

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



January Meeting

Our next meeting is January 9th

Kohler Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way
(Directions on Website)

Meal Price - **\$15.00**

Fun begins at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required. There are no standing reservations. You need to make a reservation each month.

Please make your reservation at

<https://mvff.us/reservation/>
by 9:00 p.m. on January 5th

January Speaker

Our January speaker will be Matthew Sment.

Matt's career in adventure leadership and training stretches more than two decades. Published in several media formats, Matt has been a featured presenter at the Appalachian Tenkara Jam, the Tenkara USA Summit, the Midwest Tenkara Fest, and speaks regularly at angling clubs and conservation groups. As co-founder of the Badger Tenkara Company (2014-2019), he has designed rods, delivered instruction, and promoted tenkara fly fishing all over the United States. Matt keeps busy with guiding, instructing, and serving as Managing Editor, Education at TenkaraAngler.com. He is proud to call the Wisconsin Driftless region his home water.

There are a few members who have been using Tenkara rods. This should be a really interesting presentation. Hope you can join us.

~ John Young



President's Thoughts ...

Hello Everyone,

First I want to thank Phil Ritter for the picking up the mantle of MVFF President this past year. He has been a great example for me to follow. Myself and the Board members will continue to improve MVFF for its members this next year. I also want to thank Paula Smith for the taking the role of VP. She will be a welcome addition, Congratulations to the 2022 Award winners and volunteers. Your commitments to MVFF this past year has been greatly appreciated.

I hope you have had a Merry Christmas and enjoyed the time with family and friends. Myself, I ate too much and watched a lot of football and soccer. If you are like me you made a New Year's Eve resolution. I hope I can follow mine. Good luck with yours. I was hoping to spend a day of fishing on the Mad River with my son and my grandson at Spring Lakes. It seems like were too busy with work and family. But a cold and the bad weather kept me inside.

These next couple of months are going to be busy ones at MVFF. January and February with the beginners fly tying classes every Friday night for 8 weeks starting in January through February. First weekend, February 4th, we have the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers. We need volunteers for 2 hour shifts if possible. We have always had a great turnout and I would like that to continue.

March brings our annual auction which helps fund activities for the coming year. Take time this winter while the weather is cold and tie some flies or take inventory of items around your home that you no longer want and would like to donate to the cause.

During the last meeting I said I would check on a possible outing to Pine Lake Trout Club near Cleveland. Probably in March 2023. I have talked to them and they are willing to let us rent cabins. Right now there are 12 openings. There may be more cabins

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

available if additional people sign up. We would split the cost of cabins depending on how many people would go.

Our January speaker is Matt Sment. He is the former owner of Badger Tenkara. Matt has spent several years traveling across the United States perfecting Tenkara rod fishing. I am looking forward to his presentation.

Best Wishes,
John Warner
MVFF President

2023 Dues

It is now time to renew your dues for 2023.

The best way to pay is online through our PayPal portal either with your PayPal account or as a guest with a credit or debit card (you do not need a PayPal account).

This is also the easiest way for us as it eliminates the burdens of dealing with check and cash deposits. There is an added benefit in that it provides us with a good record of transactions.

Please pay now.

2023 Beginner Fly Tying Classes

There are still some openings available!

There may be a few openings for the 2023 Beginner Fly Tying Classes. This will be a basic class for those new members, and members that missed out on previous classes, who would like to learn how to tie flies. Members who took an earlier basic class can come as long as we don't exceed 20 for total class size.

The classes will be on Fridays starting January 6, 2023, and will continue weekly for 8 weeks. Class will run from 5:30 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. Classes will be held at Rona Community Church, 1082 Rona Parkway Dr., Fairborn, OH 45324 as in previous years.

You may register by email (preferred) or phone, by contacting Frank Cox at fcx@woh.rr.com or 937-603-1312.

The planned class schedule can be found at <https://mvff.us/tying-classes/>



2022 Recognition & Awards

One special part of each December meeting is recognizing the many members who volunteered and worked so hard in 2022 to make the club such a success. Thank you for all you have done for the club.

The following are the recipients of the major awards . . .

Dick Matson Award	-	Frank Cox
Jake Jaeger Award	-	John Young
Founder's Award	-	Ken Davy
President's Award	-	Lew Hofmann
Marty Vandenbrock		
Outstanding Member Award	-	Shawn Johnson

Lifetime membership was awarded to Bill Bennett and Jim Calvert.

Casting Winners

Here's our casting competition winners for 2022. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated!

First Flight:	David Leach
Seniors:	John Young
Masters:	Eric Rice



Secretary's Notes

December 12, 2022 Meeting

Though there were only thirty-nine in attendance for the December meeting we enjoyed a great dinner with awards being given to Frank Cox, Ken Davy, Lew Hofmann, Shawn Johnson, and John Young for outstanding work in 2022 on behalf of the club. Jim Calvert and Bill Bennett were extended Lifetime membership status for their long and strong efforts in the advancement of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers. We finished the year

in a strong financial position and look forward to a new year with new speakers and club outings. John Warner led the meeting announcing that there were sign-up sheets for an outing to Pine Lake in March, booth workers at the BUFF show in February, and the new fly-tying classes beginning Friday night, January 6th at 5:30 p.m. The new club banner was on display. Jim Calvert created a Christmas fly display which was raffled off to Phil Ritter. Happy New Year and may we again see many of the faces so long absent, but so often thought of.

J. W. Davis, Secretary

Notes

January 2023

Several club members have enjoyed fishing in the high lakes and rivers of Scotland. On a recent trip to the island of Sky, Scotland my brother Ken, an admitted antiquities bibliophile, came across what he described as a "lean-to book shed barely six meter by six meter". It was not so unusual for him to find the out of the way seller as the small treatise noted as the winner of the annual Highland Society of Scotland contest for the improvement of the lesser populated parts of the country. Entitled *Observations upon The Present State of The Scotch Fisheries* by P. White, Esq., Edinburgh.

The Highland Society of Scotland was founded in 1784. This single edition volume printed on linen paper was submitted to the council on **July 18, 1791**.

No, it will not be joining the MVFF library! Fascinatingly the observations morphed into opinions and included discussion on Danish intrusion into Scottish herring fisheries and the parliament's failure to "properly fund anything remotely Scottish". Of interest is the author's strong urging to properly stock the lochs and feeder rivers. The encouragement to improve tourist fishing and bring more income to the more remote regions was lauded by the Society.

We sometimes wonder where conservation and tourism joined hands. Here is an example from over two hundred years ago of an organization, which still exists as the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, beginning that journey.

There are many travel and destination volumes in the MVFF library. Take time to peruse the listings through the MVFF website portal. Your adventure is but a page away. Check it out. J.W.



MVFF Flybrary

The "Flybrary" is a way members can share with each other the flies they use to catch fish. Learn more at <https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/MVFF-Flybrary-Project.pdf>.

MVFF Flybrary Card

Attach Fly Here

Fly Name: _____

Hook Size: _____

Fly Type: Dry Wet Nymph

Streamer Tenkara

Fish Species: _____

Location used: _____

Donated by: _____

Raffle Winners

Here are the December raffle winners . . .

- TFO rod & reel set....Sam Hudak
- Set-to-tie a Copper John...Jim Calvert
- Cold weather beanie and cloves...Allen Berg
- Pilsner glasses and Yuengling Lager...Jerry Connally
- Mystery box (chocolates)... Mark Carr
- Jim Calvert created Deer hair Christmas tree display....Phil Ritter

See you in January!

~ Lew Hofmann

Mad River Drift

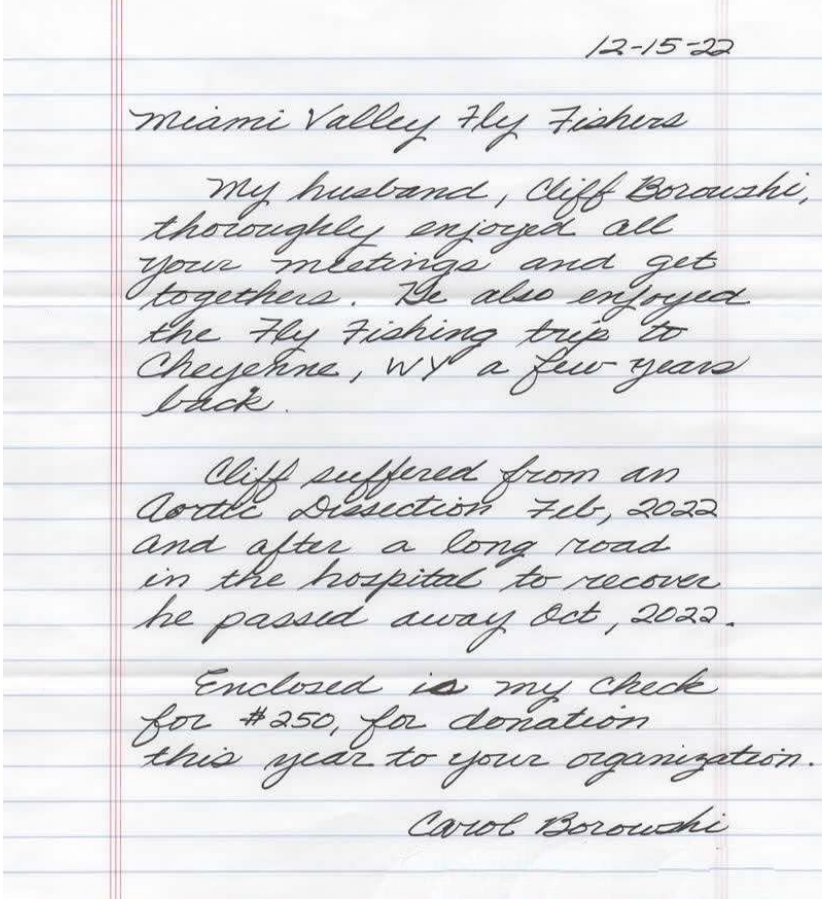
Here is a link to the archive of the Trout Unlimited Mad River Chapter newsletter. When you open the link it gives you access to the current and previous newsletters. You can also subscribe here.

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=8049cc4f0cf9c67bcac699302&id=e41b50e209>

Memorial Donation

Longtime member Cliff Borowski passed away in October. His wife Carol made a generous contribution to the club in Cliff's memory. We thank her and extend our condolences to her and her family.

Cliff was a valued member, fly fisher, and friend. His passing will leave an indelible impression on our members. He certainly will be missed.



Five Rivers MetroParks Volunteering

MetroParks recently created a special user group just for the MVFF club members who are volunteers. So now when there is a program where there is a need for volunteers with specialized skills – like for fly fishing/casting/tying – MetroParks (our Kelly Kingery) can post the need and it will go out to those who have signed up as a volunteer and they will get the notice that there is a need.

MVFF members – use the link below and fill out the info. Once you are all set as a volunteer, it'll be easy to see when a request comes up and if it is something you can or want to do.

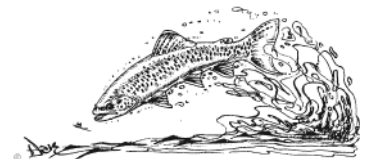
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Some Catch and Release Fish Still Die

This was a very interesting article on conservation and fishing. Long story short - if we continue to pound the crap out of the fish in our rivers they won't survive. Some catch and release fish still die...

https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/do-we-anglers-ourselves-amount-to-a-conservation-challenge/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=tATGb&zl=uwsM3

~ Jeff Warden



Member Dues Status

Total Members	176
Lifetime	12
Youth	7
PHW Vet	3
Paying Members Total	157
2023 Dues Paid through	
12/31/2022	63
% Paid	40%

Please help us out by paying your dues today!

Catch & Release – Christmas Edition

“Well, what are you up to today, sweetheart?” she said from the living room. “My usual for the day after Christmas. Visiting the homeless”, I said. “Oh, how can you be so cruel!”, she exclaimed. I didn’t let it bother me. I knew the homeless folks would appreciate the socks I had to give them, no matter how hideous they were. It happened almost every year. Being an avid sportsman made me a target for all sorts of gifts of questionable worth. The most frequent type of gift was assorted bits of clothing, bearing images of fish, or lures. This year, it had been some socks, with pictures of lures on them. It had apparently done no good for me to explain the difference between regular fishing and fly fishing.

Socks were easy to recycle. Ties were somewhat more difficult. They could repeat on you. I remember one necktie I gave to Goodwill three times. It seems that multiple members of my family shopped at that same store, and they all had the same idea concerning suitable attire for an aging fly fisherman. After returning it the third time, the necktie briefly disappeared. It resurfaced a couple of years later, around the neck of a fellow member of my fly-fishing club. His wife, also a member of the club, had suggested that my friend wear the tie to a meeting so all his friends could see it and remark on his good taste.

There were remarks, although most were more like condolences. My friend managed to sneak the tie into a Goodwill box, and it made another appearance at a subsequent meeting of the club, at which time it became The Tie. The legend of The Tie began to grow as it disappeared and reappeared seemingly at will over the following years. This continued until a club member, with doubtful taste in clothing bought it for himself. Of course, since he had purchased the tie for himself, his wife decided it wouldn’t do. Rumor has it that he sent The Tie to his least favorite son-in-law who lives in a foreign country.

Another type of item that appears occasionally in gifts I receive is the gadget that is supposed to solve some sort of problem for anglers. If you want to keep a fishing rod available at all times, there is the telescopic variety of rod, some of which are so miniscule they will fit in your briefcase, complete with a small selection of lures. Any of you who have experienced these tubular disasters are well aware that the people who select them is the most critical characteristic. Most of the people who buy these for anglers obviously don’t fish. If they did, maybe the quality of this type of gear might improve. Most are so flimsy that a stout bluegill will put them at their limits.

Other gadgets are supposed to assist the angler in tying knots. This may hold true if the only knots the angler uses are the clinch, improved clinch, or the nail knot. Try tying a double surgeon’s knot, Davy knot, dropper loop, or Palomar with these gizmos and you may need the jaws of life to help extract your fingers from the ensuing snarl.

Macro gear is another category that sometimes shows up in gifts to anglers. These are usually supposed to assist the angler with moving masses of gear to the location where they will be fishing. This, again, is symptomatic of gift-givers who either do not fish, or when they do fish, plunk themselves down at one location for hours on end. They do not seem to understand the tendency most anglers, especially fly anglers, have, which is to keep moving. I received a bag some years back that was supposed have this purpose. It was ringed on the outer edge with slots to hold several fishing rods. The interior of the bag was simply empty space, presumably to be filled with bags or boxes of terminal gear. Filled, this conveyance would have reached such a Herculean weight and bulk that it would have served to anchor a cruise ship. I did finally find a use for this bag. Until it finally gave out under the stresses of the job, it was serving to tote the PVC pipe lengths that comprise the frame we use to hold our casting competition rings in place. Those of you who have had occasion to help out with setting up or tearing down the casting tree can probably attest to the size of that bag.

I feel that the important thing to do with these gifts is to find a way to reuse, repurpose, or recycle them. Telescoping rods make a great way to toss small toys across a room for the cat to chase. The knot tying gizmos can tie some useful knots, such as the Albright, or wrappings when putting a new loop on the end of your fly line. As for the opening paragraph, I was only kidding. The homeless have enough problems without adding the stress of having people laughing at their ugly socks.

~ Ken Davy



Save the Dates

2023 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

The Buckeye United Fly Fishers will host the annual Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, Saturday, February 4, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. It will again be held at the Oasis Conference Center, 902 Loveland-Miamiville Road, Loveland, OH

<http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com/buffsql/expo2023/>

Wildlife Diversity Conference

Please plan to attend the 39th annual Wildlife Diversity Conference on March 1, 2023. Hosted by the Ohio Division of Wildlife, the conference will be held at the Ohio State University's Ohio Union in Columbus.

Details and registration information coming soon!

<https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/education-training/wildlife-diversity-conference/2022-ohio-wildlife-diversity-conference>

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GCFFS Tying Workshops

In conjunction with the 2023 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show to be held on Saturday, February 4th, Buckeye United Fly Fishers is sponsoring three 2+ hour fly tying workshops led by the show's featured presenter, George Daniel. These Workshops will be held on the day prior to the Show, Friday, February 3rd, at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, Ohio, the site of the 2023 GCFFS.

The Workshops are now being opened to the public on a first come basis. The Workshops are:

- Session F-1: Streamers: 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- Session F-2: Euro Nymphs: 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
- Session F-3: Modern Dry Flies: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

You can register for one, any two, or all three sessions up to the point where a session is maxed out at a total of 24 participants each. Your cost will be determined on how many sessions in which you enroll and are calculated on a sliding scale as follows:

- For One Workshop \$ 30
- For Two Workshops \$ 50
- For Three Workshops \$ 70

Participants must provide their own vise, thread, and tying tools. All other tying materials including hooks will be provided.

The openings are filling up. For more info and to register go to: <http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com/buffsql/expo2023/clinhome.asp>

Website Updates

The most recent change is the inclusion of recent forum topics on the home page. We are going to use the forum for some announcements among other things. You can view the topic but will have to login to post a reply. You are also welcome to post a new topic - you will have to login to do this however (more than 70% of members are registered). Give it a try.

Forum Topics Page - Here registered members can create and/or reply to topics.

Following a Conversation on the Forum - On the Forum Topics be sure to use the checkbox "Notify me of follow-up replies via email" so that you will be alerted to new responses - to a particular topic. We hope to see increased use of the forum as we get more members registered.

~ Tom Arnold

January Fly of the Month

Katterman



Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook	Dry, size 12 - 18
Thread	Cream, 6/0
Tail	Brown hackle fibers
Body	Peacock herl
Rib	Brown hackle, palmered
Face/Thorax	White hackle, dry
Head	Thread

1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back down the hook shank to the hook barb. Let the thread hang.
2. Strip a small bunch (15-20) of fibers off a brown hackle feather and tie them in at the hook bend as a tail. The tail is short for a dry fly and should be about the length of the hook gap. Trim off any excess fiber butts and return the thread to the base of the tail.
3. Now select a brown dry hackle feather sized for the hook being used. Strip off the base fluff and tie it in by the base at the hook bend. Trim off any excess feather butt.
4. Select 3-4 peacock herls and tie them in by the butt at the hook bend. Trim off the excess herl butts. Twist the peacock herls into a loose "rope" and wrap them forward to a point about 1/4 of the hook shank behind the hook eye. Remove any excess herl.
5. Now wrap the hackle feather forward in close turns (similarly

to a Griffith's Gnat) to the front of the herl body and tie it off. Remove any excess feather.

6. Select a suitable white dry hackle feather and strip the fluff from its base. **The hackle barbs on this feather should be slightly longer than the brown hackle barbs.** Tie this hackle in by its butt tight against the front of the herl body, then wrap the thread over the butt to slightly behind the hook eye. Trim any excess butt and let the thread hang.
7. Now wrap the hackle feather forward in touching turns to right behind the eye and tie it off. Remove any excess hackle feather
8. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.

This fly was developed by the famous Catskill flytyer, Walt Dette. It combines the features of the Bivisible, the Renegade, and Griffith's Gnat. It is commonly used as both a dry and an attractor pattern.

My Favorite Fly Rod What's Yours?

There is likely a good number of members who own multiple fly rods. A few who have taken this to the extreme (but will remain unnamed here). I include myself among the group having multiple rods (not the extreme cohort). And I'd bet that most everyone has a favorite that they just seem to fish more than any other rod.

My favorite rod is a Sage, 8 1/2 foot, 4 weight. It's a 3-piece I built in Jim Corbin's class in the 90's (maybe 1995). The Sage blank is the LL (Light Line), a medium action that I have always enjoyed. Sage began this line in 1985 and offered these rods in 2 through 5 weights.

I've fished it in many places, some favorites were in the Smokies (Abrams Creek) and many streams in Pennsylvania at and near the Dunwoody Big Bear Fish & Gun Club (a wild Brookie and a brown).

After building the rods in Jim Corbin's class we were all treated to a visit to Spring Run to try them out. I remember that day as I caught a very nice brown under the tutelage of the late, great Dick Matson. Dick was a good friend of Jim's and assisted in the rod building classes for many years. It was his advice to get rid of the dry and put on a nymph that brought almost immediate success.

I searched for the perfect reel to go with this rod and ended up with a J. Ryall, a small maker of reels that no longer exists as far as I know. So let's hear what others may have to say. What's your favorite fly rod?

~ Tom Arnold



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Keep Up to Date

You can find the latest news out of national PHWFF at . . .

<https://projecthealingwaters.org/news-media/press-releases/>

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about local PHWFF activities.



FFI has made strides to grow the fly fishing community through the launch of a dynamic new Fly Fishers International website, including the revamped FFI Learning Center, accessible to anyone with a passion for the sport. This modern new website is easier to navigate and highlights FFI's strength in fly fishing education with an incredible repository of videos, articles, and manuals on casting, fly tying, conservation, and fly fishing skills.

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Learn/Learning-Center-Resources>

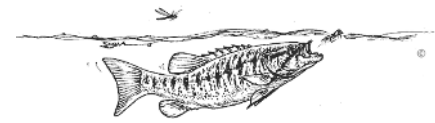
Looking for another way to dive into the world of fly fishing? Try *Fly Fish Forever*, the official podcast of Fly Fishers International. Find *Fly Fish Forever* on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Amazon](#), or your favorite podcast source.



Little Miami Watershed Network

Below is the link to the September 2022 quarterly of the Little Miami Watershed Network newsletter and where you can subscribe. Learn how you can join our network in caring for the well-being of this beautiful river.

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=d0849e781ada00f84ee13de0b&id=a619ff0c92>



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Find All Fishing Reports

Fishing reports are broken down by region – Lake Erie, central, northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest – all of which can be found online.

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/fishing-resources/fishing-reports-forecasts>

Backyard Wildlife Documents

Some nice resources to check out . . .

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/wildlife/documents-publications/backyard-wildlife-documents>

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CALENDAR

Check the [MVFF Calendar](#) page or our Facebook Events page for updates & details

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Remember, you can find many photos of MVFF happenings on our [Facebook](#) page.

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/>



Did You See the Latest Michigan Trip Photos

A great trip. See the story in the November 2022 issue of [Tightlines](#)

and check out the photos from this trip - <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.566679295330547&type=3>

There are lots of other photos and albums on the FB page.

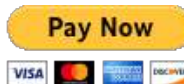
Help!

I always need and appreciate member-submitted material for this newsletter. So if you have been on a fishing trip and want to write an article and share pictures, please send info my way. Maybe you have tactics, equipment tips, a new fly pattern or some other knowledge you would like to share. We would welcome the contributions. If you have ideas on what you would like to see in

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