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The HarborLight Newsletter
was awarded the **MARC
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The Harbor Model A Club
was well represented at
the CCRG in Paso Robles.
Approximately 20 mem-
bers were there and all
had a great time.
Photo of several members
was taken after Saturday
banquet.

Photo by Elaine Pisu

Tours

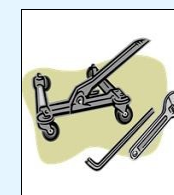
The Orange County Pan-
cake Breakfast **Sunday
April 27th.**

We will leave early
(**6:15AM**) from Harbor
Freight (Artesia and
Hawthorne) for a 40 min
freeway drive at 45mph.
Great Model A day.



Technical Activities

We are still working on Al
Avoian's AA truck (or any
other projects) at Al's garage.
The truck bed is coming along.



Our annual **Safety/
Business/Pot Luck** meeting
will be on **Saturday April 26th** at Pat
Tucker's home, 21808 Dolores St, Carson CA
90745. A-L salad, M-Z main dish
This is a new location. Fun starts at 9AM.

Upcoming Business Meeting

The **April** meeting is **Saturday, April
27th** at 9 AM at the home of Pat Tucker
in Carson. Again, this is the annual Safety,
Pot Luck and Business meeting.

The **May** meeting will be at the Walteria
Clubhouse again on **Friday, May30th.**
We'll have a table top swap meet again.

Next Board Meeting

The **May** board meeting will
be on **Tuesday, May 6th** at
7PM at the Auto Driving Mu-
seum in El Segundo.
All are welcome.



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Check in it at:
www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com

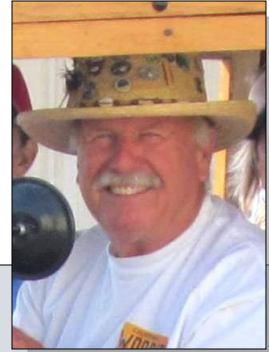
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Tim's Team Talk
A Note from our President
Tim Harrison



"A" View from the Slow Lane

This last month has been a lot of fun for the Harbor gang. We have recurring participation in the Laughlin meet in March and we sent another group to the CCRG in Paso Robles in April.

The April meeting is going to be another event to look forward to. We will be doing our annual Model A safety check, pot luck, and business meeting. A new venue this year. We will meet at Pat Tucker's museum on Saturday, April 26th at 9AM. This is to avoid possible parking problems.

The day after our safety meeting, Sunday the 27th, the Orange County MAFC hosts the fantastic annual Pancake Breakfast in Hart Park, Orange CA. This is always a fun day with great food, raffle, and good times. This is where we meet our friends from other clubs and share ideas.

Fridays at Ruby's Diner is up and running with lots of cool cars of all kinds. This will go on all summer.

Participation by club members is the key to a great car club. Make the effort to join in the festivities and share you knowledge and ideas with the rest of us. You'll feel good and so will the rest of us.

As always, have a pleasant journey and drive safely.

TIM

Some Pictures from the CCRG in Paso Robles, CA



First stop on the Friday tour in the rain was Hearst Castle Visitor's Center in San Simeon, CA

May Birthdays

- 1 LeOra Combs
- 4 Leonard Funk
- 10 Jim Speights
- 15 Peggy Wishon
- 20 Dolores Strosnider
- 27 Willie Duncan



May Anniversaries

- 5 Liz & Dan Fitzgerald
- 20 Darlene & Leonard Funk
- 23 Bill Newell & Ellen Peterson

Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

Boy, did we have fun at the CCRG in Paso Robles earlier this month. I don't have an exact count, but I think we had 11 couples from Harbor club there. Most had their As with them whether driven or trailered. Great turnout. The tours were fantastic. The Friday tour took us to Big Sur, a 120 mile tour along the coast. The Saturday tour took us through the local wine country to visit museums and collections. This was about a 60 mile tour. Good food, great people, and new friends.

Oh, don't forget Mondays, 5pm at Hof's Hut, 237th 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 43 people from the Harbor Club and 34 others. This is more than \$800 per year savings, **AND** it is **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 . . .



Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

Dick Lusk - From Ursi ; Dick needs a new heart valve and possibly a bypass. Awaiting new information on the procedure. Dick had 21 stitches in his arm. His dog wanted at a squirrel and pulled Dick along a picket fence.

Bill Knott - Bill is doing well after his tumble. He and Dot were at Hof's Hut. Great to see you about, Bill!



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"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 about October 24th, 2014
Hope to 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.



Monday Supper at Hof's Hut

We have been meeting for dinner on Monday at Hof's Hut on 237th and Crenshaw for a while now. The food is good and Norma takes good care of us. Come on by and join in the festivities. Time: about 5PM.



2014 Membership, Roster and Club Items: by Ursula Schmidt & Jan Wyckoff

The **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. Let Dick Wyckoff know, too. He'll put the info in the HarborLight.

Jan Wyckoff received the first order of embroidered golf shirts and distributed most of them. Cost was \$20. She still has some extra men's grey shirts in several sizes and a med blue woman's shirt available. Check with her at the Safety meeting if you wish to buy one.



Welcome our New Members!

Please welcome new members **Ed and Julia Duenes**. They have a 1931 Sport Coupe. Their address is: 27041 Diamondhead Lane, Rancho Palos Verdes CA 90275
Home phone: 310-377-3605. Email: Jduenes65@hotmail.com

Business Meeting Minutes

Date: March 28th, 2014, Walteria Park

President: Tim Harrison called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

Recognition of Past Presidents: Dick Wyckoff and Monty Bates.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Jack Gordinier nominated that the minutes in the March edition of the HarborLight to be approved as printed, seconded by Gloria Younkin.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner was not present; she had given the current balance to Tim Harrison.

Vice-President: Monty Bates thanked the club members for the donations he received this evening for future raffles. He also wanted everyone to know that the club has a lot of good raffle prizes this evening.

Clock Prize: 7:43PM \$5.00 prize won by Jim Speights

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff praised the job of our Web Master Sue Hankins. She is doing a great job. Please note that our publication of the HarborLight is distributed nationwide. If you have something to sell or have a need please contact Dick with your ad and he will put it in the next edition for all of our readers.

Historian & Webmaster: Sue Hankins has renewed our website now for the third year. She received the 2013 MAFCA Service Award 'Certificate of Merit' the great job she is doing on our website. It was published in the January/February issue of the Restorer magazine. Only four of these honors are awarded each year. Next year she wants to earn the award of *Website of the Year!* There is a new section on our website. It will have technical information and articles. Bobby DeCrescenzo has published our list of tools that we have available for our members use. Sue has created a CD of our activities so far this year. It will be presented after the meeting this evening. Pep Boys has supplied Harbor Marc with a 10% off coupon. Sue gave the copy to Tim Harrison, he will copy and have available to all club members.

Membership Drawing: Women's Prize - Joy Pierson and Men's Prize - Jerry Reine; neither were present. The Membership prize will increase to \$15.00 each for next month.

Membership: Ursi Schmidt said 42 present at the meeting. We have one guest tonight - Ed Duenes. Paul and Rose Jamesson were honored with their ten (10) year pin.

Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall - The Safety Inspection/Potluck/Business Meeting will be held Saturday, April 26th at 9:00AM. Our hostess is Pat Tucker, and the address is 21808 Delores Street, Carson. Please note the church in her neighborhood has services that day, from 9:00AM - 10:00AM. A-L will bring salads and side dishes, M-Z will bring the main course for our potluck. The club will supply the desert and drinks. Pat is asking for us to supply six (6) extra tables and twelve (12) extra chairs. Please call Tim Harrison if you can help with this request. The club will supply cardboard for the driveway to put under the cars. Maintenance inspections will not be done that day. They will be performed at Al's garage on Thursdays. Bring oil and bearing grease and we will all work together to oil and lube your Model A. Please contact Cliff to schedule work you may need help with your Model A.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): Jack Gordinier collected \$2.30 for missing badges.

Sunshine: Doris Marshall was not present. Dick Wyckoff discussed the information that had been published in HarborLight, Dan Fitzgerald had his back surgery and is doing well. Several months needed for full recovery. Dick Lusk needs a new heart valve, surgery pending. Bill Knott took a tumble and broke a couple of ribs. Spent some time in a care facility, but is home now.

Advertising: Amy Knott said that she has been speaking with Carlos from Lomeli's and he will be advertising in the HarborLight.

Merchandising: Dick Wyckoff and Pat Harrison delivered our new club shirts to those who purchased last month

Tools Coordinator: Bobby DeCrescenzo received a call from a family in Manhattan Beach who was in the process of liquidating their family estate. They had some Model A parts they wanted to donate to our Club. One of the items donated was a Rochester carburetor. These parts need work, but as the work is completed they will be sold and the money will go directly to Harbor Marc. Bobby said that the family had gotten his phone number from our website. Thank you Sue! Bobby rebuilt his transmission two (2) months ago. He will be setting up a seminar in the future to demonstrate how to strip the box and putting it back together to rebuild your transmission.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries: Tim Harrison announced the following: Birthdays - 8 Richard Parrish, 12 Margret Gott, 17 Ellen Peterson, 21 Bill Gaugler, 24 Jay Skinner, 25 Jack Goldberg, 28 Jim Perreten and 31 Al Avoian. Anniversaries - 7 Jan & Dick Wyckoff, 7 Tim & Pat Harrison, 10 Donnis & Monty Bates, 20 Daffy & Art Wagner, 24 Janice & Ted Dalton and 31, Joy & Dave Pierson (69 years)

Tours: Elaine Pisu - Thursday April 3rd there is a water class at the West Basin. If anyone would like to attend, see her for information. CCRG is coming up next week. April 27th is the Pancake Breakfast run by the Orange County Model A club. We will be meeting at Harbor Freight at 6:00AM and leaving promptly at 6:15AM. Don't forget to bring address labels for those raffle tickets. It makes it so much easier. Please note we will 'buddy-up' on the way home. We will coordinate the groups based on preference for specific after show activities. May 3rd from 9:00AM - 4:00PM is the Edelbrock Show. We will meet at Harbor Freight at 8:00AM or 8:15AM. They need volunteers for the event. See me to coordinate if you would like to volunteer. There is a tour of their plant, but you must go to their website and register to get a ticket. We are discussing having a picnic at Columbia Park in Torrance in August. Stay tuned for more information. One of the events will be the popular Hubley Track! April 11th Ruby's opens up for the season.

Old Business: None

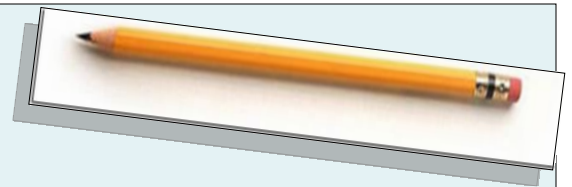
New Business: Dick Wyckoff announced that they had extra shirts made if anyone would like to purchase one see him or Jan.

Refreshments hosted by: Jay and Linda Skinner

Next General/Business Meeting: April 26th, 2014 at the Safety Meeting **Next Board Meeting:** April 1st, 2014

Meeting adjourned at: 8:22 p.m. for slide show and refreshments

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary



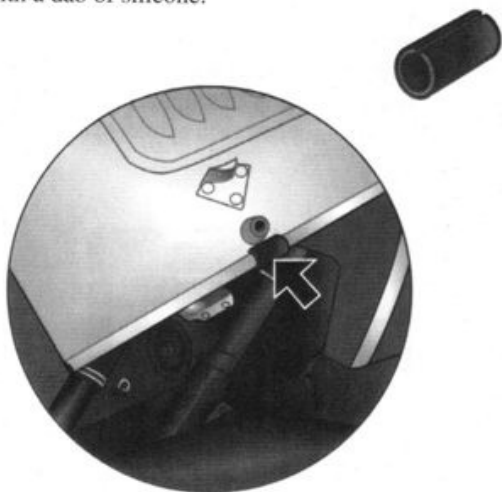
Technical Talk

A couple of clever ideas you could use

HOOD ANTI-CHIP PROTECTOR

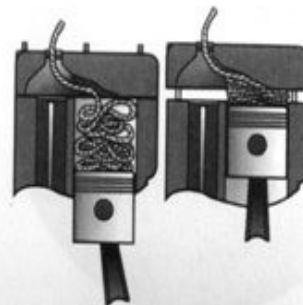
A very simple solution to the problem of chipping the paint on your hood when latching the hood down with the hood handles is to cut four 1" to 2" lengths of fuel tubing, which are then cut length wise as shown.

Slide the tubing over the rolled lower edge of the hood and secure in place with a dab of silicone.



SAFE AND EASY WAY TO REMOVE A STUCK HEAD

If you are trying to remove your Model A head and it is stuck - simply remove all head nuts, if you haven't already. Take out all spark plugs and using your hand crank turn the engine over until pistons #2 and #3 are at top dead center. A flashlight will aid in looking in the #2 and #3 spark plug holes. Take two pieces of 3/8" nylon or cotton rope, several feet long and feed one end of each rope into the #1 and #4 cylinders through the spark plug holes. Then simply use the hand crank to compress the rope and with a little force on the crank, the head will lift right up. Try to use about the same length of rope in each cylinder so as to lift the head evenly.



A discussion on [Fordbarn.com](http://fordbarn.com) about 12 volts in the Model A.

The "wiring" is no different: Wiring designed to carry 6 V current will safely handle 12 V. However, you do have to change the coil or add a special resistor, all of the light bulbs, either change the horn or add a load resistor, and--depending whom you believe--change the field windings in the starter. ALSO, assuming that you are also switching from positive to negative ground, you will need to reverse the primary wires to the coil.

I'm assuming you're doing this by using a voltage regulated alternator.

Just to add to Steve's excellent info, If you replace the coil, you will want a 3.0 OHM for 12 volt. I use an epoxy filled coil. If you use an oil filled coil it will need to be mounted with the wire connections at the top. Original model A coils were tar filled. If an oil filled coil is used, oil can leak out and the coil will overheat and fail. If you want to run 12 volt positive ground with an original unmodified generator, NO wires will need to be changed or reversed. If an alternator is used with negative ground, the wires will need to be reversed at the ammeter and coil as Steve said above. I have run unmodified six volt starters on 12 volt since the sixties with no problem. I run a Fun Projects 12 volt can style voltage regulator in place of the cutout on the unmodified generator on my roadster.

Touring with Elaine
By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

It's Time to Drive!



With a couple local tours under our belts, it's time to think longer distance. Several club members have driven or trailered their Model As to places like Laughlin or Paso Robles. Trailering is OK. Once you get to your destination, we end up putting another 100 to 200 miles on our cars. This is great fun especially sharing the adventure with 100 other of your closest Model A friends!

Coming up shortly (this weekend) we will be attending the Orange County Annual Pancake Breakfast in Orange CA. 300 - 350 other cars are there from all over So Cal. The Harbor Club will meet at the Harbor Freight (Hawthorne and Artesia) **Sunday, April 27th** at 6AM and leave at 6:15AM. We take the freeway to Orange County. We go 45 MPH and it take about 40 minutes. Because people leave at different times, we will



try to have a "buddy system" coming home so no one is driving alone.

We will be attending the Horseless Carriage Antique Car Tour to the Muckenthaler Museum in Fullerton again this year. The date is **Sunday, May 18th**. The Horseless Carriage Antique Tour meets at the Hotel Fullerton, 1500 S. Raymond Ave., Fullerton CA 92831 at 9AM with a 9:30AM departure. More details when we work them out.

So you can see, we have a couple driving events coming up. Make sure your car is ready. Have it checked out at the Safety Check this **Saturday, April 26th** at the home of long time member Pat Tucker. Event starts at 9AM. Loc'n: 21808 Dolores St., Carson CA 90745. See you there!



It is close to that time to get those bathing suits out.

Here is a sample of bathing beauties from the 1920's

Enjoy!

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

1915 Model T Fire Chief Car. Complete. Needs cosmetic work. All parts and in mobile condition.

1934 Ford Coupe. Complete. Needs cosmetic work. Extra Motor. many parts.

Owner is 93 and feels he will be unable to complete the restorations. Prices on both can be worked out with prospective purchaser. Contact person is Dale Plueger @ 310-670-8492. Loc'n: Westchester CA

Wanted:

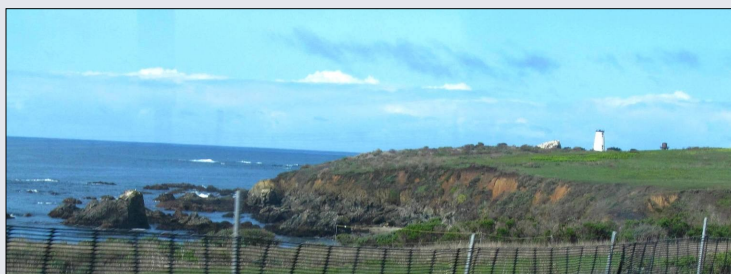
- **Used Christmas and greeting cards.** (Complete cards please). We will recycle them. Ursi (310) 539-5391 and Doris (310) 378-5061.

One Day at the CCRG in Paso Robles by Dick Wyckoff

Thanks to the Paso Robles MAFC, 300 people had a great time at the CCRG. The location in central California is perfect for Model A touring and that is just what we all did. Of the probably 125 or more cars, one third of us went on the 120 mile tour over the hills onto California Route 1 along the coast. The 30



mile drive to get there was challenging (hills, not road condition) but worth the effort. Hearst Castle Visitors Center was the first stop in the rain. After an hour or so there, we headed off to Ragged Point in the Big Sur area of the California coast. The rain stopped early in the drive and we enjoyed the views along the way. Passing through Cambria we ended up at Ragged Point for lunch and photo ops.



The scenery at Ragged Point was spectacular

and provided a beautiful setting to take both scenic and beautiful car pictures.

The return drive was enjoyable as we



got to stop and see the Elephant seals basking in the sun on the beaches. Then we drove through

Cambria and some more back country. Great Model A driving! Of course, we had to

navigate the 30 mile drive again going home. Took our time and Tootsie (our '30 Cabriolet) performed perfectly. Friday night was a BBQ dinner with a live country band that included a 15 year old fiddle player. Great show!



Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2014

April 26th (Sat) - Harbor As annual **Safety check / Business meeting / Pot luck** at Pat Tucker's home. (New Loc'n) Her address is 21808 Dolores St. Carson CA 90745. Start time is 9AM.

April 27th, (Sun) - Orange County MAFC Annual **Pancake Breakfast** at Hart Park in Orange CA. Meet at Harbor Freight at 6AM, **leave at 6:15AM**. About a 40 minute drive.

May 3rd (Sat) - 2014 **Edelbrock Car Show** at Vic's Garage 210 Madrid Ave. Torrance CA 90501. 9AM-4PM

May 18th (Sun) - Horseless Carriage **Antique Car Tour** to Muckenthaler Museum and Concours d' Elegance in Fullerton. We did this last year and it was a good tour. More to come.

May 23-26, 2014 (Fri-Mon) - **NCRG** in Malpitas CA

May 31st (Sat) - 1st Annual Manhattan Beach **Concours d' Elegance**. Mira Costa High School 10am -4pm.

June 28th (Sat) - Orange County Model T Club **Swap Meet**. El Dorado High School 1651 Valencia Ave, Placentia CA 92870. 6AM to 2PM

June 29th (Sun) - **Henry Ford Picnic** by the Downey MAFC, Diamond Tread Chapter. Santa Fe Springs

June 29th (Sun) - 44th **Antique Nationals** Auto Club Dragway 9300 Cherry Ave Fontana CA Info: 661-255-1931

July 11-13, 2014 (Fri-Sun) - **Wings and Wheels** in Solvang CA.

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

July 26th (Sat) - Long Beach Model T Club 60th annual **Swap Meet**. Los Alamitos Race Track. Free admission.

Aug 24th (Sun) - San Fernando MAC **Swap Meet** at Rancho San Antonio, 21000 Plummer, Chatsworth CA. 6AM

Sept 13th (Sat) - Orange County MAFC will host the **International Model A Day** event. More info when available.

Sept 28th (Sunday) - Paradise Valley MAC **Swap Meet** Western Little League Headquarters, 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino CA. 6AM to 3PM. Info: John Benson 909-875-4545

October 5th (Sun) - **Frazier Park picnic** sponsored by the Bakersfield MAFC. 90 mile drive. Fun event!



Saturday Touring at the CCRG in Paso Robles

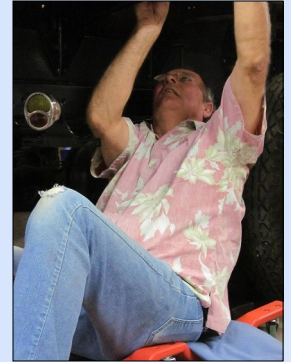
The pictures are from Tour #4 offered at the CCRG. We went to Santa Margarita/Creston - Mills Ranch & the Muzeum at Drift Away Downs. Then to the Warbirds Museum and Auto Display.



Thursday Happenings at Al Avoian's Garage



Al's 1931 AA flatbed truck is coming along just fine. The project at hand is to create a new flatbed when we had no sample to go on. With guys on top and bottom, we were attaching the wood to the framework. As you can see, we are making progress. Come by and check it out



Jack Gordinier, Mirco Pisu, Andy Soto and Jim Huizdos working on the AA truck wooden flatbed.

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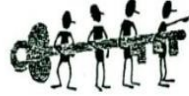


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