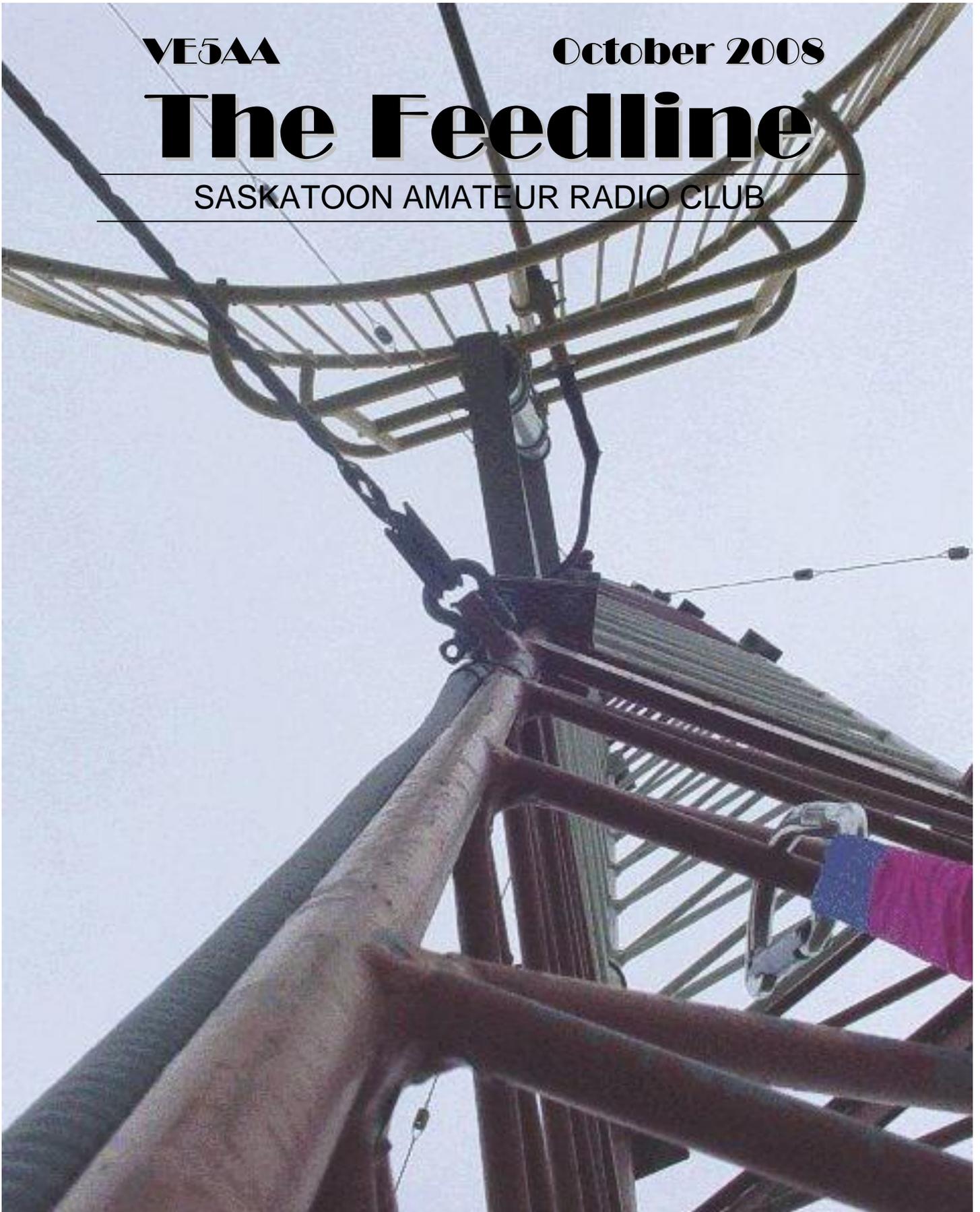


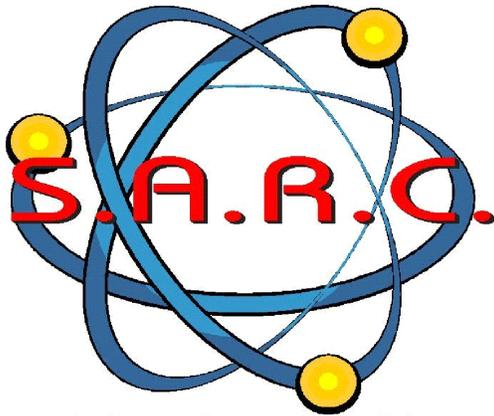
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The Feedline

SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB





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Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month, September til June.

Our meeting location is Alvin
Buckwold School
715 East Drive – West entrance
Meeting is 0130Z (7:30PM local)
**VISITORS AND GUESTS ARE
ALWAYS WELCOME!**



**ARES
Saskatoon**

**NEXT ARES MEETING
Monday October 6, 2008
7:00 – 9:00 P.M.**

Employee Development Centre
(Retired Firehall)
116 Ave. W South
(Behind McDonalds on 22nd)

Talk in 146.640-
<http://www.ares-saskatoon.ca/>

NEXT CLUB MEETING

**Tuesday, October 14, 2008
7:30 PM**

**ALVIN BUCKWOLD
SCHOOL**

715 East Drive
West entrance

BE THERE!

Elections

**Further nominations
and the election of
President and Secretary
will be held at the
October 14 meeting.**

COFFEE

Thomas Cook Restaurant

**Saturdays 9:00 AM
Idyllwild & 24th St.**

Everyone is welcome. Hams, non-
Hams, it doesn't matter. We're
there to have good conversation
with good friends.
C'mon out and visit!

Saskatoon and Area Frequencies

October 2008

LOCAL AREA REPEATERS

VE5SK 146.640- Saskatoon SARC

VE5ZH 147.270- 2 MHz offset,
Saskatoon, Auto Patch

VE5CC 146.970- Sktn. MARS. Linked
to VE5SKN,VE5DNA and IRLP node 1360.
Link code 502*/503*

VE5SKN 145.940- Sktn MARS. 100Hz
tone on xmt only.Linked to VE5CC.
VE5DNA and IRLP node 1360. Link
code 500*/501* ARES SAME wx Rcvr.
(PRESENTLY OUT OF SERVICE)

VA5LLR 145.390- Lizard Lake

VA5SV 145.330- Ridge East of Sktn

VE5RPD 145.190- Elbow/Davidson

IRLP NODE 1360 Hard linked to
VE5CC UHF Hub (444.975 +5M) &
available to VE5CC, VE5SKN and
VE5DNA VHF repeaters when linked.

All the above repeaters are completely
open.

ATV

VE5ATV 439.250 in 1277.250 out
Saskatoon

APRS

VE5RHF 144.390 Saskatoon DIGI

VE5BNC-3 144.390 Saskatoon
IGATE & SATGATE

VE5HAN-4 144.390 Hanley DIGI

VE5YR-4 144.390 Davidson DIGI

VE5YMJ-4 144.390 Eyebrow DIGI

VE5ADR-4 144.390 Avonlea DIGI

PACKET

VE5BBS 145.010 Saskatoon BBS

VE5USR-3 145.010 U of S DIGI

VE5YR-7 145.010 Davidson DIGI

VE5HAN 145.010 Hanley DIGI

VE5TH 145.010 Regina BBS

VE5XXX 145.010 Prince Albert BBS

VE5MPK-2 145.010 Melfort Node

VE5MPK 145.010 Melfort BBS

VE5NEP-3 145.010 Minichinas DIGI

LOCAL AND REGIONAL NETS

Sask WX	80m	1400Z	3735 Khz
ARES (Sun.)	80m	1430Z	3735 Khz
Aurora	40m	2330Z	7055 Khz

& 0200Z

Manitoba	80m	0000Z	3747 Khz
Montana Tfc	80m	0030Z	3910 Khz
Sask.	80m	0100Z	3735 Khz
Alberta	80m	0130Z	3700 Khz
Local Area	2m	0200Z	146.640-
B.C.	80m	0200Z	3727 Khz
Sask.	2m	0300Z	146.970-

linked net 146.940-

80m YL Net	80m	0315Z	3755 Khz
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Sundays

Prince Albert	2m	0330Z	147.150+
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(All nets are daily except where noted)
All qualified Hams are welcome to check
into any of these nets



Minutes

Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club Sept. 9, 2008

The meeting was opened by acting president, Mike, VE5MMG at 7:41 p.m. He welcomed all including guests Hugh Stearn, Brad Taylor, Ron McCan, and Mark Bergen.

On a motion by John, VA5RJA, seconded by Les, VE5LPP the minutes of our last regular meeting were approved as circulated in The Feedline. All in favor

Business arising from the previous minutes:

Insufficient general notice was give for the election for Club President. Thirty days notice has to be given to the membership for the election of club president. The term of this position is until the Annual General Meeting in 2009. Bob, VA5BRT moved that the election be postponed to the October meeting. This was seconded by Gus, VE5SPI. Carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Al, VE5MDC on behalf of Heather, VE5HAP who was out of town. Al, VE5MDC moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Eric, VE5HG. Motion carried.

Resignation of Club Secretary and Director, Herb, VE5HE: It was moved by Gus, VE5SPI and seconded by Ken, VE5KRB that nominations be taken at this meeting, continue on at the next meeting and hold elections at the October meeting. Motion carried.

Mike, VE5MMG went over the names of those who took part in the Field Day and thanked them also. All went smoothly during the Field Day.

Public Service: A letter of thanks to SARC from the Saskatoon Road-Runners (Saskatchewan Marathon) was read.

Upcoming Parkinson Super Walk, Sunday, September 14 – Gus, VE5SPI reported that volunteers are still required. A sign up sheet is available. 9 volunteers so far.

Santa Claus Parade. Gus reported that there might be a possible revival. The original group is looking for another group to revive the parade. When more information is received Gus will announce things on the 2m Net.

High Altitude Balloon Projects – Bruce, VE5BNC went through the history of the SABRE launches. The club web page contains information of all the previous

flights and the upcoming flight. SABRE 4 will be on September 21, at 8:00 a.m. on the grounds behind Alvin Buckwold School.

Educational CD Project – Update – Ken, VE5KRB reported that the demo CD was not sent to him. He requested help in finding someone or some organization that would be able to pick up the work in producing the CD.

Dave Glass Award – Congratulations to recipient, Gus VE5SPI

Little Bear Weekend Update – VE5KRB: Ken reported that no hams showed up at Little Bear. A number of non-hams did show up though. Ken reported that there were some generator problems that are under repair.

Bulletin Board System (BBS) out of service. There was consideration given to resurrecting it, but would need a computer and dedicated persons to set up, operate and maintain. It was decided that a letter of thanks be sent to Garry McCallum for his participation in the BBS system.

Rocky Point Amateur Radio Club old repeater VE5RPR/VE5XW: The repeater operated from 1977 through 200, but was out of use in the last 8 years. Our club could look at any opportunities in taking over the equipment and/or continuing use of the repeater site. There is excellent coverage from that site. The tower is questionable as to safety and the equipment is old. The site is owned by either the federal or provincial government. Gus reported that someone would have to take a trip out to evaluate the site. If the tower and antenna were workable, batteries would need to be secured. Eric, VE5HG moved that work proceed on investigating the site. Seconded by Ken, VE5KB. Carried.

SARL web service is no longer available. There is a change to VE5AA hosting and the new web address is <http://ve5aa.dyndns.org> There was also the loss of IRLP Reflector 9300. Bruce, VE5BNC reported that the club page is up and running on the new server. There is apparently a room at the U of S dedicated to ham radio. Bruce also made a request for additional ham information content that could be included on the web site.

Inquiries about the course for Basic Amateur Radio License: Tentatively the course is to start in January. Al, VE5MDC mentioned that we should choose some dates for the classes, as applications have to be put in to secure the Space Centre for ham club use. Al went over the requirements for becoming a licensed ham. There were questions regarding publicizing the ham course. The Leisure Guide is usually used for advertising the course. It was suggested that a poster be sent out with the Feedline and members put up those poster in their areas. Bob, VE5BRT inquired if there would be a code class this year. Members discussed various ideas regarding publicizing the class.

ARES updates from Nate, VE5NAR: Nate reported about the recent exercise. Much was learned and there was much that can be improved upon. Nate thanked everyone who came out and participated in the exercise. Meetings to be held the first Tuesday of every month at the Ave. W fire hall. Attendance levels have been quite good. More officials are realizing the usefulness of amateur radio in emergency communications.

Acknowledgement of equipment donations to the club: Items donated from silent key VE5NFG were sold at the Field Day Flea Markets to raise funds for the CD project. \$295.00 was raised. The mast from NFG's mystery antenna now belongs to the club.

Donation by Eric, VE5HG – SB200 HF amp and an rf switch.

Call for nominations for the positions of Club President and Club Secretary.

Nominations for Club President: Eric nominated Mike, VE5MMG. Mike declined. Gus was nominated by Bob, VE5BRT. Gus will let his name stand. Nominations will carry on for President at the October meeting. Nominations could also be emailed in.

Peter, VE5JZ inquired about nominating people who are not present. There was a request and discussion regarding lists of current club members.

It was moved by AI, VE5MDC that last years and this years club membership be published in the Feedline with first name and call sign. Seconded by Bob, VE5BRT. Motion defeated.

Nominations for Club Secretary: VA5RJA nominated Lou, VA5LOU. Lou would let his name stand.

Gus, VE5SPI nominated Nate, VE5NAT. Nate would allow his name to stand for both Treasurer and President positions.

Further nominations may be made at the October meeting.

Other Business: Ken reported on equipment that has been donated to the club. Eric, VE5 HG asked about equipment insurance. It was reported that the club only carries liability insurance.

SARL AGM at Walter Murray Collegiate on Sept 27 at 9:00 a.m. Bruce will be making a presentation on APRS. There will also be an ICOM rep doing a presentation on D-Star digital radio.

AI, VE5MDC handed out the waiver regarding the Club's books being audited.

50/50 draw won by Les, VE5LPP.

Motion to adjourn by Gus, VE5SPI. Carried.

Mike Luciuk VE5MIK
Acting Recording Secretary





Saskatchewan Amateur Radio League Annual General Meeting

On Saturday September 27, 2008 the annual general meeting was held in Saskatoon at Walter Murray Collegiate at 09:00 local time.

The meeting dealt with the election of officers, the treasurer's report, and old and new business.

Several topics were discussed including the fate of the SARL web site and local IRLP reflector.

Hosting has been arranged at a new site so watch for this. Information will be available in the SARL newsletter along with the new slate of officers and a copy of the minutes.

There were two guest speakers at the meeting. One was our own Bruce Coates, VE5BNC who gave a presentation on APRS and its latest updates etc. There was a break for lunch and then VE3EI Eric who came in from Niagara- on- the- Lake, Ont. Gave a presentation on the D-Star

System of radios that are being marketed by ICOM. He gave a quick bio on his participation in amateur radio and then gave the back ground and history of the D-Star system.

The system and equipment is very interesting. It will be especially interesting to people running emergency networks and ARES

events. It allows one to send digital messages while talking on the radio at the same time. The voice link portion is all digital and sounds like an open squelch circuit on a normal FM 2 metre radio. The new radios will work on normal FM mode as well as the new digital mode. It is capable of linking to the internet or any network and will display the calling parties call sign. When linked to the net it will actively locate the called party and link to their radio if it is on and has been added to the data base. Numerous door prizes were drawn for during the meeting and the main door prize was a D-Star hand held that Devon VE5DWR had arranged for. It was won by Garry VE5PNQ. Congratulations Garry!

The meeting was adjourned at 15:30. Membership in the SARL is \$15.00 individual and \$20.00 for a family. SARL is one of only two provincial organizations in amateur radio in Canada today so be part of a unique group and buy a membership to support the hobby in the Province of Saskatchewan. The next annual general meeting will be held at the Hamfest in Lanigan, Sask in 2009. VE5GN David Klatt is the coordinator for this event. Watch for further information on the Hamfest. 73's

Gus
VE5SPI

Who really Needs Golf?

Early last fall my wife felt I should take up golf. However I did not take the opportunity especially after I compared it to High Altitude Balloon Launching.

Golfing has camaraderie where you meet and associate with a lot of nice people. So does ham radio and H.A.B.L.

In the game of golf you take a little ball and whack it and then go hunt for it. Well in H.A.B.L. you launch a very large ball and then you go chase it. In H.A.B.L. size counts and the government even has regulations about that.

Golf balls are really dumb while a H.A.B.L. balloon and payload have some smarts. They will talk to you. Tell you where they are so you can find them (most of the time) and take pictures for you.

Golfers get to ride around in little cars on little paved roads. Balloon launchers get to go anywhere there vehicle can go.

Golf is restricted to small areas of grass and there are fees to be paid before you can walk on the grass. Balloon launchers face no such restrictions and can play anywhere in the Province and if you are not careful even in other countries.

Some golfers are early risers so they can get a tee time. Balloon launchers are early risers so they are ready to go before the air traffic gets too heavy and we get coffee and doughnuts while we play.

Golfers have to worry about rules and the local course marshals.

Balloon launchers get to deal with air traffic control who are really nice people and helpful with the experiments

Some golfers take their wives along and let them caddy.

Balloon launchers are nicer people, they take their wives along and let them drive while they monitor their equipment and the flight progress. We even take them to lunch when the payload has been recovered.

If a golf ball strays off the course the public are annoyed. No matter where the balloon goes people are friendly and very helpful.

If you lose your golf ball no one wants to help you find it. If you lose your balloon lots of people will help look for it, some even use air planes.

So I find High Altitude Balloon launching a lot more fun than golf and I get to use the things I have learned in Ham radio while doing it.

Golfers are really annoyed if you have a QSO any where near the Tee. So don't take up golf, become a High Altitude Balloon Launcher.

Gus
VE5SPI



Election of President and Secretary

The election of President and Recording Secretary will be held at the October 14 meeting. Nominations will be accepted until then.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL



SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.
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 SASKATOON, SK, 57K 3L7

For Office Use Only
 Pd ___ Rcpt ___ Card ___
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Membership valid from September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005

NAME:..... CALL SIGN.....

ADDRESS.....

CITY.....PROV.....ZIP.....

TELEPHONE (Home).....(Bus.).....

E-MAIL ADDRESS.....

Would you prefer your copy of "The Feedline" be sent by:- Mail..... Electronically.....

LICENCE: (Please check)

Basic (.....) Advanced (.....) Code (.....)

Occupation (optional).....

Name of spouse (optional).....

Family Members (For Family Membership Application)

(1) Name.....Call Sign.....

Basic (.....) Advanced (.....) Code (.....)

(2) Name.....Call Sign.....

Basic (.....) Advanced (.....) Code (.....)

WHICH CLUB ACTIVITIES CAN WE COUNT ON YOU FOR?

Special Event or Areas of interest to you.

Affiliation (Check where applicable)

ARRL.....RAC.....SARL.....MARS.....OTHER.....

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Regular Membership:

(must be licensed to operate an amateur station).....\$25.00 \$.....

Family Membership:

(one newsletter per family).....\$30.00 \$.....

Associate Membership:

(enthusiasts - not eligible for office).....\$25.00 \$.....

Junior Membership: (under 18 yrs)

(full privileges if licensed to operate a station).....\$12.50 \$.....

Laminated membership card..(each)..... \$1.00 \$.....

Donations:

(development, maintaining or upgrading facilities (specify).....\$.....

TOTAL REMITTED \$.....

Cheques Payable to : **Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club Inc.**

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