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<u>PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:</u> This is **Paul N1VTI** — we finally had some snow Christmas week with anywhere from 15 to 21 inches reported in the area. I participated in a V-E Session in January in Braintree with three new HAMs passing their Technician Class license test.



PROVIDING A PUBLIC SERVICE: Bruce Hayden NI1X reported on the first Monday of the month RADIOGRAM training with Bill Hayden N1FRE, Jeff Tracy N1SOM, Loren Pimentel N1IQI, Mike Supple KB10EP, Paul Moss KB1MTW and The Bruce NI1X participating.

Paul Burbine N1VTI

HAVING FUN FOX HUNTING: Bruce Hayden NI1X volunteered to be the Fox on Sat. Dec. 12th and there were 12 Fox Hunters participating. **Richard Metcalf KB1TEH** volunteered to be the Fox on Sat. Jan. 9th and there were 8 Fox Hunters participating.

PROMOTING AMATEUR RADIO: The South Shore Hospital and Whitman Amateur Radio Club will sponsor Amateur Radio Technician classes. The purpose is to train communication volunteers for the South Shore Hospital. I am putting together a team of instructors who will teach Technician Classes. If you have expertise in one particular area - your help is needed.

We are just now starting to hear traffic messages being sent into and out of Haiti following the earthquake. Come to the next meeting and share your radioactive adventures / projects with the other members present.

From: Paul N1VTI

NEW MEMBERS

NEW MEMBER: Steve Daigle KB1TMB lives in No. Easton and received his Technician Class license two weeks ago. Steve KB1TMB reports that he does not have any equipment yet.



Steve Daigle KB1TMB



<u>Dino Casieri KB1RXQ</u> <u>Joe Casieri KA1JBE</u>

NEW MEMBER: Dino Casieri KB1RXQ lives in Brockton and got his Technician Class license about one year ago at age 13. **Dino KB1RXQ** has been participating in the Fox Hunts with his father **Joe KA1JBE** and reports that he is On-The- Air with 2-Meters.

NEW MEMBER: Joe Casieri KA1JBE lives in East Bridgewater and was first licensed in 1981. **Joe KA1JBE** reports that he was licensed in Germany while in the service in the late 1980's. **Joe KA1JBE** also reports that he is in the commercial radio repair / installation business.

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF January 6, 2010 de N1ZZN

OPENING: The members started gathering at the Whitman Public Library, Whitman, MA around 6:10 p.m. President **Paul N1VTI** opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Thirty-three members / guests were present, including the four elected Officers and three Directors. A quorum was present.

K1AWB K1MRH K1WGU	Steve Laroe Barbara Rice Bob Bass	SWL W1EKG KB1CHW	Colben Laroe (guest Ross Hochstrasse John Coombs Jr.	•	
KB1KVL	Ken Kavaljian	KB1REQ	Jeremy Breef-Pilz		
KB1MOC	Kevin Dykes	KB1MTW	Paul Moss		
KB1NAX	Joan Smith	KB10EP	Mike Supple		Jeff Lehmann
KB10EQ	Ron Stundze	KB10DS	John Chase		N1ZZN
KB1PHN	John Murphy	KB1QEM	John O'Neill		
KB1RXQ	Dino Casieri	KB1TEH	Richard Metcalf		
KC1FZ	George Davis	KC1JET	Jim Tynan	N1COP	Bob Woodbury
N1FRE	Bill Hayden	N1PXX	Ron Smith	N1SOM	Jeff Tracy
N1VTI	Paul Burbine	N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann	NI1X	Bruce Hayden
W1AXB	Matt Paine	W1GRC	Gary Cumiskey	WA1MWF	Larry Leblanc
WA1ZKK	Al Craddock	K1REL	Bob Loring	KA1JBE	Joe Casieri

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for December was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. **Bill N1FRE** made a motion seconded by **Barbara K1MRH** that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by **Bruce NI1X** seconded by **John KB1PHN** that the December secretary's report be accepted as published in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

HEALTH & WELFARE: Barbara K1MRH reported that a card was sent to Lou Vanderstreet N1WNT. Roy KB1CYV is in the hospital recovering from a fractured hip.

NEW MEMBERS: Colin K1ESQ made a motion that Stephen Daigle KB1TMB, Joe Casieri KA1JBE, and Dino Casieri KB1RXQ be accepted as new members. Gary W1GRC seconded the motion and it was approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Jeff N1ZZN volunteered to send the thank you letter and package to our contact at Plimoth Plantation thanking them for once again being a great host for our special event. **Richard KB1TEH** volunteered to be the Fox at the next hunt, on January 9th at 10 a.m. in one of the Bridgewaters. **Jeff N1ZZN** reported that he has created a Whitman Amateur Radio Club fan page on facebook, where he is posting short updates about upcoming club events to keep people informed. 40 people have "become fans" so far, with about half being club members. Various members reported that the preamp on the repeater receiver has helped clear up some of the weak signals on the fringes.

NEW BUSINESS: Ron N1PXX reported that he is working on getting a computer with EchoLink set up for Evelyn K1EF, and others suggested possibly trying to set up her HT as a base station. Bill N1FRE made a motion that \$150 be appropriated for the purchase of a new 2 meter radio to be used with EchoLink on the repeater. Jim W1JT will decide which radio is the best to use with our RigBlaster setup.

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF January 6, 2010 Cont: de N1ZZN

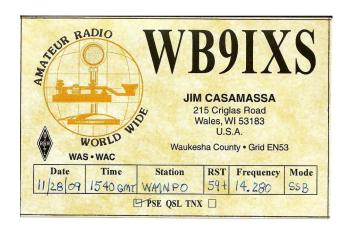
NEW BUSINESS Cont: John KB1QEM reported that there are several people at South Shore Hospital interested in taking amateur radio Technician Classes, to go along with the HAM station that has been set up there. A discussion was held about how to go about providing these classes, and a committee was formed to figure out how we would want to teach the class. **John KB1QEM** also reported that he is looking for volunteers to sign up to become official communications volunteers for the amateur radio station at the hospital, to be ready in case of emergency. Contact **John KB1QEM** if you are interested. **Paul N1VTI** reported that there would be a V-E session at the **K1USN** club in Braintree on Saturday Jan. 9th, contact **Bill K1WN** if you are interested.

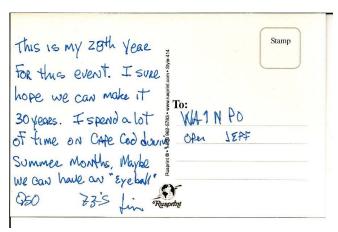
CLUB EQUIPMENT: Paul KB1MTW reports that all club equipment is accounted for. Any club member can contact Paul KB1MTW on the repeater, email, or phone if they would like to borrow a piece of the club's equipment.

NET CONTROLS: 1/10: Jeff N1SOM, 1/17: Bruce NI1X, 1/24: Mike KB10EP, 1/31: Bill N1FRE

CLOSE: President **Paul N1VTI** closed the business meeting at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by **John KB1PHN** seconded by **Ken KB1KVL**. The motion was approved.

PLIMOTH PLANTATION SPECIAL EVENT QSL MANAGER'S REPORT By: The Bruce" NI1X





QSL cards and certificates to Whitman Club members = 52

QSL cards and certificates to local area HAMs = 18

QSL cards and certificates to all other HAMs = 40

Total to date = 110

The Bruce NI1X, with the help of **Colben SWL**, handed out 33 Plimoth Plantation QSL cards and Special Event Certificates at the January meeting.

The QSL card shown above is from **Jim Casamassa WB9IXS** of Wisconsin and reads "This is my 28th year for this event. I sure hope we can make it to 30 years." **Jim WB9IXS** talked with **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** on 20-Meters. We will be on the lookout for **Jim WB9IXS** on the Whitman REPEATER next summer and maybe we can arrange an eye-ball to eye-ball QSO with him.

FOX HUNT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009 By: "The Bruce" NI1X



THE FOX HUNTERS IN THE DEN

Back row L. to R are Roy Logan KB1CYV, Dino Casieri KB1RXQ, Joe Casieri KA1JBE, Greg Glynn W1VFB, Michelle Duprey SWL, Richard Metcalf KB1TEH, Gary Cumiskey W1GRC and Bruce Hayden NI1X. Shown kneeling in front L. to R. are John Chase KB1ODS, Dan Chase KB1SPB, John Duprey KB1SVY and Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ.

Bruce Hayden NI1X was the Fox and was hiding on Fireworks Drive in Bridgewater - off Rt. 28 - Bedford Street - south of Bridgewater Center.

First in was Richard Metcalf KB1TEH in 32 minutes followed by Greg Glynn W1VFB & Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ in 47 minutes - along with Joe Casieri KA1JBE & Dino Casieri KB1RXQ in 47+ minutes. Next was Gary Cumiskey W1GRC in 1 hour – followed closely by Roy Logan KB1CYV in 1 hr 2 minutes. John Duprey and Michelle SWL found the Fox in 1 Hr. 29 minutes. Last but not least were John Chase KB1ODS and Dan Chase KB1SPB.



Bruce Hayden NI1X - The Fox

WARC MEMBER QUESTION: What Whitman club member recently got the amateur radio license plate **W1EKG**, shown here ??

Answer on WWW.QRZ.com



FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH RADIOGRAM TRAINING

The Bruce NI1X checked out the Whitman Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during the January RADIOGRAM Training and took the messages for Taunton from there.

The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) volunteers are shown at the Whitman EOC just following the January MEMA Region II RADIOGRAM Training.



Paul MossJeff TracyBill HaydenMike SuppleBruce HaydenKB1MTWN1SOMN1FREKB1OEPNI1X

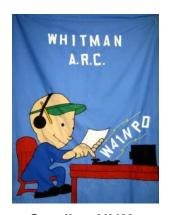
Two messages were sent to the local city and town Emergency Management Agency Directors. **Loren Pimentel N1IQI** was heard taking the messages for Carver and Bridgewater

WHITMAN AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE NET

The **WARPSN** NET meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. on the Whitman REPEATER 147.225 MHz (PL 67). Come join in and share your amateur radio related activities with the other area HAMs and short-wave listeners as well. We need your updates for the newsletter.

As part of our training, we encourage everyone to practice sending routine RADIOGRAM messages. In December we had 4 sessions with an average of 16 area HAMs checking in each week and 7 messages were sent. Make up an NTS traffic message and send one to a friend.

Jim Tovet W1JT is hosting the EchoLink connection to the Whitman REPEATER at his home QTH in Holbrook. The EchoLink node to the Whitman REPEATER is WA1NPO-R Whitman, MA. In January we heard from Mike Marinucci N1FRV in Hernando, Florida via EchoLink.



Sending NI1X an update

Message from **Jim Ward N1LKJ** - Section Traffic Manager (STM) - to **Bruce Hayden N11X** Date/time: 28-Dec 17:28

Hi Bruce NI1X,

Thanks for the monthly report. Please thank your weekly Net Control Operators (NCS's) for their prompt reports as well.

73, Jim Ward N1LKJ STM

ARRL KIDS DAY

By: John Murphy KB1PHN

On January 3, 2010, my nephew, **Danny SWL**, participated in the ARRL Kids Day. **Danny SWL** is 11 years old . This was his third Kid's day event. This year his time "On air" was cut short due to other family activities.

Danny SWL listened for a clear frequency on 20-Meters and then asked if the frequency was clear. He then proceeded to call "CQ Kid's Day". Danny SWL made 10 QSO's in one hour. His favorite one was VE4BG, Borris from Manitoba, Canada. He asked Borris if he spoke French. Borris replied that he spoke a little French.



Danny SWL

Danny SWL also talked to Whitman Club member **Joe Casieri KA1JBE** in E. Bridgewater, MA. and area HAM **Byron Piette K1YCQ** in Somerset, MA. **Danny SWL** also talked to HAMs in Indiana, Florida, Kentucky, Georgia and Tennessee.

Danny SWL was using a Kenwood TS520 at 100 watts and a 135 foot wire dipole antenna. Next year he wants to try CW.

73 From: John Murphy KB1PHN

ANTENNA PARTY -- INSTALLING A CUSHCRAFT R-8 VERTICAL ANTENNA



The Bruce's NI1X R-8 on the left
Tower and A3WS beam on the right



Antenna Crew - it's a tall one - 49 feet

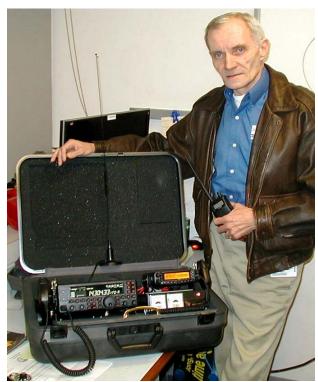
Richard Metcalf KB1TEH helped The Bruce NI1X assemble and test the Cushcraft R-8 antenna. The antenna party crew, seen in the photo, are L. to R. Paul Moss KB1MTW, Richard Metcalf KB1TEH, Jim Tynan KC1JET and The Bruce NI1X replacing The Bruce's NI1X Cushcraft R-5 antenna with the R-8. The R-8 is 27 feet tall on top of a 22 foot mast and the top of the R-8 antenna is even with the rotor on the 50 foot tower. The tower has a Cushcraft A3WS beam, good for 12 and 17-Meters.

SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL -- GO-KIT By: John O'Neill KB1QEM

John O'Neill KB1QEM reports that he built the Go-Kit shown in the photo for the South Shore Hospital.

It Includes a Yaesu FT450AT HF Radio, a Yaesu FT8800 Dual Band mobile radio, a Yaesu FT60R Dual Band Portable Radio, two mag mount antennas, a Kantronics KAM XL TNC and a SAMLEX SEC1235M Power Supply. This is housed in a case with a removable platform ready to be used as a base station at the hospital or can be transported in the case to a remote location. It is currently powered by AC but will soon have cabling for direct 12VDC operation.

South Shore Hospital is seeking licensed Amateur Radio Operators to form a pool of communications volunteers to operate the equipment at the hospital and possibly remote locations should the need arise. To become a communications volunteer, operators must attend a Hospital Orientation Session, and pass a background "Cori" check. For further information about the program and becoming a South Shore Hospital communications volunteer please contact John KB1QEM at his email address, KB1QEM@gmail.com



John O'Neill KB1QEM Go-Kit

TECHNICIAN CLASSES -- SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL -- NOTICE

Entry level amateur radio classes are being sponsored by the South Shore Hospital and the Whitman Amateur Radio Club.

The Technician Class license material is designed for self-study with supplemental classroom instruction and practice exams. The study material (The ARRL HAM Radio License Manual – Level 1 – Technician) cost \$20.00

Classroom instruction is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2010 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and April 3, 2010 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the South Shore Hospital.

Official license exam testing will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 9 a.m. in Braintree at the Watson Building. The cost to take the Official exam is \$15.00 payable at the time of the exam.

A tour of an active amateur radio club station will be held following the exam.

Morse code knowledge is no longer a requirement to obtain an amateur radio license

To register or for further information please contact one of the following:

Paul Burbine N1VTI at n1vti@comcast.net
John O'Neill KB1QEM at KB1QEM@verizon.net
Bruce Hayden NI1X at bruceni1x@verizon.net
Paul Moss KB1MTW at pm.moss@comcast.net

FOX HUNT OF SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2010 By: "The Bruce" NI1X



Richard Metcalf KB1TEH John Chase KB1ODS

Kevin Dykes KB1MOC Dan Chase KB1SPB

Joe Casieri KA1JBE Jeremy Breef

Dino Casieri KB1RXQ

<u>Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ</u> Bruce Hayden NI1X

Richard Metcalf KB1TEH (holding the Fox) had volunteered to be the Fox and was hiding at the Reynolds Landing Conservation Area off Ash Street in West Bridgewater.

First in was the team of **Bruce NI1X** and **Jeremy KB1REQ** in 24 minutes. They started at the Service Area on Rt. 24 in Bridgewater where they had a directional reading of 30 degrees magnetic. **The Bruce NI1X** plotted a line that did not take into consideration the 15 degree difference between true North on the map and magnetic North on the compass. After the Fox hunt **The Bruce NI1X** found that the corrected directional reading went right through the Fox's Den. Trust your equipment.

Second place goes to **Joe KA1JBE** and **Dino KB1RXQ** in 32 minutes. Third place goes to **Kevin KB1MOC** in 47 minutes. Last place goes to **John KB1ODS** and **Dan KB1SPB** in 1 hour and 8 minutes.

ANTIQUE RADIO FLEA MARKET - RADIO XLI

Westwood Regency Inn – Sunday, February 14, 2010. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. – Doors open 8 a.m. to noon. Fee \$11.00 - Last year 528 Attendees – 55 Exhibitors on 87 tables

Real radios glow in the dark. The picture shows **The Bruce's NI1X** Atwater Kent Model 84 Super-Heterodyne Cathedral picked up at last years Flea Market.

Directions – From Rt. 495 take Exit 32. Follow the "to Rt. 225" sign. At the traffic light by the gas station, turn right onto Rt. 110 – go West for 0.4 miles.



Atwater Kent

A CHRISTMAS EVE RADIO STORY

The year was 1906. **Marconi** had already invented the wireless telegraph and land sea communication networks were being established. **DeForest** was attempting to perfect his "audion" (triode) tube.

Reginald Fessenden, a Canadian inventor and **Ernst Alexanderson**, a Swedish immigrant, were hard at work in **Fessenden's** Massachusetts laboratory. They developed a mechanical device to "alternate" a continuous radio wave. The device consisted of a huge disc that revolved at 20,000 rpm. They had connected it to a transmitter and a microphone, and discovered that they could "modulate" a radio signal!

On Christmas Eve, as wireless operators at land stations and aboard ships off the Massachusetts coast diligently maintained their radio watches by listening to the familiar Morse code signals; they were startled when they suddenly heard *voices* in their headphones!

They listened spellbound. Then, they heard a woman singing! Finally, they heard someone playing a violin! It was **Fessenden**...playing the sacred carol "O Holy Night". No longer would radio sounds be restricted to the "dit's" and "dah's" of the Morse code.

That's how it happened. Christmas Eve...Nineteen Hundred and Six. 73: Jim Tovet W1JT

SCUTTLEBUTT -- SCUTTLEBUTT -- SCUTTLEBUTT

Some of the members reported getting some radio related gear over the holidays.

John Duprey KB1SVY got a General Class book

Jim Havens W1GQN got a Craftsman 82189 Multi-Meter

Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ reports he received a Multi-Meter

Matt Paine W1AXB reports he got a new radio - a Kenwood TM-V71A. See Web page. http://www.universal-radio.com/catalog/fm txvrs/0071a.html

John O'Neill KB1QEM assembled a Go-Kit "radios in a case" for the South Shore Hospital and tested / demonstrated the 2-Meter rig, from the Hospital, contacting **The Bruce NI1X** through the Whitman REPEATER.

John Chase KB1ODS built a loop Antenna for Fox Hunting

TECHNICAL TOPICS -- The KB1DIG 2-Meter Halo Antenna By: John Duprey KB1SVY

For fun I decided to build the **KB1DIG** 2-Meter Halo antenna I found online. I had most of the parts in my plumbing spares pile. I decided to use ¼ inch copper tubing in place of the #4 wire. I have not had it on an antenna analyzer yet but am getting very good signal reports on Simplex. Plans can be found at http://home.comcast.net/~buck0/2m halo.htm

Best Wishes - John KB1SVY



The following article appeared in the January 14, 2010 issue of the Whitman Express Pg. 13



COY: Honorable mentions:

Picking the Citizen of the Year is not an easy task. We received several nominations from our readers and all of them were well deserving of recognition. Here are three who stood out to us in particular:

Paul Moss

Paul Moss, is a lifelong resident of Whitman, who has devoted numerous hours of volunteer time helping other people. Moss is the vice president of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club. He participates in every club activity, and helps other Hams any time there is a need.

Moss is an active and valued member of the Whitman Community Emergency Response Team. He is responsible for maintaining the Whitman CERT Rehab vehicle, as well as driving it to many locations whenever asked to do so.

A lifelong Boy Scout, he is attached to Troop 22 in Whitman. Moss' unselfish devotion to the development of these young scouts has been demonstrated by his trip to the UK as chaperone with several Troop 22 Scouts to attend the World Scout Jamboree.

Paul is a valued member of the United Methodist Church in Whitman. He is no ordinary parishioner. It's a known fact, he is always responding, night or day to the need for maintenance or repair at the church when called upon to do so.

He is a member of Habitat for Humanity and has helped build several new homes. After the disaster of Katrina, Paul has since maintained a commitment of several trips each year, to the stricken area with a faith-based group to continue rebuilding homes for those in need.



Paul Moss KB1MTW

EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI -- OPERATIONS UPDATE -- Jan 13, 2010

Hello to all (From **Rob Macedo KD1CY** - Eastern Mass. ARES Section Emergency Coordinator)

I've gotten an unusually high number of requests for Health and Welfare traffic to Haiti this morning. If any Amateur in our section obtains contact with Haiti, please see what they can do to establish contact to flow health and welfare into and out of the area. IRESC, the International Radio Emergency Support Coalition is active and their web site is http://www.iresc.org.

<u>The following is information on Haiti as provided by Allen G. Pitts, W1AGP - Media & Public Relations Manager - ARRL:</u>

On Tuesday there was a 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Haiti, which has since been followed by serious aftershocks. Communications in and out of Haiti have been disrupted. No word has been received as of yet from any of the national HH Amateur Radio operators. The DailyDX notes that **HH2/HB9AMO**, **Pierre**, is OK and was located about 140 km north of Port-au-Prince in Cap Haitien at the time.

The IARU Region II Area C Emergency Coordinator, **Arnie Coro, CO2KK**, is coordinating the multinational response by hams. There are organized nets on 7045 and 3720 kHz and amateurs are asked to monitor but also keep the frequencies clear of non-essential traffic. Amateur Radio operators should also be aware that emergency traffic pertaining to the Haitian earthquake is expected on the SATERN frequencies of 14265, 7265 and 3977 according to SATERN's leader, Major **Pat McPherson**. The Salvation Army has a website up for H&W traffic and other news at www.satern.org.

Amateur Radio operators are circled around Haiti in Cuba, Florida, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Venezuela and other locations listening for any calls, but so far only one station has checked in.

Rich Moseson of CQ Magazine reported to us that **Father John Henault**, **HH6JH**, made contact late Wednesday morning with the Intercontinental Assistance and Traffic Net (IATN) on 14.300 MHz, the IARU Global Centre of Activity frequency for emergency communications. He said that he was safe, but had no power and no phone service. He was operating on battery power and hoping to get a generator running later in the day.

Please keep the nets clear for emergency and priority traffic on frequencies :

14300 14265 7045 7265 3977 3720

Additional frequencies may be activated on different bands at different times of day, so be sure to listen carefully before transmitting to make sure you are not interfering with emergency traffic.

The situation is still chaotic and more information will be posted as soon as possible. Information is being validated and shared between many amateur groups and news sources as it unfolds.

From: Allen G. Pitts, W1AGP - Media & Public Relations Manager - ARRL:



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MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held on the first

Wednesday of each month

The next meeting will be held at the Whitman Public Library, which is located at 100 Webster Street in Whitman, Mass.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, Feb. 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Whitman Public Library

Club REPEATER 147. 225 MHz PL 67
Club EchoLink WA1NPO-R Whitman MA USA

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