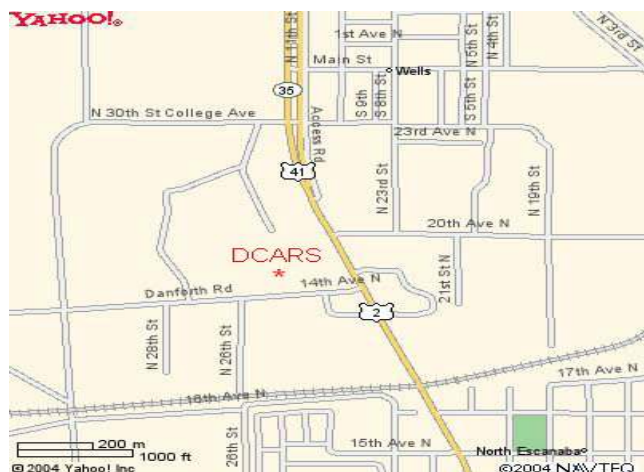


Air Scoop

The monthly Newsletter of the Delta County Amateur Radio Society, Inc. August 2007

Air Scoop Monthly – is the official newsletter for "The Delta County Amateur Radio Society Inc"

The Delta County Amateur Radio Society, recently held a monthly meeting on **Monday, August 20th of this month**. Our meeting started promptly at 7 P.M., at Bay-De-Noc Community College, Room 963, Building 900. Located in the glassed in area at the Joseph Heirman University Center. Parking is provided free at the South Lot off Danforth Road. Just watch for antennas on vehicles where to park.



NOTE: ALL NEWSLETTERS ARE UPLOADED MONTHLY TO OUR WEBSITE – BY OUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR ON OR ABOUT THE FIRST WEEK PRIOR TO MONTHLY MEETINGS HELD ON THE 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH YEARLY UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE DUE TO OTHER COMMITMENTS BY OUR EDITOR, WA8LE, OR A SPECIAL MEETING IS CALLED BY OUR PRESIDENT – DAVE – N8DP

DCARS – WWW.DCARS.ORG
Joe Thompson – Webmaster

LOCAL REPEATERS

147.150 + now on the air – tone 107.2
Recent installation at the Wells water tower in

Wells township. Great work fellas for a job well done. Mark n8xah spearheaded the project, thanks Mark.

145.130 – Escanaba
147.240 + Gladstone
IRLP – simplex link 147.550 tone 107.2
146.700 – Cooks, MI
147.030 + Trenary, MI
APRS DIGI 144.390

2007 DCARS – OFFICERS

President - Dave Palmgren – N8DP
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HamFest Chairman – Richard Thompson – N8OYR

Future Testing Schedule – Upper Peninsula

V.E. TESTING:

09/08 Marquette: 8:30am Eastern time, (arrive by 8:00am) Marquette County Health Dept. Bldg, U.S. 41 just east of the Michigan State Police Post. Contact Rich Schwenke, N8GBA at 906 249-3837 or e-mail: n8gba@chartermi.net

09/08 Houghton: 8:30am Eastern time, Room G04 (In the basement) of Wadsworth Residence Hall at M-T-U (Michigan Technological University) Parking available (free) across Hwy U.S. 41 from This building, contact George Thurner W8FWG at 906 337-2542 or e-mail w8fwg@arrl.net Note: George recently in Hospital at Houghton, we wish Well and for a speedy recovery.

Please arrive one-half hour early for test sessions to give time to process applications. Testing applicants should bring the following items with them: **Two pieces of I.D. one being a photo I.D., OF THE Original license and one clear copy of**

your S.S. card for sending in to the FCC., if applicable, Completed form 605 (one will be provided if you don't have one), pencils, calculator and the test fee of \$14.00. Please have the correct fee as examiners do not carry change. Please contact the individual(s) listed to confirm date(s), location(s), etc.

HAMFEST WEEKEND AGAIN AT ESCANABA MEMBERS OF DCARS ONCE AGAIN COME THROUGH FOR U.P. HAMFEST on JULY 28TH

Once again our local club takes on the task of having the U.P. HamFest. Richard Thompson n8oyr, voted in as chairman, along with Boy Scout duties during the summer took on the task of coordinating our local HamFest. Even though we had many weekend events in the Upper Peninsula, everything went without a hitch. We had changed this year's event to help out a vendor, however an excuse came up and they were a no show. (This was Tower Electronics)

However we had **"Elmer's Ham Shack"** from Gaylord Michigan that recently purchased the complete Business from our Last years Vendor family that retired after several years in the ham business. (Comdex)



New Vendor – from Gaylord, "Elmer's Ham Shack" came to our rescue and purchased wall to wall tables and brought much needed equipment and antenna items for all of us to purchase, which saved much postage, shipping etc.,,,we thank Elmer's for there support in our venture on a yearly basis. They acknowledged they will return to Escanaba.

Vendor, Stanley Strangle from Bruce Crossing area, once again also comes to Escanaba to participate in our HamFest. Stanley Strangle

Electronics is a long time friend of Escanaba Ham's and is a welcome display with all of Stanley's additional products and also brings along many needed items, small connectors, coax cable, Mag mts etc.,,, We thank Stan for his many years of coming to our Escanaba HamFest and hope he will always be here for everyone's benefit.



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU THAT ATTENDED THE U.P. HAMFEST FOR DCARS AT ESCANABA, WE HOPE TO CU

AGAIN NEXT YEAR DURING THE FIRST WEEKEND IN AUGUST 2008, 73'S

The U.P. Net Meeting at HamFest

This year our host of the U.P. net was Aileen Gagnon wa8dhd of Gladstone area. A full house was in order for the 45 minute session. A welcome turnout by all. Many Hams from Michigan, Wisconsin, to once again take part in our HamFest. Hams from Lower Michigan were in great numbers again this year. We thank them for coming again this year. Since we had a full house, we will look for a larger room for next years U.P. Net meeting at Bay College. Thanks for your support. Aileen's call is: wa8dhd and can be heard daily on the frequency 3.921 MHz, "The Upper Peninsula Net" daily at 5 P.M. Along with others checking into the net. Please make it a point to check in.

AUGUST WEEK – UPPER PENINSULA STATE FAIR ACTIVITIES

U.P. TELEGRAPH BUILDING COMPLETED, READY FOR EQUIPMENT



Member, Vince LaRosa N8JCN, of Gaylord Michigan provides a complete station setup along with stations for HF, VHF, and the UHF bands.

Stations consist of an Icom 751 general coverage transceiver, power supply, 949-C MFJ tuner, a Yaesu YM-34 desk Mike, Icom phone patch speaker system, Icom 144 MHz All Mode IC-2371A, A Yaesu FT 625 RD – 6 meter all mode transceiver. Vince also provided Ground wire and items related

For our new tower installation. Les wa8le had made arrangements with Vince several weeks prior For this to happen. Les drove to the Cut River Bridge restraint and Met Vince for the equipment Exchange.

Speaking as a club member, our hats are off to Vince LaRosa N8JCN for providing all this operating equipment as a donation for our club to use and enjoy. “THANKYOU VINCE”

A complete amateur radio station has been set up for operations on a daily basis for all hams. Members will be on hand regularly for operations For anyone interested in this great hobby. If anyone is interested in our telegraph building, please by all means come into the U.P. State Fair grounds at Escanaba and feel free to operate our stations. Some members do have keys for admittance and anyone can call on the local repeaters in the area for information. If you're driving through, please make it a point to stop and see the telegraph building at the Upper Peninsula State Fair grounds. The Gates are open, 24/7 for enjoyment and other activities during the summer.

Members of the Delta County Amateur Radio club Participated all week at the fair in a new building provided by its members.



Our building named -"U.P. Telegraph" holds memorabilia of amateur radio equipment – old and new, along with vintage Equipment. Also in the glassed in cases provided by dumpster diving by Les, wa8le, Lowell ka8rpb and Mike kd8dka, are items from the telegraph railroad era.



Local Ham, Larry Blahnik WA8JWP – 1st donation to our Telegraph Building, items shown here. Thanks Larry for all you donations of equipment and radio antique tubes.

Additional Donations of telegraph equipment were donated from Mr. Jim Wades, the International President of the Morse Telegraph Club Inc. Allegan, Michigan.



In the future as soon as we can have a computer connection to the internet, we will have operational A Telegraph Station up running for American Morse Code. This network will be available for Railroad buffs to connect to various station museums around the country. Railroad telegraphers will be welcome to use this equipment, or hams that know both codes, namely the American Morse and the International Morse code.

During the U.P. State Fair at Escanaba

Monday through Sunday of the Fair brought several non-members from other clubs to our building for operating and daily operator NS8V Paul Sorenson from Menominee, an avid CW operator along with Allan Salmi k8tnz was on hand to operate daily and add many great contacts (CW) to our logging program provided by N3FJP software.

Outside U.S. contacts were Europe, Iceland, Norway, Germany and many others. A dipole was in the air (G5RV) over 60 feet strung East and West provided great coverage.

Several club members also took shift work during the week, daily at or about 3 hour intervals to operate our 2 meter local repeater, also simplex, and IRLP on 147.550 simplex at Gladstone from N8DP's station. Other modes of operation were also utilized during the week long event by club members.

Several hundred families and youngsters were acclimated to our hobby of Amateur Radio and many older persons had never heard of our hobby while touring our new building. Mike kd8dka took the bull by the horns daily and coordinated an effort to let all the people know about our great hobby of amateur radio. Many hams also took turns in operating and helping out daily during the full week of the U.P. State Fair.

Many handouts about amateur radio and our club, along with VE testing were provided the general public throughout the week's event.

Labor Day weekend – big event at the Gas and Steam Engine Village, another chance for hams to participate and enjoy the telegraph building just completed.

During the upcoming Long Weekend of "Labor Day"

The Delta County Amateur Radio Society will again have 3 days of fun at the telegraph office. Please make it a point to participate as members and join in the fun of operating our stations equipment. Hours that the village will be open will be 9 to 6 daily. Members can also work at the Sawmill. They always need additional persons stacking new lumber. Please bring a pair of gloves with you.

If you have any tube type radio equipment, (Vintage) Or other type of radio or kit work you would like to donate, please donate to our telegraph building for display. We still have room for more equipment and we are in the process of making more room for your donations. Large glass display cases are available for equipment viewing for the general public to see.

Computer logging of all calls by N3FJP software

A computer is setup for all logging of calls by operators. You can then load the calls you make and download to a disk, (floppy or Cd) and install into your own logging program. We are keeping a record of all calls from our operating stations, operating under our club call, "**K8ZAS**" **Come and join in the fun.. It's your choice, ssb, Cw, fm, data.**

ANY INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE REGARDING OUR TELEGRAPH BUILDINGS LOCATION AT THE FAIR GROUNDS, PLEASE CALL ON THE LOCAL REPEATER OR EMAIL ANY OFFICER OF THE DELTA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY INC. or EDITOR WA8LE, LES ELDER All email address are located at WWW.DCARS.ORG website.

PRESIDENTS – REPORT – N8DP

The past several months have been busy ones for most of us. Many of our club members have put in a great deal of time with the club house or the tower or installing the .15 repeater or other events such as field day etc.

We have our Constitution rewrite behind us now and with autumn coming it's time to get back to normal with our club meetings. We need programs, show-and-tell items and projects for project night. At the last club meeting I had displayed a voltage monitor for a 12 volt power supply that would

make a good project. Look for opportunities to bring something interesting to the meetings.

I would like to thank those that have helped with the various club projects. Les WA8LE and Lowell KA8RPB put in a great deal of their time in building the club house, Mike KD8DKA and Don Brackenbury K8GMW was also there a lot.

Rich N8OYR and Tony KC8NUR were instrumental in obtaining and removing the tower, I know Ken KD8DKC and Mike KD8DKA also put in a lot of effort. Most members helped in some way over the past four months, Thank you goes to them as well. A tip of the hat goes to Joe W8JRT for getting .15 on the air and Mark N8XAH for obtaining the site.

Secretary's Report for August Meeting – w8jrt

DCARS Monthly Meeting Minutes
8/20/2007

Attendance: n8oyr, wd8rth, kb8ptf, k8ao, n8xah, kd8dvl, kd8dka, w8hsj, w8jrt, k8wlt, kd8dvn, kd8fwj.

President Dave, N8DP opened the meeting.

Meeting minutes from last month were highlighted.

Treasury report was discussed.

137 people attended the ham swap. The grand prize winner was Bob Weingartner from Gwinn.

New Business:

We need to man the office at the Steam and Gas Village Labor Day Weekend. Mike passed around a sign up sheet.

Dave proposed the club have a trustee officer position in the club that would assume control of the building at the Village. Tabled to next meeting.

K8ZAS qsl cards to be kept at the telegraph office. The call sign trustee to send out and receive qsl cards.

Discussion about heat for the telegraph building.

Project night – should we have it at the telegraph office? Agreed to have it there on Sept. 10th at 7:00PM.

Meeting to adjourn by Rich, 2nd by Walt.

ARRL Headquarters Closed Monday,

September 3 (Aug 25, 2007) -- ARRL Headquarters will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 3. There will be no W1AW bulletin or code practice transmissions that day. ARRL Headquarters will reopen Tuesday, September 4 at 8 AM Eastern Daylight Time. We wish everyone a safe and glorious Labor Day holiday.

[Link to this item](#)

Special Event operating for September

Sep 1, 1600Z-2300Z, San Diego, CA. USS Midway CV-41 COMEDTRA, NI6IW. National Convention of 'Tin Can' Sailors September 2-6,2007. 14.325 7.260. QSL. USS Midway Museum CV-41, 910 North Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101.

w9bq@aol.com

Sep 1-Sep 2, 1200Z-2300Z, St Joseph, MI. Blossomland Amateur Radio Association, N8P. St Joseph Michigan Lighthouse Centennial. 14.270 7.270 3.870 146.48. QSL. BARA - N8P Event, PO Box 175, St Joseph, MI 49085. *Operation will be near ARLHS USA-797 and USA-798.*

www.blossomlandara.org

Sep 1-Sep 2, 1600Z-2359Z, Greenbelt, MD. Central Maryland Amateur Radio Club, WC3MAR. Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Special Event Station. 28.320 21.290 14.250 7.190. Certificate. CMARC, PO Box 788, Greenbelt, MD 20768-0788. *Co-sponsored by the Prince George's County Amateur Radio Club.* mysite.verizon.net/jctilton/cmarc

Sep 1-Sep 3, 1900Z-1600Z, Paradise, AZ. Cochise ARA, K7RDG. 28th Anniv of trek to Ghost Town of Paradise. 14.265 7.230 18.115 21.305. Certificate. Cochise ARA, PO Box 1855, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1855. www.k7rdg.org

Sept 3, 1300Z-1900Z, Milford, MI. Milford Amateur Radio Club, W8YDK. To commemorate the 175th year of the founding of Milford. CW 14.040 7.040 SSB 14.22 7.220. QSL. Milford Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 573, Highland, MI 48357. www.qsl.net/w8ydk

Sep 3, 1300Z-1800Z, Muskegon, MI. Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council, W8ZHO. Cars for Cancer Car show (All proceeds from this car show

go to cancer research). 14.267 7.267. QSL. James Meyers (KC8PCJ), 1283 Crestbrook Ave, Muskegon, MI 49444.

Sep 6-Sep 9, 1400Z-0200Z, Hebron, CT. Newington Amateur Radio League, W1H. Lions Hebron Harvest Fair. 28.340 18.140 14.240 50.140. QSL. Rich Lawrence, KB1DMX, 335 Lloyd St, Newington, CT 06111. www.narl.net

Sep 7, 1200Z-2100Z, Kent, OH. Portage County Amateur Radio Service, KD8CKP. 26th Annual Black Squirrel Festival - Kent State University. 21.345 14.245. Certificate. Al Atkins, KB8VJL, 12433 Chamberlain Rd, Aurora, OH 44202. www.portcars.org

Sep 7-Sep 10, 2200Z-0459Z, Dearborn, MI. Ford Amateur Radio League (FARL) Tin Lizzies, K8UTT. 50th Club Anniversary, Certificate for 3 member contacts. 7.200 14.310 21.315. QSL. K8UTT, PO Box 2711, Dearborn, MI 48128. N8HKU@ARRL.NET <http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Hall/2183>

Sep 8, 1300Z-2000Z, Starkville, MS. MFJ Amateur Radio Club, K5MFJ. MFJ 35th Anniversary Celebration and Open House. 21.345 14.245 7.238 3.862. QSL. MFJ Amateur Radio Club, 300 Industrial Park Rd, Starkville, MS 39759. QSL and certificate available. k5mfj@mfjenterprises.com

Sep 14-Sep 16, 0000Z-0000Z, Staten Island, NY. Empire Contest Club, W2007WTC. World Trade Center Memorial Operation. 14.200. QSL. John Nistico, 559 Lakeway Dr, West Babylon, NY 11704. electric911@msn.com

Sep 15, 1400Z-2000Z, Hammond, LA. Southeast Louisiana Amateur Radio Club, K5R. 2nd annual comemoration of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. 14.250 7.250. Certificate. SELARC (K5R), PO Box 1324, Hammond, LA 70404. groups.yahoo.com/group/K5R

Sep 15, 1600Z-2300Z, San Diego, CA. USS Midway CV-41 COMEDTRA, NI6IW. 62nd Commisoning Anniversary of USS Midway CV-41. 14.325 7.260. QSL. USS Midway CV-41

Museum, 910 North Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101. w9bq@aol.com

Sep 15-Sep 16, 1200Z-2359Z, Reisterstown, MD. Baltimore Amateur Radio Club, W3FT. BARC's 60th Birthday Party. 14.255 7.180 3.903 144.55. Certificate. BARC, PO Box 120, Reisterstown, MD 21136. w3ft67@yahoo.com

Sep 15-Sep 16, 1500Z-2200Z, Bardstown, KY. Kentucky Amateur Radio Society, K4B. 16th Annual Kentucky Bourbon Festival. 28.350 21.250 14.250 7.250. QSL. Jim Brooks, KY4Z, 7099 Louisville Rd, Coxs Creek, KY 40013. www.myoldkentuckyhome.com/kars

Sep 15-Sep 16, 1500Z-0300Z, Huntley, IL. Fox River Radio League, W9H. 2nd Annual Huntley Fall Festival, Huntley, IL 60142. 14.260 28.450 7.260. QSL. Fox River Radio League, PO Box 673, Batavia, IL 60510. W9H@frrl.org

Sep 16, 1700Z-2200Z, Parsippany, NJ. Parsippany RACES, WA2UEM. Parsippany Annual Fall Festival. 21.320 14.260. QSL. Barry Schaeffer, WA2UEM, 8 Celtic Way, Parsippany, NJ 07054-1410. *Certificate and QSL available.*

Sep 19-Sep 23, 0000Z-2359Z, Santa Ana, CA. W6APD/Anaheim Police ARC, K6P. POW-MIA Recognition Day, 3rd Friday in September. 21.350 18.150 14.253 7.250. QSL. Mark McMullen, KM6HB, PO Box 27271, Santa Ana, CA 92799. km6hb@arrl.net

Sep 22, 1600Z-2100Z, Herkimer, NY. Fort Herkimer Amateur Radio Association, Inc, W2FHA. Celebrating the Bi-Centennial of the village of Herkimer, NY. 14.280 7.280. Certificate. Chris Bouck, KB4CMF, 28 W State St, Dolgeville, NY 13329. cbouck01@twcnny.rr.com

Sep 22-Sep 23, 1300Z-2100Z, Apple Orchard - Mile Post 76.5, VA. Lynchburg Amateur Radio Club, W4CA. Blue Ridge Bonanza. 14.215 7.240. Certificate. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175. AB4YZ@ARRL.net

Sep 22-Sep 23, 1300Z-2100Z, Rockfish Gap Mile Post 0, VA. Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, W4CA. Blue Ridge Bonanza Work all 13 stations

for certificate. 14.200 7.225. Certificate. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175. AB4YZ@ARRL.net

Sep 22-Sep 23, 2359Z-2100Z, Peaks of Otter - Mile Post 84, VA. Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, W4CA. Blue Ridge Bonanza. 14.220 7.245. Certificate. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Road, Troutville, VA 24175. AB4YZ@ARRL.net

Sep 23, 1400Z-2100Z, River Falls, WI. St Croix Valley Radio Amateurs, N9T. Autumn Trek Classic 9th Annual Bike Ride. 14.250 14.050 7.200 7.050. QSL. Philip Schweitzer, 611 Oakley Cir, Hudson, WI 54016. www.presenter.com/~scvra

Sep 24-Oct 1, 1100Z-0300Z, Alexandria, MN. Runestone Radio Club, W0W. Commemorating Discovery of Kensington Runestone. 21.070 14.240 7.240 3.900. Certificate. Bill Klundt, KG0DX, 509 Pine St S, Sauk Centre, MN 56378.

Sep 27-Sep 30, 1400Z-0200Z, Kingwood, WV. Preston County Amateur Radio Operators, W8B. 66th Annual Preston County Buckwheat Festival. 14.040 7.040 14.225 7.175. Certificate. Richard Wolfe, PO Box 512, Kingwood, WV 26537.

Sep 28, 1400Z-1900Z, Marco Island, FL. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, N2K. Special Event Radio Day. 28.390 21.305 14.340 7.228. QSL. Robert B. Witte, PO Box 1814, Marco Island, FL 34146. cgrobo95@embarqmail.com

Sep 28-Sep 29, 1200Z-2000Z, Toronto, ON. Mississauga Amateur Radio Club, VE3ISAR. International Search and Rescue Competition 2007, 29th Anniversary of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, 68th Anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 28.450 21.290 14.250 7.210. Certificate. Michael Brickell, VE3TKI, 2801 Bucklepost Cres, Mississauga, ON L5N 1X6, CANADA. *Please include \$2US -- US postage cannot be used in Canada.* www.marc.on.ca; www.ccgagcac.org/isar2007

Sep 28-Sep 29, 1500Z-1900Z, Henderson, TN. W4FHU Amateur Radio Club, W4FHU. 29th Annual Chester County TN BBQ Festival. 14.205 7.200. QSL. W4FHU Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 173, Henderson, TN 38340. www.w4fhu.org

Sep 28-Sep 30, 0000Z-1800Z, Denver, CO. BSA/Denver Area Council, WB7TNE/DAC. BSA Camporee Denver Area Council. 146.520BEC 21.360 14.290 7.270 EchoLink Node 63925. QSL. Daryle Brooks, 7114 Ingalls Ct, Arvada, CO 80003. *Foxhunt beacon on 146.520/50 milliwatt contact when heard on 146.505 simplex.* wb7tne@arrl.net

Sep 28-Sep 30, 2300Z-2100Z, Glen Rock, PA. KB3IGH. To Promte Ham radio and have Boy Scouts make contacts. 50.125 14.175 7.200 3.900 222 MHz FM. QSL. Jon Abbott, 26 High St, Glen Rock, PA 17327.

Sep 29, 1300Z-2000Z, Baltimore, MD. USCG Auxiliary, K3K. 68th Aniv of USCG Auxiliary and ISAR. 7.272 14.307 21.390 28.365. QSL. Tony Kobylski, 1217 Chesaco Ave, Baltimore, MD 21237.

Sep 29, 1300Z-2000Z, Hyattsville, MD. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, K3A. USCGA 68th Anniversary & ISAR 2007. 28.120 14.270 14.070. QSL. W. Joe Saunders, K3UAL, 1520 Jutewood Ave, Hyattsville, MD 20785. K3UAL2@juno.com

Sep 29, 1300Z-2000Z, Marquette, MI. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, K8G. US Coast Guard Auxiliary Special Event Radio Day. 28.315 21.365 14.295 7.293. QSL. Greg Hanson, 624 W Hampton St, Marquette, MI 49855. May also operate PSK31 and CW. ki8af@arrl.net

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