



# “Behind the Wheel”

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## New Member Benefit - LegalShield



The Maine Professional Drivers Association is proud to offer our members new benefits through LegalShield. LegalShield is a 42 year old company that specializes in legal service plans that protect the legal rights of individuals, families, commercial drivers and small businesses.

Of greatest interest to our members is the Commercial Driver Legal Plan. We are all aware that the DOT has increased its enforcement on the highways and the value of maintaining CSA scores. LegalShield's Commercial Driver Legal Plan is designed to help you protect your livelihood.

The plan provides coverage for the driver and his/her spouse in any vehicle (commercial or personal) in all 48 contiguous states. (See plan details for full coverage and exclusions). Price: \$29.95/mo (plus a one-time \$25 enrollment fee).

LegalShield also has an Identity Theft Plan and a Personal / Family Legal Plan. Identity theft extends beyond credit to your social security #, your driver's license #, your medical identity, your character and your criminal record (hopefully lack thereof!). The Family Legal Plan offers specific legal services nationwide to you and your covered family members (including dependent children up to age 26 for our Maine and NH members). The most frequently used services include legal advice on an unlimited number of personal issues and Will preparation. Many other services are also available.

For more information, please contact: Susan Margiloff, LegalShield Independent Associate, 207-809-8500 or [susanmargiloff@gmail.com](mailto:susanmargiloff@gmail.com). You can also click on the LegalShield logo on the [www.mpda.org](http://www.mpda.org) website to get more information and do direct enrollment.

Also, please welcome LegalShield as our newest Supporting Member.

## Medical Certificate Self-Certification Deadline and Rule Change

The deadline has passed as truck drivers had until Jan. 30, 2014 to self-certify their operating status and provide medical examiner's certificates to state driver licensing agencies. On Jan. 30, 2012 the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration began requiring CDL holders to identify if they conduct intrastate or interstate commerce and if they hold non-excepted or excepted status. Most truckers are classified under non-excepted interstate commerce and must furnish a current medical examiner's certificate to state agencies. This eventually will result in drivers not having to carry a medical certificate. FMCSA recently passed an extension rule to part of this regulation, ruling that drivers must continue to carry a paper copy of their medical certificates until January 30, 2015.

- from CCJ Digital



## Cycling Season and the Trek Across Maine



I would like to thank **Denis Litalien** and the other drivers of the Maine Professional Drivers Association for their longstanding support of the American Lung Association and our mission of promoting lung health and preventing lung disease. This

Father's Day weekend, dedicated MPDA drivers will once again volunteer for the Trek Across Maine by transporting cyclists bikes.

The Trek is the American Lung Association's largest fundraising event in the nation! With the dedication of MPDA in 2013, we were able to raise \$1.7 dollars towards our mission.

During June 13-15<sup>th</sup> we are asking all truck drivers to be aware that your neighbors, family and friends, and visitors who are on the road with you. Please assist us in making this weekend special and safe for everyone who is cycling while celebrating Father's Day.

Please be aware of cyclists, especially at the bike events and as the weather improves and share the road!

Anyone wanting to help out with this annual fundraiser for the American Lung Association should contact Denis Litalien at [president@mpda.org](mailto:president@mpda.org) or 207-468-7373.

- *Gale Auclair – Senior Manager, Development / American Lung Association of the Northeast*

## Connecticut Requires Clearing of Snow and Ice

Connecticut has a new law on its books of which truckers must be aware. Connecticut's law went into effect on Jan. 1, and is now requiring motorists to clear snow and ice from their vehicles before hitting the roads. The law includes tractor-trailers. The penalty is a \$75 fine, but a commercial driver faces fines of \$500 to \$1,250 if snow or ice flies off the truck and causes injuries or property damage. Pennsylvania and New Jersey have similar laws.

- *from Fleet Owner*

## West Gardiner Roundabout

Less than six years after the state helped build a new service plaza in West Gardiner for Interstate 295 and Maine Turnpike, it's proposing to build a roundabout there to make one of the most crash-prone intersections in the state safer.

The project's estimated \$1.4 million price tag will be covered largely by the federal government because it's such a dangerous intersection. It has the state's highest critical rate factor, which takes into account the number of crashes and amount of traffic at a location, according to the Maine Department of Transportation. In the four years before the plaza was installed, there were two crashes at the intersection, according to the department. In the four years afterward, there were 34.

Stephen Landry, a DOT traffic engineer, said the department didn't anticipate crashes would increase so much after the service plaza was built, because the intersection is fairly straight and flat. "It's not something that would have jumped out, that we were going to have crashes there," he said. "This is all about driving behavior. Some of it is with the sun, some of it is with people taking chances and not wanting to wait."

The Maine Turnpike Authority put the project forward because of the high rate of crashes at the intersection, said Paul MacDonald, the department project manager for the proposal.

He said when the service plaza proposal was being developed in the mid-2000s, roundabouts weren't as popular among traffic experts. "They're more popular now because they've been proven to be very safe and effective and reducing crashes and fatalities," MacDonald said.

The key to the safety of roundabouts is the reduced number of conflict points, or number of ways to crash, MacDonald said. A typical four-way intersection with a traffic light has 32 conflict points, compared to eight for roundabouts. Roundabouts reduce fatalities up to 90 percent and injury crashes by 76 percent, according to the department.

The \$1.4 million project is expected to be finished sometime in 2015. The state is using federal highway safety funds to pay for 90 percent of the project, and the turnpike authority is picking up the remaining 10 percent, according to the department.

- *From Waterville Morning Sentinel and MBTA Newsclips*

**Splitshifting** *by Denis Litalien*

I want to thank all the drivers who act like professionals out there on the highway every day and go unnoticed. This is the goal of our profession!

Have you ever had someone say “ I didn’t see you go by”? Those are the sweetest words one could imagine when driving a 70 plus foot vehicle in the public eye. That means that you were doing everything possible to drive safely and not affect the traffic surrounding you. It means you were probably doing the speed limit or even less and maintaining a good following distance.

The two biggest complaints about truck drivers are that they go too fast and they follow too closely. When you eliminate those two attributes you can do a disappearing act on the highway, thus making it “mission accomplished” for the day.

Have you ever gone on the Turnpike at night when there is construction that holds traffic up in a long line? At certain times of the night where there are mostly just trucks and very few cars on the road. It really emphasizes the number of trucks on the highway and makes me realize how many drivers are out there doing what they are supposed to do, getting the freight (and themselves) safely from point A to point B without getting a second glance.

Our organization is here to promote just that. We were organized to encourage professional, safe and courteous driving. Can we all live up to that goal every minute of the day and night? Probably not. But that shouldn’t prevent us from giving it our best shot. We hope that MPDA gives all of us an opportunity to improve our skills, attitudes, training, knowledge and experience by providing events and activities to make that happen.

The State Truck Driving Championships are one of the events that we built MPDA around because it is the best opportunity to not only showcase the most professional drivers to the public, but it gives us an opportunity to learn more about our equipment, the rules and regulations of the industry, the importance of a good attitude and the skills to maneuver the highways safely.

Join us as we prepare for another Championships in Bangor on May 17.

It begins with our members meeting at MMTA on March 16 and continues with the planning and setup of the event and culminates with the banquet on the evening of May 17 where the State Champions are announced and charged with representing all of us at the Nationals in August.

Also, take the calendar page of this newsletter and post it in a conspicuous place to remind you (and others) of all the activities we can get involved in. The MPDA calendar is also always posted on our website for easy reference at [www.mpda.org](http://www.mpda.org).

Finally, thank you for electing me President of MPDA a second time. I feel we still have things to accomplish to make the truck driving profession one to be proud of. I am looking forward to serving you for the next two years.

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**MPDA Equipment Trailer**

The MPDA trailer is ready to go for the 2014 season. It is stocked with equipment capable of putting on any driving competition, having a full supply of cones, barrels, barricades, rubber markers, portable lines, etc.

If you are considering putting on an event, please don’t hesitate to call and ask for use of the equipment. It is booked next for the Dick Dolloff Memorial Student Driving Competition at the Augusta Civic Center on April 16 then reserved for the weekend of May 17 for the State Truck Driving Championships.



## May They Rest in Peace

**Greg Walts**, 65, of Portland, Me. And Pensacola, Fla. Greg passed away on December 14, 2013 after a short illness. He was a veteran of Vietnam and also served his country through the U.S. Coast Guard. He was an MPDA member and had worked as a driver for **Alan Paradis** at A & A Trucking.

**Russ Eastman**, 69, of Cornish, passed away on October 9, 2013. Russ, or “Muffy”, as he was known on the CB, was an MPDA Member and drove for Merrill Transport and **Hannaford Trucking** for 39 years, had a three and a half year battle with cancer.



**Henry Bounds**, 65 passed away in March, 2014. Henry was retired from Yellow Freight and had been a participant in the Northeast Charity Challenge for years, raising funds for ST. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

**Carole Lyman**, 66, of Westerlo, NY, passed away on January 2 after a very short illness. Carole was well known to those who participated in the Northeast Charity Challenge for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. Carole and husband Bob were always doing the cooking and preparing the food area for the event. She had worked for a number of trucking companies of the years and had spent 20 years at Red Star Express. She was a member of the New York Champions Council. She will be sorely missed.



## ATA Seeks Nominations for 2015-2016 America’s Road Team

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- From Transport Topics Online

## NY Thruway Installs Wrong Way Warning System

The New York Thruway has installed the first-in-the-nation Doppler-radar-enhanced LED signs to alert wrong way drivers before they enter the Niagara Expressway, also known as I-190, at the southbound exit 9 off-ramp in Buffalo.

The signs, which were developed in-house by New York State Thruway Authority staff, will also be installed at exit 10 on I-87/I-287 in Nyack, where wrong way drivers have entered and caused serious accidents in the past, according to the Thruway Authority.

Doppler radar is used to detect vehicles traveling the wrong way and when identified, the sign flashes a customized LED message to alert the drivers of their error and instruct them to pull over and turn around when it is safe to do so. The sign will also trigger automatic alerts to other drivers on the Thruway’s variable message sign system, and automatically alert the Thruway’s Statewide Operations Center. This technology will be expanded to several other locations along the 570-mile route.

- from Fleet Owner

# ATTENTION DRIVERS

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN COMPETE WITH THE BEST DRIVERS IN THE STATE?

DO YOU WANT A CHANCE TO PROVE IT?

JOIN US FOR THE 2014 MAINE PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

MAY 17, 2014 - DYSART'S TRAILER SHOP - HERMON, ME



For more information or to register, go to [www.mmta.com/tdc](http://www.mmta.com/tdc)  
 Contact: Randy DeVault at (207) 623-4128

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## FACT SHEET

**ENTRY FEE:** \$75.00 (\$85.00 Non-Members) per driver. Includes the banquet for contestants and their spouses.

**HOW MANY DRIVERS MAY A COMPANY ENTER?** We ask for no more than two (2) drivers in each of the nine (9) classes, but will accept more if requested.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?** Both members and non-members of the Association are eligible. Any city or road driver, including an owner/operator employed by a common, contract or private carrier, who has an accident free record for at least 12 months prior to entry and participation are eligible.

**HOW DO WE ENTER THE 2014 MAINE PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS?**

Simply complete the Entry Form and return it with the entry fees for your drivers, any extra banquet tickets requested and any donation you care to make. We'll send you the requested Driver Packs by return mail so that you can get the application completed and back to us well before the May 9<sup>th</sup> deadline. This will also give your driver(s) time to study the material.

**IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE WE SHOULD KNOW?** Yes, the awards banquet will be held in the evening following the competition. **CONTESTANTS** and **SPOUSES** are guests, as are **JUDGES**. Extra tickets are available at \$25.00 each, but must be ordered prior to May 9, 2014. We would encourage every company with contestants to show their support by having representation at the banquet. The evening banquet will be held at the Brewer Eagles Club (22 Atlantic Ave.) with social hour from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Dinner and awards 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

**CLOSING DATE IS MAY 9, 2014 – NO RESERVATIONS OR REFUNDS AFTER THAT DATE**

**YOUR EARLY RETURN WILL GET DRIVERS THE STUDY MATERIAL THEY NEED FOR THE WRITTEN EXAM.**

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**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD ON THIS EVENT!!**

## Legislative

The True Safety Act has not yet been acted upon, leaving time for comments from anyone wanting to take the time to contact their elected officials.. Below are the House & Senate links to the True Safety Act which would roll back the Hours of Service to pre-July 1, 2013. #3 is very important especially to those who go out of state. You can copy and paste these into your browser to see the text of the bills and other information.

1) House bill HR3413 True Safety Act

<http://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th/house-bill/3413>

2) Senate bill S1891 True Safety Act

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/113/s1891#>

The following is a link to FMCSA that requires drivers us to carry a paper copy of the medical certify cate f or another year until January 30, 2015.

[http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations/administration/rulemakings/rule-programs/rule\\_making\\_details.aspx?ruleid=468](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations/administration/rulemakings/rule-programs/rule_making_details.aspx?ruleid=468)

Following are all the contact numbers and addresses for Maine's elected officials:

### Susan Collins

“Due to recent security measures, all incoming mail is required to go through extensive screening that substantially delays delivery to Congressional offices in Washington, D.C. I strongly encourage you to please use e-mail whenever possible. You can also send mail to one of my Constituent Service Centers in Maine, which are listed below.”

Email link <http://www.collins.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email>

Email link: [jimmy\\_einsiedler@collins.senate.gov](mailto:jimmy_einsiedler@collins.senate.gov)

DC Office: 413 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510

Main: (202) 224-2523, Fax: (202) 224-2693

Bangor Center: 202 Harlow Street, Room 204, Bangor, ME 04401, Main: (207) 945-0417

Augusta Center: 68 Sewall Street, Room 507, Augusta, ME 04330, Main: (207) 622-8414

Lewiston Center: 55 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240, Main: (207) 784-6969

York County Center: 160 Main Street, Biddeford, ME 04005, Main: (207) 283-1101

Portland Center: One Canal Plaza, Suite 802, Portland, ME 04101, Main: (207) 780-3575

### Angus King

Sen. Angus S. King, Jr., 359 Dirksen Senate Office Building | Washington, D.C. 20510

Tel: 202-224-5344 [alex\\_porter@king.senate.gov](mailto:alex_porter@king.senate.gov) -

Transportation Aide - Alexander N. Porter, Legislative Correspondent

Reach my Maine offices toll free: (800) 432-1599 - <http://www.king.senate.gov/contact>

Washington D.C.: 359 Dirksen Building, Washington, D.C. 20510, (202) 224-5344

Scarborough: 383 US Route 1, Suite 1C, Scarborough, ME 04074, (207) 883-1588

Augusta: 4 Gabriel Drive, Suite 3, Augusta, ME 04330, (207) 622-8292

Presque Isle: 169 Academy St., Suite A, Presque Isle, Maine 04769, (207) 764-5124

### Mike Michaud

Congressman Mike Michaud - Email <http://michaud.house.gov/email>

Daniel Walls | Senior Legislative Assistant

Washington, DC: 1724 Longworth HOB, 20515, 202-225-6306 (office) | 202-225-2943 (fax)

Lewiston: 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240, Phone: (207) 782-3704, Fax: (207) 782-5330

Bangor: 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401, Phone: (207) 942-6935,

Presque Isle: 445 Main Street, Presque Isle, ME 04769, Phone: (207) 764-1036

### Chellie Pingree

Email <https://forms.house.gov/pingree/webforms/contact-form.shtml>

Outside the Greater Portland area, you can also call us toll free at 1-888-862-6500

Portland Office | 2 Portland Fish Pier, Suite 304 | Portland, ME 04101 | (207) 774-5019

Waterville Office | 108 Main Street | Waterville, ME 04901 | (207) 873-5713

Washington, DC Office | 1318 Longworth HOB | Washington, DC 20515 | (202) 225-6116

Chellie's "transportation" contact in Washington DC is Matt McKenzie 202-226-7623

- George Colby, Legislative Officer: Home: 926-4217, Cell: 577-5181

## **MMTA Annual Banquet Results**

January 9 saw the Maine Motor Transport Association (MMTA) present their annual awards at the Annual Banquet, held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. Following the awards comedian Bob Marley entertained the attendees with his brand of local humor. Door prizes were also awarded at the conclusion of the evening.

Chairman Chris Huff opened the evening with comments about how the MMTA has been representing the trucking industry in Maine in good and bad times during the past 67 years.

After a great buffet meal, the 2013 Maine State Truck Driving Champions were introduced then the 2013 Drivers of the Month were presented. Gene Look, a 30-year driver for H.O. Bouchard was named Driver of the Year for 2013. The presentation was made by Col. Robert Williams of the Maine State Police. Also, Nathan Lewis of Walmart Transportation was named Safety Director of the Year.

Awards were also presented to the companies with the best safety records in various mileage categories. The following were recognized in their respective categories:

### **Under 1 Million Miles**

Brockway- Smith  
J & S Oil  
Target Utility Services  
First Fleet

### **1 - 4 Million Miles**

Dysart's Transportation  
Timberland Trucking  
TNT Road Co.  
Savage Safe Handling

### **4 - 9 Million Miles**

Hannaford Trucking  
Walmart Transportation  
Irving Oil Terminals

### **Over 9 Million Miles**

Clifford W. Perham, Inc.  
R.C. Moore  
Pottle's Transportation

### **Grand Champion**

Walmart Transportation

## **MMTA Events and Seminars**



The Maine Motor Transport Association offers numerous seminars on trucking industry matters. They include hours-of-service seminars, air brake seminars, hazmat training, FMCSR training, defensive driving and supervisor training for alcohol and drug testing. The schedule of seminars and other events is available at the MMTA website at <http://mmta.com/page/2-732/list-of-seminars-and-events>.

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*- From Transport Topics Online*

*Always remember "Wipers on—Lights on"*

**MPDA Calendar of Events – 2014** (As of 3-7-14)**March**

- 26 **Trucking 4 Kids Convoy Meeting** – HomeTown Buffet, Maine Mall - 5:30pm - contact Kevin Battle at trucking4kids@aol.com (www.mpda.org/trucking4kids)
- 27-29 **Mid-America Trucking Show** - Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY – contact (www.truckingshow.com)

**April**

- 16 **Dick Dolloff Memorial Student Driving Competition** – Augusta Civic Center – contact Denis Litalien at president@mpda.com or 468-7373 (www.mpda.org)

**May**

- 17 **Maine State Truck Driving Championships** – Dysart’s Truck Terminal, Hermon - contact Randy DeVault at 623-4128 or randyd@mmta.com (www.mmta.com)
- 17 **Professional Technician’s Skills Competition** – EMCC, Bangor - contact Randy DeVault at 623-4128 or randyd@mmta.com (www.mmta.com)
- 18 **MPDA Members Meeting** – Bangor, Location TBA – contact Denis Litalien at president@mpda.com or 468-7373 (www.mpda.org)

**June**

- 3-5 **Annual CVSA Roadcheck Nationwide Inspections** – www.cvsa.org
- 7 **New Hampshire State Truck Driving Championships** – Associated Grocers of New England, Pembroke - contact NHMTA at 603-224-7337 or Mickey Rafeal at micrafeal@aol.com (www.nhmta.com)
- 12-16 **Trek Across Maine / Am. Lung Assn. Rally**, Sunday River – contact Denis Litalien at 468-7373 or president@mpda.com (www.lungne.org)
- 22 **Massachusetts State Truck Driving Championships** - contact Fred Schenk at 978-453-3632 (www.mass-trucking.org)

**July**

- 19-20 **Antique Truck Show** – Owl’s Head Transportation Museum – Owl’s Head – contact info@ohtm.org – (www.ohtm.org)

**August**

- 11-15 **North American Inspectors Competition** - Pittsburgh, PA - contact Randy DeVault at 623-4128 or randyd@mmta.com (www.cvsa.org)
- 12-16 **ATA National Truck Driving Championships** – Pittsburgh, PA - contact Randy DeVault at 623-4128 or randyd@mmta.com (www.trucking.org)

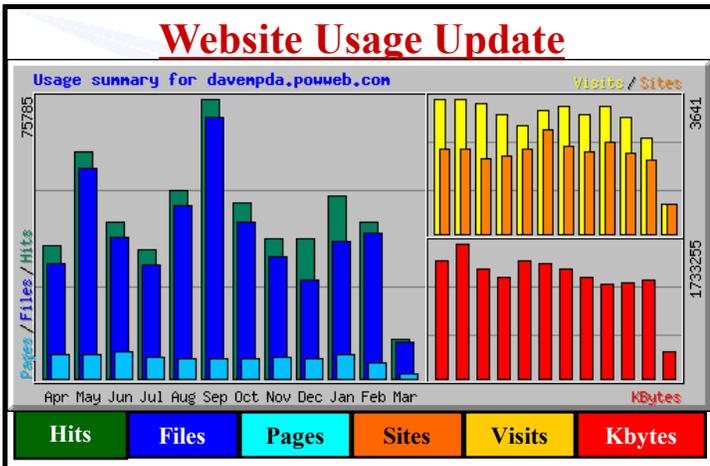
**September**

- 7 **16th Annual Northeast Professional Truck Drivers Charity Challenge** – Brockton, Mass.- contact Fred Schenk at 978-453-3632 or charitychallenge@comcast.net (www.nucharitychallenge.org )
- 15-17 **National Professional Technicians Skills Competition** – Pittsburgh, Pa. - contact Randy DeVault at 623-4128 or randyd@mmta.com
- 28 **Maine Trucking 4 Kids Convoy**, 7:00am to 4:00pm – Scarborough Downs, Scarborough - contact Kevin Battle at trucking4kids@aol.com or 838-1074 (www.mpda.org/trucking4kids)

**October**

- 25 **MPDA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet** – 6:00pm - DeMillo’s Restaurant, Portland – contact Alan Paradis at 207-289-0328 or aatkg@maine.rr.com (www.mpda.org)

*“Move over and Slow Down for Emergency Vehicles - It’s the law!!”*



### Next MPDA Meeting

The next meeting for MPDA members will be held at the Maine Motor Transport Assn. office in **Augusta at 8:00am on Sunday, March 16**. This will be the last meeting before we get into Spring and the host of activities coming up in the next few months. Yes, Spring really is around the corner!

We will be doing a lot of brainstorming on the State Truck Driving Championships in Bangor (May 17), the Student Truck Driving Competition at the Augusta Civic Center (April 16) as well as our participation hauling bicycles in the Annual Bike Trek (June 12-15).

Hopefully you can join us in putting our best foot forward in planning these activities and discussing other opportunities for our Association.

If you can't be there in person, call the conference line and log in at 805-399-1000. The access code is 510699. You can participate without having to drive to Augusta. If you do come in person, the MMTA is off Exit 109 off I-95. For those coming from the south, take Rt. 202 West and then turn left onto Whitten Rd., from the north take Rt. 202 West then reverse direction and turn right on Whitten Rd. Maine Motor Transport Association's office is about one half mile on the right.

### Address Corrections

We are attempting to reconcile the mailing list for those who have email and those who don't. Many members have had email address changes as well as regular mailing addresses changed. If you want to continue receiving MPDA newsletter and correspondence, we need you to update any changes. Please forward any changes to info@mpda.org or by regular mail to MPDA, PO Box 5672, Augusta, ME 04332-5672.

If you get this newsletter by regular mail and could receive it by email, please let us know by sending a note to info@mpda.org. You can also email us anytime at mainepda@live.com.

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