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Seems like I just put out a Post Boy a month ago and did that month fly by. Here it is, March already. February is way too short.

This month there will be a lot of rather boring reading for all of you to do as the last six pages of this month's publication are filled with the revised bylaws of our club. We hope you will read through them, or at least the parts that have been revised (in red or underlined) so you can render an intelligent verdict when the vote comes up next month. If you have any questions or suggestions for further revision, send it to Terri Edwards at; renostamp@earthlink.net.

John Wetterling gave the program this month, and what about? What else? The stamps of Sweden. Seems Swedish stamps are both the hardest and easiest to collect. The varieties are simple and there are only three watermarks but the most expensive stamps in the world come from Sweden. Nice job, John. Its always interesting to hear about other peoples collection.

Advertising is a good way to let the public know what you have to offer. I would like to offer a small space for you to tell the club what you are bringing to the next club meeting to sell on the auction board. Most of the things we bring will just go up for auction but what if you have something special that is unusual or cost a little more? By advertising, the members can come prepared. It will give them
a chance to see if they need it or can afford it. In that light, here is the first!

I will bring a collection of "Celebrate the Century" sheets that come with a set of ten books published by the post office. Each book describes the events of the decade that are shown on each stamp. The post office sold these books with mint sheets for $\$ 350$ per set. I will offer them for $\$ 250$ and include a complete set of sheets with first day cancellations and the mint sheets.

The bonus question in last month's quiz was about the smell and taste of a new a Chinese stamp. Alas, it is not to be. According to Linns the report from Ananova was incorrect, No smell or taste will issue from this issue.

There are a few "PEX's" and the Easter Seals Show coming up. Hope you didn't miss the APS show in Riverside.
FRESPEX 2007 March 10-11, 2007 Fresno County Fair-grounds Commerce Building, Kings Canyon Ave \& Chance Ave, Fresno, California at 10-6 \& 10-4.
The Easter Seals Stamp Show in Sacramento will be on Mar 31 and Apr 1 at the Easter Seals Society Center, 3205 Hurley Way at 10 to 6 and 10 to four.
SOPEX 2007 March 31 to April 1 at the Jackson County Fairgrounds near Central Point, Oregon.
WESTPEX 2007 on Apr 27-29 in San Francisco at the Airport Marriot, 1800 Old Bayshore Hwy in Burlingame.
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"Atlantium recognises that the days of nation-states founded on fixed geographical locations or majority ethnic identities are numbered, as global mobility, cultural evolution, and the growth of electronic communication networks render the assumptions that underlie and provide justification for their existence increasingly obsolete."

The Empire of Atlantium is established without borders and does not lay claim to any land. All people of the world are invited to join. Why do I bring this site to you? Two reasons. I thought it was neat and they have stamps. Not a lot of stamps, just one new issue and ten previous issues. You can buy them but they are a bit expensive (75 cents for the individual stamps and $\$ 10.50$ for a sheet).

What about postal validity? Are the stamps real? Well, yes and no. I haven't held one in my hand so I can't say they're real but the picture of them looks real enough to me. The Empire of Atlantium isn't a member of the Universal Postal Union so you can't send a letter to Timbuktu with their stamps but they do claim a small postal area where the stamps can be used. You can send a letter locally between the "Imperium Proper" and the Sidney (Australia) post office in Potts Point. I suspect that's about a two block walk from the emperor's house. Also available from the "post office" is the first day cover ( $\$ 5.40$ ) shown below. If you want to buy their stamps, or anything else for sale, you have two options for payment. PayPal or cash (USD only)!


First day cover issued on 19 Secundus, 10525 (24/02/2006)

There is much to explore on this


The 50 Soldi definitive

I seem to have gotten a little tired of doing these quizzes with an accent so this month we return to the United States and the Scott Specialized. If you don't have it, the Sparks library on 12th street has one from 2003.

1. Who appears on the 1972 stamp honoring stamp collecting?
A) George Washington
B) Benjamin Franklin
C) Bill Gates
2. What sport is honored on a 1974 ten cent commemorative?
A) Horse racing
B) Horseshoes
C) Basketball
3. Who is on the thirteen cent stamp in the 1938 definitives?
A) Millard Filmore
B) Franklin Pierce
C) James Buchanan
4. The Great River Road is on a 1966 stamp. What river does it follow?
A) Platte
B) Ohio
C. Mississippi
5. What value is represented by the " C " stamps of 1981 ?
A) 15 cents
B) 20 cents
C) 22 cents
6. How many stamps make up each of the Bicentennial Souvenir sheets of 1976 ?
A) Five
B) Ten
C) Twelve
7. How many stamps are there in the butterfly issue of 1977 ?
A) Four
B) Six
C) Ten
8. What law is honored on a 1964 postal card?
A) Patriot Act
B) Civil Rights Act
C) Social Security Act
9. What is the denomination of the parcel post stamp of 1912 showing a city letter carrier?
A) Two cents
B) Three cents
C) Four cents
10. What Washington DC building is shown on a 1947 ten cent airmail stamp?
A) Capitol
B. Pan American Union
C) White House

Bonus question. Using the Atlantium calendar, what is the first day of issue of the 50 soldi definitive?

Now that I've gotten my US quiz fix out of the way I will return to a foreign land again next month. Its a country full of people a lot like us but they say "eh!" a lot. What country do you suppose it might be?

There are more than 300 islands in Bermuda but only 20 are inhabited. During our civil war, some Bermudans made a fortune blockade-running for the South and during our prohibition era they smuggled booze to us. Gotta love 'em.

1. A. Almost all first issues (including England's) of the British Colonies feature a picture of the good queen Victoria. Issued in 1865, \#1 shows a profile of the, still young, queen.
2. C. These definitives were issued during the reign of King George V and the high value is $£ 1$ (\#54). The high values were also used as revenue stamps.
3. B. Hamilton is the capitol of Bermuda and Hamilton harbor is shown on the $1 / 2$ penny stamp, \#105.
4. A. While the first stamp was issued in 1865, the postmaster provisionals were used from 1848. \# 135 shows the first of those along with a cameo of king George VI.
5. C. Tennis is the sport that is highlighted on \# 304-07 with scenes of the first US, English and Bermudan tennis courts.
6. B. \# 343-46 celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Somerset/St. George cricket clubs matches. The silver trophy is featured on the low value.
7. This question is just wrong. The 25th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's ascession to the throne was in 1978 (\#360-62) and the royal visit in 1975 (\#316-17). The answer is supposed to be C-1975. Not to worry, you got it right!
8. C. These stamps are \# 337-42 and show 6 different tall ships. Beautiful ships but an awful lot of work running them.
9. B. The Girl Guides were started two years after the Boy Scouts by the same man (Robert Baden-Powell) when the the girls said they wanted to be good scouts too. Bermuda Girl Guides began ten years later in 1919 and the fiftieth anniversary was celebrated in 1969 (\#230-33).
10. A. Sir George Somers who brought the first settlers to Bermuda sailed to Jamestown (VA) to find the settlers near starvation. He returned to Bermuda to pick up supplies for them only to die there a few days later.

Bonus: The Chinese gum will give you the taste of sweet and sour pork. Yum, yum.
Wonder if they have take-out for those Chinese stamps?

# Summary of Substantive Changes 

Addition of Article III, Section 9, HONORARY MEMBERS
Substitution of STAMPSHOW for NEVPEX throughout the document
Changing the number of BOARD meeting from (6) six per annum to quarterly
Further definition of the duties of BOARD members as the head of standing committees with each of the standing committees identified, their purpose established and the duties defined.
Addition of Article X, Dissolution of the Club
Addition of a description of the process for amendments/revisions to the by-laws

## BYLAWS <br> of the <br> NEVADA STAMP STUDY SOCIETY

The original Bylaws were adopted September 15, 1975 at Carson City, Nevada and are hereby subsequently amended.

## ARTICLE I <br> Name and Object

This organization shall be known as the NEVADA STAMP STUDY SOCIETY, INC. Its purpose is to foster, develop and promote the avocation of stamp study and collecting.

ARTICLE II
The Post Boy
The Post Boy shall be the official journal of the Society and shall be published on a regular schedule by an editor appointed by the BOARD of DIRECTORS at a frequency determined by said board. All income to the Society in consequence of the publication of the Post Boy, whether from advertising or otherwise, shall be payable directly to the Treasurer and shall be deposited to a fund of the Society.

## Article III

The Membership
Section 1. QUALIFICATIONS: Any person of good character, interested in philately, may become a member of the NEVADA STAMP STUDY SOCIETY in accordance with the provisions of this article.

Section 2. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: Application for membership in the Society shall be in writing and in such form as the BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall from
time to time prescribe.
Section 3. FEES AND DUES:
(a) The annual dues for membership shall be as recommended by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS and adopted by the membership from time to time.
(b) The membership year shall commence the first day of August. Dues shall be payable in advance. An application for membership shall be accompanied by such portion of the annual dues as is equal to dues pro-rated monthly for the remainder of the fiscal year, from the date of application to the 31st of July next ensuing, except that in the case of an application received between the first day of May and the first day of August, the dues accompanying the application shall include the annual dues for the next ensuing fiscal year.
(c) The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall act upon an application for membership. If an application is not accepted, the accompanying fees and dues shall be returned to the applicant.
Section 4. ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP: Any member of the Society under 18 years of age shall be a junior member of the Society and shall be entitled to all of the rights and privileges of membership, except the right or privilege of serving as a voting DIRECTOR, PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY or TREASURER of the Society.

Section 5. GOOD STANDING: A member in good standing within the meaning of that term as used in these Bylaws, is one who is not in default in the payment of dues or other indebtedness to the Society, and against whom no charges are pending.

Section 6. NON-PAYMENT OF DUES OR OTHER OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS: If a member is in arrears in the payment of dues or other financial obligations to the Society for a
period of thirty (30) days, that fact shall be certified to the BOARD OF DIRECTORS by the SECRETARY or the TREASURER and published once in the Post Boy. If the dues in arrears are not paid within a period of time fixed by the BOARD, the delinquent member shall be dropped from the membership.

Section 7. EXPULSION:
(a) Any member convicted in any Court of Justice with a crime involving philatelic material shall be expelled by the BOARD from the Society.
(b) Any member found guilty by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of an intentional fraudulent or unethical conduct as a stamp collector or dealer, shall be suspended from the Society as herein provided.
(c) Any member found guilty by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of any conduct which has been declared by general resolution of the Society or the BOARD to be unbecoming, shall be suspended for a definite period or expelled from the Society, as herein provided.
(d) Charges of such conduct shall be in writing, and may be preferred by any member in good standing. All charges and notice of the time and place of hearing, shall be given to the member against whom the charges are preferred, either in person or by certified mail, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed by the BOARD for the hearing thereof. On or before that date the member against whom the charges have been preferred shall have the right to file an answer in writing to the charges.
Section 8. REINSTATEMENT: A former member may make application for reinstatement. All applications for reinstatement shall be subject to approval by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS and the payment of dues for the current fiscal year, and any indebtedness to the Society. The decision of the BOARD upon reconsideration shall be final.

Section 9. HONORARY MEMBERS: The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall be empowered t grant honorary membership to certain individuals in recognition of their service to the CLUB and/or the philatelic community. Honorary members shall not be assessed dues.

## ARTICLE IV

## Meetings of the Society

Section 1. MEETINGS: Regular meetings of the NEVADA STAMP STUDY SOCIETY shall be held as determined by the membership and/or the BOARD and shall ordinarily be the second and fourth Saturday of each month.

Section 2. QUORUM: A quorum for the transaction of any and all business at any meeting of the Society shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the active members in good standing.

Section 3. RULES OF ORDER: All parliamentary questions shall be decided according to ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER REVISED, when not in conflict with the provisions of the Articles or Bylaws.

## ARTICLE V Officers

Section 1. ELIGIBILITY: Any member of the NEVADA STAMP STUDY SOCIETY in good standing, who is 18 years of age or older, shall be eligible to hold any office in the Society or to serve on any committee, provided however, that a candidate for the office of PRESIDENT shall have previously served either as an elective officer, or as a member of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS, or as chairman of a standing committee.

Section 2. ELECTIVE OFFICERS: The elective officers of the Society shall be a PRESIDENT, a VICE PRESIDENT, a SECRETARY, a TREASURER and three to five directors. Such officers shall serve until the election and qualification of their successors in office, two (2) years for officers and three (3) for BOARD members.
(a) A permanent RESIDENT AGENT and the STAMP SHOW GENERAL CHAIRMAN, appointed by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall be non-voting members of the BOARD if not already on the BOARD. In any case the total number of elected officers and BOARD members shall be an odd number.

## Section 3. ELECTION:

(a) The Nomination and Election Committee shall select persons most suitable for officers,
then approach members selected, tell them the duties and see if they are willing to run. The slate will then be published in the JUNE issue of the Post Boy so that other nominations can be made, The Chairman of the Nomination and Election Committee will present the slate at the last regular meeting in JULY and a vote will be taken. If a member is not going to be able to attend the election meeting, an absentee ballot may be obtained at the meeting prior to the election or from the Nomination and Election Committee chairman.
(b) A secret ballot in writing shall be taken among members present in the event of nomination from the floor.
(c) Ballot format will be decided by the Nomination and Election committee.
(d) In case of a tie vote or if the successful candidate for any office dies, the election shall be decided as soon as possible by decision of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
(e) The PRESIDENT, TREASURER and one or two BOARD members will be elected on the odd years. The VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY and one or two BOARD members will be elected on even years.
Section 4. COLLECTORS AND DEALERS: not less than two-thirds of the elected officers shall be stamp collectors who are not licensed dealers, classified as such by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Section 5. VACANCIES: In case of a vacancy in the offices of any officer of the Society such vacancy shall be as follows:
(a) In the office of PRESIDENT, the VICE PRESIDENT shall assume his duties.
(b) In the event of any other vacancy, the BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall call a board meeting within fifteen (15) days for the purpose of naming a new officer.
Section 6. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE: Any elective officer may be removed from office or suspended for a definite period of time by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS, upon being found guilty by the BOARD of misconduct in office or negligent of or in-attention to official duty, or upon being found by the BOARD unable to perform official duties by reason of physical or mental incapacity. Any officer or committee chairman may be removed from office or suspended for a definite period for cause, by the BOARD, or charges may be preferred in writing by three or more members in good standing. Where charges are so preferred by members, the BOARD shall first determine whether the charges are of sufficient gravity to justify a hearing thereon, and if so, or in case they shall have decided to act upon their own initiative, they shall cause notice in writing to be served upon the officer against whom the charges are made, not less than ten (10) days prior to the date fixed by them for the hearing thereof. All charges shall be definite and specific, and a copy thereof shall be served with the notice of the hearing. Not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the BOARD must concur in any order for removal from office.

## ARTICLE VI

Duties of officers

## Section 1. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

(a) The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall consist of the PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER and three to five Directors. The BOARD shall have full power to manage the business and affairs of the Society except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, but shall exercise its power in conformity with such definite orders and instructions as shall be given to it by the members of the Society by majority vote taken by ballot in a referendum conducted in the manner as herein provided.
(b) The BOARD shall meet not less than_quarterly and may be convened by the PRESIDENT or by any three members of the BOARD for the general transaction of business, or for the consideration of special matters as may be specified in the call for the meeting.
(c) In order to expedite the transaction of business, the BOARD may also take votes by mail, email, or telephone upon any question or questions. The SECRETARY shall confirm and record the vote and notify the other members of the BOARD of the result not later than the next board meeting.
(d) The BOARD shall have the authority to define by general resolution that conduct considered unbecoming a member shall be the basis for disciplinary action.
(e) One or more members of the BOARD selected by the BOARD shall have the authority to
sign with the Treasurer for distribution of funds from the accounts of the Society. Section 2. THE PRESIDENT:
(a) The PRESIDENT shall preside at meetings of the Society and BOARD OF DIRECTORS
(b) Shall appoint with the approval of the BOARD, the various standing committees.
(c) Shall execute on behalf of and in the name of the Society, when so authorized by the BOARD, all contracts, deeds and other legal instruments.
(d) Shall have general supervision over all officers and standing committees, to the end of that there shall be full and complete performance of their duties by each of said officers and committees.
(e) Shall upon termination of their office serve as a member of the BOARD for the period of not less than one year to assist in maintaining continuity in the affairs of the Society.
Section 3. THE VICE PRESIDENT: The VICE PRESIDENT shall assist the PRESIDENT and act in his/her place when necessary.
Section 4. THE SECRETARY:
(a) Shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Society and the BOARD OF DIRECTORS which shall be permanently filed. The SECRETARY shall attest all legal documents and shall perform such other duties as are delegated elsewhere in the Bylaws.
(b) Shall edit and approve all official notices to be published in the Post Boy. Shall be charged with the collection and preservation of all general records and official documents of the Society, except as otherwise herein provided.
(c) Shall compile and send a list of members of the Society to all members upon publication of same
Section 5. THE TREASURER:
(a) The TREASURER shall be responsible for the custody of all securities of the Society subject to the supervision of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
(b) Shall advise the SECRETARY in all matters concerning the financial duties discharged and may authorize disbursements of funds on vouchers signed as above provided.
(c) Shall present to the BOARD annually a complete statement prepared in collaboration with the SECRETARY, of the assets and liabilities of the Society and of the financial transactions of the Society, accompanied by the bank statements of the amount of money and securities on deposit or held in trust at the time of such statements and any report of any official audit of the accounts.
(d) Shall collect all dues and fees, and keep proper books of account showing all receipts, disbursements and balances of cash on hand. Shall deposit all monies of the Society in a bank or banks designated by the BOARD to the credit of the Society.
(e) Shall receive all applications for membership, forward them to the BOARD, together with all data which may be received in connection therewith.
(f) Shall have custody of the seal, keep the records of members and issue membership cards and receipts.
Section 6. THE DIRECTORS: The three to five Directors shall have supervision of such activities of the Society as may be assigned to them by the PRESIDENT or the BOARD OF DIRECTORS, and shall help to promote the Society. At a minimum, a DIRECTOR will head, supervise, and report on the activities of one of the standing committees defined below.

Section 7. JUNIOR MEMBERS: The BOARD OF DIRECTORS may select a junior member of the Society to sit as an advisor and observer, with the BOARD; if junior membership warrants and any vacancy occurring in such appointment may be filled by the BOARD

Section 8. GENERAL PROVISIONS:
(a) In addition to the powers conferred and the duties imposed by this Article upon the several officers of the Society, such officers shall exercise the powers conferred and perform the duties imposed upon them by the other articles of these Bylaws.
(b) Except as their duties otherwise herein provide for, the duties of the various administrative officers shall be such as may be prescribed by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
(c) No officer shall receive compensation for any service in the performance of the duties of
the office except reimbursement for any "out of pocket" expenses approved by the BOARD. ARTICLE VII
Standing Committees
Section 1. APPOINTMENT: Subject to the approval of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS, the PRESIDENT shall appoint the following committees, each to consist of such number of members as the PRESIDENT shall determine necessary.

1. STAMP SHOW COMMITTEE
2. DONATED ITEMS COMMITTEE
3. AUDIT COMMITTEE
4. NOMINATION and ELECTION COMMITTEE
5. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
6. YOUTH PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Section 2. TENURE: Such committee shall serve for the term of the DIRECTOR that heads the committee. Any member of the committee shall be subject to removal by the BOARD at any time.
Section 3. DUTIES: The duties of the standing committees, and the rules and regulations governing their operation, shall be prescribed by the BOARD, except as otherwise provided herein.

1. Stamp Show Committee

Purpose: to provide a forum for

1) exhibitors to develop and show their stamp exhibits and receive feedback from qualified philatelic judges;
2) stamp dealers and collectors to meet, and trade/sell philatelic items; and
3) the CLUB to advertise its existence and develop relationships
with potential new members.
Duties: defined in Section 4 below.
2. Donated Items Committee

Purpose: to receive and determine proper disposition of items that are donated to the club for the benefit of the club

Duties: a) serve as the point of contact for people wishing to donate items to the club.
b) receive and sort/organize donated items.
c) determine method of disposition and dispose of items in a manner that will best benefit the club
3. Audit Committee

Purpose: to insure the Club maintains clear and public records of monetary transactions.
a) Shall consist of three (3) members

1) DIRECTOR that heads the Audit Committee;
2) Vice President of the Club; and
3) A non-sitting member (chosen by DIRECTOR and approved by the BOARD)
b) Shall conduct a physical audit of the TREASURER'S records no less than annually between August and December of each year. A report shall be presented to the BOARD in the first BOARD meeting after December.
4. Nomination and Election Committee

Purpose: insure the Club conducts annual elections in accordance with the bylaws and has qualified and willing candidates.
Duties: defined in Article V, Section 3.
5. Membership Committee

Purpose: Recruit new members and integrate those new members into club activities quickly and easily.
Duties: a) Recruit new members:

1. Visitor follow up - Visitors sign the guest book. The Committee must follow up to say thank you for coming and determine their interest in becoming a member or not.
.2. Develop information about the club that a potential new member would want to know. Include a short list of membership benefits. Provide this information in some abbreviated format at club functions - Stamp show; State Fair; meetings; on the website; etc. and have the information available at club meetings for visitors that walk in.
2. Any other recruitment methods developed by the committee, but at a minimum develop advertising for the club and its meetings to promote new membership.
b) Integration of new members:
3. Develop and maintain a new member packet with information that a new member needs to know. Auction and consignment guidelines with several auction sheets; annual functions = holiday party, picnic, stamp show, State Fair, etc; auction bucks and how they work; member roster; by-laws; anything else you can think of.
4. Any other integration methods developed by the committee.
5. Youth Program Committee

Purpose: Promote the hobby of stamp collecting and the CLUB with an emphasis on youth of grade school through high school ages.
Duties: Develop and maintain an outreach program to youth in the community
Section 4. STAMP EXHIBITION:
(a) The regularly scheduled Philatelic Exhibition of the NEVADA STAMP STUDY SOCIETY shall be free to the general public, unless otherwise directed by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
(b) The dates and location of the Exhibition shall be determined by the STAMP SHOW GENERAL CHAIRMAN, however, the dates and location should be as stable as possible.
(c) A preliminary budget shall be prepared for each Exhibition and shall be presented for approval by the BOARD not later than six months prior to the scheduled dates. The budget shall be revised as necessary as income and expenses become more firm.

ARTICLE VIII
The NEVADA STAMP STUDY SOCIETY may affiliate with any other philatelic organization at the discretion of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS or by a majority vote of the membership.

ARTICLE IX
Fiscal Year
The fiscal year for the Society shall commence on August 1st in each calendar year. ARTICLE X
Dissolution of CLUB
There may come a time when it is necessary to dissolve the CLUB. The assets of the CLUB shall be sold, all debts paid and all remaining cash divided amongst the currently active memberships, on a share basis, using the following formula:
Value of one share $=$ Total Assets $\div$ Total Shares
Where the Number of shares per membership = Type Multiplier X Length of Membership
And the type multiplier shall be
1.00 per individual membership
1.25 per family membership

## ARTICLE XI <br> Amendments

The Bylaws of the Society may be amended as herein provided. Amendments may be proposed by a petition signed by at least five (5) members in good standing and/or by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The PRESIDENT shall insure the amendments are presented in the overall context of the then current bylaws. The revisions shall be published in the Post Boy and a membership vote to accept or reject the proposed changes shall occur no earlier than one month after publication.

## END OF BYLAWS

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