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The Mariolas (and others) picnic on a recent trip to Los Olivos.



Committee Chairpersons

50 years for the Mariolas

By Vince Mariola

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Back in 1945 I had a shoe repair shop in a large department store in Ohio. Joan was working on the same floor in the yardage department,

It seemed strange to me that every time I passed her department to go to the restroom, she happened to be straightening (or folding yardage) in the aisle that I had to go through to get to the restroom. Eventually we started to have longer conversations and I finally figured she wanted to go out with me. At the time I didn't own a car and she lived twenty miles from me. She told me that she would take the street car downtown and I could meet her there.

After our first date I bought a '31 Ford and shortly there after (a year and a half), we got married and drove to Niagara Falls.

The rest is history. There's a whole lot more to this, but space does not permit it.

(Editors note: the Mariolas have been members of the Orange County Chapter since 1963. And besides that he always wins! Even in marriage.)

Board Meeting Orange County Chapter Model "A" Club of America

May 22nd, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President John Riggs at the home of Lee and Gloria Jackson at 7:35PM. Club members in attendance were: John and Gwen Riggs, Greg and Leslie Carcerano, Mike Kuester, John and Alice Graves, Ted and Helen Loeffler, Bev Marsh and Carl Erickson.

Secretary's Report:

We did not have a quorum of Board members on the Santa Barbara tour. Thus, the monthly board meeting was delayed until this date. There were no additional corrections to previous minutes.

Treasurer:

Mike reviewed the pancake breakfast donations and expenses. We had less pancake donations but we sold more raffle tickets and our costs were down from the previous year. *A motion was made by Ted Loeffler to maintain our existing storage locker and to lease it for one more year. Carl Erickson made a second, and the motion passed 5-0.*

Technical:

The next seminar will be Jun. 13 at 7:00PM on distributors at Bob Ferazzi's home.

Editor:

Articles are due by May 29. Any club member who takes pictures when on a tour can submit pictures to the editor.

Activities:

Greg reviewed June and July upcoming tours (see activities article). A discussion was held on the summer tour.

Merchandise:

No report.

New Business:

We need ideas for a donation for the school for the use of their library for our club meetings. We need hosts for the progressive dinner in September. An audit of the 1996 financial records will be held after tonight's board meeting.



Old Business:

A discussion was held regarding the cost of the mileage pins. Due to the 42,000 up front expense, the Board has put the purchase of these pins on hold. The Board will look for additional ideas on how we can display individual member's mileage accomplishments.

Next Board meeting will be on June 19, 1997 at 7:30PM at Ted and Helen Loeffler's home. (See map)

Meeting adjourned at 8:53PM

Submitted by Lee Jackson, Secretary

Car of the Month

The June Car-of-the-Month is Wade and Jan Roberts' 1928 Fordor Leatherback Sedan. "This Model A Ford is one of the smoothest shifting and running A's we have ever driven," says Wade. The engine was rebuilt by Ted Loeffler and recently the front seat frame was completely reconstructed with Ted's help and expertise. It has since been to the upholstery shop where the salvaged fabric was used to complete the restoration of the seat. Photos of the seat frame rebuild will be on display with the car.

"The first month we owned the car, October 1989, our then teenage daughter, Darcie, asked to be driven to work one Saturday morning," Wade remembers. "Too bad these old cars don't have heaters," she said. "No problem!" as Wade reached down and flipped open the heater hatch in the firewall. Instant heat! She wanted it closed in about two minutes.



The Open Hood Prez!

By John Riggs

My how time flies. Since our last newsletter our Pancake Breakfast has come and gone and we had good weather and it was quite successful.

Our Swap Meet was held May 4th at Vintage Ford. Larry McKinney and Dennis Griffin worked really hard making all the arrangements. Gerry McKinney and Judy Griffin were in charge of refreshments, hot dogs, doughnuts, coffee and soft drinks. Lots of rust changed hands as well as some green. Thanks to all who made this a big success.

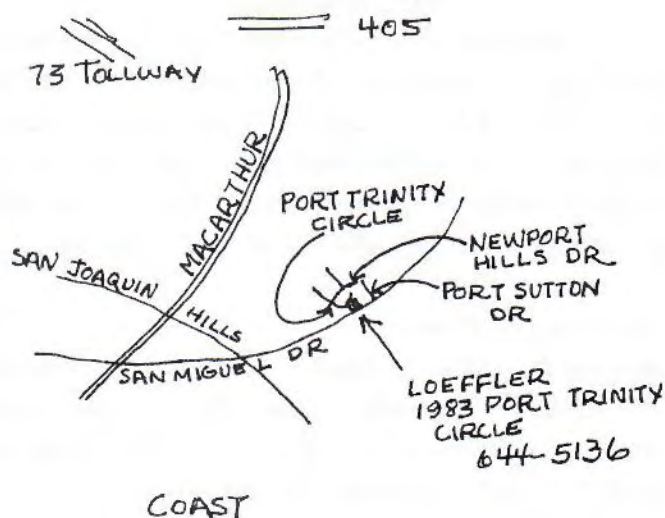
The June meeting will be held at the school and then July and August meetings will be held at Hart Park. A Potluck dinner from 6:30 to 7:30 and then the meeting. More info later on what to bring.

Our annual Santa Barbara tour was well attended and thanks to Dennis Griffin a good time was had by all.

The summer tour has been planned for August 7-19th. We will attend the Northwest Regional Meet in Vancouver Washington. As of now we have eight Model A's going. Please contact me if you would like to join us.

Hope to see you all at the meeting, hopefully in our regular room.

Directions to the June Board Meeting



Memorial Wings and Wheels

The Memorial Wings 'N Wheels is scheduled for the weekend of 11-13 of July 1997.

This has been a premier meet for more than 20 years. This years schedule will start with registration on Friday. Saturday the tour starts at 9:30AM and each participant will take a pilot along in their car on the tour which will parade down the streets of Solvang and in the scenic country side to a noon-time picnic spot. That evening it is back to the airport to the Experimental aircraft Association Chapter hangar for happy hour and a barbecue. Sunday morning starts with a breakfast of pancakes and eggs as you prepare to fly with the pilot who was the guest in your car the day before.

Registration is by July 5th and is \$36 per person, children under 12 \$18 per person. It covers three meals, a coffee-break snack and the overhead of organizing the event. T shirts may be ordered with your registration for \$14

See Greg Carcerano for all the information.

Schedule of Coming activities

June 1997

12th Thursday

General Meeting-7:30p.m.
Santiago Elementary School
Santa Ana

13th Friday

Technical Seminar
Restoring your Distributor
7:00p.m.
Bob & Patty Ferazzi
13402 Laurinda Way, Santa Ana
(See article and map)

19th Thursday

Board Meeting
Ted & Helen Loeffler
1983 Port Trinity Circle
Newport Beach
7:30p.m.

29th Sunday

Henry Ford Birthday Picnic
9:00a.m.-2p.m.
Wilderness park, Downey
Car judging, food contests, games, prizes
Bring your own table and chairs
Free parking
Depart from Coco's (Valley View & 22) 8:00a.m.

July 1997

11th -13th, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Wings and Wheels (Santa Inez)
Depart from Coco's (Valley View & 22)
Friday 9:00a.m.
(See article)

19th Saturday

Irvine Park 100th Birthday
(See article)

August 1997

Campout

To be announced

Tour

Vancouver, Washington

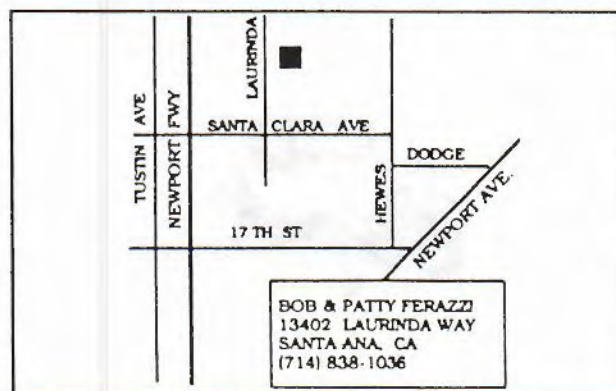
November 1997

14th-15th Palm Springs

(See Article)

Technical Seminar

The June seminar will be held at the Ferazzi residence at 7:00PM Friday June 13th. Bring a distributor along or watch to see how it can be restored to "like new or better". Evaluation for usability of parts and proper restoration is very important to a good running and reliable engine. It is always a good idea to have a ready to use spart on hand. We will have some spare parts on hand. See map in the *Distributor* for directions. (Guaranteed no black cats or ladders to go under on the map for *Friday the 13th!*)



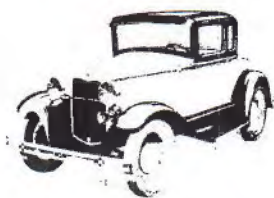
Map to Bob & Patty Ferazzi's

**IRVINE PARK 100TH
BIRTHDAY
SHOW AND PICNIC**

This event will take place on Saturday, July 19th. This is a non competitive show with a variety of vehicles expected to participate, including antique cars, motorcycles, dragsters, police vehicles, fire trucks, vintage cars and military vehicles. Show hours are 10:00 a.m. until a minimum of 2:00p.m. Arrival is between 7am - 10am. We will arrive between 8:30-9am. Show cars will enter the park for free. We have reserved a very nice spot (on grass) in front of the stage area. There are a few BBQs or you may bring your own, otherwise bring a picnic lunch. A lot of our area has trees but not all of it. If anyone has a canopy to bring for shade please bring it or call Greg. He has room to bring it. There will be music provided by a D.J.. There park benches and tables. If you prefer, you can bring your own table and chairs. Park facilities include restrooms, horseshoe pits, house rentals, snack bar, hiking trails and a zoo. Bring your family and friends for a real fun day.

Help! Help! Help!

We all look forward to the progressive dinner and need at this time someone to take on the main course. **Please** volunteer to do or help in this part of the dinner. See Greg Carcerano if you can help.



**Up coming Event
The Fabulous Palm Springs
Follies**

- **Singers • Dancers • Showgirls •
Comedy Acts
All performers are 50-84 years young**

The show features music and memories of the 30's and 40's. The show is headlined by the world famous Mills Brothers, playing such hits as "Paper Doll", "Glow Worm", "You Always Hurt the One You Love", and "You're Nobody 'till Somebody Loves You". And of course The Follies, rekindling the flame that burned so brightly during the era of Flo Ziegfeld's Follies with a beautiful formula of Music, dance, variety, sets and lavish sequined costumes. Oh yeah and lots of sexy legs too! Meet the cast after the show. Show length is 2 ½ hours and located at the historic Plaza Theater. Price is \$30.00 per person. We have reserved seats for 40 people starting on right side of stage, 5th row working back. Show date is Friday Nov. 14th, 7:00pm, and doors open at 6:00.

We will leave Friday A.M. so as to arrive in time to stop and eat, check into hotel, have dinner and get to the show. Saturday will be a day of laying by the pool, outlet store shopping, etc.

We will return home Sunday A.M. There will be a sign up sheet at the June meeting. Because this show sells out months in advance, they require a 6 month early deposit, advanced exact count of people and advance full payment. Please sign up now and pay as soon as possible. Don't miss out on a fabulous weekend. **VAUDEVILLE IS BACK!** Contact Greg Carcerano if you won't be at the meeting and want to go.

Greg Carcerano

The Hoganburetor!

by Tom Endy

Black Smoke!

For a period of many months, at various club functions, I had a number of conversations with fellow club member Warren Hogan about a problem he was having with a Model A Ford carburetor. He told me that he had rebuilt the carburetor at one of the club seminars several years ago. The problem was that his Hoganmobile would emit black smoke, cough, sputter, and could hardly get out of it's own way. Hogan was afraid to drive the car more than a block from home. We discussed the possibility of some of the jets being sized wrong. I explained that the orifices could be soldered shut and redrilled to the proper size. On several other occasions we discussed the possibility that an internal passage way in the castings may be plugged up. I explained that it was possible to drill out the brass plugs and clean out the passages with a length of wire and install new brass plugs. After much time and many conversations it became apparent that we could not fix the carburetor by further discussion. I suggested to Hogan that he bring me the carburetor and I would take a look at it and try to fix it for him.

The Fix Was On!

At the May General Meeting Hogan brought me the carburetor. I took it home and examined it. It was very clean with no signs of rust and everything seemed to be in it's proper place. I did notice that the throttle shaft had a lot of slop in it, and I made a note to install some repair bushings in the upper casting. I proceeded to disassemble the carburetor. When I got the two casting pieces apart I noticed that the secondary well was missing. In it's place was a small rolled up piece of paper. I removed the paper and unrolled it and found it was a note. The note said that the brass thing that was supposed to be here was gone, and a small sketch of what it looked like was drawn on the note.

The Evaluation!

After inspecting the entire carburetor and finding that everything else seemed to be correct, I came to the conclusion that the problem Hogan was having with his carburetor was that the sketch on the note was an incorrect size, or it may have been that the paper was soaking up all of the gasoline. Somehow I had the feeling that I had half of a starring role in a Laurel & Hardy movie. ☺



Letter to the Editor:

Re: Mileage pins & Tour rules.

In May the treasury was reported in good shape to handle the \$2000 expenditure for *mileage pins*. Huh? I don't remember voting on that. Only two years ago the club was broke! 1,000, 5,000, and 10,000 mileage patches would ease the sewing and limit the clutter at low cost to the club and no cost to the member. The pin will apparently cost \$7.00 if you want one. Maybe the pin and the blue badge are just the final break with the traditional orange theme. I would like to see less emphasis on fund raising such as coffee kitty and meeting raffle and less spending on changing direction.

Now lets talk about tours. A good tour requires a tremendous amount of work driving the course and covering details. The leader deserves to have the group stay together and follow the rules. Have *ONE TOUR!* Do you know what is going on? Are you happy with the direction? Or maybe uninformed, dissatisfied? Ask questions, speak up, go to board meetings, ask for a discussion, write the editor (sign your name). I'll shut up now and hang up my orange jacket with the funky patches.

Richard Parrish

Swap meet success!

A note of thanks to some folks that made the 1997 Orange County Model A Swap Meet a success. The Griffin's and the McKinney's want to express our sincere thanks to Bill Barrett of Vintage Ford Parts in Stanton. Without his support and generosity we would not be able to hold such a great swap meet for sellers and buyers! Bill was there before six o'clock in the morning to let us plug into the electricity and the use of his rest rooms. We really do appreciate the creature comforts. We want to thank Lee Jackson for taking care of the paperwork to the city so we are legal, and to MAFCA to make sure that we are insured. As always John Heiland was there early with but another joke, thank you John. I need to let Larry McDonald know that I appreciate that he got up before daylight to bring the donuts and ice to the swap meet. He gets such a good deal and gets such good donuts that I cannot say no to his offer. Next to Bob Ferazzi for the quick run to get more ice, that's nice. Judy Griffin was such fun to have as a helper talking another guy into a donut and a little later a hot dog. We had "em right in the palm of our hands when the sun came up and the coffee was hot. Jo Nichols came on over to lend a hand too. We really had a great day. And next of all we want to thank all of you that came to our Orange County Swap Meet. It would not be a success unless the buyers come, and the spaces are sold to guys other than just from our club. Thank you all for participating again this year. It was a pleasure being the hosts for the club event. We have already decided to chair the event next year, so again, thanks to all from the **Griffins and McKinneys.**

Welcome New Members

By John & Gwen Riggs

Welcome to two of our newer members Ken and Janet Zittler.

Ken and Janet are both native Californians having grown up and gone to school in Sherman Oaks. Yes Janet was one of the "Valley Girls."

They have three children, Patty, Cheri and Jack. Patty is about to make them grandparents and Cheri and Jack are away at college.

Ken and Janet have the Universal Patio Furniture store in Studio City, as they live in Lake Forest this makes quite a commute. Ken is an avid bass fisherman and Janet's hobby is playing tennis.

They are proud owners and drivers of a beautifully restored 1930 Coupe. Originally purchased by a friend for them in Wyoming. Ken dismantled the car himself and did most of the restoration. It took about two and a half years and has been restored about three months. Their first tour was to the Homestead Museum and we hope to see them on many more.



Classified

(Please note...all ads will run for one month unless the editors are notified.)

For Sale: 1928 Sport Coupe 50A: Built 6-14-28. Have owned since 1959. Complete, original car in the restoration process. Calif. Registration current.

Wade Roberts
Corona del Mar, Ca.
(714)675-5457

For Sale: Good working generators-\$15.00Each. Working starters-\$20.00 each, Complete front end w/wishbone and brake drums-\$40.00, Flywheels-Free heads-\$10.00 each. Rebuilt Transmission-\$150.00(new gears and bearings) Good working Transmission-no noise-\$65.00. Good running engine with about 15,000 miles since rebuild, completer and ready to drop in w/head, pan etc.-\$350. Tapered muffler slightly used.-\$20.00.

Terry Lucas
(714)633-0390

Will Trade: 2 good model A wheels for 1 good 21" wheel. Please Call:

Karl Hinderer
(805)498-4742

I will pick up and deliver the wheels.

For Sale: '65 Mercedes Benz 220S 6 cylinder original owner. 4 door, automatic, radio and air. Original paint [red] and leather interior. Very good condition and runs great!! \$4,500 obo

(310) 925-9887
or Bev Marsh (714) 531-7237

For Sale: Craftsman metal lathe with stand, 3 jaw chuck, 4 jaw chuck, center rest, live center, drill chuck, 3cross feeds and miscellaneous tools. I love it but I need garage space. \$625. 6 Volt Positive ground alternator. \$50. 6 Volt battery w/receipt & 18 months remaining on warrantee. \$10 6Volt halogen headlight conversion w/reflectors, sockets & bulbs \$50.

Richard Parrish (714) 638-2355

60th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

By Jim & Jo Nichols

On Sunday, May 4, 1997, the children and grandchildren of Carl and Dody Harden gathered to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at Freedom Village in Lake Forest, California.

As part of the celebration, two model 'A' s were provided by club members Jim and Jo Nichols and their son Rick, which turned out to be a total surprise for the Hardens. It seems that a certain 1931 Model "A" Ford roadster became an important part of their early married life together, and to have one at their 60th wedding anniversary was more than they could believe.

A good time was enjoyed by all in attendance, with many pictures and videos taken, memory's recalled and interesting stories told especially about rumble seat activities! Rides were provided in both cars for the Hardens and many of their family members.

The Orange County Model A Ford Club wishes to congratulate the Hardens on the 60th wedding Anniversary and wishes them many more happy years together. The club members also want to thank the family for the very generous donation made to the club.



Santa Barbara Tour '97

or

All Roads and The Amtrak Lead to Santa Barbara

By Jeanne Parrish

Between Wednesday, May 14 and Friday, May 16, we had a total of 16 Model A's and 5 moderns leaving Orange County and arriving in Santa Barbara. Driving their A's were the Collings, Bob Ferazzi, Griffins, Loefflers, Lindbergs (joining us from San Luis Obispo), Mariolas, Bev Marsh, McKinneys, Moores, Nichols, Parrishes, Plotkins, Riggs, Rihas, Leo Rivard, Shaners and Schmidts. In their modern irons were the Dwingers (Jennifer Dwinger and Patti Ferazzi arrived via Amtrak), McCalls, Riha's don James, Wavras and Vernolas.

As this article goes to press there were no known problems and everyone arrived safely. Maybe David Plotkin should keep the Hard Luck Trophy since his stop lights did not work! There was lots to do with garage sailing, antiquing, browsing, shopping, bike riding, walks on the beach, tours of courthouse and mission and lots of eating and socializing.

Friday evening Dennis arranged a picnic on the beach with everyone bringing food. You know this group, there is never a shortage of food! It was a great spot next to the waves breaking with tables and benches. After overloading on food, we headed for the Bebop Cafe "Cruise Night". We had the majority of cars, along with a few hot rods and some from the 50's-60's era. Art Moore and Dennis Griffin walked away with the prizes.

Saturday evening, the group was together again on an open-air trolley ride thru Hope Ranch and Montecito, followed by dinner at the Keeper's Lighthouse and a second group going to MaryAnn's.

Sunday morning we departed in different groups from 5-10:00a.m., but not before making reservations for another fun filled weekend next year. If you have not made yours, call today!

1-800-4-MOTEL 6



The Santa Barbara Bunch



One Horse Power



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HOMESTEAD MUSEUM TOUR

By DIANA STEWART

Sunday, April 27th, 1997

Ahhh, a civilized start time for us night owl types and those of us that have early morning commitments. Ten model A cars and their families met at noon a beautiful Sunday at Vintage Ford on Beach Blvd, for a tour, car show and Roaring 20's event at the Homestead Museum located in the City of Industry. It was a straight drive north on Beach with a jog over to Hacienda Blvd. With a bit of an incline over the hills but don't look for any Hard Luck Trophy recipients here, all cars functioned flawlessly. We had a few first time tourers with us, George and Gail Reece in a green Roadster, Ken and Janet Zittler with daughter Cheri in a green Coupe and Glenn Szabo with friends Ed and Dottie Barszez in a blue-gray Tudor. Rounding out the party were Mel and Terry Collings with friends Walt and Pat Deutsch, Dick and June Riha, Gary and Sandy Wilson with Marion and Joe Wavra, John and Dorothy Knox with a right hand drive Phaeton, David and Sheila Plotkin, John and Gwen Riggs, Bill Douglas and I.

What a great afternoon. The vehicles were parked in a special field near the entrance with other cars that existed during the Roaring 20's. We had a picnic lunch in the shade on tables near by and afterwards independently enjoyed the different events being offered that day for the public. There was a car show with people's choice for best automobile.

There were many craft and food booths. One of the most unique was a copper kettle popcorn. It smelled delicious and was surprisingly sweet because a bit of sugar that caramelized when added to the kettles. There were also two bands to be enjoyed, a hot jazz band near the pond and an authentic 20's dance band near the mansion. The mansion is actually a fully restored 1920's Spanish Colonial Revival home called *La Casa Nueva*. It was open for self-guided tours and had docents at every room answering questions. The home was truly beautiful with every room having a special

theme for its stained glass windows and carved wood doors. I personally plan to go back for a guided tour to gain more information on the history of the Temple family and the significance in their decor choices. Near the lily pond is one of Southern California's oldest private cemeteries, *El Campo Santo*. Behind a beautiful wrought iron gate lie not only the Temple and Workman families but the last Mexican governor of California, Pio Pico.

At 4:30p.m. we danced our last Charleston and met back under the trees to hear the results of the people's choice car judging. A beautifully restored 1020's Hudson won first place with two model T Fords placing second and third. I guess the model A's were just too modern! 23 Skidoo!



New member Glenn Szabo & "friend" getting ready to leave for Homestead Museum.



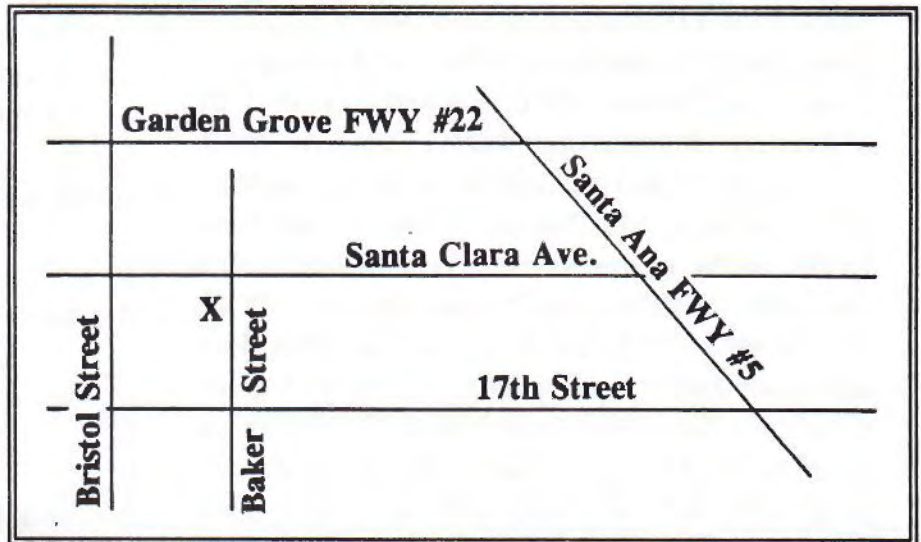
Waiting patiently at the Homestead Museum.

GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

June 12, 1997 @ 7.30 P.M.

Santiago Elementary School
2212 N. Baker Street
Santa Ana, CA



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