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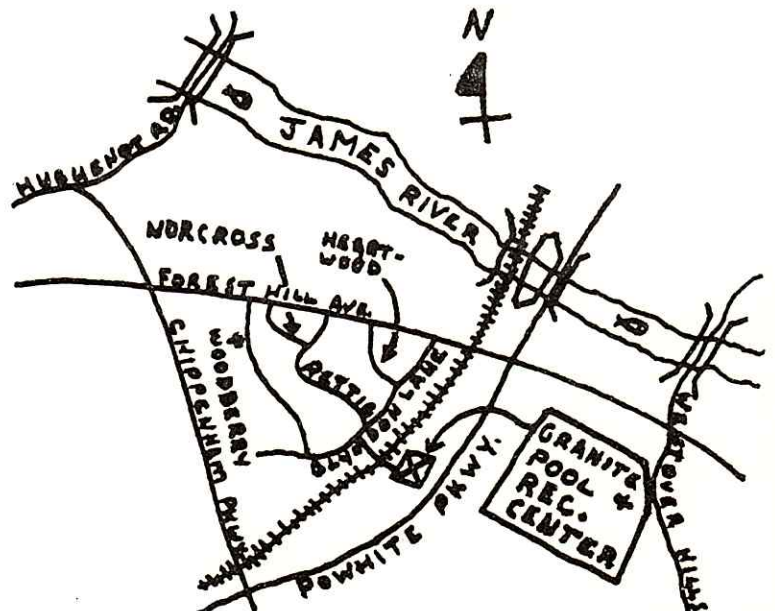
MARCH 1974

## COMING EVENTS

- MARCH 21 VMSC club meeting at Granite Recreation Center, 8:00 PM sharp.
- MARCH 23 Beer party and sing-along at the Cabin Creek Clubhouse (see flyer).
- MARCH 24 Field Trials, organized by Mike Castleberry and Wilt Greenwood. To be held at the old Ellerson Airstrip (see map). Registration at 11:00 AM, FCO at 12:00. Fee = \$3.00/club members, \$4.50/non-members (of any sports car club). 1974 MWCSCC classes to be used - but remember that snow tires classify you as modified while racing tires do not. Exhaust suppression will not be required. BE THERE - RAIN, SNOW, SHINE.
- APRIL 4 VMSC Board meeting at the Phillips'.
- APRIL 7 "The April Regular Rally," OD'ed by Bill Whitehead and Brad Peaseley. NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE. Starts at the Ridge Shopping Center on Parham Road. Registration at 11:00 AM, FCO at 12:01. About 90 miles, TSD.
- APRIL 18 VMSC club meeting at Granite Recreation Center, 8:00 PM sharp.
- APRIL 27/28 Branded Championship Rally, Washington, D.C. More information when available.
- MAY 5 TSD driver's rally, OD'ed by Lewis Parsley and Tom Blot. NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE.

MEETING

PLACE



## Life Members

Last year, in a sincere effort to differentiate between life members who are active and life members who are no longer active, an annual \$2.00 fee was assessed all life members who wished to remain on the club membership list and continue to receive Checkpoints. The rationale for this fee was briefly that there is a cost for the club in maintaining life memberships, in the form of insurance coverage for all members and mailing of club publications. While we sincerely hope that all our life members continue to be interested in the club, we also feel that if this interest exists, a \$2.00 fee is not an excessive demand; and if the interest does not exist, then remaining on the active membership list and receiving Checkpoints is unnecessary and perhaps even undesirable.

This seemed to be a reasonable method of discerning just which life members were active and which were not for the reasons mentioned above, and as expressed earlier, it certainly did not intend to put an unnecessary burden on the life members who wished to remain active. With this in mind, it has suddenly become clear that the assessment of the \$2.00 fee, while seemingly simple and uncomplicated, has suddenly become a bone of contention. I think most members have become aware of the problem, which is simple; there are many life members in the club who are a part of family memberships in which the second member of that membership is still paying dues. The question immediately arises - how much dues does that family have to pay? Another situation which has arisen is in the case of a family membership where both members have become life members and they are both still active. The question here, of course, is does the family have to pay \$4.00 (\$2.00 per life member) or will \$2.00 cover both members. At the same time

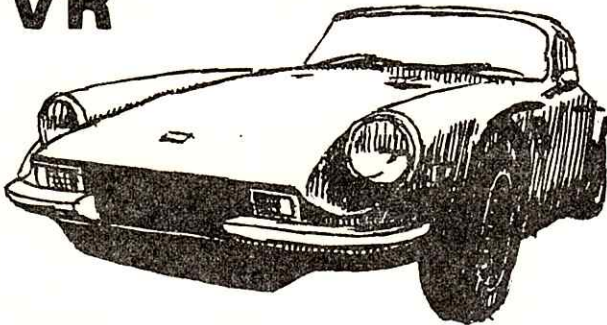
the question of children who are a part of family memberships has been unresolved.

As the By-laws now stand, the answer to all of the questions posed turns out to be that all life members must pay the \$2.00 fee. While to some this fee may seem negligible, it has caused many problems disproportionate to its size.

The following changes to the By-laws of VMSC concerning family and life memberships have been accepted by the Board of Directors, and will be presented to the membership at the next meeting. Please look over the changes carefully so that you can vote on these proposed alterations at that meeting. If you have any alternate suggestions, please frame them as fully as possible so that they can be handled at the meeting.

Beth Castleberry

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Recommended Changes to the By-Laws

Article III, Section IV, Paragraph 1

Change the last period to a comma and add the following:

"except that they shall not be entitled to free receipt of Club publications. Life members shall not be considered 'senior members' for purposes of determining the size of the Club's membership roster."

Article III, Section IV, Paragraph 2

Delete in its entirety.

Article IV, Section I

Should read as follows:

"Annual Dues shall be \$8.00 for a single membership, \$10.00 for a family membership (\$5.00 per individual member), and shall be payable on or before January 1.

(The underlined portion is an addition.)

Article IV, Section IV

Add the following:

"Any family member who attains life membership status shall become exempt from annual dues, without in any way affecting the dues-paying status of other members of his family. Example: A family membership which consisted of two members would pay \$5.00 annual dues if one member became eligible for life membership.

Delete "his/her" and "he/she" in all cases and substitute "his" and "he" as appropriate.

The following is an entire new Article.

ARTICLE XII

Publications

I. Newsletter

The Club shall publish at regular monthly intervals a Club newsletter, Checkpoints. The newsletter shall cover topics of general interest to members of The Club.

II. Other Publications

The Club shall, as necessary, distribute flyers, bulletins, etc., containing information concerning Club activities.

III. Subscription Fees

All Club publications shall be furnished free to dues-paying members and to certain other interested individuals and organizations. All others (for example, non-members and life members, etc.) may be included on The Club's mailing list by payment of a \$2.00 annual subscription fee.

You may recall that in last month's Checkpoints, Jim Muller sent a desperate plea to the membership at large to obtain an answer to the problems he was having with his typewriter. It has been quite rewarding to find that the plea was not without purpose, for indeed, I have received several replies with constructive ideas as to how Jim might cope with his problem. I am publishing these in the hopes that they will benefit not only Jim, but all of us who seem to be experiencing difficulty with our typewriters. It is certainly good to know someone cares, isn't it Jim?

Mr. Jim Muller  
c/o Checkpoints Editor  
743 Trevor Terrace  
Richmond, Virginia 23225

Dear Mr. Muller:

I have just solved your problem. It involves only a few minor adjustments using a pipe wrench and a ball-peen hammer. It should only take two or three minutes of your time, and I will be happy to tell you about them at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,



Alphonse Jebronski  
President  
Remington Rand

Mr. Jim Mueller  
c/o Checkpoints Editor  
743 Trevor Terrace  
Richmond, Virginia 23225

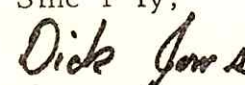
Dear Mr. Mueller:

Upon receiving your correspondence dated February 13, 1974, we immediately checked into your problem. We have thoroughly tested all Olivetti-Underwood typewriters and are positive there is absolutely nothing wrong with any of them.

Respectfully,  
Paul Murphy  
Olivetti-Underwood President

A personal reply to Jim Muller;

I have pondered your problem for the past three weeks. After consulting with a service representative for International Business Machines, I have come up with an answer. I have tested this method on the office typewriter and, as you can see, it works very well. No longer will you have the problem of " " following "u". As a matter of fact, you won't have a problem with " " following anything. If there is any other problem I can help you with, please don't hesitate to ask me.

Sincerely,  
  
Dick Jones

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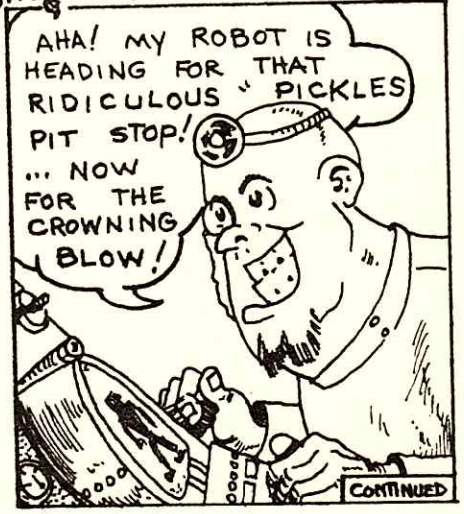
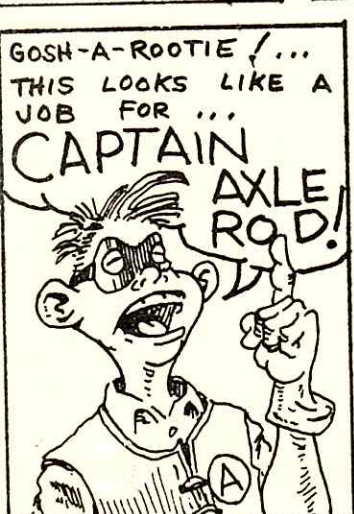
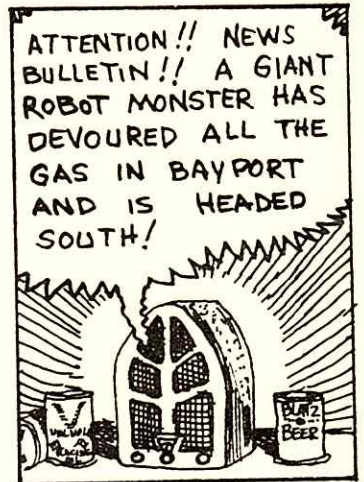
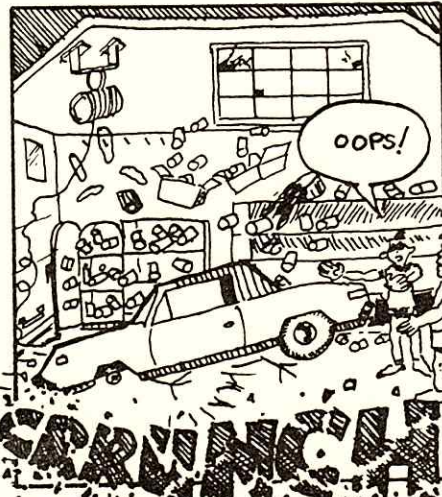
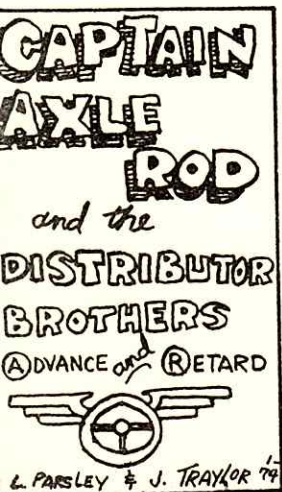
The Yellow Brick Road  
24 Feb. 1974

O/A	Place In Class	Car	Driver/Navigator	Checkpoint Scores							Total
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	1E*	Porsche	Wilt/Barb Greenwood	0	0	0	2	1	2	3	8
2	2E*	Porsche	R.Grosbier#/J.Ansell#	2	4	0	4	1	5	1	17
3	3E	Datsun	Mike/Beth Castleberry	2	2	1	0	2	12	8	27
4	4E	Porsche	T.C.G./Rita Wagner#	2	1	1	62	1	1	1	69
5	1U*	Fiat	Bookie/Kitty Westbrook	6	11	6	67	16	8	2	116
6	2U*	Datsun	L.Wells/Ed Buck	31	26	1	36	61	43	6	204
7	5E	Datsun	Marian/Fred DeBardleben	185	2	3	2	4	45	3	244
8	6E	SAAB	C. Seward#/W. Shumaker#	205	4	2	288	5	5	5	514
9	3U*	Vega	Chris/Lil Young	450	12	6	47	15	67	2	599
10	4U	Volvo	Ellie/Jack East	16	300	5	300	18	30	5	674
11	5U	Datsun	Baxter/Sharon Phillips	25	300	44	48	102	186	3	708
12	6U	Datsun	T.Plot/J.Patteson#	243	29	7	450	67	62	4	862
13	7U**	TR4-A	R.Vawter#/E.Hamilton#	300	300	49	450	3	54	105	1261
14	8U	Fiat	Jim#/Kathy# Hatfield	219	450	9	57	300	195	44	1274
15	9U	Datsun	W.Clark/T.Clark#	86	300	32	600	117	218	86	1439
16	10U	TR-6	W.Wilborn#/B.Collier#	450	450	21	245	81	300	7	1554
17	11U	Porsche	D.Dillard#/L.Dillard#	37	300	3	450	161	600	600	2251 (100)
18	12U	Corvette	S.Vickhouse#/J.Hargrave#	144	600	600	600	450	0	63	2457

\* denotes trophy winner

\*\* denotes novice trophy winner

# denotes non-VMSC member



## Following the Yellow Brick Road, or Who in Hell is Dorothy?

It was a beautiful, gasless, Sunday, and perfect for running a rally. However, the Bolus & Snopes rally team decided to go out and run the Hoelzel' event instead. Mr. Snopes appeared through the courtesy of Mrs. Snopes, who sent him out to "win one for the 'gimper'". Mr. Bolus appeared through the courtesy of the State Police, whose sneaky radar trap he almost ran over coming down the entrance ramp onto Chippenham Parkway.

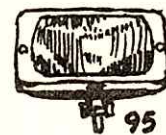
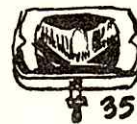
The start of the rally was at Cavalier Porsche-Audi where the registration was so smooth that the only sounds were the bodies hitting the asphalt after reading the list prices on the new Porsches. A brief synopsis of "The Wizard of Oz" was given to each team and off they went. The only "special instruction" was the "Oz Rule" which only applied at intersections with routes one digit higher or lower than the route you were on. It was straight forward (the worst kind of trick an OD can pull) and the only time we had any trouble with it was when we got tired of going slow and nearly passed a crucial intersection discussing how to grow corn. The "Yellow Brick Road" wasn't a fast rally but it wasn't really a slow rally either. It was sort of half-fast.

Somewhere along about the second or third control we realized that almost everyone except us was going in the wrong direction on the wrong road. With renewed confidence, we motored slowly onward toward a lead-pipe cinch 1st overall. Those other dummies were probably saying the same about us since the lowlife, devious rallymaster had concocted four (count 'em, four) different sets of instructions. Whoever heard of four different sets of instructions?!? Ridiculous!! This deception was especially obvious as we met, passed, and otherwise contacted several competitors in all manner of activity along Route 602. In fact, at the "Y" intersection of 602 and 659 we really got forked; some cars continued left on 602 while others went right on 659.

The "YFU" mileage check was the first time in our shady career that we were happy to find a YFH sign. Off course YFU signs were non-existent according to the Generals.

One of the highlights of this rally, nay, any rally, was the sight of VMSC's resident Polock, Bill Clark, flashing through checkpoint 2 without stopping and into checkpoint three about half a mile down the road. The only part of checkpoint 2 that Bill saw was Jim Rowe taking pictures of him not stopping.

After reviewing the scores on this rally, one must assume that the contestants could be broken down into those who understood the rally and those who didn't. We got sandwiched into the middle somewhere and made off with more tickets. Len Wells & Ed Buck

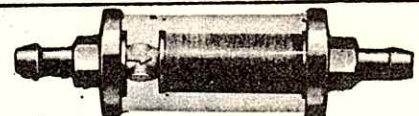


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## Autocrossing around the country (Oops - not new!)

It is not too often that an autocross gets a write up, but the recent Corvette club, VMSC autocross for the Heart Fund deserves a word or two. First, the Corvette deserves a good pat on the back for the work that went into the event before the day of the happening. Through much solicitation, they got donations from various companies, advertisement, and thus participation. Granted, there seemed to be little effort given to organization at the event, but the work done beforehand certainly added to the event, and is something we should give thought to before our next autocross.

The event itself was a fun one, and quite a surprise to VMSC members who expected to find a wide open course designed for Corvettes, and instead found a tight course which even the Honda had difficulty getting around without knocking down a few pylines. (I still don't believe the cable from the rear wheel drive unit got all those pylines.) One female contestant driving a Z, whose name we will not mention, was surprised on her first run to find that what she had walked through as a straight was indeed an almost perfect set of S's.

As most of you have probably seen in the Richmond Times Dispatch, we did get a rather harsh letter of criticism, directed not only at the autocross, but also at the Richmond 500. This brings up again the gas crisis, which we have hardly had time to forget, and again a word of appreciation should go to the Corvette club, as they immediately wrote and sent to the newspaper a reply, which expresses and defends our position quite clearly. Keep thinking about our position as you see it, we can hardly ignore what has kept us really on our toes this year.

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Rt. 1 Box 205C  
Troy, Virginia, 22974

Phone: 293-9741

Art is an Assistant Manager  
at a bank. They drive a Toyota  
Corolla.

Jim and Kathy Hatfield  
5613 Crenshaw Rd., I  
Richmond, Virginia 23227

Phone: 266-3660

Jim is a grad student. They drive  
a Fiat 124 sport, and a chevy  
camaro.

Jeffery Bromm  
1411 Newell Road Apt. 4  
Richmond, Virginia 23025

Phone: 233-0073

Jeffery works at Vepco. He drives a  
Datsun 240Z.

Tom Gray  
549 Argyle Terrac3  
Richmond, Virginia 23225

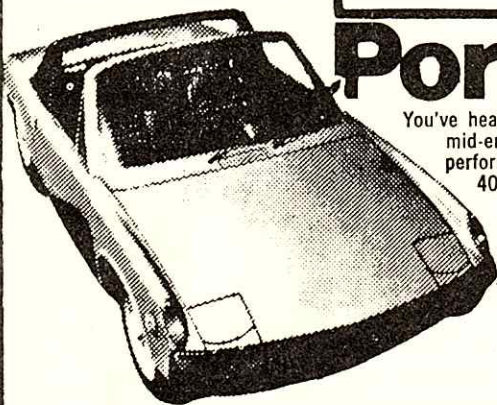
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Balance Feb. 1, 1974	\$496.34
Receipts 648.04	
Disbursements 593.94	
Balance, Mar. 1, 1974	\$550.44

SYNOPSIS OF THE GENERAL CLUB MEETING  
February 21, 1974

TREASURER: Cash-on-hand on the meeting date was \$496.34. The Club lost \$119.91 on the 1974 Awards Banquet.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES: Only 20 VMSC members participated in the Heart Fund Autocross in February. Bill Whitehead and Brad Peaseley are OD'ing "The April Regular Rally" on March 24 [date changed to April 7]. Lew Parsley and Tom Blot will OD a rally on May 5. Date and place for the Field Trials, organized by Mike Castleberry and Wilt Greenwood, have not been set as yet.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: There were 4 guests present at the meeting.

INDOOR ACTIVITIES: The meeting was followed by 2 movies: "Anatomy of an Accident" and "Safety Times 3." The shows for next month are: "The Wild and Wonderful World of Racing" and "Automania 2000." All of these films were obtained free from the Virginia State Library. On March 23 there will be an informal beer party and sing-along at the Cabin Creek Clubhouse.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & EDUCATION: No report.

CHECKPOINTS: No report.

CHECKPOINTS BUSINESS: No report.

MEMBERSHIP: New members Jed & Margaret Hargrave, Bob & Linda McNeill, Mitford Sims, and Dallas & Barbara Faires were welcomed to the club.

HISTORIAN: The scrapbook was at the meeting, with pictures from January's rally included.

BITCH: No report.

COMPETITION: Changes to the regs were mailed in February's Checkpoints. These changes will stand for the 1974 competitive year, although there appears to be a problem with the new move-up schedule.

PRESIDENT: All members who have something to say should speak up. There will be no "stifling of debate."

OLD BUSINESS: Ideas on the life membership dilemma were solicited by Wilt Greenwood, chairman of a committee that will re-investigate this problem.

NEW BUSINESS: Brad Peaseley made the following motion: The rally scheduled for this Sunday [February 24] should be postponed 1 month until we have a chance to see what the new system for buying gasoline does for us and to see how the members feel about the crisis. It was seconded. There was much discussion, the major point being that it was too late to cancel the advertising for the event. The question was called, and the motion did not carry.

# A WEEKEND WITH



## BEER GUZZLIN' & CAROUSIN'

March 23, 1974

BACCHUS UP!

VMSC NEEDS YOU.

COME TO THE BEER

PARTY — \$2 buys beer

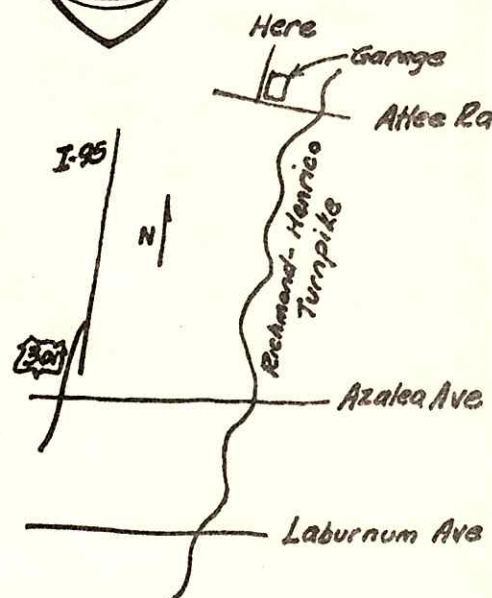
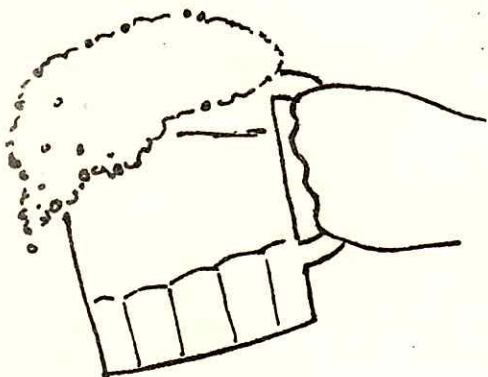
& mixers beginning at 8.

At Cabin Creek Clubhouse —

W on Patterson to Gaskins  
Rd (157) — R — L at or about

'Cabin Creek' — follow nose.

Informal. Bring banjos,  
guitars, pianoes. Be  
loose. Be there.



## FURTHER MUCK

VMSC DOES IT IN THE DIRT

Field Trials by Mike Castleberry  
& Wilt Greenwood

March 24, 1974

Registration 11:00 AM, FCO noon.

\$3<sup>00</sup> members any club, \$4<sup>50</sup> others.

Run rain or shine — mufflers

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Standard VMSC classes — same as

MWCSCC, except snow tires

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10-car heats, mud flaps optional.

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FIELD TRIALS AND DRINKIN' DON'T USE GAS MUCH  
VMSC SAYS: GET HUNG OVER



OD'd by Bill Whitehead & Brad Peaseley  
— April 7, 1974 —

Registration begins at  
11:00 AM — FCO 12:01 —  
Begins Ridge Shopping Center  
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