or they can donate the tickets back to the Club. Those assisting Pres. Long in the drawings were Chuck Cown and Peg Brozek.

18) Pres. Long thanked all those who contributed to the Refreshment Table. Any member is encouraged to chip in and add to the spread. With the number of attendees skyrocketing recently, this really helps the folks who run the table and those who volunteer up front each month. The Club appreciates the efforts that each and every one of you make to make the refreshment table enjoyable

19) The Meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm

Highlands Ranch Days Panning Demo

The Annual Highlands Ranch Days was held on Sept. 6, 7, 8 at the historic Highlands Ranch Mansion at 9900 S. Ranch Road in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. The Gold Prospectors of the Rockies provided a Panning Demo again this year at the festival. We have attended this event for a number of years now.

On Thursday and Friday, local Douglas County Schools bussed pre-school, first and second grade students to the festival. The festival had a number of other vendors to include a hayride, a chuck wagon, pony rides, a blacksmith, the Douglas County 4H booth with many animals and a petting zoo, and a native American music, dance, and history show along with a presentation of numerous live hawks, owls, and eagles on display.

Club members who volunteered to make this year's event a success were Mike Hurtado, Jack Mieneke, John House, Andy Doll, Pam Schmitt, Joe Johnston, Brandon Luchtenburg, Walt Nowakowski, and JJ Long. I want to thank them for their willingness to volunteer and help to make the Clubs ventures successful. *Photos by JJ Long.*





October Meeting Program

The October meeting will feature the conclusion of the video ‘Separating gold from black sands without using chemicals’. This video has drawn a lot of interest from members and is quite informative. Part 1 was shown in June and Part 2 was shown in September. You don’t want to miss the conclusion of this fascinating video!!

Sue’s Sluice Box



6th Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest

It’s that time of year to be creative !

Bring in your carved Pumpkins, for the October Meeting, and let the club Members vote on your creations

The more creative, the better chance of Winning a Prize & ribbon!

All ages are encouraged to participate



Clear Creek County Watershed Festival Panning Demo

On September 15, the Club hosted a Panning Booth at the 4th Annual Clear Creek County Watershed Festival in Idaho Springs. The event annually draws up to a 1000 visitors and hosts some 25 vendors or so who are all associated with water, the watershed, mining, and associated interests. It includes a play area for kids, a live band, a rock climbing wall, and fishing for kids in Clear Creek under the supervision of members of Trout Unlimited.

We had a good time and met quite a few people who expressed interest in prospecting. The Club acts as a passport station at the event and visitors come to get their ‘passport’ stamped to compete for prizes given away. The Smoking Yards Barbeque provided a great lunch for all of our volunteers who helped to make this event a success. I personally appreciate the efforts of Richard Beesley, Pam and George Schmitt, Jack Meineke, Mike Hurtado, and Brandon Luchtenburg who assisted me in representing the Club in such a great way. Well done guys and many thanks. *(photo by Jim Long)*





Newsworthy Notes Concerning Mining Interests

9-11-12 From the Denver Post:

Barrick DEO sees \$2000 gold near: Barrick Gold Corp. chief executive Jamie Sokowsky said “he’s optimistic” that the price of gold will rise to \$2000 dollars an ounce within the next 12 months. Sokalsky made the prediction Monday in an interview in Denver, where he is attending the Denver Gold Forum. Gold for delivery in December settled at \$1732.30 an ounce.

9-14-12 From the Denver Post:

Newmont to cut 34 jobs: Newmont Mining, the largest U.S. gold producer, has cut 34 of about 800 jobs at its Greenwood Village headquarters, according to company spokesman Omar Jabara. Newmont publicly stated in May that it is looking at its global operations, general and administrative costs and projects to identify opportunities to improve efficiency, due to rising costs across the mining industry.

9-14-12 From the Denver Post:

Mining Artifacts bought by County for \$90,000.00: Boulder County will spend \$90,000 to purchase hard rock mining artifacts, under a transaction the Board of County Commissioners approved Thursday. According to the Boulder Daily Camera, Boulder County will buy most of the memorabilia, documents and mining equipment on display inside and outside the Nederland Mining Museum, a collection now owned by the non-profit Nederland Area Historical Society. Boulder County Parks and Open Space Department plans to operate and staff the museum itself, possibly beginning next year. (Nearly all the contents of the museum had been donated to the City of Nederland by Tom Hendricks, the owner of the Cross Mine).

9-19-12 From the Denver Post:

Mining Graduates strike richer lodes: Harvard alumni earn less than their counterparts from the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology after a decade-long commodity bull market created shortages of workers and minerals. Graduates from S. Dakota earned an average of 2600.00 more than the Harvard graduates. Fourteen S.S. schools offer mining engineering degrees including Colorado School of Mines in Golden today as compared to 30 such schools in 1982.

9-19-12 Fro the Denver Post:

Trinidad Mines to stay shut: Owners of New Elk coal operation say they will reopen and resume working when economic conditions improve. The town of Trinidad says this is very disappointing news. The New Elk coal mine says that they have suspended operation for at least 60 days due to the global coal market metallurgical commodity prices have dropped sharply the pat two quarters making it incr3edibly challenging for coal operations to continue at this time and is a direct reflection on excess inventories and soft demand.

A Miner's Laugh

There I was sitting at the bar in one of the mining town's saloons just staring at my drink when a large trouble making miner steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one big swig.

“Well, whatcha gonna do about that?” he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears. “Oh come on man,” the big guy says, “I didn't think you'd cry, I can't stand to see a grown man cry.”

“Well, this has been the worst day of my life,” I said. “I'm a complete failure. I was late to work at the mine site and the boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. That was when I found my old lady with the mine boss that fired me and then my own dog bit me...twice.”

“So I came to this saloon to work up the courage to end it all. I bought a drink, dropped a poison capsule in and sat here watching the poison dissolve. And then you, ya big jerk, show up and drink the whole darn thing!”

“But, hey, enough about me...how is your day going..??”

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GPAA Gold Show comes to Denver by Jim Long

The GPAA Gold Show finally returned to Denver after a 3 year absence. The 2 day event took place at the Denver Coliseum in the Hall of Education and was well attended by vendors from throughout the recreational mining industry. The Gold Prospectors Association of America based in Temecula, California, has expanded the number of Gold Shows that are hosted across the United States for the year 2012 from an average of just 6 or 8 to nearly 15 this year. The Director of GPAA Shows, Gary Sturgil, informed us that the Denver Show attracted more than 1600 participants over the 2 day event and that they were quite pleased with turn out which was a lot better and bigger than the previous 3 shows in Utah, South Dakota and Wyoming had been. Vendors such as MGM Enterprises, Miners Keepers, White's Detectors, Desert Fox, Pro-Gold, ProLine, Midas Gold, and many, many others were there along with the Tomah, Washington GPAA Chapter. Prospectors were able to view a lot of the most recent lines on the market as well as a lot of the more well known brands such as Keene, Tesoro, and White's.

Representatives from the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies, the Foothills Chapter of the GPAA, and the High Plains (Denver) Chapter of the GPAA provided volunteers throughout the event to make it a great success. I want to thank your Club members Mike Hurtado, Steve Overton, Richard Beesley, Brandon Luchtenburg, Don Luchtenburg, Pam and George Schmitt, Andy Doll, Roger Biri, Janine Ballantine, Jack Meineke, Steve Barritt, Karen and Steve Miller, Ray Witt, and Don Bray for making our participation in the Show a huge success. They performed duties such as unloading the GPAA truck on Friday and setting up all the booths for the arriving vendors, helping vendors unload their supplies, taking tickets at the front door and passing out entry arm bands, guarding entry/exit doorways, any and all odd jobs throughout the day, and finally tearing down all the equipment and loading the GPAA truck when the event was concluded. We were able to sign up about 12 new members during the process and promoted the Club and the interests of amateur prospecting very well. There is a tremendous amount of interest out there and all our members did a good job representing your club. We noted that a lot of our members attended the show and managed to stop by our booth and say 'howdy' as well.

Club highlights included Janine 'Digger' Ballantine who entered the women's panning competition on Sunday and won the event in 27 seconds. When all the door prizes and major prizes were awarded at the end of the day, Club members Steve Bustamonte won a door prize and member Joe Johnston won a 'Gold Buddy' mini-high banker. Our own very lucky Janine Ballantine won the grand prize, a 2 week paid trip to the GPAA Cripple River Camp in Nome, Alaska to be used during the 2012 season. In all the excitement, I didn't think to get pictures of the winners but Janine was literally bouncing around the place for hours. But I did manage a couple of photos when I wasn't busy shaking hands and selling the Club and the value of Club membership to the many folks who stopped by to talk.

GPAA officials told us that they may well be back as soon as 2014 for the next big show. *(photos by Jim Long)*



Our members helped the GPAA in many different ways



The GPR booth

Beginners Panning/Sluicing Class by Jim Long

On Saturday September 29, President Long conducted a beginners panning and sluicing class on Clear Creek. The weather was absolutely perfect and the event was attended by about 15 beginners who were all relatively new to prospecting.

We began the Class with a lesson on the history of the gold rush and led into how to find areas that would produce gold and how to go about locating it. We then learned what basic equipment was necessary to begin prospecting and how to obtain that equipment for under 100.00. We followed up with a lesson in how to break in a new gold pan and then learned how to and practiced our newly learned panning skills. The fun thing was that nearly everyone that I checked did have



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some gold in their pans. The concentrates had been dug earlier that morning by Mike Hurtado and myself. We had found a spot that I have dug in the past and found good gold and classified it with a ½” and then re-classified it down through an 8. We then filled 15 quart sized plastic bags with some of those concentrates and set up several black tubs for the beginners to pan their concentrates into that had been taken from the leftovers in the buckets.

All in all, everyone did very well with their panning and if they practice hard and long for the rest of the winter, they should be pretty fair panners by spring. We then demonstrated how to set up a sluice box correctly. There was a lot of interest in this and everybody got a chance to see how it was done. When we ran some of our screened material, we were able to see the gold on the black matting in the mouth of the sluice box. The day ended with all the participants having learned a lot and having found a little gold as well.

I want to thank our members Mike Hurtado, Joe Fortunato and Don Bray for coming out to lend a hand teaching the class. Their input and experience is considerable and very valuable. These are the people and the things that make this such a great Club. *(Photos by Jim Long)*



2012 Fall Beginners Class



Practicing panning under the watchful eyes of instructors



Learning how to sluice

A Word to the Wise, Creek Bacteria Can Cause Rash

As appearing in The Gold Nugget, April 2000 by Gary Hawley

I recently spoke with a fellow prospector who had been panning at 70th and Washington while wearing the usual knee-high rubber boots. While walking in the creek, water splashed into both boots. Within a day or so, he noticed a rash appear on his legs. His doctor thought bacteria in the creek water might have caused the rash.

In the summer of 1999, I heard a doctor talk about the hazards of hiking in the mountains. He strongly suggested that you should wash your hands before handling any food products, even if all you did was walk through brush or touch any grasses, and especially if you had touched any stream water. He stated that bacteria grow well in the moist mountain areas and can easily transfer from brush or stream water to your hands and then to the food you touch. There are several good antibacterial waterless soaps available at the drug store. They come in gel form and in towelette packets.

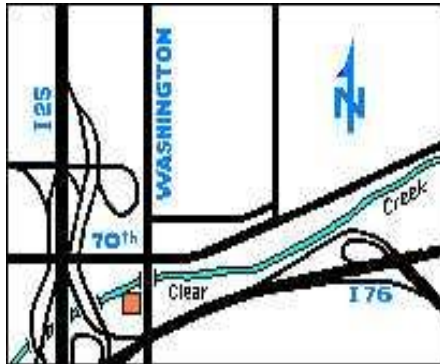
We all know not to drink from the stream without proper treatment of the water, but maybe we should consider other protection as well:

- Wear tall enough boots to avoid water getting into them.
- Wear longer gloves to avoid water getting to your hands.
- Use the waterless antibacterial soap before eating (this applies to smokers, also).
- Bathe when you have finished panning or prospecting.
- Wash the clothes you wore while prospecting.

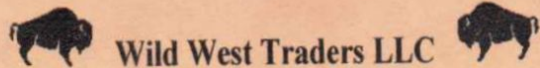
It is a shame that our beautiful streams may be harmful to our health but the fact is, they are and we must take precautions to protect ourselves.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 Day Light Savings Ends	5	6 Election Day	7	8	9	10 Newsletter Advert/Article Copy Deadline
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18	19	20	21 GPR Club Meeting	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
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