



SPARKS AND CINDERS

Our purpose as members of Wisconsin Chapter—National Railway Historical Society is to gather, preserve and disseminate information, both historic and current, pertaining to railroading in Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest.

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In April 2005 Soo Line #1003 causes a pair of geese to take flight. The #1003 is pulling a Photo Special in Beaver Dam near Beaver Dam Lake. The #1003 is currently housed in the Auto Museum in Hartford, WI. Photo by Keith Schmidt

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Upcoming Events November 2016

TMER&THS (Traction and Bus Club)

www.tmer.org

Saturday November 19, 2016

Chase Bank - Cudahy 7:30pm

SE Corner Packard and Layton Use East Lot

Dick Pfeifer - The Pennsy GGI

WISE Division NMRA

www.wisedivision.org

No Monthly Meeting in November

Trainfest 2016—Featuring the Milwaukee Road

November 12th and 13th 9am to 5pm

Wisconsin State Fair Park - Exposition Building

Buy your tickets in advance at local hobby shops

Stop by the Wisconsin Chapter NRHS Table and Say HI !!

Milwaukee Road Historical Association

www.mrha.com

2017 Convention

June 22nd to 25th

Ames, Iowa

C&NW Historical Society

www.cnwhs.org

Chicago Area Get Together

November 19, 2016

Batavia, IL

Soo Line Historical and Technical Society

www.sooline.org

2017 Annual Convention

Check the website for more information

NRHS National Convention

www.nrhs.com

June 20th to 24th 2017

Nashville, TN

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Thank You to all those that contributed to this issue of Sparks and Cinders. Member contributions make this newsletter YOUR newsletter. - Sparks and Cinders Editor

Wisconsin Chapter Now on Facebook !!

Thanks to Keith Schmidt the Chapter now has a Facebook Page. It Can be accessed at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wisconsin-Chapter-NRHS/170129169765334> (Must enter the number string)

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Friday November 4th Dan Grudzielanek “The Union Pacific Overland Route”

"The Overland Route was first completed between Sacramento, California and Omaha, Nebraska in 1869 when the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific officially joined rails at Promontory, Utah. This formed what was considered to be the nation's first transcontinental railroad. After mergers with the Chicago & North Western in 1995 and the Southern Pacific in 1996, the UP now operates the entire route as far east as Chicago.

"Starting in the mid-90s up to my most recent trip to Wyoming and Utah in May of this year, I have been able to visit and photograph trains at many locations along the route. Some notable locations that will be seen in the presentation include the Mississippi River Bridge at Clinton, Iowa, the famous Kate Shelley Bridge, the triple-track mainline along Hwy 30 in Nebraska, a rare look inside Bailey Yard at North Platte, Nebraska, and Echo Canyon in Utah.

"The presentation will also provide a look at modern-day train operations along this busy corridor, as the Overland Route hosts a variety of traffic, from Metra commuter trains in the Chicago area, to coal, manifest, intermodal and grain trains. The route also occasionally sees passenger specials and the UP's 4-8-4 No. 844 and their set of E9s will be seen in the presentation as well."

Meeting starts at 7:30pm with a greeting and Announcements.



Wisconsin Chapter Meeting Schedule

Friday December 2, 2016 - TRAINS Magazine presents "Railroad Trivia Night" Jim Wrinn Hosting

Friday January 6, 2017 - Burlington Northern in Illinois
Dave Nelson

MEETINGS NOW START AT 7:30PM !!!

Programs Subject to Change

If you would like to present a program
at a Chapter Meeting

Contact Dave Nelson at engine1385@aol.com or

Mike Yuhas at mike@mikeyuhas.org

October 2016 Meeting Summary

President Dave Nelson greeted the 31 people in attendance at 7:33 pm. Three of those (in addition to our presenter) identified themselves as guests. All three were local people who found out about us in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

President Dave Nelson made several announcements: There is a sign-up sheet for Train Fest (Saturday, November 12 and Sunday, November 13 at State Fair Park) volunteers at the back table.

Books connected to our presentation are for sale at the front table

Milwaukee Road 4-8-4 #261 is running several trips out of Minneapolis this weekend. Vice President Keith Schmidt is up there photographing it.

Jeff Marker announced that Talgo is returning to the Century City Complex (former A. O. Smith auto-frame plant) southwest of 27th Street & Capital Drive. They will be refurbishing 74 Los Angeles heavy-rail commuter cars from the Red and Purple Lines. Jeff will be working with Iowa Pacific on the Polar Express Christmas train. We are alerted to watch for 5 to 7 private cars moving east on Amtrak train #8—the east-bound Empire Builder—most likely on Monday, October 10.

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The announcements above ended at approximately 7:55 pm.

Mike Yugas introduced our speaker: Tom Burg of Merrill Publishing Associates. Tom is a retired FBI agent who was stationed in Wausau, Wisconsin, from 1977 to 1999. He organized the extensive railroad photograph collection of the late Roy Campbell. Those (mostly but not solely Milwaukee Road) photos were featured in his presentation and in his books. Tom is an expert on the railroads of central Northern Wisconsin. He is the author and publisher of several books of Milwaukee Road rare photos (from the Roy Campbell collection), data and history. He also wrote and published separate books on the Merrill, Wisconsin electric trolley system, and Milwaukee Road logging subsidiary Washington, Idaho, & Montana. All of those books were for sale tonight, and will be offered through the Milwaukee Road Historical Association (including their table at Train Fest) until the supply runs out.

Those presentations ended at 9:42 pm.

Dan Grudzielanek will provide the presentation on November 4. It will cover the Union Pacific Overland Route from Chicago through Omaha and Cheyenne to Salt Lake City.

Respectfully Submitted
Thomas W. Marcussen

Trainfest Help Needed

Do you like to talk about trains or the history of trains. Then consider helping out the Wisconsin Chapter NRHS at the chapter table at Trainfest. Close to 20,000 attended last years Trainfest. There are some handouts that are available. Also just someone to talk about the Chapter and the events and meetings. Contact Dave Nelson at engine1385@aol.com to find out what dates and times help is needed. Trainfest is held at Wisconsin State Fair Park Exposition Center. Saturday November 12th and Sunday November 13th 9am to 5:30pm both days.

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Ghost Train Display to Debut

The "Ghost Train" light-and-sound recreation of the C&NW's legendary "Twin Cities 400" on the bridge over Capitol Drive in Shorewood is set to debut at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 31. There will be a celebration of this public art display from 6 to 7:30 that evening in front of the Culver's restaurant on Capitol Drive, and from 7:30 to 9 p.m. a party with music and refreshments (featuring a rail-themed costume contest for children, and 1930s to 1950s attire for adults) will take place at the Metro Market. The "Ghost Train" is the work of artist Marty Peck. *By Dave Nelson*



TRAINS Magazine - Railroad Trivia Night

How good are you at railroad history? Do you what makes a railroad work? Come and test your knowledge with a fun and informative trivia night, brought to you by the publishers of TRAINS magazine. Editor Jim Wrinn will be your host and we'll have a good time while thinking back on railroading's great past. Come and join in the event. Let's make Trivia a chance to celebrate the chapter and holidays. There will be some drinks and snacks available. Also TRAINS magazine and the Chapter will be providing prizes for the winning trivia teams. What those prizes are WHO KNOWS. I guess the way to find out is come to the meeting and join in. Trivia teams will be chosen at random that night. All are expected to take part. It will be a good chance to make some new friends at the chapter or maybe renew some old friendships. Mark your calendar for Friday December 2nd and join in the FUN at Trivia Night.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

I received my email renewal notice from the NRHS this week, and I am informed by those who responded to it immediately that the on-line renewal process is much smoother than it was in the past. Hopefully this will encourage more renewals, and more new memberships in the national organization. As a reminder, you now pay your national dues to national, and your Chapter dues to the Chapter (Tom Hoffmann, treasurer). Those who attempted to pay the total amount of both dues to the national office last year learned that national naturally regarded the additional money as a supplemental donation to further their rail preservation efforts. While we certain would do nothing to discourage such donations, if you intend to belong to the NRHS and to the Wisconsin Chapter, those are two separate payments to two separate entities. OK?

It is of course welcome news that the NRHS seems to have endured and overcome the problems and uncertainties of the last several years. We can now recruit new members with greater certainty that the organization is on a sound footing and will continue. Last year I was promised some membership brochures in time for Trainfest, but unfortunately they did not materialize. I hope to have some soon because we will have a table at Trainfest which this year celebrates all things "Milwaukee Road."

As I have mentioned before in this column and at our meetings, our revamped website should be regarded as your primary way to learn if a meeting has had to be canceled due to weather or any other cause. Long range having an email database of members for group messages could enable us to very quickly communicate not only Chapter news but railfan events of significance that come up more quickly than we can deal with at meetings or in Sparks & Cinders.

I think you will also find other things of interest to see on the Chapter's site (thanks to Mike Yugas) so get in the habit of reviewing it from time to time. You can also see past issues of Sparks & Cinders with color photos that look great. With this capability, some have suggested to me that there seems to be less reason for us to offer a paper subscription to non-members of the Chapter. I do understand that not everyone feels comfortable spending time on a computer assuming they own one.

Dave

Sneak Peek at “The Overland Route”



Nelson, Illinois



Overton, Nebraska



Hermosa, Wyoming

Union Pacific #844 Travels to Tennessee

Union Pacific #844 FEF 4-8-4 Steam Locomotive is making its first trip out of Wyoming in October 2016. The #844 is heading from Cheyenne, WY to Memphis, TN for the reopening of “Big River Crossing” and the Mississippi River bridge there. The #844 leaves Cheyenne in Mid October and will arrive in Memphis on Saturday October 22nd for the celebration. The #844 will then return to Cheyenne expecting to arrive on October 31st. With the #844 running again the steam shops are concentrating on restoring Big Boy UP #4014. Below are some shots from 2005 and #844 on the Overland Route. Check out www.upsteam.com for full schedule information.



UP
#844 at
Over-
ton, NE
in July
2005

#844
at Elm
Creek,
NE
July
2005

Photos by Keith Schmidt



Canadian Pacific Holiday Train 2016 Schedule

Canadian Pacific is once again running the extremely popular 2016 Holiday Train. This year there is an added stop in the Milwaukee area. Last year there were thousands of people down at the Amtrak Station. Please Remember—SEE TRACKS THINK TRAIN !!

For information check out

<http://www.cpr.ca/holiday-train/united-states>

Monday December 5th

Sturtevant 9900 East Exploration Ct., Amtrak Depot

Arrival 5:25pm Event 5:35 PM - 6:05 PM

Milwaukee 433 West St. Paul Avenue, Amtrak Depot

Arrival 6:50pm Event 7:15 PM - 7:45 PM

Train will overnight in Milwaukee

Tuesday December 6th

Wauwatosa Harwood Ave Crossing

Arrival 4:45pm Event 5:00pm - 5:30pm

Hartland Parking lot adjacent to Cottonwood Ave and Pawling

Arrival 6:15pm Event 6:30pm to 7:00pm

Watertown Brandt Quirt Parking Lot - Ball Diamond

Arrival 7:45pm Event 8:00pm to 8:30pm

Columbus Amtrak Depot

Arrival 9:05pm Event 9:15pm to 9:45pm

Wednesday December 7th

Portage 400 West Oneida Street, Amtrak Station

Event 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Wisconsin Dells 100 La Crosse Street, Amtrak Depot

Arrival 2:45pm Event 3:00pm to 3:30pm

Mauston Division Street railway crossing

Arrival 4:15pm Event 4:25pm to 4:55pm

Tomah 205 North Superior Avenue, Amtrak Depot

Arrival 5:30pm Event 5:35pm to 6:05pm

Sparta Corner of South Water Street and Milwaukee Street

Arrival 6:40pm Event 7:00pm to 7:30pm

Lacrosse 601 Saint Andrew Street

Arrival 8:45pm Event 9:00pm to 9:30pm

Times are approximate—This is a working railroad BE SAFE !!



Flooding in Western Wisconsin causes Washouts on BNSF

On September 22, 2016 media along the Mississippi River say a BNSF Railway locomotive derailed in a washout and leaked as much as 2,500 gallons of diesel fuel into the river early Thursday. Citing a news release, media say the railroad will attempt to put a boom over the water when it is safe for crews to do so to collect the fuel.

In a service advisory to customers, the railroad says that it had reports of washouts affecting its Northern Transcontinental route about 5:30 a.m. near Ferryville, Wis., approximately 40 miles south of La Crosse, Wis. The railroad has yet to estimate the time needed to repair the tracks and gave customers a broad warning that shipments may be delayed as much as 24 to 36 hours because of the track outage.

As much as nine to 14 inches of rain fell in certain parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin in recent days saturating the ground and making conditions right for flash floods and mudslides.

TRAINS Newswire - Courtesy Kalmbach Publishing

Talgo Returning to Milwaukee

Spanish rail manufacturer Talgo looks like it will be moving back into its old Milwaukee digs after earning an LA rebuilding contract.

Sources close to the company say that Talgo workers will re-manufacture heavy rail cars from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, widely known as LA Metro.

The Milwaukee mayor's office confirmed as much to Milwaukee media in a news conference on Monday regarding the manufacturing future for a city-sponsored industrial park.

Milwaukee city development officials tell local media that Talgo may move as many as 30 jobs to Wisconsin as part of the re-manufacturing deal.

Talgo once had manufacturing operations in the Century City industrial park and workers there built two articulated passenger train sets for use on proposed Chicago-Milwaukee-Madison, Wis., higher-speed passenger service. The State of Wisconsin terminated the passenger rail proposal and reneged on a purchase agreement with Talgo after 2010 elections changed the make-up of state government.

The trainsets are now sitting in storage at Amtrak's Beech Grove, Ind., maintenance shops waiting further disposition.

TRAINS Newswire - Courtesy Kalmbach Publishing



Input on Increasing Milwaukee to Chicago Rail Service Sought

After nearly four years of studying and talking about increasing passenger rail service between Chicago and Milwaukee, Amtrak and the Wisconsin and Illinois transportation departments are ready to hear from the public.

The agencies have scheduled a Milwaukee public hearing and two Illinois meetings in the coming weeks where citizens can weigh in on the proposal to boost the number of daily round trips on Amtrak's Hiawatha line from seven to 10. The plan also calls for new railroad infrastructure, such as main tracks, side tracks and train signals, needed to support the additional trips.

Ridership on the Hiawatha Service has increased significantly in the past 15 years. Between 2001 and 2013, ridership nearly doubled, growing an average of 6% annually. The rail line also has the largest number of riders of any Amtrak service outside the East and West coasts, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation project website.

Many of the peak-period trains operate with few or no vacant seats, said Arun Rao, passenger rail implementation manager for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

"Providing those additional trains will help spread out those peak riders and help intermodal connections, such as flight connections and city buses," Rao said. "It provides more flexibility for people getting to those connecting trains or other modes of transportation and services."

It is also expected to reduce highway congestion between the two cities.

"Everyone is aware of the very famous traffic in Chicago and the (Chicago-to-Milwaukee) highway corridor," said Melanie Johnson, project manager for Quandt Consultants, the Chicago-based firm that is coordinating the project. "So we are trying to provide a robust alternative to that highway congestion by providing more round trips and more reliable service."

Part of the process has been to complete an assessment documenting the environmental impact of the project and a plan outlining the operational and financial aspects. Those pieces were the first steps in making sure the project is eligible for federal funding from the Federal Railroad Administration, Johnson said.

The Wisconsin and Illinois departments of transportation sponsored the plan and will evaluate federal funding options to construct the new railroad infrastructure as funds become available. The project, which depends on securing federal funding in addition to state and private matching funds, would cost approximately \$150 million to \$200 million, Johnson said.

A draft environmental assessment went out last week for public comment. Input from the upcoming sessions will be incorporated into the final report to Federal Railroad Administration by the start of 2017, Johnson said.

The public hearing in Milwaukee will be 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 27 at Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee. The public meetings in Illinois will be 4 to 7 p.m. Nov. 1 at Union Station, 500 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago; and 4-8 p.m. Nov. 2 at Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview.
Milwaukee JS Online - Maggie Angst October 17 2016

The Growing Hiawatha Trains



Amtrak #52 leads a 3 car consist on the Hiawatha at Waterford Ave in Milwaukee in 2004.



Amtrak #66 leads a 4 car consist in 2007 at Waterford Ave. #66 was painted as a Heritage Unit in 2015. In Feb 2016 it hit a truck and is currently out of service.



Amtrak #24 leads a 5 car consist in 2011



Amtrak #185 leads a 6 car consist in 2015.



From the Archives

November 1956 — 60 Years Ago

(a combined issue)

Sunday, October 14, marked the last CB&Q steam passenger train in the state of Iowa. No. 637, a diamond stack loco built in 1892, powered a train of three 1890s coaches from Ottumwa to Indianola.

November 1961 — 55 Years Ago

Two men have joined the ranks of WC-NRHS. Welcome to Jerrold F. Hilton (*still a member today*) and Peter J. Wagner. We are sure that you will enjoy your association with us....The 32nd Infantry Division, called up recently, was transported to Fort Lewis, Washington, via 17 different passenger trains. They originated in such places as Wausau (MILW), Marinette (CNW), Appleton (Soo Line), Baraboo (CNW), Oshkosh (MILW), and Rhinelander (Soo Line)....Judging from "The Official Register of Passenger Train Equipment," Dan Platz has determined that the numbers of the 32 passenger-only Milwaukee Road bi-level cars are 300-331; the eight cab control cars are 380-387....National and Chapter dues for 1962 are \$6.00.

November 1966 - 50 Years Ago

Milwaukee Road locomotive acquisitions 1963-1966: EMD GP30 (Alco trucks) Nos. 340-355; EMD GP35 Nos. 360-371; EMD GP40 Nos. 174-179 (2nd order); Nos. 180-191 (1st order), Nos. 192-199 (2nd order); GE U25B Nos. 380-391; GE U28B Nos. 392-398 (1st order), Nos. 130-135 (2nd order). Passenger B-units converted to freight service in the past year: Nos. 98B, 101B, 105B

November 1971 - 45 Years Ago

November 14 will mark a major revision and expansion in Amtrak service. Locally, the number of Chicago-Milwaukee round trips increased from four to seven daily, service between Chicago and Minneapolis will be doubled, and through Milwaukee-St. Louis service will be inaugurated....The Kettle Moraine Scenic Railway is scheduled to begin operations in the Spring of 1972, according to owner, and Chapter member, Dick Hinebaugh....A new organization called "The Milwaukee Road Railfans Association" has been organized and is seeking new members....The Grand Trunk car ferries operating between Milwaukee and Muskegon will cease carrying passengers by the end of November, according to local rail officials. The Milwaukee Clipper operating between those two ports made its last voyage in 1970

November 1976 - 40 Years Ago

With the change back to Standard Time on October 31, Amtrak has announced a number of schedule changes – not all of which are beneficial to Milwaukee travelers. An apparent lack of coordination between the schedule makers has the first morning train from Milwaukee arriving in Chicago at 8:32 a.m., and the Floridian departing at 8:30 a.m. If the Milwaukee train is on time, you will be able to see the Floridian's markers just disappearing in the distance.

November 1981 - 35 Years Ago

The latest rumor on the Milwaukee Road bankruptcy says that the Canadian National, through Grand Trunk Western, is negotiating for inclusion of the Milwaukee Road in the CN/GTW system....Al Kalmbach, founder of Trains and Model Railroader magazines, and one of the founders of the National Model Railroad Association, passed away on October 14 after a long illness.

November 1986 - 30 Years Ago

The new Duplainville connection between the former Milwaukee Road and Soo Line has been completed and is now in service....Sales of "The Railfan's Guide to Wisconsin and the UP of Michigan" have been very good and fewer than 300 copies remain to be sold.

November 1991 - 25 Years Ago

WICT has inaugurated an experimental week-end passenger service between Milton Jct. and Madison. The round trips are made on Saturdays only. On UW-Madison football game days, the first train operates all the way to Camp Randall. The service began on Labor Day weekend with 200 passengers and a record 1,000 passengers rode on October 12....Amtrak reported that ridership in the Chicago-Milwaukee corridor increased 10.9% in the first three quarters of 1991 compared to the same time period in 1990. Ridership in the first three quarters surpassed the total for all of fiscal 1989 by approximately 40,000 passengers....The Soo Line Grand Crossing Tower in La Crosse, constructed in 1928 to replace one built in 1892, has been saved and moved to Copeland Park.

November 1996 - 20 Years Ago

Almost all traces of the former WC Oshkosh street running have disappeared under new paving after removal of the tracks....Wisconsin and Illinois have agreed to provide subsidies for the Amtrak Hiawatha service for another year....CSX Corp. has agreed to purchase Conrail for \$8.4 billion in cash and stock. NS is expected to vigorously oppose the deal....Famed railroad artist Howard Fogg passed away on October 1....CSX took delivery on the first of 53 new 6,000 hp AC6000W locomotives on September 13.

November 2001 - 15 Years Ago

Trainfest® Director John Tews expressed concern for the future of Trainfest® because of several obstacles, including an increase in rental fees after construction of a new exhibit hall at State Fair Park, parking problems, and the lack of a viable alternative site....CN officially took over WC on October 10 when it became the Wisconsin Central Division of CN. CN acquired WC for \$1.2 billion....UP announced plan to construct an intermodal terminal at Rochelle, Illinois. The new \$200 million terminal will be able to handle 1,000 containers per day....Amtrak's Empire Builder was detoured around Grand Forks, Devil's Lake, and Rugby, North Dakota, October 15 to 20 while BNSF raised 14 miles of the former GN main line above the rising waters of Devil's Lake. The lake has no outlet and has risen 25 feet since 1993, inundating 50,000 acres of farmland

November 2006 - 10 Years Ago

After four years of renovation, the 1902 C&NW passenger station in Racine opened to the public on October 14....The interlocking tower at 21st Street in Chicago, 1.7 miles south of Union Station, was razed in October, shortly after operations were shifted to the control center at Union Station. The tower, just south of the Chicago River bridge, controlled the crossing of the former Pennsylvania, Alton (GM&O), Santa Fe, IC Iowa Division, and C&WI. All trains from seven railroads using Dearborn Station plus Pennsylvania, Alton, and IC Iowa Division trains passed through the crossing. The former Soo Line ore dock in Ashland may become a maritime museum if a Duluth-based organization gets its way even though the dock is deteriorating. The 1,800-foot concrete dock was built in 1916 and at the time of its construction was the largest concrete ore dock in the world. It was last used in 1965....The F9 era has ended at Eric Mining in Minnesota. The units operated from 1957 to 2006 and have been put up for sale. F9A No. 4211 was donated to the Lake Superior Railroad Museum.

November 2011 - 5 Years Ago

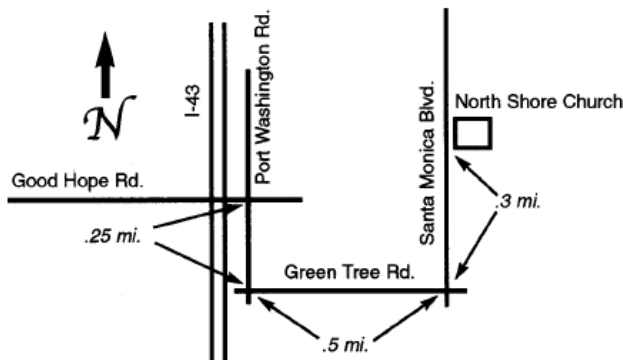
October 15-16 the 40th Anniversary Amtrak Display train visited Milwaukee. The train powered by a repainted F40PH and Heritage painted P42 Genesis unit was open at the Milwaukee Amtrak Station. The passenger car in the train were filled with historic items from passenger service of the past. Also past Amtrak time-tables, uniforms, dinnerware and photographs. A popular display was the working horn display. A visitor could blow the horns and hear the differences in tone and pitch.

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