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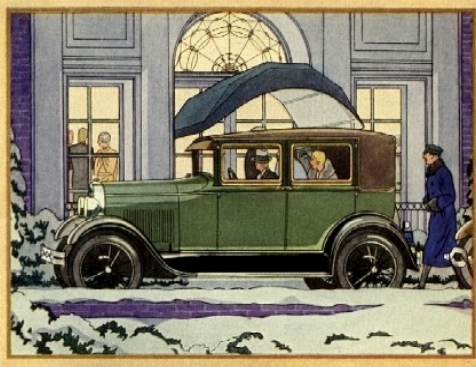
The **September** club meeting will be **Friday, September 24th** at 7:30PM at the Walteria clubhouse

The **October** club meeting will be

Friday, October 29th at 7:30PM. We will have a 6PM pot luck dinner beforehand. A-L bring main course and M-Z bring salad.



Also, nominations for next years board will be accepted. Come by a little early and help with the set up. This is a good time to chat with your friends and catch up on all the latest Model A info! See you there.



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Upcoming Tour

Save the weekend of **Saturday, October 9th** and **Sunday, October 10th**. Several clubs are getting together to tour the 'Old Ridge Route'. The tour will be Saturday and the Frazier Park picnic will be Sunday.

Drain Marshall has made the arrangements for this event and it should be a fun time.



See page 7 for more info.

Technical Seminar

Does your A's gas gauge read correctly? Art Wagner is trying to put together a seminar on **October 2nd** at Al Avoian's garage in Torrance to calibrate and adjust your A's gas gauge. More info soon.

Contact: Art at 310-374-6113 if you would like to participate in such a gathering.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is **Tuesday, October 5th** at the home of Doris and Drain Marshall. The time is 7PM. The address is 5153 Willow Wood Rd, Rolling Hills Est, CA 90274. Their phone is 310-378-5061.

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Notes from the President

By Bob Speaks



The President Speaks!

Howdy All,

It is hard to believe that we are 3/4 of the way through the year. Time goes by fast. We have had some fun tours already and some more things coming up as well. Hope you will join in on these Model A events. They are really fun and involve the whole family.

A couple things to mention. At the October 29th club meeting, it will be a pot luck. We do this every year near clock change-over time. A-L brings main course and M-Z brings salad. We come early and eat about 6PM. The meeting is still at 7:30PM. Also at the same meeting, we will be accepting nominations for next year's Board. Open at this time is Treasurer (2 years), Technical Director (1 year), and Tour Director (1 year). Give some thought about supporting your club and be an elected officer.

Another thing (food again). We are planning a progressive tour on October 16th. Three food stops. More details are in this issue of the newsletter. Drive your Model As.

Our technical guys are hoping to have a 'gas gauge calibration' seminar-meeting on October 2nd. Keep your ears open for more details on this. Hope to have it at 'Big Al's' garage in Torrance.

President Bob (with a little help from the editor)

Off the clock

By Rebecca Dudley
News-Tribune Editor/Publisher



My ex-husband had this annoying habit of bringing greasy old carburetors and things into the house to work on. So, last week, when my friend called to tell me this story, my first response was, "Where did this guy live?"

Now reassured that I was never related to him by marriage, this really is too hilarious not to share.

The way my friend told it, this guy pushed his motorcycle from the patio into his living room, where he began to clean the engine with some rags and a bowl of gasoline. When he finished, he sat on the motorcycle and decided to start it to make sure everything was still OK. Unfortunately, the bike started in gear, and crashed through the glass patio door with him still clinging to the handlebars.

His wife had been working in the kitchen. She came running at the noise, and found him crumpled on the patio, badly cut from the shards of broken glass. She called 911, and the paramedics transported the guy to the emergency room.

So far, the story is humorous — in a "that is what you get for being a big enough lout to bring your motorcycle into the house" kind of way.



But here is where I really split a gut.

Later that afternoon, after many stitches had pulled her husband back together, the wife brought him home and put him to bed. She cleaned up the mess in the living room, and dumped the bowl of gasoline in the toilet.

Shortly thereafter, her husband woke up, lit a cigarette, and went into the bathroom. He sat down and tossed the cigarette into the toilet, which promptly exploded because the wife had not flushed the gasoline away. The explosion blew the man through the bathroom door.

The wife heard the explosion and her husband's screams. She ran into the hall and found him lying on the floor with his trousers blown away and burns on his buttocks. The wife again ran to the phone and called for an ambulance.

The same two paramedics were dispatched to the scene. They loaded the husband on the stretcher and began carrying him to the street. One of them asked the wife how the injury had occurred. When she told them, they began laughing so hard that they dropped the stretcher, and broke the guy's collarbone.

Talk about instant karma.

Bobby Younkin Does it Again



Member Bobby Younkin won the 'Chief's Choice' award at the 9th annual Police Department Car Show in Lompoc this last month. He has won several awards with his recently completed 1951 Ford Victoria. Nice job, Bobby!

Photo by: Jack Gordinier



Sunshine Secretary's Report . . . By Doris Marshall

Paul Larquier is still having good and bad days. Hang in there Paul. We are thinking of you.

October Birthdays

- 9 Julie Goldberg
- 13 Adeline Bates
- 21 Brad Guy
- 21 John Polson
- 25 Tim Harrison
- 27 Glenn Stonehocker



October Anniversaries

- 3 Bob & Lowane Younkin
- 8 Glen & Nita Stonehocker
- 20 Elyse & Jim Beardsley

Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

Many of the club members receive the HarborLight by **email**. I encourage you to do this. Just let me know your current email address. It's that simple. The club saves a little more than one dollar each month per email subscriber. I have an email distribution now of 32 people from the Harbor Club and 21 others. This is close to \$600 per year savings. **AND** it is in **color**! You can print it out in B&W or color if you want, enlarge it, send it to your friends, or save it in your computer files. Again, just let me know your email address. Thanks.

Editors are always looking for articles of interest to put in the newsletters. There must be some interesting Model A stories out there. How long have you had your car? Have you driven it on some great journeys? Was it a family car? Did you restore it yourself? Do you have before and after pictures? If you have pictures, I can scan them and put them in the newsletter. If you have an item for sale, let me know. I will put it in the 'Wheels and Deals' section. The newsletter is distributed to many other clubs locally and other parts of the country. See page 39 of the Sept-Oct 'Restorer' magazine, as an example.

Wait, there's more! The Pacific As Region of MARC is moving right along in it's preparation of hosting the 2011 MARC National Meet in San Diego. We now have raffle tickets for the grand prize of a **long block, stock H&H engine**. Max Jr. has agreed to donate one of his rebuilt engines for the convention raffle. **Thanks, Max!** Dick Wyckoff has some raffle tickets for sale. \$5 for one, \$20 for five, \$50 for 15, and \$100 for 35 tickets. The drawing will be held at the 2011 National Meet, July 1st. Call Dick at 310-322-8863 or email janndick@earthlink.net.

There is still more: Dan Fitzgerald has arranged for another great raffle prize. It is a free two night stay with a nice dinner at the very upscale **Meritage Resort in Napa California**. Also included with the stay is a **case of fine Trinitas wine**. (Editor's note: I have stayed at the Meritage Resort and it is awesome. Very classy in a beautiful setting in Napa.) Raffle tickets will be available soon.

There are many committees involved in the National Meet. Both Bob Speaks and Dick Lusk have agreed to head up the Swap Meet and the Event Parking committees. The Board and several committee chairs toured the Town and Country resort this last week to plan the layout. It is a super facility for the Meet! Several members have already said they would help. We will be working on the many committee assignments soon. Thanks to those who have volunteered. If asked, please help out in any way possible. There are many jobs and, like the saying goes, "Many hands make light work".

Check out the website being developed: www.2011MARCmeet.com



Apple Hill Meet, Placerville Ca, September 2-6, 2010



The Marshalls, Parrishs, Earharts, and the Wyckoffs



Dick Wyckoff's '29 Pickup at the BBQ



On tour in the Gold Country



Dick's PU at the BBQ with other As



Parrish's grandson Cody and Dick at the car games

Friday Afternoon at Ruby's Diner:

Since March, Ruby's Diner in Redondo Beach by the pier has hosted a weekly gathering of fun cars. This event can bring as many as 150 cars of all types. Classics, Concours, hot rods, antiques, sports cars, motorcycles, and Model As!. Many Harbor Club members show their cars and enjoy a great meal in the diner. Check it out. Times are about **4PM to 7:30PM every Friday**. There is a nice raffle and trophies are awarded each week. Parking is free to participating cars. This event will continue all summer until sometime in October. See you there.



Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering:

If you are looking for a little tire-kicking adventure on **Saturday** mornings between 7 and 9AM, check out the Caffeine Cruisers at the corner of Artesia Blvd and Hawthorne, in Torrance, CA. Several of the Harbor Model A club members and other car enthusiasts of all car types meet to talk cars. There are some very nice autos and some nice people there, too! The address is 17400 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance CA. Come on by, have a cup of Starbucks, and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



Weekly Family Food Festivities:

Many of the Harbor members meet at the **Hot 'n Tot** restaurant each **Monday** at about 5PM for dinner. Drain Marshall likes to call it 'Spaghetti Night' because the Monday night dinner special is all you can eat spaghetti with a salad at \$6.25. Join us for dinner. The Hot 'n Tot is located at 2347 Pacific Coast Highway in Lomita, CA. It's about a half mile east of Crenshaw Blvd., north side.





Technical Talk



A seminar invitation: The Electrical System

A classroom type seminar will be presented at the CHOC hospital on **Saturday, October 16th, 2010, 8:30AM to 1:00PM**. The subject will be the **Model A Electrical System** and will be presented by **Tom Endy** of the Orange County club. Several neighboring Model clubs have been invited to attend the seminar. The presentation will specifically take into consideration people who do not have a background in electrical technology.

Handouts of the Model A electrical system will be provided. There will also be a dynamic display device presented that operates from a 6-volt power source that has a Model A coil, condenser, and spark plug. The display visually fires the spark plug such as would an engine operating at 1000 RPM.

The seminar will cover all aspects of the electrical system including the battery circuit, the generator and cut-out circuit, the light circuit, horn circuit, and the ignition circuit. It will also cover 6-volt to 12-volt conversion.



Emphasis will be placed on several peculiarities of Henry Ford's unique electrical system and some of the side affects caused by modern electrical system modifications available to hobbyists today.

For guests of neighboring clubs, CHOC hospital is located at 455 S. Main St., Orange, CA. From Main Street turn east on Providence Ave. and immediately, on your right, enter the parking structure and proceed to the 2nd level. The classroom is adjacent to, and is accessible, from the parking structure.

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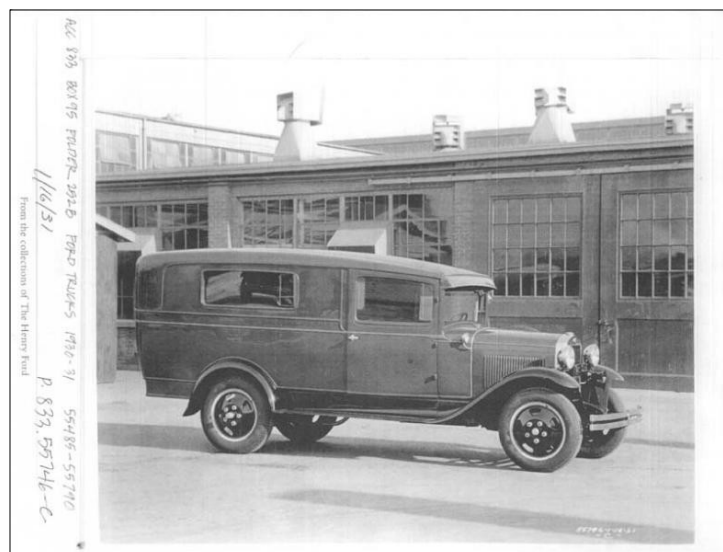


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2010 Membership, Roster and Club Items:

The club welcomes two new members: #1035 **Jack and Julie Goldberg**. They live on 1229 Via Landeta, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274. Their telephone # is: 310-770-1267.

Their email is: Westco@WestcoElectrical.com. They have a 1929 Model AA truck. Welcome!

Don't forget to update your rosters

2010 Phonebooks/rosters are available at all get-togethers. The first booklet is free, additional copies are \$2. They are also available free of charge through e-mail. Club members that don't attend events can request a phonebook/roster by mail. Contact Ursi Schmidt.

Also available are neat ball caps with the club's logo. Available in many colors \$12. There are a few 50th anniversary T-shirts and pins still available, too. Please call **Ursula** at (310) 539-5391 to place your order.

From Gloria Younkin: **Club jackets** can be purchased at California Pro Sports, 1740 PV Dr North, Harbor City, CA. 310-548-6012. Jacket description: Tri-Mountain 1500 coach jacket, nylon w/lining, color Navy. The embroidery is done at First Class Embroidery, 1526 Anaheim St., Harbor City CA. 310-326-7635.

Back by popular demand: The popular **50th Anniversary Harbor Club Cookbook** has been re-printed. We have only 15 copies left from the 100 printed. They are going fast! They are \$10 each. Contact Doris Marshall or Dick Wyckoff for your copy now. They make great gifts!

Just in from **MARC**: Next years National dues will be \$40. The Harbor Club dues are still \$25.

Harbor 'deLights' or Happenings Around the Club

Doris Marshall is seen working the crowd selling Harbor's 50th anniversary cookbooks at all the Model A events. She sold 14 at the Apple Hill meet in Placerville. Way to go, Doris! We have 15 left.

Dan and Liz Fitzgerald and Dick and Jan Wyckoff drove their As in the Palos Verdes Concours Rallye. Lots of fun. They ended the rallye at the Edelbrock plant in Torrance.

Elaine and Mirco Pisu are back from Italy after visiting family there.

Al Avoian opened up his car garage for a workshop. Great place to work! Thanks Al.

Dan Fitzgerald and Dick Wyckoff are working hard on raffle prizes for the 2011 MARC National Meet. We now have two great items, an H&H engine and a free two-night stay at the luxury Meritage Resort in Napa (with a case of wine, too). See Dick for engine raffle tickets.

Bob Speaks and Dick Lusk got a chance to see the location of the 2011 MARC National Meet. It is the Town and Country Resort in San Diego. It is a great venue with lots of room and conveniently located.

Dr. Steve Thompson just bought a '28 Sedan. Says he is going to be joining us on tours. You betcha!

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- Lots of **Model A engine parts**. Blocks, cams, rods, crankshafts, rebuilt starters, good rims, etc.. What do you need? Call Dan at 310-373-8060. Palos Verdes CA
- '30 **Cabriolet** top tack rail. \$50. '30 Cabriolet top bow \$75. Call Bill 310-316-8722. Torrance CA

Wanted:

- A 1928 Model A frame for a special restoration project.
Contact Jay Skinner at 562-426-5478. Long Beach CA
- Used greeting cards. (Complete cards please). We will recycle them.
Ursi (310) 539-5391 and **Doris** (310) 378-5061.



TERRIFIC TOURS

by Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

Save the Dates:

- **October 9th and 10th** - Drain Marshall is organizing a tour of the 'Old Ridge Route'. The idea in the planning stages is to tour the Ridge Route on Saturday, stay in the Gorman area overnight and then meet with the Bakersfield Model A Club at Frazier Park on Sunday for their annual fun gathering. Freeway 90 mile drive. Fun time. More to come! Sunday is a pot-luck event.

Details: We are scheduled to meet with the tour guides between 9:30AM and 10AM in Gorman, CA. It is about 90 miles from Mills. In order to do this and have a stop in the middle, we need to leave at 6:30AM. Therefore we will meet at 6AM at Mills and go from there. The tour will divide into two parts each with a guide. One will circle left, the other circle right. Both will get to see the whole tour. The tour is approximately four hours total with a stop in the middle. We expect four or five from the Model T club to join us. Moderns are welcome. You have the option of staying at Gorman or Frazier overnight and then attending the picnic on Sunday at nearby Frazier Park. Drain has checked with motels in the area. He found the Gorman Econolodge available. Their phone # is: 661-248-6411. In Frazier Park, there is a new Holiday Inn Express. The phone # there is: 661-248-1600. Make your own reservations if you want to stay overnight between events. Restaurants are nearby.

The club is planning a **Progressive Tour** for **Saturday, October 16th**. It will start at 8AM at SNAX diner, Sepulveda and Anza in Torrance. The Marshalls and the Wagners are hosting coffee and pastry at SNAX diner. You will be given further directions there for the next two stops (three total). The second stop will be a lunch stop and the third will be dessert. The cost is \$10 per person and if you attend all three stops, you will get \$5 per person back. Any questions, check with Drain Marshall.

Sunday, December 12th is the El Segundo Holiday Parade. We usually have a half dozen cars show up for the event. Dick Wyckoff will coordinate.

Palos Verdes Concours Car Rallye



Rallye friends

After a wonderful lunch at Dan and Liz Fitzgerald's home, seven friends took three Model As to the staging area of the car rallye at the beautiful Trump National Golf Course in Palos Verdes CA. Dan and Liz drove their speedster, their neighbor friends took Dan's Roadster, and Dick and Jan Wyckoff followed up in Jan's Cabriolet. The golf course overlooks the Pacific Ocean and is a perfect setting for the rallye. The car tour took the three Model As and 150 other cars all over 'The Hill' through some of the most beautiful neighborhoods in So Cal. The 'Pirate theme' provides directions like 'Continue around the port side of the

bank to re-enter the main channel using a course to starboard'. You gotta love it! We ex-Navy chiefs didn't have any problems, but 'getting underway' confused the ex-Air Force colonel!

Anyway, after all was done, the procession ended up at the headquarters of the Edelbrock Corp. in Torrance for an 'Oktoberfest' banquet. Vic Edelbrock, his wife Nancy, and daughter Christie hosted the venue for the feast. Nice people and a fun time for all.



Fitzgerald's speedster



Jan Wyckoff's '30 Cabriolet



Vic Edelbrock and Jan Wyckoff

Excerpts from Harbor Meeting Minutes:

August 27th, 2010 Business Meeting: The meeting was called to order by President **Bob Speaks** at 7:30PM. Salute to the flag led by **Bill Newell**. Five past presidents recognized. VP **Dick Lusk** requests raffle prizes for the annual banquet. Took in \$200 raffle money tonight. Previous meeting minutes approved as distributed. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reports treasury in good shape. Editor **Dick Wyckoff** continues to encourage email distribution of newsletter to members. Deadline is the 15th for articles. Membership **Ursi Schmidt** said we had 48 in attendance and signed up new members, **Jack and Julie Goldberg**. Other new members present were **John and Alma Polson**. Attendance prizes were won by **LeOr Combs**, **Gary Guttormson** and **Jay Skinner**. Tech and Safety. **Dick Lusk** checked and passed a car that had failed earlier. **Art Wagner** reported successful seminar at **Al Avoian's** garage. Thanks to Al for the use of his facility. Bill Newell collected badge money. Got the prez, too! Sunshine **Doris Marshall** reports **Paul Larquier** the same. Good and bad days. **Thom Marshall** somewhat better. Had CT scan. Eleven birthdays and nine anniversaries celebrated this month. Tool guru **Bobby D.** mentioned we have 24 tools owned by the club. Suggested that he might bring some to the meeting for a show 'n tell. Tours **Elaine Pisu** is in Italy. She will fill us in when she gets back on the tour to the Peterson Museum scheduled for September 18th. **Drain Marshall** is working on a combined tour event. Saturday October 9th, tour the 'Old Ridge Route' and Sunday, go to the Frazier Park picnic. He has docents lined up. Hotels are nearby if people want to stay overnight. Note: Frazier Park event is pot-luck. Old Business: Prez Bob wants to nail down location for Installation Banquet. New Business: **Jay Skinner** brought an unusual find from a swap meet. It was a 'rusty' '29 radiator shell. When he got it home and cleaned it, it was tarnished copper plate, not rust. Fun find, Jay! Refreshments hosted by **Monty and Donnis Bates**. Next general club meeting Sept 24. Next Board meeting: Sept 7th at Wagner's. Meeting adjourned: 8:35PM.
Respectfully submitted: **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.

September 14th, 2010 Board Meeting: President **Bob Speaks** called the meeting to order at 6:50PM at the Wagner's home. Those present were **Art and Daffy**, **Doris and Drain**, **Dick Lusk**, and **Dick and Jan**. Minutes of previous emailed minutes approved. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reported club in good shape. VP **Dick Lusk** said **Monty Bates** will take his place at the next meeting. Dick and Ursi will be on vacation. Return end of October. Editor **Dick Wyckoff** requests any articles this week. HarborLight will be out prior to next club meeting. Reminded board that nominations for Treasurer, Technical, and Tour will be at the October meeting. Immediate Past President **Bill Younkin** to run elections. Membership reports we have 100 family memberships. Technical: A gas gauge seminar is proposed for October 2nd at **Al Avoian's** garage with **Stonehocker** presenting. Also, Safety **Dick L.** has checked one car and it did not pass. **Sunshine Doris Marshall:** **Paul Larquier** is still the same. Good and bad days. Suggested 'the girls' should take Rhoda out to lunch. Tours: **Elaine Pisu** not present. She has set up a tour at the Peterson Auto Museum. Meet at Mills Saturday Sept 18th 8:30AM, leave at 9 for tour at 10AM. **Drain Marshall** discussed the Ridge Route Tour he has planned for October 9th. The next day is the Frazier Park picnic. Drain has contacted two motels in the Gorman / Frazier Park area so people could stay overnight in the area. We will leave Mills at 6:30AM on the 9th for tour appointments at 9:30-10AM. It is a 90 mile freeway drive. Old Business: Bob Speaks checking on Bluewater Grill for annual banquet. Prices could be higher this year. About \$40 - \$45. Perhaps the club can contribute to the cost. Our Progressive is scheduled for Sat. October 16th with the first stop at SNAX (in Torrance), then we get directions to the next stop. Cost is \$10 each and if you go to all three stops, you get \$5 back. Doris will take a head count. New Business: Bob will send around a sign-up sheet for newer members who want club jackets. Price around \$70-80 which includes embroidery. Orange County 50th anniversary pancake breakfast is scheduled for May 1st, 2011. Meeting adjourned at 8:24PM. Refreshments by the Wagners. Next general meeting: Sept 24th. Next Board meeting: Oct 5th at the Marshalls. 7PM.
Respectfully submitted by **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.



Classic picture of old steam engine and Model A

Early
windshield
stickers
from the
40s and
50s



2010 Treasure Hunter's Calendar

- **Sunday, September 26th.** Swap Meet. Paradise Valley 49th Annual Event. Western Little League Headquarters. 6707 N. Little Drive, San Bernardino, CA. Info: Call John Benson 909-875-2525



A Visit to the Peterson Museum by Sue Hankins

Elaine Pisu organized a great tour to the Peterson Auto Museum tour. We had 10 Model A's and 2 Model T's. 26 people went on the tour. Ed Firth and Steve Newton from the Screenland A's met us on the way there. We had a two hour tour led by a docent through the museum. The special exhibit was "Streamlined Fashion and Automobiles" and there were many other "new" cars and exhibits we hadn't seen.



Al Avoian drove one of his Model T's and had a problem on the way. Bob Speaks and Bill Newell stopped to help him. He was able to take his "T" back home and joined us later.

We ate lunch at Johnnie Rockets Restaurant at the Museum patio. After we left the Museum, Elaine took us on a little side tour to the Greystone Mansion in Beverly Hills. It is a 1926 Gothic English style 46,054 sq. ft, 67 room estate that was owned by the Doheny Family and was donated to the city as a park. It is now used as a location for public events and movie shoots.



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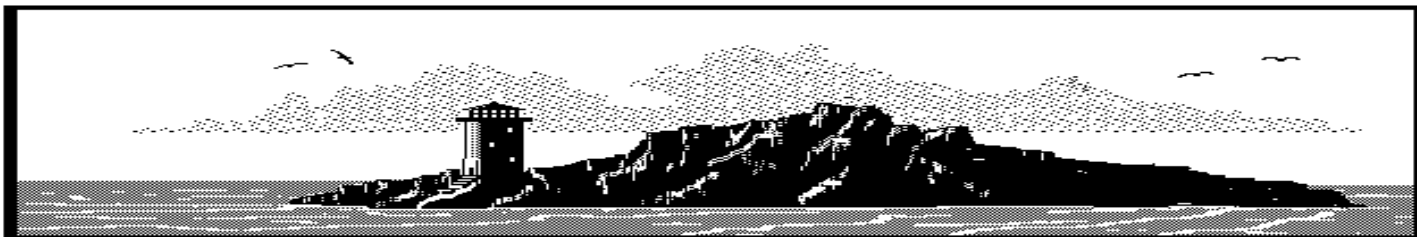
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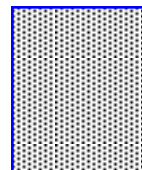
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