THE BUGEYE BURBLE

The Official Bulletin of the Sprite Club of SA



-PLEASE NOTE-

The April meeting of the Sprite Club of SA will be held at the Fullarton Centre Clubrooms rooms **NOT** the Sporting Car Club as advertised earlier this year

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Mumblings from on high...

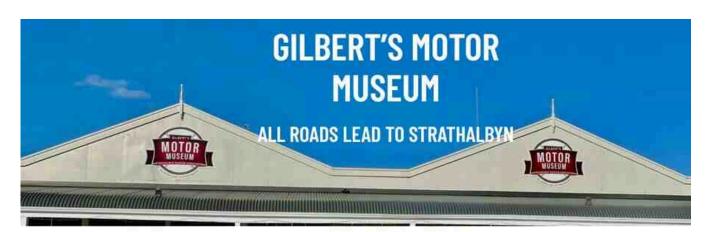
269 emails in the Club gmail spam filter and of those about 15 were genuine. Add to those about 20 that got through the filters and into the email account, so somewhere around 275(ish) spam emails in a period of 4 weeks since I last had a chance to check the general email account. I'm surprised it wasn't more to be honest but at the same time the email filters on the website have caught and deleted more. If you've contacted the club recently and you haven't had a reply, this may be the reason as (a) the spam filters have been in over drive and (b) I've been away and haven't had the opportunity to look at the accounts. The good news is we may have a new Web Master but more on that once I know that we haven't scared him off!

Yes, I've been absent for a period, taking a two week trip to Japan and then, like most of us, needing to go back to work for a period of rest and relaxation. Holiday's are exhausting! For a country with apparently a wealth of historical cars, I saw but 1 'classic' car on the road, a classic mini in Tokyo. I'm told; however, that there was a magnificent turn out of cars at this years All British Day which I sadly missed. Head to the Sprite Club of SA website for a fabulous review of this and MSCA Round 1 at Mallala!

The year has certainly gotten off to a healthy start with a number of club or sister club events bring out members and their cars. We have a number of runs coming up in the coming months so I'd encourage you to get out and about with us. I'd really love to meet the longer term members whom we rarely see so hopefully there is something in the wings that might pique your interest to pull your Sprite or Midget out of the garage and stretch its legs.

In the next few months we have a couple of great Mid-Week runs through the Adelaide Hills and Ranges and a few enticing weekend runs, including a run to Gilberts Motor Museum and a fabulous day with the Stephenson's at Apogee Motorsport with the Stephenson's, a day not to be missed! Also, keep in your diary that the next club meeting will be at Classic and Sportscar Boutique in Norwood for what promises to be a great evening!

That's enough from me, see you out on the road!





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CLUB NOTICES

2026 Nationals

Bulletin 2 is now available on line and in this Burble. Members are encouraged to be part of what will be a fantastic week or Spritely activities on the banks of the River Murray!

Membership and Conditional Registration

Some of you may have received an email from Gordon that your car has been reported to Services SA as you are not a financial member. This isn't something we do lightly but it is something that we are required to report to Services SA/DTI with three months into the new membership year. Its the rules that we have to follow to be authorised to run the Conditional Registration program.

We know that some people move their cars on. We know that for some life and work simply gets in the way. If you have received the letter or email and you are in the process of renewing your membership please contact Gordon or Don as soon as possible so we can get your log book stamped and you back on the road.

If your email change please get in touch with me or the webmaster as soon as possible to get your address updated in the system!

Nationals Fund Raising - SOLID GPS

Solid GPS have kindly donated three of their 'mega battery' units to the Club to raffle. Valued at \$247 each, the Club will soon be selling raffle tickets at \$10 each. There will be a maximum of 400 tickets up for grabs. The raffle will be drawn as part of the Rocker Cover Racing evening in August, unless the tickets are sold out prior!

We need to sell at least 250 tickets to support the Nationals but selling all 400 would be just amazing!



Contact the club if you'd like to buy one or more of the 400 tickets!!



Tech Tip

We have all heard of the advances of AI and how its becoming smarter and smarter. This month I challenged it to give me tuning tips for a Weber DCOE45 and I'm surprised by what it came up with!

For a Weber 45 DCOE carburetor on a 1275 A-series engine, a good starting point for jetting is a main jet of around 145, an air corrector jet around 190, and a venturi size of 36mm.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

- Main Jet: Start with a main jet around 145.
- Air Corrector Jet: The air corrector jet should be around 50 higher than the main jet, so aim for around 190.
- Venturi Size: A venturi size of 36mm is a good starting point.
- Idle Speed: A reasonable idle speed for a modified engine on Webers is between 900 and 1100 RPM.
- Air Jets: Air jets, also known as air corrector jets, control how much air is allowed into the emulsion tubes, affecting high-speed mixture.
- Air Jet Sizing: Weber air jet sizing refers to the flow rate in hundredths of a millimeter (0.01mm).

Note: These are starting points, and you may need to adjust the jet sizes based on your specific engine configuration and driving conditions. It's recommended to use a rolling road or other methods to fine-tune your carburetor.

2025 CALENDAR

AKA WHAT WE THINK MIGHT HAPPEN NEXT YEAR!

February

3rd - Club General Meeting
16th - Clubbies Kick Off
22nd - Annual Ice Cream Run - Postponed
23rd - MSCA Presentation Day

March

3rd - Club General Meeting 16th - MSCA Super Sprint (Rd1) 29th - Come and Try Hillclimbing 30th - Challenge Trophy Rd 1

April

7th - Club General Meeting @ Fullarton Centre
11th-13th - All Historic Mallala
16th - Midweek Mystery Run #1
27th - Ray Pank Winter Cup Rd 1
27th - Sprites & Clubbies at Gilberts Motor Museum
27th - Jaguar Drivers Club 'Just British Picnic'

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3rd-4th - Peter Hall Memorial 6 hr 5th - Club General Meeting at Classic Boutique 18th - Apogee Motorsport Day 18th - Challenge Trophy (Rd2)

June

1st - Ray Pank Winter Cup (Rd2) 2nd - - Club General Meeting 11th - Midweek Run #2 22nd - MSCA SuperSprint (Rd2) 29th - Challenge Trophy (Rd3)

Clubbies

1st Sunday of ever month - Coffeed 3rd Sunday of every month - The Rezz All members welcome and encouraged to join in!

July

7th - Club General Meeting 13th - Midwinter Pub Run 20th - Ray Pank Winter Cup (Rd3)

August

3rd - MSCA SuperSprint (Rd3)
4th - Club General Meeting
16th - Come and Try Hillclimbing (2)
17th - Ray Pank Winter Cup (Rd 4)
30th - Pea and Pie Night plus
Interclub Rocker Cover Racing Challenge

September

1st - Club General Meeting 13th - 53rd Annual Dinner 18th - Midweek Run #3 21st - MSCA SuperSprint (Rd4) 28th - Challenge Trophy (Rd4)

October

5th - Picnic Run to the Barossa Vintage Collingrove
Hillclimb
6th - Club General Meeting
11-12th - Australian Hillclimbing Championships
15th - Mid Week Run #4
18th - Australian SuperSprint Championships
31st - SA Hill Climb Championships

November

2nd - Annual Display Day (with the Austin Healey
Owners Club of SA)
3rd - Annual General Meeting
7th - Climb to the Eagle 40th Anniversary
15th - AROCA Advanced Driver Training
16th - Collingrove Finale
16th - MSCA SuperSprint (Rd5)
22nd - Sports Car Cruise

December

1st - Club General Meeting + Chrstimas BBQ

To Be Planned:

An Overnight Adventure - Proposed Sep or Oct



SOLID GPS TRACKERS

Keen readers may remember a member talking about GPS trackers and the peace of mind a new Australian product gave him. You may also recall a short article in last years Sprouting Forth about Solid GPS.

Since then a few of us have followed suit and purchased a Solid GPS unit to help protect our prides and joy. In return, Solid GPS have come on board to help the Sprite Club of SA deliver the 2026 Nationals and have kindly donated three GPS units that the club will be raffling off across 2025 to raise funds for the Challenge - stay tuned for details early in the new year as to how you can get involved and maybe win one of the units.

How Solid GPS Works



1. Charge It.

Once you receive your tracker, charge it overnight and turn it on.

Then, download the Solid GPS app on the App Store or Google Play Store, or log in to our website.



2. Hide It.

After changing and turning your tracker on.

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- Trailers: Securely hidden underweath. Beats: Inside or near the doubloant.



3. Track It.

detect that movement and update your vehicle's location at its quickest, every 2 minutes. (Or up to every 10 minutes).

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APRIL GENERAL MEETING

7 April

Clubrooms, from 7:30pm onwards

April 'Stars and their Cars' has been postponed to a date later in the year. As a result the April meeting will be held at the Club Rooms as normal

Come along and mingle with Club members and hear the latest news from recent events and what's coming up!

Guests and new members always welcome.

ALL HISTORIC MALLALA

Sporting Car Club of SA

11-13 April, Mallala Raceway15 April Collingrove Hillclimb

<u>MIDWEEK RUN</u>

16 April

Meet at Crowle Oval at 10am for a 1015 departure

Come along for a pleasant run up through the hills and on to Handoff for lunch. About 80km in total, including a lap of the 1939 Australian GP circuit. Hopefully no-one betters the lap average of 84mph!

Depart Crowle Oval at 1015 Lobathal Bakery for coffee at (approx) 11 Lunch will be booked for 1215

Please RSVP me so I can make a booking at the Cafe

NB: Due to work commitments I may not be able to be the Run Meister - a volunteer is requested!

GILBERTS MUSEUM RUN

27April

Meet at Fullarton Centre Car Park 1015 for a 1030 Departure Organised by the Clubbies SA guys and girls, this will be a leisurely run (yes, a Sprite speed run!) up into the hills and through to Gilberts Motor Museum in Strath.

Sean has booked for 12 and needs to confirm numbers ASAP so please RSVP at seanpower@icloud.com.

There is some parking available on site or in the side streets, with plenty of lunch options in the cafes and pubs for afterwards.

Gilberts is always a fascinating day so put this into the diary! \$8 entry into the Museum.

JUST BRITISH CAR CLUB PICNIC

SA Jaguar Drivers Club

27 April, National Motor Museum



APOGEE MOTOR SPORT

18 May

Meet at Chrome in the Valley for a morning of cars and coffee from 8am before departing at 10am for a leisurely drive to Scott and Helen Stephenson's Apogee Motorsport for what promises to be a fascinating morning!

This is one not to be missed!

JUNE MIDWEEK RUN

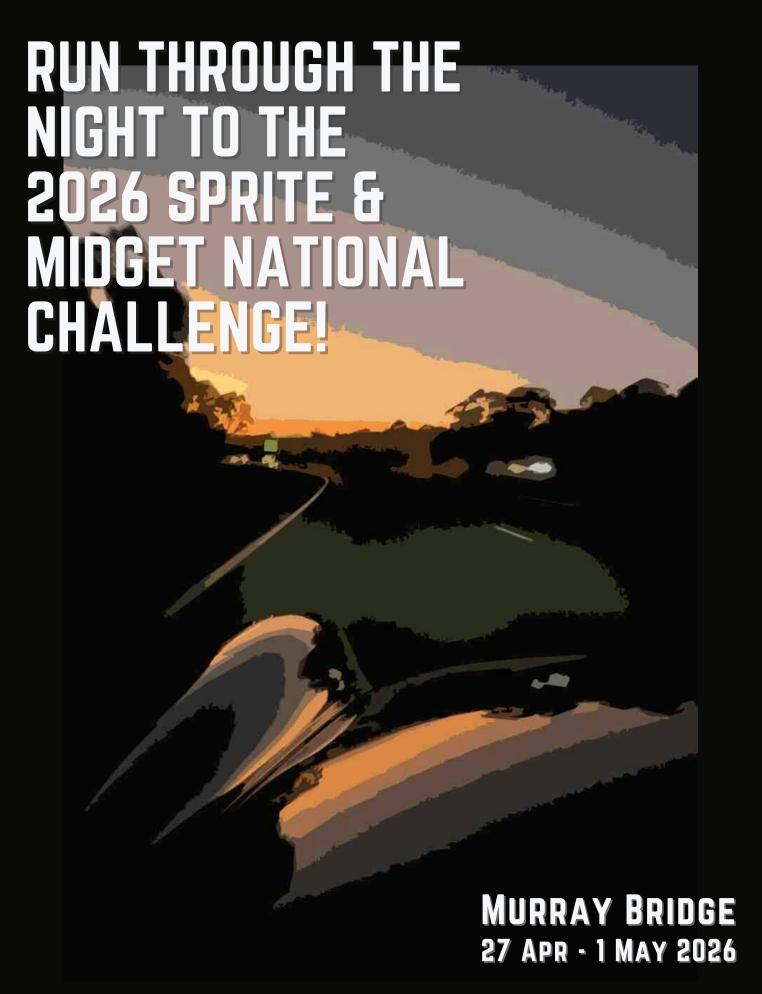
11 June

From: Balckwood Railway Stn 0915 for a 0930 departure Gary has planned a fabulous run through the hills to Classic Motor Studio at Totness and then on to the Oakbank Hotel for lunch.

Coffee and tea will be available for purchase at Classic Motor Studio for morning tea.

Bookings are essential. Please RSVP Gary at gary@doddpc.com or 0411 282 045





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2026 Sprite & Midget National Challenge



Murray Bridge, South Australia April 27th - 1st May 2026

Bulletin 2 - April 2025

Welcome to Bulletin 2 for the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge.

Planning continues to progress for the South Australian based 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge. With the draft program coming together the National Challenge will follow the format listed below:

Monday 27 th April	Welcome Event & Registrations Dinner	Murray Bridge
Tuesday 28 th April	AM - Display Day PM - Social Drive to Mount Barker with a Scenic Observation Run to Murray Bridge Dinner	Murray Bridge Murray Bridge
Wednesday 29 th April	Motorkhana – Bitumen Social Drive – Murray Bridge and Surrounds Dinner	The Bend Motorsport Park Murray Bridge
Thursday 30 th April	Social Drive - Adelaide Hills and Motoring Museums Presentation Dinner	
Friday 1 st May	Farewell Event	Venue - TBA

With 65 Expressions of Interest registered so far, plus about 50% having paid a deposit, the 2026 National Challenge is starting to gain momentum, so these bulletins will keep you updated with the latest developments.

The Accommodation will be at the Bridgeport Motel in Murray Bridge, where there are several room options for guests, plus secure underground parking for vehicles:

- Twin share single travellers who wish to 'bunk in' with another single traveller.
- Single for those travellers who would like a room to themselves
- Couples who get the full room for themselves.

Pricing for the Social and Competition Options, including Accommodation and Meals, etc will be available soon.

For those with a motorsport interest the Marque Sports Car Association SA will be conducting the Peter Hall Memorial 6-Hour Relay Sprint on Sunday 3rd May 2026 at the Mallala Motorsport Park for those wishing to stay on and either enter and compete in a Team or help and spectate at this annual event. http://www.mscasa.com/

Or if you wish to stay and enjoy the Adelaide Hills and all it can offer here is a guide from the RAA that might give you some ideas of places to visit, taste and enjoy. https://raa.foleon.com/samove/autumn-2025/adelaide-hills

Here are some other links that might help stir your interest in the event

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murray Bridge, South Australia
- https://bridgeporthotel.com.au/
- https://www.thebend.com.au/
- https://strathalbynmotormuseum.com.au/
- https://motor.history.sa.gov.au/
- https://www.spriteclub.com.au/?page_id=12814



2026 Sprite & Midget National Challenge



Murray Bridge, South Australia April 27th – 1st May 2026

Bulletin 1 - February 2025

Welcome to Bulletin 1 for the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challengel

As it has been 25 years since the last SA based National Challenge, there has been a lot of discussion and planning for this event by the Organising Committee, so we would like to keep you updated on the latest information.

As you can see by the title block the National Challenge will be held in Murray Bridge during Late April-Early May in 2026 and will provide the attendees the opportunity to enjoy the surrounds and attractions of this Riverland town.

While there are more details to follow here is an overview of the events planned for the Challenge:

- Display Day/Show n Shine
- Social Drives and Observation Run
- Motorkhana
- Super Sprints
- Welcome and Themed Dinners
- Final Dinner/Presentation Night

The Accommodation will be at the Bridgeport Motel in Murray Bridge, where there are a number of room options for guests, plus secure underground parking for vehicles:

- . Twin share single travellers who wish to 'bunk in' with another single traveller.
- · Single for those travellers who would like a room to themselves
- · Couples they get the full room for themseives.
- · These options will be priced accordingly more information to follow

For those with a "need for speed" the competition part of the event will be held at The Bend Motorsport Park at Tailem Bend, located approx. 30 minutes drive from Murray Bridge. Here we will combine with another Car Club for two days of events:

- Motorkhana on the Skid Pan
- · Super Sprints on the West Circuit

And not forgetting the Social side of the event with many local attractions to visit and view during the event. These include:

- Display Day on the banks of the River Murray
- Observation Run approx. 100 120km
- Social drives to wineries, car museums, and other points of interest in the area
- Themed Dinners
- Presentation Dinner

With a number of expressions of interest registered so far the 2026 National Challenge is starting to gain momentum, so these bulletins will keep you updated with the latest developments.

Pricing for the accommodation, meals, social and competition events will be available soon.

Here are a few other points to note:

- · Secure trailer parking will be available for those towing Sprites and Midgets or Race cars
- · Themed merchandise will be available to commemorate the event

Here are some links that might help stir your interest in the event

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murray_Bridge, South_Australia
- https://bridgeporthotel.com.au/
- https://www.thebend.com.au/
- https://strathaibynmotormuseum.com.au/
- https://motor.history.sa.gov.au/
- https://www.spriteclub.com.au/?page_id=12814

For more information contact with the organising committee at 2026NationalChallenge@spriteclub.com.au



EOI 2026 National Challenge

2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge - Expression of Interest

Note – this is an EOI to help us with event planning. You can change your mindl

Name (s)				
Name (s)				
Home Club				
Address				
Phone		Mobile		
Email	Note – your email addr	ess will be the primary point o	of contact for the event	
Vehicle	Sprite	Midget	Other	
Accommodation	Couple	Twin Share	Single	
	Note – event costing is based on a twin share basis. Members travelling along and wanting a room on their own will be liable for full room costs			
Parking/Garaging	Car only	+ standard car trailer	+ large/outsized car trailer	
	Please indicate your likely parking/garaging request			
Events	I/we are interested in participating in the following events (circle/tick):			
Social	Display/Concours	Observation Run	Regional Touring	
Competition	Sprint	Motorkhana	Both	
	Likely Competition Vehicle	Sprite/Midget	Other/Associate	
Post Tour Event Interest?	Post-Tour Tour	Yes / No	/ Maybe	
	Peter Mall 6Hr @ Mallala	Yes: / No	/ Maybe	
General Comments?				

If you could please complete and email Sue Stephenson at the email address below at your earliest convenience it will help greatly as we look to reserve accommodation.

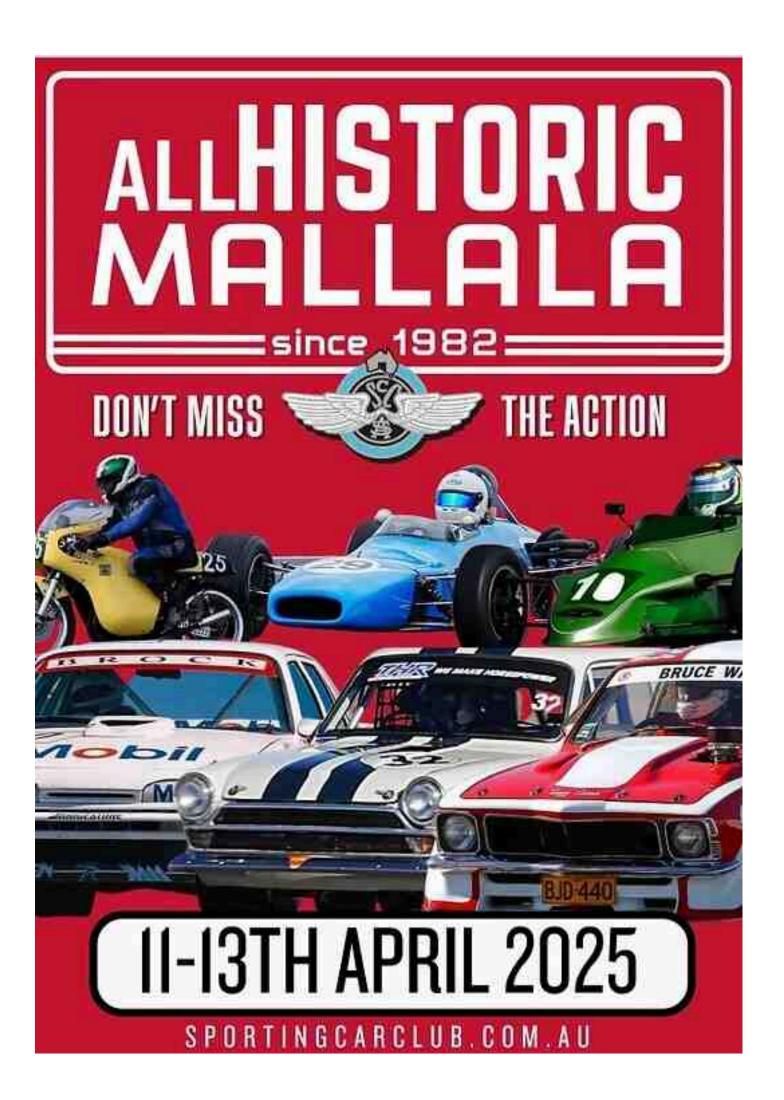
This is not a commitment - an official registration form will be forwarded separately!

Email Address 2026NationalChallenge@spriteclub.com.au

<u>Post.</u> Sprite Club of SA, PO Box 21 Fullarton, South Australia, 5063

<u>'Challenge 26' Contacts</u> Sue Stephenson (0408 858 046) and Robin Dunk (0431 247 746)

An event webpage at www.spriteclub.com.au will soon become active for all your Challenge updates!









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The Birdwood Motor Museum, Sunday 27th April, 2025 10.00am—3.00pm. BYO picnic event.

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REGISTRATION for this event will be required

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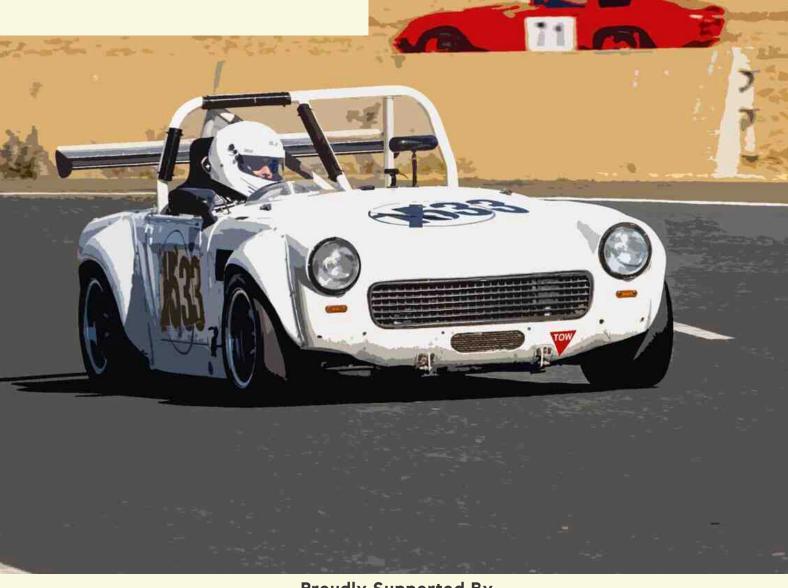


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