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NEW MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION

Don't forget that our regular monthly membership meeting has been relocated from the Orr Middle School to the Nevada Palace Hotel & Casino second floor meeting room. This is where we will be meeting from now

December 1
Monthly GSSN Meeting
Nevada Palace Hotel
5255 S. Boulder Highway

on as our regular meeting location.

There are restaurants down stairs to grab a bite before the meeting at the coffee shop or at the buffet. Call the Club's "Gold Line" at 393-4563.



GPAA VIDEO BEIGN SHOT AT NOV 6 GSSN OUTING

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GREG OLSON



FROM THE PRESIDENT

We want to thank all members for their great support of the Club for this 1999 year. Membership continues to grow and so does the excitement within the Club.

We have added two new Claim locations this year and we look forward to another exciting year of gold prospecting in the new millennium.

Thanks for your support! Doug

GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS

DECEMBER	1	GENERAL MEETING NEVADA PALANCE
DECEMBER	10	CHRISTMAS PARTY AT NEVADA PALACE
JANUARY	5	GENERAL MEETING NEVADA PALACE
JANUARY	22	CLUB OUTING AT SEC. 34 CLAIM
FEBRUARY	26	CLUB OUTING AT SEC. 28 CLAIM

**GENERAL MEETING
October 6, 1999**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Doug Parker, President. All board members were present.

First on the agenda was the introduction of new members and guests. We welcome all of you.

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the last meeting as it appeared in the Highgrader, seconded, passed and carried by all members present. Treasury report was given and motion made to accept, seconded and carried by all. Attendance totaled 108 people!

Old Business

It was announced that gold was found at our last outing. Congratulations to whomever found the gold!

New Business

Willie spoke about our next outing to be on October 23-24 at Section 28. There will be steak, corn on the cob and baked beans served to all who come. Hot dogs will also be served. Entertainment will be held around the campfire along with a sing-along. The old tradition of telling campfire stories will be extra exciting, because a gold nugget will be given to the person who comes up with the scariest, wildest ghost story of all. We will kindly accept any donations of food at the outing. Every donation will be greatly appreciated and will be added to our steak feast. Grills will be available to BBQ your steaks. Each individual will be handed a steak to cook for yourself, to your perfection. Corn and beans will be prepared by Leilani and Willie. Hope to see everyone there who signed up for this event.

The Christmas Party has been confirmed for December 10, 1999 to be held at the Nevada Palace. Our General Meeting will be held on December 1, 1999. The Christmas Party will be the outing for the

month of December. The price for the party and dinner will be \$5 total per person.

A Gem Show will be held at the Heritage Museum on October 22, 23 and 24. All members who can volunteer their time to help out at this event would be appreciated. Call Dan Green if you are interested.

With the help of Dan Green's son, Patrick, we finally got the camera rolling. The movie was about panning for gold and the different methods you can use. If anyone wishes to view this tape it is available, along with other interesting tapes, in our library. Just ask Susan.

Door prizes were won as follows:

- Gold Nugget- Larry
Donna
Sue
Tom
Madelaine
- Ear Phones- Howard
- Sluice Box- Jacks Bond
- Atlas- Jim
- Pan-Ron
- Water Pack- Joe
- Shovel- Madelaine & Bill
- Water Jug- Bob
- Map- Ed
- Pick- Ed

Christin Franzino was the sign up sheet winner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Leilani



**BOARD MEETING
October 13, 1999**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Doug Parker, President residing. All Board members were present including Dan Green, Willie, Don Adams and his son Larry.

November meeting will be held at the same location, at the school. During this meeting a decision was made as to where we will be holding our future meetings. If anything changes, we will try and publicize the changes of the new location. A demonstration will be done at the November meeting, panning for gold by dry-washing.

OUTINGS

- * October 23-24 at Section 28
- * No outing in November
- * December 10 Christmas Party at Nevada Palace on Boulder Highway at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Willie, the claims chairperson, is trying to find us another claim in Lida. More details will follow when a suitable claim is found. Also, a motion was made, seconded and carried by all to claim 168 acres in the Johnny Area in Pahrump. More details on this will be publicized at a later date. Be sure and check out the new web sites on page 13!

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Leilani- Sec



MCCAW SCHOOL OF MINES

November 1999

November 2- 9:30 am

November 3- 9:30 am

November 4- 9:30 am

November 5- 9:30 am

November 8- 9:30 am

November 9- 10:00 am

November 10- 10:00 am

November 12- 9:30 am

November 15- 9:30 am

November 16- 10:00 am

November 17- 9:30 am

November 19- 11:00 am

November 22- 9:45 am

November 23- 9:30 am

November 24- 9:30 am

November 29- 9:30 am

November 30- 10:00 am

For more information call
Dan Green

Desert Gold

For countless centuries, gold has lead a small but determined segment of mankind to the ends of the earth. People have put up with the harshest conditions imaginable for the slim chance of striking it rich. When specialized equipment was required, someone eventually found the means to extract the precious yellow metal. Placer gold deposits, or gold that has been weathered out of hard-rock veins by the relentless pressure of wind or water, was probably the first to be exploited by early miners. Recovering gold in some places was relatively easy. Abundant water could be used to facilitate the separation of gold from other materials. *The specific gravity of gold is about 19 times that of water and about twice that of lead.* Panning off the lighter over burden is a simple and elegant solution to the problem of concentrating placer gold. A sluice-box is nothing more then a small section of man made river that mimics the gold concentrating aspects of natural flowing water. The key has always been water. An adequate supply of water ensured relatively easy placer gold retrieval. Little or no water made placer gold much more difficult. Mineralized areas in the desert section of the earth are not extremely hard to spot. The first desert prospectors used little more than a well-trained eye to locate and exploit dry gold placers. These men were looking for what we now refer to as "float gold." *Float is quartz rock that has weathered out of surface veins. This material lies close to the original source and is highly visible. Quartz rocks and boulders appear to "float" on the surrounding ground.* Gold is often associated with quartz float in gold producing regions. Flat may cover quite large areas, or it may be contained in a small spot referred to as a quartz blowout. This

name is aptly descriptive of the visual effect of the quartz. The presence of float gold indicates that the lode (hard-rock vein) is at hand. Although the float might be very rich, it was usually the lode gold that was the object of the search.

Once the float and particles of gold are moved away from the float area through weathering, they tend to sink into the surrounding overburden. If no water was available, the only alternative the ancients had for retrieving the placer gold was to use techniques known today as *dry panning and winnowing.*

Gold is so heavy that it will drop to the bottom of the pan of pay-dirt with prolonged, vigorous shaking, even without the help of water. Once the material has been thoroughly shaken, the top layer of dirt and the larger rocks are removed from the pan. More pay-dirt is then added and the process is repeated. After a while, the bottom of the material in the pan will *hopefully* become concentrated with gold. Dry panning is highly efficient. Small flakes of gold that are trapped in dirt clods will not drop to the bottom of the pan because the overall weight of the clod is fairly light. Much time has been spent in breaking up the material to be panned, but reasonable quantities of placer gold can be taken from very rich locations in this fashion. Precious water is only used on the final gold separation.

Gold winnowing is the process of throwing a mixed gravel aggregate into the air and allowing the wind to blow off the lighter materials. In windy conditions it was possible to remove significant amounts of gold

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DESERT GOLD

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from the richer hillsides and washes by this process. A large flat basket or a blanket was used to toss pay-dirt into the air. The lighter material was simply blown away, thus concentrating the heavy materials. It was possible to work larger quantities of material than dry panning, but the process was still inefficient.

The washes were dug to the pay layers or to the bedrock. Deposits of fine gold we would delight in were missed or simply rejected as being low grade. Without adequate water, dry placer gold was difficult to retrieve, but it was possible. The trick was to concentrate the pay-dirt to the point that scarce water could be used for the final separation.

Wind could be used to replace water, but unfortunately the wind does not blow everyday. At some point around the turn of the last century, the mechanical drywasher evolved from the process of dry panning and gold winnowing. As far as I can determine, by the early 1900's a mechanical gold winnower had been tested in Australia.

Old-timers have told me that by the early 1920s there were prospectors using bellows drywashers in the Imperial Valley of California and the rich Laguna placers near Yuma, Arizona. With this type of machine it became possible for one person to separate out fine gold from the dry placer deposits surrounding hard-rock locations.

Now a single miner could process very large amounts of pay-dirt and end up with a very small amount of concentrates. 1000 lbs. of gold-bearing gravels could be reduced to less than 20 lb. of concentrates. At that point water could be expended on the final separation. Many abandoned placers could be worked

profitably by a few determined individuals, and today some recreational miners are doing exactly that in the desert locations of the USA, Mexico and many other countries throughout the world. The first attempts at a constant air machine were also made



in the 1920s around Oatman, A Z . These drywashers were the predecessors to the vibrostatic machines of today. The older constant air drywashers used a squirrel cage blower to supply air, but they did not have a weighted fan for vibration. The constant air, electrostatic, or vibrostatic machines are one class of drywasher, while all of the bellows machines are the other.

Wet and dry placers do share common characteristics, but in some ways, they are very different. Some of the equipment used in dry conditions has no utility in wet placers and vice versa. Understanding how dry placer equipment works and knowing about the different types of equipment available will save a great deal of time and effort in selecting equipment that will fit your needs. How gold is moved and deposited in the desert can be quite different from the commonly held ideas as to how placer deposits work on rivers. Understanding something about the similarities and differences will greatly enhance learning to work the desert.

Reprinted from Desert Gold Drywashing Written by Sam Radding

A Gold Poem

Here I lay on this plywood bed with visions of nugget's in my head.

I've searched the mountains and creeks all around, but none could I find.

The weather is lousy and so is the food. Somehow I wish I could just go home. Too bad cuz I'm stranded in Nome.

Chris 96

A prospector found this on the wall in one of the shacks in Nome.



ATTENTION

We need your help in finding a ride to the meetings for Kathleen Middleton. She is a retired Navy nurse, who is full of helpful knowledge about prospecting. She is one of first members to join the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada. However, she is legally blind in one eye and cannot see to drive at night. If anyone can help, please call her at 457- Thank you!

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AND GOLD NUGGET TICKETS AT THE DECEMBER MEETING

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the GSSN Annual Christmas party to be held Dec. 10 at Nevada Palace. Tickets for the dinner party are \$5 each. Purchase your tickets at the December 1 general meeting. See you there!!!

MEETING

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OUR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS HELD AT NEVADA PALACE HOTEL AND CASINO LOCATED AT 5255 S BOULDER HIGHWAY ABOUT HALPH WAY BETWEEN FLAMINGO AND TROPICANA, NV ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ALL GUEST AND PROSPECTORS ARE WELCOMED. THE MAP TO THIS LOCATION IS LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THIS PUBLICATION.

GSSN BOARD MEETING

GSSN BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK RE BUILDING ON CABANA DRIVE. MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 PM ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. TAKE DESERT INN TO CABANA AND TURN LEFT GO 1/4 MILE AND TURN LEFT INTO VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK. REC BLDG. IS ON LEFT JUST INSIDE GATE.

CLAIM'S COMMITTEE MEETING

CLAIM'S COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK. THE MEETINGS ARE AT 8:00 PM. THIS MEETING IS THE SAME LOCATION AS THE BOARD MEETING AND ON THE SAME NIGHT.

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HAVE WE RECEIVED

YOUR RENEWAL?

We have not received renewals from the following members. If your name is on this list, please complete the application on the back of this newsletter and send it to the Club with your renewal check payable to Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada in the amount of \$20.00.

CURRENT

Smith, John & Victoria
 Wesley, Michael
 Peters, James
 Green, John
 Smiley, Jerry & Janet
 Reiter, Harry & Janet
 Linde, Reuben & Ryta
 Keifer, Dick & Ruth
 Boone, Daniel
 Wright, Mike & Gabriela
 Siller, Frank & Dorothy
 Roberts, Douglas & Laurie
 Bird, Don & Lynn
 Lopresto, Louigi
 Kimball, Floyd & Eloise
 O'Donnell, John
 Sullivan, Richard
 Stiles, Gene & Diana
 Harvey, James & Loretta
 Fuchs, Edwin
 Duga, Steve

ONE MONTH

VanBarriger, George & Ursula
 Watkins, James & Jean
 Sharkey, Bob & Jill
 Riley, Terry & Pearl
 Felps, Edward & Pamela
 Wilson, Bill & Connie
 Allison, Thomas & Dawn
 Didier, Jim & Truda
 Hoosech, Joe & Gerry
 Klaus, Rich & Dorlene
 Allen, Bob & Dawn
 Geary, Kevin
 Wiser, J. Dallan & Gayle
 Shepard, James & Yvonne
 Schneider, Gary & Natalie
 Spry, Wayne & Beva
 Pearson, Oscar & Kathy
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 Quale, Alan & Mary
 Metcalfe, Stephen & Carol
 Hanes, Lyle
 Staynar, John & Donna
 Longero, Ken
 Kimball, Boyd & Carma
 Bahde, Joe & Lynn
 Aneling, Michael & Cathy

TWO MONTHS

Smith, Jerry & Jean
 Swiderski, John & Monica
 Hargus, Barbara
 Ferlanie, Bill
 Maynard, Neal
 Brown, Walter

THREE MONTHS

Saylor, Dean
 Hays, James & Irene

Duncan, Roy
 Kandler, Robert
 Anderson, Linwood & Susan
 Szabo, Gary
 Pezza, Dominick & Ute
 Lambie, Bill & Cathy

LAST CALL

Williams, Larry & Alma
 Urbansky, Julie
 Morris, Roger & Sandra
 Laub, Stanley & Shirley
 Cherry, Kevin & Annette
 Williams, Ron & Linda
 Huber, Harry

Please send in
 your renewal as
 soon as possible
 so you don't miss
 out on any of the
 Club's exciting
 events.

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 members, please encourage
 them to send in their renewal
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Questions? & Answers!

Question: I have a standard 8.5 inch coil. I am planning to get a bigger 12.5 inch coil. What would be the deference?

Answer: Advantages: 1- With a bigger coil you will save some time because you are sweeping a larger area. 2- For bigger targets only , Depth would be improved by up to 20%. Disadvantages: 1- With a bigger, coil you might miss some small targets like nuggets etc. 2- Pinpointing will be more difficult. 3- If you are using a target I.D. Accuracy will be less. 4- In trashy areas, you might have several targets under the coil. This might confuse your detector.

Question: I want to get a smaller 4 to 5 inch coil for my unit. What difference would it make?

Answer: Advantages: 1- Smaller coils are good for trashy areas. 2- For smaller targets like Gold nuggets, smaller coil is better. 3- You can get into between Rocks and other 'Hard to get places'. Disadvantages: 1- You will spend more time because your sweeping area is smaller. 2- Detection depth can decrease for bigger targets.

Question: I got a 'Hot Coil' for my detector, Mail Order Dealer claimed that I will achieve a better depth. When I put it on my detector, I did not see any difference. Why?

Answer: So Called "Hot Coils" have no secrets (If they were better, manufacturer itself would have built them). Not only they will not go deeper than standard factory coil but also are less wa-

ter resistance. Remember, nothing is as good as the manufacturers' brand coil for your detectors.

Question: I am confused with detector Comparison Charts, My Garrett CX model can be converted to Two-Box machine using a Depth-Multiplier. This is not listed there. Why?

Answer: Detector "Comparison Charts" are "paid charts" by certain dealers, manufacturers and magazines. They are full of errors and misleading information, Garrett, and Tesoro detectors have much more features than what you will find on those charts. If you are really interested in the facts , Please check the manufacturers Comparison Charts not " the fake ones ". For Fisher and Garrett check their last page of the Catalogs.

Question: I bought my detector based on the article I read in a treasure magazine (from another dealer at full price). But now, I am very unhappy about it. How could it happen? I mean the article?

Answer: Unfortunately, some articles in treasure magazines are paid by certain Manufacturers or dealers. It is sad that you lost the money you paid for the detector and the one that you paid for the magazine as well. However, there are some magazines that are mostly based on research and articles written by people in hobby for year, I can name "lost treasures" to be one the good ones.

Question: I heard of ROM Card locators' and Long range locators' that can detect treasure with different Antennas. Do they really work ?

Answer: They will work for the
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GOLD QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Cont.)

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dealers to make \$\$ but not for you to locate treasures. After purchasing them, you will find this sentence on their warranty card; "If you open the box the warranty will expire", just because they know than nothing is inside but a few capacitors or resistors to fool the people. When you want to return it, they will say; "There is a 20% re-stocking fee". Secondly, You will never be able to locate their manufacturer, there is no address written on the warranty cards, except the dealer's address. You will not even know, if they are made in U.S.A. or China or Canada. That is how their 'business' work.

Question: What is the deference between low and high frequency in Gold detectors?

Answer: Gold nugget detectors usually operate in between 17: w kHz to 71 kHz range. Many people think that the higher frequency is better to have. But it all depends on the soil conditions. Fist of all, we can change a frequency of a gold detector from (for example) 18 kHz to 90 kHz by changing a Crystal or a Capacitor or an inductor. This can cost less than \$1 worth of components. I personally like 17 to 20 kHz range detectors for Gold nuggets. Because, If we go higher than that machine would be so sensitive that will die in black sand. Dealers, usually like to sell 40- 71 kHz detectors because they show a very good air test. On my opinion, Air tests are the worst way of showing the performance of a detector especially if the detector is a gold detector, because a good gold de-

tector is for black sand conditions (not air) to operate. If detector is in 50 or higher frequency range, Signal will bounce easily by black sand, because sensitivity is high and machine thinks of black sand as small nuggets. Here is the catch, It is easy to build a detector in any frequency we wish, but it is very hard to control the effect of minerals in higher range, unless our design has some filters or circuits that can eliminate black sand and mineral response. High freq. cannot go deep because of minerals in the soil(signal will be reflected)therefore we will miss big nuggets but in exchange we will get small nuggets just on the surface. If you are money wise, then, you like the big nuggets, not the tiny ones. With high freq. you will loose depth in mineralized soil, and you will sweep over many nuggets without detecting them. Think of high and low freq. as 'light' and 'radio'. light is high freq. Radio waves are low freq. (with respect to light). Light cannot pass though most objects and reach the target, but you can still listen to radio in a submarine. That is the deference. It is not iron itself but the oxides like Fe2O3 or Fe3O4 that help the signal to boost. You have heard from magazines that if treasure is buried for long time, it can be detected easier. This statement is right and wrong, If the treasure is IRON, then it is right ,because Iron Oxides will be released and the target will look bigger for the Detector, but if Treasure is Gold , (Gold does not have any oxides) even if it is buried for a million year, the detection depth will not improve a single inch.

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*What is the Gold Searchers
of Southern Nevada?*

It is a local, non profit, Las Vegas Club comprised of members from all walks of humanity. Be it young "Greenhorns" or "Seasoned Prospectors." Some members are experts in such fields as Geology, Mineralogy, and even Mine Engineering. Some are Couchpotatologists. But most of all, members have a common love of their freedom to explore the "Great Outdoors."

GOLD FEVER spurs a lot of us to get out and extract enjoyment out of our mother earth, and learn more about her hidden wealth. There's a wealth of knowledge to be obtained, and friendships to be made. Lest we forget, the wealth of excitement in finding that beautiful, yellowish metal called **GOLD!**

Though finding **GOLD** is not our sole priority (we do public service for the mining industry, such as teaching scouts,

(702) 393-GOLD

and public school students how to pan gold), it is, however a lot of what we are about.

We are a fun-loving bunch that welcomes new members, and we gather together on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:45 PM, at the NEVADA PALACE HOTEL AND CASINO, 5255 S. Boulder Highway, Las Vegas. We voice our opinions as one on such matters as land use, and mining laws. Also, to help others who have become aware of our recreation or livelihood. We teach how to use mineral rights without abusing them, and work to protect our rights to continue in our prospecting interests. The majority of our members own a Metal Detector. Our Club plans field trips where such an instrument could help unearth that precious metal. Others in our Club put more trust into known gold extracting equipment, such as Dry Washers or Recirculating Sluices. Some of their equipment is handmade, and some of it is store bought. Being in a local Club, such as ours, can help you to see and use a variety of mining equipment first hand in a location known to produce **GOLD.**

Our Club is open for your

Laub, Stanley & Shirley

inspection. You may attend **TWO GENERAL MEETINGS** and/or go one **FIELD TRIP** with the **GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA** free of charge. After that, simply join the Club for a mere membership fee of \$35.00 for the first year and \$20.00 each year thereafter. This is a "**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**" which includes all your immediate family. Once you join, you receive the Club's monthly newsletter, **THE HIGHGRADER.**" The **HIGHGRADER** contains news from the general and board meetings, upcoming field trip information, articles relating to prospecting, and you may even submit your own articles or place an ad in the Free Classified section for publication. We would love to have you join our Club! A membership application is in this issue for your convenience. Simply complete and enclose your check for \$35.00 then either bring it to our next meeting or mail to us at:

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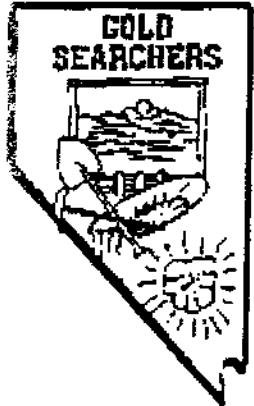
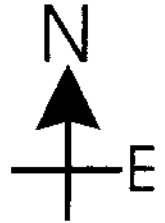
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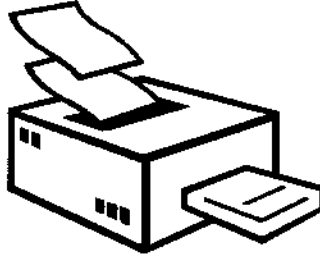
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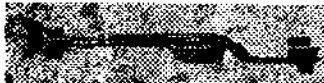
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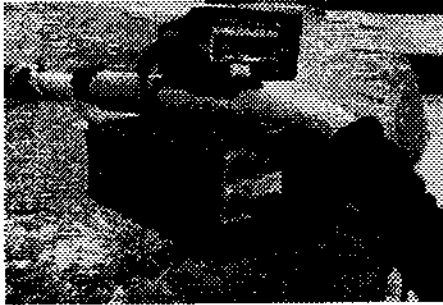
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