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September 2015



Message from the President

Hello, Hope everyone is doing well still surviving summer that that just doesn't seem to want to let go of us. I personally am looking forward to some cooler riding days. We have had a couple of Sunday rides to the Kickstand and a great time was had by all that attended. Remember everyone is always is always welcome to attend these rides. I am going to apologize in advance to anyone who says well I would have rode, but I didn't know about it. Well, these rides are usually posted on Facebook and other media outlets and word of mouth at the Homestead. But to hear it, coming to the Homestead is the best way to know about things and rides that are happening on the weekends.

I know people are busy with family and work matters, but I don't think once a month to come and see your CBA Brothers and Sisters is to much to ask. So I'm going to ask all members to come out and support the Homestead whenever possible. This is your place to come and hang out with your CBA Brothers, Sisters and friends, both old and new. And also, please attend the monthly meetings to hear about events and other news. Again if I offend anyone I apologize again, but we need your support so that we can grow.

Please keep the families of recently departed Brothers and Sisters in prayers, hearts, and minds. We lost Brother Scott McCaskill this month. Scott was a long time CBA member and a close personal friend. To our Brother 'Magic' Mike Dixon we pray for your recovery. Mike is still recovering from injuries sustained in his accident a few weeks ago.

I know sometimes get along with each other, but bottom line is we need each other to lean on in our struggles through daily life. Thank you everyone for what you do for the CBA and Homestead to make us better.

Well enough of me for now, thanks for listening and remember to keep the shiny side up while getting your wind therapy.

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1st Vice President

Hello everyone ~Hope all have enjoyed a great Summer~ September usually brings cooler nights, hoodies, bonfires, and some great riding weather. We only have 2 more month's of our CBA/RockHouse Bike nites. With the recent change of ownership, Duck and Tammy are no longer with them. A huge thank them for all their support over the past 2 yrs., and wish them much success on their future ventures. Which brings some changes to our agenda on Bike nites. We will be only getting one band each month for the following months (Sept./Oct.), the last Wed. of those 2 months, and Dj's for the remainder Wednesday's. (Rockhouse has the option to cancel bike nites at their discretion)with weather being the main reasons, they get canceled. We hope you will continue to support Gaston Co. CBA and all our events..

We've had a lot of sickness, and passings recently. Our deepest sympathies for Debbie McCaskill on the loss of Scott, Joann on the loss of Damnit Bob. Our heart's go out to each one of you, family and friends. Continued prayers are still needed for Magic Mike, he's still in the hospital from his accident that happened on Friday Aug.7th when he lost control of Lucille (bike's name) on the off ramp of I 85, where he hit gravel. His foot had to be removed and had multiple surgeries to clean out the infections setting up in his nub. He's got a long road to recovery. But faith, hope and strength will see him thru this life altering event. We all MISS YOU and Ladonn very much, and wish you a very speedy recovery.

Creekside bike rally is just around the corner,Sept.25th/26th weekend. Primitive camping, bonfire's, music, food, vendor's and bike games are planned for this year's event. Hope to see everyone come out and support this. The ride up for Steve (Birdman) Melton will be held on Sept.12th. Meeting that morning at the Exxon station/convenience store on Edgewood Rd.(Right off I 85 exit) Bessemer City. Time will be announced soon. Gaston CBA will be setting up a vendor table at the Geneva Riverside Motel in Lake Lure. Interested in helping to work the table please contact me. (704) 868-4688. If your wanting to stay that weekend give them a call and be sure to let them know you are a CBA member to receive winter rates.

As always I like to leave you with a little helpful info~ Portion's of this article were taken from Women Rider's Now.

At some point in Motorcycling life you'll find yourself faced with riding in gravel. Roadside pullouts that are not paved and road construction are the two most common scenarios where you'll encounter loose rocks (GRAVEL) and/or dirt and sand.

Another common scenario (one where you could kick yourself for not asking about ahead of time) happens when you've arrived at your destination~ only to be faced with a long, deep gravel driveway. Gravel happens. Street motorcyclists rarely choose to ride in gravel. You can choose to turn around, but that's not always an option. You need to be able to get through it in one piece. (Experienced rider tip: when making lodging reservations, always ask if there is any gravel on which you must travel to get there.)

Whether it's gravel, dirt, sand, grass, or any slick surface, the same rules apply. You want to minimize the motorcycle's lean and abstain from any sudden input such as braking, accelerating, or swerving. There are all types of gravel conditions. Part of deciding to ride through gravel is assessing the kind of terrain you're faced with. Hard packed gravel is best. Loose sand is the worst. Terrain like this can be deceiving. It's mostly packed dirt and sand, but this kind of gravel requires constant scanning for mounds of sand and stones that have formed which can be more difficult to ride through because of the lack of traction, and possibly have you experience a rear tire spin out. When we lose traction, defined as the "grip of a tire on a road," it's easy to lose control of the motorcycle. But don't lose your head.

If your motorcycle is already in motion and you come up to a patch of gravel in the road, don't panic. It's best to maintain the momentum the motorcycle already has and slow down gradually, with very light use of both brakes. Your tires will slide easily, even on a light gravel surface, so if you brake too hard too fast you'll likely produce a skid, lose control of the motorcycle and you may go down. Some rider's advise is NOT to use the front brake at all..

Roadside pullouts laden with gravel are actually a good place to practice your gravel riding skills because, so long as there's no drop or gap between the pavement and gravel, you can stay headed in one direction as you enter and exit the pullout while practicing smooth throttle control. When the road ahead promises miles of gravel, you can turn around and find another route, or you can use these techniques to get through it.

Physically:

Keep your arms and shoulders relaxed, and steer the bike without fighting against it. Use a gradual throttle roll-on to accelerate and maintain a steady speed, which will most likely be a reduced speed. Try not to stop, but if you have to, start out again by using very light, gradual acceleration, so your tires don't spin out.

- * Keep the motorcycle as straight up as possible, that is minimize lean, which may mean taking wide turns and using most of the road.
- * Keep as much distance between you and other vehicles as possible to allow yourself a lot of extra room to gradually slow down to a stop.
- * Remember the rule that you go where you're looking, so avoid looking down. Stay focused on where you want to ride to, but continually scanning near and far, checking the road surface conditions so you're aware of any big rocks or potholes to avoid. Looking far ahead will keep you heading in the right direction.

* Remember to breathe slowly with controlled breaths to keep your body calm so you don't tense up. Pilate's breath is done by breathing in through the nose, and out through the mouth. This kind of breathing is best for controlling your breathing pattern so your body stays calm. The calmer you are, the more your mind will remember what to do so your body can respond appropriately to move you through the gravel successfully.

Mentally:

- * Tell yourself you will get through this.
- * Listen to your inner voice. If you're feeling confident then go for it. If the voice in your head says to turn around and you can, then listen to it.
- * Don't allow any negative thoughts to invade your brain like how bad it is to ride through gravel or that you will fall. If you employ the above techniques, you're likely to power right through and be celebrating that you did so before you know it.
- * Seasoned street motorcycle riders know riding in gravel is inevitable. If you ride any long distances at all, you'll likely hit upon road construction where fresh gravel has been laid for future pavement. It's not a matter of avoidance, but a matter of learning to ride through it.

Yall have a goodun ya here..See ya in the wind.

Gabby,
Vice President
Western District Coordinator
Sponsor Chair Person



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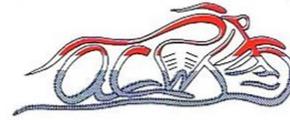
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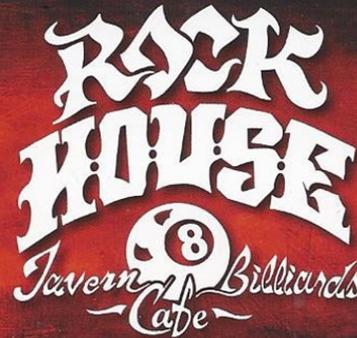
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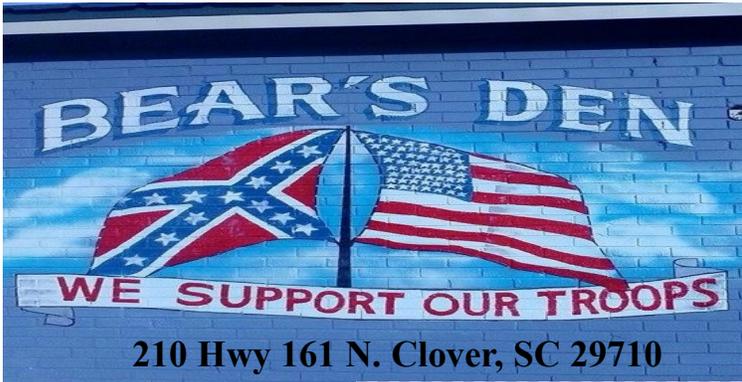
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Membership Renewals: May ~ Sept 2015

May

Jay "Hollywood" Greenfield
Brett & Christy Crane
Randy Walker
Mark Cook
Connie Costner
John Estes
Kat Oglesby
Richard & Denise Welch
Jason Lane
Randolph "Monk" Temple

June

James & Debbie Helton
Jeff & Dana Gore

July

Trisha Garcia
Ronald & Lynne Winchester
Jason & Michelle Sturm

Nancy Stowe
Sharon Stevens
Jesse & Kimberly Turner
Tim & Mary McGinnis
Andrew Johnson
Willie Grier

August

John & Carol Teague
Allen & Julie Head
Walter Kimble
Gary & Carol Erwin
Jackie Matthews
Jeff & Patricia Henderson
Mario Accardo
Gerald Bryant

September

James "JJ" & Eileen Jordan
Cynthia Helms
Danny Maceachern
Charles R. "Chuck" Dalton
Penny Franklin
David & Diane Etters
Calvin & Carol Hannah
Corey S. Hart
Frances Williams
Jordan Lutz
Tammy Ramsey
Donna Barnett

Herman Arrendale
Nancy Stowe
Duane & Ginger Tompkins
Brian Keith Campbell
Lindsey Dudley
Meleah Sipes
Timothy "Red" Justice
Billy & Angie Starnes
Jeff "Hoss" Moller
Dwynn Greene
Don Mason
Claudette Lanning
Shane Mathis
Greg Daly
Scott Denlinger
Chelsea Ham
Brady Hightower
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Chris & Bambe Ealey
Richard Mintz
Adam Nicoletti
George Kannon
Kevin "Chappy" Pitts
Aaron "Blaze" Chapman
Blake-Marie Farris
Jared Tenney
John E & Coyet J Toler Jr.

Ok Folks... Please Pay Attention.... If your name appears in RED...(May-June), You are either over your 61 day grace period for remaining a current member or on the verge of being in that category. We strive to retain members and wish for support of all! This organization is all about the rights of bikers in the entire state, not just our county. But we can not make changes without continual support of our members!!! In my opinion the extra life insurance is a blessing in its self. Too many have been involved in accidents with nothing there to assist I know we don't want to think about it... but we are all only human... and it could happen to ANYONE!!!!

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MELTON**

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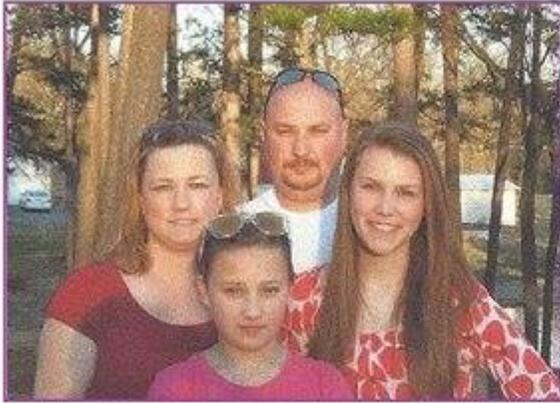
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**Final Destination:
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Dunlap Family Poker Run & Benefit

October 10, 2015



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR GASTON COUNTY CBA GASTON COUNTY HOMESTEAD AND AREA EVENTS

- 9/10/15 **Gaston CBA Monthly General Meeting**
9/12/15 – **Steve Melton Ride and Motorcycle Awareness** – Lake Lure – Geneva Hotel
9/18-9/19 **State CBA Party @ High Rock Lake Marina** - See Flyer
9/18/15 **GOC Capa Ride** - Ends at Gaston County Homestead - See Flyer
9/25/15 – 9/27/15 – **Creekside Rally ...** See online flyer
10/10/15 **Dunlap Family Benefit** - Ending at Gaston County Homestead
11/7/15 **1st Annual Bikers for Brothers Run** - Ending at the Homestead
Gaston County Homestead is open on Friday & Saturday Nights
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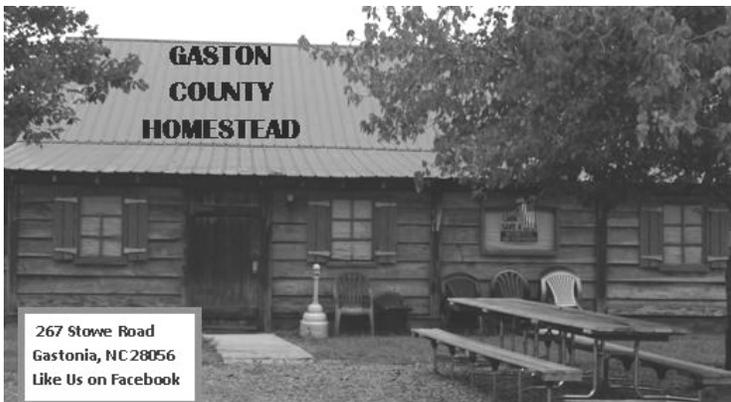
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Gaston County CBA Meeting Minutes August 13, 2015

Meeting was held at the Gaston County Homestead with the Meeting being called to order by Robert Ham, Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Allen Head.

President – Allen recognized new members and visitors and thanked Simonetti's for the food tonight. Allen reviewed the guidelines/expectations for the meeting.

CBA, Homestead and Other Area Events – Rhonda and others announced the following upcoming events, etc.

8/19/15 – **Gaston CBA Bike Night** – Rock House

8/22/15 – Mark and Debra Goldey Anniversary and Birthday Party – Gaston County Homestead – 9 pm

8/26/15 – **Gaston CBA Bike Night** – Rock House – DJ Buddy Love

8/3/15 – **Events Committee and CBA Officer's Meeting** – 6:30 pm at the Gaston County Homestead

9/2/15 – **Gaston CBA Bike Night** – Rock House

9/9/15 – **Gaston CBA Bike Night** – Rock House

9/10/15 – **General Monthly Meeting** – 6:15 pm food \$5 per person, meeting 7 pm – Gaston County Homestead – 267 Stowe Rd., Gastonia

9/12/15 – Steve Melton Ride and Motorcycle Awareness – Lake Lure – Geneva Hotel

9/16/15 – **Gaston CBA Bike Night** – Rock House

9/18/15 – 9/19/15 **State CBA Party – High Rock Lake**

9/23/15 – **Gaston CBA Bike Night** – Rock House

9/25/15 – 9/27/15 – Creekside Rally

9/30/15 – **Gaston CBA Bike Night** – Rock House

Newsletter Editor/Lodge Committee Spokesperson – Rhonda asked everyone to please use common courtesy when tagging photos with the CBA and the Homestead. Please return borrowed koozies to the lodge or drop some off if you have extras that can be donated. Anyone can submit articles of motorcycle interest for the newsletter. Just remember to site your source and include a link if possible. Items for the newsletter are due to Rhonda by the 15th of each month (rhamcba@yahoo.com).

Secretary – Motion made and approved to accept the June minutes as printed in the July newsletter. We have 291 members (267 renewals, 24 Life, and 24 juniors). Please sign in each time you come to the homestead. Please remember to contact Donna if you have changes to your contact information (address, phone, or email) (deb2334@yahoo.com). You can save the chapter up to \$25/year by receiving the newsletter online. New member packets are available – please see/contact Donna if you need one. Renewals are posted at the Homestead. Memberships: single - \$25, couple - \$35

Treasurer – The Treasurer report was not read due to Pete missing the meeting because of illness.

1st Vice-President & Western District Coordinator – Gabby discussed sponsorships and protocol for obtaining them. Contracts have to be signed and a business card from the sponsor is needed for the newsletter, website, and facebook. Please see Gabby, Donna, Robert or Allen if you know of someone who may be interested in becoming a sponsor of the CBA. The Steve Melton (Bird) Poker Run 9/12/15 – Lake Lure, Geneva Hotel will also be a western district event. Volunteers are needed for the CBA table on Saturday, September 12th. CBA members will get a reduced hotel rate @ the Geneva (ask for Marsha). Please let Gabby know if you would like to help. Please get info to Gabby if you would like it posted on the CBA's Facebook Page and/or the Area Events for Motorcycle Riders Page. The deadline for having your name on the Gaston County Toy Run shirts this year is mid-November and is a \$100 donation.

2nd Vice-President – Mike was absent from the meeting. He is currently looking for people to be **Road Guards** (minimum of 10) for rides and will ask that they all go through the MSAP program with Robert. The training is to ensure that everyone is on the same "page". Road Crew Patches will be available to anyone who completes three group rides as a rider or passenger. You must sign-in at the beginning of the ride. Everyone who rides at least 500 miles a month between April and the November meeting will be given a big party. If you are interested, please have an officer log your miles each month. Bike Nights at Rock House are going well. **Volunteers are needed from 6:30-8:30 each week to work the products table.** Please see Allen if you can help. The third quarter ride is tentatively set as a day ride to the Steve Melton Event at the Geneva Hotel at Lake Lure on September 12th. Please watch for more information.

Legislation - Chappy was absent. Please watch the newsletter and weekly emails for items of importance.

Master Sergeant at Arms – Robert thanked all current Sergeants for their assistance and work.

Minutes Continued

MSAP – Robert Ham stated MSAP is doing great but needs volunteers to teach. Please contact Robert if you are interested in becoming a MSAP instructor. You do not have to be a CBA member in order to teach MSAP classes. As of July 1st state funding for the Driver's Education program in the school system will end. Please contact state legislators regarding this situation. Funding for two years has been approved by state legislators but this doesn't address long-term funding. Robert stated that the tri-fold brochures for MSAP that can be placed at churches and other locations for parents and teens is printed. A generic tri-fold brochure with Jeff Reif's name will be done for the Steve Melton (Bird) Poker Run in the fall because riders from all over the state will be there. Jeff will then be able to give them the contact information for where they live in N.C.

Products – New shirts are in and cost \$15 each (There are both men's and women's shirts). Please see an officer if you can help with the products table.

Old Business – Results of the voting on constitutional changes from the last state meeting were discussed. Although our chapter voted in favor of the three changes, they did not pass at the state level so therefore those changes will not be taking place. Thanks to everyone who voted on them.

New Business – Nominations will be taken through the September general meeting for our chapter officers. Chapter elections will be held prior to the beginning of the October general meeting. Anyone interested in running for a chapter office (President, Vice President, 1st VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Legislative Coordinator, Master Sgt. at Arms, Sgt. at Arms, or MSAP Coordinator) must be a member for one year as of January 1, 2016 – the date you would take office.

* We will also be voting on new proposed constitutional changes that were brought up at the CBA state meeting in July.

* Chris Shope will be offering a self-defense class this fall at the homestead for \$15 per person. Please let him or an officer know if you are interested in taking the class.

* The Homestead will be the last stop for the Dunlap ride on October 10th.

* There will also be a "Benefit for our Brothers" on November 7th. It will be a dice roll. The first bike will be out at 10:30 am and the last bike in at 4 pm. The ride will end at the homestead. Please watch for more information.

Motion to Adjourn – Made and Passed

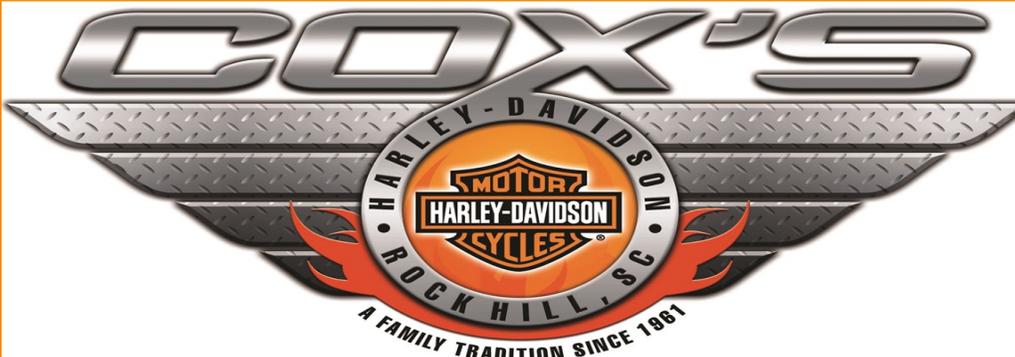
Closing Prayer – Penny Franklin

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Barnett, Secretary



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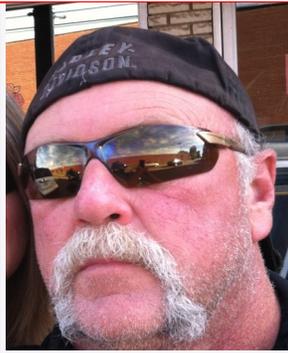
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Notice to ALL CBA Members!!!

We have had a dramatic drop in the participation of members for events at the Gaston County Homestead. This is the home of the Gaston County CBA. although it is a separate entity of the CBA. In

order to continue with the Homestead, we need everyone, members or not to come down and enjoy what we have to offer and support what is going on. Without yavls support... the Homestead may not exist for the CBA members meetings much longer!!! That would be SAD, but a seriously true fact!



2nd Vice President

Please keep Magic and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he is recovering from an accident on August 7th, which with the extent of the injury to his foot, it had to be removed We Love you Magic!

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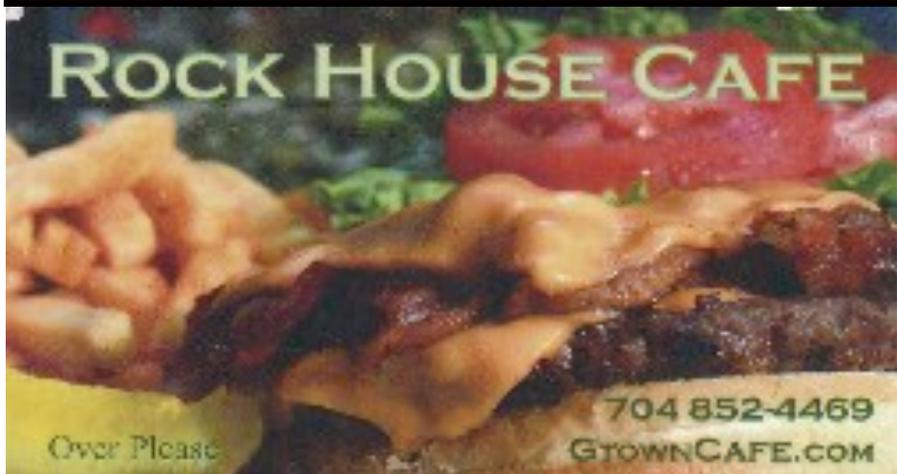
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