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May 4 (Mon) Monthly
Mtg @ Dealership 7pm

May 9 (Sat) Orlando
Brewing Party – see
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May 17 (Sun) AutoX at
Tavares

May 22 – 24 Zonefest
At Mount Dora – see
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May 28-31 Blue Ridge
Boxster Summit at
Blowing Rock NC
(brbs.org)

Zonefest 2009
Registration
Open NOW!
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Brumos Collection Tour A Hit

40 Year Anniversaries of 917 and 914 – pages 10 and 13



FL Citrus Members at the Brumos Dealership

Saturday, April 11 – Most folks had to get up in the dark on their day off but the sacrifice proved to be worth it. **Ron Zitza** arranged with Brumos in Jacksonville to visit the Brumos Collection, a terrific museum full of classic Porsches and memorabilia. From 356 to 917 to 935, 959 and 962, they were all there looking ready to race. We were first given a tour of the Brumos dealership including the service garage. A tape of the winning Brumos #58 Daytona Prototype was running from the recent Rolex 24 Hour race at Daytona. What an exciting finish!

**Zonefest Bulletin:
Grand Am Racing
to Participate –
see website for details**

The caravan from Ron's shop was uneventful but then again he led us in a bright yellow Mercedes and rarely broke the speed limit. A few frisky Turbos and others passed him occasionally just to keep the injectors from clogging up. Just kidding Ron. Thanks for a great trip!



RJ Crowley Inspects 1992 IMSA SuperCar
Champ, a '91-'92 911 S-2 "Supercar"

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It's May and Zonefest will soon be here. If you haven't signed up, please do yourself a favor and go to clubregistration.net and add your name to the rest of us who'll be enjoying a great weekend of car social and track events, chatting with old and new friends and enjoying the Mt. Dora setting. Go to pages 8 and 9 to get a feel for the event or email me at c2hennings@yahoo.com if you have questions. I participated last year for the first time and truly enjoyed the events and comraderie. I'm booked into the Lakeside Inn, our host, but if you're curious about what else is available, go To mountdora.com.

Also, don't forget to come out to next week's event at Orlando Brewing (see below). The price is right (zero) and the entertainment, beer and food should satisfy all.

Finally, thanks to Ron Zitza for getting a bunch Of us into the Brumos Collection on April 11th.

See you at Orlando Brewing *and* Zonefest!

Chuck Hennings



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Orlando Brewing May 9th — Grand-Am to Participate

Festivities will begin at 5pm with live music by **Ron Branom** (Yes, our Ron) and his band, beer tasting and the smell of great food being cooked on the grill. Brewery tours will also be available. **Porsche of Orlando** is sponsoring the food/refreshments and will provide a new car for viewing. **And.....In furthering their relationships with the Porsche Club of America (PCA) , the International Speedway Corp. (ISC) will also participate in the event by bringing a Daytona Prototype race car and personnel to discuss the car and the Grand-Am racing series.**
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Roger	Murbach	Windermere	05 997 GT
Alan	Taub	Lake Worth	99 911

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Brumos Collection Tour (cont'd)



Ron Zitz Discussing "His" Race Cars



Ron and his Father Harrow and Tyler Tooker



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FLORIDA CITRUS REGION CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<u>Car of the Month:</u> <u>Porsche 959</u> 		Bott/Schutz developed. 1986-1989. 2.8L, 444HP, Twin turbo, water cooled heads, air-cooled block. Price \$225k USD in 1987.		April 2009 	1 1-3 Grand AM Verizon 250 - NJ	2 2, 3 Darkside Roebling DE SpaceCoast Concours "School"
3	4 Monthly Mtg @ Dealership 7pm	5	6	7	8	9 Orlando Brewing Party
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15 15-17 ALMS Utah 15-17 Grand Am 15-17 SVRA @ Road America	16 Grand Prix @ Laguna Seca
17 AutoCross At Tavares	18	19	20	21	22 22-24 Zonefest Registration 4-8, Welcome Party 6:30 till	23 at Mount Dora Concours, Quiz, Rally, Tour
24 Zonefest AX, Awards Dinner	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28 28-31 Blue Ridge NC (brbs.org)	29	30 Boxster Summit at Blowing Rock
31						

June 2009

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Monthly Club Meetings Are The 1st Monday of Every Month

13 Kaffee/Klatsch

13-14 24 Hrs of LeMans

27, 28 Sebring DE (tentative)

29-Jul 4 Porsche Parade CO

September 2009

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Bold Type = FL Citrus Events

7 Labor Day

TBD Tour

July 2009

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

TBD Beach Party

4 Independence Day

11 Kaffee/Klatsch

October 2009

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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**9-11 Octoberfast PCA Club Race &
DE @ Daytona**

TBD Roebling Road DE

August 2009

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TBD Anniversary Dinner

TBD Kaffee Klatsch

November 2009

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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29	30					

TBD Kaffee Klatsch

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Planning Is Key to Auto Savings

By Jill Perry

According to news reports, the current economic slump may end this year...or maybe not. That uncertainty lends stress to anyone needing to buy a new car. Regardless of which way the economic winds blow, you'll get better value if you plan ahead and use the tools available to AAA members.

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Porsche Racing, Autocross, DE and TechNotes

ALMS - American LeMans Series

Sebring March 15

STUTTGART - March 21 - With a sensational charge through the field, **Joerg Bergmeister** (Germany) gave spectators a gripping show with his works driver colleagues **Patrick Long** (USA) and **Marc Lieb** (Germany) at the season-opening round of the American Le Mans Series in Sebring (Florida). After a collision early on in the race which resulted in a twelve minute pit stop for repairs, they continued without any problems in the 450 hp Porsche 911 GT3 RSR run by Flying Lizard Motorsports until 1.10 hours before the end of the race, turning one fastest lap after the other. However, after Marc Lieb had overtaken his competitor Ian James in the Panoz Esperante, James hit the back of Lieb's Porsche and nudged him into a spin on the finish line. In the end, last year's winner was classified fourth. **Darren Law**, **Seth Neiman** and **Johannes van Overbeek** (all USA) claimed fifth with the second Flying Lizard racer, and as the best GT2 vehicle was awarded third place in the environmental classification "Michelin Green X Challenge". In this special category, average speed and fuel consumption are taken into account. *Article (Edited) provided by Jill Beck*

St. Pete April 4th

Patrick Long and **Jörg Bergmeister** won in GT2 by two laps in their Flying Lizard Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 RSR. The pairing, class champions together in 2005, gave Porsche its first victory at St. Petersburg after wins by Ferrari in 2007 and 2008.

Long drove the opening stint and was one of the last drivers to pit, coming in to bring out the race's lone caution period. He had gained a lap over the rest of the field and increased that advantage when he went around the safety car as it picked up overall leader Fernandez prior to the restart.

Dirk Müller and **Tommy Milner** were second in GT2 class as Müller picked up two positions in the final 15 minutes driving one of BMW Rahal Letterman Racing Team's BMW M3s. He was more than 15 seconds ahead of Panoz Team PTG's Dominik Farnbacher, who drove the Panoz Esperante GTLM with Ian James. The pairing finished third for the second straight race. *Picture and Article (Edited) from americanlemans.com*



Grand Am

Next Event: Bosch Engineering 250 at VIR, April 24 - 25, 2009, Virginia International Raceway, Alton, VA

Club Member Racing

From **Ron Zitza** and his racing group: **Hartmut von Seelen** took a first and a second at Carolina Motorsports Parks March Madness double SARRC races in the SPO class (Special Production Over 2.5ltr.). Then **Linden Burnstein** got two firsts in GT2. And his dad, **Danny** finished fourth in EP on both days of racing. Saturdays racing was in the rain and this was Danny's first time racing in the wet, awesome!!! All the Zotz Racing drivers have started the season having fun, winning races and gathering points. Then on April 4th and 5th at Savannah, local PCA'er Dr. **Doug Miller** and I had a great weekend with the FI Crown Region. Doug's skill sets continue to improve and working with him has been great! The weather at the Crown DE was better than expected and with so many Citrus members it was hard not to have a good time.

The Troysport (**Sid Collins**) Performance Group just returned home from a 4 day racing weekend @ Virginia International Raceway (VIR). 4-9/12-09. The VDCA (Vintage Drivers Club of America) hosted a national event and an extremely diverse group of cars were in attendance. From prototype Porsches (ie: 906 / 904) to every type of British make. Numerous open wheel cars also. The cars all ran flawless...

The venue consisted of practice sessions along with sprint races. The program also had a 60 minute Enduro. The event was attended by: **Robert Demetrius**, 73 911RS (first time at this extremely fast and difficult track and was 2nd in class)

John Cox, 67 912 (2nd in class & 3rd in Hare Hound Fun Race)

Sid Collins, 72 911 (3rd overall in Enduro/1st in class)

Pedro Rivera unveiled his Porsche 914 again at the Crown Region PCA DE. The car was stunning and went well as he will be racing the Daytona National race on 5-2/3-09 in FP along with Sid Collins in his 911 (nothing like a vintage Porsche racing a national club race as a GT-3).. **Jim Clark** will race his 944 in EP and **Jerry Ruffino** and his 911 SC will run the 1 1/2 hrs. Enduro with Sid as co- driver...

Autocross – April 26 results in next Spiel. May AX is 17th.

Driver's Ed (DE) – next DE tentatively scheduled for Sebring June 27, 28 (check website)

TechNotes – in the latest edition of the PCA Club Racing News, there is an article on suspension of the single car 13/13 Rule for 2009. The rule is used for any and all car damage resulting from "at fault incidents".

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May 22 - 24**

WHERE: Mount Dora, FL

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HOW/HOW MUCH: Register at clubregistration.net (mailable form available on opposing page). \$120 per couple, \$80 single for all events.

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Pictures from 2008 Zonefest



Welcome Party

BULLETIN – Grand-Am Racing to participate in Zonefest. Daytona Prototype and Grand-Am personnel expected on site !



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Registration is OPEN for Zonefest 2009 at clubregistration.net

Enjoy a fun filled Memorial Day weekend in Mt. Dora, one of Florida's premier resort areas. Besides the exploring and shopping available in Mt. Dora, you'll meet old and new friends all connected through enjoyment of the Porsche marque. Friday evening, May 22, register and enjoy the Welcome Party. Saturday is a full day with a morning Concours and Tech Quiz, and in the afternoon your choice of a Rally or a more casual Tour through central Florida, both ending in a Keg Party on the porch of Mt. Dora's historic Lakeside Inn. On Sunday, challenge yourself and your friends at an autocross (lunch provided) or choose another Tour of the area -- then celebrate at a Victory Banquet featuring a first class, hot and cold buffet and lots of awards. Registration is a bargain at \$120 per couple, \$80 for a single, and \$30 for a child for all these events. The host hotel is the Lakeside Inn, offering a special rate of \$99 per night (valid until May 1) for Friday and Saturday and \$49 for additional nights. **Contact the Lakeside Inn at (800)-556-5016 or (352)-383-4101 and mention Zonefest.** There are additional rooms at a new Hampton Inn (800)-426-7866 or (352)-383-4114 and numerous B&Bs in Mt. Dora (mountdora.com).

This event gets better every year. Register now! Web registration preferred but mail-in form provided below.

For registration questions, contact Bert DelVillano at 407-909-0636, bertdelvillano@aol.com; for event questions contact Nort Northam at 407-647-1911, nortnortham@earthlink.net or Chuck Hennings at 407-909-0507, c2hennings@yahoo.com

Zonefest Program

Friday May 22 (evening)
Saturday May 23 (morning)
(afternoon)
Sunday May 24 (morning)
(evening)

Welcome Party and Registration @ Lakeside Inn
Concours and Tech Quiz
Observation Rally / Tour
Autocross (lunch provided) / Tour
Victory Banquet and Awards

PCA Zone 12 ZONEFEST 2009
May 22 – 24, 2009

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Co-Participant's Name _____

Porsche Info: Year _____ Model _____ Body Style _____ Color _____

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40 Years of the Porsche 917

Article and photo provided by Jill Beck

The car described as the "Greatest Racing Car in History" celebrates its 40th birthday

Atlanta - March 9, 2008 - Forty years ago on March 13, 1969 at the Geneva International Motor Show, today's Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche unveiled a car that, even by today's standards, is underestimated when it is described as the "super sports car": The Porsche 917. It became a legend as one of the fastest and most successful racing cars of all time.

Porsche fired the starting shot for Project 917 in June 1968, after the international motor sports authority or FIA had announced a class of "homologated sports cars" with up to five liters cubic capacity and a minimum weight of 800 kilograms. Under the supervision of Ferdinand Piëch, the stipulated 25 units of the new racing car model were completed by April 1969 so that the 917 could begin its racing career in the same year. After it initially dropped out of its first three races due to technical problems, the 917 success story began in August 1969 at a 1,000-kilometer race at the Österreichring with a victory by Jo Siffert and Kurt Ahrens.

The engine configuration of the 917 was just as unusual as its different car body versions: Behind the driver's seat extended an air-cooled, twelve-cylinder engine with horizontal cylinders, whose crankshaft designated it as a 180-degree V engine. The 520 HP engine had an initial cubic capacity of 4.5 liters. The tubular frame was made of aluminum, the car body out of glass fiber reinforced synthetics. Porsche engineers developed different car body models to best meet the different demands of different racetracks. The so-called short-tail model was designed for heavily twisting roads in which a high contact pressure was necessary for fast cornering. The long-tail model was designed for fast racetracks and a high final velocity. Then came the open 917 Spyders, used in the CanAm and Interseries races.



**Type 917 at Zuffenhausen (c. 1969)
courtesy Porsche AG**

At the end of the 1970 race season, Porsche confirmed its superiority with the 917 and 908/03 models, winning the Racing Series World Championship [Markenweltmeisterschaft] in nine out of ten possible victories. This series of victories began in Daytona and continued in Brands Hatch, Monza, Spa, on the Nürburgring racetrack, at the Targa Florio, in Le Mans, Watkins Glen and the Österreichring. However, the season's high point was the long-desired overall win of the Le Mans 24-hour endurance race, a trophy that Hans Herrmann and Richard Attwood brought home to Zuffenhausen on June 14, 1970. Their 917 short-tail model painted in the Porsche Salzburg colors of red and white with the start number 23 not only successfully defied its competitors but also the heavy rainfall.

As in the previous year, the 1971 season was dominated by the 917 model so that the Racing Series World Championship [Markenweltmeisterschaft] went to Porsche again with eight out of ten race victories. And once again, a Porsche 917 was victorious at the Le Mans 24-Hour race – this time with Gijs van Lennep and Dr. Helmut Marko, who set a world record with an average speed of 222 km/h and 5,335 kilometers driven, a record that still stands today. One special feature of their 917 short-tail model, visually characterized by its "shark fin", was the tubular frame made of magnesium. A 917 long-tail coupe model set a further record in 1971: On the Mulsanne straight stretch, which is part of the route in the Le Mans 24-Hour race, the sports car with the start number 21 recorded the highest speed of 387 kilometers per hour. Another Le Mans racecar achieved major recognition: The Porsche 917/20 was a mix between the short-tail and the long-tail models and was notable for its broad proportions. Although the pink colored racecar, nicknamed "the Pig", dropped out halfway through the race, its unusual paint color made it one of the most famous Porsche models ever.

When the European FIA regulation for the "five-liter sports car" expired at the end of the 1971 season, Porsche decided to enter the Canadian American Challenge Cup (CanAm). In June 1972, the private Penske race team in motor sports used the turbo-charged Porsche 917/10 Spyder for the first time. With a performance of up to 1,000 HP, the Porsche Spyder dominated the race series and won for Porsche the CanAM championship with victories in Road Atlanta, Mid Ohio, Elkhart Lake, Laguna Seca and Riverside. In the following year, the 1,200 HP 917/30 Spyder had its racing premiere. The superiority of the monster car driven by Mark Donohue was so obvious that the regulations of the CanAM series had to be changed in the end in order to exclude the 917/30 from competing further in the 1974 season. Typical for Porsche: The technologies for increasing performance developed for these races were successfully transferred to the on-road sports car. That's how the 911 Turbo, with its side-exhaust turbocharger, began its career in 1974 and has been, since this time, a synonym for the performance capacity of the Porsche sports car.

To date, the reputation of the 917 is legendary. Therefore, 50 international motor sports experts from the famous British trade magazine "Motor Sport" nominated the 917 as the "greatest racing car in history". All in all, Porsche built 65 units of the 917: 44 sports cars as short-tail and long-tail coupés, two PA Spyders as well as 19 sports cars as CanAm and Interseries Spyders with up to 1,400 HP turbo engines. Seven of the most important 917 models – among them the Le Mans victory cars from 1970 and 1971 and the 917/30 Spyder – are currently on exhibit in the new Porsche Museum in Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen.

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March 28th Ocoee Kaffee Klatsch

A good crowd showed up for the Kaffee Klatsch held in Ocoee Saturday, March 28th. The event was held at a small shopping center off West 50 which housed House Blend Café (10730 W. Colonial Dr. Ocoee 34761). Not only did they serve great coffee but one of their employees, **Jake Ramsey**, took some arty photos of our Porsches (see example below). His company is Narrow Road Photography (email is jakeramsey@gmail.com).

Mike Davis took the People's Choice Award (it was pretty much unanimous) with his beautiful 356 (see photo). And we had **Steve Mercer** come all the way from Brooksville in his 914!

We're looking at June 13th for our next Kaffee Klatsch as May has the Orlando Brewing and Zonefest events. Stay tuned!



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Mike Davis and Winning 356



Jake Ramsey Photo

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VW-Porsche 914 Celebrates Anniversary

Article and photos provided by Jill Beck

Stuttgart. Everything remained very quiet when today's Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG established VW-Porsche-Vertriebsgesellschaft mbh, the VW-Porsche Sales Company, together with Volkswagenwerk AG, as it was called at the time, in April 1969. Holding stock capital of DM 5 million, the new company launched the strategy of success for two sports cars still carefully held back from the public pending their final presentation: the VW-Porsche 914 and 914/6.

The establishment of the VW-Porsche Sales Company marked the beginning of a true story of success – and the fortunate end of a dramatic development. Back in the mid-60s VW was looking for a successor to its then rather outdated Type 34 sports coupe, better known as the "Karmann Ghia". At the same time Porsche was striving to expand its position in the market with a sports car in the promising segment beneath the 911.

Facing this challenge Ferry Porsche and VW's CEO Heinrich Nordhoff agreed in spring 1966 on a joint venture destined to benefit both parties: Porsche was given the assignment by Volkswagen to develop a low-cost mid-engined sports car intended to enter the market as a Volkswagen with four cylinders and as a Porsche with a six-cylinder boxer engine.

With the development process continuing at a good pace, the Board of Management of VW was suddenly confronted with a tragic change: Heinrich Nordhoff died unexpectedly in 1968 and Kurt Lotz was appointed the new Chief Executive Officer. Lotz rescinded the contract agreed verbally and insisted on Volkswagen receiving the sole and exclusive sales rights for the car being developed by Porsche. After long and tough struggles bringing the 914 to the brink of failure more than once, the two companies agreed in a compromise to call the new car the "VW-Porsche" and to market this new model through a joint sales network.

The VW-Porsche 914 was presented at the Frankfurt Motor Show on 11 September 1969 as the first mid-engined sports car built in Germany in series production. The combination of the two brand names Volkswagen and Porsche nevertheless turned out to be an image problem for the new model series commonly referred to by the press as the "Volksporsche" or "People's Porsche". This was a particular disadvantage for the 914/6 powered by the two-litre flat-six carried over from the 911 T 2.0. For despite its outstanding performance, the 914/6 was hardly accepted by most of Porsche's existing customers.

The four-cylinder VW-Porsche 914, on the other hand, became a genuine success in the market, accounting for a production volume of 115,631 units until the series ceased production in spring 1976, and thus becoming the best-selling sports car of its time.

Most of the cars built were exported to the United States, where the 914 was marketed as a genuine, fully-fledged Porsche without the VW prefix.

Today the VW-Porsche 914 is acknowledged as a popular classic supported by numerous 914 clubs the world over. Particularly the 914/6 built only 3,338 times is one of the most sought-after collector cars from Porsche.

The Porsche Museum is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the 914 model series with a rare special exhibit on display from 9 April – 10 May 2009: the Porsche 914/8 with its 300-bhp eight-cylinder racing engine once owned by Ferry Porsche himself. With only two of these cars ever being built, one was presented to Ferry Porsche in 1969 as a special gift for his 60th birthday.





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Summary Minutes of March 2nd, 2009 Monthly Meeting:



David Edwards – Club Secretary

- Membership: 505 members
- Spiel Report: Still looking for articles
- Web Report: Free classified ads to club members



- Track Events: DE Sebring June 27,28; date Tentative

- Kaffee Klatsch: 20-25 cars attended
- Autocross: Bert is back and ready to get the season started; volunteers wanted
- Indy @ Disney: Very fast fun by all who attended
- Sebring 12hr Porsche Platz: Record attendance at over 600 people; hopefully this concept will expand to more races



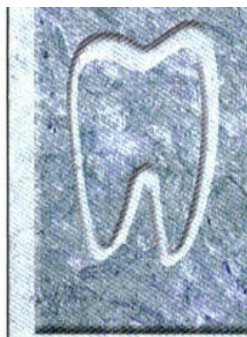
Arden Griffith – Club Treasurer

- Financial Report: Balance \$16,416

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