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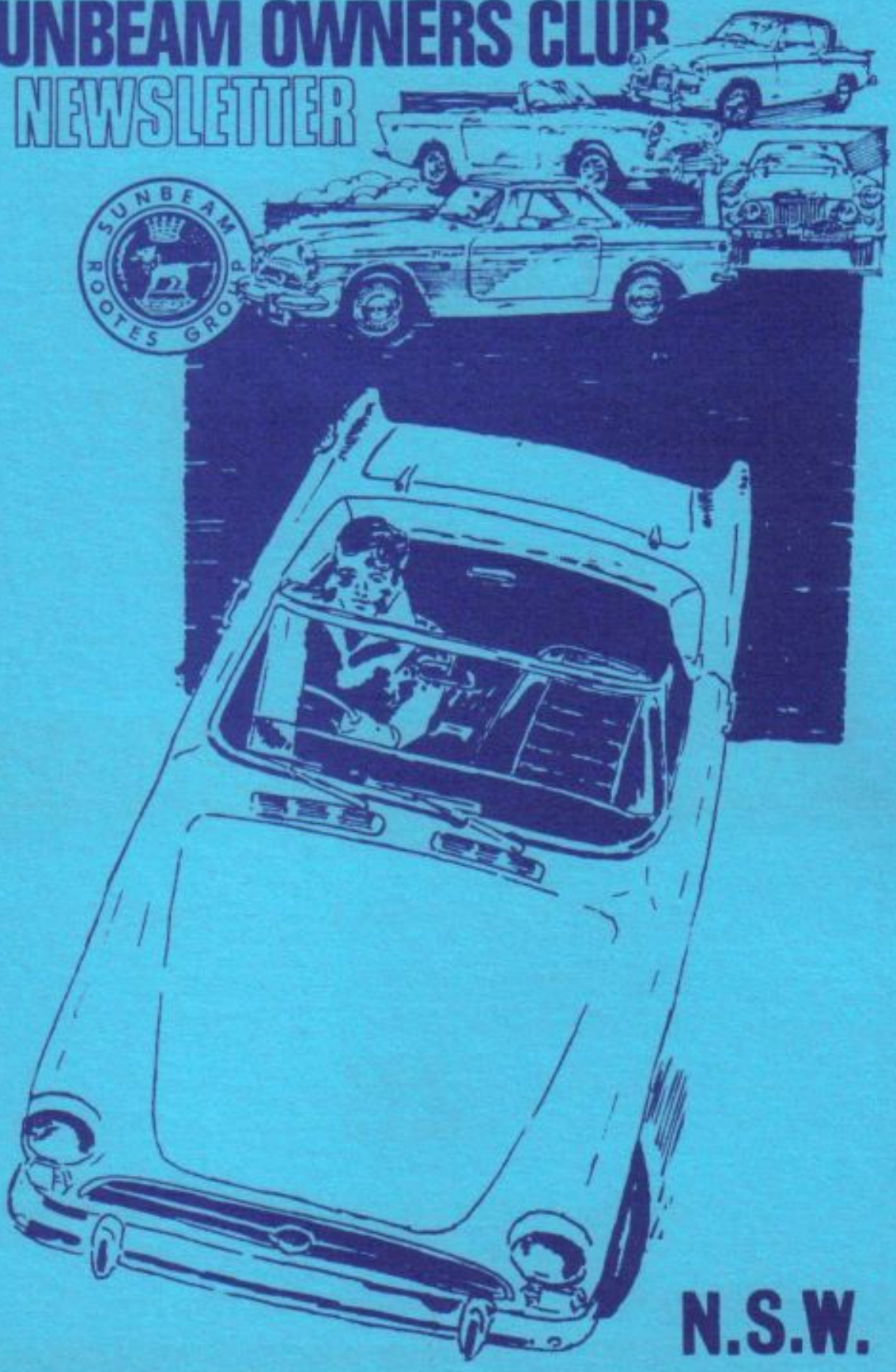
NEWSLETTER



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First Tuesday of each month
7.30 p.m. fellowship
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at
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CLUB CALENDAR 2020

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISER
2nd Jun.	General Meeting – via Zoom	D. Petrikas
14th Jun.	Fish and Chips Run to Woy Woy	R. Segrott
7th Jul.	General Meeting – via Zoom	D. Petrikas
4th Aug.	General Meeting – TBA	D. Petrikas
1st Sep.	General Meeting – TBA	D. Petrikas
13th Sep.	All British Day – The King's School	R. Segrott
6th Oct.	General Meeting – TBA	D. Petrikas
10th Nov.	General Meeting – TBA	D. Petrikas
1st Dec.	General Meeting – TBA	D. Petrikas

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Guess who owned this…answer next month.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well the shackles are finally being taken off and we are free to move around NSW again. What a great feeling!

Some members have been in contact with me regarding the resumption of club runs. I think the time is right to recommence our activities – with the proviso of abiding by social distancing guidelines.

The only challenge at present is the limitation on seating numbers at our destinations. This means we will have to pre-book and COMMIT to RSVPing to our events organiser Roy. Alternatively, we could pack a picnic lunch or grab takeaway out on the road. There are good choices around here for that, but no doubt they will be popular!

All is possible, we just need to organise ourselves to keep our numbers to less than 10 until further easing of restrictions on gatherings.

I am pleased to say that the lockdown has seen some progress on our club members' projects. One ex-Victorian Series I Alpine is ready for registration and I am receiving regular updates on a Series V Alpine which is being very lovingly restored mechanically and may one day shed its fluorescent green paint job! Both are in western Sydney.

My Sunbeam has been in isolation in a secure parking facility. I look forward to turning the key and hearing it rumble to life again!

Another Alpine which is complete, but not currently registered has been advertised in this newsletter and may soon find a new home – hopefully with a member of our club as we have lost some Sunbeams to interstate buyers over the previous year or so!

Speaking of members, we have welcomed a new member to our club, Andy Goonesekera who has a Series II Alpine. Welcome Andy, we hope to see you join in our club activities!

Hope the rest of you are all keeping well and I look forward to seeing some of you on our next outing!

David Petrikas
PRESIDENT

PAGEFOUR

Welcome to the June edition of the SOCNSW Newsletter. You may notice that the Club Calendar page has been reinstated, with an event for June – see elsewhere in the Newsletter for information.

We will be continuing our monthly meeting via Zoom, at least in the short term. You will be notified via email of any changes.

You may also note two other things regarding the calendar: the Shannons Classis at Sydney Motorsport Park has been removed – it has been cancelled for this year and the All British Day at The King's School is still on the calendar, since, as far as I can determine, it has not (yet?) been cancelled.

You may recall that I was intending to rebuild the brakes on my Alpine but didn't go ahead with it due to the unpredictable state of overseas package delivery. I have since discovered that there are at least two suppliers in Australia: JW Spares in Victoria and British Classic Spare Parts in Queensland. I am currently in the process of creating an order.

You may also recall I mentioned the state of the original rubber mats in my Alpine – I have since discovered that the state of the car's soft-top is not much better. Mind you, it hasn't seen the light of day in 15 – 20 years; after all, what's the point of having a convertible car if you put the top up?

David's soft-top looks much better! (below)

See you on Zoom!
Rick Harrison
Editor

MINUTES

SUNBEAM OWNERS' CLUB OF N.S.W. INC.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
5th May 2020 TELE-MEETING ONLINE VIA ZOOM

MEETING OPENED:	7:33 p.m.
MEETING CHAIRMAN:	D. Petrikas
MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:	7
VISITORS:	Nil
APOLOGIES:	B & H. Klower and G. Petrikas.
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:	Accepted: R. Harrison Seconded: D. Petrikas
TREASURER'S REPORT	Bank Balance as at 30/04/20: $17 062.76
SECRETARY'S REPORT:	
Correspondence Out:	Nil
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Magazines:	Received by email:
	Sunbeam Torque Mar. 2020
Subscriptions:	Nil
General:	Commonwealth Bank statement Dec 2019 to Mar 2020
EDITOR'S REPORT:	Have enough to fill Newsletter.
	Continuing to be available only by email.
REGISTRAR'S REPORT:	A Tiger has been placed on modified heritage registration.
PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT:	No report
REGALIA:	Nothing to report.
PAST EVENTS:	No further events until the Covid 19 restrictions have

been lifted.

EVENTS CO-ORDINATORS REPORT:

- All future activities cancelled owing to Convid 19 restrictions.
- Nationals have been postponed until 24thSeptember 2021 owing to Convid 19 restrictions. Bookings at the venue have been transferred to 2021.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Peter Paske to be contacted re request for an elderly Sunbeam enthusiast to be given a ride in an Alpine.

2)

- It was noted that the famous racing driver Stirling Moss has died.

3)

- Now that the Queensland club has merged with the Rootes Group Club in Queensland, it was Moved by R. Harrison and seconded by B. Dawes that we take over the Sunbeam Queensland Club's website, carried unanamously by those on line.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:20 pm

COMING EVENTS

June Run: Fish and Chips at Woy Woy

The June club run will be to Woy Woy for fish and chips

Date: 14th June

Meet at MacDonald's Mt Colah at 10:00 am for a 10:30 departure.

Thence to Woy Woy for fish and chips or whatever takes your fancy. (David is suggesting via the back roads.)

We will be observing the social distancing guidelines.

Please let me Roy or David know if you are able to attend so that we can confirm numbers are within the Covid-19 restrictions.

PAST EVENTS

National Motoring Heritage Day memories

Last weekend would have been National Motoring Heritage Day. An event that has been a highlight of the club calendar for many years. Sadly, cancelled this year because of COVID-19.

That brings back memories of many previous NMHD events, in particular the Berry display that our members attended back in 2017.

Charles Seaberg, Jacqui and I travelled to Berry for National Motoring Heritage event at Berry Showground. Country club member, Max Scarborough from over Picton way also took part in his 1947 Talbot. The Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club really puts on a great little 'car show' with some outstanding cars in a really pretty setting. Local tucker is good too!

The drive down via the Royal National Park rainforest and Sea Cliff Bridge was fantastic. The countryside south of Wollongong is so green and the scenery great with the mountains meeting the sea amid lush dairy pastures. Berry is a very pretty town with great historic buildings, colourful autumn foliage, interesting shops and great restaurants.

This must be one of the best day drives you can do from Sydney.

What a shame we didn't have more cars on the trip as this is one of my favourite runs and I feel those who did not make the trip missed out on a great day out.

POSTSCRIPT: we did get more takers for the Bulli run in November of that year!

David Petrikas

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IN THE NEWS

(Later in the year!)

POSITION VACANT: CMC Representative

Dear members

There is a vacancy of CMC representative for our club to attend CMC meetings to stay up to date with matters relating to classic cars, classic car events like the Shannons Sydney Classic and also classic vehicle registration under the Historic Vehicle Scheme (HVS) and Classic (CVS) Vehicle Scheme for modified vehicles.

(The Late David Rubie was our CMC rep before his illness and untimely passing and we are yet to fill the position).

There are only six CMC meetings a year, held at the Arena Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Road, Yagoona commencing 7:30 pm on a Wednesday. The calendar for the remaining CMC meetings is below.

If there is anyone in the club who would be able to attend these meetings – or even some of them, please let me know.

David Petrikas
PRESIDENT
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A MEMBER'S RAMBLINGS

My story about my "Sunbeam Project" which started back in 1994.
My business was supplying automotive and industrial paint and associated products to the various industries in the north west of NSW from our main branch in Gunnedah and the central west from Dubbo.

As is often the problem in business, getting paid is a hurdle that needs some other method other than dollars in the bank to pass on to your staff and suppliers.

My customer and I came to the conclusion that one of his "projects" in his shop would be a more prudent method of satisfying both our needs as he also needed cash to pay his staff.

Of the seven non customer projects to choose from, we chose the 1963 Sunbeam GT Series 3 with the bigger 1725cc motor, to be around the appropriate value.

Also it was the only one that I was interested in, that my 6ft 3in legs would fit into comfortably.

The choices sitting idle in his shop were. Frog eye Sprite, Mayflower, Riley, Citroen, Mini Minor, MG midget and the Sunbeam.

So with some initial enthusiasm, I started work on restoration. Apart from running the two business branches 3 hours apart, we also farmed a wheat and cattle property at night and on weekends, so there was not a lot of time for pleasure projects.

As time moved on, I totally stripped the motor and gearbox, which was unnecessary it turned out, after a previous owner who had made some enquiries to see if the car still existed, through this magazine gave me some history.

I recognised the uniqueness of his colour description on various panels and after I contacted him, I had a visit from him when Dennis Tobin, whom I had met after my retirement and move back to Newcastle came to check it out.

We figured that the vehicle had very low mileage. He had been the third owner of the Sunbeam and had hit a kangaroo, so it was off the road for some time with him. The owner before me had owned it for 14 years but after 2 years his girlfriend had slid off a wet road and some significant underbody damage occurred. He then had it in his panel shop and repaired the damage but never touched it again for 12 years.

Not really knowing what I wanted to do with it, I used it as a project for my teenage son and me to work on. We did all the mechanicals with some help from an old friend who loved just to be involved in such a restoration.

As a fitter from an earlier life in coal mines, I was comfortable doing the mechanical work but as the relatively new product we sold to panel beaters was now used in the form of 2 pack paint, I didn't have the spay booth facilities needed.

So, another customer welcomed the idea of part paying his account by putting the top coats of clear over solid base red Spies Hecker on the car but I didn't do the roof as it was left for the future.

In fact, during this Covid 19 lock down, I retrieved the roof from my shed and I have restored it myself over the last few weeks.

So, after a few restarts of enthusiasm with various people who encouraged me to get it on the road, the car has now been classic registered for 2 years and I have no concerns at all of using up all the allowed 60 days. It unfortunately sits alone and I'm sure feels neglected.

It had been off the road to my knowledge for 36years. 1994-2018 (24 years for me and 12 years previously.)

Unfortunately, during part restoration, we had sneaked out for test runs and a bit of adventure around the suburb and didn't realise that the overdrive which was totally overhauled in 1996 was not supposed to be used in reverse and the low gears.

So, after learning why it started slipping in reverse and not engaging anymore, we figured out that we'd overlooked that vital step of electrical connection.

Because this car was acquired by default and is certainly never going to be in concourse condition, we put up with the 4 speed box restrictions which take some getting used to after we step out of our 6 speed modern cars and use it for the memories that it brings back when I drove such cars in the 1960's in what the police who often would like to engage me in some conversation, and told me, "Son you drive in a very enthusiastic manner". They were the days. Dick Hillhouse

BLAST FROM THE PAST

This month's is from the June 1990 edition of the SOCNSW Newsletter…

CENTENNIAL PARK RUN

Just to make sure that the Banhams were on time for this run the President told us the meeting time for this event was 9.30 a.m. So we turn up at Mrs MacQuaries chair thinking we were late because we are the only ones there and everybody else has gone on to Centennial Park without us.

We watched the Japanese tourists come and take photos and go again in coaches, hire cars and buses. Eventually the President turned up and other familiar faces that only reminded us we were one hour early - nice one Thommo, you'll keep.

Although it was a Sunbeam run Tony Atkins polished up his Ford Model "T" truck and brought that out. So there we were heading off to Centennial Park with "Foot to the Boards" Sinden in the lead and Tony hard on his heels trying to keep from getting lost when at 38 MPH he threw a retread from a rear wheel. Chunks of rubber flying off and luckily doing no damage, these trucks are made tough!

We found a lovely spot at the park, the ground was very dry, which was amazing after all that rain, and we were near one of those lovely lakes where all those ducks live. We never did find out who was responsible for the shot gun shots that rang out, but the Ranger appeared to be driving away happily afterwards, dinner perhaps?

What was surprising was the number of club members that have pushbikes, and all the gear to go with them. There were people that hired their pushbikes and I think everybody did a bit of exercise in some form or another...

After the lunch and snoozes under the tree it was agreed that Tony should show us his new toy. So off he went around the Park with the back of his truck loaded with hitch-hikers and scaring the more athletic in the community as we did a lap of honour.

Rick Marks, who thought he could drive a Model "T" but now knows how, also took a load of passengers around much to their delight, and I think Pete will be more careful where he parks the Rapier now (you had to be there).

So there we all were making a spectacle of ourselves, tooting one of those early style horns and having fun, doing a lap of the park. I think that topped off a most enjoyable day and thanks must go to the organiser of the the day, Graeme Sinden.

SUNBEAMS ON THE NET

We haven't included this page for some time, but here is a web page discussing the Sunbeam Tiger.

https://www.liveabout.com/sunbeam-tiger-british-sports-car-4030293

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1965 Sunbeam Tiger Mark I. Photo by Mark Gittelman

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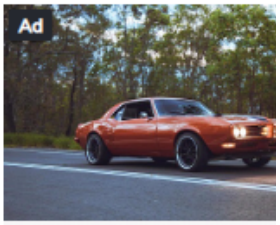

Winner Announced

Someone has to win this 1968 F
valued at $180,000. It cou

Open

By Mark Gittelman

Updated May 24, 2019

We are big fans of British sports cars from the 60s and 70s. Whether it's an E-type Jaguar, the MG model TD from the folks at the Morris Garage or even the pint-sized Triumph Spitfire, these cars are just fun to drive.

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What would happen if you took one of these petite performers and dropped in an old-fashioned muscle car V-8 under the bonnet? The answer is you would have a Tiger on your hands.

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A Sunbeam Tiger to be exact. Join me as we talk about an automobile built in small numbers, yet enjoys a large fan base. This combination is probably why

Sunbeam Regalia:

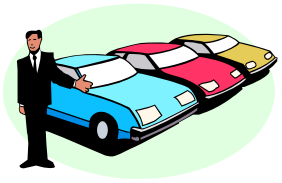
Jackets and vests

A reminder that the **Sunbeam Owner's Club of NSW** has a good stock of very high quality, soft, light and cosy reversible vests ($50) and jackets ($75) with a beautiful embroidered Sunbeam logo and the words: Talbot, Rapier, Alpine & Tiger around the outside so suitable for any club.

There are also long-sleeved chambray shirts if you want to layer up.

These would be perfect for the road trip and rugging up against chilly evenings and early morning trips in your car.

Please contact club president David Petrikas or our regalia officer Jacqui Bugg on 0415 768 297 to get yours. You'll be glad you did!



CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale

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The car, located near Ulladulla, is believed to be complete, although partly dismantled.

Included:

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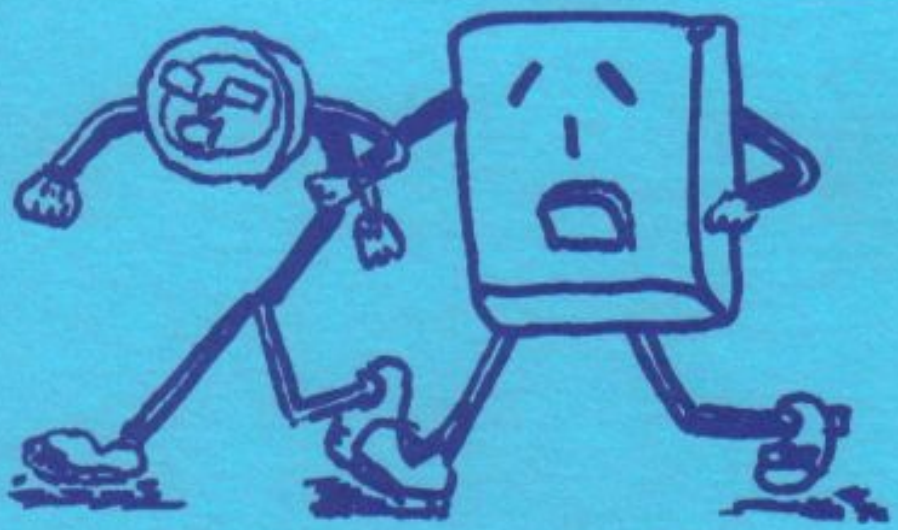

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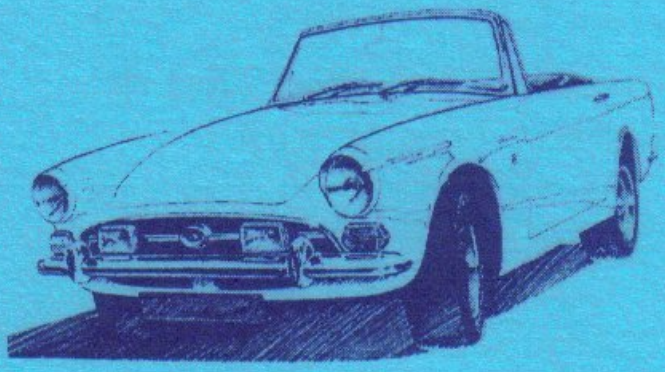

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