



*The Yankee Clipper Contest Club*

# Scuttlebutt

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## Captain's Cabin

*Dave Robbins, KY1H*

Computers! Aren't they great! The continuing computerization of America's ham shacks is probably one of the biggest and fastest changes in ham radio since its beginning. In just the last few years we have seen so many applications of computers and related devices (TNCs, digital voice recording, smart keys, etc.) that if we think back just a few years we could never even have imagined some of the things that we take for granted today. This great influx of computing power is probably most evident in contesting, with the use of logging programs, the Packet-Cluster, and of course the contest committees log checking, we probably keep enough MIPs flipping to run a good size company.

Most of you have probably heard some of the arguments about the ethics of using spotting nets and the Super-CheckPartial debate, but today I want to touch on some new points of tester vs the computer. Both of the points I want to discuss are from 'after the contest'.

1. When the contest is over how many of you immediately take your log, stuff it in an envelope, and mail it Monday morning??? Anyone? Well neither do I, and with the logs from here typically running around 5kqs I normally spend a good part of the month or so before they are due looking at them. When we went to computerized logging I thought I would be able to spit them out quicker since I wouldn't have to spend the time checking dupe sheets, but it just hasn't worked that way. Now I spend more time looking for busted calls and screwed up

exchanges. I have even written a program that takes my .bin file and spits out questionable calls... like: Y25, OK3VUSZ, IK0UX, YF0AQD, JA1OLTJR3, OT5EURO, IS6RC, OH2BJY600, US0OT... some of these are obviously busted, some are just typos caused by dumb terminals or operator errors, others I don't know about... but after fixing the obvious typos like JA1OLTJR3, OH2BJY600, and removing the obvious busts like Y25, OK3VUSZ, IK0UX, IS6RC, I am still left with odd calls like YF0AQD, OT5EURO, US0OT. I have never heard of a YF prefix being used, I have heard of the OT prefix, but that specific call looks odd but possible for a special event station, I know US0UT has been on, was there another US0 now? Up to last year I would have removed them outright, but this year I decided to see if these may be good first. So I put a message on the packet network and proceeded to take flak for asking help in correcting my log. As far as I can tell, my only error was in admitting I don't know everything and asking for some help, I was not intending to correct anything just trying to save a few qsos that I would otherwise remove. How many of you have never asked anyone what country a new prefix was from? Or if GM0HCX was in the Shetlands? Or if I1A was for real? Or if BY5IC who was loud from south was good? If you know it all, trust your typing (and that of 10 different operators in my case), and never second guess an entry in your log, then I applaud you! The rest of us will just have to muddle along and ask questions of you... If you can see that we are just trying to learn, and you can take the time to share some of your great knowledge with us.

2. My second point is nothing to do with operators and ethics, but with the contest committees. I guess we finally made the big time here in the 1989 CQWW DX contest... We got high enough in the standings that our log got busted. Not much, and it didn't affect final position in finish, but the score was reduced from what I sent in. Maybe I just haven't gotten to the right person, but so far I haven't been able to find out why. I would like to see an automatic feedback whenever a score is reduced in any contest. I would gladly supply an SASE, or even a SASDM if the results were in a file and that was easier for the log checker. I have given talks to several groups now about contesting and one of the things that they have all found to be unbelievable was that lack of feedback. They can pretty much understand the long delays in publishing official results, but not that we can't find out what we did wrong. If you look at other sports the competitors know immediately, or at least pretty quick after the end of an event, what they did wrong. It is not that I want to debate my score, I accept their ruling and the published results, but I want to find out what we did wrong so we can avoid it in the future. I would also hope that this kind of feedback could put an end to the 'uniques' debates that I think are still going on. I would like to push for all contest organizers to publish a policy for providing feedback to each entrant that wants it, and then following through so that we can get some active feedback to help improve our accuracy.

## Next Meeting

*Paul Young, K1XM*

The next meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will be on Sunday, April 7, at the Sheraton Sturbridge, beginning at 1 pm.

The Sheraton Sturbridge Resort and Conference Center is located on Route 20 in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, 1/2 mile West of I-84 (first exit off I-84 when coming South from the Mass. Turnpike).

Directions to the Sheraton are easy: Exit I-84 on to Route 20 West. You will pass through two sets of stoplights while noticing several motels on your right. Make a right turn just prior to the Burger King sign. This is the entrance to the Sheraton, and there is plenty of parking in front of the hotel.

The meeting dates for 1991 are:

DATE	DAY
June 2, 1991	Sunday
August picnic	TBD
October 13, 1991	Sunday
December 1, 1990	Sunday

## Secretary's Report Yankee Clipper Contest Club

The February, 1991, YCCC meeting was held at the Sheraton Sturbridge, in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, on February 3rd. 102 members and their guests attended. Club Vice President and Activities Manager Stu, KC1F, chaired the meeting, which began with attendee introductions and plans for the upcoming ARRL contests. The club welcomed 11 new and returning members:

Don Huntington, K1DH  
Roger Johnson, AD1G  
Art Allen, KY1K  
Ken Bolin, W1NG  
Alexander Filippov, WK1O  
Fred Rosenbaum, NF1U  
Mark Schneider, WI1W  
David T. Swedock, K1WJL

Charles J. Carroll, K1XX  
Arthur Hall, WB3EJA  
David A. Wilson, N4DW

Russ, NJ2L, technical editor for QST, passed out questionnaires on the **ARRL Handbook**. Bill, KC1EO, brought 25 copies of the new version of CT. John, KB1T, brought 1991 contest calendars. Two of these were raffled off, which brought in \$33 for the club. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2093.76. Ed, NT2X, talked about the YA0RR DXpedition, and noted that he is NOT the QSL manager for the expedition, although he is helping to collect contributions. The correct QSL address is Romeo Stepanenko, Box 812, Sofia 1000, Bulgaria. Romeo may be at Visalia and Dayton. Ed also collected a list of members interested in YCCC jackets. Paul, NW1U, of HRO, brought a demo TS850 for everyone to examine. Attempts to get him to include it in the raffle were unsuccessful. Tom, K1KI, needs people to help do the primary QSL BURO sort at home; volunteers should contact Tom.

Club President Dave, KY1H, presented his Special Awards: Technical Achievement (nominees K1EA, KB1W, AK1A) to AK1A, award for Sacrifices Above and Beyond (nominees: K1DG's tower, K2EK's Caribbean trip, K1RX's BV trip, NK1I's contest-allergic computer) to NK1I's computer, the Worst Contest Disease Award (nominees: NT2X's cat-induced hay-fever, KB1W) to NT2X/SP1KE (KY1H's allergy-inducing cat), the YCCC Network Award (nominees: K1EA's beta testing of packetcluster bugs, AK1A's software, NK1K's putting up with K1RQ connecting from Maine, and K2TR for hitting the learning curve for putting up a cluster) to K1EA, the Worst Way to Lose Award (nominees: K1DG's tower, K1AR/K1EA crew for not turning on the fifth radio and then losing to N3RS by 6 QSOs with four radios, and K1ST and crew's unbacked-up data file) to K1EA/K1AR and a backup award (one floppy disk) to K1ST, a

Special Appreciation Award (a QSL card) to K1KI (via the BURO), and the Training Award to Contest U.

After the break, Mark, K1RX, presented slides of his CQ WW operations from IQ3A (SSB) and BV (CW). Following this, Paul, K1XM, presented slides of the ZF2PR multi-single operation for CQ WW CW (operators K1XM, KQ1F, KM3T, and K1KP). Then Rich, K1CC, showed slides of his December-January DXpedition to FO.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte L. Richardson, KQ1F  
Secretary/Treasurer  
5 February 1991

## Score Rumors

*Jeff DeTray, NK1F*

### ARRL DX CW:

Single-Op:

Call	Qs	Cs	Score
K1CGJ/qrp	791	223	529K
NY1E	1,206	239	865K
W1FM	415	135	167K
W1GIH	1,079	239	770K
KM1H	3,343	413	4.1M
(KQ2M)			
KN1M/qrp	828	235	583K
W1PH/qrp	1,759	311	1.6M
K1RU*	2,708	327	2.6M
KR1S/qrp	688	136	279K
KA1T/qrp	962	250	721K
K1TO	3,368	366	3.7M
K1VSJ	88	39	10K
K1WJL	1,049	256	806K
ND1X	2,813	361	3M
K1XA	2,436	325	2.37M
K1YRP/qrp	1,155	220	?62K
K2DM	2,271	299	2.0M
N2DU	617	221	409K
KT2E	1,037	270	840K
W2HPF	1,854	290	1.6M
N2IC	2,588	333	2.5M
KF2O	770	193	446K
K2PS	1,885	296	?
K2XA	2,344	303	2.1M
WA3D	?	?	609K
WB3KKX	2,023	331	2M
K3LR	2,818	364	3.0M
K3OO	2,813	349	2.9M
K3ZO	2,623	369	2.9M
W3ZZ/qrp	537	188	302K
N4KG/qrp	864	267	?
N4XR/1	1,302	298	1.16M

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K8PO/1	2,552	393	3.1M	Multi-Single				K1KI M/S		
K8LT/1	413	114	141K	AA1K	2,560	432	3.3M	160	24	17
NA8V*	2,429	369	2.68M	K1KI	2,541	458	3.4M	75	85	48
W9RE*	2,827	396	3.3M	K1RU*	2,905	498	4.3M	40	129	58
K0RF	2,763	333	2.75M	WB1S	1,580	352	1.7M	20	691	101
W2HPF/KH6	3,592	336	2.54M	KZ1M	1,637	372	1.8M	15	787	116
WL7E	3,635	271	2.9M	KC1XM	1,500	318	1M	10	825	118
				N2RM*	3,281	461	4.5M	TOTAL	2,541	458 3.4M
Single-op Assisted				W3BGN*	3,289	491	4.84M			
AK1A	1,635	381	1.86M	K5NA/2*	2,401	476	3.43M	K1RU M/S		
K1AR*	2,457	487	3.58M					160	11	9
K1BG	1,252	438	1.65M	Multi-2				75	68	46
WA1G	988	258	763K	NO1I	2,363	426	3.01M	40	148	65
K1GW	100	33	100K	K2TR*	4,405	557	7.3M	20	726	112
WA1IML	510	196	299K	N3RS*	4,364	551	7.2M	15	841	136
K1IU	1,624	467	2.27M	N4AA	2,101	370	2.3M	10	1,111	134
WD1K	608	285	519K	K8AZ	2,433	448	3.29M	TOTAL	2,905	498 4.3M
NM1K/QRP	118	64	22K	KS9K*	4,355	515	6.72M			
K1KNQ	517	180	278K					K1ST M/M		
K1KP	1,119	367	1.2M	Multi-multi				160	46	23
K1VR	1,722	422	2.18M	KY1H*	5,294	617	9.8M	75	208	60
KC1XX	1,321	465	1.84M	K1ST*	3,535	500	5.3M	40	169	63
W2GD	1,700	467	2.38M	W3LPL*	6,165	636	11.8M	20	1,236	122
WB2K	?	?	1.8M	NW3Z	1,700	?	?	15	663	103
WB2ULI	1,830	364	2.0M	W4MYA*	4,168	498	6.2M	10	1,215	126
WB3KKX	2,112	426	2.69M	K8CC*	4,409	519	6.85M	TOTAL	3,535	500 5.3M
K3OO*	3,036	417	3.78M							
N4DW	754	240	540K	*ARRL SSB Score Breakdowns				N2RM	M/S	
KA5W	2,232	384	2.5M					160	13	10
(KS1G)				K1AR S/O Unlimited				75	86	45
N8ASM	356	139	148K	160	22	15		40	171	59
AA9A	1,474	324	1.4M	75	77	47		20	900	108
KK9V	1,906	378	2.1M	40	157	70		15	830	110
				20	712	114		10	1,281	129
Single Band				15	701	125		TOTAL	3,281	461 4.5M
WW2Y	160	54	27 4K	10	788	116				
KA1XN	75	254	76 57K	TOTAL	2,457	487 3.58M		K2TR M/2		
WA4SVO	75	123	59 21K					160	32	25
KB1H	40	208	67 41K	KM1H (KQ2M op) S/O				75	155	57
KN1M	40	151	88 26K	160	18	14		40	192	68
KE3Q	40	259	62 48K	75	57	41		20	1,101	127
WO0G	40	486	32 117K	40	143	63		15	1,543	138
K4VX/0	20	1,144	105 ?	20	781	106		10	1,381	142
KK9L	20	461	87 120K	15	851	114		TOTAL	4,405	557 7.3M
ND1X	15	1,224	124 425K	10	1,224	112				
WJ2D	15	370	110 286K	TOTAL	3,074	450 4.15M		W3BGN M/S		
W5WMU	15	1,700	? ?					160	23	18
K9UWA	15	1,211	131 474K	KY1H M/M				75	108	50
NK1F	10	1,396	118 494K	160	60	37		40	169	64
N1GLG	10	1,600	144 691K	75	206	63		20	964	109
K3ZJ	10	1,621	120 583K	40	408	87		15	861	118
K4XS	10	1,893	121 686K	20	1,502	141		10	1,164	132
KW8S	10	1,580	117 553K	15	1,597	147		TOTAL	3,289	491 4.84M
K5GN	10	1,952	127 750K	10	1,521	142				
KB9EGU	10	1,050	100 315K	TOTAL	5,294	617 9.8M				
(NS0Z)										
W9XT	10	1,318	116 458K							



## W3LPL M/M

160	47	31
75	235	67
40	430	86
20	1,704	148
15	1,916	151
10	1,833	153
TOTAL	6,165	636

11.8M

## K3LR S/O

160	?	?
75	44	30
40	143	53
20	741	92
15	667	101
10	1,106	100
TOTAL	2,707	382

3.1M

## K3OO S/O Unlimited

160	22	16
75	97	44
40	112	55
20	815	100
15	822	101
10	1,166	101
TOTAL	3,036	417

3.78M

## N3RS M/2

160	27	20
75	125	57
40	295	78
20	1,019	122
15	1,457	136
10	1,441	138
TOTAL	4,364	551

7.2M

## W4MYA M/M

160	1	1
75	107	50
40	312	82
20	1,283	122
15	1,118	119
10	1,347	124
TOTAL	4,168	498

6.2M

## WM5G S/O

160	25	?
75	33	27
40	141	65
20	1,020	114
15	727	113
10	723	117
TOTAL	3,566	438

4.68M

## K5NA/2 M/S

160	29	21
75	119	50
40	209	67
20	579	103
15	680	111
10	785	124
TOTAL	2,401	476

3.43M

## K8CC M/M

160	16	15
75	151	55
40	386	79
20	1,232	123
15	1,268	123
10	1,356	124
TOTAL	4,409	519

6.85M

## NA8V S/O

160	4	4
75	37	31
40	144	59
20	461	84
15	801	101
10	982	90
TOTAL	2,429	369

2.68M

## KS9K M/2

160	8	7
75	63	42
40	283	80
20	1,232	123
15	1,543	134
10	1,226	129
TOTAL	4,355	515

6.72M

## W9RE S/O

160	3	3
75	44	38
40	88	59
20	668	92
15	837	104
10	1,184	100
TOTAL	2,827	396

3.3M

## Poisson d'Avril Contest

### 0000Z to 1954Z, Monday,

### April 1

*Doug Grant, K1DG*

This is the 42nd running of this classic, sponsored by the French LIRPA-LOOF Foundation (Legion Internationale des Radio Professionnels et Amateurs-Lacrimier d'Oignons en Oeil Fondation). Its purpose is to promote

the humorous use of amateur radio throughout the world.

The basic idea is to work as many other stations in the world as possible, on any band or mode. Any station may work any other station as many times as possible on each band/mode.

**Eligibility:** All present regularly issued license holders, friends or otherwise licensed stations.

**Exchange:** RS(T), serial number (beginning with any number you want, but numbers must not be skipped!), QTH (yours or anyone you choose), and your own birthday (month/day). Stations heard signing just the last two letters of their callsigns will be disqualified.

**QSO Points:** Count 1 point for each station worked or heard. 105 points for any station whose birthday is the same day as the contest. 142 points for any station whose picture appears on the cover of a major Amateur Radio magazine. 256 bonus points for making at least one QSO without the use of commercial, generator, battery, solar, chemical, biological, thermoelectric, or similar power sources. Other arbitrary bonus points you choose to claim will be reviewed by the Poisson d'Avril Contest Committee.

**Multipliers:** Every station worked or heard counts as a multiplier, but only once per QSO. Exception – stations located in the District of Columbia do not count as multipliers unless they are employed by the U. S. Government. Be sure to ask!

**Scoring:** Multiply total points by total number of multipliers.

**Frequencies:** CW – 1825, 3525, 7025, 10125, 14025, 18075, 21025, 24875, 28085; SSB – 1850, 3799, 3830, 7204, 14159-14165, 14178, 14220, 14300, 14313, 21325, 28888; SSTV/RTTY /FM /PACKET /AMTOR /HECTOR /TELEPATHY – Usual frequencies.

**Entry Categories:** Single-operator unassisted, single-operator-assisted,

single-operator-incapable, multioperator indivisible, telephone-operator, living-legend, and just-fooling-around categories. Logs submitted on computer disk will be accepted provided they are on either a CP/M 8-inch EBCDIC formatted floppy disk or a 5 1/4 inch 100 MB hard drive.

**Club Competition:** Any club or non-club group may enter a club aggregate score. The club secretary must submit a list of all eligible members, and all club members must operate from the same continent unless on a DXpedition specifically for this contest. Club members should clearly indicate their club affiliation on their summary sheets.

**Awards:** Certificates and an opportunity to win \$10 Million in the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes will be awarded to whoever the Committee feels deserve them. Both actual score and entry creativity will be considered. The decisions of the judges are arbitrary and final.

Logs must be postmarked by April 15, 1991, the same day as your income tax return. Make sure you send the right forms to the right place! Logs go to P d'A Contest Committee, 144 Kendall Pond Road, Windham, NH 03087, with the SASE and substantial compensation for results. Tax forms go to the Internal Revenue Service.

## PacketCluster Database of the Month:

*Dave Robbins, KY1H*

### SHOW/PUB

The PUB database does not list all the Pubs that you should visit when you go to England. It does list Amateur Radio Publications from 20 or so countries around the world. To see the list of available countries use 'SHOW/PUB KEY'. To see the publications for a particular country use command like 'SHOW/PUB G'. The listings include address, subscription price, circulation figures, publisher, and in some they have editors name(s), when it was first

published, and other information. Note that the USA listing is broken into 2 parts 'SHOW/PUB K' and 'K-1'.

## Movers and Shakers

Please update your club roster to include the following changes:

Steve, ex-KB1RB, has moved and changed his callsign:  
Steve Elkind, KE2YU  
4 Carriage Lane  
New City, NY 10956

Joe, W1JR has a new work phone:  
(603)627-7877 and a new home address and telephone:

Joe Reisert, W1JR  
3 Hubbard Rd,  
Amherst, NH 03031  
(603) 673-5232

John, ex-KA1ION, is now KC1XM.

Kevin, KA2EYP, says his correct home phone number is (603)673-7004, and that his work number should be deleted.

Dwight, AI3E, has a new work phone number,: (617)981-5626.

Carl, KM1H has a new home address:  
Carl Heuther, KM1H  
169 Jeremy Hill Rd  
Pelham, NH 03076  
and a new work phone number:  
(603)635-2235

## New Crew

Please welcome the following new members who joined at the February meeting:

Don Huntington, K1DH  
19 Old Town Rd.  
East Hartland, CT 06027  
Phone: (203)653-2295

Roger Johnson, AD1G  
1 Snow Rd.  
Scarborough, ME 04074  
Phone: (207)883-3701

Art Allen, KY1K  
34 Amherst Rd.  
Pelham, MA 01002

Ken Bolin, W1NG  
132 High Meadow Dr.  
Southbury, CT 06488  
Phone: (203)264-3996 (home),  
(203)797-6146 (work)

Alexander Filippov, WK1O  
42 Smith St.  
Arlington, MA 02147  
Phone: (617)643-8210 (home),  
(617)933-0998 (work)

Fred Rosenbaum, NF1U  
11 Stone Rd.  
Burlington, CT 06013  
Phone: (203)589-3389 (home),  
(203)520-6390 (work)

Mark Schneider, WI1W  
14 Fuller Dr.  
Marlboro, MA 01752  
Phone: (508)485-1857 (home),  
(508)486-3514 (work)

David T. Swedock, K1WJL  
77 Oak St.  
Meriden, CT 06450  
(203)235-8582 (home),  
(203)827-7721 (work)

Charles J. Carroll, K1XX  
Candlelight Rd.  
Rindge, NH 03461  
Phone: (603)899-5621 (home),  
(603)885-4179 (work)

Arthur Hall, WB3EJA  
107 Main St.  
South Grafton, MA 01560  
Phone: (508)839-3069 (home),  
(508)856-3758 (work)

David A. Wilson, N4DW  
Rt 1 Box 11A  
East Burke, VT 05832  
Phone: (802)626-3436 (home),  
(802)748-3936 (work)

# THE CLUB RESOURCES PAGE

## The Place to Find Club Information

**DUES** are due at the April election meeting, which begins our club “contest year”, with a grace period until the end of June. Membership in the club will lapse at the end of the grace period if dues are not paid up. In order to re-join the club, a lapsed member must attend a meeting, like any new member, and be welcomed back into membership, or may become a subscriber to the Scuttlebutt by paying up (see below). Club members who move out of club territory and so are not eligible to contribute to club aggregate scores automatically become subscribers. New members who join at the last meeting of the club’s contest year (February) are credited with dues for the following year (that is, the contest year beginning that April). You can tell if you owe dues by checking your Butt mailing label. Only paid-up members are eligible to contribute to the the club score in contests.

**FAMILY MEMBER** Members of the same family living at the same address may elect to receive only one copy of the Butt. One member of the family must pay full dues, enabling the rest of the family to join as family members. Being a family member is currently free.

**STUDENT MEMBERS** Full-time students are eligible for dues at half the regular rate.

**SCUTTLEBUTT SUBSCRIBERS** Anyone may subscribe to the club newsletter, the Scuttlebutt. A subscription currently costs \$10 per year. At the present time, overseas subscriptions cost the same as domestic (we have very few overseas subscribers). The subscription period begins at the beginning of the club year, in April. New subscribers who begin their subscriptions after the December issue are considered to have paid for the following year (that is, they receive as many issues as new members joining at that time do). You can tell if your subscription is current by checking your Butt mailing label. The grace period for late subscriptions is the same as for late memberships

**SCUTTLEBUTT ARTICLES** should be sent to the Scuttlebutt editor, Paul Young, K1XM, 11 Michigan Drive, Hudson, MA 01749, home phone (508)562-5819. The deadline for each issue is usually three weeks before the next meeting.

**CLUB JACKETS** are available through Ed Kritsky, NT2X, 580 East 17th Street, Apt. 2F, Brooklyn, NY 11226, home phone (718)284-4493.

**CLUB QSL CARDS** are ordered through John Dorr, K1AR, 2 Baldwin Street, Windham, NH 03087, home phone (603)434-5661.

**PACKET NET** information is available from Dick Newell, AK1A, 8 Golden Run Rd., Bolton, MA 01740, home phone (508)779-5198, or Dave Robbins, KY1H, Baumann Road, Peru, MA 01235, home phone (413)655-2714.

**CONTEST SCORES** are sent to the club scorekeeper, Jeff Detray, NK1F, P. O. Box 524, Troy, NH 03465, home phone (603)242-7995.

**CLUB ROSTER** appears in the summer issue of the Scuttlebutt every year. Updates are published when members move or change callsigns. If you want a new copy of the club roster, contact the club secretary/treasurer, Charlotte Richardson, KQ1F, 11 Michigan Drive, Hudson, MA 01749, home phone (508)562-5819.

**CONTRIBUTIONS** The YCCC welcomes your contributions, be it money to help offset the cost of the Scuttlebutt and club operations, scores for the club aggregate score, time spent helping other members, articles for the Scuttlebutt, or presentations at club meetings.

**DXCC LIST** The club maintains a one-page version of the ARRL DXCC Countries List. To get a copy, send an SASE to the club secretary, Charlotte Richardson, KQ1F, 11 Michigan Drive, Hudson, MA 01749. Complete DXCC rules are only available from the ARRL.

**CT** by K1EA is available from Bill McGowan, KC1EO, 33 Truell Rd., Hollis, NH 03049. Send \$40 (US funds) to register and receive the latest version.

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