

# Newsletter

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## Graeme McKenzie Photo

Graeme McKenzie was a founding member of our club and the first president.

When we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the club we borrowed a photo of Graeme for the event.

The photo appears to have gone missing and we have been asked to try to find it.

If you happen to know anything about a photo of Graeme McKenzie that was borrowed in 2018, could you please talk to Neil Smith.

If anyone made a digital copy of the photo, that would be an enormous help.

Even any recollections of talking to Lois McKenzie at the time about borrowing photos may help.

Neil Smith 0417 358 092

**Next Meeting: February 2023 General Meeting**  
**Dooen Hall**  
**Thursday 9th February at 8pm**

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Club Person of the Year— Ken McMartin

## Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society Events Calendar

DATE	CLUB EVENT	TIME	CONTACT
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Sunday 5th	Coffee Cars and Motorbikes at Oma's Café Dimboola	10.30am	Meet at Horsham College at 9.45am in Dimboola Road to convoy to Dimboola
Thursday 9th	WMHVS General Meeting Dooen Clubrooms	8pm Please bring a small plate of supper	Just turn up
Sunday 19th	Woods Museum at Rupanyup  Entry fee \$15 includes tea or coffee and biscuits as well as entry to the museum	Meet at Dooen Pub car park at 9am and leaving at 9.15am. Arrive at Rupanyup about 10am for self-guided tour of the museum.	Leave museum around 12pm and head for Murtoa where those who wish can partake in a BYO (Everything!) lunch on the shores of Lake Marma. Anyone who doesn't want to have lunch at Murtoa can go straight home.
Sunday 26th	Motor cycle meet and greet at Hungry Jack's Horsham	9.30am	All club members and vehicles welcome. A local run to be decided on the day will take place.
<b>MARCH</b>			
Saturday 4th	Day trip to Edenhope, Apsley and back home through Goroke and Natimuk <b>We will need an indication of numbers to help the café with catering. Please let Don Perry know by 27th of February. Use email... dondalperry@gmail.com or text 0427 861 247</b>	We will meet at the car park at the rear of the Horsham Sports and Community Club at 8.45am leaving at 9am sharp. Arrive Edenhope around 10.15am for coffee and stroll around Lake Wallace or free time to take in the local sites	Leave Edenhope at midday for lunch at Apsley Café then around 2pm head for home via a leg stretch and look around at Lake Charlegrark and then home through Goroke. Should be back in Horsham by 5pm
Thursday 9th	WMHVS General Meeting Dooen Clubrooms	8pm Please bring a small plate of supper	Just turn up
Saturday 11th	Film night Dooen Clubrooms	BYO Tea 6pm Film starts 7.30pm	Details in March Newsletter  Small plate of supper please
<b>Fri 17th to Sun 19th RSVP 20th Feb</b>	<b>Great Ocean Road Tour</b> - All details in the next newsletter, emails and at the March club meeting. To help Bruce with his bookings he needs to know who intends to go.	If you wish to go on this excellent tour, please email Bruce by Monday 20th February 2023	on bkbrody@gmail.com or text / phone 0428 825 353 so that he has an idea on how many to organise for.
Saturday 25th	Natimuk Show... bike and car display		
Wednesday 29th	Coffee Cars and Motorcycles at Café Pharmacino Warracknabeal	10am	
Thursday 30th	Working Bee for Horsham Swap Meet at Horsham Show Grounds		
<b>APRIL</b>			
Saturday 1st	WMHVS Swap Meet		
Thursday 13th	WMHVS General Meeting Dooen Hall Clubrooms	8pm	Just turn up Bring small plate of supper
Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd	Wimmera Steampunk Festival Dimboola		Details page 10
Fri 21st - Sun 23rd	Newstead All British Motorbike Rally		
<b>MAY</b>			
Saturday 6th	Visit to Jennie and Doug Mitchell's Duck Shed at Reedy Dam (half way between Beulah and Birchip)	With roast lunch at Auntie Silly Billies Kathee' in Beulah on the way home	Further details and confirmation of date to follow

## WMHVS February 2023 Presidents Report

Hi all

Well, I am not sure about everyone else, but I am not sure where January went, I was no sooner sending off last month's report when the request was in my inbox for my February spiel. As I mentioned at the last meeting it was great to see so many members take the opportunity to get together at Green Lake BBQ for the first activity of 2023. Congratulations to the events committee as it appeared to go off well and every one that wanted one got an ice cream. That's how you keep the members happy.

Unfortunately, I was unable to join the group who headed over to Halls Gap for a late breaky but I look forward to hearing about it at the meeting. I have heard a couple whispers that there may have been a couple of electrical gremlins that caused some late arrivals.

My family took the opportunity to head to Phillip Island for some fun by the beach which is always great and oddly enough I do manage to sneak down to the race circuit when there's a bit of noise just to see the drivers test their skills. Always interesting to see the range of vehicles that go there to play.

Hopefully if you're taking the time to read this message you'll be able to review the events calendar and sneak a couple of events into your diaries. As with any group or organisation the more you put in the more you'll enjoy.

As I didn't have a great deal this month I thought I might drop this helpful list of vehicle ad descriptions which gave me a laugh.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Regards Colin

OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART	
HOW TO INTERPRET	
* ANTIQUE CAR ADS *	
IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

### Membership Memo

Member participation in club events is counted from May 1<sup>st</sup>, last year, until April 30<sup>th</sup>.

In the 39 weeks since May 1<sup>st</sup> we have had 36 club events!

You only need to "clock up" six (6) events to pay the minimum subscription renewal in June.

Even if you are starting from scratch, you could easily do six (6) by the end of April. (Enjoy the autumn weather.)

If you wish to check your event tally, text me or see me at the end of any meeting.

Let us know if you need a concession for Age, Illness, Work or Travel (as explained in previous newsletters).

**Darrell Jeffries**  
**WMHVS Membership Secretary**

**Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society – General Meeting No. 521 – MINUTES  
Held at WMHVS Clubrooms – DOOEN – 12th January 2023**

Meeting Opened : 8.03pm

Visitors : President Colin Kemp welcomed visitors Leigh and Jen Doolan

In Attendance : D. Robertson, C. Kemp, N. Thomas, D. Jeffries, N. Eltze, C. Thomas, R. Schneider, D. Mitchell, J. Mitchell, L. Doolan, J. Doolan, S. Garwood, R. Wilksch, P. Curkpatrick, T. Muller, A. Cannane, M. Griffin, E. Milbourne, K. McMartin, J. Buckley, D. Hovey, K. Johnson, J. Taylor, P. Anthony, L. Hogan, F. Miller, R. Kotz, G. Ussing, J. Ussing, R. Atwood, A. Atwood, J. Gaspirini, J. Goodwin, J. Thierry, C. Boddi, M. Boddi, R. Butsch, S. Boddi, K. Taylor, J. Brack, C. Ladlow, D. Cook, G. Schultz, R. Davies, A. Macchia, G. Mills (44 members – 2 visitors)

Apologies : J. Jacobs, R. Binns, A. Saunders, I. Brown, M. & S. Zbierski, H. Russell, A. & V. Jolley, K. Jakobi, D. Lupton, T. Lawrence, H. Curkpatrick, W. Donald, B. & K. Brody, N. Smith, D. Perry, P. & D. Wood

Minutes : Alan Cannane moved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting (No. 520) be accepted as circulated in the Newsletter. Seconded by Frank Miller - carried

Secretaries Report : Correspondence Inward : Invoice – Australia Post - Treasurer  
Exchange Newsletter - Kerang Historical Vehicle Club

Outward : Letter of thanks to Rita Perry (Dons Mum) for donating the chest freezer to our club.

Moved Mark Griffin, seconded Greg Schultz that Secretaries report be received - carried

Treasurers Report : Dean Robertson presented his Treasurers report detailing all account balances. Mark Griffin moved that the report be received. Seconded by Col Thomas – carried

Membership : Applications to join the WMHVS have been received from Leigh & Jen Doolan and Owen Webb. These were tabled until the February Meeting.

Reports : AOMC/Federation – Nil report

Events : In the absence of Don Perry, members were reminded to keep a close check on the events section of Newsletter, and be aware of changes that may occur. We have a motorcycle run to Halls Gap Sunday 20th, leaving Sports & Comm. Club Carpark, Horsham at 9.00am. Coffee & Cars at Conways Horsham 20th Jan. Movie Night (BYO Dinner/drinks) WMHVS Clubrooms Saturday 21st January. Plenty of opportunity over the next few months to be out and about in your heritage vehicle. Alan Cannane reminded members of the Ballarat Begonia Rally 16th – 18th February 2023. President Colin thanked those members who helped make our Christmas Break up at Dimboola a really successful day.

Swap Meet : Neville Thomas reported that we are now beginning to 'gear up' for our Swap on Saturday 1st April (returning to 'Back to back' with Castlemaine Swap. Rob Binns has designed an advertising flier and this will be printed next week. Members who can help distribute these into neighbouring towns encouraged to contact Neville. Members were reminded that our Swap is an important event for our club and we will need plenty of volunteers to help, both on Thursday 30th March to mark the site, and just as importantly on Saturday 1st April Gate Keepers, Security, Parking etc.

Clubrooms - Dean Robertson presented a comprehensive report and breakdown of our electricity costs since installation of Solar and Battery. On current use and prediction, we should save more than \$750 over the next twelve months.

General Business : President Colin then called for any items of General Business. There being none, he closed the meeting. Members adjourned for supper and a chinwag.

Meeting Closed : 8.27pm

## Vale Robert Belfour (Bob) Robbins

Written by Robert Belfour Robbins at Wybara farm Minyip  
Approximate Time: Early 1990's A day after the Birdwood Rally.

These memories were found written in Bobby Robbins' office after his death on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, 2022, 86 years old.

*My interest in motors started approximately 58 years ago, I had an Indian Motor Bike and sidecar in the shed, which was my father's. Having not been started for 8 to 10 years her piston rings were very seized with rust. The heads were taken off; devastation was found around the pistons, although when hit with a piece of wood to loosen around them, petrol was added and away she went.*

*There is a story about this bike- Dad rolling scrub at Patchewollock 1929/1930. My father Les Robbins (Born in England), fell off Dooen going to Balmoral, he spent 10 months in hospital with a broken pelvis and shoulder. Met mother Phyllis Cathcart (Parents Herbert Cathcart and Emma Langlands of Horsham). Mother caught him there, she reckoned. Married him after four years in 1934. The Indian Motor Bike was the sole mode of transport. When my mother was seven months pregnant, Dad took her to Minyip shopping. She was sitting on the back of the motorbike. George Padget, (the mechanic in Minyip at the time), said that was terrible having to balance on the back of a bike. He had a sidecar for 7 pounds and 10 shillings out the back and said he would fit it. And I was virtually born in the sidecar shortly after.*

*Back to the start of an interest in motors- for 3 or 4 years' weekends were spent with various hoons of the era-naming one Bob Hotker (from Minyip) who purchased a B.S.A Goldstar from one of our members, Austin Motors-it was fun. My sister was training nursing in Horsham and had no transport, so I built an Austin Morris 7, 2 seater sports in about 12 months. It did the job for about three years. Then I bought a built-up Austin sports in Melbourne and drove it home for \$200.00. And was racing it at Dooen Sports race track.*

*Then an attractive young girl got my attention in Donald. (Jill Griffiths). Gosh, what was I going to do now? Had two loves. I did not want to lose either, so I bought a size 8 pair of white overalls and on the back of them embroidered, "Bob's Special" and on the front "Pit Crew." Anyway, she would push start the car, away it would go. Then she would tell anyone who would listen that the vehicle was traveling at its fastest when she was pushing!!*

*Marriage and four kids put an end to our jaunts until about fourteen years ago. Kids off our hands and we decided to look for a reliable sports car. We saw it in a car book for reliable sports cars. Since then we have entered in rallies in Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania. Jill has acquainted herself very well in ladies' races at Mallala North of Adelaide and Phillip Island. I have enjoyed the speed at these tracks also. You meet people who have the same interests and over that time we have developed great friendships with other entrants.*

*This last RACV tour which finished Friday is our sixth one with them. The tours are always very enjoyable on B and C class roads. The cars have to be older than 1975. And cars as old as Vauschell Sports 1926-sheer 1927, Fords A model 1227-29. These era cars are all beautifully restored and on modern roads with modern tyres, travel at 90 to 100 kilometres. There were 200 entries allowed, and RACV provide two breakdown vans and mechanics. They find that most cars that stop can be got going in minutes after the arrival of mechanics. You have to make your own accommodation arrangements for the night stops. Breakfast and night dinners are provided.*

Footnote from Jill Robbins 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Bobby and I enjoyed our adventures associated with our cars; thank you to all those who made us feel so welcome and help create some beautiful memories with us. There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love and support you have extended to our family. Bobby was such an essential part of our lives. We miss him dearly.

## Green Lake BBQ



### Green Lake lunch on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The first club run for 2023 was to Horsham Yacht Club meeting rooms at Green Lake. It's a great set up with air conditioning, kitchen, fridges, trestles and chairs and clean toilets. An outdoor deck allows views of the lake. Shade was provided by large umbrellas. To keep the lunch preparation to a minimum the club provided a BBQ with sausages, onions, bread, and tomato sauce on the menu. Dessert was ice cream on a stick. Most folk arrived between 11am and 12pm with our cooks, Trevor Muller, Vic Ellis and El Presidente... Col Kemp producing the food at around 12.30pm. Being a fairly hot day many members chose to gather in the air-conditioned club rooms while a dozen or so chatted on the deck. With 60 club members in attendance there was no shortage of fellowship and laughs all round. It was a new venue for most people, and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Many thanks to Cheryl Muir, Cheryl Perry, Lynne Eltze, the barbeque cooks, and all club members who assisted in any way to make the day a success.  
Reporter... Don Perry

## Halls Gap Motorbike Run

On Sunday the 15th January a baker's dozen of the WMHVS members on Motorcycles and two pillion riders gathered at the S&CC car park with the intention of a run up to Halls Gap for Breaky. After the usual discussion ( all lies ) we headed off ! Of course such ridiculous plans never go smoothly and after a couple of roadside stops to massage classic motorcycles back into life and some dodgie navigation we finally made it to the gap for err ! early lunch. Even so more of us arrived that set off that has to be a record for classic motorcycles. Our intrepid leader sweet talked the cook at Flame Bros into cooking up a feed for us even though we were late. We had a great meal, solved world hostilities, told more lies and had a good time before dispersing at a leisurely pace to make our way home.

Thanks to all who attended ,our next Motorcycle activity will be a Meet & Greet at Hungry Jacks car park Horsham on Sunday 26th Feb where we will once again discuss world peace and cruelty to furry little animals.

Can I encourage riders to bring out some of the older Motorcycles for this short run ( or push ) we may organise a ride afterwards if the weather is suitable, car buffs are also welcome to come along and kick tyres with us.

Trev Muller





## Geoff Herkes Annual Memorial pre 30 Run 22

It was a great feeling after Covid to get back to Haddon for V.C.C.Ballararat's Annual pre 30 run. An annual run usually attended by several WMHVS members. Leaving Horsham 27/11/22 at 6 am and trailing the Buick down the pot-holed Western Highway and arriving in time to unload and register. Mark and Gayle Border and Steve Grose have taken the job on to continue Geoff's work. Approximately 20 cars and 10 motorcycles attended from various clubs. After directions we were on our way weaving our way through Carnhamour, Snake Valley and Smythesdale to end at a Ross Creek property for morning tea. It was an excellent morning stop with lots of drooling over well presented sheds.

Then on to Smythesdale for our lunch stop. We set up near the Old Historic Prison and nearby were the original hanging gallows that was used during the gold rush days. Nobody offered to demonstrate the operation.

After lunch we took the winding road through some beautiful countryside to end at our starting spot for arvo tea and presentations. We received a gift for the furthest travelled. Throughout the day we met with Moyle Bunworth, a previous WMHVS member.

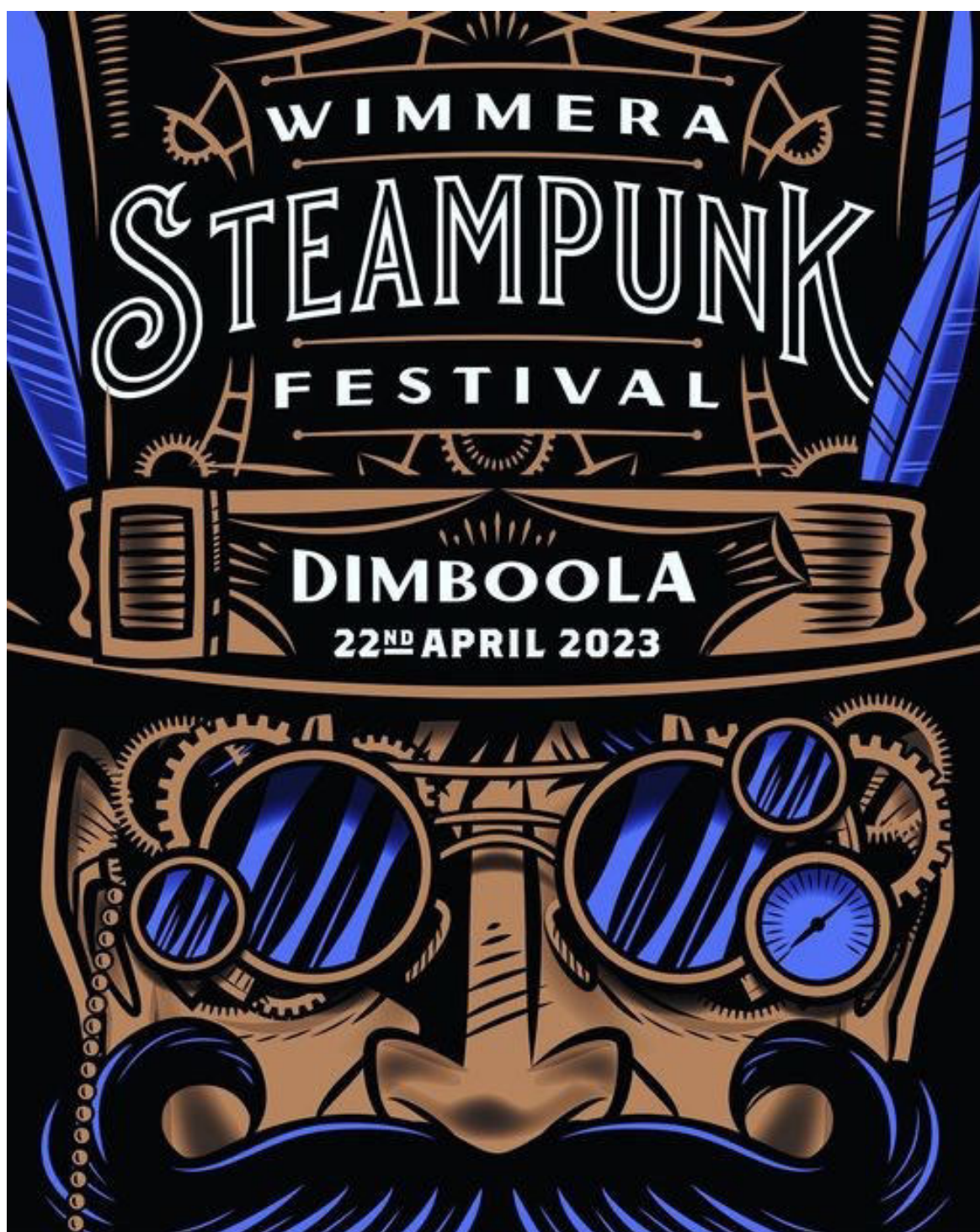
It was an excellent relaxing day both weather wise and mixing with other club members. An event we should put on our calendar next year.

Alan and Venie Jolley



## Wimmera Steampunk Festival, Dimboola, 21-23 April 2023

The Wimmera Steampunk Festival is on again. After the huge success of last year's festival, this year will be bigger and better. Once again there will be a vintage and classic car display on the Saturday evening, 22 April. We have a better location too. Lloyd Street, between Lochiel St and Wimmera St, will be closed off especially for the car display. WMHVS members are invited to come along and display their cars at the event. All drivers will receive one free ticket to the event. This year's theme is Time Travel, so if you have a DeLorean, bring it along! More details in the next newsletter, and you can check out the Wimmera Steampunk Festival Facebook page. Hope to see you there!



## WMHVS Classifieds

### For Sale

1970 Jaguar XJ6  
4.2litre overhead cam motor  
4 speed electric overdrive gearbox  
Good original vehicle that has been repainted  
Interior is basically original  
Lots of original patina.  
Currently on Club Registration...  
will be sold unregistered  
\$12,500 Contact Don Perry 0427 861 247  
dondalperry@gmail.com



### For Sale

Danfoss Evakool fridge 12v & 24v, and electric,  
never used with travel case \$1200 or best offer.  
Phone Kevin Jakobi 5382 4055 OR 0429 834 055.



### Wanted

Ford falcon XD or XE, factory V8 any condition or body style (Viz: Fairmont, Ghia, ESP, S-Pac, sedan, ute, wagon or panel van) considered. Prefer matching numbers even if in poor condition.  
Factory 6 cylinder in any body style considered, but must be relatively rust free and generally straight.

Rob Binns 0402 459 303

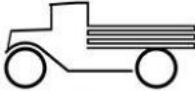
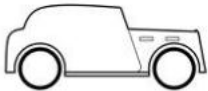





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1st April 2023

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