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## Front Cover Photograph

On the cover this month is Rohan and Vincenza Sharpe's 1980 TR8 V8 Coupe with a manual 5-speed gearbox. Read more in this month's member profile.



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## Editors Report From The Bush

First of all congratulations to Helen and the rest of the new committee on their election to the various positions as well as the various “volunteers” who have taken on the roles behind the scene.

We are currently looking after a Sheep Station 200 kms northeast of Broken Hill that has been in Linda’s family for three generations, to enable her nephew to have a holiday with his young family. The drought is still showing no signs of relenting and they have been transporting stock to South Australia and droving some on roadsides in Queensland in an attempt to survive.

In the old days we would come out here and talk on the radio, call the Flying Doctor and turn on a generator for electricity. Nowadays there is a SWER power system, internet and satellite TV however the Flying Doctor radio still remains a vital part of the bush and mail and supplies arrive by light plane on the very rough airstrip on Saturdays. It is amazing to be in such a remote location yet still be able to receive the articles and prepare this issue of the Trumpet.

Our new Airedale Terrier “Bronson” is having a great time with all the animals, he is settling in well for a city dog and our days are spent doing quite a variety of chores certainly a change to working on our Stag. After bottle feeding seven lambs twice a day, carting hay to three horses twice a day, ensuring the flock of ducks and chooks have feed and water and feeding the four working dogs and two house dogs the day goes very quickly but as the electrician on call Roger is fitting in time to install LED flood lights around the property, emergency switches on saws and a variety of other tasks left by Linda’s nephew. The days are in the 30’s and when darkness falls we feed ourselves and sleep like logs until dawn when the routine is all repeated.

Coming home to finish the Stag will seem like a holiday!

We fitted a set of “bush” wheels and tyres for the trip and left the 21” low profiles at home which made the ride comfortable and puncture free – lets hope the return trip will be the same. We certainly will not be proposing a Triumph run on these roads, or should we say tracks and creek beds!

Keep those Triumphs on the bitumen and have fun.

*Linda & Roger*



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## Upcoming Events!

### September 2019

**18<sup>th</sup> TCCV – General Meeting.** Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Rd, Murrumbeena at 8:00pm.

**29<sup>th</sup> – Drive for Life.** This annual event started in 2012, and is a great fun day out. Monies raised go directly to funding suicide prevention workshops in schools and community sporting clubs across Victoria. It is operated by experienced CAMS officials and ex competitors – the event is set at the highest standard of professionalism. Event entries and supplementary regulations are available online; visit the website: <https://driveforlife.net.au>.

### October 2019

**6<sup>th</sup> – Euroa Show & Shine.** Arrive Avenal Truck Stop just north of Seymour on the Calder Highway in time to depart at 8.00am. Contact Greme Oxley by mid-September so an adequate area can be reserved for our cars.

**10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> TCCV – 14<sup>th</sup> Combined Vic and ACT Triumph Car Clubs Rally.** Venue: Merrimbula. TCCV: Meeting Point on the 10<sup>th</sup> is the BP Service Centre on the Princes Highway Bypass at Officer at 9:45 for a 10:00 departure. [Click here for the Agenda](#).

**16<sup>th</sup> TCCV – General Meeting.** Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Rd, Murrumbeena at 8:00pm.

**26<sup>th</sup> – TR Register Concours & Classic Car Display.** TCCV & TSOA have been invited to join this event. [Click here for the flyer](#).

**27<sup>th</sup> – Classics in the Park.** Iconic car and bike show. Berwick Showgrounds (Acoonah Park), Berwick. [Click here for the flyer](#).

### November 2019

**2<sup>nd</sup> – All Aussie Day.** Venue Yarra Glen Racecourse, Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen, Vic 3775. [Click here for the flyer](#).

**4<sup>th</sup> TCCV – Melbourne Cup Parade.** Stag owner participants to contact Graeme Oxley for details. Other members invited to be a part of the spectacle by joining the crowd in the city.

**10<sup>th</sup> TCCV – Show & Shine.** 8:30am, Caribbean Gardens, 1280 Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby. Call for helpers to direct cars for parking at 8.00am - contact Peter Welten. \$10 entry to the show and shine plus small entry fee into the gardens.

**20<sup>th</sup> TCCV – General Meeting.** Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Rd, Murrumbeena at 8:00pm.

### December 2019

**8<sup>th</sup> TCCV – Christmas Party.** Lindsay & Anne Gibson's place. To be confirmed. . 12.00pm. Let Events Coordinator Peter Welten know if you are going for catering purposes.

**Refer the website for the most up-to-date and complete calendar for the year. TCCV events are labelled with "TCCV".**

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Well it seems as though my turn has rolled around to sit in the President's chair. So, being the first Female to do so in the Club's 36 year history is a real change of speed. Is that what you would describe as Cruise-control? I can think of several famous sayings by Politicians that cover this altered state of events. For example - "It's time" or even "You will now find yourselves under petticoat government". But maybe the most appropriate is - "Yes, we can". So here is to change and the Girls now being behind the steering wheel - so to speak.

Reflecting on what to write about as your incoming President, I thought I might introduce to you my little mate, named "Frankie J", (yes, named after the original). He is a yappy, noisy, nippy little Pomeranian. He originally came into my life via a Rescue group and formerly lived with an owner whose first language wasn't English. So when Frankie J arrived it didn't take long to figure out that he didn't understand spoken English. What's more my skills in Dog language spoken in Mandarin were somewhat zero! Never mind, we bumbled along with lots of tolerance and patience until we finally managed to co-exist happily. Which brings me to realise that it is exactly what is needed in our daily lives isn't it, two simple steps - Tolerance and Patience.

You certainly need it on our roads, as impatient drivers cut into your lane, or when they steal that car park space you have waited so patiently for. And how about when you drive through numerous suburbs undergoing road works and the resultant delays? Give up and catch public transport? Only to find trains cancelled! The list goes on and on. But the ultimate for me was trying to exit from the Geelong Football Club car-park after their win on the last game of the season. What a challenge to T and P that turned out to be. Yep it was in short supply when so badly needed. So to all of you on the roads, please take care, a deep breath, and stay safe.

Have fun driving your Triumphs,

*Helen and Frankie J*







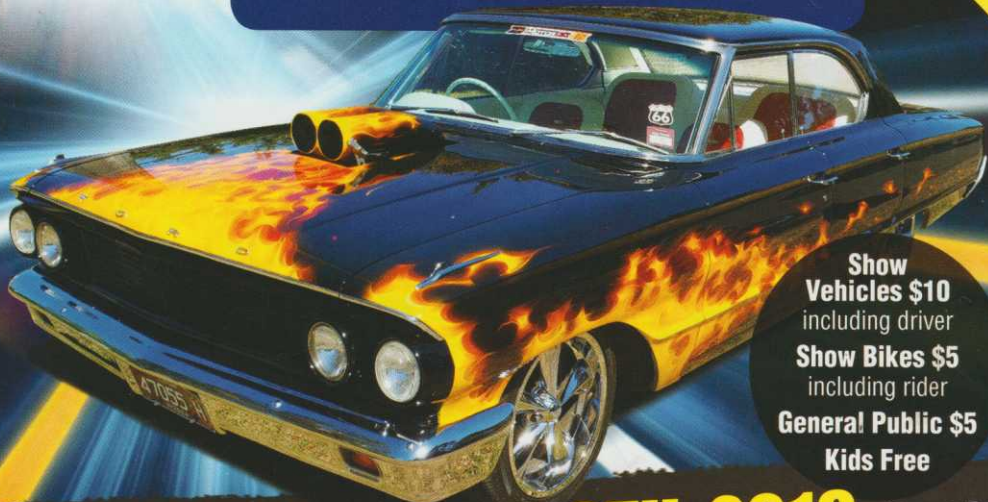
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# All Triumph Challenge



## Winton – 10-11 August 2019

It was hard to believe that it had been 12 months since the last Challenge. The Avondel Motel that has a Man Cave was booked out a long time ago. The meeting place on Saturday was the Caltex Truck Stop at Avenal. I was still debating which car to take. Just as I was to get the very clean Stag out of the garage we were hit with a big storm. The 2.5PI was then going to be the choice of vehicle. I headed off and picked up Roverite Barry Hillsley (he has to get a Triumph very soon) and headed off. It didn't take long and we had reached the Avenal Caltex Truck Stop. Topped the car up with 98, checked the MPG which was 29.4 mpg, went in and paid for the fuel and ordered a burger with the lot. When the burger arrived it was absolutely huge and ended up being very tasty. I noticed the lady from the service station putting a note on the car, I went out and the note said please pay for your fuel. Luckily I still had my docket and was able to prove that I did pay, lesson here is to keep your docket.

Soon Peter Welten and Shane Houghton arrived in the PI, Iain Perrott in his Stag and Terry Roche trailing in his TR6. Eventually we started the cars and headed off to Benalla. After booking into the motel it was into the Man Cave to finish watching the Collingwood-Melbourne game. Al Andrews eventually turned up and joined us, he had to attend his grand child's birthday party first. Michael Kip came into the man cave and asked who owned a blue Stag as it had a flat tyre, Iain had just fitted four new tyres. I didn't know that Iain had a Pit Crew; next minute Michael had the trolley jack out and had the wheel change done in 2 minutes flat. Iain just stood there with a smile on his face, thanks Michael for helping out.

## All Triumph Challenge Winton



During the afternoon the TSOA race cars were being secured in the garages at the track as the Saturday weather was terrible. Soon it was 6.30 and it was time to walk down to the Royal Hotel for dinner. Michael Kip had booked 80 seats, in excess of 60 diners on the night kept the bistro buzzing with conversation. It is always a good night at the Royal, good food and good company. We headed back to the Man Cave and had some coldies.



On Sunday we woke up to very wet cars. The sun was out and looked like it was going to be a nice day as the weather forecast had predicted. The Motel Manager Gary did an excellent job providing cooked breakfast then we headed off to the track to



our nominated Triumph Spectator parking place in the pits. Fraser Faithful (2500S), Peter Falkner (modern), Warwick Eaton (Stag), George Coulter (yellow TR7) and Andrew Richards in his Stag were already there. At midday there was a driver's briefing for those taking their cars out for the parade lap, this was open to all Triumph spectator cars. My position was to be the first car behind the officials Peugeot 207 GTI driven by Mark Rae. I was told to stick close to his bumper as this could make him go faster, this tactic worked. Andrew was on my tail and Peter Welten was behind Andrew. After one lap the others had dropped way back behind Andrew and there was to be no passing. The Triumph Parade laps went without a hitch. It was very enjoyable out on the track and driving the car. With 698500 kms on the speedo the PI gets along very well and kept a white Stag at bay. The pace car pulled over at the V8 start finish line and the cars were lined up three abreast, then four abreast and so on down the line for the photo shoot. A scaffold was

## All Triumph Challenge Winton

quickly erected and Michael Kip's daughter Ruth was the photographer of the day. I am looking forward to seeing Ruth's photos.

After the parade lap it was lunchtime. The TSOA had put on hot soup and sambos and tasty wraps for \$10. Before lunch a trophy presentation was held for the best three Spectator Triumphs. Al Andrews Herald took out 1st place, Terry Roche's TR6 took out second place and Andrew Richards Stag took out third place. Well done.

It was terrific seeing so many Triumphs on the track. Ian Watt's 1969 MK2 PI sounded really nice on the track under full power, Ian set a personal best in his 2.5PI. The car that stood out was Mark Campbell's Kermit the Frog Green TR7 V8. The detail that has gone into this racecar is second to none, the roll cage is a work of art. All up 19 Triumphs were on the track at one time. Drivers from SA and NSW made a huge commitment to enter and drive in the Challenge.

Apart from Triumphs, 30 MG racecars took part and a variety of other vehicles. Fiat 500 (very quick car), Mitsubishi Colt, Celica, Ford XR8 to mention some.

It was a very entertaining couple of days. The weather had been fantastic. Not far out of Benalla a Highway Patrol car pulled over a vehicle. The first thing he did was put on his lights with the message slow to 40 KPH, there was plenty of room where he pulled the vehicle over. I still think that some brain dead person has come up with another way to cause accidents. On the way back it just poured with rain from Seymour to home. We had a stop at the Wallan Southbound BP Service Centre for dinner. On the Ring Road we sat side-by-side for five kms with a female in a QLD registered car and she texted the whole five kms before she turned off. To do this texting in the rain and at dusk is just so dangerous. I got home at 6.30pm after a thoroughly enjoyable weekend with Triumph tragics. For those that didn't go, think about going next year as it is a very well run fun event. Michael Kip and his team of helpers did a wonderful job of organising. Peter Welten has committed to taking the Sprint next year.

Catchya next year.

*Graeme Oxley*





# TCCV AGM Highlights



# President's Lunch at Flowerdale







# Member Profile – Rohan Sharpe

***Rohan Sharpe joined the TCCV in January 2019. His one and only Triumph, a TR8, is the result of a lifetime's ambition.***

**F**rom the time I first saw a TR7 when I was a young boy, I was fascinated by its shape and style. Growing up in Gippsland I didn't have the chance to see a huge range of exotic cars.

Over the next decade, during my teens and into my 20s, life presented itself with many interests that took precedence over my interest in cars. This involved starting an apprenticeship as a fitter and turner, and dabbling in motorsport with the likes of Motorkhanas, Autocross and both Sprint and Navigational Rallying. These areas of interest were very different to those of my parents and siblings.

My interest in motorsport involved a wide variety of cars. My first motorsport car was a 1966 Datsun Bluebird SS, and although it was no rocket ship, the little Datsun proved to be reliable enough for my introduction to competition racing. The Datsun was followed by the acquisition of a Mazda RX2, a very quick little car – although more traction would have been nice! Over the years of these ventures, which proved to be most enjoyable, there was always the underlying thought of possibly owning a TR7, or maybe even a TR8, 'some day'.

Active motorsport involvement ended as family life took precedence. I still dabbled in cars, including minor restoration work, bodywork and car respraying. My



## Member Profile – Rohan Sharpe



passion for cars never dwindled, and thoughts of the Triumph would still churn around in my head from time to time.

Over the years I have owned many cars – for transportation rather than motorsports – from Holdens, Fords, Toyotas and even a little Daewoo thrown into the mix. A highlight was an Alfa Romeo 159 JTD. Although a stunning car to look at as well as having incredible handling, the Alfa proved to be unreliable, so it made way for a couple of Mitsubishi's, the second of which, an Outlander, is still my day-to-day drive.

I continued to think about acquiring a Triumph, but in the back of my mind I worried that if I was to go down the TR7 path, reliability was a factor that needed consideration. From my research and understanding, it seemed to have a reputation as a great looking car with a poor build quality. The better option could be a TR8 with a Rover V8. But these cars were only sold in America and were all convertibles. As much as I love convertibles, I did not want one of my own, or even a car with a sunroof for that matter!

Life went on, with restoration work focused on houses rather than cars. I also discovered I had a passion for writing, and hoped to possibly complete a novel one day. Not long after marrying my wife, Vincenza, last year, she joined me on a visit to the Motorclassica show. Vincenza had never been to a car show, and she listened to me once again enthusiastically talk about 'one day' owning a Triumph. 'So what are you waiting for? If you don't do it now, you may never do it!' I took that statement to be her approval and my go ahead to buy a Triumph!

After looking at a converted TR7 to a V8 located in another state, I was disappointed to learn of the complications to register and bring that car back into Victoria. I then stumbled across an original TR8 FHC – again, interstate. I had recently learned that Triumph had built only around 400 of the TR8 coupés. So I set off for Adelaide,



## Member Profile – Rohan Sharpe

like a kid in a candy store, to investigate. This particular TR8 was white, had 31,000 miles on the clock, was still left-hand drive, had a 5 speed transmission and a black vinyl/green tartan interior. White was my preferred colour and it was a coupé. SOLD!

My TR8 started its life in May 1979 at the Canley factory in Coventry, England, and three months later, in August 1979, it arrived in New York, USA. It then spent the next 30 years being treasured by two owners. The second owner relocated to Arizona for a few years taking the TR8 with them. After contacting this owner recently, I learned of their love for the car and how they had showed it on numerous occasions. After moving back to New York, the second owner sold the car in 2009. The third owner imported it into Australia, keeping it in his own collection, but not ever registering it. Although the TR8 was built in 1979, it was sold in the USA as a 1980 vehicle. However, Australia classifies the build date as the year of the car.

So I am the fourth owner, after acquiring the TR8 late last year. Owning my first Triumph has been a whole new adventure for Vincenza and I. The first step in the process was handing the car over to Fairfield Motors to bring it up to a roadworthy condition. This proved to be quite a job as the car had been stored and all the usual issues with anything rubber, particularly plumbing around the carburettors, needed attention. The wiring had had very little alteration over the years, leaving just a tidy-up of connections and contact points. As the car had never been registered in Australia, the second step was a Vehicle Assessment Signatory Scheme (VASS) certificate, which was issued by Cartech in Hawthorn. Cartech was extremely helpful and made the process very easy.

With the work completed and having joined the TCCV, we were able to register the car through the club permit scheme. Since becoming TCCV members, we have met so many knowledgeable, friendly, helpful and easy-to-talk-with people.

With the TR8 now 'road legal', we have had the opportunity to join the TCCV on some of its well-run events, allowing us to learn more about the car as we use it. The TR8 was never optioned with air conditioning, so running the car in the warmer months will be a warm experience in the cabin, but its style and design compensates for this less-than-ideal feature.

While a Bugatti Type 35 would be my vehicle of choice if money was no object, the all-time favourite car I have owned is the TR8 – I have wanted one all my life!

So, as TCCV members with our beautiful TR8, we are very much looking forward to future Triumph events, wherever they may be.



*Rohan Sharpe*



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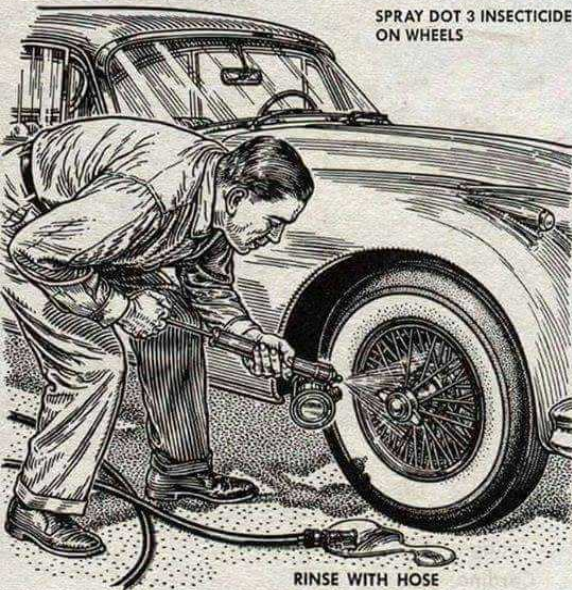
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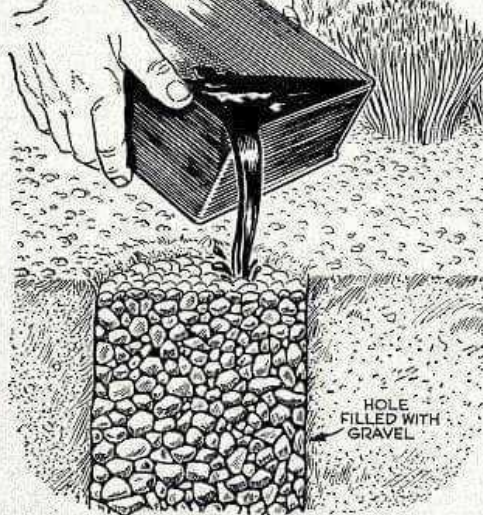


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## *Monthly General Meetings*

General Meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday of the month, except for the month of December and the month in which an AGM is held. The standard agenda for the General Meetings is:

- Welcome address
- Apologies, Minutes & Secretary's Report
- Editor's Report
- Membership Secretary's Report
- Triumph Trading Report
- Any other business.
- Guest Speaker / Special Presentations
- Treasurer's Report
- Event Co-ordinator's Report
- Library, Tools & Regalia Report
- AOMC Report

The order of the agenda is subject to alteration on the night by the chairman. Extra agenda items should be notified to the attention of the Secretary via email to [secretary@tccv.net](mailto:secretary@tccv.net)

The minutes of monthly general meetings are available for reference in the Members Only section of the website. A few hard copies of the prior month's minutes will be available at each monthly meeting for reference.



## Members' Information

### Members Information

To our new members – Welcome to the Club, we hope your membership meets all your expectations and we look forward to meeting you at the many events we have around the state, especially when in your area. If technical or originality help is required please contact the club Car Captain for your vehicle model (see page 20).

### Club Membership

In August we welcomed Allister Prosser as a new member to the TCCV. Allister has a TR7 V8 5-speed convertible, maroon with black upholstery.

Contact me should you have any queries regarding your membership or renewal subscription. Remember to advise of any changes to your personal or vehicle details.

A reminder that a Club Permit registration **will not be issued** unless you have met the requirements as set out by the TCCV.

### Name Badges

The wearing of name badges at meetings and events assists members getting to know each other as well as identifying TCCV members at public events and is encouraged.

Name badges are issued to the primary member as part of your joining fee. Partner's badges (or replacements for lost badges) can be ordered at the cost of \$10. Please advise me if you require additional/replacement badges.

*Neil Robinson*  
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### TCCV Membership

\$60.00 Annual Membership, with a \$10.00 membership fee discount for eTrumpet in preference to hard copy of club magazine.

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Additional membership information, including an application form, can be downloaded from the club website.

### Triumphs on the Web

There are many interesting Triumph websites on the internet. This section lists the best of the Triumph and Motoring related websites, if you know of a good site not listed send me the link and I'll put it in this section.

*Georgia Triumph Association*

[www.gatriumph.com](http://www.gatriumph.com)

*The Triumph Home Page*

[www.team.net/www/triumph](http://www.team.net/www/triumph)

*TR Register New Zealand*

[www.tregister.co.nz/](http://www.tregister.co.nz/)

*The Dolomite Homepage*

<http://www.triumphdolomite.co.uk/>

*Greg Tunstall Mechanical - Queensland*

[www.gregtunstallmechanical.com.au](http://www.gregtunstallmechanical.com.au)

*Lucas MK1 and MK2 fuel/petrol injection*

[www.lucasinjection.com/](http://www.lucasinjection.com/)

*Triumph Sports Six Club UK*

[www.tssc.org.uk](http://www.tssc.org.uk)

### Event Photos

The username and password needed for you to upload your photos to the Club's PhotoBucket collection are available via the website's 'Members Only' section.

Information about PhotoBucket is available in the 'Photo Gallery' section of the website. Email Photomaster at photos@tccv.net if you have any queries with the process.

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<b>TR6</b>	Terry Roche, Chris Sallmann	<b>TR7</b>	Fay and John Seeley
<b>Dolomite</b>	Colin Jenkins, Peter Welten	<b>Spitfire</b>	Mike Stokes
<b>GT6/Herald/Vitesse</b>	David Glenny, Alan Andrews	<b>Stag</b>	Graeme Oxley, Jim Ostergaard
<b>2000/2500 Saloon</b>	Chris Burgess, Lindsay Gibson	<b>Mayflower</b>	Roger McCowan

### Trumpet Collation

If you would like to help with collation, please let me know and I will ring you as a reminder a day or two before collation, which is usually on the Tuesday of the week prior to the monthly general meeting. Members who come along to assist can earn Clubman points and get their magazines earlier than anyone else!

Give me a call on 0407 885 983 if you think you could help occasionally.

*Ann Welten - Collation Co-Ordinator*

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