

February Meeting
Saturday, Feb. 11 at 11 am
at BJ's Brewhouse & Restaurant,
4901 Belt Line Rd., Dallas (Addison)
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\*Feb 11 Legends Club Meeting BJ's Brewery, Addison

4901 Belt Line Rd, Dallas, TX 75254, (972) 392-4600 Vote on By-Laws changes at the meeting. See page 11.

\*Feb 17-19 Autorama Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Fwy. Dallas, TX Move in on Thurs. Feb. 16. Legends will display six Corvettes again this year. Already

11:00 AM

signed up are: Craig Conde - 2014 C7, Dennis Conte - 1961 C1, Jeff Clevenger - 1965 C2, Vince Dumas - 2022 C8, Lee Brumit - 1982 C3, Mike McCown 1989 C4, John Spencer - 1954 C1 (alternate). Sign up to man the display and promote the Legends club during this three-day indoor show. Contact Tom Hubbert, 972-897-3045 or email thubbert@verizon.net.

Feb 24-25 Wise County Antique Auto Swap Meet Decatur. TX Wise Co. Sheriff's Posse Grounds, 3101 S. FM 51, Decatur, TX

Directions: Hwy. 51 South, 1.5 miles south of Junction 287 & 51. Take US 287 North to Decatur. Exit FM 51 South (Weatherford Exit). 1 mile South on left. Fri.-Sun. 8am-6pm. Rain or Shine. 3,000+ vendor spaces sold. 80% of vendor's items must be auto-related. FREE Admission. Info: www.wcaac.com/dsm.

Mar 5 Talimena Drive Tour Pam's Hateful Hussy Cafe Talihina. OK Leave 8am from IHOP, 380 & 75, McKinney. Info to come: Dennis Conte 972-839-8473

Mar 10-12 Good-Guys **Texas Motor Speedway** Ft. Worth. TX Friday & Saturday 8am to 5pm, Sunday 8am to 3pm. Details: good-guys.com/

\*Mar 11 Legends Club Meeting **New Meeting Location** Allen, TX

Matt's Rancho Martinez, 401 Central Expy., Allen, TX. We will have a Fajita Bar (both Chicken & Beef) and it will be a fixed price of \$20.95 per person + 18% tip (\$24.72). This also includes drinks of Tea, Soda, etc. Reservations are required by Wednesday, March 8 at 5pm. Go to our Legends web site to indicate you're attending: vettelegends.com

April 27-29 Pate Swap Meet Ft. Worth, TX **Texas Motor Speedway** 

May 19-20 Lone Star Corvette Classic Texas Motor Speedway Ft. Worth, TX Friday & Saturday. Details at: LoneStarCorvetteClub.com

June 16 Senior Center Display 1500 International Pkwy #300 Richardson, TX 10:30 am to 12:00 pm





#### In Memory of Jack "Rude Dog" Hays

Jack Hays, 74, of The Colony, Texas, passed away on January 11, 2023. He was born on September 18, 1948, to Albert and Mary Hays in Celina, Texas. After Jack graduated from Celina High School in 1967, he went to work at Texas Instruments (TI), which later became Raytheon, where he spent his entire working career.



In 1979, Jack met his wife, Billie, at TI. Jack and Billie went

on to have a blended family consisting of son Jason and daughters Tahnea and Hollie. In 2013, Jack retired and spent his time camping, riding motorcycles, and working on his ever-beloved car, Vettezilla. "Rude Dog" and his 1965 Glen Green Coupe were active at Corvette Legends of Texas car shows, parades, wrenches and other events for many years.

Jack was predeceased by his father, Albert Lee Hays, and his mother, Mary Ruth Hays. He is survived by his wife, Billie Hays; son, Jason Hays; daughters, Tahnea Rericha and Hollie Hays; grandsons, Tristan Allman and Nate Hays; siblings, Mike Hays and Regina Hays; and lots of extended family, friends, and his beloved "Vettezilla".

The family invites you to a Visitation at Berkshire Chapel, 9073 Berkshire Dr, Frisco, TX, on Friday, January 20, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Service will be held at Hope Community Church, 5204 S. Colony Blvd., The Colony, Texas, on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Reception to follow after the service. Interment will be at 3:00 p.m. at Old Celina Cemetery.

# February Meeting

# 11 am-Sat, Feb. 11 BJ's Brewhouse & Restaurant

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Please park in the back of the restaurant.



In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The American Cancer Society for head, neck and throat cancer, an organization Jack felt strongly about.

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#### Club Web Site:

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If you have a recommendation for a guest speaker to address the club at one of our meetings, please contact Len Woodruff: Lenwoodruff@gmail.com or (972) 979-5722

#### Membership Information:

Coordinated by Dennis Conte (see above) \$35 for annual membership Dues are paid annually at a meeting or mailed to:

Club Mailing Address: Corvette Legends of Texas P.O. Box 260316, Plano, TX 75026-0316

# DETROIT by Craig Conde AUTO SHOW Thoughts on Hybrid Cars

I was scheduled to attend my 50th High School Reunion in Wisconsin on September 25, and decided to see what I could do to make the road trip truly worthwhile. I found the Detroit Auto Show scheduled to end on the very same weekend as the class reunion. I have always wanted to go to "The BIG Auto Show", since I knew we weren't getting the same show here in Dallas. I had attended the eversmaller Dallas Auto Show in the spring that was seriously downsized and devoid of 2023 models except for ONE 2023 Corvette Z06 displayed without even a door open! The Detroit show had to be better and, it was... but still with some disappointments!

I expected so MUCH more of the DETROIT show and, while I was pleasantly surprised at how much larger it was, I was also disappointed... AGAIN... at the dearth of 2023 models. Mind you, this is now FALL of the year, when one might expect LOTS of NEW models.

The show covered two floors of the convention center with a "hole" in the second floor to accommodate a fake "mountain" so that folks could drive a new Bronco or Ranger up and over the hill. Very realistic with the perfectly



straight train track path so the setup that guaranteed no deviation from the path prescribed. Further restricted to about 10mph, I decided to forgo the ride. Much more like being on a train than driving a car, but people were smiling and enjoying the adventure! (Nothing like my 120mph adventure on a completely lawless stretch of I-71....passed by a Mercedes doing MORE than 120, I decided to allow him to be jail bait.)

**LINGINFELTER -** I was surprised at the large display from Lingenfelter. I hadn't know they supercharged just about every kind of vehicle imaginable. Even a late 60s EL Camino "resto-mod" taken to a new level of performance. Realistically, this was a modern performance vehicle with



nicely reworked El Camino body. There was everything from a Hummer to a Camaro and, of course, several generations of Corvettes.

**CONCEPTS -** There were a surprising number of Concept vehicles. I focused on the ones from Lincoln, Cadillac and Buick. I found the Buicks and Lincolns interesting. One SUV's interior looked more like a modern dinette setup than the interior of a car... not even a steering wheel! I supposed this was to be a self-driving, artificial intelligence vehicle and it was set up for either breakfast or a conference on the way to work. A sweeping flat screen on the dash likely allowed one to play video games since there was no adventure to be had in actually driving the vehicle. Perhaps they allowed a video game for that quaint simulated experience of actually driving a car. I guess future generations





will be able to focus on their iPhones, etc. in complete safety... for the rest of us! No more distracted driving! One had the option of a back seat that folded flat, so one could sleep while cruising to work or perhaps something else... with the optional privacy glass, of course. ALL of the concepts were completely electric, no hybrids whatsoever. The industry must have complete confidence that fast charging

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stations will be everywhere in the future.

Speaking of hybrids, I talked to a GM representative about the absolute non-existence of hybrid GM sedans! There is SUPPOSED to be a Cadillac hybrid one can order starting at \$75K base price as you can only order one with a high trim level. But there were NONE on display! Meanwhile the Asian contagion is eating our lunch. One could find a \$39K Honda Accord with leather seating and very roomy by today's standards and a Civic hybrid for \$34K. Toyota offered Camry, Corolla and Prius hybrid models ALL priced in the 30s. PLUS there were numerous hybrid SUVs and minivans of all sizes one could imagine. Except for a pricey Chrysler minivan, the Americans had not ONE hybrid sedan on display and could only TALK about hybrids. Lincoln has an Aviator on the books supposed to cost about \$87K, if you can find one... only available as the most expensive high trim model. It seems like American manufacturers have conceded the REASONABLY priced hybrids to the foreign competition. I did corner a GM factory Rep on this subject and was told "they are coming"... to which I said, "Your competition has had them on offer for many YEARS already. Why are NONE of ours on display at least as a concept vehicle. I own ONE electric car but I won't buy another one that I cant take out of town, unless I carefully map out available charging stations and plan to only drive three hours or less per segment of the trip. He politely told me that there "isn't much market for hybrids! "So, I told him he was leaving consumers with no real choice but to buy that Honda Accord because GM doesn't WANT their business! They are coming... perhaps late... but GM is at least thinking about them.

The logic in a hybrid is that one can drive most local miles on electric and have the option of taking it out of town without being stranded. Quite a few Tesla cars have ridden a flat bed to the next town, because the charging station they were counting on was broken or not there at all. I digress... I really want GM to succeed (I own some stock.) Back to the Car Show...

CORVETTES: There were several 2023 models on display including multiple Z06 models open for viewing and one open for kids to crawl around. Given the long wait for a new Corvette for buyers, I was actually surprised that GM was allowing children to destroy the interior of a \$95K non-Z06 model. (They redo the interior before sale.) Still, I wouldn't think allowing kids to crawl around one would



increase sales one iota. Maybe GM wants to cultivate distant future buyers.

I know many Corvette owners think of an electric or hybrid Corvette as an UN-American concept especially for a sports car. I know that GM has built a hybrid Corvette concept since at least 2013. I learned this guite by accident. Sharon and I were working as volunteers for the spring BASH at the National Corvette Museum. The day before the event began, I saw a new C7 Corvette parked near the Gift Shop. The driver parked the car and put the hood up... a mistake! Inside, was a V8 engine with an electric motor clearly labeled "Hybrid", but no such emblems on the outside of the car. About an hour later, a factory guy came by and standing next to me, asked who put this hood up? He was clearly upset and hunted down the key fob and promptly closed the hood. He declined to answer my questions about this car. I suspect that both the C7 and C8 chassis were engineered to accommodate the possibility of a hybrid model from the beginning.

It seems obvious that the new mid-engine C8 was designed with the possibility of an electric model as well. From a performance perspective, it actually makes a lot of sense. When a hybrid setup is engineered to take advantage of the electric motor and gas engine at the same time, one gets an amazing performance advantage (forget about fuel economy in this mode). The hybrid version appeals to me because I expect GM, with set this up, to engage both powerplants when the driver stomps on the gas, or perhaps only when in performance mode. I suppose there will be an economy mode that will NOT engage the gas engine unless electric power is exhausted. For some people, a purely electric Corvette might be appealing, but I will leave that model to the "tree huggers". I want more POWER.

Bring on the HYBRID Corvette. I truly believe the Hybrid Corvette will constitute the bulk of Corvette sales in the future for both performance reasons and economy, when used on a commute to work or errand running in urban traffic.

Our little Chevy Bolt has Corvette type performance with 0-60 in 2.8 seconds but, more importantly, passing ability is also surprisingly fast. It costs us about \$50 a month in electricity usage versus the \$150 to \$200 more typical of a gas car. I hear the argument....but, you are us-

# Fter-Holiday Pa

Saturday, January 14, 2023 Heritage Ranch Country Club Fairview, TX

The evening began with members enjoying drinks and appetizers of assorted cheeses and crackers along with fresh fruits. About 72 people were in attendance.

Everyone found seats at the tables set with fresh green salad plates with ranch or vinaigrette dressing choices and dessert plates of chocolate mousse cake or strawberry swirl cheesecake. In a bit, dinner was served. Our entrée was roast beef, chicken cordon blue, mashed potatoes and mixed veggies. A basket of warm rolls and butter were added for each table. It was hot and tasty.

After dinner, our President, Sam Deneault, started a short meeting. He introduced Bill Foote who told us of an exciting road trip. Bill is working on details but has started plans for a trip to Fredericksburg the weekend of November 3-5. He has 20 rooms reserved at the Hanger Hotel. Reservations can be made referencing Corvette Legends. More info will be shared at upcoming meetings.

Diane Preston then joined Sam for the presentation of the Member of the Year award. Sam explained that this member should have been awarded this honor many times in the past, but it always seemed another member always did something particular in a year and was chosen instead. Sam called Larry Dyer to the front and congratulated him as Member of the Decade.

Diane added details of Larry's history with the club beginning back in 2002, when he moved here from Connecticut and said he qualified as Member of this Century. Larry accepted the honor with a few words and was truly moved by the award. Sam apologized for not having the actual plaque, but Larry will be presented with it as soon as it arrives.

Sam turned the stage over to our entertainer for the evening, Doc Gibbs. Doc was quite the entertainer indeed, a talented musician, singer, and comedian. He shared all types of music including a happy country song. Country songs usually have a sad tone to them but he had one about a man who loved fishing which added a different influence. He had the whole room smiling and laughing throughout the song. Doc's wife, Vera, joined him

in singing, and she also gave dance lessons. There was a great ladies' line dancing session (who needed the men?) that was pretty darn good!!

Great friends, great food, great fun... is there anything better??

Sharon Conde, Secretary AFTER-PARTY--Continued on page 7



Diane & Bill Preston



Doc Gibbs entertained us



Craig & Sharon Conde



Pam & Bill Neubauer



Joe & Jan Koester



Mildred & Bob Van Guilder



Barb & Jerry Echols and others danced. Lots of gals enjoyed line dancing too.



Lynne & Phil Schilt



Lisa & Kevin Shedden



Kerry & Janice Smith



Don Eckhart & Denise Iversor



Jeff & Debbie Clevenger



Nadine & Bill Tichy



Joel & Susan Joseph



Sharon & Fred Hager



& Mike Kmita



Kurtis & Sandy Allen



Jim & Kathleen Pagana



Diane & Bill Foote



Ken & Linda Dobbs



Sam & Linda Deneault



Ken Weller & Diane Gibson



Diane Gibson pretending to be Julia Kelsy with Tom Atchison



Barb & Al Macdonald



John Heimsath & Suzanne Roberts



Jan & Larry Dyer



Pat & Ron Cople



Beth & Len Woodruff



Cathy & Tom Hubbert



Brenda & Dan Jacobs



Lucky & Elaine Sluder



# 2022 Member of the Year Larry Dyer!



Larry Dyer should probably be named member of this Century. His involvement in Legends goes back to 2002 after he and his wife, Jan, moved to Texas from Connecticut, where he had been an active Corvette club member. He quickly became very active in Legends and was at all the club events in his 2003 Red Coupe. For many years he had a beautiful Milano Maroon 1966 Coupe. He's since added a 2016 Z51 Night Race Blue Coupe.

Larry served as Vice President of Special Events for six years from 2004 until 2010. This involved communicating with the promoters of the State Fair of Texas, Autorama and the New Car Dealers Association for our club to participate in their events every year. Then the hard part came... he had to organize our members and get them to these events on time, in the right place and usually with ONLY 1/4 tank of gas to get in the buildings.

At one time Larry painstakingly organized our membership list and brought it into the electronic age. He also keeps tabs on the pulse of Corvette Legends and has suggested changes in our by-laws through the years to echo the needs of our club. He also suggested having the 50/50 pot at each meeting.

Throughout the years Larry has been involved with Bill Tichy in planning and executing the out-of-town club trips. These include Bowling Green Corvette Caravans, a trip around Lake Michigan, a tour to Winter Park and around Colorado, one thru New England, the Texas Hill Country, an Eastern Texas Painted Church tour and most recently taking 21 cars to Palo Duro Canyon in 2022!

While serving on the Legends board, Larry suggested having a "Member of the Year" Award. He envisioned it

as recognizing members who participate fully in Corvette events, strengthen the club and not an officer. So, it is only appropriate that he be the recipient of this Award for ALL of his years of doing just that!

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ing fossil fuel to generate the electricity! Consider that 22% of Texas electricity comes from renewables (Hydro, Wind, Solar, Nuclear). The bulk of the remainder comes from natural gas, which is a cleaner power source than burning refined gasoline... a process that emits carbon, both when gasoline is refined and again when burned by the car's engine.

But I have a better answer. The solar panel installed on our home supplies 92% of our historical power usage which includes the BOLT we bought four years ago. Financed at 1.49% over 25 years, the payments almost exactly match our average electric bill! And, it gets better... We will collect a 26% tax credit, when I file our 2022 return. We will be paid \$25.532 towards our solar installation. A portion of the installation also comes back on resale of the house. Historically, buyers are willing to pay 4% more for a solar home. In our case, this would work out to about \$32K in today's money. All this results in FIXING the price of our electric usage. We will avoid the historic increases of 4-7%. Predications are the near-term power costs will increase much more than in the past. Market pressures are resulting in more natural gas being used for the export LNG market. Lower oil prices also mean many fracking wells go idle, which further restricts the flow of natural gas. All the growth in the DFW area is putting pressure on prices as electric utilities burn more natural gas. We just can't get away from the fact that energy is priced on a world market. Events like the war in Ukraine will influence the price we pay for energy. Our home solar installation will pay for itself in about 15 years or less even if you ignore the boost to resale value.

The point is that the Detroit Auto Show had a very distinct bias towards and electric future... hopefully, with more hybrid options. Unfortunately, VERY few 2023 cars were on display! More than 90% of GM and Ford were 2022 models! While I was disappointed on the lack of 2023 cars on display, the many CONCEPT cars, the new electrics such as the Cadillac Lyric and Hummer electrics were ALL very interesting, but the emphasis was on high end models, many costing more than \$100K. There was even a UPS style package car all electric conversion.

It was a great show if you wanted to see what the future holds, but not so much on what the average person could hope to afford in the near future.



2-03 Tina Oyster 2-14 Kimberly Atchley

2-03 Jerry Echols 2-14 Linda Rockett

2-06 Sharon Hager 2-17 Walter Plumley

2-08 Bill Neubauer 2-19 Maggie Cotner

2-11 Ken Weller 2-25 Brenda Jacobs

2-12 Bob Van Guilder 2-27 Bill Preston



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#### Proposed Changes to the Corvette Legends of Texas Club By Laws

These items will be voted on at the regular meeting on February 11, 2023 at BJ's Brewhouse, Addison Changes appear in bold type.

#### ARTICLE XII - TERM OF OFFICE

- 1. The term of office for officers shall not be limited.
- 2. Partial terms are not counted as part of the full term.
- 3. Each officer shall hold office until the earlier of:
  - a. The election of his/her successor
  - b. Death
  - c. Resignation
  - d. Removal from office in accordance with the Club Operations Policy.

### ARTICLE XII – TERM OF OFFICE PROPOSED CHANGE:

- 1. The term of office for officers shall **be limited to**Four (4) years.
- 2. Partial terms are not counted as part of the full term.
- 3. Each officer shall hold office until the earlier of:
  - a. The election of his/her successor
  - b. Death
  - c. Resignation
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## Proposed Changes to the Corvette Legends of Texas Club Operations Policy

#### ARTICLE II- CAR ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. The governing size of the Club membership will be determined by Corvette body style (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, and C-6).
  - a. The number of primary cars registered by Club members shall be limited to 150 in total memberships.
  - b. The numbers of cars will be allocated in the following manner: C-1 (15 cars) cars, C-2 (45 cars), C-3 (45 cars), C-4 (10 cars), C-5 (10 cars), C-6 (10), Specialty-Custom, Racers, Collector Editions, Pace Cars, Grand Sports, Calloway's, etc. (15 cars).

# ARTICLE II – CAR ASSIGNMENTS PROPOSED CHANGE: ELIMINATE ENTIRELY & RENUMBER ALL ARTICLES THAT FOLLOW

#### ARTICLE III- SPECIAL MEETINGS

 Notice of any special meeting of the officers shall be given by the Secretary at least 3 days previously thereto by telephone communication, written notice, delivered personally, sent by mail, or e-mail to each officer at his/her address as shown by the records of the Club.

- a. If notice is given by telephone either direct verbal communication with the officer or notice by answering machine shall be deemed delivered.
- If mailed such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail so addressed with postage thereon prepaid.
- c. If notice is given by fax machine, notice shall be deemed delivered when sender's fax machine receives confirmation of sending notice without communication error.
- d. If notice is given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegram company.

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#### ELIMINATE c. & d. SINCE FAX MACHINES AND TELE-GRAMS ARE NO LONGER USED & RENUMBER ARTICLE TO BE ARTICLE II

#### ARTICLE X - ELECTIONS

- 1. Officer elections will be held at the December Club meeting of the election year.
- 2. Officers will be elected by secret ballot.
- 3. An affirmative vote of no less than a majority of cast ballots is required to elect a nominee.
  - a. Ballots will be distributed to the voting members no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the December Business meeting of the election year.
  - b. The duties of elected officers will commence January 1 of each officer's term.

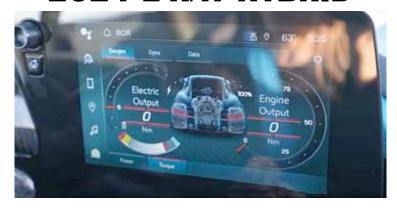
#### ARTICLE IX - ELECTIONS PROPOSED CHANGES

- Officer elections will be held at the December Club meeting of the election year. Elections will be held every two years.
- 2. Officers will be elected by secret ballot.
- 3. An affirmative vote of no less than a majority of cast ballots is required to elect a nominee.
  - a. Ballots will be distributed to the voting members no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the December Business meeting of the election year.
  - b. The duties of elected officers will commence January 1 of each officer's term.

#### RENUMBER ARTICLE TO BE ARTICLE IX



#### **2024 E-RAY HYBRID**



Chevy officially announced the new 2024 E-Ray Corvette. Most of the specifications were as the rumors suggested. The new E-Ray is basically a Z06 with the stock base C8's LT2 and an electric motor under the frunk.

The electric motor powers the front wheels and produces 160 hp and 125 lb-ft of torque. When combined with the LT2 and performance exhaust, the total output is 655 hp. That is 15 hp shy of the 2023 Corvette Z06, though the E-Ray sprints from 0-60 mph in 0.4 seconds quicker at just 2.5 seconds. It also covers the quarter mile in 10.5 seconds, the same as the Z06 in tests.

The battery is quite small by today's standard at just 1.9-kWh, and it is mounted in the center tunnel. The bat-

tery pack adds about 100 pounds to the weight of the car. The electric motor and components add another 200 pounds. The E-Ray tips the scales at around 3,966 and approximately 4,099 pounds for the convertible if my math is correct. The convertible E-Ray will be the first production Corvette to weigh over two tons!

The E-Ray comes with the same body panels as the Z06 and other performance items normally reserved for the Z06 and comes standard with carbon-ceramic brakes. Instead of the summer tires standard on the Z06, the E-Ray wears Michelin Pilot Sport all-season tires sized 275/30ZR-20 front and 345/25ZR-21 rear. Chevy says they're the biggest ever fitted to a production car. The stickier Pilot Sport 4S summer rubber is optional.

It is also the first Corvette capable of driving with electric power only in a special Stealth mode. This mode is only good for about 5 miles and a maximum speed of 45mph. There is also a mode that will turn the gas engine off when you come to a stop and automatically turn it back on when the light turns green, which is a standard option on most cars now.

The 2024 Corvette E-Ray will go on sale later this year, with the base 1LZ coupe starting at \$104,295. That's nearly \$40K more than the base price of the 2023 Stingray coupe and \$7000 less than the 2023 Z06 coupe. The E-Ray convertible costs an extra \$7000, with a starting price of \$111,295 for the 1LZ trim.



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