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Bill Newell and Frank Young persuading the crowd to bid on treasures at Harbor's annual White Elephant Sale



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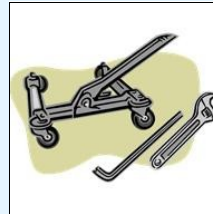
Elaine Pisu is working on the September tour with Orange County to celebrate Model A Ford day, Saturday, September 28th.

Frazier Park pot-luck picnic is the following weekend, Sunday, October 6th.

Also, we are working on a **progressive** for October. More info to follow. How about another **"Feed the Firemen"** event in Long Beach? Keep November 10th open.



Technical Activities



We are still working on Al Avoian's AA truck (or any other projects) at Al's garage. Meet there at 10am on Thursdays and we'll work on whatever projects happen to show up. Last time we did some more electrical projects. Stop by and join in.

Upcoming Business Meeting

The **September** meeting will be on **Friday, September 27th.** The meeting starts at 7:30 at Walteria clubhouse. Come early and help set up and talk Model As with your friends.

The **October** meeting is **Friday, October 25th.** *Officer nominations and a pot luck evening.* Food at 6pm, meeting time is 7:30 at Walteria Clubhouse. See you there!



Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be the El Segundo Driving Museum on **Tuesday, October 8th at 7PM.** We'll discuss current status and future events. All members welcome.

Please visit our awesome website
Check in it at:

www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com

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Monty's Message
A Note from our President
Monty Bates



Busy Time of the Year

Happy Halloween!!!!

Autumn is rapidly approaching Southern California... we see so little change compared to those back east. Some of our trees actually do change the colors of their leaves. The folks in Colorado have certainly seen enough rain for 2013. I am looking forward to tours and sharing fun while driving a Model A.

We end the month of September with a flurry of activity. Our business meeting this Friday night and National Model A Day is the next day, on the 28th. Lots of Harbor A's will be heading to Orange county, on tour, with hopefully no mechanical problems. If you are interested, there is a swap meet in San Bernardino on Sunday!

October 6th starts the month with the Frazier Park pot-luck Picnic. A reminder that our own Business meeting on Friday, October will be a Pot-Luck dinner...these are great!!!

We need to start thinking about new club officers as the nominations for next year will be held in October as well. I have been told that we may enjoy another great tour and luncheon with the great folks at the Harbor Fire Department. These have been fantastic every year and I look forward to one fantastic feast as well. Our annual "Progressive" is being scheduled...more to follow.

We continue to grow and prosper again this year...new members and new adventures. Special thanks to Elaine for all her hard work. Incidentally, my sister's actual birthday is Halloween.

Be safe out there, there's lots of old people driving around.

Monty

Some Things WD-40 Can Do!

Degrease your hands

When you're done working on the car and your hands are greasy and blackened with grime, use WD-40 to help get them clean. Spray a small amount of WD-40 into your hands and rub them together for a few seconds, then wipe with a paper towel and wash with soap and water. The grease and grime will wash right off.

Helps to replace stuck spark plugs

To save time replacing spark plugs, do it the NASCAR way. NASCAR mechanics spray WD-40 on stuck plugs so they can remove them quickly and easily. Perhaps that's one reason why WD-40 has been designated as NASCAR's "official multi-purpose problem-solver."

Greasy spot in the driveway

Did a leaky oil pan leave a big ugly spot in the middle of your concrete driveway? To get rid of an unsightly oil spot, just spray it with a generous amount of WD-40 and then hose it down with water.

Clean and restore license plate

To help restore a license plate that is beginning to rust, spray it with WD-40 and wipe with a clean rag. This will remove light surface rust and will also help prevent more rust from forming. It's an easy way to clean up lightly rusted plates and it won't leave a greasy feel.



October Birthdays

9 Julie Goldberg
13 Adeline Bates
25 Tim Harrison




October Anniversaries

1 Jim & Ruxella Speights
20 Elyse & Jim Beardsley

Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

In October, we start the nominations for next year's officers. This is one of the larger elections where we elect a new President (2 years), Vice President (2 years), Tour Director (1 year), Technical Director (1 year). Also at the October meeting we have our pot luck dinner. Lots of great food and excitement. Oh, don't forget Mondays, 5pm at Hof's Hut, 235th and Crenshaw in Torrance. Can't forget the food!

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 . . .



Era Tools for Model A Work

Takes the work out of
Lifting and Selling

This Jack "Lotto" without Lotto because it's *Blackboard*

GIVEN a Ford comes with documentation of lifting his Model A with a Blackhawk—the new guy just said he's sold. His other job offers such use in gliding, lifting, and lowering. The long, rigid backrest handle straps are quickly—and gently—just necessary use position. The highest motion of the handle raises the car quickly and smoothly. To lower, simply release rather with handle tip and there are comes at smooth, controlled speed. The kneeling in this—on mounting under.

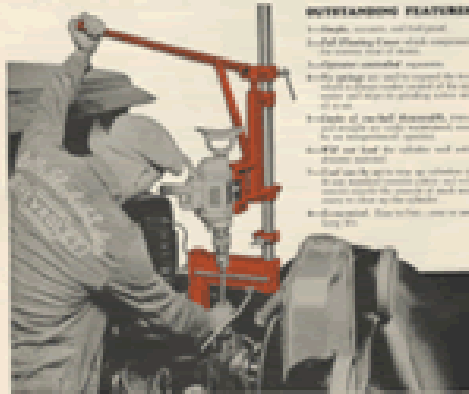
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 (1950-1951 model)

As you can see, *Little Women* (which is now ready for delivery) is a book on the entire principle of the new law based around the new continuously moving lines and other features mentioned. *Little Women* has also fairly far into production. It is approximately one-third as far along (from the start) as the book that this article was. When the time comes, it is the same — when you have enough of the new lines and other parts to be made in the new manner. *Little Women* always was the answer and is the same for everyone who reads.

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STEFANIE BARON, *Author*, lives in
the Midwest. *Reading, Ill.*

HOIST

Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

Most of the club has been reasonably healthy.

Art and Daffy Wagner finally got over their nagging colds.

Jan Wyckoff is fighting sciatica nerve pain in her left back/leg. She has had an MRI and is waiting to line up epidural shots to reduce the pain.

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:

All summer long, 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 7:00PM 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 updated **2013 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available at all get-togethers. The first booklet is free to members. Additional copies are \$1.50. 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.

Welcome our newest member: Jim Huizdos. He is member # 1044.

His birthday is on June 21st.

His car is a 1931 DX Roadster.

Jim lives at 4208 Via Pinzon, Palos Verdes Est. CA 90274.

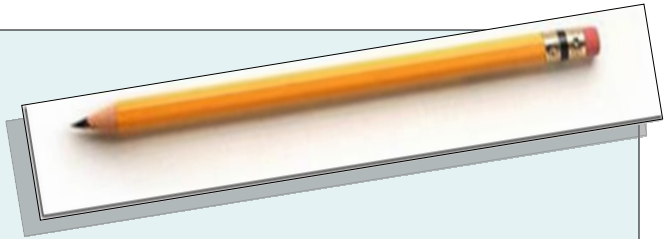
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Please update your rosters



Business Meeting Minutes
August 30, 2013 Waleria Clubhouse



President: Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

Recognition of Past Presidents: Doris & Drain Marshall, Pat Yacklon and Dick Wyckoff

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as printed in the Harbor Light.

Vice President: Tim Harrison said no raffle tonight because of the White Elephant.

Treasurer: Daffy reported we are OK.

HarborLight Editor: Dick pointed out an article on a summer drive checklist that he put in the last issue. Also pictures from the Wings & Wheels event.

Historian: Welcome back Pat and Sue, there are some nice pictures on our website, check it out! We want Sue to have a presentation of pictures from their trip.

Membership: Ursi introduced new member Jim Huizdos and visitors Julie & Ed, Ken Meyer, Sandra Guegel (she has a '30 Town Sedan). Also visiting, former member Peggy Wishon who'd been club secretary. There were 56 in attendance tonight.

Membership Drawing: Jack Gordinier won the \$5 clock prize, Ellen Peterson won the ladies \$5 prize and Steve Newton won the men's \$5 prize.

Technical & Safety: No report.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): \$6.84 was collected.

Sunshine: Doris said Drain had made a lot of calls today, Bob and Carol Olsen are taking care of Carol's mother, Gary G. has a bad knee, Jean Webb hopes to come to our next meeting. Daffy is better after a bad cold, and tonight is the first time Georgette has been out in 9 days. Barney Clayton's caretaker said he is having problems, Jack G. says he goes to see Barney every week. 93 year old Dorothy Wood is having dizzy spells so she won't be attending our meetings.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: August birthdays: Sandy Ragon, Bill Knott, Bob Pahls, Janice Dalton, Jerry Strosnider, Paul Larquier, Phyllis DeCrescenzo, Greg Earhart, Marty Murphy, Linda Skinner, Dorothy Knott, Jack Gordinier, Gwen Valot, Monty Bates, Teresa LeFall. Anniversaries were: Phil Bonneau & LeOra Combs, Steven & Weeg Thompson, Carla & Walt Hibbard, Dolores & Jerry Strosnider, Doris & Drain Marshall (62 years), James & Mary Walker, Ed & Linda Firth and Paul & Rose Jamesson.

Tools Coordinator: No report.

Tours: Elaine and Mirco are due back tomorrow. Richard Parrish told about the International Ford Day on Sat., Sept. 28 at Mason Regional Park in Irvine. North of 405 Freeway, about 2 miles east of the 55 Freeway. Take Culver Drive turnoff south off and get in the left lane immediately for park entrance. \$5 to park your car, hours 9 or 10 a.m. Lunch from 11 to 1 p.m. TV raffle at 1:30p.m. Fee is \$10 per adult, which includes lunch and one raffle ticket for flat panel TV. Children 11 and younger free. Bring chairs and pop up shades.

Questions: Richard at rcp1937@aol.com. Our club will meet at Harbor Freight at a time to be announced.

Before the end of the year we'll go "Feed the Fireman" again, TBD. Oct. is our Pot Luck dinner and nominations for next year's officers.

Web Master: Check website.

Old Business: None

New Business: Pres. Monty was approached by Mother Superior at Paul Larquier's services asking him if the club could bring our cars to the Little Sisters of the Poor in San Pedro. They would feed us! The club has been there before and the residents love seeing the old cars. Jay Skinner told about a new book out called "4-bangers and Mel" by Jim Brierley, comes highly recommended by Jay. Price is \$24 includes shipping & handling, Jim's address is: 39480 Colleen Way, Temecula, CA 92592 and his email is jimb4e4@gmail.com

Refreshments hosted by: Doris & Drain

Next General Meeting: Sept. 27, 2013

Next Board Meeting: Tues. Sept. 3rd at ADM

Meeting adjourned at: 8:05 p.m. to go forward with our White Elephant (we made \$373!)

Respectfully submitted; Jan Wyckoff, Acting Secretary



Technical Talk



Won't start check list

Thanks to Mike V. in Florida via Fordbarn.com

No Spark

Some possibilities are:

1. Blown or defective fuse (use of a fuse is an aftermarket item)
2. Bad connections at ammeter, or ammeter itself (to find out, put a jumper wire from one post of the terminal box to the other to take the ammeter out of the circuit temporarily)
3. Bad ignition switch and/or cable, or loose cable connection at switch.
4. Loose or broken wires at bottom of coil
5. Loose or broken wires inside terminal box
6. Loose, bare or broken pigtail wire under distributor plate, or wire grounding to plate or distributor body
7. Points not opening, or point arm grounding to cam due to worn rubbing block
8. Worn electrode in underside of distributor cap
9. Loose or broken high tension wire from coil to cap
10. Condenser burned out or grounding (some condensers are too long and can touch the distributor body inside)
11. Weak coil
12. Rotor not turning due to loose cam screw or bad timing gear.

OK, now break out a volt meter (a light bulb can give false readings).

Start at the fuse block, you should have voltage on both sides of the fuse. If you only have voltage on one side, replace the fuse or fuse block.

Now with voltage on both sides of the fuse, move up to the junction box. There should be voltage at both terminals. If voltage is present only on one side the problem is at the ammeter and you should jumper the ammeter for now.

You should have voltage on both sides of the coil.

If not, remove the red wire on the coil and check again. If you now have voltage on both sides, you have a problem further on. If the voltage is still only in one side you have a bad coil.

Open the points with a piece of paper and remove the condenser. Turn the key on and you should have voltage at the points.

Replace the condenser and you should still have voltage.

If voltage is missing, remove the top plate and check for voltage on the bottom plate.

Check is the connector from the ignition switch screwed in to far? Do you have voltage on the wire to the upper plate?

Is this wire shorting to ground or broken?

Remove the paper from the points and see that the points are closed. You should not have 0 volts at the points. If not, the points are dirty or the distributor is not grounded well to the engine.

Tours and More Tours By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

HOW CAN IT ALREADY BE OCTOBER!!!

Fall, Halloween, Holiday planning. Yikes, 2013 is flying by!
I am hoping to finish out this year with a bang.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2013: Harbor A's are headed to a 1st time ever gathering hosted by Orange County for International Model A Ford Day. **Meet at Harbor Freight at 8:15 and leave at 8:30. Bring \$10 per person.** We are headed to Mason Regional Park in Irvine off the 405 (37 miles from Hawthorne Blvd. & Artesia)

For just \$10 you will receive a hot dog on a bun (with chili, sauerkraut or traditional condiments), potato salad, beans, cold drink and a commemorative button. Along with each adult ticket, you will receive a chance at a drawing for a 32" flat panel TV. Drawing to take place at approx. 1:30pm. Children 11 and under will be free. Plenty of parking.

October 6th is the Frazier Park Meet. Meet at Harbor Freight at 8:15 and leave at 8:30.

This is a pot luck lunch and always a fun day. Some members make it a weekend outing & stay overnight. Please sign up at our meeting if you plan to attend or let Elaine Pisu know.

November 10, FEED THE FIREMEN at station 112 in San Pedro. We will meet at the club house at 10:30 and head to San Pedro together. We will be providing lunch for our firemen and hopefully getting a boat ride if all goes well.

November 16th, Saturday. We're working on the annual progressive lunch tour. Put this date on your calendar.

The 'Little Sisters of the Poor' event date is still being worked out.

2013 International Model A Day

Sponsored by the Orange County Model A Club

What: A fun day in your Model A at beautiful Mason Regional Park in Irvine. It has acres of grass and a large lake, walking paths, a fitness trail, bike riding, horse shoe pits, and a playground for the kids and grandkids. The park is "scooter friendly." Visit with old friends you haven't seen since our breakfast in April.

Where: Mason Regional Park is freeway close from all Southern California, North of the 405 Fwy, about 2 miles east of the 55 Fwy. Take the Culver Drive turnoff, south off the 405 Fwy. Drive south to University Dr. Make a right hand turn onto University and get in the left lane immediately for the park entrance. Your \$5 per car, park fee is for all day. Correct change will speed things up.

Time: Arrive early or a leisurely 9am-10am. Lunch will be served from 11am-1pm. TV Raffle is at 1:30pm, leaving plenty of time to enjoy the park or be home in time for dinner.

Fee: Meet fee is \$10 per adult, which includes lunch and one raffle ticket for a flat panel 32 inch TV. Child lunch, 11 years and younger is free.

Your Lunch: Choose between a traditional hot dog with mustard and relish OR a Kraut Dog OR a Chile/Cheese Dog, includes potato salad, beans and a cold drink.

TV Raffle: Your Adult meet fee includes a raffle ticket for a 32 inch flat panel TV which will be raffled off at 1:30pm.

Special Requests: 1) Please bring your chairs and pop up shades. We have limited tables and shade. 2) Please notify us ASAP if you are coming, especially Club Groups. We don't want to run out of food.

Contact: Frank Mowrer: (frank25t@hotmail.com) or Richard Parrish (rcp1937@aol.com)



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Around Town at Some Car Events



30 Cabbie and 1909 Touring

We All like to attend car events of all kinds. Many involve Model As and some don't. But they all have cars in them. At the El Segundo Main Street Car Show in August, we had two entries, **Jan Wyckoff's** Cabriolet and **Bill and Dot Knott's** Fordor and **Don and Amy Knott's** '34 Coupe from the Harbor Club. There were a couple from the ES Auto Driving Museum in town. A total of 300 cars were at the show.



1st Place - 1902 American Steamer Pumper
Dave Hubert

Moving on to September, members Dick Wyckoff and Dan Fitzgerald were part of the staff that put on the Palos Verdes Concours at the Trump Golf Course in PV. Dick and Dan were Class Managers for the Pre-War Fire Truck exhibit. Five examples of early fire apparatus were present in the class. There were 200 fantastic show cars at the Concours. This culminates a years worth of effort. Great show!



3rd Place - 1914 Model T firetruck
Jim Ellingson



2nd Place - 1917 Model T firetruck
Carl Laski



Dick and Dan

Winners in the Pre-war Fire Truck class. In addition was a 1932 Ahrens Engine and a 1941 pumper. There were 20 classes of cars of all types at the event.



Mascot "Dottie" with friends

Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2013

September 28th (Sat) Orange County is organizing a **National Model A Ford Day** event to be held in Irvine. As we get more details on cost and things, we will pass it along. Sounds like a fun event.

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 6th (Sun) **21st Annual Frazier Park** Potluck and Meet. More info to follow.

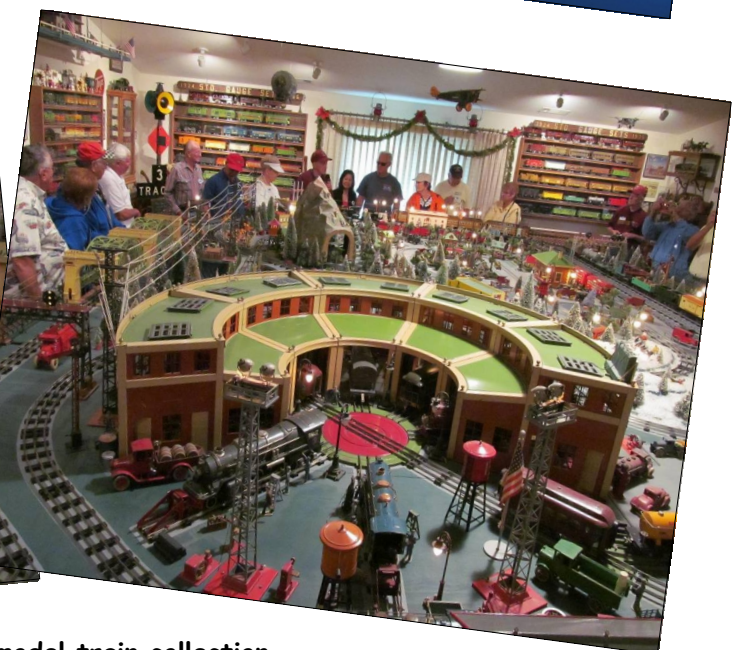
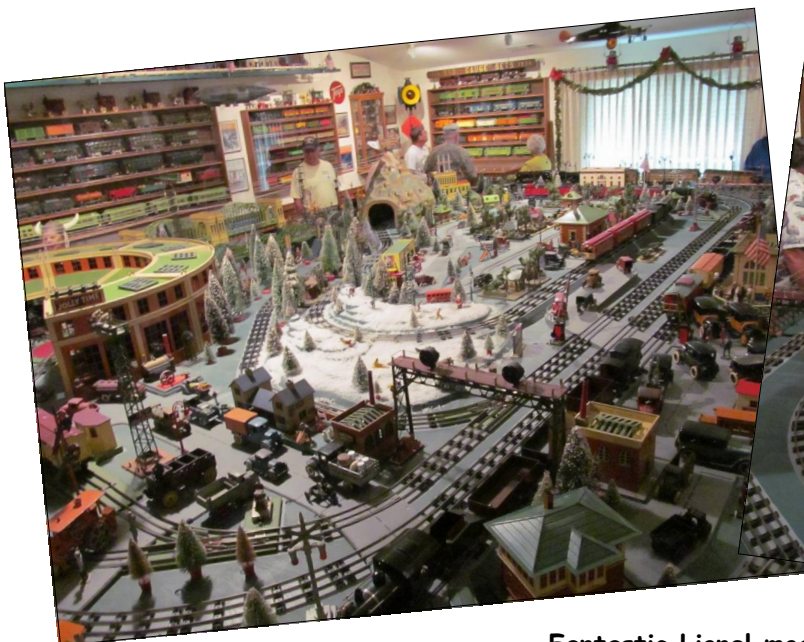
October 12th (Sat) The **3rd Annual Model A Ford Roundup** hosted by the Santa Maria Chapter. We will have a Santa Maria Style BBQ, Car Games, and a raffle. Price \$5 per head. Please come. A good time will be had by all. More details to follow.

November 10th (Sun) tentative - 'Lunch with the Firemen' in Long Beach. More to come.

January 18th, 2014 (Sat) Harbor Area **Awards Banquet** at the Proud Bird restaurant in Westchester.

July 14-18, 2014 **2014 MAFCA National Convention**. Puyallup Washington. Website: 2014mafcanational.org

More July 2013 Wings 'n Wheels Pictures



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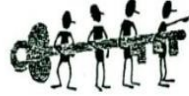


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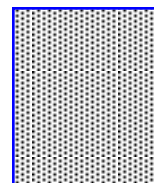
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