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On tour with Harbor As, March 10th

# HARBORLIGHT

### Tours

April is always a fun month for So Cal Model A folks. Orange County MAFC puts on it's famous Pancake Breakfast. This year it is **Sunday, April 28th**. Harbor As will caravan the 40 minute freeway drive. See Elaine's article for info. Great event!



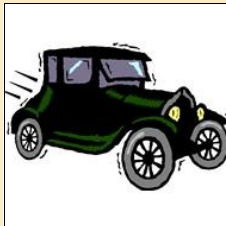
### Technical, Looking Ahead



Our April business meeting will be at the home of Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt. It will be the annual Safety check meeting. We will safety check your car, have a pot luck lunch and conduct a meeting all in the same day. Bring your car and a dish!

### Upcoming Business Meetings

The March meeting will be **Friday, March 29th**. The meeting starts at 7:30 at WALTERIA clubhouse. Come early, help set up and talk to your Model A friends. See you there!  
Our April meeting will be the Safety meeting on **April 20th** at Dick and Ursi's. Their address is 26419 Pineknoll Ave., Harbor City CA 90710.  
Pot Luck lunch and a good time!  
9:30AM starting time. Coffee's hot. . . .



### Next Board Meeting



The next board meeting will be the **El Segundo Driving Museum** on **Tuesday, April 2nd** at 7PM. We'll discuss current status and future events. All members welcome.

Our awesome website is up and running!  
Visit it at:  
[www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com](http://www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com)

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Monty's Message  
A Note from our President  
Monty Bates



Springing into Action this Year

Spring is here and it sure looks like we are going to have a fantastic year ahead. Our fellow Americans on the East coast have certainly had their fill of freezing cold, snow and an occasional hurricane. We are so fortunate to live in the South Bay.

March started off with a terrific tour. Our 2013 Tour Director, Elaine Pisu has more on that herself. Elaine keeps moving the bar higher & higher with new ideas for tours of all sorts. So many people complemented the club and thanked us for letting them join us...it was a really nice day. Donnis and I are booked for *Wings & Wheels* at the end of July and look forward to being on the road. I'll let you know how it turns out.

The folks in Orange County have confirmed the annual Pancake Breakfast and Car Show is on schedule for Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. I'll be working half time...probably cooking sausages like last year. I want to see the show this year and enjoy the great company! It looks like they have some great raffle goodies, too. **I would like to get as many cars to tour out there together. A line of our cars is something to see!!!!**

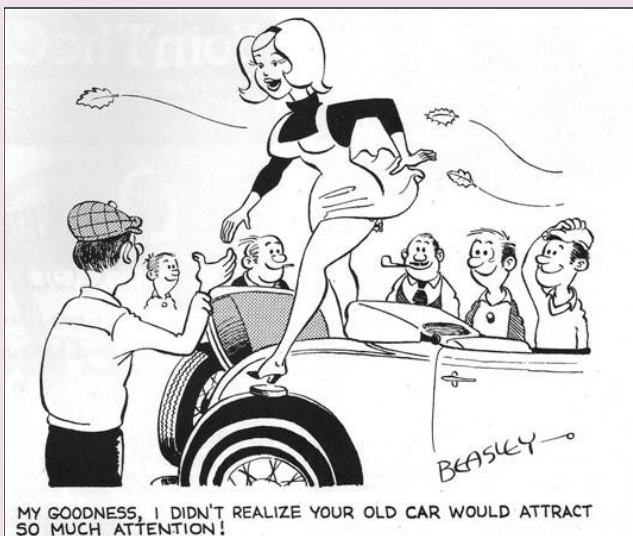
Our new Technical Director, Jim Speights, is already a professional having held a great technical seminar on the joys of a Model A water pump. We are a difficult group to teach and it takes guts too. We are committed to getting Al Avoian's truck assembled and running by year's end subject to Al's patience with a dozen people "helping". Poor man . . . . .

One more thing. Our Monday night feeding frenzy has been moved to **Hof's Hut**. They can accommodate our crowd without any problems and they have a pretty nice menu. Their address is 23635 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance CA. We meet about 5PM and go from there. Join us for a fun meal.

That's it for now. Stay in touch!!!

See careful out there... still lots of old people driving old cars

*Monty*



MY GOODNESS, I DIDN'T REALIZE YOUR OLD CAR WOULD ATTRACT SO MUCH ATTENTION!

From *The Restorer*, Sep-Oct 1975



Sue Hankins and Pat Yacklon giving a rumble seat ride to exchange students from Russia.



## April Birthdays

- 1 James Walker
- 8 Bill Newell
- 12 Carol Olsen
- 14 Drain Marshall
- 19 Kathy Valot



## April Anniversaries

No anniversaries this month

### Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

The weather is getting better and it is time to drive our cars. To promote safe driving and safe cars, the club has been having a Safety Inspection meeting / Business meeting / Pot luck for seven years now. It has turned out to be one of the more popular events for the club each year. Our hosts, Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt have graciously opened up their garage and home for us. Lets make this year's meeting as eventful as the others by bringing our As. After all, isn't that what this is all about?

Changing the subject a little, we editors are always looking for articles of interest to put in the newsletters. There must be some interesting Model A stories waiting to be told. For instance: How long have you had your car? Was it your first 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? Did you take a neat picture at a club event? Email them to me, or if you have photos, I can scan them and put them in the newsletter. Either way, let me know.

I have been encouraging new members of the Harbor club to receive the HarborLight by **email**. I am also asking existing members to do the same. 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 39 people from the Harbor Club and 34 others. This is more than \$800 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. If you want a sample email version, let me know also. I will send you one.

The newsletter is distributed to many other clubs locally and to other parts of the country. If you have an **item for sale**, let me know. I will put it in the **'Wheels and Deals'** section. Thanks . . .



### Candid shots while on tour by Donnis Bates



## Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

A sad note. . . . **Bill Newell** notified us of the passing of his Dad, **Richard Collins**. The brief notice said "Grandpa's love and life lessons will be with us forever. **Grandpa Dick** was a wonderful and loving man with an amazing life story. If you were lucky to have met him, I'm sure he made you smile."

Our condolences go out to Bill and his family. Rest in Peace.

### 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.



### "Cruise at the Beach" Friday afternoon at Ruby's Diner:

Starting **Friday, April 5th**, Ruby's Diner 245 N. Harbor Drive, in Redondo Beach (by the pier) will host 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 October 25th, 2013. See you there.



### 2013 Membership, Roster and Club Items: by Ursula Schmidt

The Harbor phonebooks/rosters are available at all get-togethers. The first booklet is free to members. 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** at 310-539-5391.

**Just a note:** We regularly update the roster. If you have any address changes, phone number changes or email changes, let Ursi know.

Also available are embroidered ball caps with the club's logo. Available in many colors \$15. There are club T-shirts, pins, and 50th anniversary cookbooks still available, too. Please call **Jan Wyckoff** at 310-322-8863 to place your order.

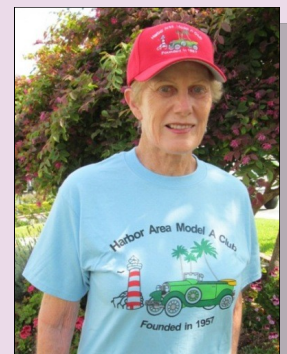
#### Roster Updates:

Please welcome new members *Willie and Darlene Duncan, Cliff and Teresa LeFall*, and returning members *Frank and Joan Young*.

**Willie and Darlene's** phone number is: 323-934-3035. He lives at 5643 Jefferson Blvd., LA CA 90016

**Cliff and Teresa's** phone is: 323-687-8718. They live at 1926 7th Ave., LA CA 90018

**Frank and Joan's** number is: 310-207-0653. They live at 962 S. Bundy Dr., LA CA 90049





## Business Meeting Minutes

Walteria Clubhouse

February 22, 2013

President: Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier.

Recognition of Past Presidents: Present were Doris & Drain Marshall, Steve Preston, Dick Wyckoff & Pat Yacklon.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as written.

Vice President: Tim Harrison encouraged members to buy tickets. \$690 was taken in at the banquet raffle.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner reported that treasury is fine.

Harborlight Editor: Dick Wyckoff pointed out a picture in the last HarborLight taken in 1957 of Art Wagner.

San Diego swap meet is Saturday at the Qualcomm Stadium. Please send old photos or stories for newsletter.

Webmaster/Historian: Sue Hankins has a 25 minute DVD of "2012 in Review", which was shown at the end of the meeting. The website has 913 visits. She needs pictures of the 2013 banquet. Website will be a year old next month. It has been renewed for another year for \$25.

Membership: Ursi reported 49 members and one guest, Carl, from the Model T Club present. Willie Duncan, Cliff & Teresa LeFall, new members, were also present. Frank Young has also renewed his old membership.

Woman's prize: Hervey, not present. Man's prize: Mirco Pisu, not present.

Technical: Jim Speights recently learned how to rebuild a distributor at Al's garage during an impromptu seminar.

Badge fines: Jack Gordinier collected \$1.75.

Sunshine: Doris reported that the girls had lunch with Rhoda. Paul has Parkinson's, but seems happy. Ed Firth's wife, Linda, came home from the hospital today. Doris thanked all those who sent cards for Teddy's recent passing. Monty was one of 200 who attended a celebration of Teddy's life in Simi Valley.

Tour Director: Elaine is on a Caribbean cruise. Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> is the next tour. The 5:00 pm Monday night dinner will be held this week at the Black Bear, formerly Bob's Big Boy Restaurant.

New Business: Drain received a call from Adeline Bates who has a car for sale, a 1931 Coupe, completely disassembled. Anyone interested, call Dick Wyckoff or Monty Bates. Joe Freitag announced the Fabulous Ford Show April 21<sup>st</sup> at Knott's Berry Farm. Ford dealer on PCH has a room if we ever need it for our business meeting.

Monty announced the Safety Seminar/Business Meeting/potluck is Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> at Dick & Ursi's.

Tools: Bob DeCrescenzo announced to new members that the club has 24 tools to loan with a \$20 refundable deposit.

Advertising: Amy Knott will be replacing Bill Newell. Bill talked to Pep Boy's on Sepulveda near Maple. All members will get a discount there. Bill Newell's sister-in-law, Marivel Costanza, a Realtor and Astro-Auto-Electric are new advertisers.

Raffle held by Tim Harrison with the assistance of Jack Gordinier.

Monty thanked Georgette for refreshments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Submitted by Pat Yacklon, Secretary



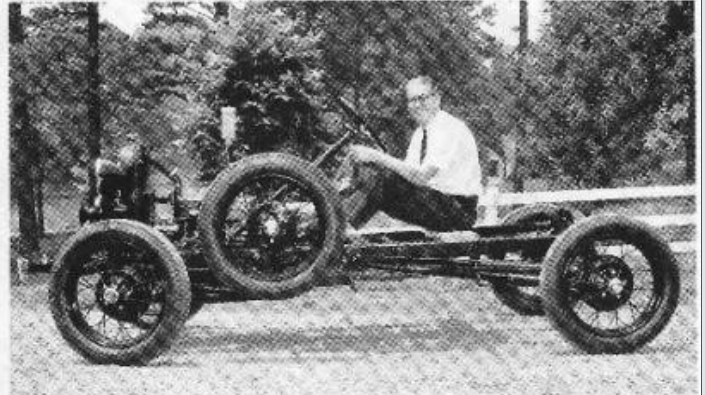
## TESTING THE MODEL A SKELETON

By E. J. EATON

The elapsed time between restoration of the Model A chassis and installation of the body is usually quite long, resulting in delayed testing and adjustments of the mechanical and ignition system of the car. Early starting and testing of the vehicle (before body installation) is desirable due to accessibility of the engine, drive train, chassis, brakes, steering and etc. Should the testing and trial run uncover major problems, repairs would be less costly and time consuming at this point than would be after complete assembly of the car.

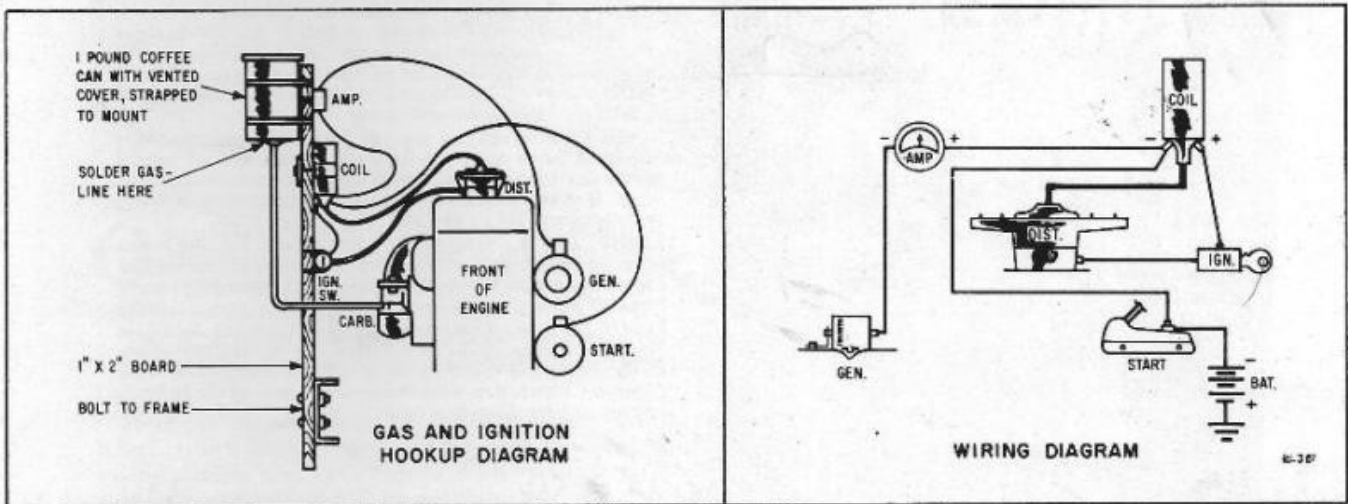
By means of a simple installation, the restorer can start and test drive the "skeeter" to assure himself of trouble-free operation later on. The parts needed for the installation are: coil, ammeter, ignition switch cable, insulated wire, gas line, metal container (approximately one quart) for gas and two wooden boards; a 1" x 2" for mounting component parts on, and a 2" x 10" bolted down across the frame to serve as a seat. (Refer to drawings for component installation details.)

After installation, start the engine and check for ignition timing, carburetor adjustment, generator charge rate, cooling system, exhaust leaks, clutch, gear shift, engine,



transmission, drive train, brakes, steering, etc. You're sure to enjoy the sound of the stripped Model A. It's a real pleasure to drive too. The 40 horsepower seems more like a hundred, so hang on!

We do not advocate street driving at this stage, since the running gear would probably be unlicensed, and not considered safe for highway use. When driving, keep an eye on the gas supply and don't wander off too far. A quart of gas doesn't last very long, even in a four cylinder car.



From the Sept-Oct 1970 issue of the *Restorer*



Using the above diagram, Dick Wyckoff fired up new engine during Cabriolet restoration



## Tours and More Tours

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

The Harbor A's started off our touring season visiting another private collection. It is amazing how many fabulous collections there are among us. We were fortunate enough to be allowed to tour the collection of Jerry Ski and Nicole. We started out the morning with breakfast at SNAX's. We had 40 people, 14 Model A's and 10 moderns arrive. We were pleased to be joined by 12 members of the Diamond Tread A's, thanks to their President Vicky Bartlett. We arrived at the collection and our hosts had prepared coffee and had 4 dozen Krispy Kreme doughnuts waiting for us. We went right for the treats in spite of the fact we had eaten breakfast only 15 minutes before arriving at the warehouse.

The 27 car collection is really fantastic and every car is truly a show car, one more perfect than the next. The warehouse was recently completed and the floor between the cars was a finished roadway complete with a yellow line down the middle of the road. The neon sign collection was in itself a fabulous collection as well as the gas pumps. I heard Fran Earhart making plans for her 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration to be held in Jerry's 1950 Diner in the back of the building. What a great place to have a party. Jerry and Nicole said just give them a call. It was really a delight to meet our hosts and the car collection and all the amenities of the collection were fantastic.

The second stop was at Mac's Antique Radio Museum in Lawndale. Of course the collection was great fun but I personally enjoyed hearing the members reminisce about their childhood and what it was like gathering around the radio. I heard a great story about how the 4" TV was really a luxury when you added a magnifier that caused distortion if you weren't fortunate enough to be sitting directly in front of the screen. It really is amazing how much technology has changed since the birth of our model A's.

So after two stops we were ready to eat again and ended our tour at Hof's Hut in Torrance.

Thanks to everyone that came out and enjoyed the day. The fun of planning tours is when we have a great turnout.

April will be a busy month:

**April 5-7** is CCRG in Visalia. Harbor A's will be well represented.

**April 20** is the Safety Check / Pot Luck at Dick and Ursi's starting at 10AM.

**April 28** is the OC Pancake Breakfast. We will meet at the Harbor Freight parking lot at 6:45 and leave at 7AM (Corner of Hawthorne and Artesia)

**PS:** The Pisu's missed the February club meeting because we were celebrating my birthday while cruising the Caribbean with Mark Ballas and Lacey Schwimmer from 'Dancing with the Stars'. Also onboard were Joey Fatone from N'Sync and Sabrina Bryan. What a great trip!!



Private car collection tour





## Wheels & Deals:

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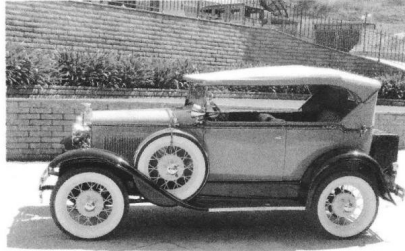
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Warford transmission, Kelsey wire wheels, rocky mountain brakes, high compression head, 12 volt electric system, with Bendix starter, electric head lamps, tail lamp, turn signals, woven basket supported by removable rack, and weather proof cover. Correct Stewart #26 speedometer, correct horn (Rube 3 twist), added Hassler springs in front, gas, water, oil cans (red, white, & blue) on passenger side running board, added windshield wiper, new Die-hard battery under rear floor for easy maintenance. Body, hood, fenders are pinstriped by professional striper. Upholstery is made of top-quality leather and horsehair padding. Both front and rear seats are designed in two pieces for ease in removal to access gas tank in front and storage under cushions in rear seat (we keep our side curtains in there). All tires are new including spare. Carbide tank. Engine rebuilt. In storage and low miles since restoration.

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## *Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2013*

- April 5-7 (Fri-Sun) **CCRG Jamboree**. Hosted by the Charter Oak As in Visalia CA. Headquarters is the Lamp Liter Inn, 3300 W. Mineral King Ave., Visalia 800-662-6692.
- April 11-13 (Thu -Sat) **HCCA Swap Meet** in Bakersfield. At fair grounds. Ming St. off-ramp 99 about a mile east.
- April 21 (Sun) 28th Annual Fabulous Fords Forever! At Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park CA. West coast's largest all Ford show. Celebrating years 1903 to 2013. Free to the public.
- April 28 (Sun) Orange County **Pancake Breakfast**. Hart Park in Orange. More info later.
- May 11 (Sat) Early Ford Club **Swap Meet**. Loc'n: 3855 East La Palma Av., Anaheim CA
- May 24-27 (Fri-Sun) **NCRG** Pleasanton CA sponsored by the Acorn As.
- June 2nd (Sun) **43rd Antique Nationals Drag Race and Car Show**. Irwindale Dragstrip, 500 Speedway Drive, Irwindale CA 91706. Nostalgia drag races. More info: Dan at 626-827-4004.
- June 22-23 (Sat-Sun) **44th Swap Meet**. Riverside Model T Club. Western Little League Regional Headquarters, 6707 N. Little League Drive, San Bernardino CA 92407. Info: Don Kirtley 909-754-2360.
- June 29th (Sat) 16th Annual Orange County Model T Car Club **Swap Meet / Car Show**. 6AM to 2PM. El Dorado High School, 1651 Valencia Ave., Placentia CA 92870
- July 12-13 (Fri-Sat) 59th Annual **Long Beach Model T Club Swap Meet**. Los Alamitos Race Course, 4961 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos CA 90720. Admit: \$6 per person. 7AM to 7PM Friday, 7AM to 4PM Saturday.
- July 26-28 (Fri-Sun) **Wings 'n Wheels** in Solvang. Save the date. Fun weekend.
- September 14th (Sat) **11th Annual All Ford Car Show** and Swap Meet in Old Town Orcutt, more info to follow.
- September 29th (Sun) **52nd Annual Antique Car Swap Meet**. Paradise Valley Model A Club. Western Little League Regional Headquarters 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino CA 92407. Info: John Bensen 909-875-4545.
- October 12th (Sat) The **3rd Annual Model A Ford Roundup** hosted by the Santa Maria Chapter. We will have a Santa Maria Style BBQ, Car Games, and a raffle. Price \$5 per head. Please come. A good time will be had by all. More details to follow.

### *From our Website Manager* by Sue Hankins

If you haven't yet checked out our new club Website take a look at it. You can check on the latest information on upcoming events, dates and times of tours. Sometimes information isn't always available when the Harborlight is sent out, so you can see any changes or additions. You can also look through the Members Section to see photos of members and their Model A's, and also see photos of most of our tours and events for the past year. To visit it, just type in [www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com](http://www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com). Once you are there, click on Favorites, usually the star at the top of the page, so in the future you can just click on Favorites and it will come up. You can also go to the MAFCA website, click on Chapters. Then click on Calif. on the map, then Southern Calif., and then click on Harbor Area.



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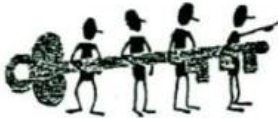


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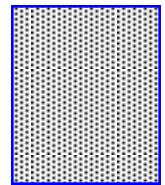
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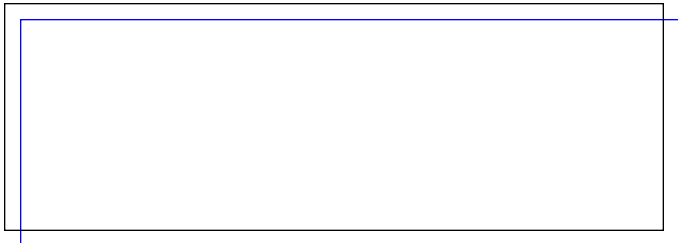
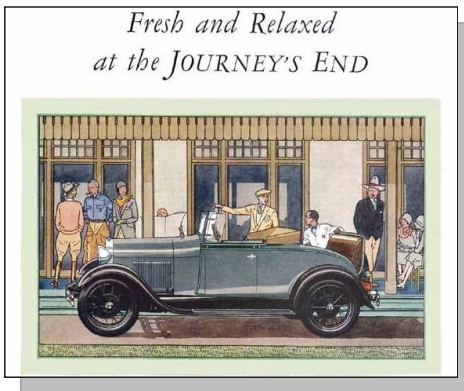


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