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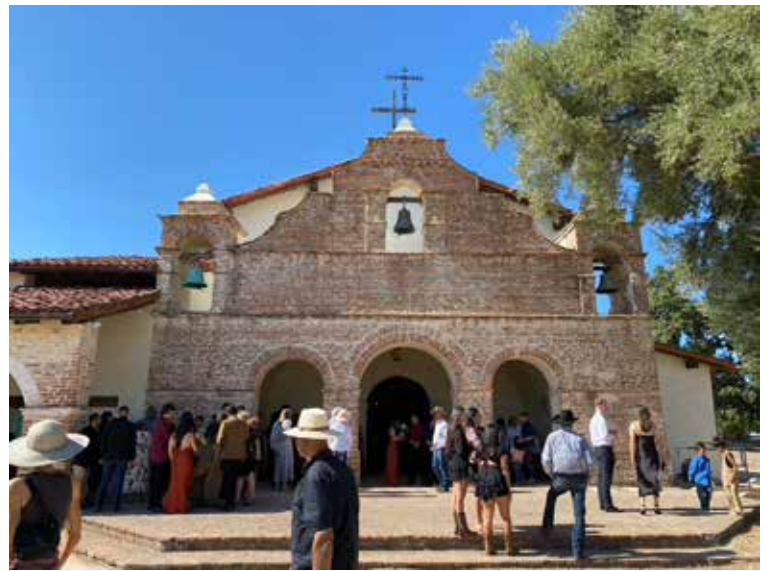


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## President's message for October 2025

A couple of weekends ago, Karen and I joined a small group of J.A.G. drivers in the Santa Cruz courthouse parking lot. That was our starting point for the President's Drive to the Hearst Hacienda at Fort Hunter Liggett Army Base, west of King City. The morning weather began overcast but cleared by the time we wound our way through coastal hills and ocean-adjacent farms into the Salinas Valley (I'll never forget the sweet aroma as we drove past fields where strawberries were being picked) Since a more comprehensive review appears elsewhere in this gazette, I'll keep it brief—let's just say it was a wonderful two-day drive through the heart of Central California (see photos in this issue).

Reflecting on this trip, I've identified a few reasons why an overnight excursion with our car club is so rewarding:

### Shared adventure

Traversing varied, breathtaking landscapes on lesser-known roads (potholed stretches included) creates joyful memories that bond participants and counter the fragmentation of daily life.

### Discovering new places

Overnight drives often feature destinations that are worth visiting, including cafes and restaurants, hotels and motels, parks and more.

### Mini vacation

A longer drive lets us push our cars to their limits while unplugging from daily routines for a refreshing mental and spiritual reset.

### Deeper connections

Sharing meals over two days fosters longer conversations, helps us get to know one another—and often leads to new friendships. Karen and I often come away from such trips feeling that we've made new friends.

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## Tech talk

Comparing notes on ride quality, power delivery, and maintenance costs offers valuable insights into each Jaguar model's strengths and weaknesses.

## Resource sharing

Swapping ownership experiences points us toward trusted shops and specialists. For example, I recently found an excellent local A/C repair shop for my XKR, as noted in my September 2025 President's Message.

Day drives will always be the backbone of our club, but overnight excursions offer a special chance to break free from daily routines alongside fellow Jaguar enthusiasts. These longer trips transform a simple outing into a mini-adventure—complete with winding roads, shared meals, and memories that last far beyond the drive itself. I can't overstate how much fun these overnight drives are, and I encourage you to sign up whenever you can. We already have several planned for next year, including a new President's Drive you won't want to miss!

Hope to see you all soon,  
Sandor Nagyszalanczy,  
JAG President



# Keeping your Jaguar on the road

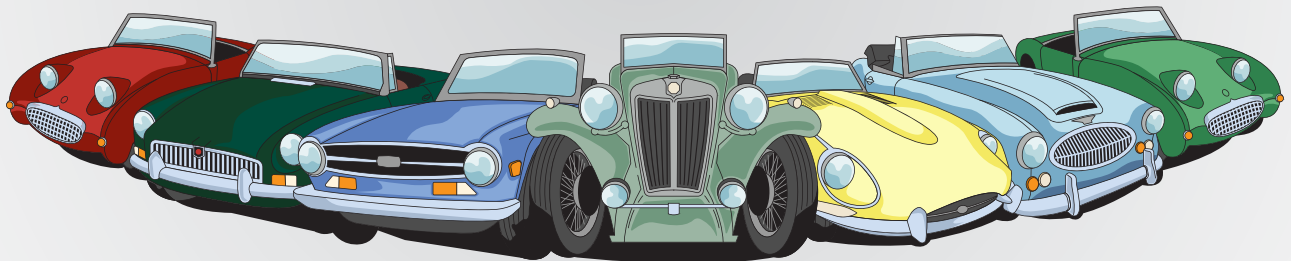


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# 2025 CALENDAR

ALL EVENTS IN CAPS  
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## OCTOBER 2025

18 NORTH BAY DRIVE

19 All British Motor Show at Blackhawk

26-26 CalClubs in Morro Bay

## NOVEMBER, 2025

16 MOSS BEACH DISTILLERY

## DECEMBER 2025

6 HOLIDAY DINNER-DON GIOVANNI-  
MOUNTAINVIEW

# October Jaguar Birthday's



Bobbee McPheeters	Oct. 1
Keith Schafer	Oct. 3
Mary Van Swearingen	Oct. 5
Cheryl Klynn	Oct. 5
Carla Hartunian	Oct. 6
Ellen Slosman	Oct. 6
Romeeta Parag	Oct. 7
Bruce Burtch	Oct. 10
Deborah Hartunian	Oct. 12
Dave Ferguson	Oct. 16
Pamela Rhodes	Oct. 18
Marilyn McGraw	Oct. 20
Andy Preston	Oct. 22
William Stein	Oct. 22
Kimberly Lee	Oct. 22
Tony Theophilos	Oct. 23
Marla Preston	Oct. 24
Carol Hankermeyer	Oct. 28
Jack Cheflen	Oct. 29
John Hagen	Oct. 30



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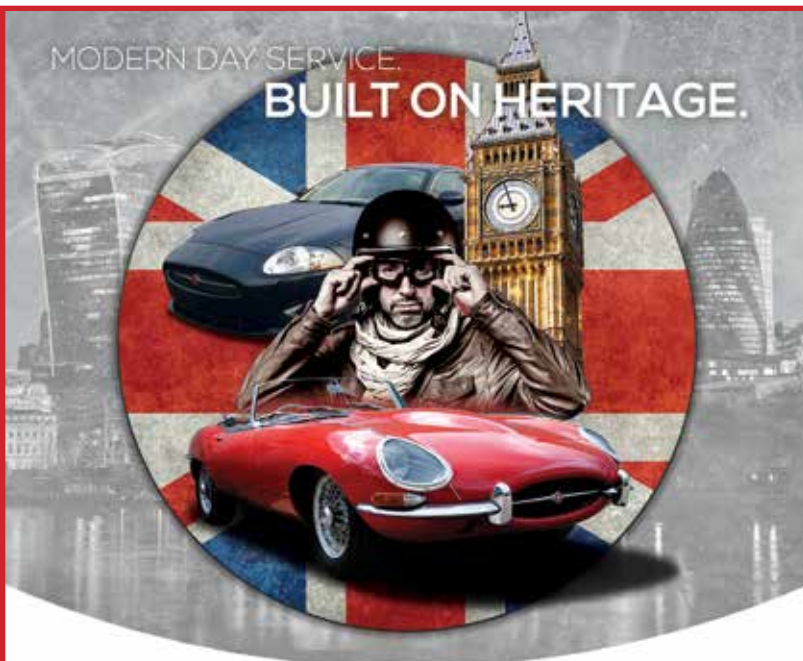
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## PRESIDENT'S DRIVE TO HUNTER LIGGETT

Choosing the destination for my Presidents' drive this year was pretty easy as I had always wanted to visit Hunter Liggett and stay at the historic Hearst Hacienda. Designed by famed Hearst Castle architect Julia Morgan and built in 1929, the Hacienda initially served a place to house the cowboys who worked on Hearst's huge ranch, the Hacienda. It's said that Hearst only visited the Hacienda once, staying in a lavish 2nd floor apartment in a tower topped with a golden dome (his paramour Marian Davies evidently stayed in a room directly below Hearst) I'm guessing there was a "secret stairway" connecting the two.

When I was creating the route that would get us down to Hunter Liggett, I wanted us to start in Santa Cruz (easy choice, as I live in the mountains nearby) and spend as little time driving on the main highways (Hwy 1 & Hwy 101) as possible. So, on a gray morning in September a group of Jaguar's gathered in Santa Cruz in front of the County Courthouse for a 2-day President's drive. This being the smallest group any of us had participated in, we all felt. What happened? Why didn't people sign up? Only 6 cars and 12 people out of a club with 240 members! We all felt we're just going to have a great time! Sandor and Karen had put a lot of effort into planning the drive we were about to experience with only a short time on highway 1 as we left Santa Cruz. So, as we prepared to leave Sandor asked me to hold up the rear,

which is my least favorite spot, but of course I said "fine". It was quickly evident that with only 6 cars we never lost sight of all the cars and our Presential leader. After a very short stint on Hwy 1 that got us out of town, we took a road that wound us through the foothills of the southern Santa Cruz mountains near the tiny hamlet of Corralitos. After crossing under Hwy 1, the route took us by dozens of agricultural fields which, at this harvest time of year, were often dotted with workers picking strawberries. These small ocean-adjacent roads were lovely, despite the overcast on the morning of the drive which rather muted our views of the blue Pacific Ocean. As we traversed the strawberry fields the sweet smell wafted through our cars. The next leg of the journey took us around the eastern fringe of the Elkhorn Slough reserve, where we saw innumerable egrets and the occasional heron hunting for their lunch. Just past the town of Moss landing, we turned onto another series of farm roads which eventually turned to River Road, a old rural road that ran just west of and parallel to the Hwy 101 freeway. We soon arrived at our lunch stop, an unpretentious little eatery and bar appropriately named Mo's River Road Grill where we ate delicious sandwiches, tacos and burgers.

The continuing journey took us further down the Salinas valley, where we were graced with scenic views of the eastern side of the coastal mountains as

well as the lush Salinas River which the road paralleled. At Soledad, we crossed over to the east side of Hwy 101 onto Metz Road which is the gateway to the Pinnacles National Park. Metz Road is a great little sports car road that features lots of twists and turns and small roller-coaster hills. Elevated a bit from the valley floor, this road offered lovely views of the valley and coastal hills. Another pass under 101 at King City put us onto Jolon Road which took us due west, out of the Salinas valley into a series of rolling hills alternately dotted with oaks and/or pine trees. Upon reaching Hunter Liggett we stopped at the historic Mission San Antonio de Padua which has to rank among California's most attractive missions. During our stay at the Fort Hunter Liggett Army Base we dined on pizza at a small bowling alley whose lanes were shut down; unfortunate, as a couple of Jag drivers had planned for us to have an informal bowling contest.

The next day, which was sunny yet temperate, the drive took a long stint on Interlake Road, which, predictably, ran in between two man-made lakes: Lake San Antonio and Lake Nacimiento. The terrain on this leg of the journey was ever changing, from grassy plains to scrubby, rocky hills to lush little valleys along small streams to a dried riverbed. Eventually, the route carried back to the Salinas Valley. But just before we reached King City and a fabulous lunch at the Cork & Plough, we were treated to one last little special moment: We crossed the Salinas River on an old truss-style one-lane bridge (built in 1874) which afforded a lovely view of the lush banks of the river which was still flowing in abundance.

This small group of Jag lovers had 2 days of beautiful scenery, roads you'd love to travel again, lots of fun exploring, couple of really good meals and one we just made do. Our President put together a fabulous event. Sorry you all missed it!

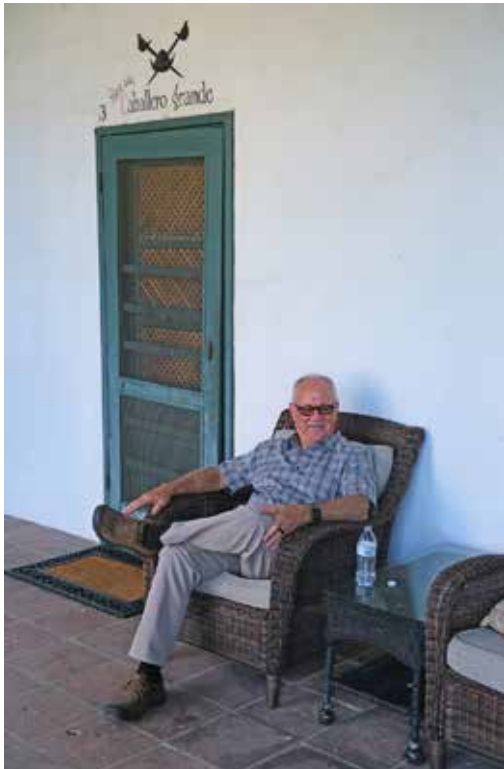
*Written by: Sandor Nagyszalanczy & Deborah Hartunian*

*All photos on the next page by Brian Frye*









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Sandor  
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### SONOMA TOUR TO RANCHO NICASIO

JAG club will be taking on the beautiful roads of Sonoma County on October 18<sup>th</sup> it's a SATURDAY. Our tour leaders are Andy & Marla Preston. Our meeting place will be **SONOMA VALLEY BAGEL at 350 Rohnert Park Expressway**, in Rohnert Park. **Meet up at 9:30 for a 10:00 AM departure.** Come earlier if you want to see the cars and chat, there will be a drivers meeting before we leave. We'll be driving many of the wonderful Sonoma County roads through Chilen Valley and Tomales. Then onto our first stop at the Marin French Cheese Factory where we'll be able to buy some wonderful cheese, snacks and coffee (always look for their reduced-price cheeses). We will continue our drive though PT. Reyes Station, Lagunitas and Samuel P. Taylor State Park before heading back inland to Rancho Nicasio Restaurant for lunch. Assuming the weather is pleasant we will eat outside in the gardens under the shade of historic redwood trees.

Here are your lunch choices:

1. Cheeseburger, grilled onions & fries
2. Fried Chicken Sandwich, slaw, pickle & fries
3. Southern Pulled Pork Sandwich, & fries
4. Fish and Chips, coleslaw, tartar sauce & fries
5. Large Butter lettuce salad, blue cheese, cranberries, apples, walnuts, Italian dressing

All prices include tax and tip. Order drinks or alcohol from the bar.

#### Reservation Form

Deadline to sign up is OCTOBER 11, 2025

Sonoma Tour to Rancho Nicasio Drive, Saturday, October 18, 2025

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Sign up online or Pay with ZELLE or make checks payable to JAG and mail to Phil Endliss, 37 Campbell Lane Menlo Park, CA. 94025 (650-269-0457) For more info contact Deborah at 415 509-2909.

## MOSS BEACH DISTILLERY

Exercise your CAT and have brunch at the Moss Beach Distillery on Sunday November 16, 2025. Join us for one of our most popular events. A short drive from multiple locations, followed by a display of our cats in the parking lot and then a delicious brunch in the Fitzgerald Room, with spectacular ocean views. We will meet at four Bay Area locations to caravan to the Moss Beach Distillery located at 140 Beach Way, Moss Beach. During Prohibition it was an ideal spot for rum running and bootleggers and became a 'speakeasy' establishment. The restaurant is located on a cliff above a secluded beach with fabulous views. It is also famous both because mystery writer Dashiell Hammett was a frequent visitor and used it as a setting for his detective stories and because long time JAG member Bernie Stein worked there in his teens! We will assemble in the parking lot south of the entrance by 11:00 to exhibit our CATS and socialize with brunch starting at 11:30. The brunch includes:

- Fresh baked pastries (unlimited supply)
- Fruit cup
- A bottomless glass of orange juice, sparkling wine or Mimosas
- Coffee or tea and soft drinks
- **#1: Coastal Crab Cake Benedict**- two crab cakes topped with poached eggs and hollandaise. Served with homestyle potatoes
- **#2 Grilled Pork Chops and Eggs**-One pork chop marinated in chimichurri with a mustard sauce, accompanied by eggs scrambled with parmesan cheese and artichoke hearts. Served with homestyle potatoes.
- **#3 California Coastal Omelet**- Three egg omelet with chopped prawns, tomato, avocado, scallions, Monterey jack cheese, topped with a bay spice aioli, Served with homestyle potatoes.
- **#4 Grilled Salmon Fillet**- Fresh Salmon filet served over homestyle potatoes with seasonal vegetables and beurre Blanc sauce.

Because of the popularity of this event and the fact that our room only holds 55 people, you'll need to make your reservations early. While some may feel this is a steep price to pay for brunch, the food is delicious and plentiful, the view is spectacular, and the fellowship can't be beat. So, sign up on the website or use the form included. This is a rain or shine event.

**Reservation Form-- Deadline to sign up is November 10, 2025**

Moss Beach Distillery & Drive, Sunday, November 16, 2025

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# Holiday Gala Dinner

## Don Giovanni's in Mountain View

### Saturday, December 6, 2025



# J.A.G. Board Meeting, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Meeting Date:** 9/04/2025 4:00 pm.      **Location:** Zoom Video Call

## Participants:

<b>Sandor Nagyszalanczy</b> – J.A.G. President	<b>Howard L Smith</b> - Immediate Past President
<b>Deborah Hartunian</b> - 1st Vice President	<b>Andy Preston</b> – Director-at-Large
<b>John Swensson</b> - 2nd Vice President (Absent)	<b>Stuart Smedley</b> – Director-at-large
<b>Phil Endliss</b> - Treasurer/Membership Chair	<b>Clive Hallatt</b> – Director-at-Large
<b>Kristan Neubecker</b> – Editor (Absent)	<b>Tom O'Neill</b> – Webmaster
<b>Les Hamilton</b> - Secretary	

J.A.G. President Sandor Nagyszalanczy called the September 2025 Board Meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

## Secretary Report

The minutes of the August 2025 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved. MSA.

## Treasurer Report.

Phil reported that J.A.G.'s funds, while still adequate, are reduced due to various costs, and we may need to cash one our CDs. The Board discussed reducing the subsidy of the JCNA Dues. MSA.

Phil reported that Clive has been added as the second signor at Poppy Bank. **Action: Done**

## Membership Report.

J.A.G. has 227 members, including associate members. MSA.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report/2nd Vice President Reports.

### September 2025

13-14- President's Overnight Drive to Historic Hacienda at Fort Hunter Liggett

Food will not be paid collectively and so Phil will refund the collected funds to participants. **Action: Phil**

Deborah will email participants to let them know of the change. **Action: Deborah**

20-21 Danville Tour D'Elegance

### October 2025

18 SONOMA TOUR TO RANCHO NICASIO

23-26 Cal Clubs in Morro Bay and La Serena Hotel

Deborah will contact Mr. Mayuga for additional details. **Action: Deborah**

### November 2025

16- Moss Beach Distillery Brunch

Food choices confirmed and published. Limited seating.

### December 2025

6- Holiday Dinner-Don Giovanni- Mountain View

Deborah will include parking information. **Action: Deborah**

Deborah and John have received event suggestions for 2026 from the Board and Membership and are open to additional input.

**Action: All**

## Directors at Large Reports:

### **Andy Preston**

Andy reports that all is in place for the Rancho Nicasio Drive.

### **Stuart Smedley**

Stuart apologized for missing the President's Drive. Stuart mentioned that the Youtube Blogger Harry had some good footage of the Monterey British show.

### **Clive Hallatt**



# J.A.G. Board Meeting, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Clive determined that copyright is not the correct form to protect the J.A.G. Roster and is working with Les on a license agreement in addition to his proofreading activities.

## Past President Report

Howard reported that the slate of candidates for the elections for 2026 officers is President: Sandor Nagyszalanczy, Treasurer: Phil Endliss, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Stuart Smedley, and Director at Large: Clive Hallatt. If Stuart is elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, then a replacement for his Director at Large position will be needed.

## Editor's Report

The JAGazette deadline will be: September 27th.

The Thank You letter to JLR Monterey has been sent.

The Monterey British Car Show was a great success, although the traffic out of the event was problematic due to road construction.

Les has agreed to become the JAGazette editor beginning with the December edition **Action: Les**

## Social Media/Website

Deborah Mailing's issue has been resolved.. **Action Done**

Deborah and others have asked why they cannot see which other members have signed up for an event. Tom explained that this was because members sign up for events without logging into the website.

## Old Business

The Board continued discussion of the benefits and costs of J.A.G.'s JCNA affiliation. The survey response was strong, but the results were unclear. A second survey will be sent to clarify opinions.

## New Business

An additional tier is needed on the Gene Babow trophy, and Sandor will create the new base. **Action: Sandor**

Les will pass the trophy and suggested dimensions to Sandor. **Action: Les**

## Parked:

A new member breakfast/meeting and Cars and Coffee locations/events/dates will be revisited.

Sandor will investigate an updated Club Logo.

## Next Meeting:

The next J.A.G. Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21st, 2025, at 5:00 pm on Zoom.

## Adjournment:

The August 2025 J.A.G. Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm. MSA.

Respectfully submitted by Les Hamilton, J.A.G. Secretary.

# October Membership Report

*Phil Endliss - Membership Director*

JAG ends the third quarter of 2025 with 228 members including 8 Associates. We are really close to our annual goal of 235 members and I am ever so thankful to all our members who refer new members to join the club. Please continue to be on the lookout for potential new members to help us maintain our status as the largest Jaguar Club in North America and offer a wonderful environment to enjoy your Jaguar. Make sure to use your "You've Been Spotted" postcards or business cards when you see a Jag on the street, in a parking lot, during a visit to a Cars & Coffee meeting and especially at car shows

## New member signup

All you need to join JAG is a Jaguar and the desire to spend time with others who enjoy using their Jag and socializing with others. Even if you just have a desire to own a Jaguar or lust after one, you can become a Friend of JAG. To join, fill out the application on our website ([www.jags.org](http://www.jags.org)) under the Membership tab. Your dues will provide membership in JAG and JCNA, the North America Jaguar Association, through the end of 2026

## Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating their anniversaries joining JAG in October::

Nancy & George Andersen – 3 years

John Belcher - 2 years

Doug Blessing – 1 year

Klaas & Jaclynn Bol – 1 year

Raymond & Donna Busch – 1 year

Dennett Colescott – 2 years

Glenn & Sarah Danelenko - 3 years

Brian Frye – 1 year

David & Stacii Gerson - 4 years

Thomas & Gretchen Gibson - 3 years

Gary & Ingrid Goldstine - 14 years

Joe & Barbara Hanek - 9 years

Betty Haron – 1 year

Paul & Terrie Henderson - 8 years

Mary Hiland - 9 years

Glenn & Elana Hobson - 7 years

Austin & Barbara Kilburn - 7 years

James & Yvonne Klein - 15 years

Cheryl & Lee Klynn – 3 years

Joe Ladoucer & Lucia Navarette-Ladoucer – 1 year

David & Debbie Langley – 1 year

Sandor Nagyszalanczy & Karen Lehman – 4 years

David & Liz Payne – 3 years

Clive & Shelley Philbrick – 12 years

Doug & Susan Roffmann – 1 year

Guy & Sue Simpson – 4 years

Marlon Smith – 2 years

Bill & Stephanie Van Deelen – 2 years

Chuck & Denise White – 2 years

Habib Zakerani & Naz Motayer – 1 year

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