



# SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION

400 Scruggs Road, Suite 2100, Moneta, VA 24121

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*Protecting the Investment of SML Residents*

*Lake Matters: February 2018*

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year! It is my sincere hope that the new year finds each of you healthy and doing well!

I would like to first congratulate all of the Directors elected/re-elected! I would like to extend a warm welcome to Victor Clarke as our newest Director! Victor and his family live in the lake area. He is extremely vested in the health and welfare of the lake and owns a marketing business in Lynchburg, 'Be Better Do More.' I also extend congratulations to my fellow Corporate officers, Jim Colby, Vice-President, John Rupnik, Treasurer and Diana Shoudel, Corporate Secretary.

We have recently hired a new Office Administrator, Teresa Picking! Teresa and her husband live in Union Hall are fairly new to the lake. Teresa is assuming Jo Holden's position. Jo is retiring. Jo has given many years to the Association and has done so with a high level of work ethic, expertise and commitment. We will miss Jo but wish her the very best!

The Association continues to stay very busy on your behalf! A few of our current projects follow.

**Lake Levels:** Please refer to a section in the newsletter that talks about this in-depth.

**Hardy Ford Bridge Project:** The Board submitted a letter to AEP and VDOT regarding the undesired consequence of sedimentation as a result of the project. Sedimentation carries pollutants, as well as, phosphorus which is a primary nutrient for algae. Amounts of rock have also been introduced into the lake, which could be problematic for our marina businesses that would potentially be impacted with the first major water flow event. We are pleased that VDOT is working with the Army Core of Engineers to remediate these issues.

**Mountain Valley Pipeline:** SMLA has submitted numerous filings along the way regarding our concern for potential introduction of invasive species, containment of spills, groundwater flow, etc. We have also submitted requests for stream monitoring. The State Water Control Board and DEQ have agreed to perform monitoring on certain streams before, during and post-construction for a period of one year. Also agreed is to use native plantings in disturbed areas. They will also monitor some private drinking wells.

**Septic Systems and Wells:** SMLA is partnering with the VA Department of Health to participate in a pilot project that will educate the public on the design, operation and maintenance of onsite systems and private wells. This effort comes as a result of the General Assembly passing HB 2477 which directs VDH to take steps to eliminate its role in site evaluation and design services. These services will eventually revert to the private sector.

We are busy planning our Annual Town Hall meeting scheduled for **May 22**. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. with vendors, music and refreshments. The program will begin at 6:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at Trinity Ecumenical Parish. This year promises to be highly informative!

**Take Pride In SML** is shaping up nicely this year! As a member of the Executive Committee, we are planning to make the 2018 event much more user friendly! We all have a stake in cleaning up the shoreline. **May** is being targeted for this year's event. Please be thinking about getting a neighborhood group together or friends who will participate. It is a great time of fellowship and doing our part! Details will be forthcoming.

I invite you to invite your family and friends to join SMLA for as little as **\$30 per year!** Membership revenue represents our largest non-restrictive revenue source. We are able to perform all the needed programs and services to protect the lake with this revenue. Also, please invite your family and friends to volunteer! We have many opportunities available!

Respectfully submitted,

*Lorie Smith*

2018 SMLA President

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS**

*Due to increasing cost we have made the decision to move toward an all-digital, emailed newsletter, rather than be faced with cutting back on the important programs we support.*

*We are still working out exactly how, and when, this transition will occur, but we want to make sure we can stay in contact with you, to keep you informed of our efforts to be good stewards of the lake we all love and call home.*

*Here are a few things you can do to help: First, if you are reading a paper copy of this newsletter, please email the office from the email account to which you would like your new, full color newsletter to come. Please include your full name/s so we can match your email to your account information.*

*Next, encourage your friends and neighbors to Join Us, online at [www.smlassociation.org](http://www.smlassociation.org), or by sending a check. Please also invite them to come with you to our Annual Meeting which will be held on May 22nd. More info about this on the last page.*

*Also, please consider becoming a volunteer if you are not already part of one of our exciting programs or committees. Training is available for those who are willing to help. We especially need office volunteers, which requires little as a four hour commitment per month. Won't you Join Us?*

**ASK SMLA: LAKE LEVEL OVERVIEW**

**FEBRUARY 2018**

Many of you have asked about recent low water levels. SMLA has been responding to quite a few, as has the Bedford Regional Water Authority (BRWA) and Appalachian Power Company (AEP.) The following consolidated contributing factors are in order of their impact.

First, and foremost, our area has not, to date, had measurable rain since well before Labor Day. Looking at the *One Year* view of the actual lake level chart, shown at [www.smithmountainlakelevel.com](http://www.smithmountainlakelevel.com) you can see that the level trend started down around mid July. While that timeframe is not unusual, the level usually goes up in Oct/Nov when hurricane remnants come through, and plants and trees go dormant.

Second, AEP is required to follow the release protocol which remains constant until certain "triggers" are activated, based on weather forecasts, inflow models, power generation needs, and the adjusted water level of Smith Mountain Lake. (The adjusted level is the level Smith Mountain Lake would be, if the available water in Leesville Lake were pumped back for re-use at Smith Mountain.) Trigger 1 is activated when the forecasted lake level has a 20% chance of dropping below 790.5 feet, adjusted, in 16 weeks. Trigger 2 is activated if the forecasted lake level has a 2% chance of dropping below 790 feet, adjusted, in 10 weeks. Trigger 3 is activated if Trigger 2 is in effect and the adjusted elevation is less than 795 feet between December 1 and March 31, or anytime the adjusted elevation drops below 791 feet after September 30.

Current lake levels are available on Appalachian's website at <http://www.aep.com/environment/conservation/hydro/>. For example, as of 10:50am this morning (January 25, 2018), the actual water level at Smith Mountain Lake was 790.87 feet. The adjusted lake level (taking into account the water in Leesville Lake above 600 ft. available to be pumped back for re-use) was 791.87. Based on these current numbers, and considering future forecast and inflow models, no triggers have been activated at this time that would reduce the amount of water that is required to be released downstream. AEP continues to monitor lake levels to determine if any triggers can be implemented.

Keep in mind that the primary function of the Smith Mountain Project is the generation of electricity. The demand for electricity generally increases during periods of extreme cold weather, requiring more power generation at Smith Mountain. When generating electricity, AEP utilizes a 2-foot "power pool"—meaning that the water level in Smith Mountain Lake could drop as much as 2 feet during generation, resulting in a potential 13-foot rise in the water level at Leesville Lake (from 600 to 613 ft.). Afterwards, most of this water in Leesville is pumped back into Smith Mountain Lake for re-use. Hence, if you are out on the water boating for a few hours, the water levels at your dock might be lower—or higher—when you return.

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## **VESSEL PUMP OUT PROGRAM 2018 SEASON KICKOFF**

The Vessel Pump-Out Program is preparing for the 2018 season. We are scheduled to begin pump out operations two weeks before Memorial Day: Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Vessel pump out operations will end two weekends after Labor Day: September 16<sup>th</sup>. Should the VPOP Committee determine that there is a need to extend the season, we have budgeted to do so with one crew member only for an additional two weekends.

I would like to thank the SMLA membership, the Virginia Department of Health, and the Tri-County Lake Administration for making it possible to continue this program. Because of this cooperative effort, everyone will be able to enjoy clean and healthy water for recreation on Smith Mountain Lake.

*The phone number to call this year to schedule a pump out is (540) 507-9834.*

*Rob Whitener*

Third, evaporation rates at the lake are substantial—about 73M gallons a day.

Fourth, the Smith Mountain Lake Water Treatment Facility currently withdraws about 1.8M gallons a day from the lake—which is 40 times less than the rate of evaporation. If all inflow (rivers, streams, and groundwater infiltration) stopped flowing into the lake, and there was no precipitation, and if the water withdrawal rate were raised to 3M gallons a day, the lake level would only be lowered by less than 2 inches per year. In other words, the impact of the water withdrawal on the lake is negligible

As you can see, BRWA has the least impact on the lake. The main culprit is no rain. Other factors will cause variable impacts, but only Leesville releases can be negotiated. With each renewal of the FERC license, SMLA is fighting for reduced outflows. SMLA was actually successful the last time, however downstream advocates have a strong lobby in the House of Delegates. SMLA did make AEP aware that they were releasing MORE than the required amounts. This has had a positive impact on lake levels over the past couple of years since we advised them of the impacts.

So, how does 2017 compare to previous years in terms of lake levels, and what can we expect in 2018? First, groundwater flow makes up about 65% of the water flowing into Smith Mountain and Leesville Lakes on an annual basis. We did have heavier rain than normal in April and May of 2017, which increased the groundwater flow throughout the summer. As a result, lake levels in 2017 were about 1.5 ft. higher than they were in 2012, the last time lake levels were really low. The lake level has always recovered to full pond during the winter, typically in the January to March time period, even during periods of low rain. Sources expect 2018 to be no different. About 60% of the time, when there has been a low lake event in the fall, like 2017, the lake has also been low the following year. Another way of saying this is that droughts in the area typically last more than one year. The Virginia Department of environmental Quality publishes their drought assessment on their website where you can follow the drought outlook: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterSupplyWaterQuantity/Drought/CurrentDroughtConditionsMap.aspx>.

*Current on 2/6/18*

## **TAKE PRIDE IN SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE KICKS OFF MONTH-LONG EVENT**

Take Pride in Smith Mountain Lake, now in its 31 year of volunteer lake clean-up, is a joint effort of the Smith Mountain Lake Association, the Smith Mountain Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce, and TLAC.

This year we will have a one month event which will be held throughout the month of May only.

We plan to provide dumpsters and volunteers at designated sites around the lake during the first three Saturdays in May. There will be no trash collection on Memorial Day weekend. Details on where the designated sites will be are not final at this time. Everyone in the community is invited to participate.

We are arranging for some work boats to pick up our orange bags that people cannot lift. They will need to be at the end of your dock. Also, there will be a recognition event at the end of May for participants and sponsors.

TPSML officially kicks off at SML Business Expo, which will be at its now location this year, May 4 at the Smith Mountain Lake YMCA, 293 First Watch Drive, Moneta. Materials, as well as T-shirts, featuring a new logo, will be available for participants.

For more information about Take Pride in Smith Mountain Lake contact

SMLA: 540-719-0690 or [TheOffice@smlassociation.org](mailto:TheOffice@smlassociation.org),

TLAC: 540-721-4400, or

SML Regional Chamber of Commerce: 721-1203.



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: SMLA Web Maintenance**

The SMLA web site would like additional support updating and maintaining its website. If you'd like to volunteer to become part of this value added service for your SMLA friends, please contact John Rupnik by phone or email. Thank you.

**John Rupnik, SMLA Webmaster: 703-201-9088 or [jrupnik@gmail.com](mailto:jrupnik@gmail.com)**

**WATER QUALITY MONITORING**

This was the 31<sup>st</sup> year of SMLA Water Quality MonitorIng in SML and our relationship with Ferrum College. As usual every year, water quality improves with proximity to the dam. In 2017, SML water quality improved from the upper channels to the dam, as indicated by decreasing total phosphorus, total nitrogen, and chlorophyll-a concentrations, and increasing Secchi depths. Compared to 2016 the average total phosphorus concentration in the lake unfavorably increased slightly in 2017, up 5 percent from the previous year, while the total nitrogen concentration improved falling 28 percent. In 2017, the average Secchi depth, a measure of water clarity, fell unfavorably 14 percent.

Average chlorophyll-a concentration, a measure of algae level in the water increased unfavorably by 48.3 percent in 2017 from 2016. However, the algal population levels in Smith Mountain Lake remained relatively low in the 2017 sampling season except for higher levels of diatoms late in the season. Diatoms are one type of algae with distinctive, transparent cell walls made of hydrated silica and are not a major problem for water quality. This result is not likely a concern.

The Tropic State Index combined (TSI-c) is the overall best measure of water quality. In 2017 the average combined TSI-c was slightly above 50 (52.9), indicating that, on average, the lake is in the early stages of eutrophic conditions (meaning it has excessive nutrients, especially nitrogen and phosphorus, as these water bodies support an unfavorable abundance of aquatic plants and/or algae). The 2017 TSI-c did increase from the 2016 value of 48.8. More importantly is the comparison to the TSI-c 10 yr. average of 48.3 for which the 2017 TSI-c of 52.9 is 9.4% higher. The ten-year graph tread line for TSI-c remains flat showing no adverse change.

E-coli bacteria levels in the lake for 2017 were significantly lower than prior year by an average of nearly 20%. Only 3 sites had levels that exceeded the Virginia Dept. of Health (VDH) maximum standard for recreational waters. The headwaters of both the Blackwater and Roanoke Rivers had high levels exceeding VDH standard in sampling weeks 1 & 2 in June and the back of Becky's Creek was high the first week of July. The other 11 sites around the mail lake that were tested were okay, being below VDH standards.

SMLA is thankful for the 60 volunteers that give their time, use of their boats, and gas to collect the water and algae samples used for this report. Their names appear in the detailed report. It is recommended that you at least read the executive summary section of the detailed SML WQM report. The following link will take you to the SMLA web site. On the left, scroll down to reports, and click 2017 report. You may need to copy the link to your browser if clicking on it does not take you to the SMLA website: [http://smlassociation.org/wm\\_smla.php#](http://smlassociation.org/wm_smla.php#)

Larry Iceman, Chair, Water Quality Committee

To keep up with all our reports, like *Water Quality, Water Safety, Invasive Species, Buffer Landscaping, Vessel Pump-Out, Save Our Streams*, and more go to [www.smlassociation.org](http://www.smlassociation.org) and navigate to the Newsletter Archive to read the full version of our newsletters. **and be sure to email us so you do not miss out on any future news or alerts!**

## **SAFETY NOTES FROM SML WATER SAFETY COUNCIL: Early Spring Floating Debris**

By Jerry Hale

As winter begins loosening its grip on our area, more and more of us will venture out on Smith Mountain Lake, whether it be to chase stripers and bass or just to once again enjoy being out on the water.

The lake's low water situation has been eased by recent rains, so exposed shoals and underwater hazards are less of a concern than they have been the past several months. Caution is still required, however, because (1) lake levels could vary substantially in the coming months and (2) with the lake's refilling from spring downpours comes floating and submerged debris that can break a prop or lower unit, damage a hull and, if hit at high speeds, even toss an operator or passenger into the water.

In response, boat operators should travel at lower-than-normal speeds and keep a careful lookout for debris, especially during periods of reduced visibility. They should also attach their engine kill switch lanyards to their life vests and insist that everyone in the boat is wearing approved life vests while underway.

Report hazards to navigation such as floating debris and loose docks or vessels as follows:

To AEP at: <http://www.smithmtn.com/DebrisMgmtPlan/ReportDebrisForm.aspx>

To Tri-County Lakes Administrative Committee at: [tlac@sml.us.com](mailto:tlac@sml.us.com) or 540-721-4400

For missing channel, shoal or rock markers or lights that are out of service, please use:

<http://www.smithmtn.com/Resources/ReportNavAidProblem.aspx>

Debris and aids to navigation issues may also be reported to TAC at 721-4400 or AEP at 1-800-956-4237.

*About the author: Jerry Hale has served on the SMLA Water Safety Council for over 11 years. He is a recipient of the Karl Martin Water Safety award for his creation and administration of SML's No-Wake Fireworks protocol, and is a licensed SeaTow SML captain.*

## **BUFFER LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE AWARDS CERTIFICATES OF MERIT**

The Buffer Landscape Committee, which is sponsored by Smith Mountain Lake Association, primary mission is to educate lake area residents about buffer landscaping techniques. The main purpose of buffer landscaping is to slow and filter the flow of rainwater into the lake, rivers and streams. This will minimize the effects of erosion and as well as the possibility of harmful chemicals getting into our watershed. These chemicals can include pesticides, fertilizer and petroleum products. We provide this education by two primary methods; home visits to provide specific advice about your particular situation, and by giving presentations to local organizations.

In addition to buffer landscaping education, we recognize folks who have done an admirable job of incorporating good buffer landscape practices. Last fall we presented Certificates of Merit to two local homeowners.

Connie Philipp was recognized at the Master Gardener picnic held in September at the 4H Center. Connie is a Master Gardener and has tentatively agreed to join the Buffer Landscape Committee. Carol & Gil Miekina who live in the Waverly community, did an excellent job of planting a buffer garden near the shoreline. They explained a little about their learning process, planting the most deer proof plants, which seems to be an issue for many of us lake residents. Please see pictures of the recipients below.



Connie Philipp with Rich Brager

If you know anyone you think worthy of a Certificate of Merit from the Buffer Landscape Committee or if you would like a home visit, or presentation to your group, please contact us the Buffer Landscape Committee by calling the SMLA office at 540-719-0690 or by checking the SMLA website at [www.smlassociation.org](http://www.smlassociation.org) and clicking on "Projects" then "Buffer Landscaping."

*Submitted by Rich Brager*



Gil and Carol with Bill Papa on the right.

***PS: I was on the BLC for about six years and served as chairman for the last 2 years. Although I have enjoyed my stint, I left the BLC at the end of 2017. I would like to thank the SMLA for their continued support of this important activity, but most of all thank the BLC members for their dedicated and knowledgeable help in making our effort successful. Our members are: Diana Shoudel, Bill Papa, Denise & Jim Pilversack, Dick LeRoy, Rick Watson, Guy Buford, Jean & Lee Borgman, Bonnie & Jim Zinck, Beth & Paul Pautler, Mary Thurmond, Robin Cowen, Connie Philipp, and Duane Perry. The group is looking for find a new Chairperson. Please contact SMLA at 540-719-0690 or [theoffice@smlassociation.org](mailto:theoffice@smlassociation.org) if you are interested.***

## SAVE OUR STREAMS UPDATE



The much anticipated first water quality tests of the Blackwater River took place over the last few weeks, conducted just downstream from the point where the Mountain Valley Pipeline will breach the river. While Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) had first tested at the location a few weeks earlier, its partner in the effort, the Smith Mountain Lake area *Save our Streams* volunteers, followed up using a different methodology on Sunday afternoon, February 25<sup>th</sup>. A six-member team—Dr. Don Kelso, Connie Hylton, Charlotte Hubbard, Frances Lash, Bill Wilber, and Geoff Orth—led the latter effort, which focused on gathering and enumerating types of aquatic invertebrates to determine a water quality rating for the stream. In short, as some of these organisms are much more pollution tolerant than others, the bug count distribution from a sample of at least 200 netted stream dwellers yields a rating on a twelve-point scale that can indicate the health of the stream.

The DEQ team, led by Dr. Andrew Garey, divides the day's findings down to the family, genus, and species levels with the aid of microscopes in a department laboratory. Their results are not yet complete. The *SOS* team, which focuses their identification on the order level of classification, can complete their work on site with the naked eye, using a magnifier to solve doubtful cases. The initial *SOS* effort yielded a mid-level quality score. Since, however, rating reliability is linked to the strength of the database, frequent tests over coming months will help establish a baseline for the stream's water quality before the pipeline is laid. While DEQ and *SOS* have monitored the Blackwater upstream from the pipeline site for a number of years, the data gathered at this site can help determine the environmental effects of the pipeline on the first major stream it crosses in the Franklin County portion of its route. As the Blackwater empties into Smith Mountain Lake, those effects are of interest to thousands of Lake-area residents and visitors.



Additionally, some fear that laying the pipeline over a fragile karst landscape, whose underground drainage systems are rife with sinkholes and caves, may redirect the flow rate of streams that are breached. The work of these teams in coming months can help clarify those issues.

**Top Photo:** *SOS* team members Bill Wilber and Frances Lash wade across the Blackwater on the way to the monitoring site, as Geoff Orth and Charlotte Hubbard stand near shoreline.

**Center Photo:** Charlotte Hubbard, Connie Hylton, and Frances Lash (l to r) identify and count their bugs.

**Bottom Photo:** Bill Wilber and Don Kelso identify and count their bugs.

Submitted by Geoff Orth, *Save Our Streams*

## **Application for NEW Membership to SMLA**

Do you know someone who would support the mission of SMLA? Please give them this membership application. Dues are tax deductible. Mail us a check or click "Join Us" at [www.smlassociation.org](http://www.smlassociation.org).

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- Environmental Education
- Lake Council                       Lake Issues
  - Buffer Landscape               Storm Water Runoff
  - Litter                                       Weed Monitors
  - Royal Flush                               Septic Pump out
  - Water Management
  - Save the Islands                       Water Quality Monitoring
  - Fertilizer

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**New Members Only:** Please mail your tax deductible check to –  
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**Existing Members:** This is not a renewal notice. The office will contact you when it is time to renew your membership. You may charge your membership level, or pay via credit card, go to [www.smlassociation.org](http://www.smlassociation.org).

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## SMLA Business Partners

*PLEASE SUPPORT OUR Business Partners. We want these businesses to know that their commitment is noticed and that their support of SMLA, and the community we call home, is appreciated.*

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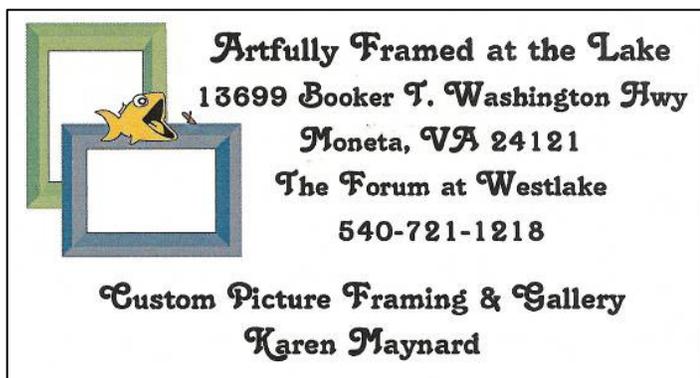


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**Melvin S. Johnston Citizen Volunteer Award: Please make your nomination now!**

The Smith Mountain Lake Association invites nominations from its members for the Melvin S. Johnston Citizen Volunteer Award. This award is presented to the individual or individuals, that SMLA feels made the greatest contribution to Smith Mountain Lake and to the quality of life around the lake in the prior calendar year or over an extended time period.

Selection will be made by the Board of Directors of SMLA based on any of the following contributions.

1. Impact on SML Environmental Issues
2. Improvements to Water Safety
3. Management of Lake Maintenance Issues
4. Implementation of Projects/Programs of the Smith Mountain Lake Association
5. Leadership
6. Lake and/or Community Stewardship

Send your nomination, plus your reasons for the nomination, to [TheOffice@smlassociation.org](mailto:TheOffice@smlassociation.org) by **Tuesday, March 13, 2018**. Please Note: Previous recipients of the award are not eligible.

An AEP representative is in the SMLA office on Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:30.

This is an opportunity for property owners to ask general questions about shoreline management at Smith Mountain Lake.

No appointment is needed.

For Information about the Shoreline Management Plan go to [www.smithmtn.com](http://www.smithmtn.com).

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Thank You

**Smith Mountain Lake Association Annual & Town Hall Meeting**

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Trinity Ecumenical Parish

**Doors open at 5 p.m.**

Panel discussion with updates on all our major programs and projects, committee reports, presentation tables and your chance to ask questions about lake matters.

**THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

**Awards, Refreshments, and Door Prizes!**

*Door prizes provided by SMLA Business Partners and local merchants*

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