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*Let's be  
Thankful this  
November*

*Veterans Day  
November  
11th*

*Thanksgiving  
November  
27th*



### Tours

Elaine is working on a couple tours for November. One is a 'Feed the Firemen'

tour to San Pedro. **Sun, November 9th.**  
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The second is a **Progressive** tour where we have several food stops (of course!) around the South Bay. This will be on **Saturday, Nov 15th.** More to come.

### Technical Activities

Al's AA truck is pretty much completed. We are working on the stake bed side rails.

We are looking for a new project. How about bringing you're A in and having the wheel bearings packed and the brakes inspected?

If you have another project that needs help, let Cliff LeFall know and we will get it going. Everyone learns from these projects. Join us each Saturday at Al's garage.



### Upcoming Business Meeting

October meeting is Friday, **October 24th** at **Walteria** Note change of date!

Pot Luck meeting and officer nominations.

**A - L** bring a main dish,

**M - Z** bring a side dish or salad.

We set up at 6PM and eat at 6:30PM. The regular meeting starts at 7:30PM.

The **November** meeting will also be a week early (Thanksgiving). We will meet **Friday, November 21st** at 7:30. Nominations and elections for 2015 officers and White Elephant sale.

### Next Board Meeting

The **November** board meeting has been moved to **Tuesday, November 11th** at 7PM due to elections. Location TBD. (The Board will be notified when the location is determined.)

All are welcome.



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Check it at:

[www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com](http://www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com)

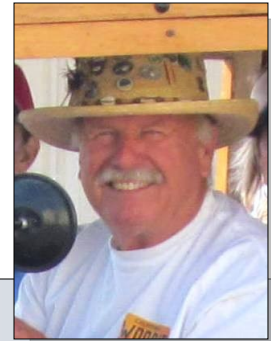
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*Tim's Team Talk*  
*A Note from our President*  
*Tim Harrison*



*"A" Cool View from the Fast Lane*

It is clear we aren't the hearty and hale Model A drivers of yesteryear. We have become creatures of comfort and want our air conditioners when driving to events where temps will be in the 90's. Of course, we had a McDonalds stop (maybe the club should consider buying stock) on the way to the Frazier Park picnic. Frazier Park was lovely—mild temps and a cool breeze. Food, there was a plenty and good too.



If by chance you had a "bum tum" on the way home, you might want to ask Georgette how she cooked her fowl. I'm sure it couldn't have been a result of eating my chicken. (Gotcha Georgette!)

We had plenty of raffle winners. My winnings make me the Club's new dust buster and see Dick if you need a pocket knife.

Hats off to Drain and Doris for taking their Model A to Frazier Park!

Thanks to all the Harbor members for participating in this fun event.

Pat

PS: Next year take your Hubley

*A Perfect Day at the Museum* by Jim Huizdos



A perfect day at the Museum - Gilmore Museum, north of Kalamazoo, Michigan. I was visiting with family in Linden, MI. the week the museum was having their Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at their MAFFI Ford exhibit. The decision to make the 125 mile trek was easy seeing how there would be visiting Model A car clubs from Indiana, Ohio and surrounding cities . . . . Plus a Swap Meet - COOL.

The park-like setting of the 90 acres was relaxing, exhibits educational and the autos displayed first class. The car corral was filled with visiting Model As of all description and club mem-



bers entertaining. The swap meet was a success - found 1931 Michigan license plates for my Roadster... The Gilmore Museum is a MUST SEE if you ever get within 125 miles. A return trip is in the planning.





## November Birthdays

5 Paul Jamesson  
10 Dick Lusk  
11 Joe Jankiewicz  
12 Steve Newton  
17 Wilbur Richardson  
26 Pat Yacklon  
28 Jan Wyckoff



## November Anniversaries

6 Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo  
15 Andy & Sandra Soto  
21 Joe & Linda Freitag  
28 Al & Georgette Avoian  
30 Dick Lusk & Ursi Schmidt



## Editor's Corner

by Dick Wyckoff

Sixteen Harbor members made it to the Frazier Park picnic on a very warm day. It must be old age, but 100° heat in the valley forced all but one couple to drive their moderns. Doris and Drain Marshall drove their sedan to the picnic and then continued to Santa Maria to help celebrate that club's 50th anniversary. We all had a great time.



Don't forget the October meeting is a pot luck affair and nominations for next year's officers. At the November meeting, we will have the elections and proceed to have a white elephant sale. So start saving your treasured elephants for that event. All proceeds go to the club's treasury.

Oh, don't forget Mondays, 5pm at Hof's Hut, 237th and Crenshaw in Torrance. Can't forget the food! Join in the activities. We get 25 - 30 members there!

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 45 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.

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.

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 . . .

### "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 31st, 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 the staff 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. Make sure Ursi has your current info. We are working on the 2015 edition.

**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 Harbor-Light.

**Jan Wyckoff** got in a new shipment of Harbor polo shirts. She has blue, grey and some new white shirts available for sale at \$20 each.



Hopefully she has your size as they are going fast!

Those of you that ordered one in advance, she has them ready for pickup. Be sure and wear them to the club's events.



Elaine got a deal on navy fleece vests. Cost is \$21 plus \$10 for embroidery. Interested? See Elaine or Jan.

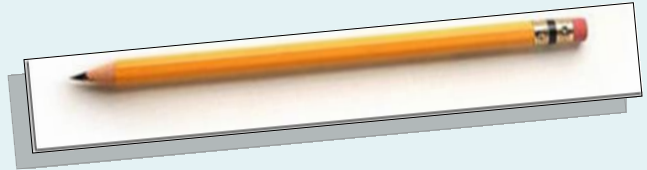
### Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

**Mirco Pisu** - Mirco is slowly recovering from a fall off of a scaffold while on vacation in Italy. He fractured a rib and it has slowed him down a bit.



## Business Meeting Minutes

Date: September 26, 2014 Location: Walteria Park



**President:** Tim Harrison called meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

**Salute to the flag:** Led by Jack Gordinier and Daffy Wagner

**Recognition of Past Presidents:** Dick Wyckoff, Monty Bates, Doris and Drain Marshall

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Georgette Avoian moved that the minutes in the October edition of the HarborLight be approved as printed; the motion was seconded by Drain Marshall.

**Vice-President:** Monty Bates thanked everyone for participating in the 'opportunity drawing'. He also expressed his gratitude to all that contributed items to this evenings drawing. And he reviewed the opportunities on the table for these evenings' drawings.

**Treasurer:** Daffy Wagner said all bills are paid

**Clock Prize:** The \$5.00 prize was won by Greg Earhart.

**HarborLight Editor:** Dick Wyckoff. Please send interesting stories, items for sell or to buy to him and he will publish in the next edition of the HarborLight. At present it is distributed to 20 other club editors. Talked about cover feature 1930 photo of the El Segundo Ice Company in the October HarborLight and the funny 'Stupid World' article.

**Historian & Webmaster:** Sue Hankins. Had a wonderful trip, and is home for a while. Email her any information and she will be sure to include it on our website. Sue has prepared a 13 minute slide show of our last activity - Picnic at the Park.

**Membership Drawing:** Women's Prize - Elyse Beardsley. Men's Prize - Joe Beason. Neither was present. The Women's Membership prize will increase to \$15.00; Men's will increase to \$40.00 next month.

**Membership:** Ursi Schmidt. We have guests tonight from Orange County A's - Diana & Jim Runyon

**Technical & Safety:** Cliff LeFall. We will not be a meeting at Al's garage this Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please call Cliff to schedule any specific seminar that addresses a special need you may have. Cliff shared a tip on how to extend your radiator sensor using a small 1" spring.

**Sergeant at Arms (badge money):** Jack Gordinier collected \$1.83 from members who did not have their badges. Jack has been upgrading and adjusting the club bell, he wanted to be sure we noticed the improvement.

**Sunshine:** Doris Marshall. Rhoda Larquier keeps busy at home. She wanted to extend her thanks for the continued calls and cards Georgette Avoian had an accident. She lost her balance when hanging something and fell, hitting her head on the dresser. She ended up spending the night in the hospital for observation. She is okay! Georgette Avoian told a very funny story. It was about her and Al's experience at Lompoc and the rolling Model A. If you missed it have her tell you the story! It is great, but to do it justice she must do the telling! Pat Tucker's son is in the hospital; he tried to stop a 31 truck and got his leg and foot caught. He will be in a cast recuperating for a while. Truck one - Pat's son zero. Mirco has a cracked rib and is recuperating.

**Advertising:** Amy Knott was not present.

**Merchandising:** Jan Wyckoff has received a new shipment of shirts. New fall fashions! We have Men's and Women's polo shirts with our logo in grey, blue and white. They are available to purchase at the back table. We also have t-shirts and hats with our logo. Only three 50th anniversary cookbooks left. \$10 each.

**Tools Coordinator:** Bobby De Crescenzo. We have some very generous people in our club. Jack Gordinier just donated a few tools. Thank you, Jack. One of them is a tool that removes the ridge at the top of cylinders, a ridge reamer. The club now has 33 tools available for our members. On Sunday his car will be displayed at the Redondo Beach Pier. There should be about 100 cars, all of which are invitation only during the Lobster Festival - Time 10:00AM - 3:00PM

**October Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Tim Harrison announced the following:

Birthdays - 9<sup>th</sup> Julie Goldberg, 13<sup>th</sup> Adeline Bates, and 25<sup>th</sup> Tim Harrison.

Anniversaries - 1<sup>st</sup> Jim & Ruxella Speights, 3<sup>rd</sup> Don & Amy Knott, and 20<sup>th</sup> Elyse & Jim Beardsley.

**Tours:** Elaine Pisu. September 28<sup>th</sup> this Sunday, Paradise Valley MAC Swap Meet Western Little League Headquarters, 6707 N. Little League Dr. San Bernardino, CA 6AM - 3PM. October 5<sup>th</sup> (Sun) Frazier Park picnic 80 Mile drive. This is a potluck bring whatever you like, no assigned food category. Meet at Harbor Freight at 8:15AM leave at 8:30AM. We will stop at Castaic McDonalds for breakfast and a break. We will have a progressive tour coming up - more information to follow. Please see Elaine if you would be interested in hosting one of the meals that day. October 11<sup>th</sup> the Questa Crankers in Santa Maria is having their 50 year anniversary the cost is \$5.00 per car and \$5.00 per person for a Tri-tip lunch. If you are interested in spending the night special rates have been arranged with the Airport Radisson - \$102 per night. October 19<sup>th</sup> - Last cruise at the Peterson before they close for remodeling. November 9<sup>th</sup> tentative 'Feed the Firemen' - confirmation to follow.

**Old Business:**

We have new business cards. Jim Huizdos did a great job getting these designed and ordered for us. If you have not received any yet, please see Monty Bates and get four (4) or five (5), keep them in your wallet and give them to people that express an interest in Model A's and/or our club. You can write on these, but it is easier if you use a sharpie marker. Elaine found vests for us that are \$21.00 each and an additional \$10.00 for the embroidery. If you are interested please see her tonight, she has a limited supply on hand. But can get more if you like them. Try them on and let her know this evening.

**New Business:**

The next business meeting will be October 24<sup>th</sup> - due to the last Friday of the month being Halloween. We will have a potluck that evening. Ruxella will need five (5) - six (6) people to help her set up the tables, etc. We will meet at the clubhouse at 6:00pm and eat at 6:30pm. A-L Main Dish and M-Z Salads or side dish. Bring your own drinks. November 21<sup>st</sup> business meeting we will have our annual White Elephant Sale. Bring goodies that you want to get rid of. Christmas shopping. :- ) Banquet will be January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Proud Bird. Prices have gone up. It is \$50 per person. We will have four options - Chicken, Sirloin Steak, Salmon or Vegetarian. Our tour director will bring the music. Hickory Corners Model A museum is asking for donations. This will be discussed further at the board meeting. TBD Annual Model A Picnic - many people have asked to have our picnic at the same park location next year. We will contact the park for availability. More information to follow. If anyone has other ideas please let us know. Elaine Pisu asked if anyone knows of parades throughout the year to please let her know. It is always fun to participate in a parade. At our next meeting in October we will be accepting nominations for the following positions: Treasurer, Tour Director and Technical. Please think about it and if you are interested (or you would like to continue in your current position) let us know.

**Refreshments hosted by:** Drain and Doris Marshall / Jeanne & Richard Parrish

**Next General/Business Meeting:** October 24th

**Next Board Meeting:** October 7th

**Meeting adjourned:** Pat Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting, Drain Marshall seconded.

We adjourned at 8:45p.m. for refreshments

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary

## Technical Talk

### Model A Headlamp Adjustment

Reprinted from San Diego MARC/MAFCA "QUAIL CALL" November 2011

Article by Arlyn Bieber, Technical Director.

At the last meeting, I talked about Model A headlamps and the use of larger bulbs available today. In addition to using the correct bulbs, the headlights need to be properly aligned and focused. How many times have you looked down a row of Model A's and noticed the headlamps pointing up or down or tilted sideways? The following steps I have used for years to align the headlamps. My system is not perfect but it is quick and easy to do and the headlamps look right.

1. Tools needed are a 3/4" open end wrench, straight edge about 36" long and a 6" or 9" torpedo level.
2. Park your Model A on a level area.
3. Loosen the 3/4" nut on the bottom of the headlamp so you can move the headlamp. Keep the nut fairly snug so when you move the headlamp it will stay in position.
4. Take your straight edge (Straight edge could be a 2 x 4) and lay it across the face of the headlamps. (See picture). Then twist each headlamp until both sides of each headlight rim touch the straight edge. This will assure the headlamps are parallel and point straight ahead. Make sure the lens flutes are vertical, also.
5. Now take your torpedo level and place it vertically on the center of each headlight lens. (See second picture). Tip the headlight until the bubble is centered between the marks on the level then continue to tip the headlamp so that it points slightly down or until the bubble is centered on the mark nearest the headlamp. Make sure you tip the headlamp down and not up. That is assuming you don't plan to tree a raccoon, if so then tip the headlamp up!!
6. Take your open end wrench and tighten the nut on the bottom of the headlamp.
7. Check your work with the straight edge and level. You may need to go through the procedure again as sometimes the headlamp will move when you tighten the bottom nut.

The procedure for focusing the headlamps is too complex to describe here, but pages 322-324 in the Ford Service Bulletins details the necessary steps to properly focus the headlamps.



Adjust so that both lights are flat against the straight edge.



Adjust lights for 1/2 bubble forward tilt.





## **Touring with Elaine** By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



### **We're still Driving!**

November is here and we are going to have 2 of my favorite events this month.

**November 9<sup>th</sup> FEED THE FIREMEN** at station 112, at Ports of Call in San Pedro. We will be having a pot luck lunch for our wonderful firemen. Last year we fed over 45 people so please be generous. Everyone needs to bring something substantial, please don't show up with a sandwich for 2. I will have a sign-up sheet at the business meeting on 11/24 to be sure that we have enough food. Meet at the clubhouse at 10:45 and we will **leave at 11:00.** Be sure to bring a jacket because if the station is not too busy we may get a boat ride.

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** is our annual progressive/poker run. Cost is \$10 which includes the poker run. Please sign up at the October business meeting. Meet at the club house at 8:00 AM and be sure you come hungry. We always have too much to eat. Bring your money because we may have a couple of shopping stops on the way... I am not telling where we are going but there are some new stops so **if you know please don't tell anyone!!!**

**NOTE:** We have made arrangements to have our **Board meetings for 2015** at the **Toyota USA Automobile Museum** at 19600 Van Ness Ave, Torrance. Great facility, just south of 190<sup>th</sup> St.

*Elaine*

**Save the Date:** After a brief club meeting **December 12<sup>th</sup>**, we'll be doing the local Christmas light tour and then have refreshments at Bob and Phyllis DeCrescenzo's home. More to come.

## **Frazier Park Picnic with our Friends**



Eight couples made the trip to the annual Frazier Park picnic sponsored by the Bakersfield Model A Club. The 80 mile trip takes the crowd through the San Fernando Valley which happened to be 100 degrees that day. Seven couples decided to take their moderns while Drain and Doris Marshall drove their sedan. They were going on to Santa Maria for their



club's 50th bash the following weekend. The weather was much nicer there!

As it turns out, other clubs did the same and the number of Model As was about 1/3 the normal number. Nevertheless, the Bakersfield club soldiered on and we all had a great time. The pot luck food was great and lots of it. The 'opportunity drawing' was successful as always.



Attending the event from the Harbor club were the Avoians, Wagners, Speights, Harrisons, Lusk/Schmidt, Gordiniers, Marshalls, and the Wyckoffs.





## *Wheels & Deals:*

### For Sale:

- I have a dozen total 19" and 21" **rims**. Ask \$20 each or \$60 for 4. I have all **internal and external engine parts**. They are used. Rods, pistons, cams, cranks, blocks, heads, etc. The prices will vary, but cheap. Many other parts. What do you need?  
Contact Dan Fitzgerald, 310-373-8060. Palos Verdes CA

- **Car Trailer:** 10'5" long and 5'7" wide. 2 wheels. Could use some new paint. \$400.  
Contact Pat Tucker, 310-835-2687

- **1930 Model A "Leather Back" Victoria.** Now, this is a complete vehicle, except that the fenders, splash rails, running boards, bumpers, glass and other stuff are off the vehicle, BUT ARE INCLUDED. The body is straight, with no known rust, but the fenders have a few "Oops!" The original running gear is complete and rolls on its 19 inch wheels with body attached. It comes with a good California title, with mint condition black license plates with yellow lettering, that are still legal. It's a steal at \$6,000 and that's the price. Included also are misc new parts that I have purchased. I just must put this vehicle on the endangered list as I need the room for HER toys. Buy it and bring your own trailer to haul it away. Contact Ted Dalton, 562-494-1648, Long Beach  
Also, 4 **Kelsey-Hayes** 16" spoke wheels - \$400

- A Model 'A' **fold-down trunk rack** and trunk with a rare spare tire mount. A great accessory. A deal at \$150. Contact Al Avoian at 310-328-3350. Torrance

- **Single car garage** located at 552 37th St., San Pedro. \$195.00  
call Elaine Pisu (310) 486-8413. Available November 19th maybe sooner.



### Wanted:

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

## *More Progress at Al's Garage*

Moving right along on Al's late '31 AA truck. Work is now concentrated on fabricating the stake sides of the flat bed. A little welding, a little grinding, some painting and things are looking up.





## *Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2014 and 2015*

- Oct 26th (Sun)** - Early Times **Swap Meet** and Pancake Breakfast. Price Transfer, 2790 Del Amo at Santa Fe, Carson CA 90221. 6AM
- Oct 26th (Sun)** - 'Pickers Paradise' **Swap Meet**. Elks Lodge #2046 7212 Melrose St., Buena Park CA. 6:30AM. Admission \$1. More info, Call Gary at 714-299-1776
- Nov 2nd (Sun)** - So Cal Hill Climb 30300 Commerce CT, Murrieta CA. F.A.S.T. event. Check-in 8AM
- Nov 2nd (Sun)** - Diabetes Awareness **Car Show**. AW Collision, 21212 Avalon Blvd, Carson CA 90745. 12 to 5 PM. More info: Contact Cris 310-427-2009 or Donaldo at 310-251-5948.
- Nov 16th (Sun)** - Pickers Paradise **Swap Meet**. Elks Lodge #2046, 7212 Melrose St, Buena Park CA. 6:30AM to ?
- Dec 14th (Sun)** - El Segundo **Christmas Parade**. More details to follow. Contact: Dick Wyckoff
- Jan 24-25, 2015 (Sat-Sun)** - 49th Annual Turlock **Swap Meet**. Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway, Turlock CA 95380. Admission \$10. Info: Call 209-571-1232.
- Feb 20-22, 2015 (Fri-Sun)** - Big 3 **Swap Meet** San Diego Qualcomm Stadium. Lots of 'A' Stuff.

## *Car Tunes* by Dick Wyckoff (with help from the Smithsonian)

Transportation is such a part of people's daily lives that music reflects the changing transportation scene. Popular music began to incorporate storylines and imagery related to the automobile in the early 20th century. Many of the songs with lyrics make much of the freedom that the automobile could bring to courting couples. Some concentrated their attention on the potential for mechanical breakdowns. Other sheet music used automobile-related imagery on the copies sold to the public, even though the song inside the sheet music didn't have anything to do with automobiles.





## **Wilson has a Home. Welcome Wilson!**

To the Model A crowd, when we mention a 'dog-bone' or a 'wishbone', car parts come to mind. When you mention those terms to Monty and Donnis Bates, they have a whole new meaning. On the way home from the Frazier Park picnic, Jan Wyckoff called the Bates and mentioned that a neighbor had a rescue puppy available. They all met that afternoon and visited the 8 week old puppy. I guess love at first sight still works. 'Wilson' had a new home. With lots of kidding and fun, the club took it a step further and had a surprise 'baby puppy shower' at Hof's Hut Monday evening a week later. The new parents loved it. Check out the pictures.



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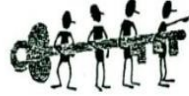


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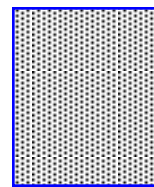
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