



Lift Lines



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President

On behalf of the Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club I have the pleasure of wishing everyone a joyous holiday season, filled with good food, great friends, and the love of family. Let us be thankful for all that we are given both real and spiritual. Pray for the families of the servicemen and women who give of themselves to keep us safe so that we may freely chose how to spend our free time.

As President of the BMSC I am very honored that you allow me to guide you through each ski season. Our officers and other volunteers do such great work it's easy to be President for so many warm, caring, and friendly people. YOU ARE THE BEST!

To quote a famous Monday Night saying: "ARE YOU READY FOR SOME SKIING?" This promises to be a year to remember. All the ski resorts out West are being blessed with fresh powder and as I write this, New England ski areas are expecting their first major storm.

Our membership has been putting deposits on trips since the Pool Party, and now you all are about to be rewarded.

The trip to Steamboat is full with 35 very excited skiers and riders. I've looked into their eyes and I can see lots of moguls, trees, and many feet of fresh powder, not too much in there in the way of blue, groomed trails. Note: Ski boots may be worn on the plane.

Our January weekend trips are full with waiting lists. For Okemo we are returning to the Hartness House, a favorite last year. For Stowe it will be The Mountaineer, a lodge in which we stayed, back

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Our 36th Year

\$100 Trip Giveaway

Drawings will begin in January. You are automatically entered if you have a paid deposit on a trip 60 days before departure.

DRAWING DATES :

OKEMO & STOWE- Jan. 5th meeting
SUNDAY RIVER- Jan. 19th meeting
CANADA - Feb. 2nd meeting

There are still some seats left on the Sunday River and Canada trips. Waiting lists are being kept for the Okemo and Stowe trips.

If distance or scheduling keep you from attending meetings, you may sign up by mail. Be sure to call Maureen first to assure a spot. (215) 624-7751.

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM THE TRIP DIRECTOR: PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR FINAL PAYMENT ON TIME. (AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE DEPARTURE DATE). *Paying a little ahead of time is even nicer for our bookkeeping.*

FREE TRIP TO ELK

Win a free trip to Elk Mountain! Sign up by the January 5th meeting and qualify for the drawing, which will happen at the January 19th meeting.

2005 Club Meetings

January 5th
Pizza & Beer Night

January 19th
Stromboli Night

February 2nd
Italian Sausage Night

February 16th
Wings & Dips Night

March 2nd
Seafood Night

March 16th
St. Patty's Dessert Night

Meetings are held at 8:30 pm
On Wednesdays at the

Jesse Soby
American Legion Post
Richardson & Bellevue Avenues
Langhorne, PA 19047

Non-Members Welcome!

Discount Lift Tix

The tickets are here for 2005. Save \$10 or more off the price of your lift tickets. We sell weekday tickets, most of which can be upgraded to weekend tickets at the ticket window (if there is an * by the price).

Bear Creek (\$19*), Blue Mountain (\$29*), Big Two (\$25*), Camel Back (\$30) and Montage (\$29).

There is also a supply of discount coupons for Camelback, good anytime. Some of the vouchers are good for two years, check the date on the voucher. Bill Rittler (215) 788-3276 will have a

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2005 Ski Trips

All day/weekend ski trips depart from 700 New Rodgers Rd. in Levittown 19056 at the Middletown Township Bldg., former police bldg. (directions and map on the web site). Prices include lift tickets, transportation on a lavatory equipped bus, videos and refreshments on the bus, driver's tip, lodging, meals, and a box dinner on the return trip home. Friday departure times for weekend trips vary: **Okemo 4:30 pm, Stowe 4:30 pm, Sunday River 4:00 pm and Mt. Orford/Mt. Sutton/Jay Peak 2:00 pm.** Most accommodations can be priced for double, triple or quad occupancy. Please indicate your choice on the waiver form when you sign up.

Children 18 years or younger may qualify for rate reductions when staying with their parents. Agreements with lodges vary, so check with Maureen to see what is most beneficial to your family.

PLEASE NOTE that you must be a member to go on ski trips and you must fill out a color-coded waiver form with your initial deposit. **If you make the required 50% deposit 60 days in advance of the trip, you may take a \$10 discount off of the total cost of each weekend trip and be in the raffle for a \$100 discount. Balance is due a minimum of 2 weeks prior to departure.**

Rates listed are per person, tax and gratuities included.

OKEMO, VERMONT AND MOUNT SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE (FULL)	January 14 - 16
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\$324 Double \$294 Triple \$290 Quad

Ski 2 days. Going back to Vermont's historic inn and observatory, the *Hartness House*, the home of the governor of Vermont in 1920. We will be served 2 buffet breakfasts and a buffet dinner in the Victorian dining room and maybe take a tour of the house or the underground museum. The bar and sitting areas will be open for us to enjoy. The Mueller family who owns both areas is respected for their state of the art snowmaking and grooming. The plan is to ski Mount Sunapee Saturday and Okemo Sunday. A \$150 deposit per person holds your reservation.

STOWE, VERMONT (FULL)	January 28 - 30
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\$346 Double \$336 Triple \$322 Quad

Ski 2 days. No two trails are alike at Stowe. Ski all 48 and you can earn a pin and membership into the exclusive Club 48. Three minutes from the slopes, the *Mountaineer Inn* features the hospitality of the traditional Vermont country inn. Relax in the 20 person hot tub, the indoor pool, the fireside lounge. We have arranged for 2 full breakfasts and a buffet style dinner. \$150 deposit per person will hold your reservation.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA (OPENINGS)	February 4
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\$66 Per Person

Ski 1 day. Friday. Come enjoy having the mountain to ourselves amid the camaraderie of friends. Our favorite in PA, Elk boasts 27 trails and 6 lifts. Meet the bus at 5:30 a.m. Park your car. Have juice and Danish. Then take a nap and let the bus take you. Sign up by Jan. 5 and be in the drawing for a free trip.

SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE and ATTITASH, NEW HAMPSHIRE (OPENINGS)	February 18 - 21
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\$434 Double \$428 Triple \$418 Quad

Ski 3 days. The perfect place for the busy President's Weekend. Spend two days exploring the 127 trails and glades on 8 interconnected mountains. With the largest snowmaking system and #1 rated lift system in the East, we are returning with confidence for the 16th year. Take it a little easier the last day at Attitash Mountain and try the cruisers on Bear Mountain. The *Town and Country Inn* hosts us with attractive family rates. Buffet breakfast and choice of five dinner entrees. Indoor pool, hot tub, bar and entertainment. A \$200 per person deposit will hold your reservation.

MT. ORFORD and MT. SUTTON, CANADA and JAY PEAK, VERMONT (OPENINGS)	March 10 - 13
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\$384 Double \$368 Triple \$354 Quad

Ski 3 days. Cross the border into the Eastern Townships of Quebec. *Auberge Estrimont* will offer us first class hospitality and a great price. We have included 2 dinners and 3 breakfasts. Lounge by the fireplace and bar or try the indoor/outdoor heated pool and whirlpool. For skiing we will travel to Mount Sutton for the first day, then shuttle the 5 minutes over to Mount Orford on day two. We will depart the hotel and cross the border to Jay Peak for the last day. \$200 deposit per person will hold your reservation.

STEAMBOAT, COLORADO (FULL) December 27 - January 3

\$1,250 Per Person \$306 - 6 day adult lift ticket

Steamboat's location in the Rocky Mountains of Northwest Colorado is an ideal setting for the New Year's Holiday. It has a reputation for light champagne powder and uncrowded spaces. We loved it so much two years ago that we decided to return. Let's have a repeat.

Located just across the street from the Silver Queen Gondola and ski area base, our mostly 4 bedroom/4 bath condos in *The Phoenix* have an outdoor heated pool and two hot tubs. Camaraderie in our large units is sure to make your vacation fun and give everyone someone to ski with. Steamboat has almost 3,000 acres served by 22 lifts, including the 8 passenger gondola. The authentic western town is 3 miles away (shuttle served) for *more* shopping and *more* restaurants. \$600 deposit due now to hold your reservation. \$105 insurance.

TIGNES/VAL D'ISERE, FRANCE (FULL) January 14 - 22

\$1,908 Single \$1,747 Double

Our 8th year returning to L' Espace Killy – the combined resorts of Tignes and Val d'Isère, with over 100 lifts and 25,000 acres spreading across 6 valleys. Six days to ski on endless choices of trails for skiers of all abilities: from the high alpine glaciers to the village below the Tignes dam. We will be staying seven nights in the ski-in, ski-out three-star plus *Village Montana Hotel*. A huge breakfast buffet will be served daily and in the evening gourmet French dinners. Relax in the heated outdoor pool, jacuzzi and saunas. \$350 deposit due now to hold your reservation. Insurance: \$134 single and \$124 double. Lift ticket not included.

ASPEN, COLORADO (FULL) March 24 - April 1

\$1,089 Per Person 6 day lift ticket \$186, 7 day \$217

Eight nights and seven possible skiing days. Springtime in the heart of Aspen. Come see why this small town has a world famous reputation. Experience the ambience and culture of a historic town with scenery that thrills.

Four distinct mountains within a 12 mile radius, over 4900 acres, Aspen Mt., Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk and Snowmass. Resort skier shuttle between the four mountains is complementary during ski hours with a small fare at night. They even have a ski check concierge service so you can have your skis delivered to the mountain you are skiing the next day.

The Aspen Mountain Collection-Durant Condominiums have the perfect location. You can easily walk to the gondola, the transportation center and all the bars, clubs, restaurants and shops. Free buses also operate within the city of Aspen. \$400 to confirm reservation. Insurance \$95.

Officers for the 2004-2005 Season

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Discount Lift Tickets----	Bill Rittler-----	(215) 788-3276

Waiting List for Trips

Note: If you find out a trip is full, call Maureen to get put on the waiting list. Depending on the type of vacancy, it is not unusual for her to go completely through a list looking for someone who can fill the spot.

Final Payments Due

Final payments for ski trips are as follows:

- December 31 – Okemo (please mail)**
- January 5 – Aspen (\$289)**
- January 12 – Stowe**
- January 19 – Elk**
- January 28 – Sunday River**
- February 2 – Aspen (lift ticket)**
- February 23 – Canada**

Please make your check payable to the "Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club" and give your payment to Wayne MacMath at the meeting or mail it to him at: 3435 Oakmont St., Philadelphia, PA 19136.

End of Season Ski Club Discount Night

LANG'S SKI & SCUBA
1757 N. Olden Ave.
Trenton, N.J.
(609) 538-1970

**THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2005
10AM – 8PM**

50% off original price of all new clothing, skis, boots & bindings. 40% off original price of snowboards, boots and bindings. Tune up specials: skis \$29.99 and snowboards \$24.99.

Club Hot Line: (215) 364-4790

e-mail
BM_SKICLUB@YAHOO.COM

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www.bucksmountskiclub.org

Annual Ski Club Banquet

The annual banquet will be held this year on Saturday May 14th at the *King George Inn* located in Bristol, PA.. Directions can be found on our web site.

For those interested, there is a cash bar with entertainment before and after dinner. There is ample parking.

Our menu choices are:

Prime Rib of Beef, Au Jus—only the finest hand selected prime ribs of beef are slowly roasted in our special ovens and carved by our chefs

Sautéed Chicken Marsala—breast of chicken sautéed with mushrooms,

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Trenton Thunder



Our 2005 outing is scheduled for Friday, June 24 at Waterfront Park. Come see the Double A affiliate of the New York Yankees play the Reading Phillies. The game will be viewed from the upper level of the picnic pavilion, where we will have our own all-you-can-eat buffet and cash bar. Arrive early for free Thunder and Reading team cards.

The buffet starts at 6:35pm and lasts for 1½ hours. The menu includes: Italian sausage, hamburgers, hot-dogs, salads, melon tray, soda and water. Game time is 7:05pm.

Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$19 for children ages 6-12. Children under age 6 are free. For reservations, contact Clare Longworth at (215) 860-5244 by May 20.

8th Annual Bike Ride/Poker Rally

Riding a bicycle is great exercise and helps get your legs in shape for the upcoming ski season.

Eating hot dogs and hamburgers in a beautiful park on a beautiful fall day is good for your psyche and gets your appetite in shape for upcoming ski club meetings.

Playing poker may increase your personal wealth and may get your finances in shape for upcoming ski club trips.

Socializing with other ski club members is always memorable and gets your chairlift conversation skills in shape for the upcoming ski season.

Leaf Peeping without traveling too far, paying too much for a hotel room, or sitting in a traffic jam wasting gas is just plain great on any fall day.

The 8th Annual Bike Ride/Poker Rally was all of these things rolled into one.

This year's Poker Rally winners **Brandon Ridler** and **Patti Lewin** can vouch for the "increase your personal wealth" part. Brandon won \$25 in the "Under 16" category. Patti Lewin was the winner of the "Just Over 16" category. Ironically, both winning hands had "three 10's" to take the prize.

The day was not without its surprises!!! **Bryan Freeman**, always looking for gainful employment, spotted a HELP WANTED sign in a Frenchtown soda shop. **Fortuitous** He immediately applied for the job. **PRE-REQUISITE:** Bottle opening skill. Needless to say, Bryan was not hired. However, his future plans include practice, practice, practice at one-hand unassisted bottle opening.

The Murtha's added their own nice surprises. **Jeffrey Murtha** was **1st Place Finisher** in the bike ride. In keeping with tradi-

tion, **Rita Murtha** continued to perfect her bike-diving skills. She plans to petition the US Olympic Committee to add bike diving as a new Olympic sport for 2008. **GO RITA GO RITA GO RITA** **Jim Murtha**, Rita's husband and coach, said, "Wait until you see what she has planned for next year!!!" Jim gets the **BEST SUPPORTER AWARD**

An accomplished rider, **Dr. Peter Schwartz**, was a surprise substitution for Dr. Raul on our ride. Good thing too. He was eager to provide free health care to any fallen cyclists. And you'll never guess who brought him along as her guest.

New ski club member **Marcia Comly**, sporting her beautiful blue down ski jacket, combined fashion with practicality. "I'm freezing," she was overheard saying, "so I decided to use my winter ski jacket as fall attire." She is the hands-down winner **BEST DRESSED AWARD**.

What a nice surprise we had when **Joan, Billy, Bridget, and Sarah Ridler** joined riders **Brandon** and dad, **Jim Ridler**, to have lunch with us following a morning girl's hockey game. The entire family was in attendance. And they saved the day!!! **These kids know their stuff.** Their expertise at the rules of poker rescued the event sponsors in determining the poker rally winners. **MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE AWARD**

Christina Gregory, sporting a "hot" new boy, what a nice bike, surprised us by bringing along a few really nice friends. **Don Hamme, Sarah Deschene, Brian Deschene, and Elisabeth Deschene**, all great bikers, could one day become new ski club members. Christina says, "I'm looking forward to winning the prize for signing up the most new ski club

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Membership

Our membership for 2004-2005 is 202 adults as of December 20th.

Membership Rate: \$25.00 single
 \$40.00 family

Meetings from September to December have been attended by from 50 to 85 people. That is one quarter to one half for a club of 202 members! Amazing, must be the people! Or is it the food?

If you live close enough to make it, come out and socialize at some of the six meetings that are left. We have free food that ranges from pizza to wings to our popular seafood night. Check out the calendar on the front page. Discount tickets are sold at the meetings by Bill. Weekend trip balances are taken by Wayne. Aspen payments are taken by Maureen.

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8th Annual Bike Ride/Poker Rally

members. Even if I have to teach them how to ski, I don't care. I want that prize." **BEST NEW EQUIPMENT AWARD**

Speaking of loyalty, we were not surprised to see **Jerry Cape** and **Karl Flesch** arrive for this event. Over the years as this bike ride has evolved, Jerry and Karl have been our most loyal riders. **LOYALTY AWARD**-Please note** These two have already perfected their chairlift conversation skills.

Kathy Keefe, a steadfast supporter of **No Child Left Behind**, left her children behind and participated in the ride without them. "After all," she said, "it is Saturday." It seems the children were studying until very late on Friday night. Studying what? We don't know.

Taking leave from his busy schedule preparing to be the father of the bride, **Eric Bothur** relaxed with us for a few hours. You could see the stress just melt away as he pedaled his way to and from Frenchtown. "I'm loving this," he said. His grin got bigger and bigger as the day progressed. **BEST EVER-LASTING SMILE AWARD**

Each year, the **Frenchtown Bike Shop** has been a stop on this ride. Ski club bikers go into the shop to pick up a card for the poker rally. The owners of this shop are eager to have us stop by. **John** and **Patti Lewin** were impressed with the friendly, knowledgeable staff. So impressed, in fact, they purchased their brand-new bikes at the shop. "I love my new bike," said John as he rang his bell.

Relentlessly pursuing corks, **John Lewin** was disappointed on this day. He said, "Geez, I thought Arizona Ice Tea came with a cork."

In summary, the Bike Ride/Poker Rally was a great way to spend a beautiful fall day. Why not plan to join us next year for the 9th Annual event.

~Lyn Huttemann

Bring in New Members

Get in the running for a free lift ticket, good for one day on one of your trips this year. Win by bringing in the most new members for 2004-2005.

In the running so far are (in alphabetical order): Sue Collins, Eric Hutchison, Jim & Joan Ridler and Bill Rittler.

Chinese or Moroccan Night?

TENTATIVE DATES: either Saturday, APRIL 16th or April 23rd. Listen at the meetings or check the website for final plans. Call Barbara Zurlo (215-860-8363) with any helpful ideas.

Attention 4th Graders

Fourth graders can ski for free at 21 ski areas in Pennsylvania. You need to pre register at the

<http://skipa.com/4thgrademain.htm>

and fill out the forms. You get 63 free lift tickets good at lots of Pennsylvania ski resorts. You get a neat ski snow pass with your picture on it and you can ride and ski all winter this year.

Photo Contest

Don't forget to bring in some photos for the bulletin board which will be back at meetings for the Winter. You must have some good ones already. Don't wait until you get new ones for this season only. Look over your ski pictures and bring a few, funny or beautiful. Top prize will be a lift ticket for one of your trips.

Ski Chow

Attention Ski Chow Fans, we haven't had new recipes from you old folks in a while and we haven't had old recipes from any of the new people just joining the Club. If you have attended our meetings you know how wonderful the food is. Wouldn't it be great to make the chocolate and crab fondues at your next cocktail party? How would you get the recipe and know who made it? It would be simple if you sent Joan Ridler the recipe at joan.ridler@verizon.net or brought it to the meetings/gatherings.

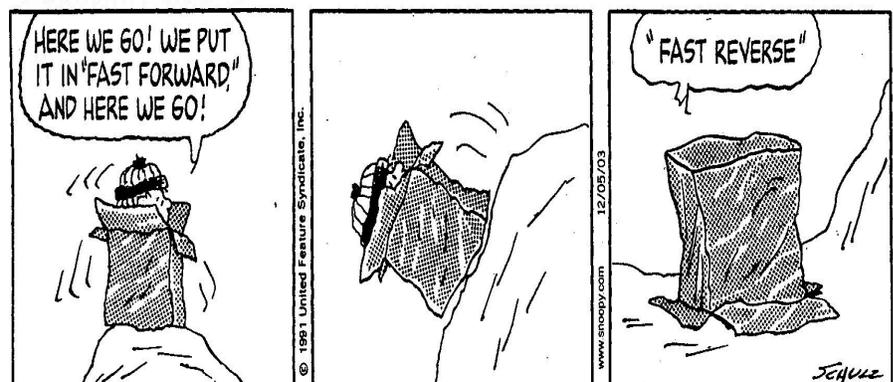
Save Those TABS

Please continue to save the can tabs for charity. This year they are going to help persons on dialysis and the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia

Death March Notice

Stay tuned for announcement of awards for wearing of Death March Pin. Some winners have reached enough points to satisfy the DML

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President's Letter

in the seventies! Both Sunday River and Canada still have space available, but if history repeats itself that will not last too much longer. So don't wait...sign up now!

Elk- Rita says, "Don't miss out on this yearly spectacular day of fun and good skiing. The bus is filling quickly, so don't be left out.

France - Karl says his group, The Baker's Dozen, is pumped and ready to tackle the slopes of Val d'Isere and partake of the great cuisine of the Village Montana Hotel. Have a great trip!

Aspen is now full with 51 skiers ready to take on the Face of Bell, the cliffs of Aspen Highland, the Big Burn of Snowmass and of course the half pipe at Buttermilk. This could be one of the best ski years of all time.

Don't forget we have yet to conduct the \$100 dollar drawings for each weekend trip and a drawing for a free trip to Elk.

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Discount Lift Tickets

supply of tickets at our meetings. We recommend that you order ahead of time if you want to be sure to get what you want.

Unused tickets are refundable, but you must get them to us on or before the March 16th meeting. We will refund by check once we receive reimbursement from Eastern PA Ski Council.

Thank you for your support.

The Death March Leader is ready and waiting for you to step up and take the challenge. Please announce your intention ahead of time so as not to be confused with pretenders or other malcontents. Please understand the rules ahead of time, because they can change at any time!

In spite of this however, we do have ?? members of the Death March who have earned free lift tickets.

The weight loss program proposed by the President was successful for a few people, but overall did not receive rave reviews. The clause, "No meeting, without eating" has achieved a life of it's own. Of the required 500 pounds weight loss, only 138 lbs. was shed. Since our goal of 500 lbs. was not reached, the clause where everyone receives a free ski trip to Colorado has been cancelled.

Have a great ski season.

Wayne

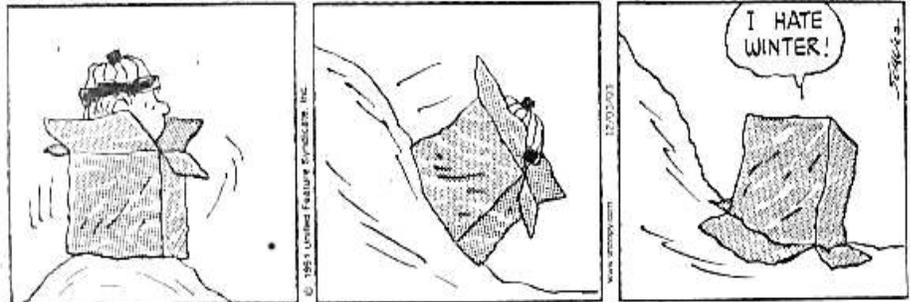
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shallots, sun-dried tomatoes, fresh thyme & a rich marsala demiglace **Filet of Norwegian Salmon**—served over a bed of lobster mashed potatoes, with a light basil cream sauce and steamed asparagus.

Included with the above are: bakery fresh bread with creamery butter, first course of house salad with red wine vinaigrette, chef's selection of potato and seasonal vegetable (where appropriate), customary beverages of fresh brewed coffee, decaf, iced tea, and dessert.

The cost is \$35.00 per person. The festivities begin at 7:00 PM. Space is limited, so sign up early. Contact Judy Lott at (215) 321-3485 before May 1st.

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