



# CONTACTS

The Official Newsletter of KCRC  
An AMA Chartered Club #390 for 71 Years

December 2025

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## Greetings KCRC Members,

Our most recent meeting gave us a lot to think about as we begin planning for an exciting year ahead. We appreciate everyone who shared ideas, feedback, and goals your participation helps keep our club active, enjoyable, and growing.

## Upcoming Events

### Max Klotz Icicle Fun Fly

Mark your calendars! Our annual Icicle Fun Fly will take place on January 1st, 2026. This is always a great way to kick off the new year with friends, flying, and a little bit of cold-weather courage. We look forward to seeing a strong turnout, warm smiles, and some amazing aircraft in the sky.

### Officer Club Appreciation Dinner

We are working to finalize plans for our annual appreciation dinner. Details should be confirmed and shared soon, so please keep an eye out for updates. Thank you for your patience and continued support.

### Runway Maintenance

Unfortunately, our runway was temporarily closed due to necessary maintenance. Safety and facility quality are important priorities, and we ap-

preciate everyone's understanding while work was being completed.

### Winter Flying Reminder

As the temperatures drop, please remember to dress warmly, fly safely, and most importantly—have fun. Wishing you all smooth flights and a great month ahead!

May your skies be blue and winds be calm  
President Edwin Chavez

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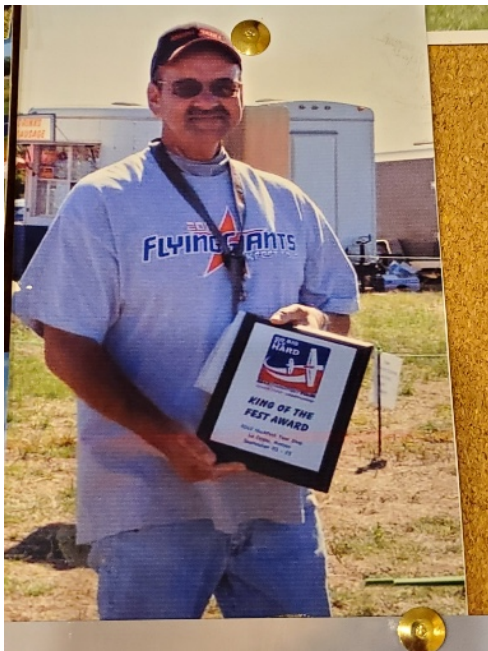
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Most people know this great RC Man, Richard Carey. He grew up flying and building airplanes with his father. They were known for the Carey birds. I have a small sketch of their design. Richard built many small glow planes, and later in his flying years, he built

some bigger planes. The most impressive planes he built were the two 126-inch wingspan Edge 540 with DA-150 cc engines. Fiber glass fuselages ( foam core wood covering wings). Richard had the yellow , white, and grey. He also built Larry Smith's too. Richard put a smoke pump on his and was definitely a crowd-pleaser. That's why he was named King of the Huck fest. Richard bought and built a couple of Terry Whites kits, MXS and Viper. Most light-weight and easy-flying airframes. People knew Richard could fix and repair airframes and always asked if he didn't mind mending a few!! Yes, I miss his great spirit and passion to fly. May the blue skies and warm weather stay around to enjoy flying.

Barbara Carey

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## Minutes of the October 16, 2025 Meeting

### OPENING INFORMATION

The meeting was called to order by club president Edwin Chavez at 7:00 p.m. at the flying field. 21 people were in attendance: Deon Cross, Keith Stevens, Susan Calvin, Duane Hulen, Charley Boyd, Jesse Casteel, Richard Strickland, Bill Steinweg, Stan Harrington, Tom Carroll, Mike Ryken, Mike McFarland, James Sineath, David Wallace, Dan Dowdy, Jim Cianciola, John Midgoden, Darrell Kunard, Tom Bomstad, Edwin Chavez, Phillip Lucido

There were no first-time club members present, no visitors, and no one wanting to learn to fly.

### CLUB OFFICER REMARKS

1. September meeting minutes were approved as written by club vote.
2. VP had nothing to report.
3. The Treasurer was absent. Deon Cross presented a summary of the bank account.
4. The Secretary and newsletter editor did not have anything to report.
5. The Park Liaison had nothing to report.
6. The Safety Officer, Susan Calvin, provided a synopsis of the safety report in the news article where someone was standing on the runway while flying their plane. Someone remarked that we could provide rules to be handed out when people purchase a flying park pass. Keith Stevens said he would prepare something to review for our next meeting. Susan also gave an update on the EAA Young Eagles build and fly event saying the kids are doing well and the plane is on the table. She said the wing was reinforced and should not fail with the other trainer. She asked if anyone had small balsa airplane models they'd be willing to donate to the kids then please contact her.
7. Deon Cross provided a recap of our previous event at the flying field, the October Fun Fly. This was our last flying event of 2025. Deon thanked Keith and David and others who volunteered their time and assisted with logistics for the day. He mentioned it was a foggy morning, mild temps, and light breeze that got a bit stiffer as the sun came up. The fog prevented the pilots from seeing the trees early on. We had a total of 19 registered pilots and 60 raffle tickets sold. There were approximately 30 aircraft of all types and sizes on display and a lot of flying. Pilots Choice and Overall Best Model awards were awarded to Jon Brit. There is a write-up of his plane in the October newsletter. We had two new members join the club during this event. There was also a young Park Ranger that came by and showed interest in the club. Many thanks to Edwin for donating all 12 raffle items. Thanks again to those who came out and supported this event. We hope everyone had a good time.
8. Deon reminded everyone that we have our monthly if we meet our break-even ticket sale goal. We have also added a second raffle that will be drawn at the March appreciation dinner. Sign-up for the 2nd new drawing is automatically calculated from your monthly meeting attendance of the previous year, January thru December.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. It was approved by club vote to crack seal the flying field runway using Pavement Management LLC. Blow clean random asphalt cracks 1/8" and wider with



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compressed air and seal with RS221 hot applied rubber sealant and squeegee flush on approximately 2,200 SY of asphalt runway. \$2,750. This is for crack repairs only, not coating the entire runway surface. It was mentioned to look into the AMA site improvement grants for the crack sealing. Keith is going to look into this and get back with the club during the next meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Saturday, December 6th, 2025, RC SWAP'n Shop. Presented by the Shawnee Mission Radio Control Club of Lenexa Kansas. Kids under 10 are free. \$7 for adults. Lenexa Community Center, 13420 Oak Street, Lenexa, KS.
2. We are now taking KCRC club membership renewals for 2026. Forms are available in paper copy at meetings. Individual is \$40/yr, family in the same household is \$50/yr, 19 and under is free, cash or check.
3. It was requested that Jimmy C ask the parks if they would fill some potholes on the gravel drive and parking lot at the flying field and remove the tree stump at the site.
4. Cookies for EAA Hangar club location meetings: November-Jon Britt, December-Susan Calvin, January-Keith Stevens, February-Phil Lucido, March-Tom Carroll
5. Please be thinking about volunteering for chef duties for club meetings at the field next year.
6. Please volunteer for event manager and assistants for next year's events. We need fresh faces to help run them.
7. Preliminary discussions for next year's club appreciation dinner: It was brought up that we should have it somewhere other than V's due to high cost. Club members are asked to research venues and bring them to

next month's meeting. Need cost for venue and location. Plan for 50 people on March 14th. Does the club pay for half the cost? There was a recommendation for the club to pay for the protein and others to bring a side dish/dessert.

8. The club approved by vote to keep Angel Flight Central as our charity for NMAD for 2026.
9. Our next club flying event is Thursday, January 1st, 10 a.m. at the field, Max Klotz Memorial Icicle Fun Fly. Need volunteers to bring chili and desserts. Chili volunteers are David Wallace, Richard Strickland, and Jon Britt. Desserts are Duane Hulen and Deon Cross.
10. David Wallace recommended the club have a capital improvement committee. The club officers agreed. David is going to lead the committee and reach out to a couple of people to assist him.

### CLOSING REMARKS

Next club meeting is Wednesday, November 19th, and will be at the EAA building at the Lee's Summit Airport. No raffle tonight because we didn't meet the \$200 threshold. Special speakers tonight after the formal meeting are Richard Strickland and Tom Bomstad sharing stories and pics from their trip to air races at Reno, Nevada, and Roswell, New Mexico after the formal meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Keith Stevens



## Minutes of the November 19, 2025 Meeting

### OPENING INFORMATION

The meeting was called to order by club VP Deon Cross at 7 p.m. at the EAA Hangar.

19 people were in attendance: Deon Cross, Keith Stevens, Susan Calvin, Duane Hulen, Charley Boyd, Richard Strickland, Tom Carroll, David Wallac, John Midgoden, Phillip Lucido, Jon Britt, Don Sladky, Tom Safley, Anthony Sgaraglino, Jogn Carnal, Barbara Carey, Pete Goebel, Darwin Ulledahl, Jim Hulse.

### CLUB OFFICER REMARKS

1. October meeting minutes were approved with the correction that the meeting was held at the EAA hangar by club vote.
2. VP had nothing to report.
3. The Treasurer, Jim Hulse, presented a summary of the bank account.
4. The Secretary and newsletter editor did not have anything to report.
5. The Park Liaison was absent. It appears that potholes at the flying field were filled.
6. The Safety Officer, Susan Calvin, provided a synopsis of the safety report regarding LiPo battery safety. She asked if anyone had small balsa airplane models they'd be willing to donate to the kids, then please contact her.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Pavement Management LLC sealed the runway cracks last week at a cost of \$2,750. Keith will submit that for AMA grant funding for 2026.
2. Saturday, December 6th, 2025, RC SWAP'n Shop. Presented by the Shawnee Mission Raio Control Club of

Lenexa Kanas. Kids under 10 are free. \$7 for adults. Lenexa Community Center, 13420 Oak Street, Lenexa, KS.

3. Time to renew your membership. Individual is \$40, family in the same household is \$50, 19 and younger is free. Cash or check.
4. Richard and Tom gave a nice presentation on their trip to Roswell for the air races and also provided some history on the event. If you want to present, let Deon know.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. The Scouts asked me to pass along to the club how much they appreciated our support. They say our events are the most enjoyable of all the places they attend. Also, quite often the kids working our events are the recipients of the financial help for camp and other activities they can't afford on their own.
2. Volunteers for cookies? Thank you to all who have volunteered to help. Thank you, Jon, for bringing them tonight.
  - i. Dec is Susan
  - ii. Jan is Keith
  - iii. Feb is Phil
  - iv. March is Tom Carroll
3. Hot dog cooks for meetings starting in April 2026. Keith will take the first month, April. I lost my notes on the rest of the months. We'll go over again.
4. It was requested that Jimmy C ask the parks if they would fill some potholes on the gravel drive and parking lot at the flying field and remove the tree stump at the site.



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5. There is lot of discussion regarding March 2026 Appreciation dinner. We'll take it to vote in Decembers meeting.
  - a. Jon: V's.
  - b. Duane: Church on Todd George Rd and Legacy Grill on Woods Chapel Rd.
  - c. Keith: Blue Springs Brewery.
  - d. Susan: DAV
  
6. By club vote, Angel Flight Central is our charity for NMAD in 2026 and they are very happy to be chosen again. They are having an Open House on May 1st and all are invited. Charles Wheeler airport downtown. More info to come.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Our next flying event will be Thurs Jan 1st, New Year's Day, 10 AM at the field, for the Max Klotz Memorial Icicle Fun Fly.

- i. Chili: Richard, David, Jon.
- ii. Desserts: Deon, Duane

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Keith Stevens





# 2025 Summer Events in Review





## 4th Annual Mike Ryken June 7, 2025

# Jet Rally



LOCATION	INFORMATION	REQUIREMENTS
Charles Road 88 Memorial Flying Field Located in Fleming Park 3061-3069 Peruvia Dr. Leola Springs, MO 64064 08° 50' 27" N, 94° 20' 31" W 500 x 50 Asphalt & Grass Runways	EDF and Turbine Welcome First Choice and Best Model Awards No Electrical Power for Charging Generators Welcome Lunch and Breakfast available for purchase from Scout Troop 1206	Registration at 8:00 A.M. Pilot Meeting at 9:00 A.M. Landing fee \$20 AMA Membership FAA or Aircraft Posted Flying Rules Apply

AMA SANCTIONED EVENT #18117  
Event Leader: Edwin Chavez edchavez@charlesroad88.com



# Fun Fly

July 12, 2025



**Raffle Plane**  
Cessna Cub S 2+  
\$1 ea. or \$10 ea \$10

LOCATION	INFORMATION	REQUIREMENTS
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**William Tell Balloon Bust**  
**Soda Cracker Run**

The soda cracker must be used for all events unless crushed and in real state to be flown as determined by the judges.

For event rules  
[www.kcradiocontrol.com](http://www.kcradiocontrol.com)

**Skill Test**  
**Two Speed Race**

Fun Fly is for fixed wing only (gas, glow or electric) and no turbines or FPV.

AMA SANCTIONED EVENT #18116  
Event Leader: Phil Luskdo luskdo402@aol.com

October 11, 2025



# Fall Fly-In

"Just friends and flying"



LOCATION	INFORMATION	REQUIREMENTS
Charles Road 88 Memorial Flying Field Located in Fleming Park 3061-3069 Peruvia Dr. Leola Springs, MO 64064 08° 50' 27" N, 94° 20' 31" W 500 x 50 Asphalt & Grass Runways	Pilot Choice and Best Model Awards No Electrical Power for Charging Generators Welcome Lunch and Breakfast available for purchase from Scout Troop 1206	Registration 8:30 A.M. Pilot Meeting at 9:00 A.M. Landing fee \$20 AMA Membership FAA or Aircraft Posted Flying Rules Apply





## WARBIRD & CLASSICS FLY-IN

SEPTEMBER 6, 2025



LOCATION	INFORMATION	REQUIREMENTS
Charles Road 88 Memorial Flying Field Located in Fleming Park 3061-3069 Peruvia Dr. Leola Springs, MO 64064 08° 50' 27" N, 94° 20' 31" W 500 x 50 Asphalt & Grass Runways	Pilot Choice and Best Model Awards No Electrical Power for Charging Generators Welcome Lunch and Breakfast available for purchase from Scout Troop 1206	Registration at 8:00 A.M. Pilot Meeting at 9:00 A.M. Landing fee \$20 AMA Membership FAA or Aircraft Posted Flying Rules Apply

AMA SANCTIONED EVENT #18246  
Event Leader: Susan Cahlin scscah47@earthlink.net

**AIRSHOW**  
11:30-12:30

**FLIGHT SCHOOL**  
9:00-11:30 and 1:00-4:00

**PARADE OF PLANES**  
12:30-1:00

## "Come fly with KC/RC"

August 16, 2025



All proceeds from the event will be donated to Angel Flight Central.  
Sponsor's: Surus USA | Jersey Modelair | B & D Graphics | Flight Tails | RTL Pastimes | PROGRESSIVE RC | B&B Inc | Broken | Hitec | Angel Flight Central | Surus USA

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AMA SANCTIONED EVENT #18117  
Event Leader: David Phillips kcrcrc@earthlink.net



# Thank You!

## 2025 Summer Event Pilots

Barbara Carey  
Clifford Brooks  
Craig McMichael  
David Wallace  
Dennis Brooks  
Deon Cross  
Duane Hulen  
Edwin Chavez  
Jesse Casteel  
Jim Hulse  
Jimmy Cianciolo  
John Midgorden  
Jon Britt  
Larry Legg  
Larry Smith  
Mark Nuetzmann  
Mike Ryken

Richard Strickland  
Anthony Sgaraglino  
Charles Burris  
Dan Dowdy  
Darrell Kunard  
Darwin Ulledahl  
David Parra  
Doug Lichti\*  
Elmer Harris  
Erie Rasmussen  
Evan Simpson  
Frank Curatalo  
Fred Prather  
Gary Gasser  
Greg Inkmann  
Howard Blue  
James Legg  
John Carnal

John Hoffman  
Johnathon Mowrey  
Keith Stevens  
Mike McFarland  
Nick DeGennare  
Pat Masters  
Phil Lucido  
Robert Green  
Scott Stondahl  
Sean Catil  
Todd Martin  
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Tom Bomstead  
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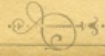
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Ft. Scott, KS  
Bolivar, MO  
Topeka, KS  
Tavares, FL

Berryton, KS  
Chandler, AZ  
Owensville, MO  
Derby, KS  
Clive, IA

## Jet Rally 2025

It was a little wet Saturday morning as the sun broke through the clouds, but that didn't hinder things at Charles Reed III Memorial Flying Field in Fleming Park. Scout Troop 306 had breakfast available for hungry modelers, and the pits started to fill as the rain moved out of the area. For a little while anyway. A quick meeting and raising of the flag by the Scouts and the 20 registered pilots were notified the fourth annual Mike Ryken Jet Rally had been cleared for takeoff. Modelers from surrounding areas and from as far away as Omaha and Wichita joined Kansas City Radio Control Association members for a great day of flying and modelers' camaraderie. A big thanks to the KC/RC ground crew for a great flight plan to kickoff our summer events.





## Summer Fun Fly 2025



It was a great day for a Fun Fly. Weather was good, a gentle breeze, and Troop 306 made available amazing breakfast, lunch, and peach cobbler for an afternoon snack. Not a better place to be on a summer afternoon. A huge thank you to Phil L and his ground crew for keeping things moving along. And by the way, don't let anyone tell you these events aren't competitive. KCRC pilots mean business.

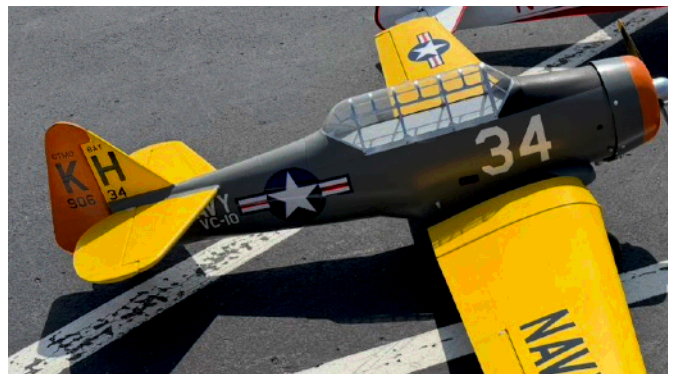


## 2025 National Model Aviation Day

Kansas City Radio Control Association celebrated National Model Aviation Day on August 16, 2025, at the Charles W. Reed III Memorial Flying Field in Lee's Summit, Missouri. With the theme of "Come Fly with KC/RC," visitors participated in KC/RC Ground School utilizing four flight simulators with club instructors in air-conditioned comfort along with buddy-box introductory flights on one of three KC/RC trainer aircraft led by more club member instructors. The highlight of the day was the KC/RC Airshow put on by our very best club pilots featuring mass Warbirds and EDF Jet rallies, Turbine Jets, Helicopters, Control Line Stunt and F2D Combat demonstrations, Autonomous and FPV Drones, F3A and IMAA aerobatics demonstrations, and simulated pylon racing. After the airshow, spectators were invited onto the runway to meet the pilots, get close to the planes, and vote for their favorites. Jesse Casteel won the spectators' favorite choice award with his beautiful B-25D Mitchell bomber, and Duane Hulen won best overall airshow with his giant Edge 540. The event enjoyed a great turnout with 30 pilots, 50+ airplanes, and more than 100 spectators. 25 youngsters registered for KC/RC Ground School & Simulator training and live introductory R/C flights. Local Boy Scout Troop 1306 prepared a delicious breakfast and lunch for all, and at the end of the day KC/RC hosted a BBQ potluck dinner for all registered pilots and their families. All pilot entry fees and raffle proceeds were donated to Angel Flight Central, whose mission is serving people in need of long-distance charitable aviation transport for health care and other humanitarian situations. See the news story in the post below and check us out online.



## 2025 Warbird and Classic Era

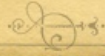


Kansas City Radio Control Association continued its summer schedule by hosting the annual Warbird & Classics Fly-In on September 6, 2025. Attended by club members and visiting pilots from across the metro area, the event highlighted more than 40 military and classic design radio control model aircraft. At noon, the airspace was cleared, allowing pilots and the public to get a close-up of the planes and meet the pilots in a “center line static display”.

## 2025 Fall Fly In

Here are a few pictures from the 2025 KC/RC “Just friends and flying” Fly-In. Thanks to everyone that braved the fog that morning. Once the clouds cleared, planes took to the sky, and the smells of breakfast filled the air. Thanks to Troop 1306 for being a huge part of all our events this summer. A shout out to the crew from RC Sport flyers for stopping by and our newest club member who treated us to a show with his 140-inch Bushmaster. And our new friend from Topeka that drove in to spend the day flying with us. And our local club members and leaders that made it a great event to close our 2025 club event schedule.





## Saturdays in Fleming Park





## 2026 Event Planner

Jan 1	Max Klotz Memorial Icicle Fun Fly
Feb 7	KC/RC Swap “n’ Shop
June 6	Jets Over Jacomo
July 11	Fly-n-Swap
Aug 22	National Model Aviation Day
TBD	Float & Fly
Sept 12	Annual Warbirds & Golden Era Fly-In
Oct 10	Fall Fly-In

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# New Year's Day at the Field: The Icicle Tradition.



For generations of Kansas City Radio Control Association members, January 1 hasn't meant sleeping in or watching bowl games—it's meant heading to the field. No matter what the thermometer said, pilots showed up for what became affectionately known as the Icicle Fly, Icicle Stick Fun Fly, or simply the New Year's Day Fly-In. It was the club's way of ringing in the year the right way: with airplanes, friends, and maybe a little frost on the runway.

The Icicle Fly was never about competition. It was informal by design—"bring what you've got and fly if you can." Newsletters from the late 1970s and early 1980s consistently list the January 1 event with no rules beyond showing up, flying safely, and enjoying the day. Some years the wind cooperated, other years the bravest accomplishment was just getting an engine started.

As the tradition grew, one name became inseparable from January 1 at the field, Max Klotz. By the early 1980s, Max was not only flying but actively shaping the character of the Icicle Fly. While serving as KCRC president, he regularly promoted the event in the January newsletters, encouraging all members—flyers and spectators alike—to attend.

Alongside Max, his wife played an equally important role. Together, they helped turn a cold weather fly-in into something genuinely welcoming. Club articles from the mid-to-late 1980s describe chili, hot chocolate, and coffee as staples of the event, along with simple certificates recognizing participation. One article notes that "Klotz brings her famous chili, hot chocolate, and coffee—it's worth seeing all the pilots flying with big smiles."

When Max passed away, his absence was deeply felt. In December 1991, the club formally voted to dedicate the New Year's Day Icicle Fly in his honor. Beginning with the January 1992 newsletter, the event was officially listed as the Max Klotz Memorial Icicle Fun Fly. The name changed, but the spirit did not.

### Icicle Fly Timeline

- Pre 1975–1979: January 1 "Icicle" flying events appear in KCRC schedules.
- 1980–1984: Event commonly listed as Icicle Fly or Icicle Stick Fun Fly.
- 1985–1991: Max and Sue Klotz repeatedly credited for food, certificates, and organization.
- December 18, 1991: Club votes to dedicate the event as a memorial.
- January 1992: First published use of "Max Klotz Memorial Icicle Fun Fly."



Family of Max and Sue Klotz joined KCRC for the event in 2024.



Steve Harrison and his Pilot Jet enjoying the last warm day of 2025.



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