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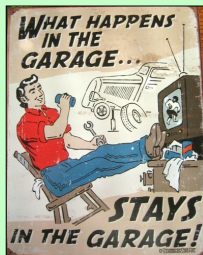


The Harbor Area As on tour at the
SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California February 18th, 2024

Technical Activities

Saturday mornings.
We meet from about
9:30AM to noon to work on
Model A projects.
Bring your Model A by and
we'll work on it.
Al's Garage,
907 Van Ness, Torrance
CA

(in the alley)



Next Club Meetings:

The March meeting will be a week earlier
this month due to Easter.

It will be Friday, March 22nd

The April meeting will be
our regular date

Friday, April 25th

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting
will be Saturday,
March 2nd at the
Safety Check



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HARBOR LIGHT



A Note from
Harbor President
Dennis Simpson



The Second Gear Grind

I had an incredible time on the tour of SoFi Stadium in Inglewood. I even ate my first Hot Dog in ~ 15 years! As we look forward to 2024, the Activities Committee has more exciting adventures planned ahead for us.

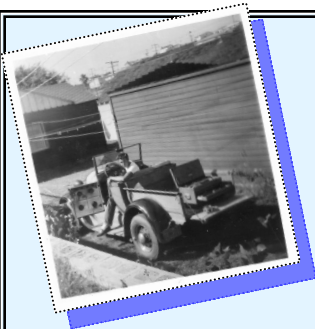
Continuing with the theme I mentioned last month in this column and I discussed at our last business meeting, Communication. I am trying to find better ways to communicate with our members. Through better communication, I believe we can increase the number of members that come to Club Meetings and join us for all the wonderful adventures that are being planned for 2024.

I sent out a test e-BLAST last week. I asked members if they received the e-mail to respond, letting me know they did. Unfortunately, less than half of the members that I sent e-mails to responded. Possible in their "Junk Mail"?

It is important to read your e-mails and our monthly "award winning" Harbor Light, as they may contain important information, i.e., change of meeting dates, location or another awesome adventure like the one we just had at SoFi Stadium.

Until next time, remember to respect one another. We are not better than anyone else, we're just on a different part of the path.

Dennis



**Editor's Corner
By Dick Wyckoff**



The wet weather we have been having here in So Cal let up for a few hours on Sunday, Feb 18th and 22 members of the Harbor Club were able to take a much anticipated guided tour of the new (4 year old) SoFi stadium in nearby Inglewood, Ca. Five Model As and a couple moderns made a short journey to the event.

I have never been so impressed with an architectural structure as I was at this venue. The hour and half walking tour took us through most of the venue. It was breath taking!

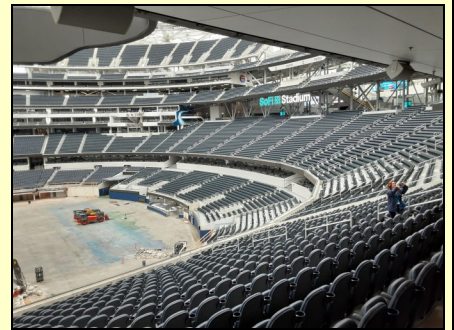
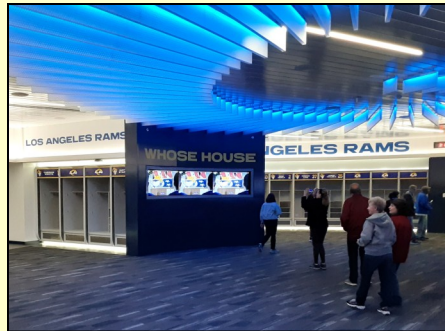
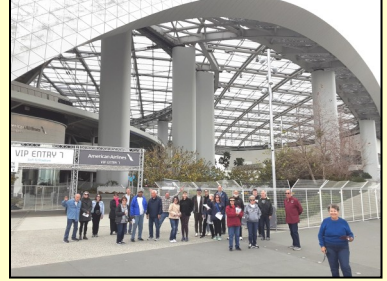
I want to personally thank Donnis Bates and her committee for arranging the tour. Unfortunately, Donnis was unable to attend due to family commitments. We missed you Donnis and Monty!

Looking forward to our annual Safety Check at the Gordinier's home. Always a fun event. See you there. . . .

Dick

Note: Picture on left taken in 1960.
Picture on right taken recently. Same truck!

Harbor's tour of the SoFi Stadium, Inglewood, CA



See write-up on Page 9

[Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering is Alive and Well!](#)

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. (at Artesia Blvd.)

Come on by and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



[2024 Membership, Roster and Club Merchandise Items](#)

Jim Huizdos has a selection of new **Club merchandise**. We have hats, shirts, patches, t-shirts and we still have 60th anniversary items for sale at a discount. More to come. The updated **2024 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available from Ursi free of charge through e-mail. Club members that don't attend events can request a phonebook/roster by mail. Contact **Ursi Schmidt** at 310-561-4895. Make sure Ursi has your latest info. **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*.

**OCMAFC - 61st Annual
Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, April 14, 2024
Hart Park, 701 S. Glassell St, Orange, California
7:30am-11am

Large Raffle Selection



Adults \$10 / Children \$5 (Ages 2-10)
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Please send in your dues for 2024. The annual dues for the Torrance Harbor MARC are \$40. The National MARC dues for 2024 are \$50 annually. Make the check out to "Harbor M.A.R.C." and send it to me:

Ursula Schmidt
26419 Pineknoll Ave.
Harbor City, CA 90710.

If you would like to pay for the Ntl. MARC dues and the Torrance Harbor MARC dues at the same time, make the check out for \$90. I will then forward your \$50 to MARC.

Postage stayed the same; \$10 additional if you are still getting the Harborlight by regular mail.

Thank you for supporting your Torrance Harbor Area MARC

Ursula Schmidt
Membership

HARBOR AREA MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: February 16th, 2024 LOCATION: Walteria Park Club house

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson --- Called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Dennis asked for the approval of previous minutes as published in the Harbor Light. Jack made a motion to approve, Weeg second the motion and all were in favor.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Lead by Jack Gordinier

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS ATTENDING: Dick Wyckoff, Drain Marshall and Tim Harrison.

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson thanked everyone for helping and the donation for the raffle at the banquet. Dennis asked members to read the emails sent out by the club, also any suggestions for ways we can communicate better. Drive Model A's around town to get new members.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison --- Presented Safety Award Certificate to Linda and Dennis Simpson. Tim has the club health cards to take on activities. If you have not filled out a card, please do so and update if needed. Tim is recycling plastic bottle and cans. Appreciate all donations for the raffle.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- Reported a balance

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff --- Reported that he has been editor for 17 years. Send articles and pictures.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- Absent. Weeg reported the safety check is March 2nd 10am at the Gordinier's. It is a potluck: A-L bring side or salad, M-Z main dish. Tim will also be doing a 50/50 raffle.

TOURS: Open position --- Pat Harrison reported for the activities committee.

Feb 18th - Sofi tour meet at Harbor freight 10am. Fee is \$48 must be paid by Feb 16th.

March 2nd --- Safety check

March 7th -10th --- CCRG in Clovis CA

April 14th --- Orange County pancake Breakfast. Meet at Harbor Freight at 6:45am, leave at 7am. \$10 per person.

April 24th --- Adamson House tour in Malibu. \$7 per person. Meet at 9am. Lunch at Gladstone's.

July 20th --- Relay for life car show

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Absent. Dennis reported, Theresa's brother in Texas passed. Monty is slowly improving. Richard Parrish said Jeanne had a stroke, was in the Hospital for 8 days and is gradually improving.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt --- Reported that she has been Membership Chairman for 22 years. Still receiving dues for 2024.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Club tools available for club member use.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson --- Asked members if they have any objection of their picture being used on the club website, let him know. Videos from the Christmas parades and banquet are now on the website.

ADVERTISING & MERCHANDISE: Jim Huizdos --- Reported he has a new advertiser, Midwest Roofing. New hats for sale.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- Reported 3 available spots for monthly refreshments. Weeg and Janet furnished refreshments tonight.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: Gary Gaffney said he has been wanting to get a Model A Roadster for 50 years. He recently purchased a 1931 Deluxe Roadster. Women's and Men's drawings: After 3 drawing members were not present. Next month \$10 each

NEW BUSINESS: Dennis said read your emails. We had speaker Bruno Schmidt, who is Ursi's son. Bruno has been working at Chevron since 1991. He is very knowledgeable about gasoline and his talk was very interesting.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: March 22nd at Walteria Park Club House

NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 2nd at the Gordinier's 10am

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:47 PM all in favor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Gloria Younkin, Secretary.



March Happenings from the Activities Committee

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>MARCH 2024 HARBOR A HAPPENINGS</p> 					1	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p>  <p><u>SAFETY CHECK</u> Gordinier's 10 a.m. Potluck A-L side/salad M-Z main dish (Short Board Mtg)</p>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<p><u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD</p>			<p><u>2024 CENTRAL CALIFORNIA REGIONAL GROUP-- JAMBOREE</u>-Clovis</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p><u>CCRG-Clovis Daylight Saving Time Begins</u></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p><u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD</p>	12	13	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING : 1:00pm</p> 	15	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p><u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p><u>St. Patrick's Day</u></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p><u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p><u>First Day of Spring</u></p> 	20	21	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p><u>MODEL A CLUB MEETING--Walteria Club House 7:30 pm</u></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p><u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p><u>Palm Sunday</u></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Happy Palm Sunday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p><u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD</p>	26	27	28	29	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p><u>TENTATIVE MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p><u>Easter</u></p> 						<p>*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.</p>

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Saturday, March 2nd, Safety Check
Location: Jack & Joan Gordiniers home, 2017 @est 238th Street, Torrance, 90501
Time: 10:00AM
Potluck: A-L Side or Salad, M-Z Main Dish

Friday, March 8th & Saturday March 9th, CCRG
Hosted by the Fresno/Clovis Sierra A's
Location: Clovis, California
For more information contact Tom Dodd tdodd@sbcglobal.net

Check back here for more fun
next month

APRIL

Sunday, April 14th, Orange County Pancake Breakfast
Location: Hart Park, 701 S. Glassell Street, Orange, CA
Time: 7:30am – 11:00am
Cost: Breakfast – Adults \$10.00 / Children \$5.00 (Ages 2-10)
For more information contact Aaron Magdaleno (714) 862-5773
Large Raffle Selection

Wednesday, April 24th, Adamson House & Gardens
Location: 23200 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265
Time: 9:00am
Cost: \$7.00
Lunch following at Gladstone's

Technical Tips

Jim's Tech Tips

"Preventing Problems with the Starter Switch Rod"

The Starter Switch Rod passes through the firewall and screws into the Starter Switch. You step on the head of the rod to start the car.

You will find that today's reproduction rods screw quite easily into and out of the switch. This can be nice when you are assembling things.

But I have found on more than just a few cars the engine vibration can cause the rod to unscrew itself and back out of the switch. You hit a bump and the rod drops down and makes contact with the post on the starter switch, where the battery cable connects. **Yikes! That's a direct short to ground, with a LOT of amps behind it.**



So you want to make the rod a bit harder to turn when installing it in the switch. Add a small drop of blue thread locker to the rod before you screw it in, or gently tap the threads a little with a hammer to deform them and make them harder to screw in and out.

Another simple solution, if you are not doing a car for Fine Point Judging (because it is not how the switch was originally done), is to add a 5/16" nut to the threaded end of the rod before screwing it into the switch. When you have the rod where you want it (desired button height inside the car, etc.) use that nut as a jam nut and lock the rod to the switch. It will not back out while driving, but you can easily undo it when you need to take it apart.

Whichever approach you choose, you will have more trouble-free miles if you get ahead of this potential problem. Until next time...

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Jim Cannon



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15D2422—C-D-E width. Sizes, 2 1/2 to 8.
15D2423—A-B width. Sizes, 3 1/2 to 8. Be sure to state size.

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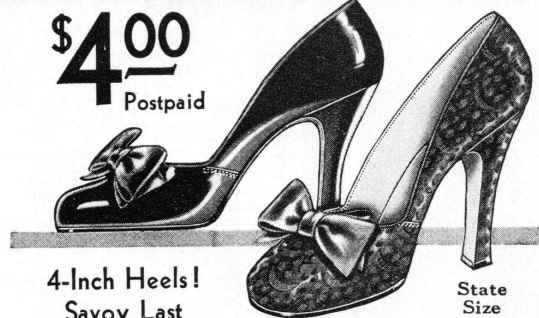


Brown Lizard embossed leather vamp with Chocolate Drop kid quarter in contrast makes this center buckle one strap a favorite with our Francine line for fall and winter. Vanity last; 1 3/4-inch covered military heel.

Chocolate Drop Brown
15D2410—C-D-E width. Sizes, 2 1/2 to 8.
15D2411—A-B width. Sizes, 3 1/2 to 8. Be sure to state size.

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4-Inch Heels!
Savoy Last

State Size

Tip top style for the most formal occasions or costume. Black Brocaded Satin or Patent Leather for these regally correct D'Orsay Bow Pumps on perfectly poised 4-inch covered spike heels with short vamp on Ritz "fashion" last. State size.

C-D-E width. Sizes, 2 1/2 to 8. A-B width. Sizes, 3 1/2 to 8.
15D2214—Brocaded Satin. 15D2215—Brocaded Satin.
15D2216—Patent Leather. Postpaid. 15D2217—Patent Leather

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15D2161—C-D-E width. Sizes, 2 1/2 to 8. Be sure to state size.

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De Luxe Ensemble Group



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Vanity lasts and 1 1/4 inch covered heels finish this beauty group!

Chocolate Drop Brown Suede, with Deer Tan Kid Trim.
15D2424—C-D-E width. Sizes, 2 1/2 to 8.
15D2425—A-B width. Sizes, 3 1/2 to 8.
Black Suede, with Black Calf Trim

15D2426—C-D-E width. Sizes, 2 1/2 to 8.
15D2427—A-B width. Sizes, 3 1/2 to 8. Be sure to state size. **\$4.00** Postpaid



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Captivating are these Center Buckle One-Strap leaders, both trimmed with black embossed lizard and 1 3/4-inch covered military heels on Boulevard last.

Black Kid Leather
15D2428—C-D-E width. Sizes, 2 1/2 to 8.
15D2429—A-B width. Sizes, 3 1/2 to 8.
Black Patent Leather
15D2430—C-D-E

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15D2431—A-B width. Sizes, 3 1/2 to 8. Be sure to state size. **\$4.00** Postpaid

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SoFi, So Good

By Weeg Thompson

On Sunday, February 18, our club embarked on a tour of SoFi Stadium in Inglewood. The cloudy day did not dampen the spirits of the group of 24 members and guests as our dedicated tour guide took us throughout the stadium complex, including visits to the locker rooms of both the Rams and the Chargers, the broadcast booth, and the Owners' Lounge. We also passed through the Kinsey African American Arts and History Collection which is currently housed at the stadium.



The guide and a couple of different video presentations provided the group with background information about the building of the stadium and lots of interesting facts about the building, including how the stadium was built to withstand earthquakes (three separate sections that shift independently), why the field level is 100 feet below ground level (to keep the dome out of the LAX flight path), why the landscaping varies on different sides of the stadium (the stadium itself creates different biomes), and what special events are forthcoming at the venue (World Cup Soccer in 2026 and Olympics Opening and Closing Ceremonies in 2028).

There is currently no turf on the field level because it is redone every two years, and this is the year for the redo. They are also making some field upgrades for the World Cup.

We finished our tour with a lunch of standard stadium fare - hot dog, chips and a drink - and ate it in end zone seats for the full feel. We heard lots of positive comments about the tour and about what an amazing stadium SoFi is. A big thank you to Donnis Bates for organizing this tour for us. So sorry you and Monty weren't able to join us.

Vintage Ad for Ford AA Trucks

Put the Ford Truck on your pay-roll



Ford platform bodies and dump bodies are used extensively in highway building, general construction and excavation work. In addition Ford dump bodies are used for hauling coal, coke and garbage

March Birthdays

3	Dianne Runyon
8	Richard Parrish
9	Steve Adams
12	Margaret Gott
25	Nicole Schmitz
25	Jack Goldberg
28	Jim Perreten

March Anniversaries

7	Tim & Pat Harrison
10	Monty & Donnis Bates
20	Art & Daffy Wagner



MAFFI Minute (Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.)

The Trustees are already planning Model A Days 2024! So far it looks like a candidate for the First Start Event (barn find which hasn't been run in a few decades) has been located. And, the report from the Gilmore Auto Museum is that one of the Event Centers will be finished in time for Model A Days, which will be nice for our Model A visitors.

Other news is that Model A's donated to the museum to be sold for the Model A Museum Expansion are getting checked over and repaired so they are roadworthy to sell. Our hardworking team of volunteers devotes Thursday evening to getting the Model A's in "sale ready" shape.

1. One Model A Tudor (1929) is on the sales floor already.
2. Another 1928 Tudor has had Trustees and friends repairing brakes, gas gauge, and a gas tank, to name a few, so it should be ready shortly
3. A 1929 Fordor Blindback is also in the queue for roadworthiness work.
4. And there are two 1928 Phaetons that we anticipate will be available to sell in the coming months.

Please contact Jerry Dennany, jerrydennany@gmail.com or John Begg, jwbegg@gmail.com for information about these cars or if you have a vehicle you would like to donate to be sold for our expansion fundraising program.

Many of you have been following our Save the Bus project (school bus) and although the bus has taken longer than we anticipated, things are coming along nicely now. The sides are up and all 4 fenders have been installed as well as the bumpers. There's lots of sandblasting, and just plain sanding and priming going on now. Things are getting exciting at Save the Bus Headquarters!

As always, we appreciate your support as we move forward with fundraising. It's all of you that make the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Museum so awesome.

Cindy Ellenbecker, Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. Trustee/Secretary



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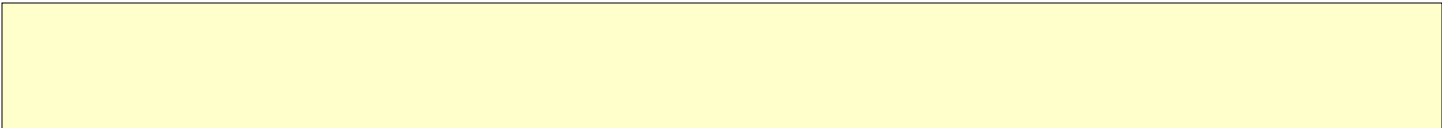
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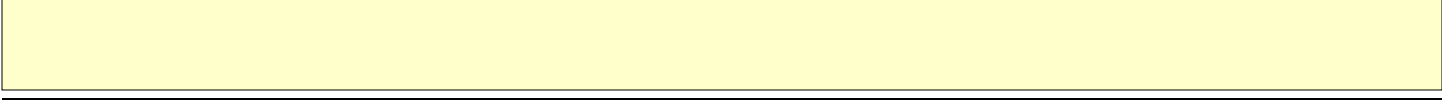
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For MAFA info and membership, see www.MAFA.com

The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Waleria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 1242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one block south of Pacific Coast Hwy.) We'd like to invite all interested parties, even if they don't own a Model A Ford, to come and join us. Our goal is to educate the public about Model A Fords and have fun while doing it.

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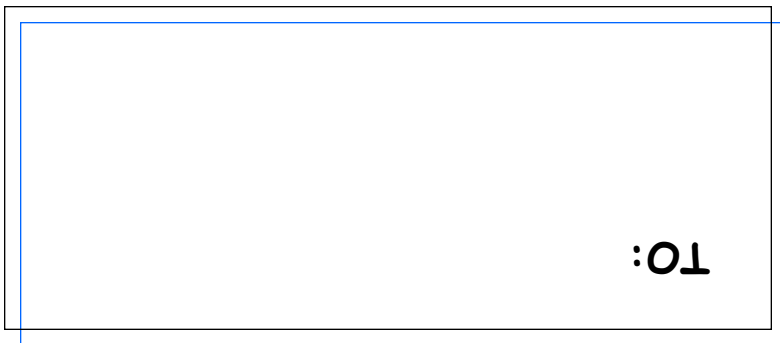
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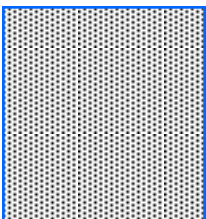
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