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Newsletter of Riley Motor Club Qld Inc.

April 2008



Next Meeting: 7:30 pm Thursday, 10th April
Queensland Sporting Car Club
206 Montague Road
West End 4101

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Minutes of the OGM of the Riley Motor Club, Qld., Inc. held at the Brisbane Sporting Club, West End Thursday, 13 March 2008.

Meeting opened by Alan Hill at 8.20pm with 17 members and guests present.

Apologies:

Dianne Phillips, Pat & Betty Elliott, Brian & Lyn Jackson, Peter & Bonnie Young, John & Eve Romer, Ken & Wendy Lonie, Bill Donovan, Jeff Jones, Kiara Rizzo, David Bales, David Schock, Dick and Earla Self.

Minutes from previous meeting:

Moved, Gary Britton, seconded by Trevor Judd that minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business arising from minutes:

Nil

Inwards correspondence:

1. Membership fees for Mr. Robert Harmsworth, Beerwah;
2. Membership fees for Mr. John Draper, Beachmere;
3. Membership fees for Mr. Terry Middleton, Sandstone Point;
4. Invitation to Mackay Restoration Club 30th Anniversary Rally, 3, 4 & 5th May 2008;
5. All British Day, Sunday 21st September 2008, St Joseph's College Sports Grounds, Tennyson;
6. Noosa Beach Classic Car Show, 28th September 2008, Noosa Heads Lion's Park;
7. Change of Address for Mr. Paul Reed;
8. Letter from Springbrook Mountain Manor;
9. Copies of Riley Gazette (2), Riley Rattles (3), Riley Newsletter WA (3), Riley NewZ and Tru Brit Magazine.

Outwards correspondence:

1. Membership application to Mr. Robert Harmsworth, Beerwah;
2. Membership application to Mr. John Draper, Beachmere.

Moved by Graham Ellwood seconded by Linden Thomson that the inwards be received and the outwards be endorsed. Carried.

Treasurer's Report - February, 2008:

Balance as per Bank Statement, 31st January, 2008		\$2,759.62CR
Interest		\$.27
Deposits	Membership fees	\$1,080.00
	Donations	<u>\$ 105.00</u>
		<u>\$1,185.27CR</u>
Cheques	Brisbane Sporting Car Club Rental Dec./Feb.	\$ 110.00
	R. Burrows Exp. For 2007	\$ 88.10
	L. Thomson N/letter exp. Feb.	<u>\$ 252.30</u>
		<u>\$ 450.40DB</u>
Balance as per Bank Statement		<u>\$3,494.49CR</u>

Moved by Ross that his report be accepted, seconded Dorothy Cameron. Carried

Club Captain's Report:**March 30th 2008 Samford-Dayboro Run**

Thanks to Sheila for preparing this outing.

From 8:30, for 9:00, BYO everything brekky at the Hill's residence, BBQ, hot water, available.

10:00, A look over the Samford Museum.

10:30 or so, head off to Dayboro with a stop off at the antique shop on the left, about 3 Km out of Dayboro.

Onward to sausage shop in William Street, Dayboro where you can buy seriously succulent sausages for a scrumptious satisfying BBQ lunch.

After lunch, a short drive up Mt Mee Road, brings you to the recently refurbished Glengariff winery. If you'd like a peek preview go to: www.glengariff.com.au. The views from here are beautiful.

April Run is in the planning stages.

Spare Parts Report:

Jack has been very busy rebuilding carburettors and electronic distributors for members travelling to the National Rally. Member Mal Lorimer in Townsville has had to replace his exhaust manifold and exhaust system before setting out. Members should contact Jack if they need any spare parts as he has a wide variety on hand.

Registrar's report:

Nil.

General business:

A series of setbacks for some members. Linden Thomson hasn't been able to finish his car in time for the National Rally. Brian Jackson's 2½ (recently purchased) has engine problems and may be a toss up between taking the Pathfinder or the Riley 1·5. Alan Hill travelling back from the Gold Coast in the Lynx experienced some ignition problems and pulled off up a side street hitting a largish pot hole which resulted in the bonnet flying up damaging paint work on a mudguard and denting a headlight. Worse was the discovery of a hole in the fuel tank caused by a part from the rear suspension.

Ross Phillips voiced his experiences with the new pay by phone system now in service with the RACQ. It seems RACQ have a lot of work to do. Ray Burrows advised that the price of all Club shirts would now be \$30.00 each (includes embroidery). Another victim to rising transport costs. Dorothy Cameron donated to the Club the Riley flag that had been used at the 1977 National Rally at Broadbeach. Flag now in the hands of the Club Captain.

Secretary's Email: Redpath@aanet.com.au

Meeting closed: 8.50pm.

Next Meetings:

Thursday, 10th April 2008

Thursday, 8th May 2008

BRISBANE SPORTING CAR CLUB

Unit 1, 206 Montague Road

West End Q 4101 (UBD map 21 (P8) approximately opposite Donkin Street.)

Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Riley Motor Club, Qld., Inc. held at the Brisbane Sporting Car Club Rooms, Montague Road, West End, Thursday 14th February, 2008.

Meeting opened by President Alan Hill at 8.15 pm with 26 members present.

Apologies:

Pat & Betty Elliott, Norm Evans, Kiara Rizzo, Evelyn Romer, Shirley Ellwood, Neil & Michelle Walter, Graham & Betty Swan, David Schoch, Dick & Earla Self.

Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting:

Moved: Peter Young Seconded: Linden Thomson that the Annual General Meeting Minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Nil

Treasurer's Report for the year 2007

The treasurer advised the meeting that the annual report was not yet available.

Moved by Ross that report be postponed until the March meeting, seconded by Ken Lonie. Carried

Office of Fair Trading

The process has changed for Not for Profit Organizations whose assets do not exceed \$20,000.00. This report will be finalised at the March meeting.

President's Report:

Alan briefly outlined his report to the meeting. Copy can be found in the January/February Newsletter.

Conrod Trophy:

Captain Sheila outlined the criteria for awarding the Conrod Trophy. She thanked everyone for their support during the year and advised that the Conrod Trophy would be presented at the March meeting.

Election of Committee Members for 2007

President Alan Hill declared all positions vacant and requested member Brian Jackson to take the chair for the election of the new committee.

Position	Nominated	Nominated By	Seconded	Elected
President	Trevor Judd Alan Hill	Linden Thomson Ross Phillips	Dianne Phillips	Declined Alan Hill
Vice President	Brian Jackson Matthew French	Ross Phillips Alan Hill	Dianne Phillips Peter Young	Brian Jackson
Secretary	Ray Burrows	Ross Phillips	Linden Thomson	Ray Burrows
Treasurer	Ross Phillips	Alan Hill	Linden Thomson	Ross Phillips
Club Captain	Wendy Judd	Sheila Hill	Alan Hill	Wendy Judd
Editor	Linden Thomson	Peter Young	Alan Hill	Linden Thomson
Spare Parts	Jack Warr	Peter Young	Ross Phillips	Jack Warr
Asst Spare Parts	Graham Mackay	Jack Warr	Alan Hill	Graham Mackay
Registrar	Matthew French	Alan Hill	Dorothy Cameron	Matthew French

Elected Officers present took up their positions

President Alan Hill thanked outgoing committee members for their assistance during the 2007 year.

Other Business:

Nil.

Annual General Meeting Continued 13th March 2008.
Treasurer's Report for the year 2007

Riley Motor Club Qld. Inc
Profit and Loss Statement
for the period ended 31st. December 2007

INCOME	2007	2006
Membership fees	\$3,853.00	\$3,334.00
Interest Revenue	\$ 150.70	\$ 219.33
Dinner Proceeds	\$1,160.00	\$1,221.00
Sales	\$38,470.65	\$28,091.29
Rally Deposits	0	\$36,942.35
Sundry Income	0	\$ 702.00
Donations	\$ 236.60	\$ 381.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$43,872.95</u>	<u>\$70,890.97</u>
EXPENSES		
Annual Dinner Expenses	\$1,145.50	\$1,370.00
Bank Charges	\$ 137.10	\$ 249.60
Fees & Permits	\$ 137.00	\$ 111.00
Hire Plant & Equipment	\$ 0	\$ 490.00
Insurance	\$ 640.06	\$ 645.15
Loss on Disposal of Assets	0	\$ 390.00
* Postage	0	\$ 900.00
Purchase Spare Parts	\$39,758.91	\$24,722.92
Rally Expenses	0	\$32,610.14
Refund Rally Deposits	0	\$ 2,746.50
* Stationary / Printing / Postage	\$1,875.46	\$2,024.10
Sundry Expenses	\$ 748.29	\$5,726.78
Room Rental	\$ 550.00	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$44,992.32</u>	<u>\$71,986.19</u>
TOTAL PROFIT / LOSS	<u>- \$1,119.37</u>	<u>- \$1,095.22</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	\$ 2,759.27	\$ 2,839.41
Cash at Bank - Spares	\$ 3,510.69	\$ 3,164.27
Cash at Bank - Term Deposit	\$6,102.63	\$6,973.98
TOTAL	<u>\$12,372.59</u>	<u>\$12,977.66</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Cutters	\$504.00	\$504.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$12,876.59</u>	<u>\$13,481.66</u>
LIABILITIES	0	0
NET ASSETS		
CLUB FUNDS	<u>\$12,876.59</u>	<u>\$13,481.66</u>

The Association keeps financial records in a way which properly records the associations income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities.

Alan Hill
President.



Ross Phillips moved that his report be adopted, seconded by Sheila Hill. Carried
Meeting closed at 8.19pm.

APRIL OUTING:

Wendy Judd

NAVCHALLENGESunday 13th April

Meet at the Judd's (6 Cressbrook Street, Forest Lake) for morning tea... hot water, milk, sugar, coffee, tea and eats available .

BYO EVERYTHING for lunch... no shops close handy at the lunch site. Written instructions on how to reach the lunch site will be handed out at morning tea. You won't be asked such things as.."How many pine trees along Briggs Road...?" that sort of thing. It's just straight forward instructions which will take you through some countryside not often travelled by most of us.

Each vehicle will need to have \$1.30 in exact coinage.

For people who don't have a "navigator" just follow someone who has and in whom you have great faith.

Contact Wendy 07 3879 0340 or email tjudd@yahoo.com for more information.

President's Report:

The Tumut rally was a great success, apart from Qld. Club member Mick Thatcher becoming ill on the way there, and finishing up in hospital in Orange and having his appendix removed. By the time you read this Mick should be home, and we all wish him a speedy recovery.



My race to get the Lynx ready for the rally fell apart on the way back from Norm Evan's Trim shop, when I pulled over to let some traffic past, hit a washout, and found that my secret conversion to telescopic rear shockies impinged upon the petrol tank, resulting in a substantial hole therein (serves me right I suppose). Fortunately the trusty special had been prepared, and gave its usual good service, requiring only an adjustment to the points on the way home.

We also had a good turnout for the Sunday outing to the Samford Museum and on to the sausage man at Dayboro, it was a chance to catch up with some members who had not done the Tumut run, along with several keen types who had. Also on show was the newly acquired Nine Special of Bruce & Margaret McPhail, who are potential new members. The car is a beautifully finished two

seater in the style of an MPH.

New members to be welcomed to the club are

John Draper from Beachmere

Robert Harmsworth from Beerwah and

Peter Bradley from Tenterfield.

We wish you all happy Rileying !!!

Alan Hill

Editor's Notes:

Well the Roundup of Rileys at Tumut has come and gone, and very enjoyable it was too. My motor wasn't finished in time, and Alan Hill kindly offered the use of his RMB. Thanks Alan. The trip went really well, with only a few minor glitches and five litres of GTX. Some photos appear later in this TT. Ross Phillips has provided one of his inimitable commentaries on the rally. Thanks Ross. Anyone else who made the trip have a contribution of words or pictures or both?



My computer refused to power up when we got back, which meant I've spent a lot of time getting a new system going and recovering files from the disk in the old iMac (not meant for user maintenance – it's been quite interesting). This means that this issue is not quite what I'd intended, having run out of time, but I hope you like it anyway.

Question: What's the collective noun for a group of Riley newsletter editors? Check the rally photos for my suggestion.

The answer to the grumpy young woman question wasn't included in the last TT (ran out of pages, which come in chunks of four in this format). It's in this issue.

On the Cover:

This view of the Lonie's immaculate RMB shows off the classic lines of this model.

Easter Rally:

Ross Phillips



Yes, it was a good rally.....all had a good time and did all the things one does at a rally....well....., nearly all...

Usually the reporter expands on tales of woe experienced by the vehicles participating, not this time though. It was the members falling by the wayside!! The organizers responsible for setting the route followed by most didn't even get out of their front gate ... struck down by illness. Yes, and more was to come.

Only a day or so away from Tumut, another Qlder struck down... spent the whole of the event staring at the ceiling of a country hospital. We do hope they enjoy a speedy recovery. So disappointing for them...

Qld contingent arrived eventually in a couple of different groups by all manner of Riley, Nuffield and BMC produced products, staying at a variety of places of acomodation. Drinkies in pm, the usual order of the day....then began a weekend of drives to numerous "feedlots". It is something we do rather well....eat. In between the eating episodes, there were some entertaining activities.

We took over and spread ourselves around Tumut. Bowls/Golf/RSL Clubs provoded evening meals with morning teas/lunches etc. arranged by community groups who obviously had heard of the appetites of the invading Riley hordes.

The events of the Rally will no doubt be the subject of conversations at our future meetings etc. and we will make sure we bore to tears those of you who were not able to come....horses, sheep, sheep dogs, historic houses, lolly makers, trains, historic films, old planes, gold mines, museums, gymkhana, and in between each...Food!! and lots of it...and drinkies...Oh, and looking at other people's cars, a lot of that too....

The gymkhana this time was fought out by a new group of Qlders. Great to see. It's usually the same old faces out making a mess of the goings on...but most of the new rallyers gave it a go this time. Well done.

Conversations with the locals in various towns travelling to, from and during the weekend had the usual tales of family ownership of our marque...it was always the uncle who had the Riley!...although we had one slightly different: at a service station in the middle of nowhere, the 4WD ute with the "44" of diesel being filled, a couple came over..."a Riley, never heard of it"... "yes you have, remember Grandma had one," said the other..."it had big headlights, 'spoke wheels' and doors that opened the wrong way".... "Grandma always looked after it."

Your scribe showed much interest..."Does she still have it?" "No she's got a Charger now...she really looks after it too." "Is the Riley still on the farm?" my next question. "No, she got rid of it." Lost interest very quickly again.

We thank the NSW team for a great weekend. We enjoyed ourselves.

Host for '09 is W.A.....that's a biggie. Mount Barker is the venue.

Much talk of the "9"s getting together after that Easter weekend for a run from Perth to Sydney to commemorate the crossing of Oz by Peter Antill 80 years ago in his "9"....now that is a biggie, eh?

Rattling Around In My Head:

Linden Thomson

No, not a loose screw in *my* head, but some 50+ years old pieces of metal in the RMB's head. While working on the head as part of the unfinished (OUU321 didn't get to Tumut – who had side-bets?) rejuvenation of the motor, I extracted the collection shown in the pic from the head's water passages. They're definitely not the remains of a sacrificial anode, but of assorted bits of wire and other ironmongery that have been in there corroding away since 1949 or thereabouts. How much was in there originally?

Fortunately it is a head with the 1-1/8" welch plugs, so it wasn't too difficult to remove the debris. In the other type of head with miniature welch plugs it would have had to stay "rattling round in my head"!



Pictures from Tumut:

LT

Here is a selection of photos I took on our trip to the Roundup of Rileys at Tumut.



Outside the park in Wellington



That's a long way!



Unfortunately, the man in the hat didn't get to Tumut



Time for a cuppa



On a Canowindra verandah

On the Friday we travelled via Tumbarumba to visit the Boggy Creek Show (www.boggycreekshow.com.au) and the Glenroy Women's Hut Museum, both well worth the visit. The next day we went to Junee to the licorice factory, railway roundhouse and the restored Georgian country house, Monte Cristo (more on that next month).



At Boggy Creek



Tim in the saddle



Tim out of the saddle



The billy boils



At Women's Hut Museum



RMB50 at Monte Cristo

On the Sunday, it was industrial archaeology and a museum visit in Adelong, then photoshoot, gymkhana and presentation dinner.



Lonie & Romer RMBs at Adelong Falls



Queensland RMBs in Adelong



Imp & MPH Repro



RMA Special





RMs



Pre-wars



Whichever way you look at it It's a beautiful thing





Leppard 9 (S.A.)



Evans 9 (S.A.)



Skullcrackers await prey



Re-torquing a hot head





An eye in the sky at the gymkhana



Eve Romer's a winner!



So are the Lonies



A Desperation of Editors



Dayboro Sausage Run:

LT

A lovely sunny day saw a smallish group of Riley enthusiasts roll up to the Hills for breakfast, including Chris and Wendy Gilbert, W.A. and Queensland members, who extended their Tumut trip. Prospective members Bruce and McPhail brought their recently acquired Nine Special along, but didn't go on the run.

A visit to the Samford Museum revealed a very neat and tidy, well presented local history museum, definitely worth a second visit. Keith and Philomena Brownjohn joined the group there, getting the RMB out of the garage for the first time in quite a while. Good to see.

Then off to the Dayboro "Sausage Man" before he closed with purchases of many flavours of sausage, some soon to be eaten. The visit to Glengariff Winery was aborted when the group's scouts found it closed. Some of us had to recover by calling in to Dayboro Antiques on the return trip.



Outside Hill's



Bruce McPhail and the Special



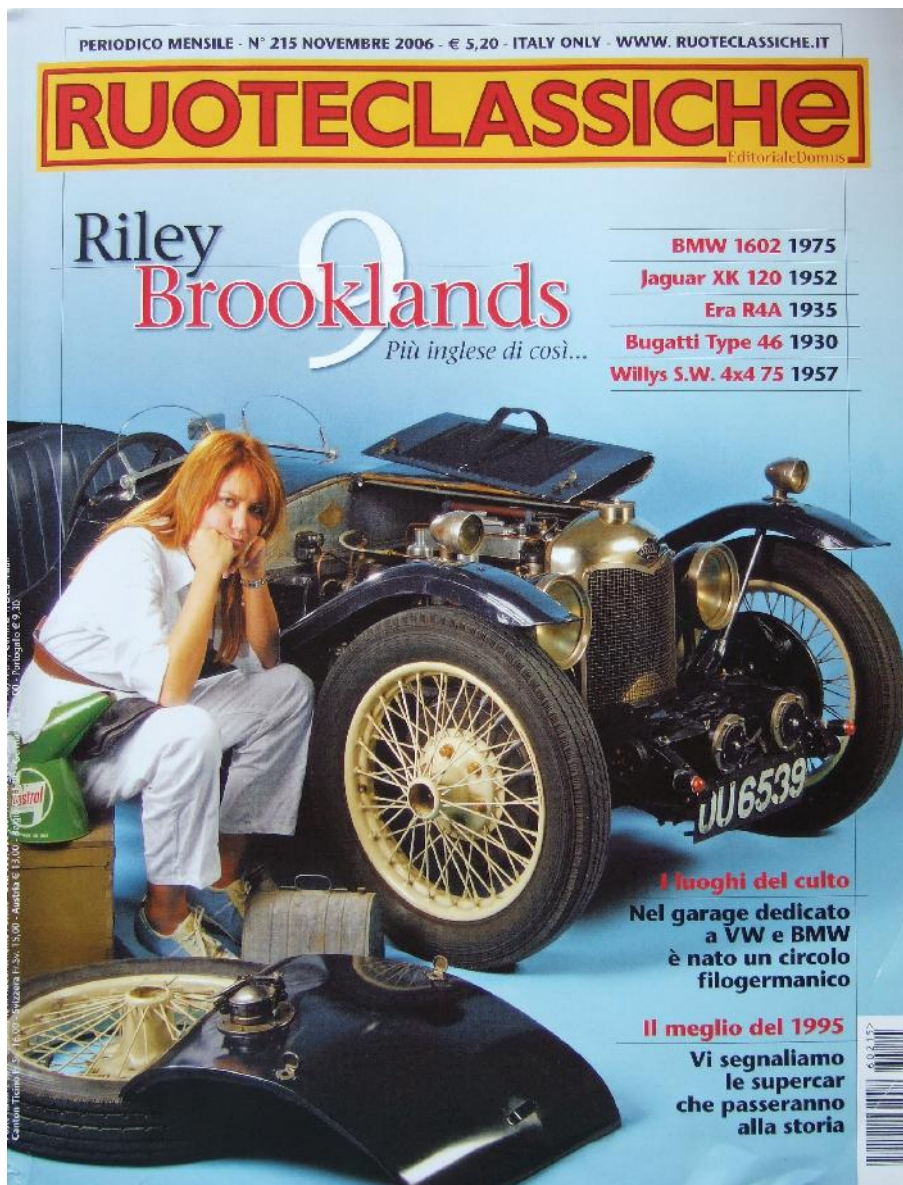
At Samford Museum



At Dayboro

The (Non-)Answer:

The young lady is sitting beside a rather nice Brooklands Nine, which would put a smile on my face, but I have no idea of the reason for her downcast disposition because I can't read the accompanying text! This is an inversion of the old Playboy-style rationalisation ("I only buy it for the articles!") because in this case I bought the magazine, on eBay of course, for the pictures. The text is in Italian, which I neither speak nor read. Anyway, here's the cover:



There really are some very good photos in the magazine: good coverage of the Brooklands, and of the ex-Pat Fairfield ERA R4A. Any Italian speakers in the Club?

CC NEWS:**March 2008****NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY– a salute to Australian motoring.**

Robert Shannon Trust Grants, Shannon Foundation: Is there any one in your club under 30 or any group of young people you know of who needs assistance and encouragement to be involved in the historic vehicle movement. If so, your club should consider nominating them for a Robert Shannon Trust Grant. Application forms can be down loaded from the website <http://www.motoring.org.au/>

QT provides the top 8 issues covered in the SIVS review: Some progress has been made on getting information from QT on the SIVS Review. QT has advised, in an email, the top 8 issues covered under the SIVS Review. Listed below are the main issues that QT are considering among the 39 issues included in the SIVS review report, which is now with the Executive Director QT for her approval or comment. Once approved QT will arrange a meeting with Combined Council to discuss all the issues.

1. QCCHVC's request for the unrestricted use of SIVS on public holidays and weekends.
2. QCCHVC's request for the increase in radial distance for road testing of SIVS from 15kms to 20kms. Request to clarify the condition "Road testing within a 15km radius from the place where the vehicle is garaged".
3. QCCHVC's request for the increase in radial distance for joyriding in bus-type SIVS to a distance greater than 5km.
4. Authorisation to use a SIV on a road when relocating the vehicle due to the owner moving premises.
5. Authorisation to use a SIV on a road when the vehicle being sold to a person eligible to continue the concession.
6. HMCCQ's request for the issue of a single plate for shared use amongst multiple SIVS registered to the same operator.
7. QCCHVC's request to allow HS style plates to be personalised so they may be retained following cancellation or loss.
8. Request to allow incorporated historical societies as an eligible person for the SIVS concession

It seems on face value that none of the top issues will have an adverse affect on our use of vehicles; however we will see the results in the fullness of time.

National Motoring Heritage Day Run: The Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club is organising a National Motoring Heritage Day run again this year on Sunday 18th May. All members of clubs affiliated with the QCCHVC are invited to join BVRC members on this cavalcade through Brisbane (full route details will be distributed mid April).

Lockyer Antique Motor Ass'n (LAMA) will be conducting their annual swap and vehicle display at the Gatton Showgrounds as part of National

Motoring Heritage Day. Clubs are encouraged to organise a run to the Gatton Swap on the day.

**PLEASE NOTE – Next Bi-monthly General Meeting
Thursday 22nd May 2008**

Combined Council is now holding bi-monthly general meetings (odd numbered month) with the Committee meetings on the alternate month (even numbered month).



For Sale

1955 Riley Pathfinder (DP25R/2806)

Work completed to motor, electrics, brakes, clutch. Bodywork to primed stage (grey). Back seat recovered. Needs further work to tidy up and to complete.

Registered to 11th December 2008 – 189KPS.

Original Workshop Manual.

\$5360.00

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