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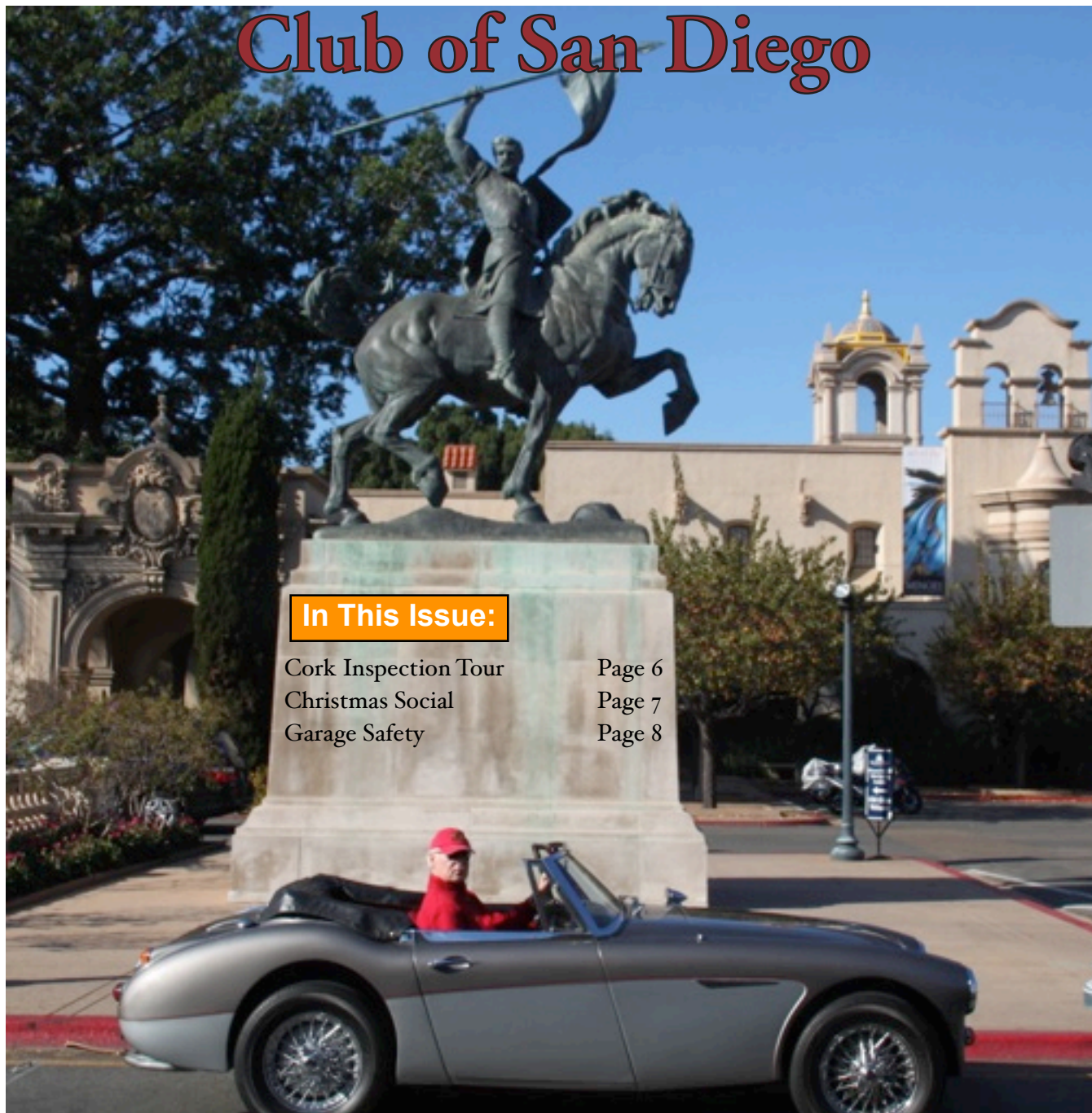
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*This has
nothing to do
with cars but
Christmas
shopping
reminded me of
this incident
that happened
a while back to*

my mom. Christmas shopping was almost over and I was tired. My daughter, with whom I was shopping, saw my weariness as we dashed in the last store. She saw two chairs near the escalator, and asked me to wait in the empty one. An elderly man was sitting in the other chair sound asleep with his head leaning against the wall. Once while my daughter was giving me instructions, he raised his head and opened his eyes, but lay back, closed his eyes and slept on.

Suddenly, I heard Christmas carols. So, I turned in my chair and propped up on the chair arm to face the singers. The singing was so beautiful and they were dressed as if they had just stepped out of a Currier & Ives greeting card. They sang songs that I hadn't heard in years -- nothing about Rudolph or Santa Clause.

Being so engrossed with this program, I paid little attentions to what

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AHCS D MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday January 9th, 6:30PM

at Jimmy's Family Restaurant, 9635 Mission Gorge Rd in Santee.



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Cover: John McVeety, a long way from his home in Alpina, Michigan, enjoying a ride in his 1966 Mk III BJ8 in the warm sunshine of a Saturday morning in Balboa Park

Visit our web site at <http://www.sdhealey.org>



Hey There Healey Folks....

Well the Holiday / Christmas party was a fun one even if it was a bit cold this year...thanks goes to Lynne Stark for making all the catering arrangements and all the usual folks who help with the set up !!



I'm sure by the time you read this we will have started the New Year....if not I hope everyone has a fun and safe one...as for upcoming events we have the Ball Bearing Breaker Rallye on the 26th and our new Activities Chair...Bob Farnsworth is busy with some new ideas for club events this year.

I chatted with Bob today and he and Sue may not be able to attend the first meeting but may have some ideas for me to present for a vote when we meet.

Our first meeting will be at Jimmy's in Santee again...if anyone has any ideas for additional meeting places please feel free to bring me written ideas and I will be happy to go and check them out for a little change up for this coming year.

What we are looking for is a place that has a side room that is quiet, they don't charge us for and is convenient for at least most of the club...and also doesn't cost an arm and a leg....these are the main reasons we continue to go back to Jimmy's...I know not everyone likes this venue...but its one meal per month...I have checked on other locations but they have either wanted a guaranteed amount of people, charge a lot for the room, no individual checks, etc.

Two of the places I have checked with are Mimi's in Mission Valley, and Corvette Diner, we tried Bully's, CoCo's, a couple of Pizza joints with lots of baseball / soccer kids, and a place in Poway which the name escapes me right now...

The Pro's for Jimmy's are, its quiet and easy to run the meeting without screaming at the top of my lungs, the service is good, prices are reasonable, individual checks, and they are happy we come there...so I am open for suggestion's

Other then that see you on the 9th of January 2013... 6:30 @ Jimmy's

Cheers, Terry

CLASSIC CAR OWNERS GET A CHANCE AT VINTAGE CALIFORNIA PLATES

California Legacy License Plates Available for Pre-Order January 1, 2013

Sacramento –The California Department of Motor Vehicles announced today it will be taking pre-orders for a new License Plate Program offering vehicle owners the opportunity to purchase replicas of California license plate designs issued in the 1950's, 1960's, and 1970's.



In December we gather for our annual Christmas Party and forego our monthly club meeting. *Hence, no minutes.* Therefore, I decided to fill this page with photos taken at our meetings throughout the year.





ACTIVITIES

Rick Snover, Chairman, AHCSO Activities Committee

This is my last column as Chairman of your Activities Committee. I hope you all enjoyed 2012, and are looking forward to some fun events next under our new Chairman, Bob Farnsworth, as I am! Thanks to the entire Activities Committee (all of you) for all your help throughout the year.

I hear the annual Cork Inspection Tour was well attended and a lot of fun. I know that our Christmas Party & Gift Exchange was both, as well. Special thanks to Lynne Stark for all her work organizing the party.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Wednesday January 9th, 6:30PM – AHCSO Monthly Meeting – at Jimmy's Family Restaurant, 9635 Mission Gorge Rd in Santee.

January 12th & 13th – VARA University – Driving school – Buttonwillow Raceway Park, 24551 Lerdo Hwy, just off I-5 west of Bakersfield. <http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ab77e2e13da9a015fc46a88b2&id=e8a7657aa8&e=e39d83f639>
Presented by: Vintage Auto Racing Association <http://www.vararacing.com/>

Sunday, January 20th, 9:00AM – Golden Cove All British Cars Coffee Meet
Join other British car enthusiasts for Starbucks and conversation – Starbucks Coffee at Golden Cove Shopping Center, 31202 Hawthorne Boulevard in Rancho Palos Verde.
Recommended by: Austin Healey Association of Southern California.
<http://www.sdhealey.org/calendar/flyers/GoldenCove2%20%20Every%20Month.pdf>

Saturday, January 26th, 9:00AM – Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye – The Triumph Club has announced some preliminary info: Gather in the car park at the south end of the Carlsbad Premium Outlet Mall (near the Flower Fields.) ” beginning at 9:00 AM, with drivers meeting at 9:30 and first car out at 9:45. \$10/car – RSVP – Mike Cave agoodcave@cox.net or Kevin Schulte sandiegonaivet6@yahoo.com (This does not obligate or exclude you. They would like a rough idea of participants for restaurant reservations.).

Sunday, February 3rd – Annual Super Bowl Party & Men's Chile Cook-off – Time, location and other details will be determined at the meeting on the 9th.

May 4th & 5th – British Extravaganza Vintage Races (& Car Show?) – Buttonwillow Raceway Park, 24551 Lerdo Hwy, just off I-5 west of Bakersfield. Presented by: Vintage Auto Racing Association <http://www.vararacing.com/>

June 23rd – June 28th – Conclave Charlevoix 2013 Annual National Austin Healey meet – Manoir Richelieu, Charlevoix, Québec Canada. <http://www.conclavecharlevoix.org/>
Presented by: Le Club Austin Healey du Québec <http://www.austinhealeyquebec.com/>

June 24th – June 28th – Healey Rendezvous 2013 Annual West Coast Austin Healey meet – Montbleu Resort Casino and Spa, 55 Highway 50, Lake Tahoe, Nevada. <http://www.rendezvous2013.com/> Presented by: Golden Gate Austin Healey Club <http://www.rendezvous2013.com/>



Cork Inspection Tour

Sunday December 2, 2012

Despite the threat of rain (it drizzled for a few minutes), fifty nine intrepid folks in various Triumphs, Austin Healeys, a Morgan and a few foreign cars were treated to an outstanding day at some of Escondido's finest wineries. First stop was Deer Park where surprisingly few people had previously visited. So, many decided to peruse the great collection of automobiles, antiques and memorabilia that were on hand while others (myself included) spent the time sampling some great wines, a truly exceptional port and the cheese and cracker appetizer plate generously provided by my gracious navigator. Then it was



off to Belle Marie where we were directed to our reserved parking and upon entering the "Wine Cave" were greeted with sixty or so empty glasses which were soon to be filled with champagne after our host instructed us on the proper way of opening a champagne bottle. We were then led on a brief tour of the facilities and on up to the barrel room where we were to



begin our featured presentation. And what a presentation it was! Amusing, entertaining but also very informative and even the hard-core wine aficionados learned a few things. And on top of it we got to sample five truly excellent wines, one of which was said to have bested the famous Mondavi Opus One in a head to head competition. Afterwards we descended upon our incredibly bountiful and scrumptious banquet which was so good some of us had a.....ahem.....third helping. Belle Marie staged an absolutely awesome event where everything went without a hitch and the value for money exceeded probably every event I have previously done. Finally, after languishing around the beautiful premises, picking oranges and pomegranates from their orchards (we were told to help ourselves) and digesting large quantities of Italy's finest, a few stragglers wandered off to Orfila to sample their excellent wares and then finally off to our trusty rides for the long journey home.





Christmas Social

Weather in San Diego is rarely ever an issue, even in December. However, this year it looked marginal, and adhering to my policy of never driving Whooeee out in the rain, driving to the Christmas Social was anything but sure. On TV you could see storms rolling down the coast and weather people predicting their arrival. Still it appeared that Saturday would be clear. Then the storm began to drag its heels. Now I have a decision. Do I drag my wife out into a cold, windy Healey romp with the possibility of a wet drive home, or go in the warm, comfy Honda. The Honda won out. I was sure all the other Healeys would gang up on Whooeee and label him “chicken.”



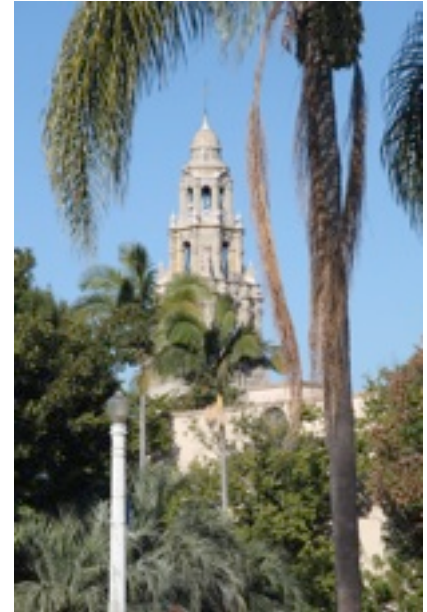
museum formed a good backdrop for our dinner. There are not many places where you can talk ‘Healey’ with a group of friends while looking down from the balcony at a room full of fine pieces of rolling art.



Lynne Stark spearheaded a crew of faithful who set up, decorated, collected tickets, arranged the gift exchange and poinsettia lottery and a host of other details. The hour before dinner provided plenty of time

But to my surprise, all the other Healeys didn’t laugh and call him names. They remained tucked away in their cozy garages and sent their Japanese friends to the party.

A word for all you non San Diegans, the day was glorious as usual, to our chagrin and lack of faith. Balboa Park was filled with tourists, joggers, and folks browsing the paintings displayed on the lawn. The Auto



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GARAGE SAFETY

Late fall and early winter is the time of year when the rest of the country puts their cars into storage for the duration, I feel it is appropriate to look at the safety concerns associated with the annual maintenance and servicing. Most of these are obvious, but as we tend to be a little too close to the subject, we sometimes get a little forgetful, take shortcuts, and put ourselves in danger without realizing it.



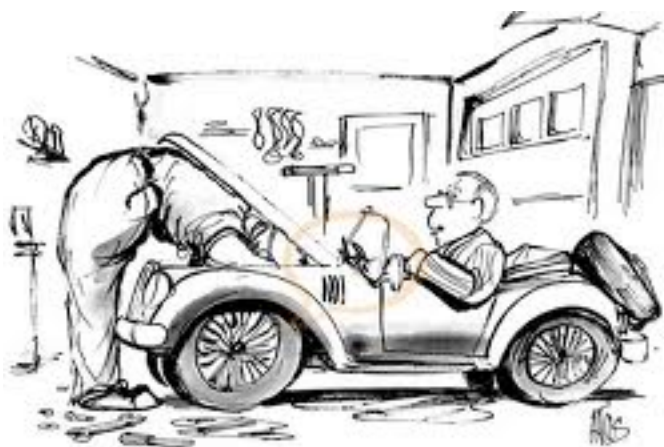
If the car is off its wheels or up on a jack, always use jackstands before crawling underneath. Jacks are great for getting the car in the air, but they have been known to slip or collapse.

Running the engine in a closed garage has a tendency to lead to carbon monoxide poisoning. Always have the door open or vent the exhaust through a pipe leading to the outside if you must run the engine.

If you are going to work on the electrical system of the car, disconnect the battery before you start otherwise you could end up with sparks that rival Fourth of July fireworks. Not only can this be spectacular, but if there are flammable fluids around there is the potential for a fire. (Here is another reason for having a fire extinguisher.)

If you are doing work on the car, always use the correct tool for the particular job. Don't use that screwdriver as a prydriver, that spanner as a hammer, or those pliers instead of a socket wrench. Not only will you damage the tool, but you are liable to damage your car.

Always read the label to make sure that any chemicals you are using are correct for the job, and to ensure that you are aware of all the necessary safety precautions that the particular chemical requires to be used safely. You don't want to accidentally use



"That's my foot."

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for all 65 or so guests to arrive, eat mixed nuts, drink spice cider, and chat. The food was great with prime rib, turkey and ham with all the fixin's. It took major discipline not to raid the



dessert table first and melt into a blissful sweetness.

Santa

Putzke arrived

again this year and supervised the gift exchange. The option to 'select' or 'steal' added a controlled confusion to the afternoon.

Also, The Car of the Year award was presented to Howard and Lynne Stark. The participated in more events and garnered more participation points than all others, 62 points more than the second place finishers.

I have two observations about this event. First, we get to see some of the members we haven't seen in a while. For example, the McVeetys whom we haven't seen since last May are back from Michigan. Second, there was an amazing lack of new members present, only a couple of the half dozen or so new members this year. None-the-less, we all had a great time, stuffed ourselves with too much good food, almost got the gift we wanted, and look forward to a new year filled with lots of 'Healey miles' and fun events.





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was going on around me. However, I did notice a lady standing in front of the elderly man who was sleeping. Suddenly she stopped in front of me. I looked up at her puzzled face and she asked in a quiet tone, "What's wrong with your husband?"

I said, "My husband?"

She said, "Yes, your husband."

I said, "My husband is dead." Which, by the way, he is.

She took off like a wild mustang. I went back to listening to the singers. Soon she returned with a store manager. He came over and said, "We are going to move you right over there," pointing with his hand.

I said, "Why, Why are you moving me?"

He said in quiet tones, "Now you just be calm and we will keep you informed of all that we do."

I asked again, "Why do I have to move?"

He ignored my question and came over to me and put his arm around my shoulder and comforting me, he asked, "What caused your husband's death?"

I said, "A massive heart attack."

He said in a very sympathetic tone, "Madam, I'm so sorry, do you know how long he has been dead?"

I whispered, "Yes, for twenty six years." And right about then the sleeping man yawned, stretched, got up and walked away.

The manager turned and as he walked away I noticed a roll of yellow tape in his hand. He said, "I was going to call the coroner, but I guess I won't."



HEALEY RENDEZVOUS 2013

South Lake Tahoe, CA June 24 – 28, 2013

The Golden Gate Austin Healey Club is pleased to host Rendezvous 2013 at South Lake Tahoe.

1. You can register online at the following web site:
www.rendezvous2013.com, or

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paint stripper when you want to use tar remover. True it will remove the tar, but will also destroy that paint job you have worked so hard to obtain.

Loose clothing can be very dangerous in and around machinery, whether or not it is running. Always make sure that your cuffs are fastened, and that there are no flapping coat tails or other articles of clothing that could get caught. I am not advocating that you work in the nude as this could result in other, more painful, things getting caught.

Take extra care when working around a hot engine and exhaust as burns can occur before you realize that you are in contact with the hot metal.

Plan your maintenance to make sure that you check



all the items that need to be inspected. Make sure that you cover the car in a logical manner and make sure that you keep a log of what you checked and what the results were of your inspection.

A little care will go a long way to ensure that you are safe working in the garage and that you and your car are ready for another year of touring.

Sandy Watt

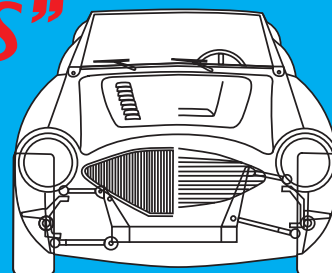




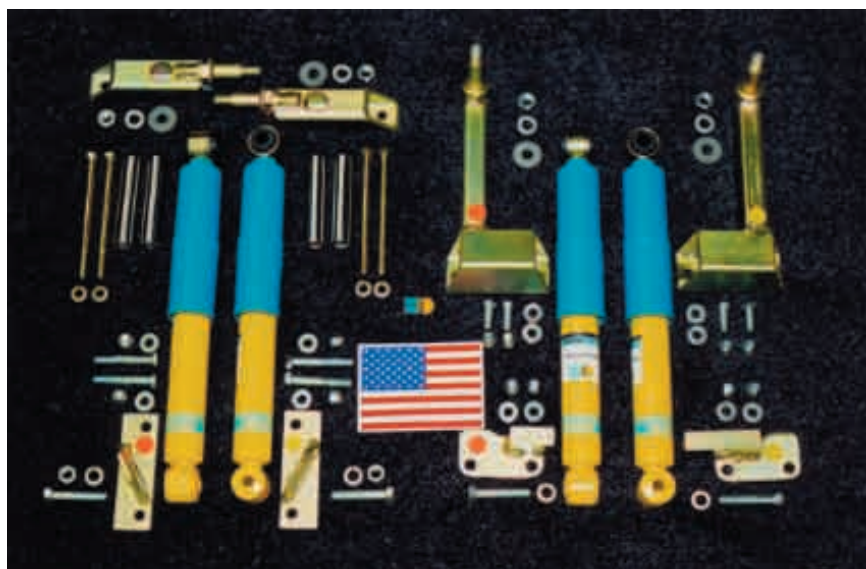
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CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCSO Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts; AHCSO driving Events, Parties etc. 6 pts; California Healey Week 16 pts; Healey Rendezvous 16 pts; Austin Healey Conclave 16 pts; S.D. British Car Day & Rolling B.C.D. 10 pts; Other non-AHCSO one day events 2 pts; Other non-AHCSO multi-day events 4pts. The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

Current 2013 CotY Standings (as of 12/20/2012)

<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Brewer, N	Jensen Healey	6
Galper, L	Jaguar Mk II	5
Felt, J&L	AH Sprite AN5	4
McCrae, M & Karen S	AH 100-6 BN4	4
Turner, C&S	Jaguar XJ	3
Smith, P&M	MGB V8	2

BALL BEARING BREAKER CHALLENGE RALLYE PRESENTED BY THE TRIUMPH SPORTS CAR CLUB OF SAN DIEGO JANUARY 26, 2013

Meet at 9:00am Carlsbad Premium Outlet Mall (South end by the Flower Fields)

Drivers meeting: 9:30am 1st car out: 9:45am \$10/car

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