

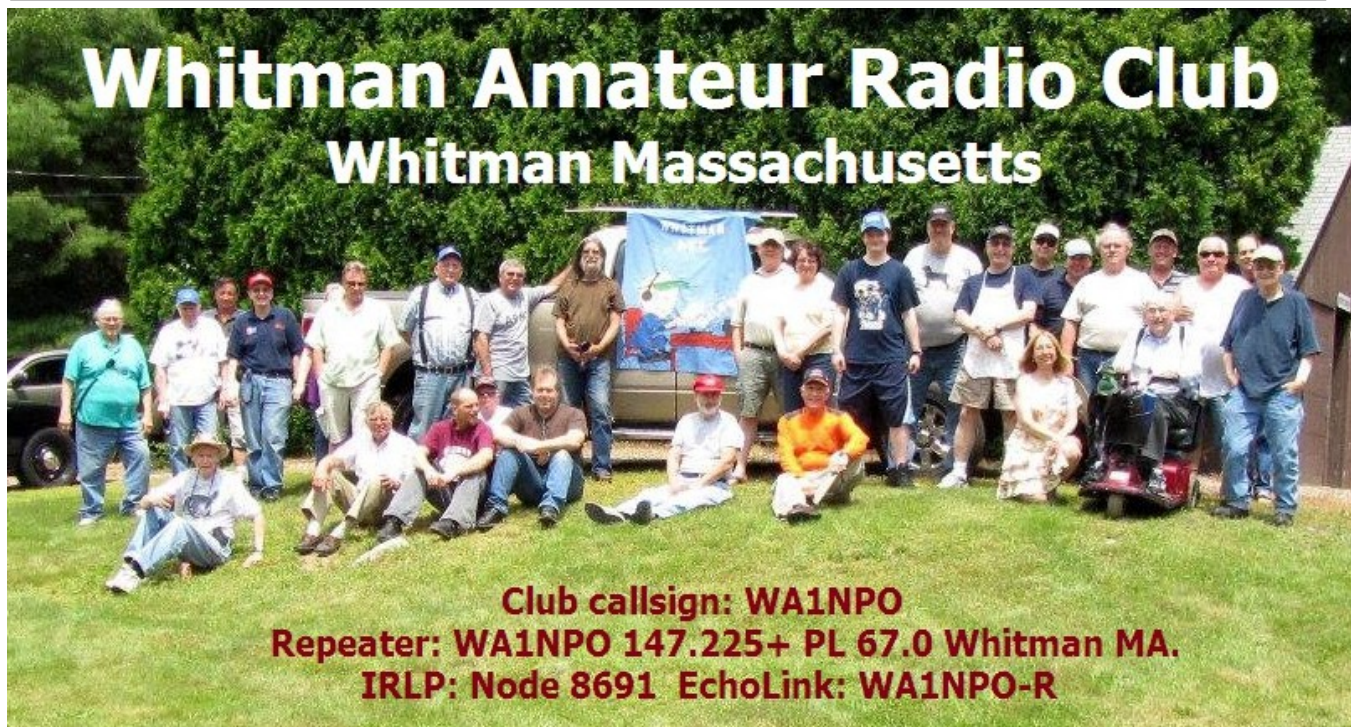


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**April Club Meeting
4-6-16**

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Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 04/06/16



Paul Moss KB1MTW **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** **John Murphy WI1G**
V. President Stand In Secretary Treasurer President

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ATTENDANCE: 34 members and guests were present including 3 elected officers

N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann
KB1MTW Paul Moss
W1OD Steve Cohn
KB1IKH Elayne Tovet
W1JGR John Ruppel
K1WGU Bob Bass
N1OYH Carl Davis
KC1EUJ Kurt Sundwell
KA1KIJ Bob Azanow
W1ACO Bill Hart
W1MBH Scott Mitchell
SWL Leo Mills

K1JMA Joe Amorelli
K1UFO Billy Robinson
WK1D Jeff Ayres
W1JT Jim Tovet
KC1JET Jim Tynan
WG1L Jim O'Rourke
KC1FZ George Davis
W1AEM Matt Kane
KB1OEP Mike Supple
KC1ACG Fred Birtwell
WA1BEE Allen Hiltz

WI1G John Murphy
N1EZH Barry Kennedy
N1FRE Bill Hayden
N1IQI Loren Pimentel
WD1L John Nelson
W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
KB1MJL Elvin (Al) Marshall
KA1CQD Fred Sandford
KB1TBC John Murphy
WA1MAD Mike Davis
KC1EFF Randy Mills

Secretary's Report: (prepared by stand in secretary **Joe K1JMA**)

President **John Murphy WI1G** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm 04/06/16.
A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegence was recited, followed by an attendance roll call.

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the March 2016 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **Jeff WK1D** with second by **Barry N1EZH**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Standing in for club secretary **Larry K1LJK** was **Joe K1JMA**. Motion accept the February and March 2016 meeting notes as published in the February/March 2016 newsletter made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Barry N1EZH**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Health & Welfare report by **Elayne KB1IKH**:

Elayne KB1IKH reports no Health and Welfare issues to be mentioned this month.

Net Control for April 2016

- April 10th : **Bill N1FRE**
- April 17th : **Jeff N1SOM**
- April 24th : **Jeff WK1D**
- May 1st : **Mike KB1OEP**

New Business:

- **Mike WA1MAD** spoke for **Chris N1CFB** regarding the clubs Memorial Day Flea marked / Craft fair:
 - Flyers are complete and have been made available.
 - **Jeff N1SOM** volunteered to contact the Whitman cable access folks about a craft fair advertisement
- **Ross W1EKG** spoke quickly about NearFest, stating tickets are available online or at HRO in Salem NH. He would be reserving the usual space for the Whitman club.
- **Paul KB1MTW** spoke about getting Rope lights for around the table awning. **Jeff WK1D** made a motion to approve this purchase with a second by **Barry N1EZH**. The motion passed quorum vote.
- **Mark kKC1ACF** spoke about the Plymouth county tower sight and that it may be available pending a vote by the board of selectmen on Tuesday. It is for a 20 year plan to take usage rights to the tower. A few issues were brought up by club members:
 - Mark said that the structural integrity of the tower will need to be assessed and at a cost (tbd) and that one of the guy wired has failed.
 - A question was asked about other antennas on the tower, and the viability of the hardlines and where they terminate in what is left of the onsite building.

- Status and condition of the building needs to be assessed to determine if it is in any way usable
 - It was mentioned that there are 6 hardlines
 - The tower was abandoned in 1994
 - There would need to be an investment in fencing around the area (tower and building if used)
 - An attorney should be hired to review any legal documents and liability the club assumes if we were to move forward with the site.
 - **Jim KC1JET** suggested that the club would need to have insurance for the sight to protect the club and its members at an expense-tbd
- **Jeff N1ZZN** mentioned that we may be able to have our new antenna taken down from the Ritter location for free due to some up and coming construction at the Ritter Country Club. – The consensus of the entire group was YES !
- **Mark KC1ACF** spoke about Field Day 2016:
 - He was looking for at least 12 operators.
 - The discussion of food was reviewed. A motion to appropriate \$350.00 for lunch and dinner on Saturday was made by **Ross W1EKG** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.approved.
 - The general discussion discussion took place on the radio equipment needs. A decision on 2 club radios and 2-3 antennas was made.
 - **Jeff N1SOM** will make up log books
 - The **NI1X** call sign will be used
 - **Paul KB1MTW** will get a write up to the Whitman Hanson express
 - Volunteering for set up help were **Jeff WK1D**, **Barry N1EZH** and **Paul KB1MTW**. Others are welcome for both setup and take-down help as well as operating.
 - **Mark KC1ACG** will supply a generator
 - **Jeff N1SOM** will bring club generator for up on the hill
 - A V.E. testing session will be run by **Steve W1OD**
 - Saturday at 9:00 am is the set up time.
 - **Jeff N1ZZN** will look at the ARRL site for Field Day t-shirts
- **Paul KB1MTW** mentioned that there is some ham equipment from recent silent keys. If interested, please speak to Paul
- **Barry N1EZH** mentioned **Rick KB1TEE** and the **W1BSA** event taking place on the USS Massachusetts on April 23rd. Barry mentioned volunteers to support this event are needed.
- **Paul KB1MTW** also reminded club members on the availability of some tower equipment and if interested to speak up.
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 - **Barry N1EZH** let us know that on April 30th there would be a Skywarn spotter training session (same day as NearFest however). He mentioned there would also be training on May 25th at the Braintree Police station.
- **Ross W1EKG** announced that there were 11 from his class that passed the General VE session exam.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Billy K1UFO** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.

John W1IG adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm, 04/06/16

End Secretary's Report (Thanks to **Joe K1JMA** for stepping in to perform secretary duties during this meeting).

[Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 04/06/16](#)

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WHITMAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

CRAFT FAIR

FLEA MARKET

MEMORIAL DAY

WEEKEND

SUNDAY & MONDAY

May 29th & 30th 2016

Whitman K of C - Rt. 18 Whitman <> Abington Line

8:00 am > 3:00 pm *rain or shine*

For Details and Special Price

PHONE 781-523-5010 web page - www.wa1npo.org

Off to NEAR-Fest with BABBCOMM1 by Chris N1CFB

BABBCOMM ONE has been prepared for NEAR-Fest and is ready for it's maiden voyage. The Ceramic Patch Tiles have been applied for re-entry and the cabin has been aired out.

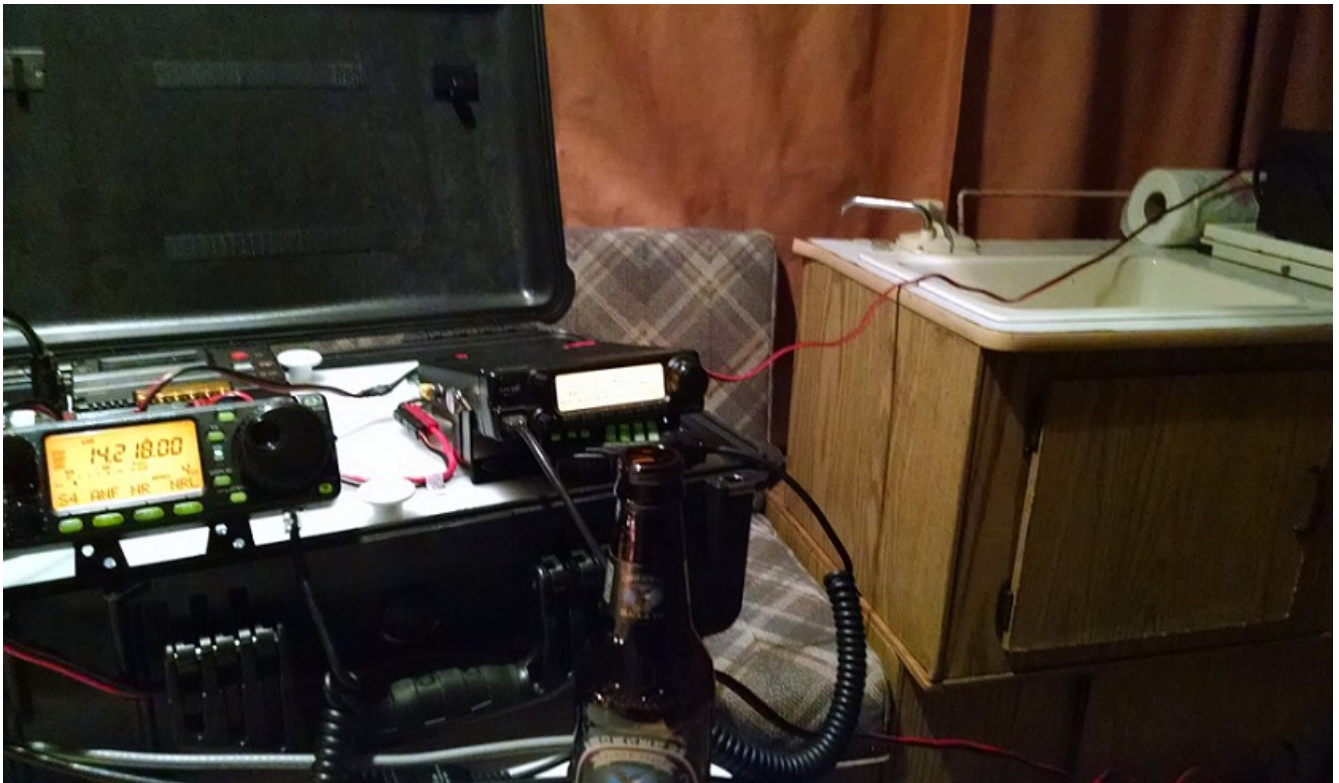


*Fuel tanks will be filled on Launch Day at Sam's in Scituate at sunrise. The Co-Pilot for Thursdays launch will be **WA1MAD Lt. Commander Mike Davis** who will also be manning the escape pod known as **JEEP**. The **Jerryatric Engineered Escape Pod**. This seasons trip will include such favorites as the New and Improved "Go Box" with LED lights and other wonderful improvements! A large box of used electronics gear and a confusing mass of electric plugs, cables, wall worts and things I don't recognize will be on display at the landing station at NEAR-Fest. Feel free to stop by but, don't stay too long. I've included a few photos for Y'all's enjoyment. Please don't be jealous if you weren't invited to be part of this Hysterical Moment in Ham Radio History.. Just knowing me should be all you need to feel included.*

correction: Historical

*Til Thursday
N1CFB Signing off..*





Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 05/04/16



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KB1GHA Gil Grabowski
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KG1ZX Ryan Merck

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Standing in for club secretary **Larry K1LJK** was **Joe K1JMA**. Acceptance of the April and May meeting notes will be done at the June meeting, giving time for the notes to be until published in an April-May club newsletter.

Health & Welfare report by **Elayne KB1IKH**:

Elayne KB1IKH reports a get well card was sent to **Karen N1VI**

Jim W1JT asked about **Larry K1LJK**'s condition. **Joe K1JMA** provided an update

Net Control for May 2016

- May 8th : **Richard AG1B**
- May 15th : **Ross W1EKG**
- May 22nd : **Jeff N1SOM**
- May 29th : **TBD – at the Whitman Flea Market**

New Business:

- 3 new club candidates in good standing were presented to the club and voted in as members:
 - **Randy Mills KC1EFF**
 - **Ryan Merk N1PBC**
 - **Gilbert Grabowski KB1GHA**
- It was stated a new Technician class is starting on Thursday night May 5th. Good turnout expected. VE session will be offered on the 23rd for General or Extra.
- **Jim W1JT** mentioned that he has 120 volt AC to 12 volt DC 1.88 amp power supplies for sale cheap. If interested speak to Jim.
- **Jim W1JT** also told the club that he is looking to “BUY” TNC’s for packet radio. Anyone looking to sell one please contact JIM

- **Mike WA1MAD** brought up that the club has many members with a lot of knowledge on various topics. It would be good to have some technical show and tells or presentations. The club could have fun and benefit. The members suggested that Mike should be head of the show and tell committee.
- Nominations for club officers and a director were made:
 - **Joe K1JMA** was nominated for president and accepted
 - **Paul KB1MTW** was nominated for VP and accepted
 - **Jeff N1SOM** was nominated for Treasurer and accepted
 - **Larry K1LJK** was nominated for Secretary and **Joe K1JMA** accepted on behalf of Larry based on prior authorization granted by Larry in the event he was nominated
 - **Richard AG1B** was nominated for Board of Directors.
- A general discussion took place regarding the need for an election if all positions were not contested (to save time and club expenses). Since the bylaws state there needs to be an election there will need to be one. There was mention of amending the by laws later to permit the ratification of new officers when the positions are not contested.
- **Chris N1CFB** reminded the club members of the Flea Market on the 29th and 30th 8am to 3 pm Sunday and Monday and that flyers are available. Tables are \$20.00 each
- **Paul KB1MTW** mentioned there is some ham equipment from silent keys available. If interested, speak to Paul.
- **Paul KB1MTW** also reminded club members on the availability of some tower equipment and if interested to speak up
- **Paul KB1MTW** also reminded everyone that if there is ever a problem with the Whitman repeater during a net, we should move to the Bridgwater 147.180 repeater.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Steve W1OD** with a second by **Jeff WK1D** Motion passed quorum vote.

John W11G adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm, 05/04/16

End Secretary's Report (Thanks to **Joe K1JMA** for stepping in to perform secretary duties during this meeting).

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 05/04/16

photos by Jeff WK1D









NEAR-Fest pictures

from Jeff N1SOM





NEAR-Fest attendance roaster

April 29th, 30th 2016



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W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
W1JGR John Ruppel
KC1BBU Bob Larkin

2016 Amateur Radio event dates

- NEAR-Fest: Fri & Sat April 29th & 30th
 - <http://www.near-fest.com:8084/nearfest/>
- Dayton Hamvention : Fri-Sun May 20th-22nd <http://hamvention.org/>
- WARC Memorial Day Flea Market Sun & Mon, May 29th & 30th.
- ARRL Field Day: Sat & Sun June 25th & 26th
 - <http://www.arri.org/field-day> (2016 update pending)
- MIT Sunday Flea Markets & CranLand breakfast Fly-ins:
 - <http://w1mx.mit.edu/flea-at-mit>
 - <http://www.eaa279.org/index.htm>
(2016 update pending)
 - April 17th, May 15th, June 19th, July 17th,
 - Aug 21st, Sept 18th, Oct 16th.
- Marshfield Fair: Fri Aug 19th- Sun 28th
 - (station setup Thur Aug 18th, station breakdown Mon Aug 29th)
 - <http://www.marshfieldfair.org/>
- ARRL New England/Boxboro Convention. **NEW DATE:** Fri-Sun September 9th-11th (same location: Holiday Inn)
 - <http://www.boxboro.org/2016/index.html>
- WARC Labor Day Flea Market Sun & Mon Sept 4th & 5th.
- NEAR-Fest: Fri & Sat October 14th & 15th
 - <http://www.near-fest.com:8084/nearfest/>
- Plimoth Plantation Special Event Fri-Sun Oct 25th, 26th, 27th.



HAM RADIO LOCAL AREA NETS

If you know of a Ham Radio Local Area Net that is not listed here, a typo on the information, or a Net listed which is no longer active, please contact Barry – N1EZH at: N1EZH@comcast.net, so this list can be updated. All Frequencies are in MHz and 6 Meters (50.0 MHz and up.), are FM Mode unless otherwise noted. Thanks!

- Sunday:** **WA1NPO – WARPSN Net, 8:30 AM, Whitman ARC Rptr, 147.225 +, PL 67.0**
6 Mtr AM Net, 5:00 PM, 50.400.0 AM, Scituate
Pilgrim Amateur Wireless Assoc. 10 Meter Net, 7:00 PM, 28.375.0 USB
Cape & Island Traffic Net, Every Night at 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9
Genesis ARC CW Training Net, 7:00 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ Rptr, 146.685– PL 82.5
Eastern MA 2 Mtr Traffic Net, Every Night at 8:00 PM, Boston W1BOS Rptr, 145.230– PL 88.5
Norfolk County Radio Association Net, 8:00 PM, Walpole Rptr, 146.895– PL 123.0
- Monday:** Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Mon– Sat, Dennis K1PBO Rptr, 146.955 – PL 88.5
Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Norfolk County Emergency Preparedness Net, 8:00 PM, Walpole Rptr, 146.895– PL 123.0
Falmouth ARA Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth K1RK Rptr, 146.655– PL 88.5
Boston ARC Rag Chew Net, 9:00 PM, Boston W1BOS Rptr, 145.230– PL 88.5
- Tuesday:** Massasoit ARA Net, 8:00 PM, Bridgewater W1MV Rptr, 147.180 + PL 67.0 (Except 3rd Tue!)
Genesis ARC 2 Mtr Rag-Chew Net, 7:30 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ Rptr, 146.685– PL 82.5
Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Norwood Amateur Radio Club Net, 8:00 PM, Norwood Rptr, 147.210 + PL 100.0
220 MHz Day! Try to find a 220 Repeater near you and give a call out!
- Wednesday:** Taunton ACG, KC1TAC, 2 Mtr Simplex Net, 8:30 PM, 145.770
Whitman ARC 10 Meter Rag-Chew Net, 8:00 PM, 28.333.0 USB (Except 1st Wed!)
Blackstone Valley ARC , 2 Mtr Simplex Net, 7:00 PM, 146.565
Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Cape and Islands ARES Net, 8:00 PM, Dennis K1PBO Rptr, 146.955– PL 88.5
Waltham Wranglers Swap Net. 9:00 PM, Waltham W1MHL Rptr , 146.64– PL 136.5
- Thursday:** Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Genesis ARC CW Training Net, 7:00 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ Rptr, 146.685– PL 82.5
10 Mtr General Class Rag-Chew Net, 8:00 PM, 29.470.0 FM
Sturdy Mem. Hosp. ARC ARES Practice Net, 8:30 PM, K1SMH Rptr, 147.195 + PL 127.3
900 MHz Day! Try to find a 900 Repeater near you and give a call out!
- Friday:** Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
- Saturday:** South Shore Skywarn Net, 8:00 PM, Bridgewater W1MV Rptr, 147.180 + PL 67.0
VKEMCOMM Echolink Conference node: 270177/IRLP 9508 (due to *WX-TALK* Echolink conference node: 7203/IRLP 9219 outage) Refer to: <http://www.voipwx.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. Make up a National Traffic System (NTS) traffic message and send it to a friend. We also encourage everyone to try your hand at Net Control. Contact **Bill N1FRE** for a Net Control handout.



MEETING SCHEDULE

**Meetings are held on the first
Wednesday of each month**

**The next meeting will be held at the
Whitman Knights of Columbus, which is
located at 1195 Bedford Street
(Rt. 18) in Whitman, Mass.**

NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m.
Whitman Knights of Columbus**

NEXT OTA/Repeater MEETING

**Wednesday, June 15th at 7:00 p.m
on the Whitman 147.225 repeater**

Club REPEATER 147.225 MHz PL 67
Club IRLP Node 8691
Club EchoLink: WA1NPO-R Whitman MA USA
Club EchoLink Node 484193

CLUB OFFICERS

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