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2009 Annual Meeting Video ~ FUND RAISER ~

We will have available, as a fundraiser, a DVD video of the Meeting and Sunday's activities at the Pshigoda Ranch. It is a short video and primarily a fundraiser. The funds raised will help with the advertising expenses in promoting the Association and our Creams. The cost is \$15. This includes shipping and handling costs. Anyone wanting a video should send the \$15 (make check out to ACDHA) to:

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from the DRIVER'S SEAT ...

I will start this column by THANKING Carol and Dave Pshigoda for hosting our 2009 Annual Meeting. We had 20 members present, some were first time attendees which gave me a face to connect with a name. Weather was beautiful and the tours were very interesting. Once again our Annual Meeting gave Paula and me an opportunity to visit an area of the country we had never visited before. I am looking forward to next years meeting in Missouri, start making your plans now.

Article II Sec 1 B of the By Laws require that a nominating committee consisting of no fewer than three members shall be appointed. Donna Miller, California; Sue Engle, Wisconsin; and Dave Lively, Vermont, have been appointed. The purpose of the nominating committee is to insure that we have a slate of 3 nominees for the director positions. If you are interested in serving, contact one of the nominating committee members.

Remember, foaling, breeding and stallion reports are due. Refer to Article V Sec II of the By Laws.

To each of YOU, *Seasons Greetings*. It is through your efforts that this Association will continue to grow.

Frank S. Tremel
President

Next issue is due out in February.

Please have submissions in by Feb 1st.

Please send any advertisements / payments to the Editor.

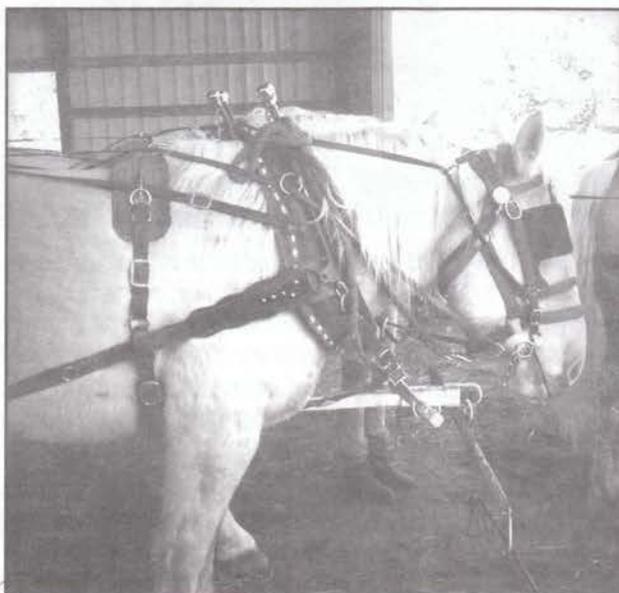
The Alfalfa Invitational

A Visit to Cream Acres Ranch - Sept 2009
by Elizabeth Gates

I recently had the pleasure of spending a weekend with Carol and Dave Pshigoda at Cream Acres in Alfalfa, Oregon. Before attending the State Fair the previous week, I was not even aware such a place existed, meaning Alfalfa, OR, or this special breed of Draft Horses.

Watching Carol and Dave welcome everyone in - instructing and entrusting throughout the day was a special experience. The first hitch was the six-up and my 'freshman eye' was caught in the detail. So many straps, buckles, lines and clips. Each guest moved thru the horses, describing to me their own attributes and faults while guiding and strapping each little line.

For a farm girl with no experience around horses, I had come to the right ranch for my list of firsts.



My first ride in a hitched wagon was a six-up of American Creams. I wouldn't know until much later I was experiencing the crème de la crème as my opening act. I have never been so fascinated and scared at the same time.

The day was long but never dull. Carol and Dave made each type of hitch available to each comfort level for their guests. I saw those who were driving for the first. Those who were stepping from a double to a four, and so on. To watch each person step in and out of their comfort zones was pure entertainment.

The only thing missing was Carol's much-sought-after stadium seating!

I came home with the statement Dave said to me on the first day, lingering in my head. "And imagine, Elizabeth, this used to be the only way."

Yeah, imagine that!



Well, we survived our first show ...

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All the panic was for nothing, but it was a lot of hard work getting things planned - how to get our horses to the five day show every day, also the washing and grooming of two horses, because our horses are not stabled, so we could not keep them clean for the week. They had to be washed before every trip so we had a big family meeting and delegated tasks. We decided to do a dry run. Oops, big problem - our stallion, Ivan, loaded into the trailer, but the new filly, Belle, wouldn't load behind him. She would load fine herself, but not with Ivan. So some phone calls to other horse friends to borrow another trailer, finally we found one that was not being used for the week. First problem solved.

Then we got thinking. It would be hard work trying to explain our horses and their history to so many people in such a short time. We knew we were going to get asked a lot of questions, then we remembered the Creams brochure on the internet. We could get a local printer to copy it and have them as handouts. So an email to Nancy Lively to ask permission to copy it worked out great. Nancy kindly offered to send a bundle of brochures. This was a great help and also Nancy at our newsletter also offered the same. One task less to do. Next we made up a big poster board with the story of Creams printed in E.C.O magazine last year and also cut out our own story printed in *American Cream News* and downloaded the Cream logo and printed it 'A4' size, this worked out great.

Well finally day one, horses loaded, everything packed, off we go. Two trucks, two trailers and four very nervous people (one being our son in law who is scared of our drafts.) We arrive early, the Vet inspects

our horses and their paperwork, and we are allowed to unload. It was a great night. The parents and children were totally in awe at Ivan and the baby. We had taken treats for the children to feed the horses and Ivan loved this! Every time he saw a small child, he was at the gate with his head down as low as he could get looking for his treat. He was a *show stopper* as they say in the movies. The night went fast. 10:00 - time to go home.

Packed up all the buckets and stuff, lead Ivan out to the car park and he wouldn't load. We could not understand this. We tried lots of times, he wouldn't go. Then a horse person asked us if we had ever loaded him at night before. The answer was 'no.' We had never thought of it. He was scared to load with all the flood lights and shadows. Finally with the help of someone's long rope behind him, we got him loaded. After that, the rest of the week went great, except for one scary moment. A little child was standing looking at Ivan with a sucker in his hand and guess what? Yes, Ivan spotted it! One moment it was in the boy's hand, next it was in Ivan's mouth! Panic! My daughter tried to grab the stick. Next all we could hear was crunching. At least he ground it up before swallowing it. [Lesson learned: Don't allow kids with suckers near your horse.]

At the end of the week, we were thanked for bringing our horses. We were told they were talked about all week all over the fair grounds and we knew some people had come back to the stables several times to look again and ask more questions.

A *Great* week and very rewarding for us and the horses we all love.



2009 Bend, OREGON MEETING

The weather was good for the duration of our much anticipated meeting weekend with sunny skies, pretty comfortable temperatures. On Thursday evening we met at the Black Bear Diner in Bend to get reacquainted, and go over plans for the weekend. At first Dave and I thought only Wes was coming as it was just him, Dave and me for the longest time, but then in a rush most of the rest of the attendees showed up for dinner. It was good to see all of the smiling faces and catch up on what everyone has been up to over the past year. The sky as we were leaving for dinner on Thursday is what greeted our visitors the first evening.

We gathered early Friday morning in the lobby of the Comfort Inns & Suites to car pool to Sisters. Wes drove a very small Smart Car all the way from Montana and it was the hit of the weekend, drawing a lot of attention. It was appropriately yellow in color with all the appropriate ACDH stickers, along with a few others. He felt I drove too fast; I felt he needed a *real* car; one with a trailer hitch!!

Once we all joined up in Sisters at *The Small Farmers Journal* we were met with home-baked cookies, strong coffee and a warm welcome. There were many books, magazines and miscellaneous items to browse through. Lynn gave a very pertinent talk about the future of the small farm, particularly the small horse powered farm, with very powerful ideas on the new Small Farm Conservancy he is involved with and what it can do for the small farm and farmer today and in the future. There will be more information on this to come through our newsletter. Lynn has offered to put a piece in our newsletter to keep us updated. His presentation was so impressive it was motioned, seconded and approved to make Dr. Lynn Miller an honorary member so he could receive our newsletter to help keep his finger on the pulse of what is happening with the ACDHA and to keep us up to date on his new program.

After his talk we traveled through the quaint town of Sisters to Bronco Billy's for lunch in the old hotel/saloon built in the late 1800's. After lunch everyone was free to visit Sisters and tour Central Oregon and all of its scenic sites.

Saturday morning we all met in the lobby again before adjourning to our meeting where we held one of the quietest meetings on record, according to the general consensus. The silent auction was a busy place during all of the breaks, netting \$419. John gave a presentation on a revolving trophy/plaque for notable members/horses who have made significant contributions to the breed and or association since its inception, along with a laundry

list of other business items were discussed.

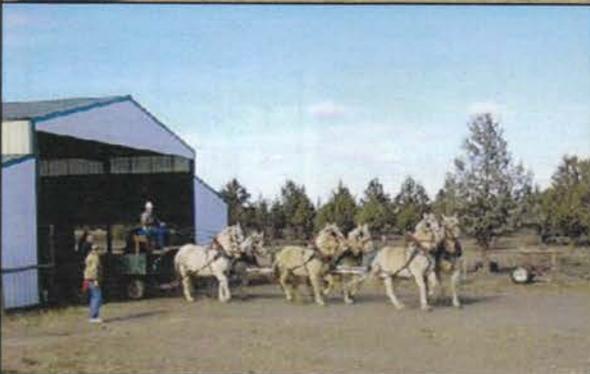
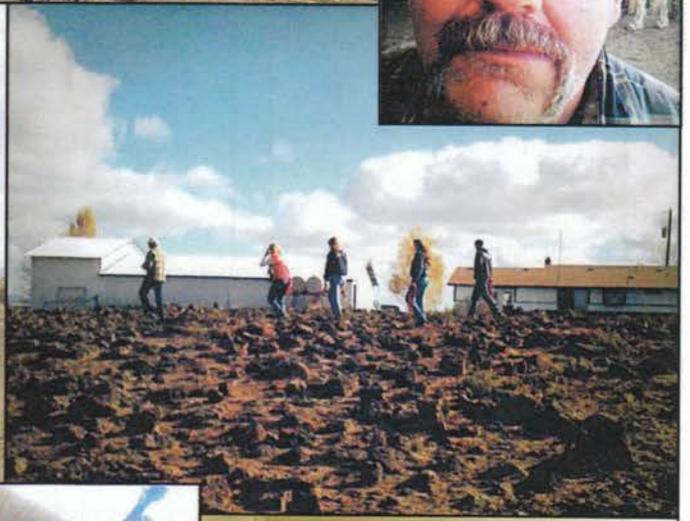
After lunch the directors adjourned to executive session. The rest of us headed off to The Deschutes Brewery, where Black Butte Porter is made, for a VIP tour of its facilities. The Exec-session went overtime due to Nancy Lively needing to catch a plane, so most of the directors missed the tour. Catherine showed up before we were finished though. I am not sure if Dave Pshigoda or Sandy Schwartzler enjoyed the tour the most, but both seemed to be very adept at testing the wares. Our host was entertaining, and we were allowed into the "break-room" where in a secretly marked room was actually a tap, not a restroom, where we were all offered a pint of some of the brewery's special reserve beers. I think Horseridge was the favorite. After our tour people were on their own until dinner at Jakes diner later Saturday evening. We said our good byes to quite a few that evening as many had to return home.

Sunday morning came bright and sunny, and those who made it out to the ranch early were treated to an eggs, bacon, waffles and all the fixin's breakfast. Then off to the barn to groom and harness. Wes showed up early, but thought he was late. His watch was 2 hours off, even after reminding all of us the time changed the night before. Must have been that Smart Car! We had lots of harnessing help. We hitched the 6 first and Dave took them out. Sonny was feeling his oats, as none of them had been hitched since our driving event in September here at the ranch. They went through the cones and did rail work with both Dave and me driving. We took them back to the barn, removed the swing team, and I came out with the 4-up. Again we put them through their paces.

We did not have any takers on driving the 6. Our Amateur driver drove the 4 in turn with Dave and me. Then we took them back and brought out the lead team with a cart and some of the members took turns driving them. The weather was perfect, warm, sunny. We adjourned to the barn to unharness and prepare for the BBQ. We hope everyone enjoyed the good fellowship while preparing the food as much as we did. Some wanted tours of the semi. We showed them the ranch. I feel everyone had a good time. I am sure everyone was as eager to hit the hay as I was at the end of the day, and weekend. We hope all had a safe trip home. It was great to see all of you. Keep up the good work. Until we meet again. My hope is the next meeting will be as pleasant and without discord. See ya next year, God willing. Thanks for coming!

Carol





H1N1 Confirmed In Dogs Now!

Dr. Julie Levy – UV Florida College of Veterinary Medicine tells Animal Radio® listeners that the best way to avoid giving your animal the H1N1 virus is to stay away from them. Cats and ferrets aren't the only animals susceptible to the virus. China's Ministry of Agriculture has called for intensified monitoring and investigation of H1N1 flu in animals after two samples from sick dogs tested positive for the virus, according to a recent AFP report.

The veterinary clinic of College of Veterinary Medicine at the China Agricultural University reported Wednesday that two out of 52 samples from sick dogs tested positive for A/H1N1 flu virus, the ministry said late Friday.

Countries including the U.S., Canada and Chile have already reported cases of animals testing positive for the virus.

An Iowa state cat was diagnosed with H1N1 at the beginning of the month, being the first known case in the world of the strain spreading to the feline population. •

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**HEALTH CARE
TIP OF THE DAY**

Cosequin - During the winter months, many horses suffer from arthritis, making it difficult to move around. Cosequin is a wonderful joint supplement which helps ease the aches and pains.

Don't forget our **merchandise items** and the **2010 calendar!**

sulynnengel@juno.com -- to send photos for the 2010 calendar.

www.zazzle.com/Am_Cr_Draft_Horse -- to order merchandise.



Welcome!

To all the new **Members** !

Christopher & Jennifer Cook
#283 Jones, OK

Kenny Everitt & Rebecca Hart
#294 Ramona, CA

Steve & Barbara DeWoody
#289 Anza, CA

Pam Krull
#A141 Ocala, FL

Welcome to new
Honorary Member

Lynn Miller

HORSE COOKIES

CATALINA CHICKEN

- 1 pkg. (8-10) Chicken Strips
- 2 T. Cooking Oil
- 1/4 C Catalina Dressing
- 1/4 C Italian Dressing
- 1/4 C Apple Jelly
- 1 env. Instant Onion Soup mix

Brown chicken strips in oil for about 4 mins each side. In a small bowl, mix jelly, salad dressings, and onion soup mix. Place strips in a 9" square non-stick cooking pan and cover chicken with dressing preparation. Bake at 350 F for 35 mins. Goes great with chilled Mandarin oranges and cornbread.

NEW PRICES FOR ADVERTISING

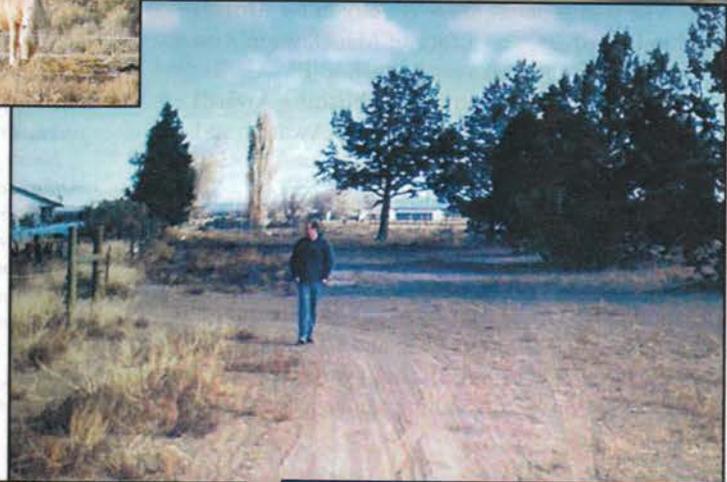
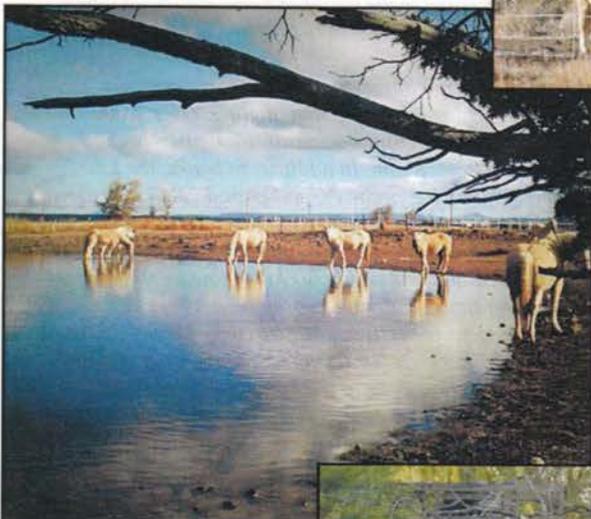
As with everything else, the cost of paper, ink, and postage for the NL has risen. Here are the new prices for advertising.

Ad size	B&W 1x	B&W 4x
Bus. Card	\$ 12	\$ 45
1/4 page	\$ 20	\$ 70
1/3 page	\$ 30	\$ 100
1/2 page	\$ 40	\$ 150
full page	\$ 75	\$ 250

Ad size	Color 1x	Color 4x
Bus. Card	\$ 25	\$ 90
1/4 page	\$ 40	\$ 140
1/3 page	\$ 60	\$ 200
1/2 page	\$ 90	\$ 300
full page	\$ 160	\$ 550

PLEASE provide photos in jpg format at 300 dpi or higher.

More photos submitted for this edition.



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- Linda Corson
- Belle Davis
- Jim & Charmagne Fraser
- Elizabeth Gates
- The Pshigodas
- Craig Siler
- Wes Rogalski

Thank You!





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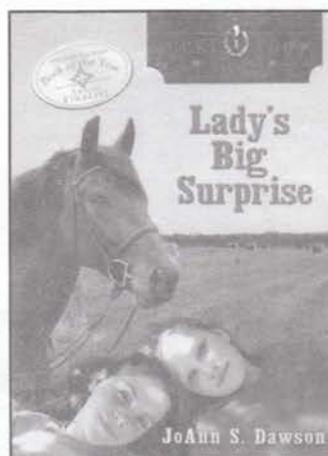
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**JoAnn S. Dawson, Author of "Lucky Foot Stable" Books,
to Speak at National Sporting Library December 12**

MIDDLEBURG, Va. – JoAnn Dawson, a popular children's author of the acclaimed Lucky Foot Stable series of equestrian books, will speak at the National Sporting Library on Saturday, December 12, at 2 p.m. The program is part of the Library's Saturday Public Lecture Series, made possible by an anonymous donor. Ms. Dawson will sign books following the program, and copies of her books will be available for sale.

The Lucky Foot Stable series, written for children ages 8-12, follows the adventures of two best friends, Mary and Jody, as they care for their ponies, Lady and Gypsy. Dawson's first book, *Lady's Big Surprise*, was released in 2003, followed by *Star of Wonder* in March of 2005 and *A Star Discovered*, in March 2006. The fourth book, *Mary & Jody in the Movies* was released in Fall of 2008. All four of Ms. Dawson's books have been finalists for national awards such as PMA's Benjamin Franklin Awards, the Independent Publishing Awards, and *ForeWord Magazine's* Book of the Year Awards, and the Mom's Choice Gold Award.

Ms. Dawson owns and operates Fairwinds Farm & Stables in North East, Md., with her husband Ted, offering riding lessons, summer camp, trail rides, and a bed & breakfast. (www.fairwindsstables.com). Her farm has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and on *Good Morning America*. Ms. Dawson works as an animal wrangler for film and TV, and as a Screen Actors Guild member has held prin-



cipal roles in *The Sixth Sense*, *12 Monkeys*, and Oprah Winfrey's *Beloved*. She also teaches Equine Science and Acting for Video Production at Cecil College in North East.

Admission to the program is free, but seating is limited, and children must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP to Judy Sheehan at 540-687-6542 x 10 and leave your name and number. The National Sporting Library is located at 102 The Plains Rd., in Middleburg, Va., and its website is www.nsl.org.

The National Sporting Library is a state-of-the-art, non-lending research facility dedicated to the world of horse sports, shooting, and fishing. It is open to the public and admission is free. Its 16,000-book collection covers a wide range of horse and field sports, including foxhunting, Thoroughbred racing, dressage, eventing, steeplechasing, polo, coaching, shooting, and angling. Over 4,000 rare books from the sixteenth century onwards are housed in the F. Ambrose Clark Rare Book Room. In addition to books, the Library owns important manuscript, archives, and periodicals relating to field sports, and also features an audiovisual center that stores non-print materials, including films, videos, and DVDs. The Library hosts temporary art exhibitions and holds many fine works of sporting art, including paintings, sculpture, works-on-paper, and sporting artifacts in its permanent collection. The Museum of Sporting Art at Vine Hill, featuring 11 galleries for temporary and permanent installations, will open next door to the Library in late 2010.



Those attending the 2009 meeting:

Frank & Paula Tremel John & Sandy Schwartzler Ben & Linda Corson Nancy Lively
Catherine Murphy Wes Rogalski Don & Linda Johnson Donna Miller Craig Siler
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HOSTS: Dave and Carol Pshigoda

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Wednesday Events:

JEFFERSON FARM & GARDENS - 4800 New Haven Rd, one mile E of US Hwy 63. A beautiful new 67-acre educational facility providing information on farming, gardening and conservation.

Thursday Events:

18th ANNUAL SMALL FARM TRADE SHOW & CONFERENCES - Boone County Fairgrounds

Friday Events:

8:45 AM Carpool to U of MO
 9:00 AM Tour Equine Facility
 10:30 AM Talks by Professors
 12 Noon Golden Corral for lunch
 1:30 PM Small Farm Trade Show
 6:30 PM Olive Garden for supper

Saturday Events:

8:00 AM Carpool to Park meeting room
 8:30 AM Guest Speaker: **Dr. Ann Blakey** -
Rare Equines Genome Project
 10:00 AM 2010 ACDHA Meeting
 11:30 AM Catered lunch at meeting room
 12:30 PM 2010 ACDHA Meeting
 7:00 PM Addison's Restaurant for supper

Hosts: Jeff & Nancy Phillips 573-736-3024
 573-528-0697

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- Northwest 1-800-225-2525
- Parking is free at Columbia Regional. Terminal parking is lighted, next to the Terminal, and patrolled by Airport police.

Hotel Info:

18 (non-smoking) rooms are reserved for the American Cream Draft Horse Association. Please indicate this event when making your reservations. This meeting falls during football season and Trade Show week, and these are special rates for our meeting, so please book early. Rates apply nights of Nov 3, 4, 5, & 6, 2010.

2 Double beds ... \$89/night + taxes

1 King bed ... \$89/night + taxes

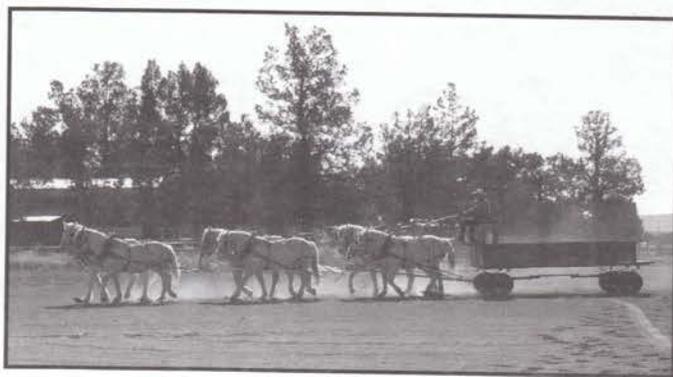
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