

# New Life Riders

Hunterdon County Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association



We have therefore been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory and power of the Father, we too might walk habitually in newness of life, abandoning our old ways. *Romans 6:4 Amplified Bible*

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## NLR at CMA National Rally East

**JUNE 18-22, ALTOONA, PA:** It was a long ride (*thanks for driving, Renee!*), but so very worth the trip. New Life Riders arrived Friday afternoon and found ourselves enveloped in the undeniable buzz of reconnecting CMA members. It followed us from the parking lot to the Blair County Convention Center then gave way to full-throated worship. Friday night we celebrated the leading Run for the Son chapters and individuals and revealed the 2025 R4S total (*see page 6*). Saturday, we stocked up in the Goodie Store for upcoming NLR events and tracked down out-of-state friends. Later, we cheered on bike games participants, made new acquaintances, and went to dinner with fellow New Jerseyans before heading back to the convention center for the evening service and fellowship. Sunday morning once again



felt like what it may be on the day we worship King Jesus before His Throne!

All too soon it was time for hugs and goodbyes and the long ride home.

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*New Life Riders Al, Dave, Terry, Renee, and Jack celebrating CMA's 50th year with Area Reps Eric & Laura Fichter and Christopher Cake (chaplain, ROAR chapter #920).*

### Oh, Be Careful Little Eyes

Mark Heid, CMA National Evangelist, Rocky Mountain Region, walked us through a powerful 12-point checklist:

1. **MIND:** What do you think about?
2. **EYES:** What do you look at?
3. **EARS:** What do you listen to?
4. **MOUTH:** What & how do you speak?
5. **HEART:** What is precious to you?
6. **HANDS:** How are you serving?
7. **STOMACH:** How do you treat your temple of the Holy Spirit?
8. **GROIN:** Are you sexually pure?
9. **KNEES:** How is your prayer life?
10. **WALLET:** Who controls your finances?
11. **FEET:** Are you on the right path?
12. **TRUTH:** Who are you listening to?

*"Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy." Leviticus 11:44*

## CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE

New Life Riders continues to pray for four Hunterdon County pastors and their congregations at each of our monthly meetings and sending a handwritten note to each pastor.

### Sat, May 3:

New Life Riders celebrated 13 years as a CMA chapter.



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NLR joined with other NJ chapters at Washington Crossing Park for CMA's annual *Run for the Son*, which this year raised \$5,750,115.88. *See page 6.*

**Tues, May 6:** NLR prayer at McDonald's in Flemington.

**Sat, May 10:** NLR enjoyed a day at the Motorcyclepedia Muesum in Newburgh, NY, and a wonderful lunch at Cosimo's. *See page 6.*

**Sun, May 11:** Dave Stryker preached at Stockton Wesleyan Church on Mother's Day.

**Tues, May 13:** NLR prayer at McDonald's in Flemington.

**Sat, May 17:** NLR at fundraiser for Pete Serrone. *See page 4.*

**Tues, May 20:** NLR prayer at McDonald's in Flemington.

**Sat, May 24:** Operation Teddy Bear deliveries to county firestations.

**Sun, May 25:** NLR booth set up at the Trenton Thunder Ballpark for Rolling Thunder Memorial Day event. Dave gave the message and a biker blessing. *See page 2.*

**Thurs, June 5:** NLR monthly meeting at the Golden Star Diner.

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## NLR and Rolling Thunder at Trenton Thunder Ballpark

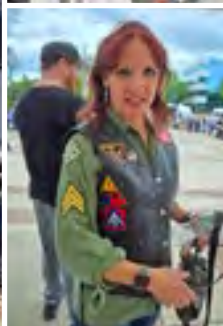
Rolling Thunder once again held its Memorial Day event to honor our military dead and missing. They also honored Rolling Thunder founder Artie Muller who died this year.

We had so many opportunities to talk with those who didn't go on the ride. Special shout outs to Jim (*Lucky 666*, his uncle Joe Sarnoski's WWII B-17) and Diane (*Saddle Up!* a memoir by her coworker, Vietnam veteran Charles Gorman). In addition to sharing lunch, we talked baseball, dads and war.

**Top Row:** Artie Muller's son Michael with Dave Stryker, Terry Slemmer, CMA Area Rep Eric Fichter, Jack Marriott, and ROAR president, Bill Olivier.

**Second Row:** Terry finally meets NLR Terry. What an excited exchange! Tech Sgt Outwater with son Avery on the Honda 50 Mini Trail. Alex enjoyed our talk so much he wanted a selfie with Dave, Terry and Jack at the booth.

**Third Row:** NLR Dave Stryker gave a message and led the biker blessing. (Look behind and to Dave's right: Talk about *The Light vs. darkness.*) Nancy wore her Vietnam veteran dad's Army shirt. Dad's and granddad's military patches adorn her vest. (Father and son shared the same birthday.) Trenton Thunder mascots couldn't resist the Honda 50! Bikes rolled out under the massive American flag.



**87th Security Forces Squadron at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (pictured here, left to right):** MA2 Vincent McArtor with Military Working Dog (MWD) Eagle; Staff Sgt Kelly Shea with MWD Lizi; Technical Sgt Andrew Outwater; Staff Sgt Harley Zimmer with MWD GGranger; Senior Airman Myles Bullock with MWD Torro

**Far Right:** Sr. Airman Bullock acts as a decoy (AKA "chew toy") for GGranger during a MWD demonstration. Staff Sgt Zimmer, handler.





## 50-Year Anniversaries: Joyful, Blessed, Revolutionary, Scary, Good, and Sad

By Dave Stryker

This year, 2025, there are several 50-year anniversaries of notoriety and a couple on a personal level.

When we think of 50-year anniversaries one of the first things that comes to mind is a wedding anniversary. I only know of one couple in my family who lived long enough to celebrate the Big 50. My grandparents on my mother's side exceeded fifty years of wedded bliss and joy.

This year, the Christian Motorcyclists Association is celebrating fifty years of ministry. Herb Shreve began



CMA in 1975 with the intention of reaching lost bikers who might never step foot in a church. The vision of "changing the world one heart at a time" drew many to follow in his path and the worldwide ministry of CMA was born. We (New Life

Riders) had opportunity recently to join with nearly 1,300 CMA members in Altoona, Pennsylvania, for the CMA National Rally East. It was a spectacular event to meet others from across the country and begin new friendships while worshipping together. We were truly blessed.

1975 was the first year for the Honda Goldwing, a motorcycle with a 1000cc engine Honda thought would achieve superbike status, but quickly became the touring motorcycle other brands would try to emulate. The aftermarket business went crazy, especially a company owned by Craig Vetter creating windscreens, saddlebags and trunks.



Five years later, Honda would design an upgraded model to the standard Goldwing and call it the Goldwing Interstate complete with a full fairing up front, saddlebags and touring trunk. Over the years, the engine size would be increased several times and become the 1800cc Goldwing. I happened to be fortunate enough to own one of the first year models. The bike was revolutionary.

In the entertainment world, it's been fifty years since the movie *Jaws* was released. This caused great concern for shore towns as people were scared to go into the water. The phrase "You're gonna need a bigger boat" became one of the greatest movie lines ever. I wonder if anyone ever said that to the disciples or Jesus. If we are fishers of men, do we need a bigger boat?

Now to my life story fifty years ago. I'll call it the good and the sad. I was halfway through high school that summer. I was on my third dirt bike, starting out on a Honda 50 Mini Trail, moving up to a Honda SL 100 and then to a Honda XL 175. There were a handful of us guys who had been moving up to bigger bikes over the years. We were grateful to the local farmers who gave us permission to ride around the perimeter of their fields and even lent us equipment to build a couple tracks on fields they didn't use. We had a great layout of trails through much of East Amwell. This would be one of my best summers ever. It's hard to believe it was fifty years ago. Some of us had part time jobs during the day, some worked weekends. Jobs like golf caddying, pumping gas, mowing grass, working in a greenhouse, and all of us helped farmers with stacking haybales. When it came to riding, you never knew who would be your trail buddy.



We would camp out along the banks of the Backbrook, build a campfire, roll out the sleeping bags under the stars, hear the water flowing from the brook, toast marshmallows or pop *Jiffy Pop* popcorn. It was summertime so the sun came up early. There were times we never slept, staying up all night talking about riding, sports and girls. Occasionally, in the morning we would wipe the dew from our seats and ride over to someone's home and ransack the kitchen to make breakfast or plead with someone's mom to cook us something. They almost always took pity on us and fixed a big meal. Our moms were great. It was a fantastic life for teenage boys. It was fifty years ago, yet the memories are timeless. Life was good, then it all changed.



The saddest, hardest day of my life in 1975 came on Monday, July 28. I had left the house to go riding with a buddy. We rode a lot that day, had taken a break for lunch then rode some more. We parted on the trails to head back to our homes. Some of our trails around the fields ran close to the back roads, that's when I noticed my sister's

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## Battle of the Badges Follow-up *By Nancy Serrone*

**DATE:** Saturday, May 17, 2025

**PLACE:** Flemington Ice Arena

**“THE GOAL”:** A charity hockey game for retired Cpl. Peter Serrone of the Readington Township Police Department.

This *Battle of the Badges* match between the New Jersey State PBA Strongest Hockey Team and the New Jersey State Police Hockey Club was so much fun!

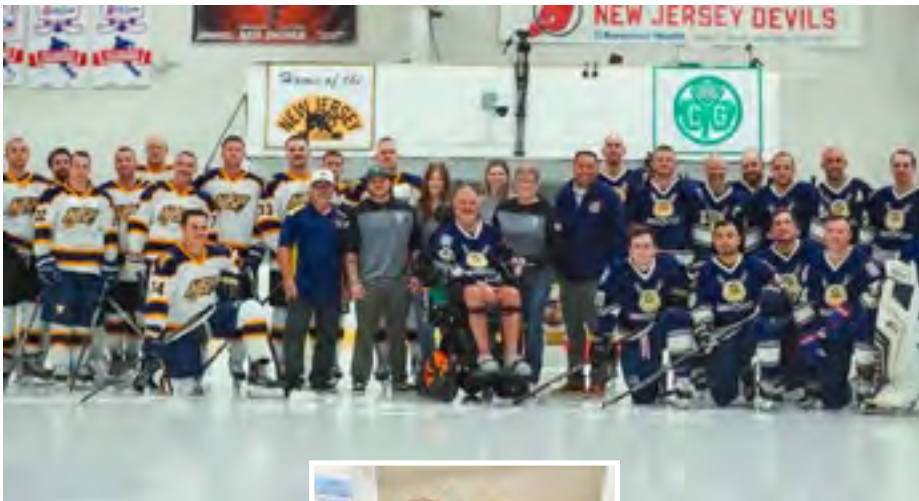
The turnout was amazing, as so many people came out to support Pete and our family. We are so blessed to report that the event raised \$12,000 to go toward Pete’s care as he continues his fight against ALS.

We are so grateful to everyone who worked so tirelessly to put this event together; Hunterdon County PBA Local 188, Readington Township PBA Local 317, and Raritan Township PBA Local 337.

We are so overwhelmed with gratitude to everyone who donated and all who attended. Pete continues to be surrounded by such an outpouring of love and support and we are forever thankful.

These past 18 months since his ALS diagnosis have turned our life upside down and we ask for continued prayers as this terminal illness continues to cause his health to decline.

*[Editor’s Note: See our Spring 2025 Issue 31 / page 4 to read how New Life Riders crossed paths with the Serrones.]*



*Above: Pete and Nancy Serrone with son-in-law Sean, daughter Maeghan, and daughter Emilie surrounded by hockey players and coaches. NJ BPA in blue jerseys and NJ State Police in white.*

*Left: Pete and Nancy.*

## Home Church Vest Sunday

To introduce believers to New Life Riders and the International Christian Motorcycle Association (and lessen their apprehension of bikers), we strive to visit one county church each month.

During riding season, we are often about our Father’s business engaging bikers at secular events on weekends and miss worshipping at our home churches. So we designated the fifth Sunday of the month “Home Church Vest Sunday.” We wear our CMA vests to service and engage our brothers, sisters and visitors as we do when we visit other churches.

On June 29, Pastor Dave Errickson, Stockton Wesleyan Church, offered the pulpit to former Philly’s pitcher Dickie Noles, who gave testimony to the power of God to change lives. He also spoke highly of Pastor Dave for the influence he has been in his life over the years as they worked together to reach troubled youth, beginning with the county jail and the Hunterdon County Drug Awareness program.

We are so thankful for faithful shepherds who humbly lead their flocks to the very heart of God.



*Pastor Dave Errickson and Dickie Noles bookended by New Life Riders Dave Stryker and Terry Slemmer.*



## 50-Year Anniversaries

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car. She was out looking for me and blowing the horn to get my attention. When I stopped, she yelled for me to get home immediately. What kind of trouble could I be in now, I thought?

I arrived at the house and saw a lot of cars in the driveway. I went inside and got the news that my Grandfather Stryker had a heart attack and died before getting to the hospital. I was devastated and hollered, "No! That's impossible!" Just the day before he died, I had been out riding my bike in the backyard down by his garden. He was watching me ride while he picked ripe vegetables to take into the house. Both he and my Grandmother had gone to Sunday evening church service. When they got home, I had ridden to the house to visit with them; my Grandfather was in his favorite chair in the living room reading his Bible. We talked awhile, it was getting late so I said good night, not goodbye, and went home. Those were the last words I would ever say to him. There would be no other nights to talk. I can't believe it was fifty years ago and he was only sixty years old at the time. That was the worst summer up to that time in my life.

Here I am, fifty years after that great loss but with a greater understanding of the man I called Grandpop. He loved the Lord and had



a heart for the lost and little ones who never heard about Jesus. Every Sunday morning he would leave the house early enough to fill his Chevy Impala with kids to take to Sunday School. After Sunday School he would drive them all back to their homes then return for what was left of the church service. I don't know the outcome of the lives of all the children my Grandfather drove to and from Sunday School but I know at a young age they heard about Jesus. They were shown

that someone cared about them and loved them. The Holy Spirit can bring back to mind at any age the most fundamental message. God's word does not return void.

Some people are destined to be recognized and have great notoriety. Some live under the radar and have a much smaller circle of influence. Without a written mission statement or vision my Grandfather was living a life Barry Meguiar encourages, "Moving everyone every day closer to Jesus. Or as CMA says, "Changing the world one heart at a time."

I doubt that at the end of my life my name will go down in history as a Herb Shreve or John Ogden, Sr., but if my name can be in the same sentence with followers of Jesus like Adonis T. Stryker that's a good enough legacy for me, and I'll be listening for the words: "Well done my good and faithful servant."

*Thanks for all you taught me Grandpop, I've missed you for fifty years, but we'll have eternity to catch up.*

## CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE

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**Sun, June 8:** Bravehearts Ride, Pittstown.

**Tues, June 10:** NLR prayer, McDonald's in Flemington.

**Sun, June 15:** NLR booth at Cars and Coffee, Flemington. Father's Day. *See page 6.*

**Mon, June 16:** NLR Zoom call, Calvary Bible Church missionary committee.

**Tues, June 17:** NLR prayer, McDonald's in Flemington.

**Thurs, June 19:** NLR monthly chapter Zoom prayer call.

**Fri-Sun, June 20-22:** CMA National Rally East, Altoona, PA. *See page 1.*



**Tues, June 24:** NLR prayer, McDonald's in Flemington.

**Sat, June 28:** NLR ladies attended Old Rocks Church's Ladies Missions Tea.

**Sun, June 29:** NLR Home Church Sunday, wearing our CMA vests.

**Sun, June 29:** NLR Al Curving emceed Calvary Bible Church hymn sing.

### IN THE WORKS:

**July 14 & 17:** Calvary Bible Church VBS.

**August 20-24:** NLR in the 4-H Fair Community Tent; 25th anniversary.

**9/11:** NLR annual ride to all Hunterdon County first responder facilities.



## Run For The Sun — Tri-State Region Five

**MAY 3, WASHINGTON CROSSING, NJ:** What a difference a year makes. Last year was a bit of a washout, though some braved the elements to get there, only to get caught in the rain on their trip home.

This year, we had beautiful weather. A fifteen-minute as-the-crow-flies ride meandered leisurely for one hour along Hunterdon County backroads (thank you, Dave).

Conversations and laughter abounded as chapters mingled and ate their BYOF(ood) lunches in the gazebo.

Then, beginning at one o'clock, we joined chapters across the country praying for more than a dozen CMA-designated topics, each area U.S.-time-zone-adjusted so all chapters would be praying at the very same time. Powerful!



National Rally East revealed **\$5,750,115.88** was raised this year! CMA Missionary Partners (Global Christian Relief, Jesus Film Project, and Missionary Ventures) each received a check for \$1,150,023.18.

To watch the CMA National Rally East Run for the Son celebration [CLICK HERE.](#)

## Motorcyclepedia Museum

**MAY 10, NEWBURGH NY:** *All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.* Or so the saying goes. (Sorry, Jack!)

New Life Riders scheduled some downtime for a chapter outing to Motorcyclepedia. We spent hours walking through room after room filled with fascinating motorcycle memorabilia and history. Exhibits change intermittently. [CLICK HERE for the website.](#)

We stopped at Cosimo's on the way home for a delicious meal. All in all, it was a great day together.



**Top (right to left):** Mark Stevens joined New Life Riders Al Curving, Renee McFadden, Terry Slemmer, and Dave Styker for the day's excursion.

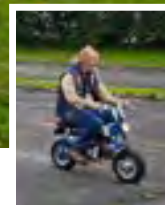
## Cars and Coffee

**JUNE 18, FLEMINGTON, NJ:** Father's Day at New Life Church has become an annual event for New Life Riders. Despite the dismal forecast that kept most of the antique cars safely tucked away at home, we set up our booth, welcomed all who stopped by and renewed acquaintances with previous year "regulars." But just when we thought we'd beat the rain, the downpour came in all its fury. So thankful for the many

hands that helped pack up and cart boxes and plastic tubs to the truck. We're already looking forward to next year.



**Above:** Before the rain came. **Right:** Dave takes a few laps playing Pied Piper to attract the kids. Always works!





## NLR at CMA National Rally East *continued from page 1*

Far too much to capture, but here are a few highlights:

**1.** Terry was delighted to learn Jerry Williams was our worship leader and tell him how much his music as part of the duo Harvest in the 1980s impacted her life and ministry. Terry with Jerry and Darryl.

**2.** Renee with friends Eli and Karen Perez, whom she met on her 2024 Guatemala mission trip. Eli is Development Rep for the Jesus Film Project,® a CMA missionary outreach partner.

**3.** Bike games in the Altoona Alliance Church parking lot.

**L to R: Lane One** passenger tosses a water balloon over the frame to catch on the other side. Unfortunately, very few drivers

escaped dry! **Lane Two** passenger tosses bicycle tires over the cones. **Lane Three** passenger uses a long-handled grabber to pick up as many stuffed animals as possible.

**Lane Four** passenger attempts to sink a golf ball in each of the wooden framed "greens."

**4.** Renee with Tammy Heid & Alissa Hendrickson ("Mother Hen") both of whom will be on her upcoming Togo missions trip.

**5.** JR Estrella (NJ chapter #1299, Wheels of Ezekiel), NJ Reps: Area, Eric & Laura Fichter; State, Peggy Pittenger.

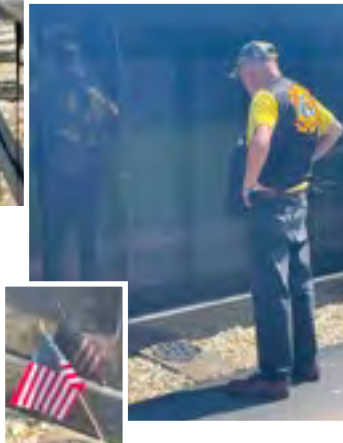


## Vietnam Memorial Replica



Altoona has a permanent Vietnam Memorial in Altoona. We decided to stop on the way home. It appears to be to scale of the Washington DC

monument and is just as overwhelming as the original. Column after column of names that run across seemingly endless rows. Each one precious. Each name representing an empty place that remains still in the hearts of their families and loved ones. War is, indeed, hell.



**Right column, top to bottom:**

**6.** New Life Riders: Jack, Terry, Dave, Renee, and Al.

**7.** Dave's new best buddies: Fast Lane reps Carol & Tom Moyer.

**8.** Florida chapter #749, River Riders. Terry texted Mickie O'Donnell, an answer to prayer during her 2021 family tragedies. No Mickie, but she said to look for the "blue-haired lady"! Search ensued; Jack spotted her. (Pray for Mickie, recovering from surgery.)

**9.** Dave & Terry with special friends Pat & Jim White, Delaware chapter #487, Wheels of Glory. We met in February this year at leadership training, Elkton, Maryland. So excited to spend time together again.

## Prayer & Praise

**PRAISE** for the weekend we New Life Riders shared at the recent CMA National Rally East in Altoona, Pennsylvania. **PRAISE** for multiple times of exuberant worship with well over 1,200 brothers and sisters! **PRAISE** for renewed friendships with CMA members from across the country and meeting new friends. **PRAISE** for extended time apart from our own NLR ministry to laugh and talk over meals and after the day's events, getting to know each other better, not to mention the four and a half hour ride to and from the event. **PRAISE** for the serenity and beauty of the mountain mornings and time alone with God, as even Jesus did. **PRAISE** for another five days to be at the 4-H Fair in August with our NLR table full of messages of hope and new life and for opportunities to share with fair-goers.

**PRAY** that we effectively convey the Good News with all those we encounter. **PRAY** for safety on the road to and from events. **PRAY** for children to know love and security in a godly family. **PRAY** for those unknowingly held firmly in the enemy's grasp. **PRAY** for world and local leaders. **PRAY** for pastors and church leaders. **PRAY** for us. **PRAY** for yourselves. **PRAY** that we all will desire a deep and abiding love for Jesus that can't be contained, that overflows into the lives of all whom He brings to cross our paths. **PRAY** that we remain faithful. **PRAY** for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world who love Jesus, who hold fast to Him, unwilling to denounce or reject Him, despite the horrors to which they and their families are subjected. **PRAY** that those who persecute them come to the Lord, as did Saul.

## Upcoming Events (so far)

**Every Tuesday:** NLR prayer at McDs, Flemington, 7 p.m.

**First Thurs:** NLR monthly meeting, Golden Star Diner, Ringoes

**Third Thurs:** NLR booth, Flemington Powersports bike night

### JULY ———

Sun, July 6: Rolling Thunder Freedom Ride, Columbia NJ

Sat, July 12: Flemington Powersports, Bikes & Bagles

Sat, July 12: Rollin' Fast, Ride for the River

Mon & Thurs, July 14 & 17: CBC/W, Vacation Bible School

Thurs, July 17: Flemington Powersports, Bike Night

Sun, July 20: Cruaders for Coda, Elks Lodge, Sussex

Sun, July 20: Ride for Homeless Vets

Sat, July 26: Car/Truck/Bike Show, Edison

Sun, July 27: Old Bridge Elks Miracle Run

### AUGUST ———

Wed-Sun, Aug 20-24: New Life Riders table at 4-H Fair.

### SEPTEMBER ———

Sun, Sept 21: Forever Friends event with CMA ROAR chapter

Fri-Sun, Sept 26-28: Moto America Road Races, Millville, NJ

## FLASHBACK

If you missed the interview New Life Riders president Dave Stryker had with Felix Mariano of F-TV in our Spring issue:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Felix highlighted the Flemington Powersports' event on his YouTube channel. Dave begins at 4:21 and continues until 9:03. He presented CMA and also focused on what we as a New Jersey chapter do here in Hunterdon County. *Great job, Dave!*



## Call for Content

- Event Reports • Upcoming Events
- MC Facts and Trivia • Tips
- Articles written by NLRs
- Links to other articles or matters of interest
- Pictures! (JPG, PDF format)

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