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Women in Aviation
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WAI: MEET YOUR FUTURE

It's Girls in Aviation Day Orlando at #WAI17

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Today we welcome more than 200 girls from ages 8 to 17 to the Girls in Aviation Day Orlando—a fun and engaging program that is so well-regarded we are full to capacity! We have local Girl Scouts attending who will earn their Aviation fun patch, and we would like to thank the Orange County Parks and Recreation department for conducting outreach in the local area to make the day a huge success. This program will present ideas beyond these girls' wildest dreams.

At Girls in Aviation Day Orlando, WAI engages students by facilitating state-of-the-art aviation workshops and activities. Here at the conference our young ladies will be connected with role models who will share their aviation careers through presentations, hands-on STEM learning opportunities such as flying a simulator, learning to read charts, and trying out skills at an ATC tower, learn about robotics and unmanned vehicles plus learn to use tools that aircraft mechanics need in their careers.

Girls will tour the exhibit hall where they will connect and engage with WAI members from all aspects of the aviation community.

Older girls will meet with aerospace and aviation college representatives who will provide guidance on mapping their future to be career ready. As an extra special treat, the girls will be blown away by having lunch with Patty Wagstaff. She is a six-time member of the U.S. Unlimited Aerobatic Team. Patty is the first woman to win the title of U.S. National Aerobatic Champion, one of the few people to win it three times.

We urge all our members to connect, engage, and inspire Girls in Aviation Day participants. Welcome them to our community and show them how a career in aviation is a terrific choice for them.

—Melinda Benson Viteri, WAI 95734, is a teacher at the British International School based in Washington D.C. and Co-Director of D.C. Youth Aviation Build a Plane Inc.

Girls
IN AVIATION DAY
ORLANDO

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Help share the excitement of attending a Women in Aviation Conference by using the hashtag **#WAI17** and **#IamWAI** on social media.



ON THE SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY

Chase Your Dreams
Fun Run/Walk

CORONADO SPRINGS
RUNNING TRAIL

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Pre-register

Saturday General Session

9-10:30 a.m.

Catherine "Cathé" Fish
Dr. Yvonne Cagle

Girls in Aviation Day Orlando

Patty Wagstaff

VERACRUZ C

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pre-register

Exhibit Hall open

VERACRUZ EXHIBIT HALL

10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Explore the Excitement of Flying!

CORONADO H

10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Lunch On Your Own

Meet and Mingle With the WAI Board

FIESTA 5

11-11:45 a.m.

Pioneer Hall of Fame Ceremony and Banquet

CORONADO H

7-9:30 p.m.

Ticket required.

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Dr. Peggy Chabrian,
WAI President, with Erin
Miller, granddaughter of
WASP Elaine Harmon,
and WASP Bee Haydu
at the Authors Table.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a difference a day makes!

In the last 48 hours I've met so many new members, renewed old friendships and re-connected with colleagues...heard stories that amaze me, and make me proud to be a woman in aviation. The International Women in Aviation Conference was conceived for just that reason. I hope that you are finding the general sessions, education sessions, and all of the face-to-face networking as inspiring and energizing as I am.

This year Saturday is about the future. I hope you take time to stop by our Girls in Aviation Day program and see how we are reaching out to young girls through exciting hands-on activities. Please welcome the girls in the exhibit hall this afternoon as they go scavenger hunting!

We are also welcoming people from the local community today who are here to learn more about general aviation and flying from industry experts John and Martha King and a group of certified flight instructors. If you have a question for the Kings or just want to spend some time learning more about flying come to Coronado H from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

We've been steadily awarding scholarships over the past two days, and we aren't done yet! Be sure to come to the banquet tonight and help us celebrate our pioneers and honor a few more deserving scholarship winners. Be sure to thank our sponsors. Without them, our conference experience would not be as expansive and enhanced.

Honoring the Pioneer Hall of Fame Inductees

Join us tonight to honor the 2017 inductees of the Pioneer Hall of Fame Ceremony and Banquet, sponsored by Air Wisconsin, Airbus, Alaska Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Endeavor Air, Horizon Air, JetBlue Airways, Sun Country Airlines, in the Coronado Ballroom at 7:00 p.m.

Honorees include **The First Class of Women Naval Aviators:** Judith Neuffer (Bruner); Barbara Allen (Rainey) (deceased); Jane Skiles (O'Dea); Ana Maria Scott, Joellen Drag (Oslund), and Rosemary Merims (Mariner). These six pioneers clearly demonstrated that women had the physical and mental capacity not just to fly naval aircraft, but also perform all military missions. Their success set an example for the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Coast Guard to emulate.

Elizabeth "Betty" Everts Green (deceased) is recognized as a trailblazer in humanitarian and missionary flying. Seeing a need to reach remote places to improve the lives of people, Betty helped found the Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

Lt. General Stayce Harris, the highest-ranking African-American woman military pilot in all the United States armed forces, will also be inducted. Stayce has been an inspirational leader and mentor to young people everywhere for more than 30 years. Her unmatched leadership ability was recognized, and she became the first female commander of the 22nd Air Force, a unit with 15,000 airmen flying 1,200 aircraft responsible for tactical airlift, pilot training, weather observation, and flight test operations. Today, Stayce is the vice chief of staff and director, Air Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

CAF Rise Above

Find out how each of us can inspire, teach, and mentor the next generation of women in aviation. The WASP legacy was important in laying the foundation for future pilots and the mechanics of mentorship. This afternoon's panel discussion "CAF Rise Above: WASP: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future," will be led by Captain Sandy Anderson, Heather Penney, and Tracy Toth, in Durango starting at 1:45 p.m.

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Vernice “FlyGirl” Armour Ignites WAI

Running from the rear of the Coronado Ballroom Friday morning, Vernice “FlyGirl” Armour high-fived her way down the center aisle to deliver an explosive keynote address. Donning a desert-tan flight suit and brown leather jacket with “Tuskegee Airmen” blazed across the back, Vernice planted seeds for success, starting with a five-step flight plan.

Vernice was the Marine Corps’ first African-American aviatrix and speaks more than 50 times a year. Her talk, entitled “Excelerated Leadership,” mixed humor while emphasizing self-determination for one’s own future and success. She said everyone faces challenges, but stressed the need to “acknowledge the obstacles, DON’T give them power.”

Beginning with a military aviator social at the 2006 WAI conference in Nashville, Vernice recalled how she started to ask herself, “What do you REALLY want?” She encouraged listeners to do the same, identifying “Where are you?” and “Where do you want to be?” Vernice cautioned against over-reliance on figuring out the “how,” as that can paralyze some.

Vernice calls herself “a recovering combat pilot and unemployed comedian,” delivering jokes with impeccable timing. She entertained and inspired listeners to figure out what they wanted, then give themselves “permission to engage,” rather than waiting for external direction. Vernice said to walk one’s purpose on the planet, “you can’t just stand up...you’ve got to take action.”

As she told her own story from combat aviator to professional speaker, Vernice began removing her flight suit, revealing a white blouse and black slacks, a visual metaphor for her career transformation.

She closed by thanking WAI President Dr. Peggy Chabrian for the opportunity to speak this year; the energized attendees thanked Vernice with a rousing standing ovation.

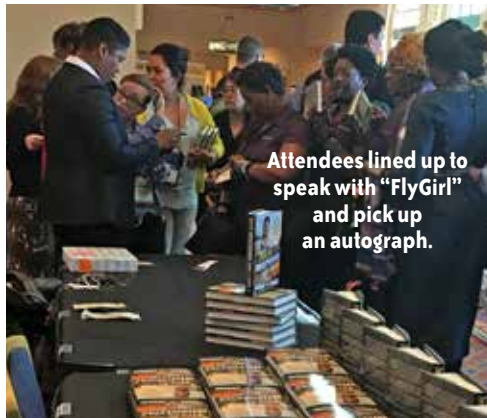
Read more of Vernice’s story and success tools in her book *Zero to Breakthrough*.

—Monica Smith, WAI 5470, is a retired Air Force pilot and former math teacher with a longtime passion for writing; she specializes in lesser known aviation pioneers.



JOHN RIEDEL

KELLY MURPHY



Attendees lined up to speak with “FlyGirl” and pick up an autograph.

It’s a family affair for the Cosands, all American Airlines pilots! Longtime WAI members and conference attendees are at #WAI17 and showing their Women in Aviation pride. Son Robin Cosand, WAI 55480, daughter Meghan Cosand Camp, WAI 33661, and mom Kathy Rambo-Cosand, WAI 44390, will be joined by dad, Bob Cosand, a retired Air Force pilot, for some family Disney fun this weekend. Robin and Kathy plan to fly together this summer on a Boeing 767 flight, both are based in Miami. Meghan is looking forward to transitioning to the Boeing 737 out of Los Angeles. She currently flies the E190 out of Philadelphia.



JOHN RIEDEL

Becoming One With the Carpet

smile sheepishly, and stare straight ahead at the eight Marines with pleasant smiles. I'm immediately suspicious. My muscles tense as I walk over to the check-in table where we must sign Marine Corps logo-emblazoned waivers. "I bet you they will start with jogging in place," I said. (Sure enough...) At least we were not alone; over 20 WAI members attended the class with us.

After introductions, we started with a Tabata workout. My first thought was, "Isn't that a type of sushi?" Tabata is a form of High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), and it is designed specifically to keep heart rates elevated with short rest periods. The workout involved repeated sets of three to four exercises, involving various types of squats, crunches, and push-ups. The Marines kindly offered modified exercise positions. Destry, my class companion, usually completes cross-fit workouts and was perfectly prepared. I, however, was not. My preferred workout involves a lot of dancing and booty-shaking: Zumba. My inability to stop movements in a timely fashion cost me and my classmates five extra push-ups, twice. (I'm sorry, ladies and gents. You'll thank me later.)

In short, it was an inspiring class and I walked away with exercises I will be able to accomplish in my hotel room on my airline layovers. It was an excellent way to kick off Day 2 of our beloved conference. Many thanks to the Marines for your encouragement and teamwork! I'd happily work out with you again anytime. SEMPER FI! OORAH!

—Gabrielle Palmas, WAI 19787, is president of the Phoenix Valley of the Sun Chapter and currently is an American Airlines flight attendant, trainer and pilot.



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EAA WomenSoar *You Soar*

Four days of **Empowerment** for Girls in Grades 9-12

July 23-26 | EAA.org/WomenSoar

This unique day camp, held annually at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, provides high school girls with mentors and positive role models who'll enable them to become the next generation of female aviators.

Enrollment deadline: June 1, 2017 (or until filled)
Registration Fee: \$75* (Cost includes programs, T-shirts, and weekly admittance to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. An over \$600 value.)

#womensoar

Stop by the EAA tent for more information!



EXHIBIT HALL

Exhibit Hall Hours

SATURDAY,
MARCH 4
10:30 a.m.-
3 p.m.

Silent Auction

Support WAI scholarships and educational programs! Pick up a bid number for \$1 from the silent auction table to bid on any item.

(Auction is only open during exhibit hall hours)

VERACRUZ EXHIBIT HALL BOOTH 101

SATURDAY,
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10:30 a.m-12:30 p.m.

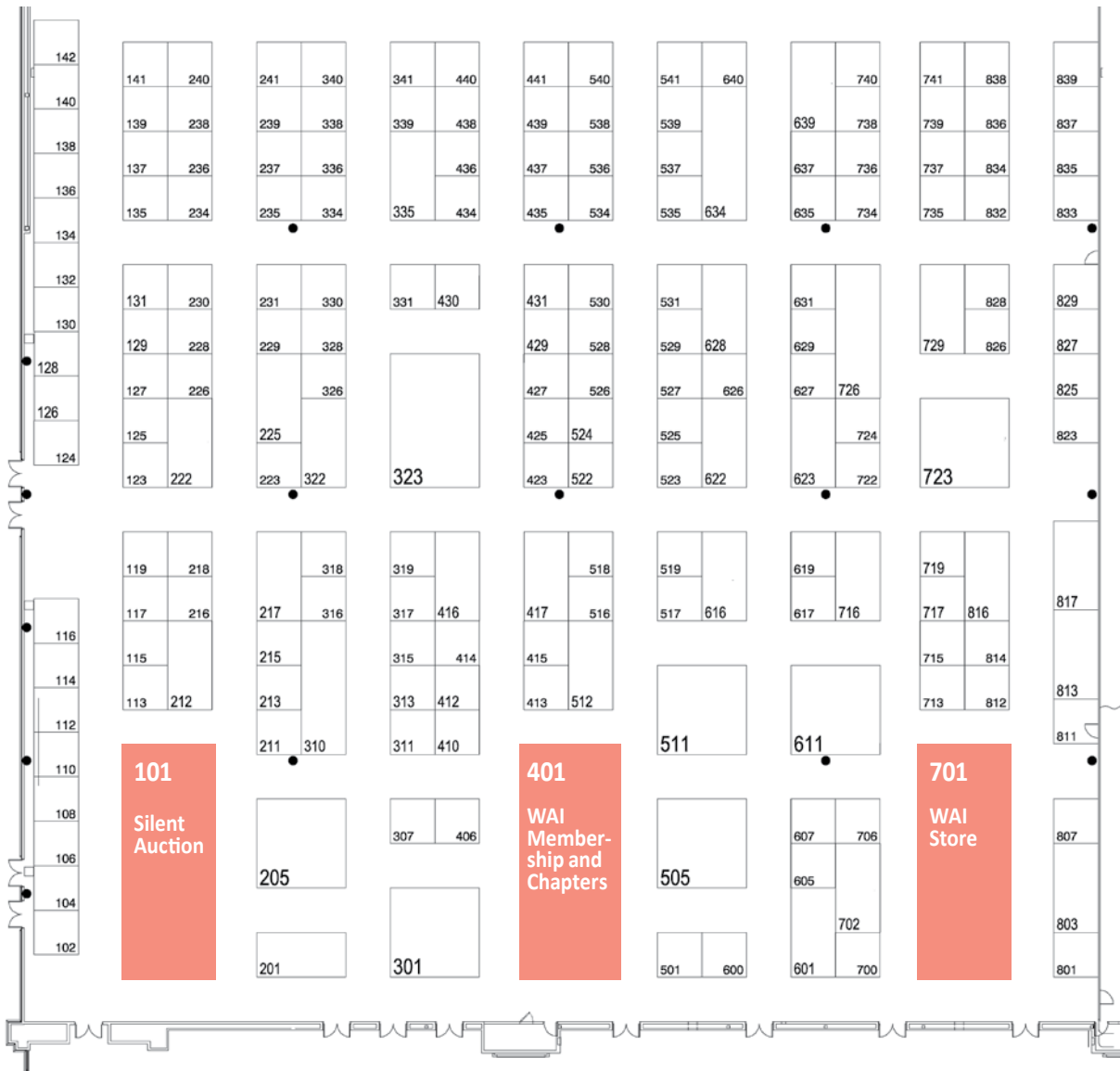
Education Session Change:

The education session **Advanced ATC**, scheduled for Saturday at 3-4 p.m. in Fiesta 8, has been canceled.

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If you're an exhibitor, speaker, or represent a group that has appropriate news for us, come tell us about it in the WAI Press Room, located directly across from the Fiesta Ballroom in **YUCATAN 3**. If you have a press kit, please bring one to us and supply additional copies for other media covering the conference. There are two more issues of *The Daily*: Friday (deadline noon on Thursday) and Saturday (deadline noon on Friday).

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
2-4 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4
8 a.m.-noon



WAI Chapter Showcase

(located in the WAI Membership Booth in the Exhibit Hall)

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bluegrass Chapter

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Bluegrass Chapter

Special Interest Group Meetings 2017

Please note that these events are by invitation or open only to current members of a particular group. When in doubt, check with a representative of that group or company.

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SATURDAY MARCH 4

7-9 a.m. • MONTERREY 1

WCA Annual Membership Meeting & Networking

SATURDAY MARCH 4

11 a.m.-1:45 p.m. • CORONADO 5

Open to all conference attendees

Meet and Mingle With the WAI Board

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

11-11:45 a.m. • FIESTA 5

Want to learn about becoming a future member of the board and helping to create the future of WAI? Please take this opportunity to meet the Women in Aviation International Board of Directors up close and personal. Stop by to learn more about our candidate process; we hope to see you there.

Don't miss an exciting opportunity to exchange important aviation safety information

A Conversation on Safety Culture

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

3-4 p.m. • FIESTA 9

Greg Feith, former NTSB investigator and current NBC safety analyst; **Wally Funk**, NTSB's first female air safety investigator and the first FAA inspector; and **Duane Futch**, former head of Walmart Corporation flight and travel operations; will bring their decades of combined aviation safety experiences to discuss topics such as cockpit resource management, compliance and governance, as well as other safety efforts facing the industry today.

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ATP General Aviation Maintenance Scholarship
Beyond and Above

Corporate Flight Attendant Training

Blackburn Northwest Flight Scholarships

Bonita Jean Olson Memorial Scholarship (New 2017)

Bunny M. Connors Memorial Scholarship

CAE ATP/CTP Course (New 2017)

Dare to Dream Scholarship

Diane Endres Ballweg Scholarships

HAI Helicopter Maintenance Scholarship

HAI Initial Helicopter Scholarship

Jeppesen Flight Training Scholarship

R-W Foundation

Signature Flight Support Corporation Scholarship

Ted Mallory Memorial Scholarship

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Universal Weather & Aviation
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WAI Mile High Chapter Empowerment Scholarship

WAI Wright Chapter, Elisha Hall Memorial Scholarship

WAI Sponsor Award

WAI WA Chapter, Janet Clark Memorial Scholarship

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Janette Ramos,
The Boeing Company,
speaking at the Friday
General Session



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The 2018 International Women in Aviation Conference will be held at the Reno Convention Center. Add the dates to your calendar, March 22-24, 2018, and get ready to connect, engage, and inspire again next year.

EAA CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF WOMENVENTURE



First WomenVenture photo in 2008

Nine years ago the goal was to take a photo of what would be the world's largest gathering of female pilots, and on August 1, 2008, approximately 800 women gathered in pink T-shirts during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. The celebration of women in aviation at Oshkosh has steadily grown in the years since, and in 2017, women involved in all facets of the aviation community will gather for the tenth annual photo as part of EAA's WomenVenture.

Activities and forums designed to empower women and enable them to pursue their dreams in aviation take place throughout the week, with key celebrations happening on Wednesday, July 26. WomenVenture gives women the opportunity to build camaraderie within the EAA community and become a part of a unique sisterhood in the aviation industry, opening doors to mentorship, knowledge, and participation.

Wednesday's events kick off with the WAI Connect Breakfast followed by the annual photo on Boeing Plaza, and WomenVenture Power Lunch featuring change leadership speaker Dr. Janet Lapp. A pilot and flight instructor, Dr. Lapp has flown her airplane throughout South America and Africa on medical and rescue missions, and is a long-time member of the Flying Doctors of Mercy volunteering in central Mexico. Born and raised in Quebec, Canada, she has inspired more than 2,000 audiences around the world from Russia to Argentina to Hong Kong.

New this year, EAA will also host the first WomenVenture Social on Monday, July 24, where attendees can start the week off right by meeting and networking with like-minded women. On Tuesday, July 25, the Ninety-Nines will host a dinner event on the grounds.

EAA has also announced the WomenVenture Sport Pilot Academy Scholarship, to be awarded during Wednesday's Power Lunch. The scholarship is open to women who are former Young Eagles participants and will cover tuition and onsite costs to attend the August 2017 EAA Sport Pilot Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

There's also unique programming during the week for girls interested in aviation with EAA's Women Soar You Soar program. The day camp runs from Sunday, July 23 to Wednesday, July 26, and serves to engage, inspire, and educate young women so they can pursue their dreams in aviation and beyond. Girls are paired with strong female mentors from a variety of aviation and aerospace fields to explore career paths, participate in hands-on workshops, and participate in special "only at Oshkosh" behind-the-scenes events.

Stop by the EAA booth in the exhibit hall to learn more about the activities planned and how you can take part, or visit www.EAA.org/WomenVenture.

—Kelly Nelson, WAI 18201, is executive editor for the *Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)*.

INSPIRE

What Motivates You?

Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it.

—Steve Jobs



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Jovie Arce

Jovie Arce
"I get to learn more every day, aviation never stops growing and has a BIG future. My family is in the industry and I grew up with it."



Kindra Wendling

Amelia Phillips
"I see aviation folks in uniforms and I want to be them. I was named Amelia so I always had an interest in aviation."



Susan Davis

Kindra Wendling
"My Dad is a pilot for United and I have grown up wanting to be a professional pilot. Dad was my flight instructor."



Patti Clark

Amanda Simmons
"The technology! We provide defense in space, have the opportunity to have women as pilots in our helicopter division."

Susan Davis
"The helicopter I fly is so useful and helps people in all walks of life. We do rescues, provide emergency services, and move the troops to name a few."

Clarissa Spears
"Aviation is a childhood passion and it was something that was all mine, none of my six brothers or sisters were involved. I started with an internship and today am an engineer."

Patti Clark
"I have been involved since I was 18 years old and fell in love with airplanes when in the military with the maintenance field of the Air Force. I feel Herb Kelleher was correct when he referred to aviation as having the 'Kerosene Virus.'"



Elaine Nadal

Elaine Nadal
Each customer has a different need and I get to help each of them."



Amelia Phillips



Amanda Simmons



Clarissa Spears

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