



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

# Die Zeitung

March 2011

The Jasper Deutscher Verein was founded in January, 1980 to promote, preserve and celebrate our proud German Heritage in Jasper and surrounding area. The Club is intended to be primarily Social and Not-For-Profit.

**Thank you to Al and Judy Bennett for their time and talent devoted to the Deutscher Verein. We hope that you enjoyed your time as President!!**

## **February Deutscher Verein Meeting**

The annual German Club wine and beer tasting was held at the VFW on Thursday Feb 17 at 6:00 p.m. There were 147 members in attendance.

Outgoing President Al Bennett opened the meeting with requesting a moment of silence for recently deceased members, Sharon Hoffman and Martina Eckert who were lifetime members of Jasper Deutscherverein. They are greatly missed.

Al gave a special welcome to new members Alan and Kim Mitchell, Richard Wurster, and Chris Vogler. He also welcomed guests Sam and Linda Mehringer, Steffi Schmuecker, Tony Mehringer, Darryl and LeAnn Huls, and Virginia and Jim Kapp. He also welcomed members of the Suds Club.

Al then asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Birnie Jeffries then led the members in singing God Bless America. Birnie then led the prayer before the meal, which consisted of franks and sauerkraut and cheeses provided by the club and appetizers and desserts prepared by the members. Birnie then led the members with Ein Prosit.

After the meal, Al continued the meeting by thanking the welcoming committee which were Rita Egler, Margie Jeffries, and Barb Schmitt. Sandy Wehr and Erin White sold raffle tickets for a Valentine's basket and a soup themed basket for the Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc, which were made and donated by Rita Egler and Nancy Eckerle. He also thanked Sharon Dilger, Ruth Wibbels at the food table and Judy Bennett and Bridgette Jarboe for taking over chairmanship of the wine and beer tasting for Ann and Dan Routson who had to drop out for medical reasons.

Al then introduced Darren Patterson who gave a brief report on the Suds Club.

Next was Dan Gutsell representing the nominating committee. Dan presented our slate of officers for the next 2 years. He had each one stand as he called their name. They were President, Birnie Jeffries, Vice-President Bridgette Jarboe, Secretary Barb Schmitt, and Treasurer, Rita Egler.

He asked for any other nominations from the floor. Being there was none, nominations were closed and Dan asked for a motion to approve the officers as nominated. The German Club accepted the nominations of officers.

Dan gave Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. report for 2010. He said there was tremendous activity going on between Pfaffenweiler. 57 individuals from Jasper went to Pfaffenweiler in 2010. This included 46 who went to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Partnership. 35 individuals from Pfaffenweiler came to Jasper. 7 students from Pfaffenweiler/ Staufen area applied for full time student visit to JHS 2010/2011 school year. 17 students from JHS are going on the student exchange program trip to Pfaffenweiler and Poesneck this summer. There has been a generous amount of fund raising being done by students, parents, and advisers. The first Oktoberfest was successful in helping raise funds for the student exchange program.

Dan stated that on an annual basis, Sister Cities of Jasper must come to the German Club and get approval for its Officers and Board of Directors. Every member of the German Club is a member of Sister Cities. .50 cents of every German Club membership goes to help support Sister Cities whose main purpose is to raise funds for JHS German Exchange Students.

The nominations of Officers were President Jim Gutsell- Vice President Nancy Eckerle, Secretary Patti Goepfrich, and Treasurer Dave Kieffner. There were no further nominations from the floor. Officers were approved as nominated by the German Club membership.

Incoming President Birnie Jeffries took over the meeting. He presented outgoing president, Al Bennett and his wife Judy with a nutcracker and a gift certificate from the Schnitzelbank. Al gave his farewell remarks. He thanked Birnie and the club for the gift. He thanked Rita Egler and Barb Schmitt for the many hours of devotion to the club. He gave thanks to Patti Goepfrich for all she does

for the club from preparing the newsletter to the input for the Family Picnic, and the German Heritage Dinner. He thanked Dan Wehr and Matthias Hilger who have been his council many times the past 2 years. He also thanked Birnie Jeffries and Margie who has been here for every meeting working behind the scenes to insure a successful meeting. And of course he thanked his (first lady) Judy for everything she helped him with the last 2 years.

Al then turned the meeting back over to President Birnie Jeffries. He introduced Sandy Wehr and Erin White who were promoting the German Exchange Program fund raisers.

March BR Bucks  
April Texas Roadhouse Rolls  
May Golf Scramble

Birnie then presented them \$1700.00 from the Jasper Deutscherverein.

Birnie had everyone who had birthdays lately to stand for the singing of Happy Birthday.

It was announced that we are looking for someone to chair the Sheephead Tournament at Strassenfest. Leo and Lora Lou Eckerle are stepping down, but will be available to help.

We are also taking nominations for Grand Marshall for the Strassenfest Parade. Nominations must be received by March 8th at noon.

Members then sang In Heaven There is no Beer, led by President Birnie Jeffries. Birnie then announced the program for the evening.

Ron Flick discussed and showed slides of the 175th anniversary of the immigration and settlement of the Germans in Dubois County.

After the presentation, the drawing for the theme baskets was held by Sandy Wehr and Erin White. The winners were Pam Howard and Rachel Buechler.

Margie Jeffries and Barb Schmitt held the drawing for the special prizes. Winners were Ellen Jochem, Chris Vogler, and Sharon Dilger.

Door prizes which were supplied from Art and Irene Kapp were a bottle of wine with a cooler. Winners were Art Kempf and Charles Knust.

Birnie then announced that the JHS Jazz Band will be performing. He also reminded everyone that the next club meeting is March 17 which is St. Patrick's Day. We will be having green beer. Everyone put on your green attire and come to have a great time!!!

Edelweiss and Happy Trails was sung at the closing. The rest of the evening was spent socializing and tasting entrants' wine and beer samples.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Schmitt, secretary

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### **Winners from the Beer and Wine Making Contest**

#### **Beer**

Tie for 1st place Justin Rumbach  
Ben Nowotarski  
2nd place Wes Noble  
Tie for 3rd Darren Patterson  
Wayne Patmore

#### **Grape wine**

1st place Kathy Wanninger  
2nd place Kenneth Schnell  
3rd place Dave Buehler

#### **Non grape**

1st place Charles Knust  
2nd place Art Kempf  
3rd place Kathy Wanninger

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### **Upcoming Event – Mark Your Calendars**

#### **Maerz Deutscher Vereinsabend**

#### **At the Jasper VFW Thursday, Maerz 17, 2011**

Time: 6:00pm Doors open

6:30pm Food  
Irish stew will be the primary food along with appetizers and desserts.

Members bring: Names A-P bring appetizers  
Names Q-Z desserts

7:00pm Meeting begins.

At our March 17th meeting, which will be St. Patrick's Day, Mr. Pat Keeley will bring his 21 member Jazz Band to entertain us.

We are going to set up the hall for Singing and Dancing. Irish stew will be the primary food along with appetizers and desserts. Member with last names beginning A - P bring Appetizers and Q - Z bring Desserts.

Irish stew with green beer plus Irish music and songs will make this a special meeting for sure. Wear something green!!!

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**April Deutscher Vereinsabend**

**Thursday, April 7, 2011**

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**Strassenfest – August 4, 2011 – August 7, 2011**

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**German American Day Dinner**

**At The Schnitzelbank**  
**Thursday, October 6, 2011**

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**Strassenfest 2011**

Strassenfest 2011 will be held August 4th to August 7th. We encourage all members to begin thinking about working a shift or two in either the food or pastry booth.

We will be at the March meeting to begin shift assignments. Please be sure to stop at our table and sign up. We need everyone's help to make this a successful fundraiser!! If you cannot attend the March meeting, please feel free to call us at 482-2373.

Thanks again for your wonderful support.

Pat and Phyllis Schuler

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**A thought from your President**

Well, finally your new Officers are off and running for 2011 and 2012. Bridgett, Holly, Rita, Barb and myself are excited to take the German Club to ever greater levels of fun and enthusiasm.

It's sort of obvious that I have surrounded myself with ladies and it's a good thing.

I have seen many times where women come to meetings with great ideas and a willingness to say, "yes I can." Not only that, but the majority of our 480 strong membership are women. It's only natural that a woman would eventually be President of the Club, Bridgett Jarboe will be our first.

Our current full Board of Directors now numbers 15 of which 5 are women.

We have great plans for the Club in 2011. Beginning with the March 17th meeting, which happens to be St. Patrick's Day. We have the Jasper High School Jazz Band coming to entertain us and yes, we will have green beer!

Wear lots of Green if you wish to make me happy, for I am of Irish descendants. I plan to be in a spirited mood and wearing lots of green!!

Make note now, that the April meeting will be on April 7th, so as not to collide with Holy Thursday services commemorating the Last Supper.

Also, we will have 15 minutes of German song practice at the March 17th meeting to get the club up to performance level at all functions we attend this year.

It's so important to Club to be a vibrant singing German Club to show others who and what we are.

I am so excited and privileged to be your President.

See you March 17th!!!

Auf Wiedersehen,

Birnie H. Jeffries, President

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**News from the Jasper High School German Exchange Program**

The JHS German Exchange Program will be selling Texas Roadhouse rolls in the weeks prior to Easter. Rolls are \$4 per dozen and can be frozen until used. Honey Cinnamon Butter is also for sale with it for \$2 a pint. All proceeds benefit the German Exchange Program's trip to Germany in 2011.

BR Bucks will be on sale from March 7-27th. Each \$5 coupon is good at Wendy's, Denny's, Long John Silver's, and Grandy's. Please contact Erin White for more information at 812-482-6050.

The Poessneck students will be arriving from Germany to Jasper on April 8th and staying through April 21st. They will be seeing the sights in Chicago as well as staying with a student partner in Jasper. Please welcome these students as you see them in the community.

JHS Exchange Students will be traveling to Germany on May 28. We will spend approximately 10 days in Staufen/Pfaffenweiler area before spending a weekend in Munich. We will then travel north to Poessneck and spend the rest of our trip there. We depart after a tour of Berlin and will arrive home on June 24th. These students have been working hard to ready themselves financially and mentally for our trip!

JHS students participating in this program are James Allen, Miranda Buffington, Jack Fleck, Zach Grewe, Alex Hilger, Clay Kincer, Lauren Mann, Jenny Price, Logan Rademacher, Tom Reinsch, Taylor Reutman, Kyle Robbins, Donnie Rohlman, Allison Rominger, Bryor Schepers, Wade Sermersheim, and Josh Tempel.

Sandy Wehr and Erin White will accompany the students.

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### **Happy Birthday To Linus Lechner**

Founding German Club member and current Board Member, Linus Lechner will turn 89 on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Please remember him with a Birthday Card to celebrate this occasion. His address is 1155 Clearview Avenue, Jasper.

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### **News from The Dubois County Suds Club**

The following is a slate of some of the activities of the Dubois County Suds Club for 2011. There are still some dates to be determined.

Even if you have no interest in learning how to homebrew, members of the Deutscher Verein are ALWAYS invited to stop by a meeting or event to simply enjoy some good beer! Thanks!

- March 12 - Bus trip to Indianapolis
- April 5 - meeting at Schnitzelbank - 7pm
- May - Big Brew Day (exact date TBD)
- June 7 - meeting at Schnitzelbank - 7pm
- July 5 - meeting at Snaps - 7pm
- August 6 - Strassenfest contest
- September 6 - meeting at Schnitzelbank - 7pm
- September 17 - German Club Picnic
- October - Learn to Homebrew Day (exact date TBD)
- November 1 - meeting at Schnitzelbank - 7pm
- December - Holiday party (exact date TBD)

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### **Thanks For Hospitality in Pfaffenweiler**

For the past several years, individuals from Dubois County have asked what Funds are available in Pfaffenweiler where someone could donate money to, in appreciation of an individual or the community.

There are three Funds that the community of Pfaffenweiler currently has in place.

“Sozialfond”: This Social Care Fund is a non bureaucratic support fund for families and individuals of Pfaffenweiler in need. Distribution is discretely decided when needed by a committee of the City Council.

„Kindergarten Spendenkonto“ (Kindergarten Gift Account) This savings account is in support of the Pfaffenweiler Kindergarten beyond the annual budget. Any use of money in the account is decided by Mrs. Schaefer, Head Teacher, and her pre-school teachers. It can be used for the purchase of various items which are not in the annual budget but might become necessary.

„Jugendraumkonto“: (Youth Room Account) it is similar than the Kindergarten Gift Account) The Youth Room of Pfaffenweiler does not have budgeted community money allocated to it and thus relies solely on this fund raised through private sponsors and fund raisers. It is kept in a savings account and the Guidance Counselor for the Youth Room Dominik Burghard makes the decisions together with the Youth Council how to use the money. He does report back to the Pfaffenweiler City Council.

Donations may be given to or sent to Buergermeister Dieter Hahn, Rathausgasse 4, 79292 Pfaffenweiler, Germany.

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### **Golf Scramble to Benefit Student Exchange Program**

Sister Cities of Jasper is asking your help in keeping the German Heritage alive in Jasper. In June, seventeen Jasper High School students and two chaperones will travel to Germany, including the city of Pfaffenweiler, to experience first-hand the language and culture of many of our ancestors. This exchange, which began in 1987, is funded through donations and the fund raising efforts of the students and parents.

Sister Cities of Jasper, a tax-exempt organization, is sponsoring a golf scramble on May 14 at Jasper Municipal Golf Course. All proceeds from this event will benefit the JHS German Exchange Program. We invite you to be a hole sponsor for \$100, or in lieu of a hole sponsorship, consider making a monetary donation, providing promotional products, or making a prize donation. Your contribution will be recognized in the program, which will be given to all participants. We also plan to use signs to recognize the hole sponsors.

Please contact Sandy Wehr at 482-2055 if you would like to sign up your foursome or would like to make a contribution.

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### **German Cooking – Hoosier Style!!!**

Food is the glue that binds cultures and families together. What we eat, how we prepare it, and who joins us at the table shapes who we are and where we come from.

For nearly two hundred years, Indiana has had a very strong German presence. Even today, one out of every three Hoosiers still claims German ancestry. There are many links in our state's history going directly back to the German-speaking regions of the world. Some of these ties stretch back for generations; some are very new; but they all have affected the shape and culture of our state today.

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Nowhere is this link more evident than in the foods that our people eat around the state. For instance, what is our unofficial state food, the Indiana pork tenderloin but a Hoosier version of the German Schnitzel?

The Indiana German Heritage Society is collecting recipes and stories about German food and culture in the State of Indiana, but to do that we need your help. Please send us your family recipes, stories and remembrances of past and present foods, celebrations, and family customs.

We plan to collect many of these recipes together and publish them in the IGHS Hoosier-German Heritage Cookbook sometime in 2012.

Send your stories and recipes to:

Steven J. Schmidt, 4555 Central, LC1603, Columbus, IN 47203 or email them to [Schmidt@iupuc.edu](mailto:Schmidt@iupuc.edu).

(taken from the Winter 2011 IGHS Newsletter)

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### **Jasper Deutscher Verein** **Taking Scholarship Applications**

The Jasper Deutscher Verein is offering a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a German student of Dubois County. If you have a child, grandchild or know of anyone who would like to submit an application, please inform them to contact their Guidance Counselor at their school. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2011. If any questions, please contact Linda Wehr at 482-4432.

At their January Board of Directors' Meeting in 2008, the following adopted the following qualifications for the Dubois County Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00.

1. Completion of the common scholarship application available from the School's Guidance Office.
2. Successful completion of two years of high school German.
3. Two years of active participation in German Club or German Civic affairs in other schools.

4. Verification of enrollment in a German course at the college of their choice, or participation in an accredited German study abroad program such as the IU Honors Program.

5. Submission of a one page or less essay stating your personal qualifications and intentions.

6. GPA consideration.

7. Participation in an exchange program or hosting an exchange student.

8. Submission of two letters of recommendation from adults other than school personnel regarding personal character, etc.

9. The scholarship will be awarded upon verification of enrollment in German at college or acceptance into another German study abroad program such as the IU Honors Program. A \$500.00 scholarship will be given for the first semester and will be renewable for the second semester.

10. Parental membership in the Jasper Deutscher Verein will be considered.

11. Submission of all completed forms by April 1st, to:

President of Jasper Deutscher Verein, P.O. Box 15,  
Jasper, Indiana 47547-0015

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### **Food for Thought**

When large numbers of Germans emigrated to this country, they brought with them their cultures and foods which they adapted to the new materials and ingredients. Time and distance can flavor and change recipes in the same way it changes accents. Techniques change; seasonings vary and the original purposes are adapted to fit the new locale.

One of the recipes that these immigrants brought with them was for "schnecken" or "snails". Today variations on this recipe are beloved worldwide as the ubiquitous cinnamon roll. This recipe, which lies about half way between a traditional "Schnecken" and a modern Cinnamon Roll is from the forthcoming IGHS Cookbook: German Cooking / Hoosier Style!

### **Schnecken / Cinnamon Rolls**

Dough  
3 1/3 cups bread flour  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 packet dry yeast (7g)

1/3 cup unsalted butter  
1/2 cup + 2 tablespoons milk  
2 large eggs

**Syrup**

1/2 cup unsalted butter  
2 tablespoons light brown  
4 tablespoons maple syrup  
3 tablespoons Karo dark syrup  
1 cup walnuts or pecans

**Glaze:**

1 large egg  
2 tablespoons milk

**Filling:**

1/2 cup sugar  
1/4 cup dark brown sugar  
1 tablespoon cinnamon

Combine the flour, sugar, salt and yeast in a large bowl. Pour the milk into a large measuring cup, add butter and microwave for one minute on high. Beat in the eggs,

and then stir the liquids into the dry ingredients and stir together to make dough. Knead for 10 minutes by hand, or for 5 minutes using a mixer and dough hook. When it's springy and satiny, form the dough into a ball and place it in an oiled bowl, turn to coat and cover with plastic wrap. Leave it in a warm place for 1 hour or until doubled in size.

Using an electric mixer beat the butter until light and fluffy. With the mixer on low, slowly add the sugar, maple and Karo syrups. Spoon about one tablespoon of the syrup into the bottom of each cup in a 12-cup muffin pan, then add tablespoon of chopped walnuts or pecans to each cup.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. When the dough has doubled in size, punch it down, place on a lightly floured work surface and knead once or twice. Roll the dough out to form a large rectangle, about approximately 12" by 24", with the long side closest to you. Whisk the egg and the milk together in a small bowl, then brush the dough with this mixture using a pastry brush.

Mix the filling ingredients in a small bowl and sprinkle over the dough, leaving about 1/2" margin all around. Roll the dough, starting on the long side closest to you to form a long loaf. Cut into 12 even pieces, and place one piece on its side on top of the nuts and syrup in the muffin pan. Cover with a dish towel and allow rolls to rise for 20 minutes. Bake for 20 – 25 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from the oven and cover with an oversize piece of parchment or waxed paper and a cookie sheet. Using oven mitts, turn the whole thing upside down. Remove the muffin pan and scrap out the remaining nuts or syrup.

(taken from the Spring 2011 IGHS Newsletter)

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**Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. Donates to the JHS German Student Exchange Program**

Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., whose primary purpose is to raise funds for the JHS German Student Exchange Program, recently presented a check in the amount of \$12,000.00 to the exchange students, parents, and teachers coordinating the Program. Seen below are Jim Gutgsell, President of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. and Erin White, German Language Teacher at JHS.



## Membership Dues

It's that time of year again! Please submit your dues for 2011 by March 31, 2011 by completing and sending in the following form. Thanks!

SEND TO: Jasper Deutscher Verein, ATTN: Rita Egler, P.O. Box 15,  
Jasper, IN 47547-0015

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Please note if you would like to receive your newsletter via E-mail. Please note your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **An Irish Toast and 20 Interesting History Facts About St. Patrick's Day**

By: SullivanRose

Have you ever wondered if anything besides the wearing of green, the eating of corned beef and cabbage, or getting pinched has happened on St. Patrick's Day? The answer is yes. Many odd things have happened in history on St. Patrick's Day.

First, the traditional St. Patrick's Day toast is "May the enemies of Ireland never eat bread nor drink whiskey, but be tormented with itching without the benefit of scratching." Only an Irishman could come up with that!

Here are some interesting events and occurrences that have happened in history on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

In 461 AD, St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, died.

In 1766, New York City held the first St. Patrick's Day parade. An unofficial march occurred in 1762.

In 1776 during the Revolutionary War, British forces evacuated Boston.

In 1870, Wellesley Female Seminary, later named Wellesley College, obtained its charter from the Massachusetts legislature.

In 1905, Franklin D. Roosevelt married Eleanor in New York City.

In 1909, an earthquake rocked Taiwan and killed over 1200 people.

In 1931, Nevada voted and made gambling legal.

In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington.

In 1942, General Douglas MacArthur was named the Supreme Commander of Allied forces in the southwest Pacific theater during World War II.

In 1945, the Japanese were defeated at the battle of Iwo Jima by American forces.

In 1948, "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover", by The Art Moonie Orchestra hit the music charts.

In 1949, at the international auto show in Geneva, Switzerland, the first car with a Porsche badge is shown on a Porsche 356.

In 1950, University of California at Berkeley scientists announced they had formed "californium", a radioactive element.

In 1956, Fred Allen, the comedian died.

In 1963, Mount Agung on Bali in Indonesia erupted.

In 1964, The Beatles song, "I Want to Hold Your Hand" hit the music charts.

In 1969, Golda Meir was sworn in as Prime Minister of Israel.

In 1985, Richard Ramirez, the Night Stalker, began his killing spree in Los Angeles.

In 1992, 28 people were killed in Buenos Aires, Argentina when the Israeli embassy was targeted by truck bomb.

In 2003, President Bush gave Saddam Hussein a taunting challenge: "Leave Iraq within 48 hours or face an attack!"

Actors Patrick Duffy and Kurt Russell celebrate their birthdays on St. Patrick's Day.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all lucky Irishmen

(taken from <http://www.life123.com/holidays/st-patricks-day/irish-toasts/an-irish-toast-and-20-interesting-history-facts-ab.shtml>)



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