

The

Mt. Lemmon Echoes

Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Southern Arizona: The 36th Annual Candlelighters Family Camp on Mount Lemmon, AZ

by Christina Grossman

It is nothing short of a miracle how Beverley Tidwell, Program Coordinator of Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Southern Arizona and Camp Director, the board members, Banner Health Children's Hospital staff, and volunteers were able to put together another year of Family Camp. Candlelighters serves, supports, educates and advocates for families facing pediatric cancer, those who have lost a child to cancer, with hematological diagnosis, or facing sickle cell anemia. The weekend of September 17th – 19th was an event to remember, despite facing challenges of COVID-19.



About 80 campers attended the 3-day, 2-night event at Camp Lawton on Mount Lemmon, AZ. In previous years, all families were able to stay at the facilities at Camp Lawton. To better serve all families, their needs, and follow COVID-19 protocols, some families were able to stay at any number of Airbnb cabins within the Summerhaven community, at the Mt. Lemmon Hotel at six of their cabins, and at the historic Forest Service Sollers Cabin off Sollers Road.

Activities for families included rock wall climbing, arts and crafts, tomahawk throwing, archery, and BB gun shooting. All meals, accommodations, boarding, and gifts for the children are provided free of charge for each family. All volunteers of the event come from various parts of Arizona and New Mexico to help the families have a memorable experience on Mount Lemmon.

On behalf of Children's Candlelighters of Southern Arizona, thank you to all on Mount Lemmon who made it possible to have a fun and memorable experience for the families. Our family especially was able to volunteer and participate in the activities. As Beverley Tidwell states, "Until cancer is a memory, this camp will continue to be available for local families."

For more information on this organization and how you can help more families of Southern Arizona, visit <https://candlelightersaz.org>. If you are interested in donating money or donating time, feel free to email Candlelighters CCFSa at info@candlelightersaz.org.



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Camp Lawton- Mount Lemmon, AZ -2021



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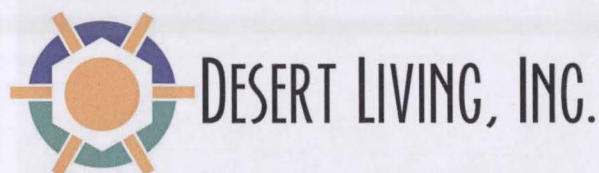
9th	Star gazing (see USFS article) at Sabino Canyon
11th	Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples Day
16th	Board Meetings: MLWD - 8:30 am MLHOA - 10:00 am Woman's Club - 1:00 pm
18th	Fire Board meeting— 4:00 pm
20th	Full Moon
24th	Ten digit dialing MANDATORY
31st	Halloween

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The Mt. Lemmon Community Center

is part of Pima County's Natural Resources Parks and Recreation (NRPR) department. The center is located in the heart of Summer-haven. The facility is dependent upon local volunteers to staff and support the visitors center. The mission is to welcome all who visit the facility and to promote Summer-haven, Mt. Lemmon and Pima County, Arizona. To reserve the MLCC, call Kelly Cheeseman, Pima County Parks and Recreation, 520-724-5208, or email Kelly.Cheeseman@pima.gov.



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Whoosh! Where Does Time Go?

by Sally Crum, MLHOA board president

It is hard for me to believe it is October! Where did summer go? I see some of the Aspen leaves are already beginning to change colors!

Over two hundred friends and family members enjoyed our 4th of July BBQ and flyover and the opportunity to visit face-to-face with our friends and neighbors. We had a good turnout for the flu vaccine clinic at the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station, and we are grateful to Walgreen's pharmacy for their continued support.

As the uncertainty in these times continues, a decision was made to cancel the Chili Festival planned for Oct. 9th. However, we are planning to have the White Elephant Party on Dec. 11th at the Sawmill Restaurant. Doug and Laura Mance are this year's hosts. Once the menu has been selected, the details and price for dinner will be provided in the November issue of the Echoes as well as on Nextdoor and the MLHOA listserv. This event is great fun and a wonderful occasion to begin the Christmas holiday season. **SAVE THE DATE** and watch for updates.

The MLHOA board would like to extend our gratitude to DEBBIE FAGAN and MIKE BERNSTEIN for their many years of service on our board. They are both stepping down, and new board members Kim McNurlin and Michael Singervalt have agreed to serve our community. Thanks, and welcome.

Linda Mulay continues to recover from recent surgery, so our Bunko games are also postponed until next summer. Get well, Linda; we all miss you.

John Osborne, the MLHOA secretary, posts timely information in the Echoes from each board meeting. And to further communications, approved minutes from the previous month will also be posted on the MLHOA website @ mtlemmonhoa.org.

We welcome your contributions to the Echoes to help inform and interest our readers. Share a recipe, a family story, memory, or other items of interest to our mountain community. Contact our editor Pamela Harmon @ selbyharmon@aol.com

Be safe, get out and enjoy our beautiful forest, and take a moment to be thankful for this little piece of paradise!

Whatever you want to call it, call it delicious!

Growing up, my mom made this excellent dish we called cobbler. When I have made it for folks from Pennsylvania, they called it a crisp. But whatever the label this recipe makes the BEST fruit dish! Since the apples are in season, I thought I would share MY favorite apple cobbler. Enjoy! Pamela

For the topping:

1 cup sugar
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 egg
Mix together until crumbly
(mom let us use our hands for a tactile experience!)

For the filling:

Peel and cut fruit (peaches, apples, pears) about 6 large apples. No need to add sugar unless fruit is very tart. But sometimes I add cinnamon or a little lemon juice, depending on the flavor of the fruit.

Sprinkle topping mixture over cut fruit in prepared dish. Drizzle top with 1 stick butter, melted. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 - 60 minutes. Let cool a bit and serve with vanilla ice cream.

What's Up from the MLHOA Board's September Meeting

by John Osborne, board secretary

- The board elected Michael Singervalt (Greater Soldier Camp Association (GSCA) president) and Kim McNurlin to serve on MLHOA board. Welcome!
- Long-time board members Debbie Fagan and Michael Bernstein stepped down. Thank you for your service!
- CJ Woodard, USFS, and Joe Gunia, Mt. Lemmon Fire Department, predict state crews will soon begin brush cleanup work in Turkey Run and Marshall Gulch areas.
- CJ reports **no** new trails open on mountain yet; new FS order effective 10/1/21 with more information.
- Beth Borozan, County Supervisor Steve Christy's office, reported no deed restrictions on ML Water Department property for school use; Pima County will continue to lease MLWD usage despite sewer equalization basin underground installation, which will have no impact on buildings.
- MLFD chief Joe Gunia reported new heart monitor is in service, the new fire truck is in transit to arrive within a few days, grant applications and fire station earmark funding still in process, and bark beetle funding program in works to defray expenses of dead tree removal.
- The Board cancels Chili Cook-off due to fear of poor turnout due to Covid.
- Water Department: John Mulay reported hire of new employee, application for new water line on Tucson Avenue submitted for approval, and Michael Stanley is staying til dust settles.
- Mt. Lemmon Business Economic Association ("MLBEA") president Jenni Zimmerman reports mountain businesses busy, restaurants still short-staffed. Jenni contacted Peggy Boody of Arizona Economic Recovery Center to investigate funding for mountain shuttle. Mt. Lemmon Lodge construction restarts shortly but will not include beer garden due to County parking restrictions. Mt. Lemmon Hotel doing well!
- Deputy Sloan emphasized: (1) sheriff and Arizona Game & Fish will be enforcing helmet and passenger ordinances for ATV users on main roads; (2) motor vehicles can pass bikes on the highway despite double yellow lines if done safely; (3) sheriff's teams to target racing vehicles on mountain via social media.
- Christina Grossman established committee to address necessary work to maintain Faul Preserve.



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Odd Mementos from the Aspen Wildfire

by Pamela Selby-Harmon

When the Aspen fire came through our village in June 2003, the first reaction was pure survival, then we got down to recovery; realizing how much we still had. Lost was a bunch of "stuff." Precious and heart-wrenching to loose, but just stuff none-the-less. At the time, I was bemoaning our loss to my mother; I told her how the insurance covered all the "stuff" but not the substance of what was lost. I was sad that my cookbooks were not among the many things we managed to evacuate, and I had quite the collection.

In July of '03 my mother gave me a little spiral bound notebook with some of our family favorite recipes; she had hand-written about 50 of our favorites in this, now slightly tattered book. All our Thanksgiving standards and Christmas cookies too! Now that my mom has passed away, I get a double whammy of emotions every time I need a recipe. I have included a few of our recipes in this issue of the Echoes. I hope you enjoy them as much as I do!

Rita Selby's Hot Crab Dip

8 oz softened cream cheese
1 Tablespoon milk
6 1/2 oz can good crab meat
2 Tablespoon grated onion
1/2 Teaspoon horseradish

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Important News You Can Use

by Matt Grossman

There are four online resources available to keep Mount Lemmon residents up-to-date between Echoes editions:

1. A Google Group has been set up to provide email updates. To join, send an e-mail to mtlemmon-hoa+subscribe@googlegroups.com.
2. The Mount Lemmon Homeowner's Association maintains a website at <https://mtlemmonhoa.org/>. Check it out, get informed, and contribute.
3. A neighborhood group has been set up on Nextdoor.com. Sign up using your cabin street address to be connected to the Mount Lemmon group. If you already use Nextdoor for your valley neighborhood, you need to sign up for Mount Lemmon under a different email address, since only one neighborhood is permitted per email address at this time. This venue is important for general information, worthwhile educational benefits and timely communication, especially during critical concerns such as fire danger and road closures.
4. MLFDAZ.org is the web-address for our Fire Department. On their home page, under the Resources tab is *Firewise*. This tab takes you to the compilation of the important Firewise information and forms. This includes an Action List for Property Owners, a Community Communications form, cheatgrass and bark beetle identification, and even more information to help keep your cabin and community safe.

Carrot and Orange Soup

Another Selby family favorite

- 4 T unsalted butter
- 2 C finely chopped yellow onion
- 1 1/2 - 2 lbs carrots, peeled & chopped
- 4 C chicken stock
- 1 C fresh orange juice
- Salt, pepper, & fresh orange zest to taste

Melt butter in soup pot; add onion, cover and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until tender & lightly colored, about 25 minutes.

Add carrots & stock. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover & simmer until carrots are very tender, about 30 minutes.

Separate solids and puree; adding the cooking stock back in as needed to get a fine carrot puree. Process until smooth.

Return puree to pot and add orange juice and more of the reserved stock until desired consistency. Is reached. Heat through. Season to taste with salt & pepper.

Add a little orange zest on top, serve warm.



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From the Desk of Supervisor Steve Christy

Recently, we were asked about the future (and past) of three Pima County-owned parcels located at the southern end of Sabino Canyon Parkway, so we asked staff for a report to address the concerns raised. Here's what we learned.

The northernmost parcel contains the Mount Lemmon Water Reclamation Facility, the middle parcel contains an operator's trailer and access road, and the southern parcel contains the old schoolhouse. The Mount Lemmon Domestic Water Improvement District leases the southern parcel from Pima County Wastewater Reclamation.

The Mount Lemmon Water Reclamation Facility is managing current flows, but it has long been a challenge due to the very sporadic flow from widely varying numbers of visitors and part-time residents. Flow fluctuates significantly day-to-day, week-to-week, and season to season. With the newly constructed Mt. Lemmon Hotel, average flows have almost doubled.

An equalization tank, an underground vault with surface hatches for access and valves, similar to the existing influent pump station, will eventually be needed to manage high weekend and summer wastewater flows from visitors. It is anticipated this project will be completed within the next three years.

A recent assessment showed the existing facility should be able to operate for at least 10 more years. Even with this positive report, Pima County must continue to plan for a new facility in the future, and the two adjacent parcels of land will be needed to allow for flexibility in designing and building that future facility. There was some discussion that these properties had restrictive covenants. Staff reports that they do not.

I believe this addresses the questions asked. As always, please feel free to contact my office for more information. And yes, I love being your supervisor.



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Exciting News from the USFS

by Imena J. Ezell, MS, Santa Catalina District

We have three new additions to the Santa Catalina District. Lavelle Shelton from the Coconino National Forest is our Acting Support Service Specialist who helps sell firewood permits, and Randy Moore comes from the De Soto National Forest and is our Acting Developed Recreation Program Manager. Jake Baechle serves as our permanent Assistant Recreation Staff Officer. He comes to the Forest Service from Saguaro National Park, having experience in Wilderness, Trails, OHV, Rec Special Uses, Volunteers and GIS.

The Mount Lemmon SkyCenter will be hosting a Star Party, **Saturday, October 9th**, from 6 to 10 pm at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center. Come join us and view a variety of objects through telescopes, highlighted by the giant planets Jupiter and Saturn. In addition, this will be an official NASA pre-launch event for the James Webb Space Telescope with presentations to be held underneath the ramadas near the parking lot during the night. In partnership with the USFS and the Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists, there will be several informational and hands-on tables and activities suitable for all ages. The Public Lands Interpretive Association will operate the visitor center bookstore during these hours. Additionally, the overflow lot is expected to open October 15th.




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Thanks for the (Water) Memories!

by Doug Mance, MLWD Board chair

With any luck, you are humming the Bob Hope tune of the same name above, but this Echoes submission on behalf of your Mt. Lemmon Water District needs to include sincere and heartfelt thanks to many, many mountain folks.

First, we are ALL thankful for getting through this year's fire season successfully. Justifiably, we all get very nervous come May and June. We made it again, folks.

Next, I would like to thank our Representative Gail Griffin, Supervisor Steve Christy, Steve's boss, Beth Borozan (Steve tells me this is true) and every, every, everyone who helped during the 6-year process of getting Mt. Lemmon water to the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department and the USFS helipad beyond, truly a construction home run for the mountain.

Thank you to the dozens coordinating and involved with the Firewise program on Mt. Lemmon. As far as fire prevention is concerned, we are ahead of most national wildland interface zones because of everyone's hard work.

I would also like to thank our water customers, both residential and business, for responding to the Stage 2 water curtailment program by voluntarily adjusting their water usage when needed. Water is precious. Always.

Hats off with thanks to my board (past and present): John Mulay, Gordon Hunter, Jim Rollins, Pat Klein, and Stu Shacter. We are dedicated to making sure your Mt. Lemmon tax dollars are stewarded responsibly and reinvested back into our mountain community.

Finally, I would like to personally thank our staff: Mike Stanley, Nate Davis, and Carol Niehoff. Nate has big shoes to fill in the days ahead, and we will make sure that Mike does not go totally "off-leash." He is a Mt. Lemmon treasure, for sure. So onward we go. If the monsoon rains (nearly 30") were snow, it would be 20-30 feet! Let's all hope for a great winter snowpack. And thanks, Echoes staff!

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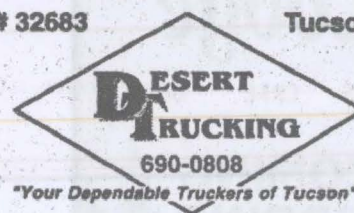
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Abundant Joy with the Woman's Club

by Carol Niehoff, co-president

As the holidays are fast approaching, the Mount Lemmon Woman's Club is beginning to focus on our most important charities. Often it is the selfless hours we give to them that make the holidays uniquely special and bring back to us the greatest feelings of joy. Many years ago, I was told that the Japanese symbol for "joy" is a combination of pleasure and gratitude. I've searched for a corroboration of this description but found nothing similar. After reading many variations, I've come to the conclusion that my cherished understanding is terribly flawed. There was not one mention of anything close to gratitude. So, even though I will continue to believe that a part of "joy" is indeed gratitude, I won't ask you to accept my inaccurate description.

Over the months of September and October we are collecting donations for More Than a Bed (morethanabed.org) that serves families with foster children. We have collected monetary donations that qualify for State tax credits and new or gently used items for children of all ages, especially toddlers and babies. The most sought items are crib sheets and packaged diapers.

From September through late November, Linda Mulay is collecting items for our annual Holiday Bazaar at Catalina Village. Last year we shared an extensive list in the Echoes that generated many welcome donations from our community. We send a joyful thanks to all donors and a reminder to watch for the list next month.

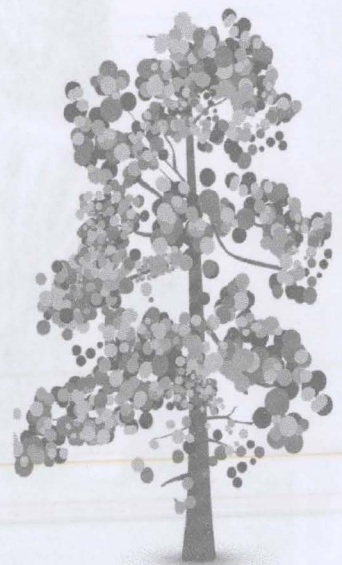
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The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles, enabling owners to mingle. The Annual Dinner and Meeting is traditionally held each year on the first Tuesday after tax day.

Pima County has said the MLHOA is the strongest and most respected homeowner's organization in the entire county.

Members of the board of directors are: Sally Crum, president; Jenni Zimmerman, vice-president; Anne Skelley, treasurer; John Osborne, secretary; Pamela Selby-Harmon, Echoes editor; and members-at-large Linda Currin, John Mulay, Pete Krauss, Kim McNurlin, Michael Singervalt, Tom Thomas and Matthew Grossman.

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Membership dues for the MLHOA are \$35 annually. To join or renew, clip the form below, fill out all the information and send it, along with a check to the MLHOA. If you have questions or concerns regarding your membership status, contact Anne Skelley at 520-429-9199 or email sgca891@gmail.com



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Green Today, Brown Tomorrow

by Dan Leade, Captain/A-Shift

What a difference a monsoon can make! The streams are running, the weather has been cooler, and our mountain looks remarkably different from more recent monsoons. After record breaking droughts the previous two years, this has the potential to be the wettest ever, as there are still three weeks left in the season as of the drafting of this article.

While new plant life is currently a brilliant green with good fuel moisture, this will most certainly not last. Living in the wildland-urban interface in the desert Southwest is a double-edged sword. On one hand, the beauty of the mountain is currently unparalleled to any monsoon season that I can recall in over 18 years I have been around. That beauty will give way to significant fire danger as the hot, dry conditions of our upcoming spring/summer turn this abundance of vegetation into wildfire tinder. This particular fuel model has a tendency to catch fire with minimal prompting and spread very quickly. It is with this in mind that the MLFD reminds you to start early on your annual property Firewise activities.

In years past there seemed to be a late springtime scramble to get properties prepared for fire season. As stated in previous articles, fire season is fast becoming year-round in our region, and the flash fuels loaded on our mountain have the potential to have an immediate impact. Therefore, it is imperative to get an early start on property clean-up. With the help of the Coronado National Forest, we hope to keep our burn pile collection site operating as long as possible (please call ahead before bringing materials, as the gate will need to be unlocked by staff). This becomes more difficult as we more closely approach fire season. The site cannot be burned once fire restrictions are in place, and we cannot collect due to the potential need for helicopter operations at that location. MLFD highly recommends prepping this fall/winter instead of next spring. When neighborhood slash piles are available for chipping, make an effort to utilize them. You may also elect to remove green debris off the mountain.

For now, we encourage everyone to take advantage of how nice the mountain looks adorned in greenery. Just remember that green will eventually give way to brown, and we all must be vigilant in preparation for the 2022 fire season. Check out the direct link below or type in <https://mlfdaz.org/> and click on "Resources" for valuable Firewise information.
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The Huntsman History Brought to Life

by Alice Breazeale McLaughlin

Nancy Huntsman Breazeale was born in the Arizona Territory in 1910, at 1601 E. Speedway in a home her parents built in 1905, after moving permanently to Tucson in 1900. Years later her eldest granddaughter lived on that land which was to become Babcock Dorm. Her father owned a very successful wholesale grocery business in Bristol, Tennessee/Virginia with his brother. They decided to move West, spending a winter in El Paso and the following winter in Tucson. One morning my grandfather announced he was going to walk over to the mountains and be back for breakfast! I recall my mother saying her mother said, "I don't think so!"

It is not known exactly when the Huntsman family started camping in the Catalinas, but they did spend several summers on the mountain, settling on two locations along Sabino Creek for a cabin site. The National Forest was established in 1907, and we have a sign someone made that says May 1908. Besides the residence, a woodshed, chicken coop, corral for horses and goats, completed the homestead. (Nancy was not healthy so she was fed goat's milk which turned her into a very chubby-cheeked two-year-old.) Several apple and two pear trees were planted that parallel the current road, plus an extensive garden and water system. One pear tree remains today. Once cars could reach the cabin, a 3-car garage with workshop area was added.

My mother's first trip to the cabin was in a basket on her father's back when she was almost 3 months old. He walked up Sabino Creek while her mother rode her horse. By the time Mom was two years old, she had her own saddle horse to ride to the cabin. She took my brother and me for day rides out of Lee Reed's stables (about where the post office is now) and later, on overnight trips with Danny DeWeese and John Miller (where the old fire station was).

While our experiences were not like hers, Mom introduced us to the great outdoors, hiking us everywhere. Our favorite hike was the Aspen Thicket, where we always visited the Aspen tree where our grandparents' initials were carved. The Aspen Trail, established by the Huntsman horses, allowed the stock to pasture there. Mom fashioned fishing poles out of willow branches like she had used as a child, and we fished in Marshall Gulch after Game and Fish stocked the streams. Large gatherings of horseback groups would gather on Mt Lemmon for community picnics, and once brought smoked glass to observe a solar eclipse. Check out a picture of Grandmother in the gift shop at Ski Valley in one of those groups.

When the Spanish Flu hit in 1918, Alice packed up her two daughters and headed to the cabin for several months, schooling them herself. Today, I find it ironic we again have a pandemic. And the biggest irony – she never experienced a major fire.

(footnote to McLaughlin article by Alice Breazeale McLaughlin) Alice Kite Huntsman is my grandmother. Alice Dorothy Huntsman was her daughter (my mother's younger sister who died from pneumonia at the age of 14). I, Alice Breazeale McLaughlin, am Nancy's daughter. I have a younger brother who started working for the Forest Service under John Brinkley in summer and weekends. When he graduated from the U of A he became full time FS. He was a District Ranger on two forests and retired out of the Chief's Office.



Nancy Huntsman, 2 years old
Mt Lemmon, October 1912

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Christina Grossman took this amazing shot of a red-tailed hawk on the deck rail at their cabin. What do you think they are checking out? Maybe they're looking for a new editor for the Mount Lemmon Echoes?

As much as I have enjoyed this task, life gets a little full and after two years, I would like to hand off this volunteer position. Maybe a new (but not necessarily) homeowner would like to get involved.

Editing the Echoes requires a few staggered hours per month. I am willing to coach (or co-edit) as needed. And Linda Currin has been wonderful about lending me her proof-reading expertise. If asked nicely, she might be willing to continue to help out as well.

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