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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

OVER 50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



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IMPORTANT!!

Our Meeting Location for our October and November Meetings will be at Pom & Olive Restaurant in Costa Mesa. Meeting Fee is **FREE**!! Venue directions may be found in your newsletter. Our December Meeting will be a virtual Zoom Meeting with Gary Borger presenting.

Upcoming Events:

President's Outing - October 21-23. Kern River. Sequoia Lodge. See your newsletter for details!

Check the website Events Calendar and join in the activities of <u>YOUR</u> Club!!

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President's Message

President's Message by Larry Behm

The Auction and Casting Clinic are behind us, fishing trips are winding down, it is the time of year to look ahead to next year and consider how you can help this Club. We need some extra hands and fresh ideas. As a volunteer run organization, we rely on the help and dedication of our members. Our community events and fundraising efforts have allowed our Club to operate for 50+ successful years.



We have open Board leadership and administration positions including communications, and fundraising.

Please consider helping your Club in any capacity you can. If you have questions or would like to know more about where you can help, please reach out me.

Thank you to everyone who supported the auction. The evening went off well, given that we had to scramble at the last minute to find a new location! People got some amazing deals and the Club raised about \$7,700 to fund our 2023 programs and scholarships.

You will see the Club moving around a bit the remainder of this year as we work through finding a new venue. The October and November meetings will be at the Pom & Olive Restaurant in Costa Mesa. December's meeting will be virtual via Zoom.

If you are not receiving email updates from the Club, please look at your junk mail settings and ensure that our notices reach you. We use email exclusively for last minute changes and this post-COVID world had presented a raft of those changes!

Finally, thinking of the future and our mission for conservation, this article cause me to ask "what I am doing to hurt or help our beloved mayfly?" Did you know it is the oldest winged insect, and are considered ecological sentinels? What are you doing for mayflies and by extension our fish?

https://www.washingtonpost.com/magazine/2022/09/19/mayfly-decline/

The next FFCOC Board Meeting is Thursday, October 20 at 7pm. The Zoom Meeting info may be found on the FFCOC website. Club Members are always welcome to attend.

FFCOC Meeting Venue for October and November



IMPORTANT!!!

The October and November General Meetings will be held at the Pom & Olive Restaurant in Costa Mesa.

December's meeting will be virtual via Zoom.

Pom & Olive is located at 1400 Bristol Street, Building C in Costa Mesa. (See map below)

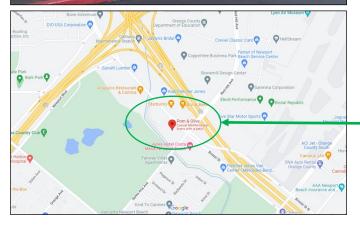
No change in our meeting format; the Happy Hour format (no served dinner). Start time at 7 pm; Wet Fly socialization with appetizers provided by Pom & Olive, cash bar, and some Club announcements. Our guest speaker presentation will start at 8 pm.

Come and join us! Guests are always welcome!!

Meeting Fee: No Charge!! The Club has been moving you around lately. Thank you for your patience until a "permanent" venue is found!!







Pom & Olive Restaurant:

1400 Bristol Street, Building C Costa Mesa, CA 92626

2022 Speakers

MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Ernie Gulley	Stillwater Bugs and Tactics - What Do Trout Eat	01/12/22
February	Peter Stitcher	How to Match the Hatch in 2 Minutes	02/09/22
March	Scott Leon	Off-Shore Fly Fishing Adventures	03/09/22
April	Alice Owsley	Stalking Trout in Yellowstone	04/13/22
May	Charles Jardine	Beyond The Chalk	05/11/22
June	Michael Schweit	Local Saltwater Opportunities - Channel Islands and Beyond	06/08/22
July	Heather Hodson	DIY Fishing the West - 30 Days On the Road	07/13/22
August	Club Picnic	Irvine Regional Park	08/06/22
September	Club Auction	Live - Santa Ana Elks Lodge	09/14/22
October	Al Q	A Saltwater Check List	10/12/22
November	Beckie Clarke	Colorado River Fishing	11/09/22
December	Gary Borger	Topic TBA (Zoom Presentation)	12/14/22

2023 Speakers

MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Chris King	Northern California Fishing	01/11/23
February	Gary Bulla	Baja Adventures	02/08/23
March	ТВА	ТВА	03/08/23
April	Landon Mayer	Guide Flies: Learn How to Fish Signatu Patterns for Tough Trout	ure 04/12/23
May	Marlon Rampy	The Amazing Redband Trout	05/10/23
June	George Daniel	TBA - New Book by Then	06/08/23
July	Alex Cady	Bass in Southern California	07/12/23
August	Club Picnic	Irvine Regional Park	(Tentative) - 08/12/23
September	Club Auction	Live - TBA 2023 Venue	09/13/23
October	Kelsey Gallagher	Trout - Chasing All the Species	10/11/23
November	Rick Ferrante	Horse Packing in the Sierra Nevada	11/08/23
December	ТВА	ТВА	12/13/23

Club News

Membership

Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

<u>August</u> <u>September</u>

Jane Helmeczi Brian Bell (Upland)

Michael Delarosa (Garden Grove)
Jesse James (Fountain Valley)
Kimberly Hyun Kim (Fullerton)
David Merrill (Huntington Beach)
Tina Montemer (Huntington Beach)
Jason Williams (Huntington Beach)

Phillip Williams (Irvine)
John Evans (Diamond Bar)

President's Outing - October 21-23

Plan on visiting Kernville for our big annual potluck outing at Sequoia Lodge.

Friday night is pizza night to allow everyone to arrive as they can. Please RSVP so I know how much pizza to buy.

Saturday daytime is for fishing and socializing. Saturday dinner at 6:00pm bring your shareable dish and the Club is providing the beef and chicken. You need to bring your own beverages too.

See details at https:

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New Venue Search Team

We need members to join a team to search for a new venue. For the second time in two years, our meeting venue was sold and we were kicked out! We need to have a committee search for, and evaluate possible locations for our monthly meetings. Would you like to help? I estimate that the committee would work for 2-3 months to find the right location. It would require several phone/zoom calls to establish a plan of action, then each member will be expected to make several calls and visits to screen down to a short list. The entire committee will visit candidate locations that are on the short list. The process will end with the securing of an agreement.

No previous experience is required, just a willingness to give the Club some of your time, and comfort contacting sales people at potential venues.

Larry Behm

949-235-4466

Club News

Trout in the Classroom



We are looking for teachers who want to educate their students about fish biology, fish habitat and fish life cycles. Do you know such a teacher?

FFCOC is running the Trout in Classrooms (TIC) program again this year. This program is an important part of our Club's mission regarding education and conservation. By teaching children about fisheries and what is important for a sustainable habitat, we are encouraging

conservation of the habitat we all enjoy so well.

During the COVID years the program shrank to 5 schools and we now want to ramp it back up again. We are asking you to help find teachers who would like to join the program. CA Wildlife is very supportive, has a new coordinator, Abram Tucker, and wants us to help.

So can you help find a teacher who could participate in this program? Help us with a lead and we can do the rest!!

Ron Gregg (<u>ronegregg@gmail.com</u>) is coordinating the program and leading a group of Club volunteers. He is the primary contact for any teacher who is interested.

Thank you for considering the project and helping to move it forward.

Stream Keepers Wanted



Are you interested in a fly-fishing trip – someplace you've gone before or maybe someplace you've always wanted to go?

A great way to meet people and hone your fly-fishing skills, and ultimately have fun is participating in a FFCOC fly fishing trip, and one of the ways of doing this is being a Stream Keeper.

Every trip sponsored by FFCOC, and included in the FFCOC Outings calendar, has a Stream Keeper whether it's a multi-day trip or just a morning of fly-fishing at the surf.

Does this sound a bit too daunting? It's not. The FFCOC has a procedure specifically for Stream Keepers in the Members Only section of the FFCOC website, look in Document Folder Steamkeeper (<u>Documents - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County (clubexpress.com</u>)). Contact your Outings Director, Don Tayenaka, and there are many former and current Stream Keepers that will answer any, and all questions. This is a great way to get involved in your Club, meet other Club members, and mostly enjoy fly-fishing!

Newsletter

Newsletter inputs for the next (November) edition are due to the Editor by <u>Saturday, October 26</u>, to meet publication deadlines. All submittals are gratefully accepted; Board Member announcements, Club News, Fish Tales, Fly of the Month, Outing Streamkeepers, or just general commentary from you (our readers)! Please send your inputs to Janna Roznos at either address below. Thank you!!

jkroznos@verizon.net or jkroznos@gmail.com

Club News - Upcoming Events

President's Outing 2022



Dates: October 21 - 23

Location: Kern River

Sequoia Lodge (Kernville)

This outing is a social outing for anyone interested in catching up with friends and maybe catching a Kern River Rainbow. The center of activities will be at the Sequoia Lodge, 16123 Sierra Way in Kernville.

Plan on visiting Kernville for our big annual potluck outing at Sequoia Lodge.

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Contact Larry Behm , lbehm@icloud.com or 949-235-4466

Club News - Upcoming (and On-Going) Event

FREE FLY FISHING CLASSES

On The River Classes and Clinic 2022 AKA FLY FISHING 101



Classroom Sessions:

Saturday Oct. 1st - 8:30am -12:00 noon Saturday Oct. 8th - 8:30am -12:00 noon Santiago Canyon College 8045 Chapman Ave., Orange CA 92869. Room U-88.

On-The River Clinic:

Saturday Nov. 5th Sunday Nov. 6th

The Fly Fishing Club of Orange County's (FFCOC's) On The River Classes and Clinic program is a perfect way for new, and less-experienced, fly fishers to learn the art of fly fishing. The program which is open to Club Members introduces participants to the fundamentals of fly fishing including the equipment, techniques and science of

catching fish. The program is a great introduction to a sport you can enjoy for the rest of your life.

Joe Libeu, a member of the FFCOC, is a Fly Fishers International Certified Master Caster Instructor and professional guide. He developed and instructs Advanced Nymphing Clinics on the Owens River.

Several experienced club members assist Joe providing hands-on training during the on the river clinic.

The program includes everything needed to plan and prepare for a successful fly-fishing trip. Classroom training subjects include equipment, insect life cycles and how flies imitate them, how trout behave, clues as to what fish eat, stream care and etiquette, reading the water, nymph rigging and much more.



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Club News - Upcoming (and On-Going) Event



The on the river clinic is held on the Lower Owens River near Bishop. Many of the items discussed in the classroom setting are covered in the field. In addition, the on the river clinic includes reading the stream, entomology, casting, mending, setting depth of flies using indicators, and numerous demonstrations. The program includes fishing one-on-one with one of the more experienced club members.

The On The River Classes and Clinic program is focused on helping new FFCOC members learn the basics of fly fishing and will be in follow up to our annual *Casting Clinic* held on Saturday, September 17th. Participation in the On The River Classes and Clinic program is limited. New Club Members and those who signed up at the September *Casting Clinic* will be given preference. Other club members are welcome to participate if space allows.

Remember, the On The River Classes and Clinic program is only open to FFCOC members. If you are not a club member you can join at our web site www.ffcoc.org or contact Cherie Dalton, the Club's Membership Chair at membership@FFCOC.org

CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are an accomplished fly fisher and know the Lower Owens River, you would be a great candidate to work with Joe and provide instruction at the On The River Classes and Clinic program. Please contact Doug Jones if you can help. We will need eight to ten members to help with the training.

Club News - Event Reports

Rod Building Class

We just finished a very successful rod building class. Six members spend three Saturday mornings learning how rods are made, what creates a quality rod and how to make their own. There were a few frustrating moments as people learned that a third hand or sixth finger would be useful when wrapping a small guide! Hoverer, everyone learned the tricks and finished just using their own hands.

This year we tried a new approach, that appears to work better than previous class approaches. The Club put together kits for each member so they didn't have to make purchase decisions before they understood how the parts would be used. We found a fly shop that gave a group discount and were able to keep the total cost to \$120/rod.

So, for a low investment, our members have a new rod, a new skill and broader knowledge of rod quality and function.

We would like to offer another class in early February. If you are interested please contact Larry Behm, lbehm@icloud.com or 949-235-4466.



Club News - Outing Reports

FFCOC Bridgeport Outing 2022

September 2-6

The FFCOC converged at our annual fall outing at Willow Springs RV Resort and Motel over Labor Day weekend. Club Members participating included: Bob Bess, Paul Nakamura, Dave McClure, Tom Niedzialek, Loring Davies, Kiernan McGowan, Dennis Chandler, Young Kwon, and Janna & Terry Roznos. We were a bit too early to see the leaves change for fall, and fishing was tough – very skinny water, and very persnickety trout. None the less, everyone in the group dispersed every day to the surrounding creeks and lakes to try their luck. The best local fishing waters were found on Buckeye Creek (above Buckeye Campground) and the West Walker River in the canyon region south of Walker. Young offered casting tune-ups out on the lawn in front of our host lodge. We all gathered at night at the evening campfire to share our favorite beverages and to tell our tales of catching fish or at least trying to catch fish. Also, as a special treat, Willow Springs grilled hamburgers for all their guests on Saturday night with rich, gooey brownies for dessert. We ended the outing with the traditional farewell dinner at the Virginia Creek Settlement Restaurant across the street from our lodging location.

This year, we had two travel trailers, and one camper from FFCOC staying in the RV section of the park, and we filled five of their motel rooms. The biggest group we've had since starting this trip three years ago. We will return again next year; probably in early October!



Club News - Outing Reports

FFCOC Bridgeport Outing 2022

Some Additional Photos:

Largest photographed trout taken at outing; caught by Young Kwon in Green Lake, which required a monster cast only a FFI Certified Cast Instructor can deliver!!









August in Montana, Big Horn River, very productive fishing with my two groups of 12 fly fisherman on the River. Many guided everyday, but wade fishing was just as productive both dry and under. Our outfitter, Beau McFadyean who has been a speaker at the club provided us with excellent guides. Excellent fishing for two weeks, some hopper and hopper/dropper was the ticket. Weather was beautiful (warm) and water cool for great wet wading or swimming. Check out the Photos.

Fish Tale by: Don Tayenaka



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Big Horn River Photos (Con't):









Fishing Kern in late September 2022



On unexpected availability, I headed out to Kern on a one day trip. It was a sunny day at 70F in the morning. The last year's wildfire badly affected the upper Kern area, leaving charred trees and slides by the recent rains. The almost forgotten trail was impossible to find due to the fire and it took about an hour to hike down to the Kern River gorge from Lloyd Meadow Rd. The water was a bit dark due to the silt and ashes carried by rains and slides but was still visible about 2-3 ft deep. The water temperature was felt to be high 50's. There was a hatch of tiny pale morning duns, but no rises immediately noticed. I casted size 12 stimulator to the first deep run and caught a cou-

ple of very nice rainbows. When seeing a very subtle rise near a big rock across the water, I quickly changed the fly to size 16 Kaddis (Caddis with "K"). I call it "sinking" caddis dry fly. It's a fly pattern that I created for uses in the Sierra areas. It's a hybrid of elk hair caddis and caddis pupa. It is casted for drifting on water, followed by submerging in the water when the fly line drags it in a fast moving run (because it is tied on a heavy nymph hook). The fly was very effective and landed about 20 (objective guess)-25 (fisher's overestimation) rainbows for 4 h of fishing. About a third was from submerged actions (surprise catches). The largest fish of the day (~17 in) was caught on Kaddis when it touched the eddy under a



tree and circled there around 3 seconds. Overall, it was one of the most productive day ever at Kern! Hiking back to the road was brutal. It was more than 1,000 ft elevation gain for 0.75 mi and the temperature was high 90's (no shades with trees and bushed burnt). However, it was a very good day for getting out in a gorgeous place with a fly rod.

Fish Tale by: Young Kwan





Our 7 Week Travel Trailer Fishing Adventure

You'll have to wait until the November issue to read our fish tale; we're still travelling! Back home on October 24. Thought we'd throw in a few photos of our trip so far...

Teaser Fish Tale by: Janna and Terry Roznos







Wanted! Your Fish Tales!!

Have you been fishing lately?? Please share your story with our membership! Our readers enjoy your fishing exploits!!

Your tales don't need to be novels, or even short stories. A paragraph or two would suffice. Photos are great (as the old saying goes, "they are worth a thousand words")! Don't worry about the formatting or arranging. Just send what you've got! Your newsletter staff will handle the polishing!! Your Fish Tales are always greatly appreciated!

Please send your Fish Tale submittals to your Newsletter Editor, Janna Roznos at: jkroznos@verizon.net or jkroznos@gmail.com.

Thank you!

2022 Outings

Date	Destination	Streamkeeper	Phone
February 19-20	Owens (Mentor)	Doug Jones	714-697-2222
March 13-15	Pyramid Lake, NV	Paul Nakamura	310-487-3367
April 2-3	Owens (Mentor)	Doug Jones	714-697-2222
April 2-9	San Juan River, NM	Brian Mayer	562-619-9169
May 14	Crowley Lake/Float Tube Clinic (Ernie Gulley)	Melinda Burns	951-415-9920
June 3	Surf Fishing-OC Beach TBD	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
July 15-18	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams	951-236-0862
July 16	Surf Fishing-OC Beach TBD	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
July 22-24	Golden Trout Hunting - Mulkey Meadows	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
August 6	Club Picnic		
August 12	Surf Fishing-OC Beach TBD	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
September 2-6	Bridgeport	Terry Roznos	562-322-4790
September 26-30	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
October 1 and 8	On-the-River Training (Classroom Sessions)	Doug Jones	714-697-2222
October 21-23	President's Outing/Kern River	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
November 5-6	On-the-River Clinic (Lower Owens)	Doug Jones	714-697-2222
December			

Note: Contact Don Tayenaka with your Club Outing proposal, or for guidance on creating a Club Outing. Let's go fishing as a group!!!

Southwest Council FFI- News & Events



November 4-6 is this year's Virtual Expo. Mark your calendars and join us for the fly fishing event of the year: Hands-on workshops, presentations from experts, fly tying, conservation, casting, break-out rooms, social gatherings, entertaining activities, fly fishing film competition and more...

FFI has some of the best instructors in the world. They are coming to you online to provide some great learning opportunities through seminars and workshops. Topics covered include:

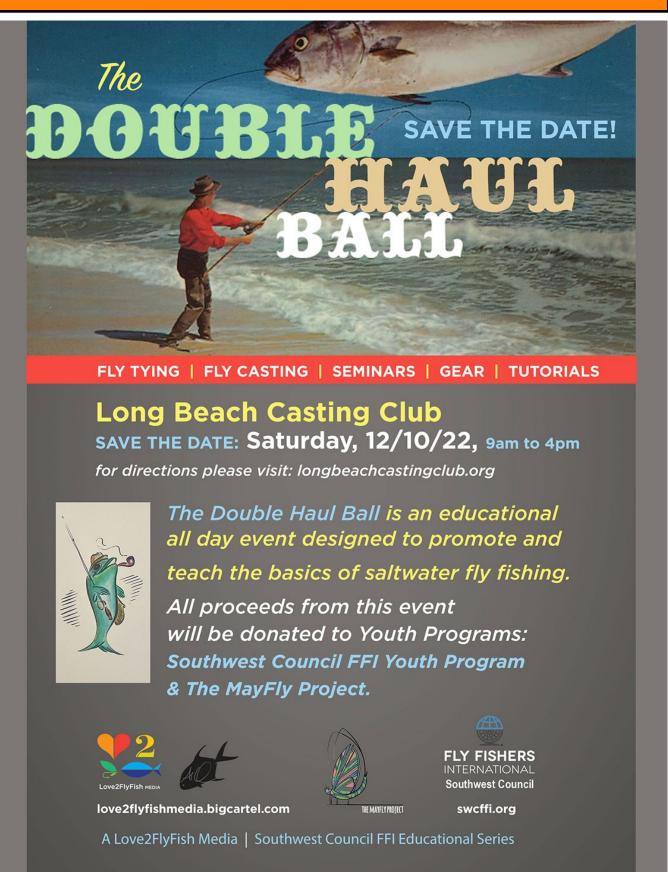
- Casting
- Tying
- Fly Fishing Skills
- Conservation & More

Registration is now open! Go to link below for Workshops, Seminars & Demonstrations, and more information. The Online Auction opens soon!

Come Join Us for the Fly Fishing Event of the Year!!

Virtual Expo (flyfishersinternational.org)

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Editor Recommended Read: Consider a subscription to the Southwest Council monthly newsletter. It is very well done! You will read about news and events of the SWCFFI, as well as the Club activities for the 21 Clubs in the Region (including the FFCOC). Your newsletter will arrive each month in your Inbox. Subscribe by clicking the link in the box below.

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Flies That Keep On Giving!

Pumpkin Spice

By Janna Roznos

Tis the season. You see pumpkin spice everything now; how about in your local fly shop?? One of my all-time favorite places to fly fish is the San Juaquin River in the eastern Sierras. I especially like to fish there in the fall, and with a Tenkara rod and my go to fly is the Pumpkin Spice which always — at least so far- has caught me fish. The fly is essentially the Frenchie pattern tied in orange. For detail instructions and a history of this fly I recommend, Charlie Craven's book *Tying Nymphs*. My version is a little bit different (different materials) because I used what I had on hand. I've fished this fly alone — tight line— under an indicator, and under a dry dropper. So not only is it a fish magnet but it's versatile, too.



Materials:

Hook: Harak 450 BL #14

Bead: 1/8 (3mm) Gold slotted Tungsten

Thread: Uni 8/0 Rust Brown

Tail: Coq de leon

Rib: Ultra Wire Small Chartreuse

Abdomen: Pheasant Tail

Thorax: Hairline UV Orange Dub Ice

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<u>Note</u>: Our Master Fly Tyer and Instructor (John Williams) is building a new studio in his backyard; his fly library is buried in storage. Hopefully John will return to our newsletter soon!

Flies That Keep On Giving!

Instructions:

- 1. Bead on hook and in the vice and lay down a thread base to the bend of the hook.
- 2. Preen several herls of the Coq de lean making sure the tips are in alignment and then strip them from the stem. Trim the butt ends. Measure the tail, it should be the same length as the shank of the hook. Tie in on top of the hook shank and trim any excess.
- 3. Tie in a length of wire for the rib (approximately 4 ") along the side of the hook shank ending at the tail. Move the thread to about 2/3 from the tail.
- 4. Preen a small bunch (maybe 4-5) pheasant tails aligning the tips and then strip them form the stem. Trim the butt ends. Tie on the shank of the hook and wrap to the back of the hook shank, making the body as smooth as possible, then move the thread forward toward the bead.
- 5. Take the pheasant tails and carefully wrap them forward in touching wraps covering the thread body. Tie off close to the bead. Trim.
- 6. Dub a small of amount of UV Orange Dub Ice on the thread and then wrap behind the bead covering the butt ends of the pheasant tail and making a thorax. Then whip finish and trim.

FFCOC Leadership

Open

Terry Roznos

Secretary

Mission:

Encourage Angling with Artificial Flies (Fly Fishing)

Encourage Education and Fisheries Conservation, including Habitat and Watershed Conservation

Disseminate to the public the Results of the Club's **Efforts**

Encourage Youth to Follow Sound **Conservation Practices**

To **ACHIEVE** this the Club conducts various meetings, events and outings as documented in this newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP is open to all. If interested, contact one of the Board members or come to one of the Club meetings.

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