

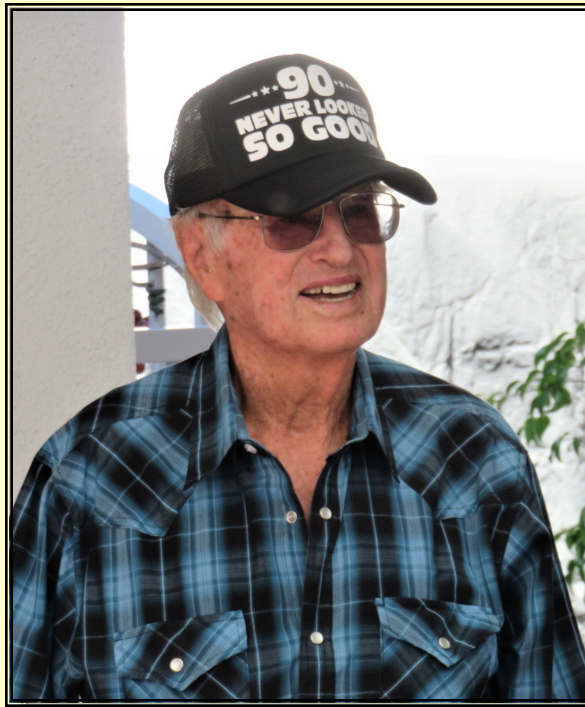


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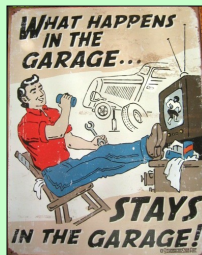


Art Wagner

Long time member, Art Wagner passed away peacefully at the age of 95 December 4, 2024. A Korean war vet and avid Model A mechanic, his quick wit and Model 'A' knowledge will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, Art.

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 January 2025 meeting is the Annual Banquet at the BlueWater Grill
January 25th
(See Page 10)

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Saturday, January 11th at Al's garage, 9:30AM



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A Note from
Harbor President
Dennis Simpson



The Second Gear Grind

As I write this at the end of my first year as your President, I look forward to all the good times anticipated in 2025.

But this is also a trying time for me. We have just lost two more of our family in the past month, Art Wagner and Dianne Runyon.

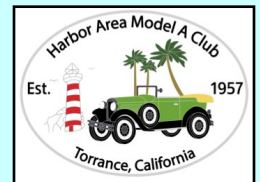
As for Art... I would not even be in the position I am in today if it were not for Art Wagner. I first met Art at another previous member's house who I bought my Town Sedan from. Art, being the friendly guy he was, invited me to attend a meeting for the Harbor Area Model A Restorers Club. I wasn't really interested in joining a club, but Art was so nice I agreed to go. Art met me at the door of the club house with his great smile "That's Bitchin'". Then he introduced me to Monty Bates... and it all went downhill from there.

With Monty's urging, I finally accepted becoming your President. Monty actually wanted me to be President instead of accepting the Vice President position seven long years ago. So you can see, it is the fault of these two "Gentlemen", that I have lost this year, that I stand before you as President of The Harbor Area Model A Restorers Club. And I would not have missed any of it!!

Merry Christmas All!

Remember, 'til next time, be nice to one another. You never know what tomorrow brings.

Dennis



**Editor's Corner
By Dick Wyckoff**



Looking forward to visiting family this holiday season. After 23 years in the Harbor Club, many of the members are like family. We share good times and provide comfort in not so good times.

As Dennis mentioned above, two of our members passed away recently. This is when the club showed it's true colors and provided comfort to their families.

Art Wagner was a 24 year member. He was an avid Model A enthusiast willing to help others with their projects. He and wife, Daffy, were pillars in the club.

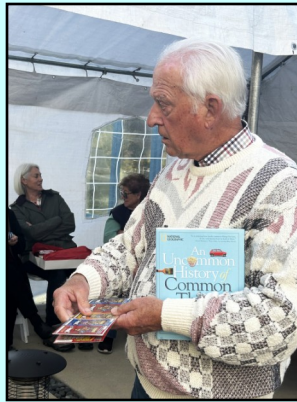
Dianne Runyon passed shortly after Art. She and husband Jim travelled monthly to our meetings from their home in Anaheim, some 40 miles away. They were members for about 10 years. I remember Dianne for her bubbly personality and quick wit. She was always pleasant and will be greatly missed.

Looking ahead, lots of fun things planned for the new year. Our Activity committee has events lined up already for 2025. Thanks, ladies. You are the best. . . .

And lastly. . . Have a wonderful holiday season. Looking forward to an exciting new year!

Dick

Our December Holiday meeting / Cookie exchange



2025 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 **2025 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*.



Christmas at the Hospital

Each year at this time, club member Dr. Steve Thompson is Santa and entertains folks at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Several members of the Harbor Club supported the activity.

Members participating this year were Mirco and Elaine Pisu, Dennis and Linda Simpson, Jack and Joan Gordinier, Donnis Bates, and Gloria Younkin.

HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: December 15th, 2024 **LOCATION:** Janet Winter's home

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 1:18 P.M.

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

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson reported that the International Model A Ford Day will be September 13th 2025. MARC wants members to pay dues online. Dennis reported there is a page in the Model A News Magazine called "In Memory" where you can have members who have passed names listed.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison reported the Parrish family and friends party was nice, several of our club members attended. He is also collecting donations for the Banquet.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner reported a balance of \$14,755.39.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff reported he is updating the club roster. Send pictures for the Harbor Light.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall – No report.

TOUR DIRECTOR: Open Position --- Donnis Bates for the Activities Committee reported on upcoming events.

January 25th – Club Banquet

September 13th -- International Model A Ford Day

HISTORIAN: Janet Winter – No Report.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Two tools loan out.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt reported local and national dues are due Jan 1st 2025.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- No report.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson—No report.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos—No report.

MERCHANDISE: Jim Huizdos—No report.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- Enjoy the cookies.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: Banquet is January 25th 2025, pay Daffy by Jan 11th 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: January 25th, 2025 at the Banquet.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 11th, 2025 9:30 AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:27 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Gloria Younkin, Secretary



December 2024 MAFFI Minute

Here's wishing you a wonderful holiday season and please share the messages below with your clubs and Model A friends:

The Model A Museum will be closed from January 1 through 26, 2025 for expansion demolition and the Gilmore's renovations. The first half of the month, the wall between the current Model A museum and the expansion is coming down so exhibits and vehicles have to be moved. The 2nd half of the month, the Gilmore grounds will be closed because Gilmore is redoing flooring. Everything should be back open beginning January 27, 2025.

This month I'm sharing the President of the Model A Ford Foundation's message:

Dear Model "A" Owners and Hobbyists,

Thank you for your continued support of The Model A Ford Foundation Museum, located on the grounds of The Gilmore Car Museum. Through your membership and donations, we have been able to establish a world class museum exhibiting displays of vehicles, era fashions and memorabilia associated with the Ford Model A.

The Model A Ford Foundation is in the process of expanding our museum another 8,400 square feet. This expansion will allow several more vignettes, a Learning Center Garage, and restrooms to be added for your enjoyment. The Foundation's income primarily comes from annual membership dues, the selling of museum items such as bricks, proceeds from our annual Model "A" Days and from club and individual donations. We ask that you consider giving an additional gift to help us support The Museum. Your gifts allow us to continue supporting our hobby with one of the best museums anywhere in the world.

All of us associated with the Model A Ford Foundation wish you and yours well this Holiday Season. Thank you again for your generous donations.

Best Regards,
John Begg, President



Hey Model A'ers,

"You really missed it," if you didn't come to the November 17th road trip to the **San Antonio Winery!** This was probably my favorite outing I have done with the Club.

Even if you never drink wine you missed a very interesting tour of the winery and the processes and procedures they go through to create and make the wine from grape juice.

Personally, I missed the drive down in my Model A, because of a faulty starter, but Dennis created a very detailed map to make it there off of the freeway. I was told he drove down there in his modern several times to get the route exactly right to keep the cars running in their natural environment. But even though I missed the drive I enjoyed the fact that the Winery had roped off parking to show our cars proudly right by the front door.









The San Antonio Winery has gone through several restorations since its opening in 1917 on Lamar Street in East Los Angeles. It was family built and still run by the descendants of Santo Cambianica Family. The property is beautifully restored and everything to process the wine is done on the property. The grapes used in the wine making are mostly from Paso Robles and shipped down for processing and bottling.

Our tour guide had worked in the winery for 45 years and is the oldest employee of the winery, I think he said he started when he was 16, so you could ask him anything about the wine and processing and he would know the answer with knowledge and expertise.

We took the Winery Tour then had a great lunch inside the winery restaurant (the obvious club thing to do). After the great lunch, a good portion of the club saddled up to the wine bar for tastings and purchasing wine. I know I spent way too much but the wine is very good and really not what you would expect from East LA.

Jim and Elyse Beardsley

January Events from the Activity Committee

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>JANUARY 2025 HARBOR A HAPPENINGS</p>			<p>1 <i>New Year's Day</i></p> 			<p>4 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12</p>
5	<p>6 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD</p> 	7	8	9	10	<p>11 <u>BOARD MEETING 9:30</u> Al's Garage</p>  <p><u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12</p>
12	<p>13 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD</p> 	14	15	<p>16 <u>ACTIVITY COMMITTEE MEETING</u> 1 pm</p> 	17	<p>18 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12</p>
19	<p>20 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD</p>  <p><i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i></p>	21	22	23	24	<p>25 <u>HARBOR AREA MODEL A INSTALLATION BANQUET</u></p>  <p>1929 Ford Model A See Below for additional information</p>
26	<p>27 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD</p> 	28	29	30	31	<p>*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.</p>

JANUARY 2025 EVENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DATE: Saturday, January 25th, Harbor Area Model A Restorers Club – 2025 INSTALLATION BANQUET
LOCATION: Bluewater Grill, 665 North Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277
TIME: 11:00am – 4:00pm
COST: \$73.00 per person. In addition to your three course meal all non-alcoholic drinks are included in the cost. These are available during social hour as well as with your meal. (Please pay Daffy Wagner by January 11th, 2705 Carnegie Lane, Redondo Beach, CA 90278)
 Make checks payable to: HARBOR MARC & indicate your entrée selection (Chicken, Salmon, Shrimp or Vegetarian) on your check. Your parking is included in the price of the meal – Please get your ticket from the parking attendant and give it to Tim Harrison. He will process and get it back to you.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH – American Honda Collection Hall, Torrance

HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING



DATE: November 22nd, 2024 **LOCATION:** Walteria Park Club House

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Lead by Jack Gordinier

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

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PRESIDENT: Dennis asked for a motion to accept the minutes as appeared in the Harbor Light. All were in favor. Dennis Simpson introduced Steve Fredrich, who is giving a talk on disaster preparedness. The information was very informative. Steve answered questions and had handout information for members. Dennis recognized birthdays and anniversaries of members. Dennis asked for nominations for Treasurer, Gloria nominated Daffy Wagner. Nominations were closed and Daffy Wagner accepted the position for the next 2 years. Dennis asked for nominations for Technical Director. Dick nominated Cliff LeFall, nominations were closed and Cliff LeFall accepted the position for 1 year. Dennis asked for nominations for Tour Director. No nominations, position will remain open.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison reported he is accepting gifts for the opportunity drawing at the Banquet on January 25th, 2025.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner reported a balance. The club received a donation of \$5,741 from the estate of Joe Jankiewicz, a former member.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff reported several members are participating in the El Segundo Christmas Parade on December 8th. Parade is from 1-3pm with lunch afterwards.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall – No Report.

TOUR DIRECTOR: Open Position --- Donniss Bates for the Activities Committee reported on upcoming events. The tour to the San Antonio Winery was great.

Nov. 24th --- Movie at Old Town Music Hall El Segundo at 2:30 PM. Lunch before at Richmond's Bar and Grill.

Dec 7th --- Tour to the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum in Wilmington. Meet at Spires at 9:15 and leave at 9:30AM. Lunch after at Green Onion.

Dec 15th --- Business meeting and cookie exchange at Janet Winter's 1-4 PM. If you wish, bring an unwrapped toy for the fire department toy drive. Pat Harrison reported that our club gave 54 bags of food and \$85 cash for the Food For Kids.

HISTORIAN: Janet Winter – No Report.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Two tools loan out.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt reported local and national dues are due Jan 1st 2025.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- No new illnesses to report.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson—Website updated.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos—No Report.

MERCHANDISE: Jim Huizdos—New merchandise available.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson reported that the apple pie and ice cream was provided by the DeCrescenzo's and Ragon's.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: December 15th at the Cookie exchange, 1PM.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: December 14th, 2024 9:30 AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:02 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: *Gloria Younkin*, Secretary



Harbor Club tour of the historic Drum Barracks in San Pedro

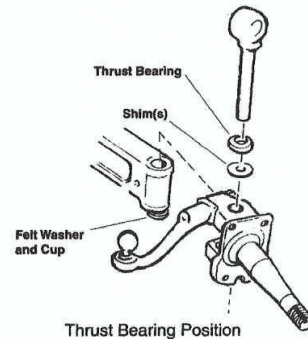
Jim's Tech Tips "Difficult Steering"

Many Model A owners find their car hard to steer when parking or maneuvering at low speed. After you confirm that there is oil in the steering gear box (not grease), the tires are all inflated to 35 psi, and everything on the front axle has been properly greased, you are left with the most likely cause: The spindle bolt (kingpin) "thrust bearings" are defective or they are not shimmed up properly to support the weight of the car. You can confirm this by using a floor jack to take some weight off of the front wheels, and then see if the steering effort is drastically reduced. If it is, the problem is the bearings.

To correct this, you need to remove everything from the spindles to get to the kingpins and remove them. See Les Andrews' Red Book, starting on page 1-209, for directions. The illustration below comes from later in that section.

Clean the thrust bearing and replace it if it does not turn smoothly or shows any signs of wear. Pack the bearing with grease before reinstalling.

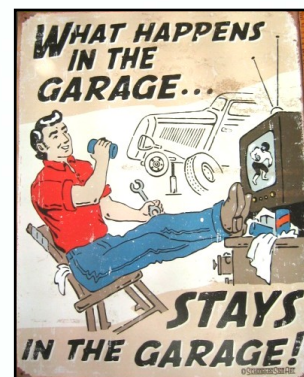
When reassembling, you need to test fit the spindle with the kingpin fully locked in place with the locking pin. Temporarily leave the large felt seal and metal washer off of the bottom of the spindle for this. Start with the number of shims previously used, then add 1 shim at a time until very little or no vertical movement of the spindle is felt on the kingpin. It can take up to 4 shims to compensate for wear.



At some point, adding a shim may jam up the spindle, making it hard to turn on the kingpin. If it does, take that last shim out, reassemble, and confirm that the spindle again moves easily, as it should. Now reassemble the spindle on the axle with the felt seal and the cupped metal washer installed between the axle and the bottom part of the spindle (the metal cup touches the axle, the felt touches the spindle). The added thickness of the felt seal may temporarily make the spindle a bit stiff turning on the kingpin, but it will quickly flatten out and move smoothly when you drive.

Now reinstall everything that attaches to the spindle, install the brakes, maybe use this as an opportunity to clean and repack the wheel bearings, then install the drums and the wheels. Grease all of the fittings well. Go for a test drive, enjoy the easier steering, and *Have a Model A Day!*

Jim



January Birthdays

- 2 Janet Winter
- 3 Darlene Dunkan
- 11 Jerry Reine
- 18 Dr. Stanley Kline

January Anniversaries

None this month



2024 El Segundo Holiday Parade



Harbor members ready to parade down Main Street

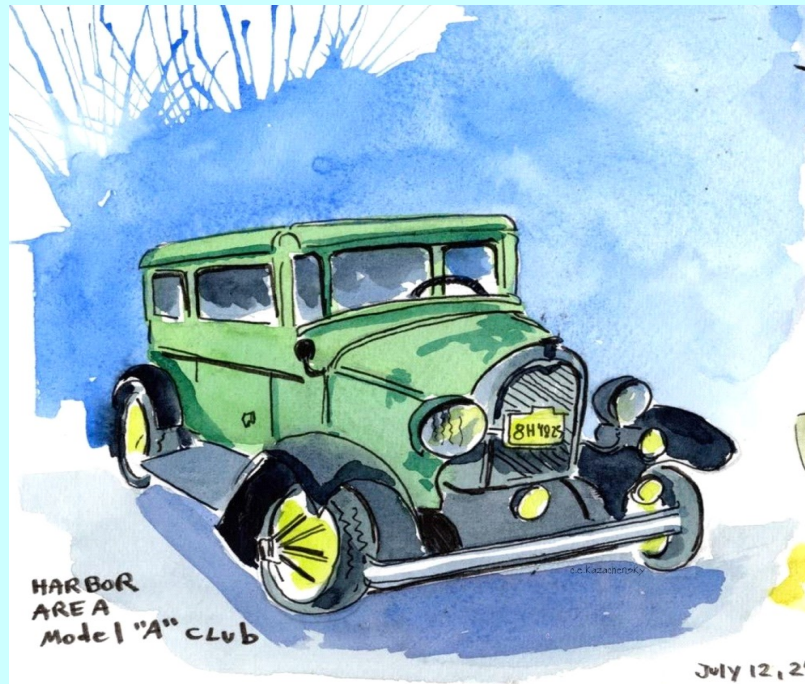


Nine Harbor Model As ready to roll!



Harbor Area Model A Restorers Club

2025 INSTALLATION BANQUET



DENNIS SIMPSON'S MODEL A
IMAGE BY WATERCOLOR ARTIST CLAUDIA E. KAZACHENSKY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025 FROM 11:00AM-4:00PM

Bluewater Grill – 665 North Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

This year we will be enjoying the following entrée choices with a garden salad served with Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side

- Chicken Breast with Orange Thyme Beurre Blanc
- Norwegian Salmon with Dill Crème Fraiche
- Gemelli Pasta with Shrimp in Pesto Crème
- Vegetarian Entrée: Pasta with Marinara Sauce & Vegetables

Dessert: Oreo Cheese Cake & Coffee

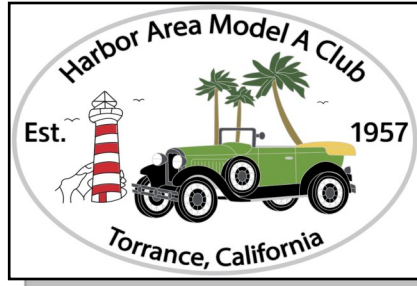
Non-alcoholic drinks (soft drinks, iced tea, lemonade and coffee) are included in the cost of your meal and are available during social hour as well as with your meal

----- Order Form - Cut Here -----

Name: _____	Entrée Selection _____	Price \$73.00
Name: _____	Entrée Selection _____	Price \$73.00
TOTAL: \$ _____		

Parking is included in the price of your meal. Be sure to get a ticket from the parking attendant, we will process and return to you. For additional orders, please use the back of this form. Make checks payable to: HARBOR MARC & indicate your entrée selection on your check – THANK YOU Send checks to Daffy Wagner (by January 11), 2705 Carnegie Lane, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

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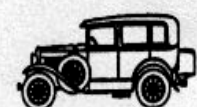
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the WALTERIA Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 1242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and 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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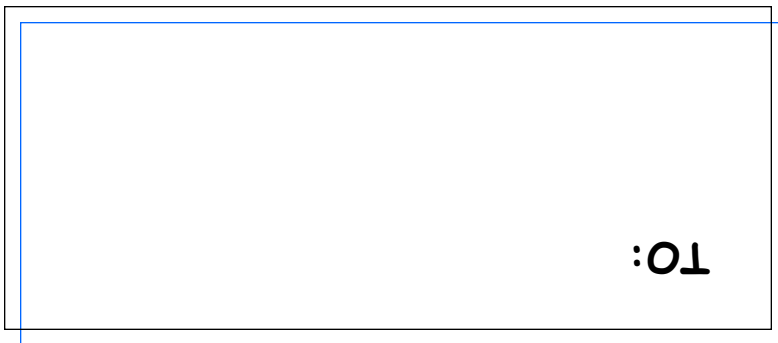
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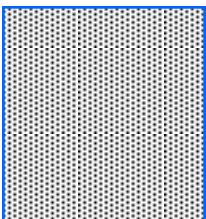
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