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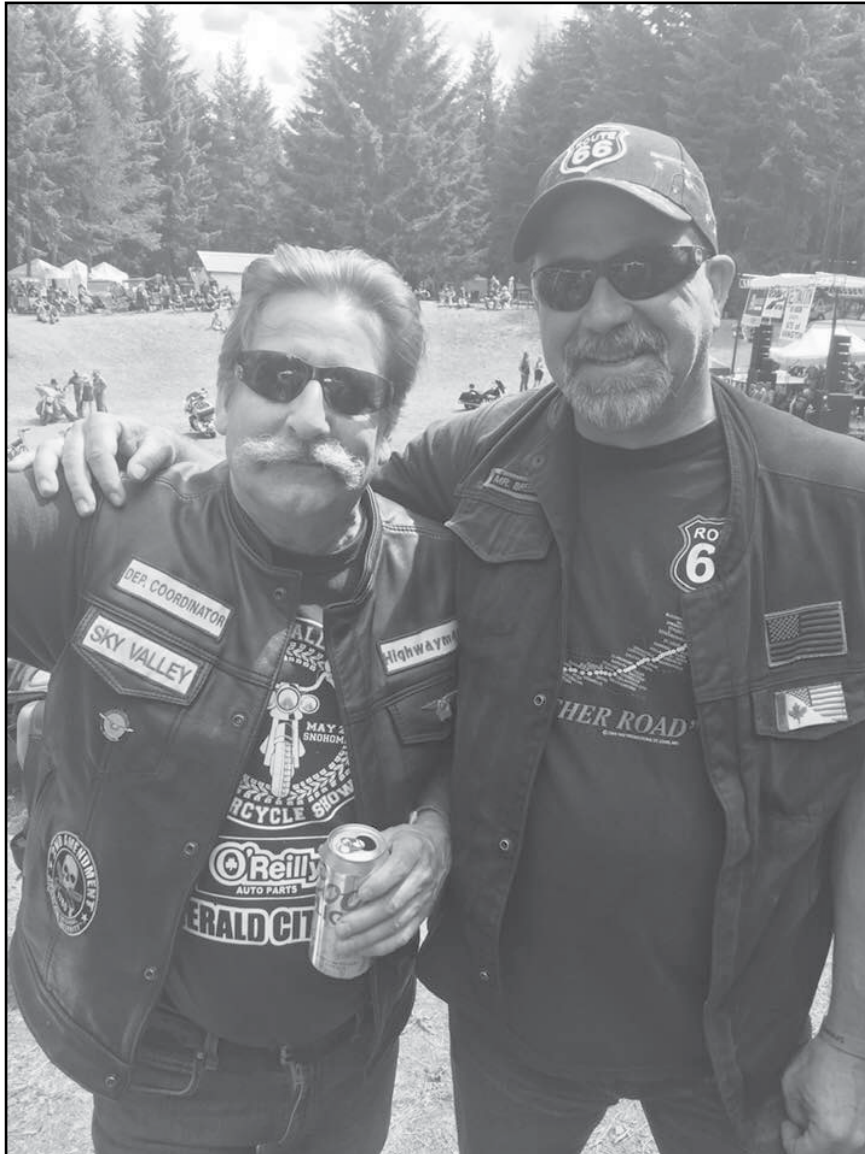
Photo opposite page: Highwayman and Breeze at Spring Opener 2019. (photo: Highwayman)

Cover: Some of the riders during the Spokane Awareness Run top of Flowery Trail Road. (photo: Shawn West)

The MRF membership application in the newsletter has been updated with their new form. Rate and mailing address have changed. Please keep this in mind when it's time to renew your membership.

A whole lot of nothing for run flyers this month. I've instead added pictures that were sent in previously but had no room to publish. Apologies if I got the caption or credit wrong. When you send in a pic naming it as "Joe Smith at the Event Run by Jane Smith" is a good idea.

See you in July!



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From the State Coordinator

Lyle Coyle

Hi everyone. This has been one messed up year so far and it is beyond belief the varying opinions you have on this shut down. It started with our Swap Meet, when Scott Robinson called to tell me the Monroe fairgrounds canceled our event. It was devastating to hear. All of the plans, the prep work, the plans were flushed down with one phone call.

We started talks right then and there on Spring Opener. We decided that we would move forward with the event as if there were no issues because we believed this would be all done by then. Then that day when Governor Inslee came out with his four phases for reopening Washington we knew we were doomed but we still were trying to hold out a little hope because of it being on the other side of the mountains. After a number of calls with no hope in site we decided to cancel the Spring Opener. First time in 42 years. With the announcement of canceling Spring

Opener we received varying responses from people who were planning on going to the event, some said they understood and it was for the best, some said they didn't understand why but there is always next year, and then there were the ones who were pissed off saying we caved, we should just go have the event no matter what the Governor and Kittitas county says. So here I will tell you why we canceled. It came down to law, money, and the existence of ABATE of Washington.

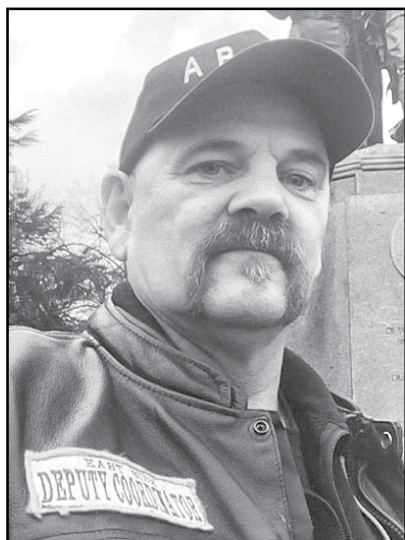
First we are at the mercy of Kittitas County, we have to have a special event permit to have our event so no permit no event and the county said they will abide by whatever the Governor decided.

Second was the money. It cost upwards of 50 thousands of dollars to put on this event, this is money that under the current situation we would more than likely lose. There is also the point that some of our scheduled vendors were canceling and because of all of the businesses being shut down there was no place for members to actively sell raffle tickets so there is potentially a loss of another 30 thousand dollars.

Then there is ABATE of Washington, if we were to defy the Governor and the county and say we were going to have the event no matter what there would be a 99.9 percent chance the state would pull our not for profit status, our Articles of Incorporation, so we would no longer be a legitimate motorcycle rights organization, we would no longer be able to fight for motorcycle rights on the level we do now, everything that we and all the people before us have done would now be over. Believe me this was an extremely difficult decision, no one wanted to really do it but it was done for the good of ABATE of Washington and its members.

So what is going to happen now, If you bought a spring opener ticket it will be good for next year or your money will be refunded, if you bought a raffle ticket it will be good for next year or your money will be refunded. I hope everyone will be patient and help us work through this so we can all work for the betterment of ABATE of Washington.

Diversity is about all of us, and about us having to figure out how to walk through this world together.



Senior Deputy Coordinator

Scott Robinson

Members, keep looking ahead. The end of this appears to be getting closer. The good news is there are a lot of riders on the road. They have not closed the highways so get out and enjoy the ride.

Hopefully none of you have to deal with this virus first hand ,prayers for all .. Spring Opener was the latest fatality for us ,that makes two fund raising events for our organization this year. The good news is the state officers on the board have done a good job of managing our funds so we will carry on with business . Lyle is putting the details on the raffle in this issue so check it out. This year we have an opportunity to sell all our raffle tickets we could really use the help with getting that done , sell the tickets we have until next years Spring Opener . Thanks for your support.

Awareness Run we had a great turn out for the first motorcycle awareness ride to Olympia close to 100 bikes .The purpose of this event is to bring awareness to the riders being killed in Washington State .Last year it was close to 100 riders died in various type

of accidents . We have lost quality members to these accidents year after year .Now it is time for ABATE to bring this to the attention of the public and others.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the July B.O.D. until then ride safe ride a lot .

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State Chaplain

Sam Bonomo

Greetings. I want to let you all know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this pandemic with Corona virus and Covid-19. I am reminded of Joshua 1:9 which says: Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” I pray that you will find comfort in this verse knowing that the Lord is with us in all things minor or major.

I understand that things may seem uncertain during this difficult time and I want to express that I am available for all of you, should you need to talk, need prayer, vent or just connect. I pray that this is time you are able to spend with your families and keeping faith in the Lord. I know that we will all be back on our bikes soon.

Blessings.





Legislative Affairs Officer Brian Lange & Louise Bentley

June 2020 Legislative Report

These next few months, what I call “down time” in our legislative efforts, we will spend time examining our strongest motorcycle issues and reviewing the current Legislators as well as the new candidates expected to run for the November election. We will also be paying attention to motorcycle reports in general (i.e., news articles, crashes, events, runs, etc).

Obviously there are fewer runs and events so far this year due to “gathering restrictions”. The summaries and guidelines being issued regularly by the Governor’s office regarding phases for lifting restrictions have included specific activities such as ATVs, horseback riding and motocross but say nothing about MC safety classes or businesses. We will keep monitoring our social restrictions.

Speaking of motorcycle safety, there have been way too many motorcycle crashes (yes, even one crash is too many) so far this year. Some of these crashes have been due to rider carelessness and recklessness. ABATE’s purpose is primarily to promote motorcycling activities and protect motorcycling rights and safety. One of our biggest efforts as an organization, is to educate Legislators about motorcycle rights and to push for safety legislation that promotes freedom of choice for motorcycling activities. Hand in hand with educating Legislators is (or should be) our effort to promote a positive perception of motorcycles on roadways to the public. Keep in mind that every motorcycle crash diminishes our reputation as a valid vehicle source among both Legislators and the public! (I will not state all the obvious injurious issues that a crash can cause in this article) Every rider knows that s/he must keep his/her head clear and constantly watch for issues on the roadways at all times - so let’s all try harder to maintain awareness and safe handling practices when we roll on that throttle! Try to ride as if everyone who sees you hates motorcycles and you have the ability to prove them wrong!

I want to take a few lines here to update members on Brian Lange’s campaign status. So far his campaign has made it into several of the District’s newspapers (20th District): Good articles in The Daily News (Apr 14), The Chronicle, and The Reflector (May 6) and in the East County Journal (May 13). You can also follow Brian’s campaign efforts via his Facebook page: Elect Brian Lange for 20th District Position 1 R.

Remember - the public’s perception, and acceptance, of motorcycles begins with us! Ride safely!

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CHAPTER REPORTS

East Pierce County Chapter

From LAURA CAIN, CHAPTER SECRETARY

BUCKLEY - Greetings from Quarantine! What a Spring this has been. I hope all our ABATE Family is staying healthy, well-fed and financially stable. My prayers go out to those who are struggling.

Well, here it is June and with many canceled events already and more in store (so, so saddened about the Opener) at least many folks are out riding on their own or in small groups. We had a great EPCC turnout for the Olympia Motorcycle Awareness Ride, as well as some Birthday Ride-Bys.

I want to give a shout-out to our own Chapter Recruiting Queen Billi Bowen and our Coordinator Bubba Bowen who are still consistently managing to wrangle new members every month! EPCC will continue to stay on top of all your new and postponed events and join in as many as we can.

Stay strong and stay safe. ◇



East Pierce County Chapter on the Xander 14th Bday Ride. (photo: Laura Cain)

East Pierce County Chapter

From BILLI BOWEN, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

BUCKLEY - This COVID business has really put a damper on events and rides this spring and summer, but those of us with EPCC have been busy handling business and doing our best to make the best of this current situation. We held our Support Our Supporters Ride 1.0 in March.

We visited our non bar supporters and spent a little money at their establishments. We have done so many birthday celebration rides, joining in local parades for local kiddos and elders celebrating milestones within our East Pierce County communities. Been a great spring for riding regardless of the current situations.

We have welcomed new members: Tom, Kelly, Val, Alex, Darrion and Brad. Such an amazing turn out for the Motorcycle Awareness Ride on May 9th. That was a great experience, thank you to EPCC members that joined us. We hope to see everyone soon! ◇

Sky Valley Chapter

From **ROGER "HIGHWAYMAN" HANSON, DEPUTY COORDINATOR**

SNOHOMISH - Well as you can expect I have nothing much to report as we all stand down for the virus. Nope no bike show, no spring opener and I also heard maybe no Oyster run? (editor's note: confirmed canceled)

So I guess we have to look back at times we all rode together and had no worries about breaking any stay at home laws. Getting together for a breakfast ride was one of our chapters favorites! Buzz Inn for some food and conversations and then firing up the machines and heading out somewhere as it didn't matter where just the group riding together in the wind. Well let's shoot for a super spring opener next year with maybe a real name band and some new friends to meet. Here is a picture of Breeze and I at the opener last year. (See page 7)

See you in the wind, some day! ◇

Pacific County Chapter

From **JOHN TSCHANNEN, COORDINATOR**

NASELLE - Pacific County Chapter's May meeting took place via email. It consisted of a list of Covid-19 caused cancellations.

Our 101 Run was canceled and we didn't think the yearly ride to Golden Sands Assisted Living Center was a good idea this year. The Seniors there enjoy us showing up, giving rides, and letting them see our bikes. This year we felt the risks outweighed the benefits.

It is hard to predict what will happen this Summer regarding events. The Governor keeps moving the goalposts. Hopefully we can salvage the second half of the Summer. In the meantime, get some solo riding in!

Stay sharp, and ride safe. ◇

South King County Chapter

From **ADALINDA LUNDT, COORDINATOR**

AUBURN - Howdy. I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy and riding safe. Don't forget to check tire air pressure, tire wear and tear and basic maintenance on your bike before you take it out for a spin. Keep your head on the swivel and ride skillfully.

Well, SKCC is still currently putting all of our events and runs on hold until a later date. Not much business going on with our chapter. I sure miss seeing everyone and chatting face to face.

I hope everyone has a safe uneventful ride down to Okympia for May Motorcycle Safety Month.

Peace. ◇

Lewis County Chapter

From PAUL MORDICK, COORDINATOR

CHEHALIS - It seems like this is never going to end. Hopefully June will start to see things opening and some events be able to happen. It was a big disappointment to see the Spring Opener canceled. I know we are still planning on our Kickback Camp Out in August. It is a lot of fun and a big fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund.

We had some chapter members participate in the Motorcycle Awareness Ride to Olympia last month. Looked like well over one hundred bikes showed up. We have chapter members planning rides this summer. Looking forward to getting out with a group. We have held a couple of informal ZOOM meetings. It is not the same as meeting in person. It is still good to see friends we have not seen in a while. Get out and enjoy the sunshine when you get a chance.

Be safe out there and look out for those that are not. Be sure to check out our website. www.LewisCountyABATE.org Stay safe out there and watch out for those that are not. ◇

North Kitsap Chapter

From THOMAS SHORT, DEPUTY COORDINATOR

POULSBO - Greetings from North Kitsap. You going stir-crazy yet? You are not alone. The North Kitsap ABATE crew is chafing to get back to normal operations.

The good news: We had a great turnout for the Motorcycle Awareness run with lots of North Kitsap patches in view.

The bad news: Spring Opener has been canceled. I guess this gives us one more year to create new signage for the bike show.

The good news: Most of the folks I have spoken to about their Spring Opener Raffle tickets have basically just said "Donation" when asked if they would want a refund, so we don't have to roll Jake or Lyle for the cash back.

The bad news: It is very difficult to plan any events without knowing when this Covid crap will end. So please Covid 19 go away!

With that in mind be sure to keep an eye on www.northkitsapabate.com for updates on our Chapter, general ABATE news, rides and events. ◇

Columbia Gorge Chapter

From KEN BOSTICK, ROAD CAPTAIN

GOLDENDALE - Greetings from Goldendale!

Riding weather is upon us. We all hope you are getting out there and riding. Social distancing @70 mph.

The motorcycle awareness run on May 9th to Olympia was a great success! Many thanks to all who were able to attend.

As I'm sure you are all aware this Covid 19 pandemic is messing up and canceling all of our annual events, with stay at home orders, quarantine BS and still trouble finding toilet paper? I don't get that. Let's hope we can get through this sooner rather than later!

An upcoming event here in Goldendale is the BOD meeting on 07/18/2020 it is being held at the American Legion, 109 N. Grant, Goldendale, Wa.98630. Meeting starts at 12:00 noon. The Legion is providing a catered lunch at 1:00 of spaghetti, Caesar Salad and French bread for \$9. Plenty of motel and camping places available. We hope you can join us as the new State Coordinator Scott Robinson is seated during the meeting.

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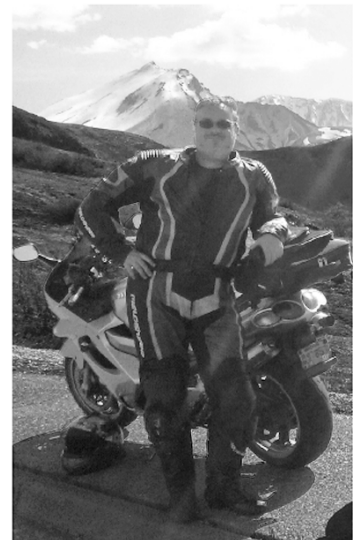
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Elk Country Chapter

From **CARRIE BREDY**, ASSISTANT SECRETARY

MORTON - Hey friends! I have a very special story to share this month, done so with full permission from the subject to share her name and all the details. For starters, she's a brand new member of Elk Country, so I'll start with a warm welcome to Michele!

On January 14th, at 7:45 am, Michele was driving on Hwy 12. It was her 15th wedding anniversary, and a heavy snow was falling—lots of snow already on the roads. She was being safe and careful, driving with studded tires and only going about 30 mph in her reliable Dodge Caravan. A big SUV was coming from the opposite direction, flying (for the road conditions) at 50 mph. When the SUV driver tapped the brakes, they lost control of their vehicle causing the back end to whip around, blocking Michele's lane entirely, and with no reaction time. She t-boned the SUV full force.

Rather than being knocked out in the impact, Michele remained fully awake and aware as all four of her limbs were destroyed. She had multiple compound fractures, broke both femurs just above the knees, broke both forearms, cracked ribs on both sides, and shattered one hip. She remained awake and feeling through her trip to the Morton ER, and then the helicopter ride to Tacoma General. Finally, pain medication was administered.

Michele spent a full 102 days hospitalized (6 weeks at Tacoma General before being moved to a skilled nursing facility). At no point was she able to get up, leave the bed, stand; she could not bear any weight on her legs. She underwent multiple surgeries: replaced the shattered hip, and surgeries on both arms and both legs. After healing from all of those, both legs required a second round of surgeries to transplant bone into both femurs. Then the healing process began again. Throughout every step of this tragedy that was so undeserved, Michele kept the most positive attitude I've ever seen. She fought every day to work any muscles she could, and to use her brain and stay productive. She set little goals to work toward and crushed them all because she just needed to. It was truly inspiring from an outside perspective, and she gave many around her a healthier perspective on life.

Finally, on April 24th, being able to bear weight on only one leg and using a walker and wheelchair, Michele was able to return home. Her home had been modified with a ramp and handicap accessible bathroom by her stellar employers and team at Randle Woods (and I do mean stellar—they've gotten me out of a scrape as well!).

Almost immediately after getting back home, Michele employed my help in finding her a motorcycle. She hasn't ridden in many years, but now knows that if life can be stripped away at any moment, you damn well better do what makes you happy every day, so she's getting back on 2 wheels! We found her dream bike, and Hardtail and I went to inspect it, test ride it, make a deal, and bring it home. "Scooter," a sweet 2007 Yamaha V-Star 1100, is now Michele's motivation in the very long healing process that still lies ahead. She has something to work toward, something to look forward to. In addition, she is now a 5-year member of Elk Country, so she has a huge new "family" waiting to welcome her!

I hope you are all well, and remember to do what you love as often as possible. ◇



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Spokane Chapter

From SHAWN WEST, COORDINATOR

SPOKANE - A whole page? Good grief. Ok, lots of adjectives and double spacing...

Besides how 2020 has started out its how it ends that has the most lasting implications for us in the Spokane area. Besides the Presidential election and supreme court appointment implications that has we've got 348 state office positions also coming up for a vote. Extending out policy, enactment dates and budgetary considerations what happens at the end of this year is going to dictate the boundaries of our legislative and safety efforts as a chapter and state organization operate in until 2026. You can find the offices up for election here (www.sos.wa.gov/elections/candidates/offices-open-for-election.aspx).

On the local issue front I recently brought up the scourge of round-a-bouts that are popping up in our roadways. These are being designed and built by people that do not ride motorcycles. For one they are too damn small. Technically you aren't supposed to brake while cornering yet I haven't seen a single one so far with enough room to straighten out first if you need to. To go with that these things are being built with landscaping and sculptures in the center that block the vision of cellphone users entering the 'bout in front of us. By the time you see a motorcycle is in the traffic pattern it's too late. Spokane Municipal Code Section 17C.110.230 states nothing within the line of sight of traffic can be taller than 36 inches. Would like to see the crap being crammed into the center of these 'bouts follow their own damn rules.

For all the new members we've had join the chapter, welcome by the way, you should of received a new member packet by email. If you haven't please feel free to complain to the nearest chapter officer for one. After asking if you're registered to vote you'll at some point be asked what district you live in. If you don't know then the easiest way to figure that out is with the Washington State District Finder App (<https://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder>). When you get a call to action or requests to contact your local legislator on some issue of import that will tell you who to send a letter to.

Our Awareness Run on May 9th was a good ride for everyone. Was one of the best riding days we'd had all year up to that point. Would of been totally without a hitch even with all the closures if my bike hadn't broken down again. You know, over the last 6 years the only two times I've broken down has been during the Awareness Run. Maybe next year I should drive the follow rig instead.

June is a month with almost endless amounts of cancellations for events. Not all is lost though. We've got on June 5th, 6th and 7th a ride and campout at the Cutthroat Resort going on. This is the officially not official North Idaho Spring Opener. If you'd like to stay the night you need to make your own arrangements with the resort. Later in the month on June 20th is the Kootenai Chapter's Freedom Run (see page 22). Normally this is the 3rd Saturday of May the weekend after our Awareness Run but was rescheduled. With Washington's Spring Opener being canceled I suggested we organize a short notice run but since this is already scheduled I would suggest we just go on that. And no, that is not me being lazy but is in fact your Coordinator seizing an opportunity!

Down the road in July the International ride is still on the schedule. I did hear back from the Toad Rock camp ground. They sent down the virus rules still in effect and I really don't feel so bad about ours here in Washington after reading the craziness going on up there. We'll be playing this one by ear and should look for an alternate location to do the ride and overnight just in case. Hot springs over in Montana? Spokane used to do a tri-state poker run over that way years ago so it would be a traditional location.

August is open still for official chapter events. Usually is with so many in the region going to Sturgis. End of September is our benefit ride which closes out our official riding season. Which should be just about the time the flu season starts back up and King Inslee starts shutting everything down again.

If you have a favorite ride or have an idea for an event then let us know at our next chapter meeting. Nothing says we only have to have one event a month. And as you can see with what was sent in to the newsletter for this issue we have plenty of room for more run flyers. ABATE is like all volunteer organizations in that it is what you make it. Figure out a ride and lets do it. Then you've got 12 months of time to plan on how to make the next one better.

Our next chapter meeting is on June 13th. If Jackson St. isn't open yet due to royal decree then we can always meet next door in Idaho where things are open. If there is a change of venue a notice will be emailed out to everyone and also posted up on facebook and our chapter website.

And that is about all for this month. As always give a wave when we see you on the road! ◇



North Kitsap at Steam 2019. (photo: North Kitsap Chapter)



Sky Valley Bike Show 2017. (photo: Sky Valley Chapter)



Tacoma road clean up crew 2019. (photo: Tacoma Chapter)



EPCC during their Bunny Hop Run in 2019 where they delivered 170 easter baskets for foster children. (photo: Joe Cain)



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Spokane Chapter and guests during the May Awareness Run 2019. (photo: Spokane Chapter)

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