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NEWS

68th Annual Dinner Dance Will Honor Mr. T. Allan McArtor

The Wings Club proudly announces Mr. T. Allan McArtor, Chairman of Airbus Americas, Inc. will be honored with the 2010 Distinguished Achievement Award. Acknowledging outstanding accomplishments in the field of aviation, The Wings Club will present the Award on Friday, October 22, 2010 at its 68th Annual Dinner-Dance to be held at the Waldorf = Astoria Hotel in New York City. Airbus Americas is the parent company of Airbus Americas Sales and Airbus North America Customer Services, Airbus North America Engineering and Airbus Alabama.



Distinguished Achievement
Award Recipient Allan McArtor

McArtor has enjoyed an exceptional career in aviation leading him to his current position. He was named Chairman of Airbus Americas, Inc. in June 2001, with responsibility for overseeing the activities and strategy of Airbus in the US, Canada and Latin America in several key areas, including governmental affairs and Airbus industrial strategy in the US plus the Tanker Steering Committee. Before joining Airbus, McArtor was the Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Legend Airlines, a regional carrier based at Dallas Love Field in Texas. Prior to that, he held a series of leadership and senior management positions in the military, civil and government sectors.

From 1979 to 1994, McArtor served on the senior management team of Federal Express Corporation as the head of all air operations - except for two years (1987-1989) when President Ronald Reagan appointed him to serve as the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). As FAA Administrator, McArtor was credited with helping to regain public confidence in air transportation, while accelerating the modernization of air traffic control (ATC). He also increased FAA funding for ATC and other critical programs, including Extended Twin Operations (ETOPS) and Traffic Collision

Avoidance System (TCAS). In addition, McArtor created the standards for current "Aging Aircraft" regulations and issued the industry's Stage III noise regulations.

McArtor was a highly decorated combat fighter pilot in Vietnam, an Associate Professor of Engineering Mechanics at the Air Force Academy, and capped his Air Force career as a pilot with the U.S. Air Force "Thunderbirds" Aerial Demonstration Team. He is a 1964 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy (BSE) and holds a Master's Degree (MSE) from Arizona State University. In 2009, he was awarded the Air Traffic Control Association's Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award for outstanding life-long achievements by an individual in the field of aviation.

In addition to his executive responsibilities at Airbus, McArtor serves on the Board of Directors for The National Air & Space Museum (NASM); The European Institute; Washington Area Airports Authority; Aviation Safety Alliance; GKN Aerospace Transparency Systems; Committee for Economic Development; and The Wings Club (and former President). He also holds a board seat for a number of civic, industry, charity and educational groups, including the Falcon Foundation, Sabre Society, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Professional Advisory Board, and the Air Force Memorial Foundation Board of Trustees.

The Wings Club's Distinguished Achievement Award has been presented annually since 1975. Past recipients include Astronaut Neil Armstrong, Senator John Glenn, former President George H. W. Bush, Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager, Steven Udvar-Hazy, as well as 13 present and former airline CEO's including Fred Smith, Bob Crandall, Herb Kelleher, Gordon Bethune, Sir Colin Marshall, Wolfgang Mayrhuber and Sir Richard Branson.





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A Message From The President



October 2010

Dear Wings Club Members:

Welcome back from what I hope was a very enjoyable summer. We are geared up for a terrific fall program.

Our Aviation Leader Series has an exciting line-up for the balance of the year: In November, Jim McNerney, Chairman of the Board, President and CEO of The Boeing Company; in December, Gary Kelly, Chairman of the Board, President and CEO of Southwest Airlines; and in January, Willie Walsh, CEO of British Airways. And, we started off with a full house with Alan Mulally, President and CEO, of The Ford Motor Company in September.

We are quickly approaching the 2010 Wings Club Dinner-Dance that promises to be a memorable evening. Allan McArtor will be the recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award on Friday, October 22 at the Waldorf = Astoria Hotel.

The bookings for this year's event are at record levels, exceeding 1,100 attendees. We are already booking first balcony tables. If you plan to attend, please make your reservations soon.

In my May message, I alerted you to the continuation of the General Harold R. Harris "Sight" Lecture series, planned for the May Luncheon. Governor Tom Ridge presented the address and we plan to mail each member a collector's quality copy shortly.

We have made good progress on the three initiatives that I introduced at the start of my term:

Making Aviation "Cool" (MAC) – Our goal with this initiative is to make aviation more attractive to young people so we have a greater pipeline for talent in the industry. We have an enthusiastic team in place that has been working diligently over the last several months researching best practices and putting a plan in place to keep progress moving forward.

Scholarship Fund fundraising – We continue to focus on building our scholarship activities to promote and encourage education in aviation and aerospace. If you haven't already given to the Scholarship Fund this year, please consider a donation.

Broaden the membership base – Our efforts continue as we reach out to attract new members to The Wings Club. We've expanded The Wings Club Board to include a number of corporate jet manufacturers and we are looking to add additional constituencies.

I hope to see you at one of our many events this fall.

Best regards,

C. Jeffrey Knittel
President
The Wings Club



HIGHLIGHTS FROM WINGS CLUB EVENTS

SEE WHAT YOU MISSED



APRIL



April 21, 2010
Randy Babbitt,
FAA Administrator

Speaking on the occasion of the Second Annual joint luncheon with the Washington Aero-Club, Administrator Babbitt used his speech to champion NextGen technology. He observed that the current system cannot possibly hold up to the growing demands of the future, and noted that the US would be hard pressed to find another system this big and this critical to the country that is still tethered to 1950's technology. "NextGen has components that touch all of the elements of flight. NextGen is going to change the way we fly, make no mistake about it," he emphasized.

MAY (GVA)



May 5, 2010
Eric Conner,
Chairman & CEO NetJets Europe

In the Wing Club's first visit to Geneva, Eric Conner spoke about the growth of private aviation in Europe and the effects of the recession on businesses in general and on NetJets in particular. He noted that recessions provide the opportunity to examine your business costs more carefully and to re-invent and streamline your organizations. He described coming out of a recession as "an exciting time" when the strongest companies take their businesses to a different level. "Any industry which matures quickly, will need even more mature systems going forward," he remarked.

MAY (NYC)



May 19, 2010
Gov. Tom Ridge,
former Governor of Pennsylvania and Homeland Security Secretary, 2003-2005

Delivering the Sight Lecture for 2010, Governor Ridge devoted his remarks to the topic of risk management and specifically the need for the US to adopt a risk management mindset. "One of the philosophies we applied within the Department of Homeland Security on a day-to-day basis - and I was proud of it - was you have to manage risk, you cannot eliminate it," he said. We are living in a world that more and more is moving toward managed risk, but the US still hesitates. "We have the technical capability in this country to do it. We don't have the will," he concluded.

JUNE



June 16, 2010
Jim Guyette,
President and Chief Executive Officer of Rolls-Royce, North America

After a rousing video opening showcasing select highlights of American aviation, the former Wings Club President and Board member devoted his remarks to emphasizing the importance of quality, competition and innovation and the "big moments" made possible when competition drives innovation. Guyette quoted company co-founder Henry Royce when he said, "strive for perfection in everything we do; take the best that exists and make it better and when it does not exist, design it," and reminded the audience that "competition and innovation make us what we are today. Ours is an industry founded on possibilities, big risks and big rewards."



Distinguished Achievement Profile Series

DATE: 1977**Laurance S. Rockefeller 1910-2004**

Laurance S. Rockefeller was the fourth of John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s six children and during World War II, had served in the U.S. Navy with the rank of lieutenant commander. In the 1930s he became friendly with Captain Rickenbacker, an air ace in WWI, who in 1938 purchased Eastern Air Transport, formally Pitcairn Aviation. It was Laurance Rockefeller who became a major participant in refinancing the new company whose name was eventually changed to Eastern Airlines. After the war with the boom in commercial air travel and with the rising popularity of Florida as a tourist and retirement destination, it became one of the largest and most profitable of the nation's airlines. The big four of these with their large domestic networks was American, Eastern, TWA and United. As Eastern's largest shareholder, Rockefeller served on the board of directors (1938-1960, 1977-1981) and as an advisory director from 1981 until 1987.

In 1939 when aircraft designer J. S. McDonnell met Laurance Rockefeller most of his company's designs and finances were in his briefcase; when he left the meeting he had an additional \$40,000 and Rockefeller had 4000 preference shares in the nascent company which was based in St. Louis. Producing some seven million pounds of airframes during the war and being subjected to a federal investigation for profiteering, which dragged in Laurance and his brothers who by 1954, had increased their stake to \$400,000 and a one fifth voting share in the business. At this time, the F-101 Voodoo supersonic fighter-bomber made its first flight with a subsequent production run of 807 variations ranging from night-fighter to bomber escort. As head of the Rockefeller Brothers, Inc. research and investment house, Laurance decided some time later to reduce their financial interest in the company, they having a firm policy of investing and risking their money in fledgling start-ups and small firms with innovative ideas and pulling out when profits and market success was assured. The result was they are today recognized as pioneers in the founding of the venture capital profession.

As an accomplished pilot, Laurance Rockefeller had a keen interest in airports and aviation safety. Mayor

O'Dwyer appointed him in 1946 to the newly created New York City Airport Authority. The Flight Safety Foundation was launched in 1945 to improve flight safety through research, testing and the dissemination of information to industry and public; from the beginning, Laurance played a leading role in all of its activities.

A few other then well known aviation firms which received major financial investments and advice from Laurance and his brothers are Piasecki Helicopter Corp. now part of Boeing, (as is McDonnell-Douglas!); Reaction Rockets, whose engine propelled Chuck Yeager in the Bell X-1 through mach one; Marquardt Aircraft Corporation and its ramjet; Airborne Instruments Labs., and New York Airways, whose helicopter service saved hours with its seven minute flights from JFK to the roof of the Pan Am Building.

All of the advanced technologies ranging from high temperature chemistry, lasers and composites to Apple and Intel in their formative years saw the brothers on their boards with their financial assistance, while they learnt to walk and become profitable. In August 1969 Laurance Rockefeller created Venrock as the venture capital group, with offices in New York, Palo Alto, Cambridge, MA and Israel. This tradition of funding entrepreneurs and establishing successful companies is now some eighty years old, the father John D. Rockefeller Jr. having by example imbued the five sons and daughter in their obligation to return to society through such work what they had received.

Laurance followed his father in creating and expanding our national park system, including our local Palisades Interstate Park and Bear Mountain; the lists of performing arts and museums goes on for pages, as do hospitals and associated research clinics such as the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Laurance Rockefeller married Mary French in 1934 and raised three daughters and a son. At his death in 2004 he had eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. His wife died in 1997.



2009-2010 Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Facility Committee Report

The Board of Governors decided to investigate the feasibility and financial practicality of creating administrative offices in the midtown area, easily accessible to the Yale Club. Bill DeCota, Club Secretary and Chairman of the Finance Committee agreed to chair the committee.

He investigated various options based on a schematic layout of an office, including estimating the cost of such a venture. After Bill's untimely death in September, I took over the supervision of the project.

We investigated three building sites with a total of six options. Harris Herman, Club General Manager visited all of them. We have selected a stand-alone office in the MetLife Building (formerly the Pan Am Building) across the street from the Yale Club. It has 2,285 square feet and will have staff offices, visitor workstations and a conference room.

We are currently in final lease negotiations and expect to move in this fall.

Dave Barger, Chairman

Finance Committee Report

The Club had another successful year financially.

Approximately 540 individual members renewed their membership. With new individual and corporate members, Golden Eagles and Honorary Members, we have a membership level of 1109, a 0.5% drop from last year, after a 4% drop the previous year.

The Dinner-Dance honoring Wolfgang Mayrhuber was another great success, drawing 1000 paying guests and earning an estimated profit of \$500,000.

Given the favorable financial results, the Board voted to donate funds annually to aviation oriented organizations doing humanitarian efforts. This year the Club donated \$25,000 to Corporate Angel Network.

The 2009 Audit was completed towards the end of the Club year with one recommendation for change to our present practices and procedures.

The cash forecasts for the upcoming Club year indicate that we will have another profitable year, assuming the expected membership renewals.

Tom Fitzsimmons, Chairman

Program Committee Report

It should be noted we had our 6th "On The Road" event in Dublin in March 2010. Seven of the ten speakers were first-time presenters.

Our speakers were:

March

Michael Derchin
FTN Equity Capital Markets Corp.
&

Dr. Julius Maldutis
Aviation Dynamics

May

Mike Griffin
Formerly with NASA
(THE "SIGHT" LECTURE)

June

Dr. John Johnson
Embry-Riddle

September

Todd Kallman
Pratt & Whitney

November

Bob Fornaro
AirTran Airways

December

Gary Kelly
Southwest Airlines

January

Glenn Tilton
United Airlines

February

Bill Flynn
Atlas Air Worldwide

March (Dublin)

Christoph Mueller
Aer Lingus

Dave McKay, Chairman

Historical and Education Committee Report

In May Mike Griffin, former NASA Administrator, gave the "SIGHT" Lecture. A historical reprint of the lecture has been mailed to all members.

Mr. William Bath, the Club's Historian, has begun a series of articles on the Club's Distinguished Achievement Award recipients. The article on Jimmy Doolittle, the first recipient, appeared in the winter edition of the newsletter

Following up on the Club's establishment of an Intern Program with those participating companies listed on the Club's web site, the Club contacted the Presidents of the 25 leading engineering schools to make them aware of the program and requesting that they share the information with the students.

The committee together with our IAWA partners has established an Outstanding Aviator Award to be presented at the Annual Meeting on March 23, 2010. The first recipient will be the Tuskegee Airmen, of World War II fame.

Ken Gazzola, Chairman



European Chapter Report

The idea to form a European Chapter began in Dublin through the efforts of Club Board Member, John S. Slattery. He identified potential members of a Board of Directors, asked me to serve as the first president and we work with Club counsel, Holland & Knight and A & L Goodbody in Dublin to determine the appropriate corporate structure. That effort is continuing and in January 2010, Greg Thomas, CEO of PrivatAir based in Geneva, assumed the presidency, as planned.

The fourth annual Dublin Luncheon was held on March 10, 2010 with 245 guests. The speaker was Christoph Mueller, CEO of Aer Lingus.

Jim King, President

House Committee Report

The committee continued the upgrade program introduced at the 2008 Dinner-Dance.

- Decorations in the corridor where guests check in and entrances to the Grand Ballroom as well as on the Ballroom stage.
- A decorative element on the back of the stage to enhance the color and brightness of the Ballroom.
- A first course of grilled salmon instead of a traditional salad
- Musicians serenading during the reception
- A professional singer for the National Anthem
- Expanded food offering during the reception
- An additional screen for displaying the activity on stage
- Relocation of presentations to attract the audience's interest
- Expanded Silent Auction prize list

Jeff Knittel, Chairman

Membership Committee Report

The Wings Club has 984 paid members versus 996 last year, a drop of 1.2%. Total membership including Golden Eagles and Honorary Members is 1,109.

We added 12 new Corporate Members and now have a total of 71. Members of Corporate Membership Companies make up 39% of total paid membership.

We also added 51 new individual members. We continue to contact nonmembers attending Luncheons suggesting they become members.

The updated Membership Directory is in final editing and will be issued shortly.

I have expanded the committee for 2010 with a focus on Corporate Membership. I have set a goal of increasing the list by 20%.

Kevin McAllister, Chairman

Awards Committee Report

The Wings Club Distinguished Achievement Award honors an individual who exhibits "outstanding accomplishments in the field of aviation and astronautics." The 2009 award recipient, Wolfgang Mayrhuber CEO of Deutsche Lufthansa AG, received his award before 1,000 members and guests at the 67th Annual Dinner-Dance on October 23, 2009.

The tenth annual Wings Club Distinguished Scholar Awards of \$5,000 each were presented that same evening for "outstanding academic achievement in the field of aviation." to:

Caroline Brozovich, Embry-Riddle
Jackeline Diapis, Vaughn College

Kevin Lin, MIT
Richard Smail, Dowling College

The first annual Bill DeCota Memorial Scholarship was presented to Sandeep Kaur of Vaughn College, and

The first joint Wings Club/IAWA Scholarship was presented to Rachel Pachoud of McGill University

The Committee also evaluated candidates for the 2010 Distinguished Achievement Award and recommended Allan McArtor, CEO Airbus Americas, and a former Wings Club President. He was unanimously approved at the January 21, 2010 Board Meeting.

Bruce Whitman, Chairman



Governance Committee Report

The following members have been nominated to serve on the Board of Governors for a three-year term beginning March 23, 2010:

Susan Baer	Director of Aviation The Port Authority of NY & NJ
Henri Courpron	President Seabury Aerospace
Marlin Dailey	Executive Vice President Sales Boeing Commercial Airplanes
Barry Eccleston	President & CEO Airbus Americas
Todd Kallman	President, Commercial Engines Pratt & Whitney
Gary Spulak	President Embraer Aircraft Holdings
Greg Thomas	CEO PrivatAir
Bruce Whitman	President FlightSafety International

The following members have been nominated to serve on the Board of Governors for the last two years of four unexpired terms, beginning March 23, 2010:

Ian Aitken	President & CEO International Aero Engines
Bob Fornaro	Chairman, President & CEO AirTran Airways
Gary Scott	President Bombardier Aerospace
Laura Wright	Senior VP Finance & CFO Southwest Airlines

The following members have been nominated to serve on the Board of Governors for the final year of three unexpired terms, beginning March 23, 2010:

Jeff Foland	Senior VP Worldwide Sales & Mktg. United Airlines
Robert Isom	Executive Vice President & COO US Airways
Jim Jacobs	Vice-Chairman NetJets

Jeff Knittel, Chairman

The Wings Club recognizes members celebrating milestone anniversaries and thanks them for their continued support.

TEN YEARS

Stella Belvisi
Herman Bernstein
G. Patrick Brown
Pierre Chao
Jeffrey DeCarlo
Anthony Esposito
Paul Fagan
John Feren
John Flanagan
Paul Fulchino
Stephen Gamble
E. A. Garthe
Richard Gierbolini
Pamela Hanlon
Pedro Heilbron
Ed Hirsch
Robert Keady
Helen King
Fred Ulysses Kopec
Munira Lalljee
Marshall Larson
Bo Long
John Marshall
Harold McGraw
Cortland Mehl
Eric Mendelson
Rob Parrish
Damo Raike
Richard Ritorto
Robert Salerno
Jan Willem Smeulers
Gary Spulak
Edward Thurn
Thomas Walby
Peter Walsh
Eric Zipkin

TWENTY YEARS

Gail Butler
Samuel Buttrick
Ronald Davies
William Gardner
John Helm
D. Scott Kimbriel
Jean Pierson
Sir Colin Marshall
Dan McKinnon
Linda Sollars

THIRTY YEARS

G. M. Bjorg
Charlie Crawley
Frank Gardner
Patricia Johnson

FORTY YEARS

John Kent

FIFTY YEARS

Jack Chack

SIXTY YEARS

Louis Garcia





THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

APRIL LUNCHEON



Jeffrey Knittel, Allan McArtor, Susan Baer, Dave Barger



Jeffrey Knittel and Lisa Piccione



Pam Ross, Stacey Kodak



Phil Trenary, Randy Babbitt, Susan Warner Dooley



Head Table:

*Standing: Allan McArtor, Bruce Whitman, Gary Krauthamer, Tom Fitzsimmons, Ken Gazzola
Seated: David McKay, Jeff Knittel, Randy Babbitt, Lisa Piccione, Bob Craft*



MAY LUNCHEON



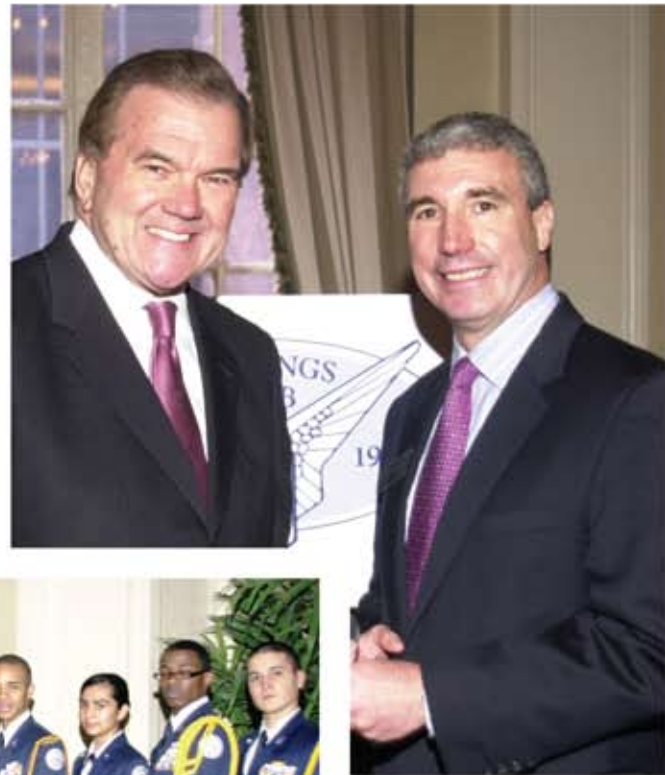
Isaac Bendkowski, Elvin Skende, Jorg Witaseck, Lee Garvin, Robyn Killian, Olaf Gorecki, Persy Mendez



Jeff Knittel, Jim Jacobs, Ken Gazzola



Jay Nichtberger, Kristen Cloud, Governor Tom Ridge



Governor Tom Ridge and Jeff Knittel



Aviation High School Students with Jeff Knittel: Joe Kyle, Tiffany Indar, Kendall Evans, Jacqueline Rodriguez, Danny Lendof, Jhoan Tavaréz, Sarustrati Sharma, That Silvera, Raymond Perricario



THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

JUNE LUNCHEON



David McKay, Joseph Gullion, Kay Guyette, James M. Guyette, Allan McArtor, Bruce Whitman



Rick Deurloo, Debra Guss, Maria Diaz, Steve Pattison



Harris Herman, Tony Checa, Henk Guitjens, Steve Harfst, Richard Greenwald



James M. Guyette and David McKay



*Head Table:
Standing: Todd Kallman, Ian Aitken, Ken Gazzola, John Slattery
Seated: Gary Krauthamer, Allan McArtor, Kay Guyette, James M. Guyette, David McKay, Bruce Whitman*



GENEVA LUNCHEON



Phillip Terblanche, Robin Williams, Ralph Vasami, Jonathan Howells



Bruce Whitman, Eric Connor, Eric Hinson



Susanne Risch, Robert Wells, Carolyn Lutz, Roger McMullin



Eric Connor and Greg Thomas



Juliane von Heimendahl, Etorre Poggi, Mike Berry



Greg Thomas and Luncheon Attendees

2010-2011 BOARD MEMBERS

Ian Aitken
International Aero Engines

Susan M Baer
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David Barger
JetBlue Airways

Henri Courpron
Int'l Lease Finance Corp.

Marlin Dailey
Being Commercial Airplanes

Barry Eccleston
Airbus Americas, Inc.

Thomas Fitzsimmons
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Todd Kallman
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Dassault Falcon Jet Corp.

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Bombardier Aerospace

Gary Spulak
Embraer Aircraft Holdings, Inc.

David P. Storch
AAR Corp.

Greg Thomas
PrivatAir

Bruce N. Whitman
FlightSafety International

Laura Wright
Southwest Airlines

SAVE THE DATE

The 68th Annual Dinner-Dance

October 22, 2010
6:30 PM
Waldorf = Astoria
New York

The November Luncheon

November 11, 2010
11:45 AM
The Yale Club

Speaker: W. James McNerney, Jr.
Chairman, President & CEO
The Boeing Company

The December Luncheon

December 15, 2010
11:45 AM
The Yale Club

Speaker: Gary Kelly
Chairman, President & CEO
Southwest Airlines

The January Luncheon

January 20, 2011
11:45 AM
The Yale Club

Speaker: Willie Walsh
CEO, British Airways




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