

South West Washington Gold Prospectors May 2016 Newsletter

Letter from the President

Gold Shows are over for us this year. Our show went well and we received a lot of compliments from the GPAA and from vendors. As always there were a few glitches but overall everything went fine. We had lots of volunteers so that made the GPAA's job of running the show a lot easier.

Now we can continue to move forward with our chapter business and finish the projects we started and have scheduled to be finished. The bi-laws committee needs a few more members so we can finish our rework of the bi-laws. Sign-up sheets have been on the table in the back so let's fill them up. Our picnic is fast approaching, plus we are in the process of planning numerous outings including the May beach outing at Cape Disappointment and the trip to the Whites factory tentative for 3rd week in June.

Again I want to thank each and everyone of you who helped make this year's gold show a success, and volunteered for the various jobs leading up to and during the show. For those of you who were a member of the planning committee, to those of you who sold tickets and put up posters, signed up vendors (6 new ones this yr.) to those who spent a couple of week-ends teaching panning, and letting the public know about our club, those who helped contact and arrange for the celebs. Your efforts are appreciated and have not gone unnoticed by the GPAA.

We have a fun and exciting summer coming up, our outings coordinator is busy planning, so let's all enjoy!



Membership Committee

When you are signing in for attendance at the SWWGP meeting please be sure to verify name spelling, correct address w/zip code, e-mail address and phone number. If you are a current GPAA/ LDMA member be sure to let us know and give us your GPAA/LDMA membership number.

New faces

We have a lot of new members and visitors so be sure to say hello, stop and talk with them, and make them feel welcome.

We are in the process of updating our records. Thank you for your help, Richard Pluff Jr. 503-957-6884

Volunteers

Please sign up for the Picnic which will be held at Lewisville Park, Dogwood Shelter. We need Volunteers to help with the picnic activities, and it is also important for you to sign up for the number of people you are bringing as well as what dish etc. you would like to bring.

We have other sign-up sheets at the back sign-in table. Please take a moment to look those sheets over and add your name accordingly. Some are for committees and some are for activities.

Here are a few:

Bi-laws committee Debbie Witcher to chair.

Membership committee Richard Pluff to Chair

Trip to Whites metal detector factory and outing Myron Hastings to chair (tentative 3rd wk in June)

Outing at Cape Disappointment (May 11,12,13) Rodney Chavez to chair.

Get the lead out date to be determined Randy Harper to chair.

Celebration of Life for Linda Erickson May 21,2016 Chris and Becky Beck, Rodney Chavez contact persons.

Outings Chair Steve Lewin is planning outings Dates etc. to be announced.

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Other committees will be formed as needed. Please let Debbie Witcher know if your name was missed or if you would like to serve.

Committees to be filled:

Bi_laws

Laws and Regulations

GPAA Points tracking

Chapter Photos

Did you know your picture might be taken at club functions? Our club photographer Carol Brown is taking picture at our meetings and events. You may show up in the newsletter. She is doing a great job for us.

Offer from AKAU lodge

If you were at our chapter meeting on April 24, (not our reg. Sun meeting) you know that Augie and Betty from the AKAU lodge in Nome, Alaska extended a special offer to our chapter. If we have 20 people sing up for a week next yr 2017, we could have the weeks stay for \$1000 each which is a substantial savings. Air-fare not included. This offer went out to the gold show volunteers and then to our chapter members. Because of the response we are able to have the offer extended to a second week. The weeks we have reserved are July28-Aug.3,2017 and Aug. 11- Aug. 17, 2017. Please note that these open slots are filling up fast. First come basis. If you want more details and/or to sign up please contact Debbie 360-695-3215. This offer was extended to other chapters and someone will be in charge of those dates. Betty and Augie passed out info to the other clubs as a thank you for the help the clubs have given to the GPAA to put on these shows.



A CELEBRATION OF LINDA ERICKSON'S LIFE

WILL BE HELD ON MAY 21ST, 2016 AT 1:00 PM. AT THE CENTRAL SHELTER IN LEWISVILLE PARK. JUST A COUPLE MILES NORTH OF BATTLEGROUND, WA. ON HWY 503 Leo and his family would like to invite you to Celebrate Linda's Life. As you all know she passed in November of 2015. There

will be a Potluck on May 21st, 2016 at 1:00 PM. Please have your favorite dish already prepared, as there will be no cooking facility. There are several plugins to use if you have a crockpot to heat. Also bring your own utensils for your dish. The place will be at Lewisville Park in Battleground WA. At the Central Shelter just past the fenced tennis court on the right hand side of the road. If you would like to share a memory of Linda, you most certainly are welcome to do so. Linda loved being involved with the clubs, and I know she would want us to keep on digging. So come on out and bring your pans and sluices as a tribute to her. Or if you just want to sit and visit, that would be fine too. If you go on face book and click on (Events) and let Lisa Mitchell (Linda's daughter) know you are attending, so we know how many people to expect. We want to have enough food for everyone to enjoy, so bring a big dish of your favorite food, Hot or Cold. Linda always provided the Half and Half for the coffee every month at the meetings, so it will be there this time also. Please respond as soon as possible. There is a map on the event page that Leo's daughter Lisa Mitchell put up to help guide you there. Hope to see you there!

The Big Raffle

We are still selling tickets for our big raffle to be held in **June**. Go to the Facebook page to view prizes. Must be present to win!

Questions? Contact Steve Lewin 1-971-212-5996

Club Name Tags

Any club members that would like a plastic name Tag made for them can place an order at the May 8th meeting. Cost is 7.00 for each tag that includes up to 2 lines of engraving. Questions? Contact David Conti

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Sample

SWWGP MONTHLY MEETING

The Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors' meetings are the second Sunday of every month beginning at **2:00 pm** at: Minnehaha Grange Hall #164 4905 Northeast St Johns Road Vancouver, Washington

All interested parties are invited to attend the monthly meetings. There will be opportunities to learn about prospecting laws, methods and equipment as well as hands-on demonstrations and practice. There are also outings to enjoy the pleasures of gold prospecting and the great outdoors.

Become a member of the Southwest Washington Chapter of the Gold Prospectors' Association of America. GPAA membership is not required to be a member and SWWGP membership is FREE!

For information contact:

Debbie Witcher – Chapter President,

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360-695-3215 or visit
www.swwgoldprospectors.org

Gold Show 2016



Next Meeting

Our next Board and regular club meeting will be on May 8th at 12:45 and 1:45. All are welcome to attend both.

Report for the Monroe WA. Gold Show

The week-end after our show The GPAA and the Port Orchard chapter needed our help with the Monroe gold show. We had 11 people who helped out. Some only worked one day and some of us worked all 3 days. There was a lot to do. Since we have not gotten the licenses necessary to host the raffle at the show we had a small chapter raffle which went very well. All of our prizes were donated. Our thank to those generous donors: McCords Vancouver Toyota R.V., Hi School Pharmacy Woodland, Randy Harper, Dennis Witcher, Norm Erickson, as well as D&K. Port Orchard and AMRA split the raffle. Port Orchard made a generous donation to our chapter to thank us for all of our help.

Articles for the newsletter

Anyone interested in writing about an event, outing, or information for the newsletter please submit it to Mark Mattila (newsletter editor). We will do our best to correct spelling and grammar if necessary. This is your newsletter so please submit interesting items, Upcoming events, etc...

Discovery Bar Crystalline Wire Gold Paydirt

“Discovery Bar” gold was first discovered in 1867. A party of miners known as the Goodwin party, were passing through on their way to the mines at Blewett on Peshastin Creek. The few colors found were considered insignificant and after making a few jokes about their rich discovery they continued on. All jokes were forgotten when 6 years later these same miners returned on the same trail and camped on their “Discovery Bar.” While getting a bucket of water for camp use. Benton Goodwin found a small nugget. Within an hour they has found over five ounces of gold!! Within a few days the news leaked out and the rush was on! The Goodwin brothers organized a company in 1874 that did very well for a while at the “Discovery Bar”, but the claim was abandoned in 1876. In 1889, however, when Benton Goodwin was padding through the area he was surprised to find a growing mining camp. Crystalline Wire Gold has only in recent years been recognized for its rarity and specimen value. One collector purchased several pieces but hesitated to buy more because he thought the more gold was mined the price would drop. He was wrong! Very little gold has been produced since and the price has shy-rocketed! Today, especially with higher gold prices. Prospectors are still pointing out that the major vein of quartz gold is yet to be found-and surely, since the mother loads of all those nuggets has never been located, it’s got to be around here somewhere! Please let Steve Lewin know if you are interested in obtaining some of this paydirt.



Major Storms and Paydirt

It only takes a small amount of water force to move sand-sized particles downstream in a riverbed. It takes more water force to move pea-sized gravel downriver, and even more force to move baseball-sized rocks, and so on. It also takes a greater amount of water force to move larger particles of [gold](#), than it does to move smaller ones – just like other streambed materials.

There is a massive amount of gold in gold-bearing waterways which is so small in particle-size that it floats in a state of suspension in the river-water itself. Some amount of gold is moving downstream in any gold-bearing river at any given time. An increase in water-flow increases the amount of streambed material and gold that is moved downstream.

Normal winter storms, for the most part, can move large amounts of fine and ultra-fine gold down the gold-bearing rivers. But this gold is likely to be so widely dispersed throughout the overall river that it is of little value to the modern river-pro prospector.

Today's modern river-pro prospector is mostly interested in that gold which lies inside and underneath [naturally-formed streambeds](#). For the most part, this gold will remain locked in place until a storm of major proportions comes along. Such a storm can cause so much water force in the river that large sections of pre-existing streambeds, and the gold that is within them, are swept up and washed downstream.

When a storm or snow-runoff of huge dimensions comes along and creates so much force of water flow that large portions of the riverbed are torn up and washed down along the bedrock, large portions of the bedrock will also get pounded loose, and any gold which was trapped in that bedrock will become washed further downstream along with the rest of the streambed material.

The amount of gold still sitting inside streambeds of proven gold-bearing rivers is incalculable; there is a whole lot of it! Much was left behind in low-grade deposits which the early miners were not capable of mining at a profit. While there may have been a lot of gold in some sections of river during the gold-rush years, it might also have been too widely dispersed or sitting underneath too much overburden to make the gold worth mining in those days. Other very rich deposits were missed because they were out of sight. Without processing every bit of streambed (which they did not have the capability to do), [the old-timers](#) simply could not find all of the gold deposits that existed during their time. A lot of gold that was excavated was never recovered. It was washed out of the high streambed deposits, through sluice boxes, and right back into the present rivers and creeks. This was particularly true of hydraulic mining, where an estimated 59% of the gold was missed by many of the large and small operations alike.

Also, the last 150 years of erosion has washed more gold into the present rivers and streams out of higher and older streambeds, and out of some lodes that are still in existence.

In taking all of this into consideration, we are talking about a lot of gold still existing in these gold-bearing rivers. In some cases, there is more gold present now than the amount that has already been mined out of them.

When a major storm occurs in a gold-bearing area and tears up large portions of streambed, a great deal of gold is set free and put into motion downriver. A fair amount of this newly-released gold, because of its superior weight, will be deposited in common areas along the riverbed. This is the type of gold that the modern gold prospector should be [sampling](#) for. The same major storm which causes enough force to tear up large portions of streambed material will also deposit most of that material into [newly formed natural streambeds](#)-even in those same areas which were once mined by the early miners.

During full flood stage, when streambed material and gold are moving free in the waterway, because it is so heavy, most of the gold will travel along a rather narrow path. This path is often referred to as the "[gold line](#)" by prospectors. Almost all high-grade pay-streaks will be located along this specific path. Therefore, the first step in prospecting is to locate where the common gold path is within the waterway.

For the most part, normal winter storms occurring in gold country do not create enough water force to do this. A winter storm might be enough to sweep up small portions of streambed in faster-moving sections of river and redeposit new streambeds in those areas, but this small amount of movement is not likely to put paying quantities of gold into play in the riverbed. It takes a huge amount of streambed in motion to place substantial amounts of gold into movement. This causes large portions of the river to form new placer deposits. Such storms occur occasionally, and are the main cause for a streambed cutting deeper into the earth as time goes along. Most gold-bearing areas have had at least one of these major storms since the early 1960's. Alaska has major storms along with massive snow runoffs. So flood forces like this happen more often there.

When millions and millions of tons of rocks, cobbles, and boulders are being swept downstream along the bedrock foundation during a huge storm, the ground shakes and vibrates, and the river rumbles like a huge loaded freight train. After a major storm has been through an area, the plant growth, underbrush and weeds which normally grow along the river gravel bars, will be washed away. This will also be true with a lot of the growth, including trees, along the riverbanks.

It takes an incredible amount of water force to cause an entire riverbed to move downstream, but this is what it takes to form many new placer deposits in the river.

You will see places where a river is flowing down river with the full force of the storm, and you will see other places right alongside where the water is flowing in a reverse direction. This is important! Take note of the incredible amount of boiling which takes place between the different directions of flow. These are pay-streaks in the making; places within the waterway at flood stage where the river is not really flowing in either direction; but rather is boiling like a kettle of superheated water between opposing forces. Gold concentrates within these areas because there is not enough water velocity to keep it moving along. Each place **along the common gold line** within the waterway that a boil like this is created by the interplay of reverse-flows is where a prospector will find the high-grade pay-streaks.

The earlier idea that gold drops into the river and simply is vibrated down through already formed streambeds to eventually reach bedrock and form a placer deposit is very limited in its workability. This theory does not lead a prospector into paying deposits of high-grade gold

Sometimes a storm will have enough force to move large amounts of gold, but will only move a portion of the entire streambed, leaving a lower stratum in place in some locations. When this happens, the gold moving along at the bottom of the flood-layer can become trapped by the irregularities of the unmoving (false bedrock) streambed layer lying underneath. The rocks along the surface of a lower stratum can act as natural gold traps.

Streambed layers caused by different flood storms are referred to as "*flood layers.*" Flood layers within a streambed are easily distinguished, because they are usually of a different color, consistency and hardness from the other layers of material within the streambed. Sometimes the bottom of a flood layer will contain more gold than is present on bedrock. Sometimes, when more than one flood layer is present in a streambed, there will be more than one layer of flood gold present, too. Gold deposits can often be found in the contact zone between the layers.

Flood layers that are caused by major flood storms are almost always found in a compacted state where the rocks and material hold together tightly and require tools to help pry them apart. In mining, we call this "hard-pack." There is a big difference between hard-packed streambed and tailings from earlier mining activity or loose streambed material. Almost all high-grade pay-streaks will be found at the bottom of a layer of hard-pack. So it is very important that you know what it is. Please note how hard I have to work to break apart the hard-pack in one of the following 2 video segments:

The larger that a piece of gold is, the faster it will work its way down toward the bottom of a flood layer as it is being washed downstream during a flood. The finest-sized particles of gold might not work their way down through a flooding layer at all, but might remain dispersed up in the material.

So, you can run across a flood layer which has a line of the heavier pieces of gold along its bottom edge, or a flood layer which contains a large amount of fine gold dispersed throughout the entire layer. You can also run across a flood layer which contains a lot of fine gold dispersed throughout, in addition to a line of heavier gold along the bottom edge.

Not all flood layers contain gold in paying quantities for the small-sized mining operation. But in gold country, all flood layers do seem to contain gold in some quantity, even if only microscopic in size.

Some of the best areas to test for paying quantities of flood gold are where the stream or river widens out, or levels out, or changes the direction of its flow. Such places always cause the flow of water in a storm to slow up in certain locations. This can allow concentrations of gold to collect either on bedrock or in the contact zones between layers.

Gravel bars, especially the ones located towards the inside of bends, tend to collect gold. Flood gold in bar placers is sometimes consistently distributed throughout the entire gravel bar. Often the lower-end of a gravel bar is not as rich as the head of the bar, but the gold there can be more uniformly distributed throughout the material.

2016 Gold and Treasure Show

The 2016 Gold show is over and for the most part everything went well. This was a three Chapter effort. We had several planning meetings and accomplished a lot. Our meet, greet and mingle was very well received and we want to thank Jubitz/Portlander Inn for all of their help. They were great!

Show set up went very well and we finished with time to spare.

Lets give a shout out to the ladies who were members of the food committee, esp. the committee leaders. I think you will agree they all did a fantastic job. They handled the last minute curve ball the Expo Center management threw at them very nicely. Having to keep our food and drink in a specified area and out of sight was no easy task, and our thanks to those of you who were so understanding of the position the GPAA and our food committee was put in to make sure these rules were followed. Besides that it was a much needed forced break for most of us.

The Gpaa raffle seemed to run very smoothly under the direction of the Vancouver Chapter on Sat and the Portland Chapter on Sun. Those final expenses and show numbers are still to come.

The entry and security took care of the minor curve balls as they came up. Great Job!!

The panning booth was busy, busy, busy. I looked over during the raffles on both Sat and Sun and there were several folks there learning to pan. From all the reports I heard the young folks were delighted and excited to learn as much as they could. The seasoned panners were very patient and supportive of the learning experience. The little ones (and some older ones too) are our future.

Even with attendance being lower than we thought it should be 2000ish our vendors were very happy and made a lot of sales etc.

Our chapter raffle went well, all of our raffle prizes we donated from our sponsors Vancouver Toyota R.V., Protech Industries, Chinook Winds Casino, our Chapter and Chapter members. You helped to make our raffle a success.

And what can we say about Designs of All Kinds.

They have not only contributed our banners but this year gave us 150 shirts for the gold show. They provided shirts for all 3 chapters and are always there to give SWWGP any support they can. You guys are awesome!!!!!!!!!!

We have received many compliments from the GPAA and vendors on a job well done. As with anything involving 150 volunteers from the separate Chapters, plus the GPAA, vendors and expo Center employees there were bound to be a few glitches but for the most part everyone did the job they were assigned and everything worked itself out.

Everyone was very flexible in helping to cover were we needed help.

I can tell you for a fact that after attending/working both the Las Vegas and Monroe shows that they have nothing on us.

Be proud of yourselves and fellow chapter membersWe all did an excellent job!

GPAA Points

Remember you can purchase your GPAA kit and membership thru our chapter. When renewing your membership etc. be sure to tell them that you are with Southwest Washing Gold Prospectors and let our membership chairman Richard Pluff jr, Secretary Mark Matilla, Points committee chair Bob Brown, or myself President Debbie Witcher know. We get points towards rewards but it is our job to track and claim the points.

2016 Oregon and Washington GPAA Chapters Calendar of Activities

April 2016

- 02-03 — **Resource Coalition—Gold, Gem & Treasure Show**
- 02-03 — **Gold Panning demonstration—Cabela's Springfield, OR**
- 02-03 — **17th Annual Gold & Treasure Show, Coeur d'Alene, ID**
- 03 — Brownsville Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 08 — Everett Monthly Meeting
- 09 — Bremerton Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 9-10 — **GPAA Gold & Treasure Show, Portland EXPO Center**
- 15, 16, 17 — Bremerton Outing—Cape Discovery State Park
- 16-17 — **GPAA Gold & Treasure Show, Monroe, WA**
- 16-17 — **ICMJ Gold Prospecting and Mining Summit, Placerville, CA**
- 16 — **Longview Monthly Meeting**
- 17 — Portland Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 21 — Auburn Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 23-24 — **North Central Washington Prospectors Gold, Treasure and More Show, Cashmere, WA**
- 24 Vancouver Monthly Meeting

May 2016

- 01 — Brownsville Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 07 — Bremerton Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 08 — Vancouver Monthly Meeting
- 08 — Mothers Day
- 13 — Everett Monthly Meeting
- 14 — Cape Disappointment
- 15 — Portland Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 19 — **Auburn Chapter Monthly Meeting**
- 19 — **Longview Monthly Meeting**
- 21-22 — Bremerton Outing—Dungeness Forks Campground, Sequim
- 30 — Memorial Day

June 2016

- 05 — Brownsville Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 10 — Everett Monthly Meeting
- 11 — Bremerton Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 11-12 — **GPAA Gold & Treasure Show Boise, ID**
- 12 — Vancouver Monthly Meeting
- 14 — Flag Day
- 16 — Auburn Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 18-19 — Bremerton Outing—Chapter Claims in Sequim
- 19 — **Longview Monthly Meeting**
- 19 — Portland Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 19 — Fathers Day

July 2016

- 04 — Independence Day
- 08 — Everett Monthly Meeting
- 09 — Bremerton Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 10 — Vancouver Monthly Meeting
- 16 — **Longview Monthly Meeting**
- 17 — Portland Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 21 — Auburn Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 31 — SWWGP/PGPI Picnic—Lewisville Park

August 2016

- 01 — Outing Lewisville Park
- 07 — Brownsville Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 12-15 — Outing Yellow Jacket Creek Randle WA
- 12 — Everett Monthly Meeting
- 13 — Bremerton Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 14 — Vancouver Monthly Meeting
- 18 — Auburn Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 20 — **Longview Monthly Meeting**
- 21 — Portland Chapter Monthly Meeting

September 2016

- 05 — Labor Day
- 09 — Everett Monthly Meeting
- 10 — Bremerton Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 11 — Vancouver Monthly Meeting
- 15 — Auburn Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 17 — **Longview Monthly Meeting**
- 18 — Portland Chapter Monthly Meeting

October 2016

- 02 — Brownsville Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 07 — Everett Monthly Meeting
- 08 — Bremerton Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 09 — Vancouver Monthly Meeting
- 15 — **Longview Monthly Meeting**
- 16 — Portland Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 20 — Auburn Chapter Monthly Meeting

November 2016

- 06 — Brownsville Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 10 — Marine Corps Birthday—(Semper Fi)
- 11 — Veterans Day
- 11 — Everett Monthly Meeting
- 12 — Bremerton Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 13 — Vancouver Monthly Meeting
- 17 — Auburn Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 19 — **Longview Monthly Meeting**
- 20 — Portland Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 24 — Thanksgiving Day

December 2016

- 04 — Brownsville Monthly Meeting
- 09 — Everett Monthly Meeting
- 10 — Bremerton Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 11 — Vancouver Monthly Meeting
- 15 — Auburn Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 17 — **Longview Monthly Meeting**
- 20 — Portland Chapter Monthly Meeting
- 25 — Christmas Day
- 31 — New Year's Eve

2016 Oregon/Washington Rock & Mineral Shows

You can view a complete list of the 2016 Rock & Mineral Shows listed for Oregon and Washington by visiting the websites below:

OREGON — <http://www.rockngem.com/ShowDatesFiles/ShowDatesDisplayAll.php?ShowState=OR>

WASHINGTON — <http://www.rockngem.com/ShowDatesFiles/ShowDatesDisplayAll.php?>

GPAA Oregon/Washington Chapters

Auburn — Auburn Green River Valley Gold Prospectors — 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm. River

Estates Club House, 3611 I St NE, Auburn, WA (253-833-2255)

Bremerton — Western Washington Prospectors 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm., Elm Lutheran Church, 5911 E Hillcrest Dr., Port Orchard, WA (360-830-4613)

Brownsville — Mid Valley Prospectors — 1st Sunday, 1:30 pm. Brownsville Fire Department, 600 E Blakely Ave, Brownsville, OR (541-990-5148)

Everett — Everett Gold Prospectors 2nd Friday, 7:00 pm., Silver Lake-Alfy's Pizza, 9620 19th Ave, Everett, WA

Longview — Fire Mountain Prospectors — 3rd Saturday, 10:00 am., Bob's Sporting Goods, 1111 Hudson St., Longview, WA (360-274-3396)

Portland — Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc. 3rd Sunday, 12:00 pm., Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22nd, Milwaukie, OR (503-258-8553)

Vancouver — Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors — 2nd Sunday, 2:00 pm.

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