

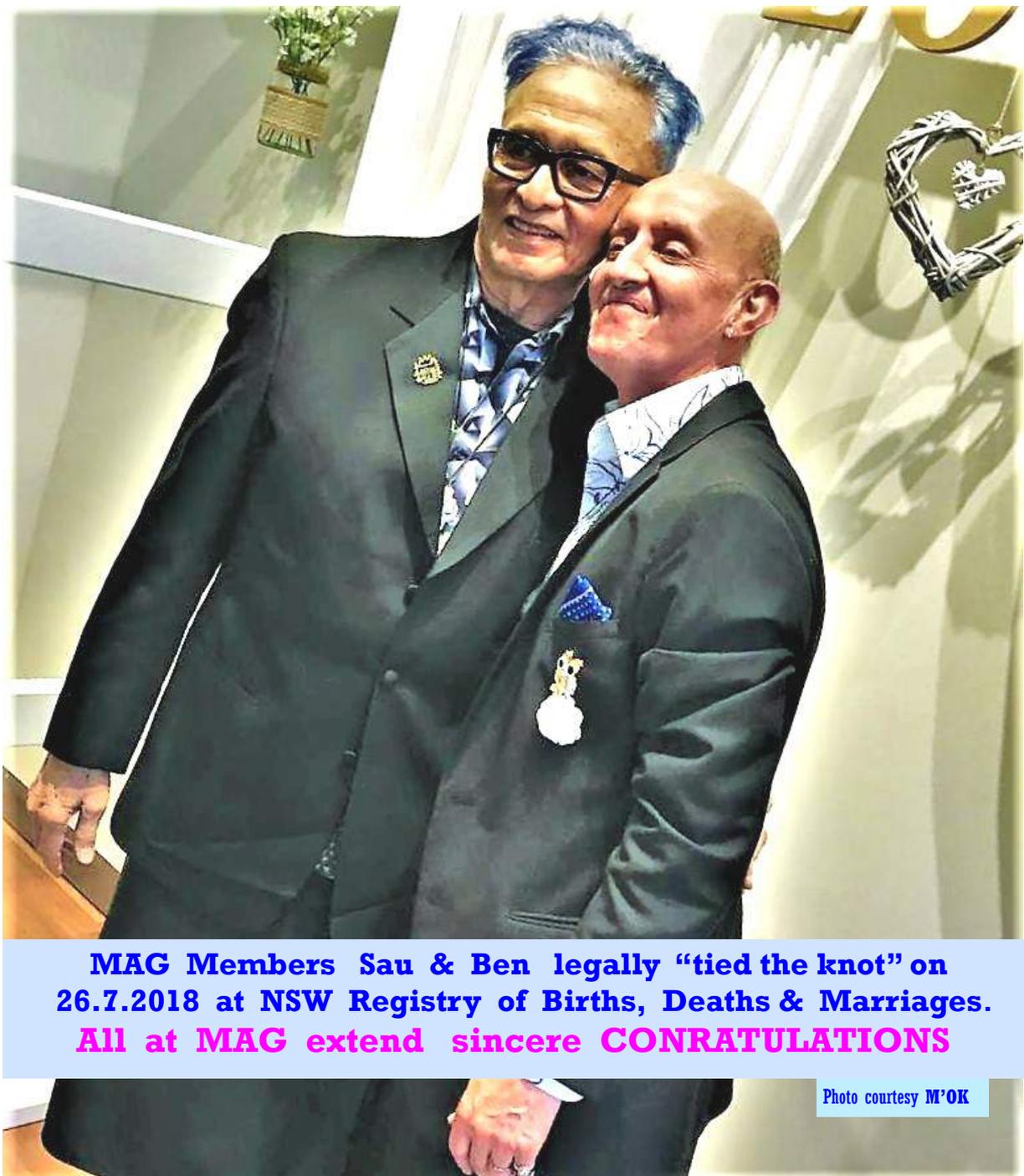
# MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men  
SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2018



Caring for each other, sharing friendships & affection with each other in similar situations to lead as full a life as possible

please check our web site [www.magsydney.org](http://www.magsydney.org)



**MAG Members Sau & Ben legally “tied the knot” on 26.7.2018 at NSW Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages. All at MAG extend sincere CONRATULATIONS**

Photo courtesy M'OK

## Events planned for MAG SYDNEY INC in 2018

**SAT 8th September - MAG's 27th Anniversary**

A Masquerade Party will be the theme - MASKS MUST BE WORN

**SAT 29th September - NO MEETING as building will be CLOSED.**

**SAT 13th October - Margaret Crowthers Seniors Rights Service**  
Issues as we age, accessing aged care services & your rights

**SAT 27th October - MAG MEMBERS REMEMBERED**

**SAT 10th November - Michelle's photos of VIVID SYDNEY 2018**

**SAT 24th November - Peter Sage - History of Rookwood Cemetery**  
in a 35mm slide show. People are dying to get to Rookwood

**SAT 8th DECEMBER - MAG's CHRISSY SOCIAL**

Please check out MAG's web site for up to date information on Guest Speaker/Topics etc

[www.magsydney.org](http://www.magsydney.org)

ALSO kindly check out **our FACEBOOK PAGE** for updated information -  
see the foot of all pages in this Newsletter

### Our Thursday nite social gathering:-

If you are not doing anything on a Thursday night, then why not join some MAG guys who meet at the Petersham RSL Club, from around 7pm.

The RSL Club is located very close to the

Petersham Railway Station.

We chat over various matters, enjoy a very reasonably priced meal, drink of whatever some of us even partake of a slice of beautiful lemon meringue pie with ice cream off course it is 99% fat free - haha

It is a nice environment, with a relaxed atmosphere - everyone is encouraged and most welcome to join us

**Please call David for further details on 0447 600 966**

Found these gems on Face Book

**INSIDE EVERY OLDER PERSON IS A YOUNGER PERSON WONDERING WHAT THE F\*\*K HAPPENED**

### **BREAKING NEWS...**

**A man was arrested yesterday after falling into a combine harvester whilst trying to steal it!!!**

**He's due to be bailed tomorrow!!**

Greetings Members and friends,

On the **11th August we held** our Annual General Meeting. The Return Officer was Mr. Paul Murphy, a 78er. As per the MAG Constitution, written nominations were tabled. On this form, the nomination was seconded and the nominee acknowledged his desire to accept that nomination. All three people are financial members of MAG. As a result, our AGM was a quick Meeting. **ALL POSITIONS WERE DECLARED VACANT** by the Returning Officer, who continued with the nominated persons.

As a result, I was elected as President [thank you for your faith in me], Lewis Turtur elected as Vice President, Trevor Pritchard elected as Treasurer. The 3 Committee Members elected were: - Steve Warren, Geoff Ostling and Sau Foster. The position of secretary as left VACANT.

A small thank you gift was presented to Peter for being our Returning Officer.

My full report on our activities for the past 2 years can be seen on pages 4 and 5.

Again, I do thank all financial members for their continued support of MAG, as for without you, there would be no MAG.

A photo of our elected guys for those readers who do not attend our meetings due to their living long distances from SYD are shown below.



**Steve Ostrow Founder**

**David Bowron Pres**

**Lewis Turtur Vice Pres**

**Trevor Treasurer / Secty**



**Steve Warren Committee**

**Geoff Ostling Committee**

**Sau Foster Committee**

**On the 8th September MAG will celebrate its 27th Anniversary.**

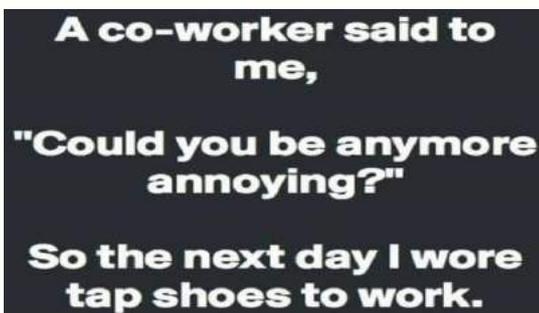
**The theme is "Masquerade" - therefore MASKS ARE TO BE WORN** please.

We will be celebrating our 27th birthday in style. We will have entertainment, nibbles, a delicious supper, dessert, a birthday cake, soft drinks, wine. A cute waiter to serve our supper. An entertaining evening is assured. It will be a fun night. So, guests just need to do, is to turn up wearing a **MASK**.

There will be prizes for all wearing an interesting mask & for wearing a great outfit with the Mask.

Since our AGM, Trevor Pritchard has indicated that he is willing to act as the Secretary, along with attending to the duties of Treasurer duties. Your Committee endorsed Trevor as Treasurer/Secretary, at a Committee meeting held on 16.8.2018. Fellow committee members have agreed to help Trevor attend to his duties, Thank you Trevor.

**Best wishes. David MAG President**



**David & Michael at a Friday Luncheon Club Lunch**

Members, as your current President I have much pleasure in submitting my report on our activities for the past 2 years. Our Constitution is structured that we hold our AGMs every 2 years – on the even years.

I would firstly like to sincerely thank all members for their financial support of our Social Club, as without your support, then MAG would cease to exist. We are here as an alternate place for older gay guys to meet and socialise in a friendly and safe environment. I hope that members have enjoyed the meetings, especially when we have arranged Guest Speakers. I thank Geoff Ostling for arranging those speakers. I also thank our Guest Speakers for giving up their Saturday nights to be with us and impart stories & information for our information & entertainment.

The Committee meets whenever we have important issues to decide. I sincerely thank the Committee for their support of MAG moving forward; especially our Vice President Lewis Turtur and Treasurer Bill Alford.

I wish to acknowledge Michael Filipovic, Ross Mackinnon, Michael Darley & Trevor Pritchard for their help. Michael Darley and Bill Alford have indicated that they will not be standing for re election.

We have a number of generous guys who give their time, working behind the scenes at MAG to make it all happen, and this is certainly true of our guys in the Kitchen, who arrive early, & do their work & produce delicious suppers. So my sincere thanks to Lewis Turtur, Lionel Fong Kee, John O'Dea, David Blanch and other guys for their efforts producing our suppers.

[www.magsydney.org](http://www.magsydney.org) is our web site.

I thank Luke Luk the web master for his efforts in putting the Newsletters onto the web site and any other material which is relevant to visitors of the web site.

I have arranged with ACON to take over the Admin Officer of the Mature Age Gays Face book page, and am making relevant updates and including posting photos on it. There have been many views of our face book page; which is pleasing. I thank Marco Marvin from ACON for his assistance in printing our Newsletters. Marvin has since left ACON, so Emily Spencer is now our coordinator for this printing. I thank Emily for her valuable help to me & MAG. I thank the guys who have asked to receive the newsletters as an email attachment; as this does help save postage costs. Contributions & articles are always sought to make our Newsletters interesting for all. So if you have an article or whatever you feel that other members may find interesting, please see me. I sincerely thank those who have sent me positive compliments & notes concerning the Newsletters. I hope all our readers have found the Issues interesting & informative.

MAG would not be the success it is today without the support of ACON. They permit us the use of the Cafe for our meetings and storage facilities up on Level 1, at no cost.

We in return have a good number of Members who are volunteers for ACON's Safe Sex Packing Team.

I do thank these guys for helping our community. I have said many times before - 'it is a win for everyone'.

Our Mardi Gras Festivals for 2017 and 2018 that we participated in were very, very successful. Both Fair Days Stalls we lost money on, but we flew the MAG Flag and were noticed. The Mardi Gras Parades for 2017 and 2018 also cost us funds, but I thought it was money very well spent. We were seen in SBS TV the coverage of both Mardi Gras Parades. This year, I thank Trevor Pritchard for being our spokesman, in a lead up of our bus being shown on TV. It was a terrific coverage of MAG's bus and highlighted our group. This was very pleasing

Being an Incorporated Association, all people who attend regularly are required to join MAG. It is most pleasing that we have had a number of new guys wanting to join MAG and continue to attend our meetings.

At **30<sup>th</sup> June 2016**, we had **127** Members, including Life Members. The average number of people attending meetings 2014 / 2016 was **46**.

As at the **30<sup>th</sup> June 2018**, we have **85** Members that includes 3 Life Members. It should be noted that a number of guys are yet to lodge their renewal applications. The average number of people attending meetings 2016 / 2018 was **43**.

We have members in Sydney Metro area, country NSW, VIC, SA, QLD, WA & TAS plus a member living in Bali.

I thank all those guys who make magnificent efforts in coming along to our social evenings in colourful outfits, you guys most certainly added to the success of those social evening.

We will be celebrating our **27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** on the **8<sup>th</sup> September**. It will be a masked event. We will make sure that it is a memorable evening. Please wear a mask.

In Sept of 2016, I was pleased to follow in the foot steps of Geoff Ostling [**All Boyz Tours**] in leading a small group of MAG guys on a trip to China. The tour included a 4 day cruising on the mighty Yangtze River, plus seeing those cuddly Giant Pandas, in Chengdu. We had a few days stop over in Hong Kong on our way back to SYD.

Hong Kong was an amazing place. I loved the old fashioned Trams on Hong Kong Island

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**VALE**

We have lost dear members and friends over the past 24 months. In 2016 John Charles Thomas on 5 Jan, Peter Travis on 28 Nov, John Dunn on 19 Dec. No guys in 2017.

In 2018 we lost Theo Greuter on 13 March and David Ritchie on 12<sup>th</sup> April. These guys were loved and respected by many & we'll miss them. On behalf of all at MAG, I wish to extend condolences to all who have lost loved ones, family members & friends over this time. We do share your loss.

Which leads me to let everyone know that each year on the last Saturday in October we conduct an Annual MAG Members Remembered Evening. We light a candle, to remember loved ones who have passed on.

We remember the guys who have gone before us, as for without them laying the good foundation for us, then MAG would not be the great success that is today. **May they all rest in peace.**

**I wish to thank & acknowledge STEVE OSTROW.** Steve founded MAG almost 27 years ago, this Sept [back in 1991 on his birthday. **He picked this date, so he would not forget the date of MAG's first meeting].**

If it was not for Steve Ostrow's idea and the support of ACON, we would not be here meeting tonight, so on your behalf, I do sincerely thank both Steve & ACON for MAG.

I have enjoyed being your President [since March 2014], and enjoy helping MAG continue to be a successful social group for older gay guys, and I look forward to a successful future.

I would especially like to acknowledge and thank Trevor Pritchard for his help and assistance to me at meetings.

**David Bowron President MAG SYDNEY INC**

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MAG's Treasurer tabled the Income & Expenditure for 1.7.2017 to 30.6.2018 at the AGM.

**Income totalled \$8,131.05 Expenditure was \$8,512.71**

**MAG's funds [including petty cash] total: \$12,280.82.**

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**Results of the Annual General Meeting for the Election of Office Bearers for 2018 - 2020**  
**held on Saturday, 11th August 2018**

Mr Peter Murphy, **a 78er**, acted as our return Officer. He declared all positions VACANT", then 'sought nominations'. He informed the meeting that "In accordance with Section 4.3.1 (a) of the Constitution of MAG SYDNEY INC, written nominations had been received for a number of positions. These nominations have been endorsed by a MAG Member & consented to by the nominee person" Both the mover, seconded and nominee are all financial members for MAG.

**Position of President David Bowron had been nominated by Trevor Pritchard and seconded by Lewis Turtur**

David indicated his willingness to stand & as there were no other written nominations, Peter asked that the meeting accept David's nomination as President. This was carried by the meeting

**Position of Vice President Lewis Turtur had been nominated by David Bowron & seconded by Steve Warren**

Lewis indicated his willingness to stand & as there were no other written nominations, Peter asked that the meeting accept Lewis' nomination as Vice Pres. This was carried by the meeting

**Position of Treasurer Trevor Pritchard had been nominated by David Bowron & seconded by Lewis Turtur**

Trevor indicated his willingness to stand & as there were no other written nominations, Peter asked that the meeting accept Trevor's nomination as Treasurer. This was carried by the meeting

**Positions of Committee [3] Steve Warren had been nominated by David Bowron & seconded by Lewis Turtur**

Steve indicated his willingness to stand & as there were no other written nominations, Peter asked that the meeting accept Steve's nomination as a Committeeman. This was carried

**Geoff Ostling had been nominated by Trevor Pritchard & seconded by David Bowron**

Geoff indicated his willingness to stand & as there were no other written nominations, Peter asked that the meeting accept Geoff's nomination as a Committeeman. This was carried

**Joseph [Sau] Foster been nominated by Lionel Fong Kee & seconded by Lewis Turtur**

Joseph indicated his willingness to stand & as there were no other written nominations, Peter asked that the meeting accept Sau's nomination as a committeeman. This was carried.

**There was no nominations for the Position of Secretary.** Therefore it is vacant.

Peter addressed the AGM concerning the public apology the Commission of Police, Mick Fuller gave to the **78ers**, at an event held at Police HQ, on 9th August. **Certainly well overdue !!!!**

President David, thanked Peter for being our Returning Officer, and presented him with a small token our of appreciation, for giving up his Saturday night for us.



This great shot of the MAG guys present at The Love Project's function at the Glebe Town Hall on 26th June 2018.

l to r Tony, Stephen, Trevor, Estee, Harry, David with Geoff seated.

These functions arranged by The Love Project are for the benefit of 'older' gays & lesbians. We urge more MAG guys to attend them

*Live*  
without pretending,  
*Love*  
without depending,  
*Listen*  
without defending,  
*Speak*  
without offending.

**Don't wait for things to get better. Life will always be complicated. Learn to be happy right now, otherwise you'll run out of time.**



**The six best doctors:  
Sunshine, water, rest, air, exercise, and diet.**

As readers would have seen from our front page, **Sau & Ben** 'got hitched'

The lovely photo [left] was taken after the ceremony.

L to r Michel, Ben, Sau, Ed, Lionel. Photo courtesy of M'OK



Photos: courtesy of Richard Hedger, 2015

# HERE FOR AGEING



Our LOVE (Living Older Visibly and Engaged) Project is about creating better conversations and improved social engagement with older lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people.

## FACT SHEETS

In response to consultations with community members and health professionals, a series of healthy ageing fact sheets have been developed covering topics specific to our LGBTI elders' needs.

For more info or to download the factsheets, visit:

**WWW.LOVEPROJECT.ORG.AU**

or contact:  
Russ Gluyas | 9206 2017 | [loveproject@acon.org.au](mailto:loveproject@acon.org.au)

- Ageing and HIV
- Alcohol and Prescription Drugs
- Dementia
- Depression and Anxiety
- Elder Abuse and Domestic Violence
- Fitness and Exercise
- Health Checks
- Health Screens
- Legal Tips
- Nutrition
- Smoking
- Social Connections



## Where & when MAG meets

We meet on the **second** and the **last Saturdays** of the month at  
**414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills**  
 [which is near Devonshire Street]  
 Just up from Central Railway Station,  
 from 6:30 pm for tea and coffee. The meeting starts at 7:00pm, possibly with a Guest Speaker, every so often we might hold a social, or a 'pop corn' night.

A **light** supper follows.

The Committee will meet whenever the need arises. David B is maintaining our Guest Speaker Lists. Should members feel that a certain person could give an informative talk at MAG, then kindly contact David on 9516 2063. He will be very pleased to hear from any of our members or friends.

## MAG's Details:

### The Founder of MAG:

Steve Ostrow  
 contact the President for Steve's mobile



### Office Bearers:



**Treasurer/Secretary:**  
 Trevor Pritchard  
 9369 4206

**Vice President:**  
 Lewis Turtur  
 9319 1280



**President:**  
 David Bowron  
 9516 2063



### Committee:

Geoff Ostling  
 8354 1416

Steve Warren  
 0417 393 877



Sau Foster  
 9690 0578



MAG's postal address is the same address, as where we meet:

**414 ELIZABETH STREET,  
 SURRY HILLS NSW 2010**

Our web site is **www.magsydney.org**

Editor of the Newsletter is David Bowron

## Our Community's Details:

**ACCPANCE (Gay Catholics)** - Tel. 9568 4433. Friday Mass, St. Joseph's Church, Bedford Street Newtown 8pm.

**ALEPH AUSTRALIA** - for gay Jews and friends, Contact *Michael* 9300 9700.

**ASIAN PROJECT** Contact Min 9206 2080

**BGAY COMMUNITY NEWS** - www.bgay.com.au. Contact Marc on 0406645075

**BOBBY GOLDSMITH FOUNDATION [BGF]** to empower & support people living with HIV to live well L 3, 111-117 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills www.bgf.org.au 9283 8666

**COMPANIONS OF HOPE** - Meetings: monthly (4th Sunday) at 11am, Level 3, 414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills Contact: Bishop Peter on 9588 6893 or 0419 464 353 Email: christ-our-hope-community.net

**COUNTRY NETWORK** for friendship and support through social events & networking across rural, regional & city AUST. Info at www.countrynetwork.com.au

**CREMORNE VILLAGERS SOCIAL GROUP** - 2nd Monday of month, 7pm — 9pm at Town & Country Bar, 2/350 Military Road, Cremorne - Maxx & John & Ian - Organisers

**CRONULLA GAY GROUP** - www.cronullagaygroup.com. Contact John 9528 9158

**CROSS SECTION** - for gays within the Uniting Church phone Des 9319 0722.

**GAMMA** - Gay and Married Men's Assoc Tel. 9267 4000 - www.gamma.org.au

**GAY DOWNUNDER** - www.gaydownunder.com

**GLCS** - Tel. 1800 184 527

**GSN - Gay Sydney Nudists** - www.Meetup.com/en-AU/Gay-Sydney-Nudists contact *Tony James* 49725357.

**MAM — Mature Age Men** — Meets the last Saturday of month Sportsman's Hotel, Springhill, Brisbane at 4pm Contact Noel (07) 31721170 for more details.

**MCC GOOD SHEPHERD** - 6:30pm Sundays 37 East Street, Granville. Pastor *Robert Clark* Tel. 0412 481 195

**MCC SYDNEY** - 96 Crystal St, Petersham. 10:00am & 6:30pm Sundays Pastor *Rev Dale Yardy* Tel. 9569 5122 Email — office@mccsydney.org

**PFLAG** - Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays. www.pflagaustralia.org

**SCOG** - Southern Cross Outdoor Group: Bushwalks & other outdoor activities in Sydney area. Contact *David* 9698 9308.

Email: southern.cross.outdoors.group@gmail.com

**SPAIDS** - Sydney Park AIDS Memorial Groves Dates on tree planting days contact josken@josken.net

**THE LOVE PROJECT** - creating better conversations & improving social engagements with older gays & lesbians Phone Russ 02 9206 2017 . Email: rgluyas@acon.org.au

**GONG GUYS** - http://www.gongguys.site90.com/ http://www.gongguys.info/