



# The Spirit of '76 and '88



Newsletter of the  
**October Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association 2021**  
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## The Prez Says

by Bryan Torok, N8OOF

For the September meeting we met at the Kumo Japanese Seafood Buffet on Snow. They have a very comprehensive buffet of Chinese food, sushi, salad, fruit, and several American dishes. Unfortunately, we encountered a little snag. I had understood that in addition to the buffet we would also be able to order individual entrées off the menu for a reduced price. But, once we arrived at the restaurant we were told that they didn't have enough staff working to be able to do that. That left some of our members in the position of having the buffet or not eating. I apologize to anyone who was affected by that. If we hold a meeting there again, we should simply plan on the buffet.

On the positive side of things, all but one of the people I spoke with said they enjoyed the quality and selection of the food. The one person who was not impressed stated that he is not a big fan of Chinese food.

The presentation was given by our very own **Bob Winston, W2THU**, speaking on **Ham Radio and the Law**. Bob presented several of his more interesting cases where he represented ham radio operators in disputes with the cities where they lived. Bob also gave us an update

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## LEARA October 26. Meeting

### "Portable Operations"

Anthony Luscre, K8ZT

**Houlihan's in Westlake**  
<https://houlihans.com/Westlake>

**6:30 p.m.**  
**25651 Detroit Rd**  
**Westlake, OH 44145**

### Reservations required

<https://www.leara.org/meetings-and-events/dinner-reservation>

The cost of the meal, including a non-alcoholic beverage, and gratuity, will be \$30 per person. Advance reservations are required. Reservations may be made on the club website at <http://www.leara.org>. or by calling Marv Grossman W8AZO at 440-248-0031.

The dinner will be served buffet-style. Entrees will include Pot Roast, Grilled Rosemary Chicken, and Vegetable Pasta Marinara.

Side dishes will include Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, French Cut Green Beans, and Honey Glazed Carrots.

Salad, dinner rolls, water, coffee, tea, and soft drinks are included.

**Prez cont.**

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on **Ohio House Bill 283**, also known as the "**distracted driving**" bill. Bob described the latest amendment to the bill which is a "carve out" for Amateur Radio. We urge you to contact your local representative and ask that the bill **along with the amendment** be passed.

**For the October meeting** we will be at **Houlihan's** in Westlake. We expect to have Zoom call-in available. At \$30 per person, the cost is somewhat higher than what we are used to paying. But, keep in mind that includes beverage, tax, and gratuity and factors in the restaurant allowing us to use the room for 3+ hours. For more on that topic, see the section on "Future Meetings" further on in this article.

Our speaker for the October Meeting will be **Anthony Luscre, K8ZT**. If that name sounds familiar, he's presented at LEARA meetings twice before, and he's also the ARRL Ohio Section Youth Coordinator. His topic will be "**Portable Operations**". He will be presenting tips and tricks on how to set yourself up for portable operating, like camping, Parks on the Air, or even Field Day. Pretty much anyplace where there isn't a permanent antenna installation, or the availability of commercial power.

**Please share the meeting info** on any nets you might be on, with other Ham Radio clubs, and with anyone who you think might be interested in this event. Attendees DO NOT need to be members of LEARA or even Hams.

**Future Meetings:** As I mentioned in last month's column, most of the restaurants where we previously held meetings are not booking their banquet or meeting rooms at this time. **Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS**, has been checking back with restaurants we've previously met at and also checking out newly suggested venues.

The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Assn., Inc., **LEARA**, is a not-for-profit [501(c)(3)] organization dedicated to Amateur Radio and Public Service. Club information packets and applications for membership are available from **Marv Grossman, W8AZO, 440-248-0031**, or may be downloaded from our web site at [www.leara.org](http://www.leara.org). Annual membership is \$25.00.

**LEARA's address** is: LEARA, P.O. Box 22823, Beachwood, OH 44122-0823.

**LEARA** is an **ARRL**-affiliated club. When you join or renew the **ARRL**, **LEARA** benefits monetarily if you do so through the club. Send **ARRL** Applications/renewals to LEARA, P.O. Box 22823, Beachwood, OH 44122-0823. Make the check payable to **LEARA**, not the **ARRL**.

**Membership Meetings** are held the last Tuesday of each month (except December and June) at a Cleveland-area restaurant to be announced each month in the newsletter or, if situation requires, in a virtual conference meeting online. The LEARA newsletter usually arrives near the middle of the month. Locations for dinner may vary and often require a reservation. Those interested in dinner should arrive around 6 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to all interested persons. You may attend without eating.

**Trustees' Meetings** are on the second Saturday of odd numbered months. Meetings are open to all current members of LEARA. **Locations are subject to change.** Trustees meet at one of the Cuyahoga County Public Library branches or in a virtual conference room online.

Contact a trustee or check the website at [www.leara.org](http://www.leara.org) for details.

## Prez cont.

A trend that has become very apparent is that prices of food in general and restaurants in particular have risen sharply since the beginning of this year. When I first saw the proposed price for Houlihan's, my first thought was somewhere between, "Hell, No!" and the less polite version of, "What the Heck?" Then, besides consulting my fellow trustees, I looked up Houlihan's menu online. I found that to order similar entrées with everything that's included one could easily be in the \$25-\$30 range by the time they got out the door.

For the November Holiday meeting, we are looking at the **Hofbräuhaus** at about \$45 per person and ordering from a selection of four entrées. That price will include beverage, dessert, tax, and gratuity.

The last time that LEARA was at the Hofbräuhaus was November 2019. I was not able to attend that time. The time before that was May 2018. That was 3½ years ago. At that time we ordered off the menu and the bill for me and Sara, KC8KSU, with everything included came to around \$65. And, we did not have dessert which is included in the current proposal. The Hofbräuhaus is definitely a more expensive venue and not one that I would suggest for regular meetings, but I think still doable for a once a year holiday gathering. Let us know what you think.

Going forward into next year, one option is to simply stay with My Friends Restaurant and possibly alternate with Kumo Seafood Buffet. Our last meeting at My Friends was in August of this year and was not well attended, although on previous occasions (pre-COVID 19) we filled the room. I'm not sure if the poor attendance was due to COVID 19 concerns, the location, or something else, especially since the September meeting at Kumo was well attended. Personally, I would like to see us rotate among three restaurants, perhaps My Friends, Kumo, and the Firehouse Grille and Pub in Willoughby Hills when they reopen for groups.

So, the Trustees and I need to hear from YOU! If you have been coming to meetings, what would you like to see us do to keep you attending? If you haven't been coming to meetings, what are your concerns? What would it take to get you to attend?

The next **Trustees meeting** will be Saturday, November 13 at 9:15 AM via **Zoom**. All LEARA members are welcome to attend. It has been brought to my attention that some members may be put off by having to request the link for the Trustees meetings. Therefore, I will be emailing the link to all members on the Wednesday or Thursday prior to the meeting. If you don't get it, please contact us. Thanks to the **Hamfest Association of Cleveland (HAC.org)** for the use of the Zoom video conferencing.

**Elections:** October is the month when LEARA has its annual business meeting and conducts the election of Trustees for the following year. However, the Bylaws state that when the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number of positions open the election will not be held. Current Trustee **Steve Spisak, K8SAS**, has declined to run for reelection. **Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G**, Radio Officer and former trustee has stepped up and is running for Trustee. That with the incumbents, Marv Grossman, W8AZO, and me means we have three candidates running for three offices. Therefore the new and renewed Trustees will be seated at the November Trustees meeting. Club officers will also be chosen from among the Trustees at the November Trustees meeting.

I had at least three other topics I wanted to talk about, but I'm out of space and time.

**Until next month**, talk on the radio and use the repeaters. Check into one of the many nets available on the LEARA repeaters. Join us on the air, online, or in person. If you don't feel safe meeting in person due to the pandemic, we understand. But, we really want to see or at least hear from you, even if it is only by Radio or Zoom.



## LEARA "On the Air"

### Club Net Information by Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE

The **Thursday Club Net** is held 8 p.m. on our 146.760 (or 146.880 backup) MHz (-600 kHz offset, PL 110.9) repeater. Note that the '76

repeater is back in service. All nets will be held on this repeater. Please use it and notify any trustee of any troubles or issues.

September 2021 Checkins					
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K8RJH	Ron	N8AUC	Eric	KD8DTA	Dustin
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W8IXY	Ted	KM8V	Jon	K8BZJ	Moe
N8UPZ	Bill	KE8RGC	John	KC8AMD	Paul
AB8UM	Mike	N8AGM	Tom		

Remember if you missed a net, check out the web page for a recap of the trivia and discussion questions.

For October, November and December, the tentative scheduled NCOs are:

Please check the website for current assignments.

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Net Control Schedule		
10/28/21	Jon	KM8V
11/04/21	Steve	K8SAS
11/11/21	Mike	AB8UM
11/18/21	Ed	W8IE
11/25/21	No	Net
12/02/21	Carl	KB8VXE
12/09/21	Eric	N8AUC
12/16/21	Ken	KG8DN
12/23/21	Steve	K8SAS
12/30/21	Jon	KM8V

## The Wednesday Night Skywarn Practice Net

The Skywarn season runs from April through September. The Skywarn practice nets are now on winter hiatus. Should the National Weather Service issue a severe weather alert, a Skywarn net will be started on the 146.760 repeater.

Visit [www.ccskywarn.org](http://www.ccskywarn.org) for more information and training sessions.

## ARES

ARES nets are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. on 145.410 +110.9. A simplex net will be held afterwards. ARES Meetings are no longer being held via Zoom. ARES Meetings and Nets are on Winter Hiatus. The next ARES meeting will be January 2022 at the Helwig Whistle Stop 599 West Bagley Rd. Berea, OH. at 2 p.m. Please monitor the ARES website at [www.n8esg.org/ares](http://www.n8esg.org/ares) for information on nets and events. You do not have to be an ARES member to participate.

[www.n8esg.org/events](http://www.n8esg.org/events)

## Thursday Net NCOs

Do you know K2??? How about ??UPZ? A great way to learn who these voices belong to is to be a net controller! Consider being a net controller.

It's an easy to learn job that is very important in emergencies.

We look forward to your participation!

**Carl, KB8VXE, E-Mail: [kb8vxe@arrl.net](mailto:kb8vxe@arrl.net)**

## Sunshine:

We want to wish Tom Bishop (W8TAB) continued success in his latest treatment program. (Give 'Em hell, Harry!).

NCOs

AB8UM	MIKE	KG8DN	KEN
K8SAS	STEVE*	KM8V	JON
KB8VXE	CARL	N8AUC	ERIC
KD8ACD**	DAVID	W8IE	Ed

\*Short time leave \*\*Long term leave



## Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

from [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)



Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, please verify with your VE team that the exam session is being held.

**11/14/2021 | [Independence OH 44131](#)**

**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga ARS

**Location:** Old Elmwood Recreation Center

**Time:** 9:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

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**12/04/2021 | [Kirtland OH 44094](#)**

**Sponsor:** Lake County ARA

**Location:** Kirtland Library

**Time:** 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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**12/07/2021 | [Westlake OH 44145](#)**

**Sponsor:** AD0VR

**Location:** Dover Masonic Temple

**Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga ARS

**Location:** Old Elmwood Recreation Center

**Time:** 9:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

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**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga ARS

**Location:** Old Elmwood Recreation Center

**Time:** 9:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

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## Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

from [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)



Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, please verify the websites of the hamfests and conventions if the event is being held.

**10/31/2021 - [Massillon Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Green, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Massillon Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://w8np.org>

[Learn More](#)



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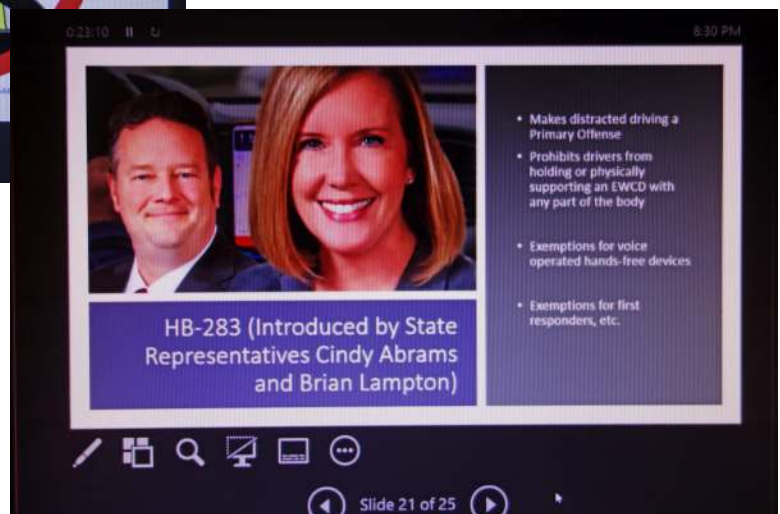
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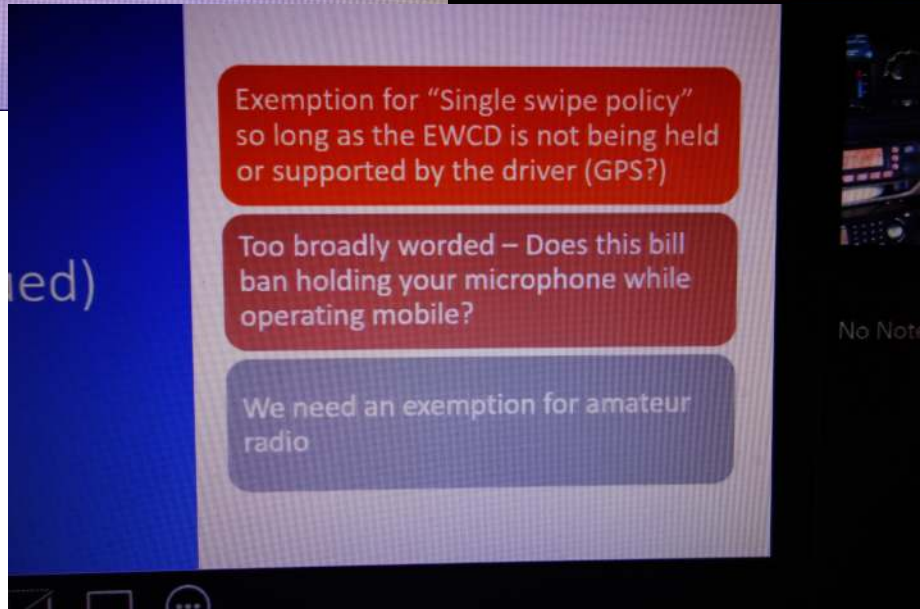
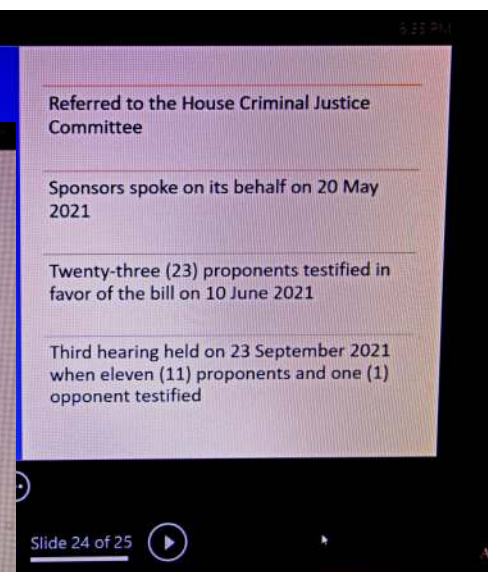
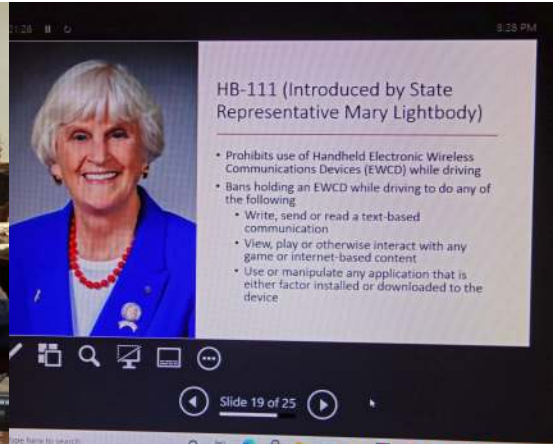


# Ham Radio & the Law

Bob Winston, W2THU

from 28. September 2021







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>24</b> Cleveland Marathon  <b>October</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30p.m. <b>LEARA</b> <b>meeting</b> 7:15 p.m. ARES 80m OSSB 7:45 p.m. OHDN	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Halloween  <b>November</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:15 p.m. ARES 80m OSSB 7:45 p.m. OHDN	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Daylight Savings Time change	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:15 p.m. ARES 80m OSSB 7:45 p.m. OHDN	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b> 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9 a.m. Trustees Meeting
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## Good day, all

I've recently returned to Northeast Ohio (temporarily) and was curious what 22 years has done to the local Amateur Radio community. It's not pretty. My time down the shoreline in Vermilion was the big slowdown. Those among us who saw Amateur Radio as primarily a tool fell away as the 'cell phone of the year club' replaced the 'radio of the month club.' Those among us who thought of Amateur Radio more as a fraternity likely found this as unsettling as I did. Time marches on.

The Texas era brought a very active Amateur Radio scene, both in San Antonio and Galveston. The people there were friendly, and any hint of the severe weather brought everyone out - repeaters, simplex, HF. Short jaunts to the Atlanta suburbs brought more of the same, Little Rock as well.

Returning to Northeast Ohio was a bit of ice water down the back. Most of the repeaters are still in operation,

including a large handful of wide area machines. A 70cm repeater is the single machine to get regular use anymore. LEARAs repeaters are all quite high profile, and ghostly silent. Plenty of members, who don't QSO anymore, or perhaps they find HF to exclusively satisfy their needs/wants. I can't speak for them.

My favourite LEARA repeater tale took place on 9-11-2001. As was the routine, I had a regular schedule with a relative over the 224.900 repeater. 11am til 11:25ish. The QSO went something like this:

She-ham: I was so tired this morning, I just got up from a nap

Me-ham: You haven't turned the TV on yet???

She-ham: No, I told you I just woke up.

Me-ham: TURN ON THE TELEVISION

She-ham: Why? What's going on?

Me-ham: TURN ON THE TELEVISION!!!

She ham: Ok, it's on channel 5. WHATS GOING ON?

Me-ham: Sign clear and get caught up. I'll be home a little early today.

She-ham signs clear, and I remain informed via my text pager that had 2 separate news feeds. The constant vibration in my pocket that day would always signal an interesting update, and my co-workers would cluster around to read the news texts.

The Northeast Blackout of August 2003 brought a particularly interesting QSO as well.

Me-ham: (224.900 again) N8QMK, listening. Listening for news of the situation.

WA8ZHN: I'm just trying HF into New York State, stand-by

A few moments later: Niagara Falls and (Albany, I think) are both without power as well.

I thanked Jim for sharing that information and proceeded to lug the 2500 watt generator out of the garage and onto the gravel pad that usually had a charcoal grill on it. My point is that thanks to Amateur Radio, (within 45 minutes of losing power,) via both HF and LEARA repeater, Jim and I were quite aware of the gravity of the situation, something that WTAM took 5 hours to figure out.

In closing, I'd like to ask all who are reading to get back on the local airwaves, give '76 and '88 some well-deserved attention. 224.900 needs attention desperately as well. If we all throw our call signs out and make 2 QSOs a day, that's 3 local repeaters that won't just fade away. This is a big deal. This is important. LEARA machines all need exercise, badly.

Respectfully, **N8QMK**, clear

## Students at UK School for Deaf Youngsters Enjoy Space Chat

10/14/2021 - from: <http://www.arrl.org/news/students-at-uk-school-for-deaf-youngsters-enjoy-space-chat>

Students at the Mary Hare School for deaf children in the UK took part in what appears to have been a world-first event for Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS). Facilitating the late-morning direct contact with astronaut Mark Vande Hei, KG5GNP, at NA1SS were ARISS-UK and members of the Newbury and District Amateur Radio Society (NADARS). The ground station used the call sign GB4MHN. ARISS-UK volunteers handled the technical aspects, while NADARS members provided students with the “amateur radio experience” through events and activities.

Students asked their questions orally, and the astronaut’s replies — as well as questions and answers posed by the audience before the contact began — were displayed in closed caption format beneath a huge video screen.

The Mary Hare School is an aural school for the deaf that teaches students to develop lip-reading

skills and to make use of technology. Students range in age from 5 through 19 years old. An enthusiastic audience of some 250 individuals was in the auditorium, where the contact took place, while another 600 students at other locations in the school observed the contact via a web feed.

Leading up to the contact, students at the school learned about radio- and space-related topics that touched on physics, chemistry, and biology. Student activities have included designing and flying model rockets, making astronomical observations, and observing authentic spacesuits.

Students wanted to know if the astronauts used sign language in space in case something goes wrong, how the ISS would be evacuated in the event of a fire, and whether mobile devices such as cell phones work in space.

“You made my day!” Vande Hei said after all the questions had been asked and the students had applauded.

A livestream was available and has been archived.

Amateur radio equipment has been on board the ISS for more than 20 years, and most astronauts hold ham radio licenses. A live web feed will be available.

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## LEARA — The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

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### VOICE REPEATERS:

<b>146.76/R-</b>	• Highland Hills	(Requires 110.9 Hz tone)
<b>146.88/R-</b>	• Lakewood	(Requires 110.9 Hz tone)
<b>224.90/R-</b>	• Lakewood	(Requires 141.3 Hz tone)
<b>444.40/R+</b>	• Macedonia	(Requires 131.8 Hz tone) (Offline)
<b>444.70/R+</b>	• Lakewood	<b>Digital System Fusion</b> & Analog (Req. 131.8 Hz tone)

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