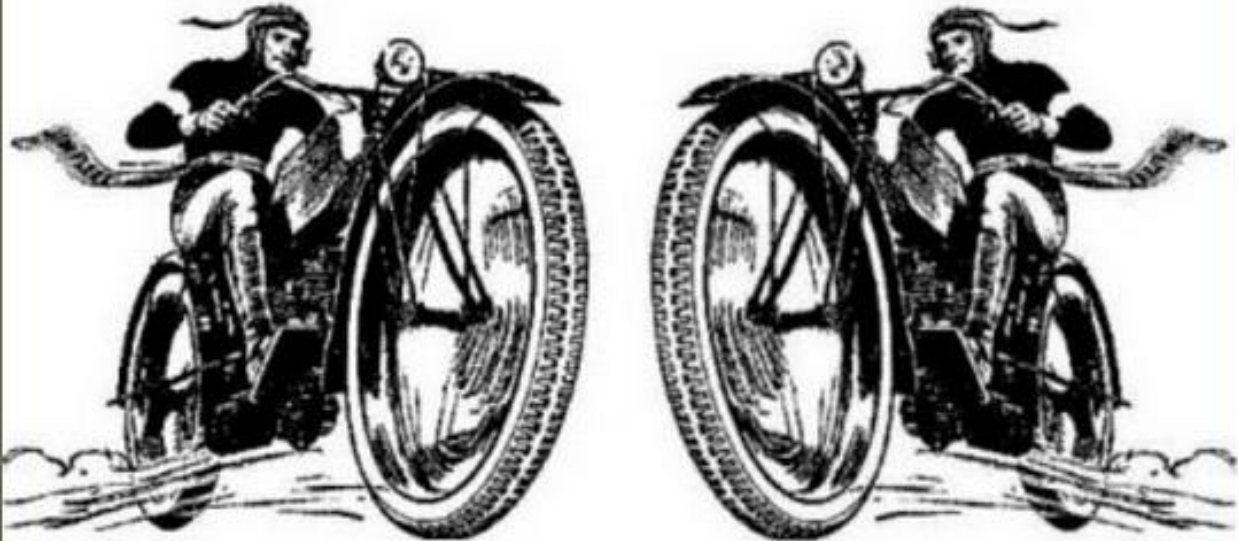


SoCal Antique Motorcycle Club of America

Spring Newsletter, 2021

SoCal Chapter of the AMCA



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**TIM GRABER**

Welcome to the SoCal Chapter of the AMCA's newsletter. I thought it was the winter newsletter but maybe it is the spring newsletter. Hard to keep up with the Covid shutdowns, retirement, and old age! Anyhow here is the latest news from SoCal.

We had an executive board meeting to try to get things in order and some good results came out of it.

- 1) Because of Covid we missed our annual meeting so we decided to run an election via email and get things moving.
 - a. We emailed out to 75 people
 - b. We received 10 replies with 10 votes for the current board
 - c. We ratified that decision and are moving forward.
- 2) We suggested a donation to a charity in Borrego Springs using the clubs accumulated funds not currently needed to operate a road run or to purchase supplies for the club,
 - a. \$1060 was sent to the Borrego Minister's Association for use to support the needy in Borrego Springs. Many of these people are the workers at the resort and restaurants and bars that make our trip here so enjoyable.
- 3) We also voted to hold a quarterly shop class or garage visit to hone our motorcycle maintenance skills...Stay Tuned!
- 4) See the secretary's report for more information.

I am often asked about the health of our senior members. I am happy to report that all seem to be doing real well right now. If you have someone in particular of whom you are concerned please call them and have a chat. That is a much-needed exercise. If you need a phone number, please give me a call or text or email and I will get the number for you.

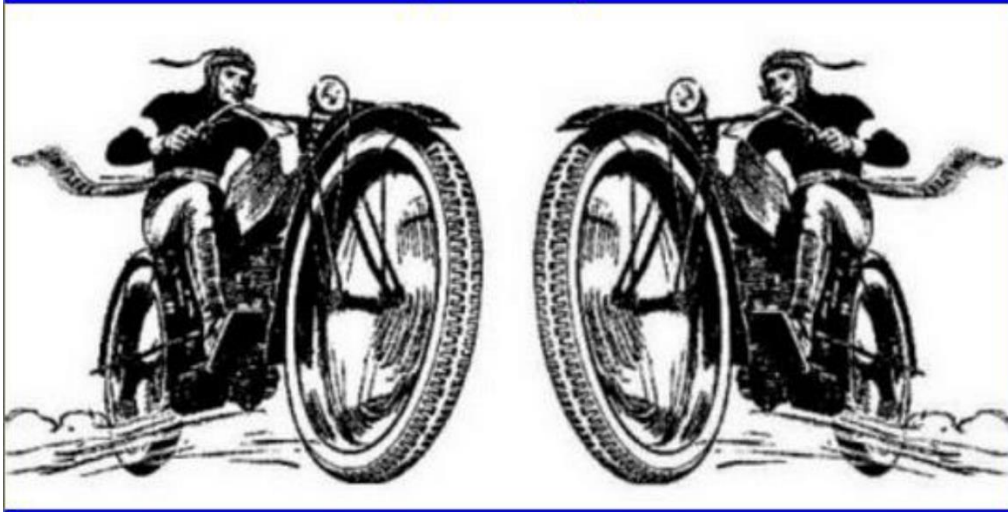
As I write this I am in Borrego Springs getting ready to enjoy the warm air and freedom of the roads. I am told that there may be 20 or so folks like me that are out here for some sun-fun!

So Be Well, Stay Well, we hope to see you all soon!

Cheers!

Tim Graber

SoCal Chapter of the AMCA



**Borrego Ministers Association
P.O. Box 2183
Borrego Springs CA 92004**

The SoCal Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America holds an annual rally in Borrego Springs every year in March. We have a great time while in the community and we are always treated very well.

We would like to take this opportunity to give back by donating \$1060 to be used for the benefits of those in need in Borrego Springs.

We hope to be back again soon,

Respectfully,

**Timothy J Graber, President
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COMING IN 2021 TO THE So CAL AMCA**TOM LOVEJOY**

I am very excited to announce that our chapter will begin to host an antique motorcycle garage this year. After thinking about trying it for several years, this year we will kick it off. It will be based something like the model T garages I have attended, which I have found to be very helpful.

We will start off with a quarterly effort and see how it goes and if there is enough interest in the chapter. What we plan on is everything from visiting member's garages and shops. Viewing their collections and to get advice and tips on restorations. Possible how-to advice and guidance and maybe workshops on methods, tools and general safe practices for restoring our beloved two wheelers.

Also maybe general maintenance items for keeping our machines road worthy. We would like to mix it up a bit, so as not to burden any one member. So we will be looking and asking for volunteers to host the garages. Skilled or novice and anywhere in between, if you feel you might have something to offer for the benefit of the members, please give me a call, or e mail me and let's talk it over and make it happen. This is my pet project and I will try hard to assist anyone who's interested. I will be at your place in advance if needed and will do all I can to help and assist in the effort.

I have been going to these in the model T club for years and it has helped me greatly. It gave me the confidence to rebuild my TT, by myself at my house and it is one of the things I enjoy the most about the model T club. If we put out a good effort, many, if not all of our members will hopefully learn about their machines and gain new skills for working on them and enjoy them even more for it.

We are planning on the first garage being held this April, so show some enthusiasm and come on out. On your antique or come on your modern, but come on out and join the fun and hopefully learn something of interest to us all. I sincerely hope to see you there, I will be there for certain to greet you. Watch for details coming soon on our web site and face book page.

Your VP

Tom :-)

MY TWO CENTS WORTH**RICHARD COFFIN**

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou

Happy New Year to those not knowing. This is Richard, current treasurer for our SOCAL Chapter of the AMCA. I'm writing this to let you folks know our current financial status, what we're doing, and some things that may occur in the future.

First we are solvent with \$4000 in the bank. That's a decent sum to have since it takes about this much up front money to put on runs like our Borrego Springs Winter Run and the Death Valley Max Brubeck International Road Run. So that's where we are today and we will not incur any costs for this year's cancelled Borrego Springs Winter Run (a few of us are planning to be there anyways between March 4th and 7th) so it would appear in the short term to stay there.

What we're doing (here's where I ask for more money)

Number one is **Annual Dues**. Since we are not having a Borrego Springs Winter Run this year (those who attend have \$20 credited towards annual dues), I need you folks that have not already sent them in **send in your \$20** and the renewal form to me at SOCAL AMCA Dues 16101 Routt Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708. Tim will talk about this in more details in his letter.

Being a charitable group, the current SOCAL Chapter officers have voted to donate at least \$1000 to the Borrego Springs charities to give back a little of what we have gotten from the rides here for the last 20 years.

Operating expenses are to go up for things like storage, and media costs that our officers have been paying out of their own pockets. These costs shouldn't amount to much but may be up to \$100 per month. \$1200 per year. Their time is still to be freely donated at no charge but I don't think it is right for us to allow them to pay for Chapter's expenses.

To help offset the above costs and to keep our account at its present level we are initiating two Fund Raising events. One is a donation to the **Borrego Springs Charities Fund**. All donations from this will go direct to people in need in Borrego Springs and will be funneled through an Organizer that Tim has sought out that will direct it without cost to those in need. Many of the hotel workers and the restaurant workers are having a hard time. They are the ones that have made our visits so enjoyable. If you can, send a check with Borrego Springs in the memo for any amount. All assistance is appreciated. **SOCAL AMCA Borrego 16101 Routt Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708**. Thank you in advance.

MY TWO CENTS WORTH**RICHARD COFFIN**

Next is our own chapter fund raiser. I have lots of shirts some from previous rides and most are our own chapter shirt. Please purchase one or more to help raise our fund level for future runs and other costs such as purchase of two new popup tents to replace the two that were falling apart. This was about \$2000 in 2019 and we haven't been able to recoup these costs yet. Hopefully everyone buys a shirt which should help replace these funds. You can find a



listing of what is available on our website. I'll try to keep it as updated as possible.



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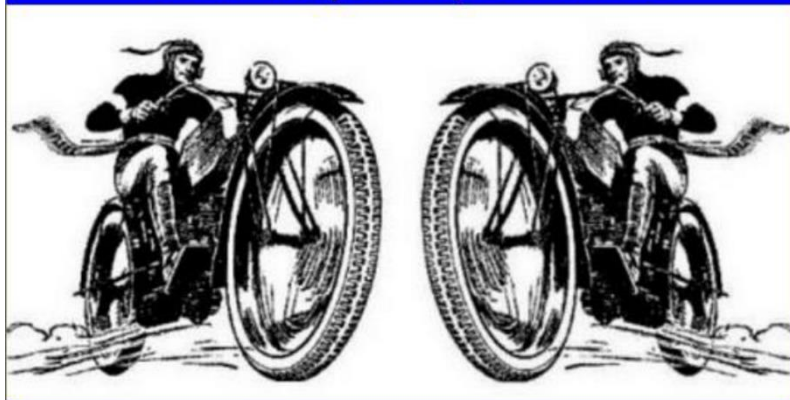
What we may be doing in the future

After I took over this position we were notified by the State that our tax filing status was not correct. Long story short I couldn't resolve the issue and asked that we hire a profession firm to do so. So far this correction has cost us \$2000 and it's not over yet, meaning it may cost more. It's like a time share, I can't tell you how much more or when it will be complete. Bottom line is we may need another \$1000 or more to satisfy the Feds and the State. Another reason to help by buying a shirt.

Again a big mahalo (thanks) to everyone getting your dues in and to everyone that can and does help with the SOCAL Chapter fund raising.

Richard

SoCal Chapter of the AMCA



SoCal AMCA 2021 Chapter invoice

I hereby provide the following amounts to SoCal AMCA.

- 1) 2021 Chapter dues of \$20.00 _____
- 2) Donation to the Borrego Springs Town Support fund of _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

AMCA # _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Please mail this form with a check to:

SOCAL AMCA Dues
16101 Routt Street,
Fountain Valley, CA 92708.



FUNDRAISER SALE FOR SOCAL AMCA!

BROWSE OUR LIMITED SUPPLY... CLICK TO VIEW GALLERY!

- T-shirts from past Borrego Springs Winter Road Runs (2020, 2019, 2018, 2008).

Each t-shirt ordered includes patch from the 2019 Borrego Run.

- T-shirts from Max Bubeck Memorial Death Valley Runs. (2020, 2019, 2016).
- SoCal AMCA Chapter T-shirt
- SoCal AMCA Patch

- 2019 Borrego Springs Winter Road Run Stickers in 2-inch and 3-inch diameter sizes

All T-shirts are \$25 each. Specials: Buy 2 T-shirts for \$35. Or, buy 3 T-shirts at regular price and get the 4th one free.

We've got a limited supply of each item. Don't wait! All sales include shipping.

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To order email: socalamcanewsletter@yahoo.com

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Payment by check to:

SoCal AMCA

16101 Routt Street,
Fountain Valley, CA
92708

BOREGGO RIDE 2021

TIM GRABER & MARC GALLIN

We had a nice turnout for the Boreggo get together. In attendance were:

Tim Graber
Marc Gallin
Richard Coffin
Gary Stark
Mike Lopicolo
Steve Taenzer
Alex Trepanier
Dennis Kercheck
John Weber
Ron Stevens
Dave Holiday
Ron Trepanier
Dave Johnson
Matt Blake
Jacob Peters
Lester Wheatey



BOREGGO RIDE 2021

MARC GALLIN

Friday- March 6, 2021

Good Friday Morning! Report from Marc Gallin in Borrego Springs...it's a balmy 72 degrees, clear skies as you can see from these pictures he sent of the group before heading up to Julian. Have a great ride all!



March 5, 2021

BOREGGO RIDE 2021

MARC GALLIN

Saturday Night "Banquet"

Gary Stark brought out a 14# boneless Ribeye roast that was cut into steaks for dinner and BBQ'ed by Mike, Salad by Tim, Desert by Steve !



SPRING ADVENTURES ETC.**TOM HART**

Alright already, it's near COVID end time...hopefully anyway. Just got my second shot today and doing fine. Hopefully the rest of y'all are doing the same. Even got my daughter on her shot schedule by using lies, deceit and whatever it takes. So sue me. Onto brighter news.

Tom Lovejoy and I are working on a couple of trips (hopefully by this spring/summer) to northern CA and beyond using the coastal route. I am looking at a cross country on my trike to the east coast, also this summer. Not sure if anyone can go with me, but I'm all in.

I'll be doing my annual Rochester, MN trip with Becky to the Mayo Clinic during the last week in April and first part of May. I'll be on four wheels and on the road probably by the second week in April. Becky will travel later by air later. As is my custom I offer to transport/pick up articles to/from the east if I can accommodate your needs while doing my 4-wheeler thing. That is to say only legal stuff. Having said that I plan on a southern route probably through Nawlins, then northeast to somewhere before heading to Rochester by 4/24/21 and returning whenever.

Ride wise I've been soloing it much of the time except for an occasional ride with Tom Lovejoy on his new Indian machine. And a handsome machine it is. The Indian, not Tom that is. I did get a ride in with Dillman and friends to the Ojai/Santa Barbara area a while back where we joined up with rusty Roger and friend on old machines. I swear to God, whoever designed the rusted statues of motorcycle riders in the Santa Paula square must have used Roger for inspiration. They're the same color and age. Marc Gallin and I rode to Dillman's house on our modern machines so we could get there in the same month as the ride. Not that my Chief is slow, but it drinks a lot and I need to stop every 50 miles for gas. I could share more personal information to explain the need for frequent stops, but as they say that would be too much information - so enough said. Am I right Rich?



I seem to be using my trike more than anything else these days. It does okay on the freeways and carry's a lot. My Chief is still in need of servicing from my ride to the Grand Canyon in September and the 50 Bobber is still kicking my ass every time I twist the throttle. I use my modern Harley for quick trips to pick up stuff for other bikes when long distance freeway travel is needed. Recently my Moto Guzzi sidecar rig decided to have electrical problems...again. I'll be pulling off the sidecar soon so I can it get into a shop where someone knows something about electricity. Funny story comes to mind which I reported before. Rich and I rode our old machines around Palos Verdes awhile back and stopped at Walkers Café for a brew. While enjoying our beverage a group of Vago's or someone like them came in. One of their mighty group with a "prospect" badge asked me how I started my bike without electricity (meaning a start button). I asked him to step back a few so he wouldn't drool on my boots while I kick started it rather than try to explain the process. At the same time a female (?) biker chick was drooling over Rich and asking him if he wanted a ride on her HOG. Needless to say we unassed the place in short order before rocket man prospect became aware I disliked him and female biker chick claimed Rich as a boy toy. Stop me if I'm lying!

That's all for now folks. Stay well and prosper.

Tom

NEW YEAR'S DAY AND JOSHUA TREE**CRAIG DILLMANN**

On New Year's Day, some of the SoCal gang headed to points northward!! Mostly on modern bikes except for Roger Herbison and his neighbor on beautiful Indian Chiefs. Roger just got done restoring a 1945 chief and wow what a beauty!!! First kick bike!! Happy to see Larry and Peggy from the LA chapter join us. Tom Hart and Marc Gallin headed up from Orange County. My son in law Yuri was on a Triumph, the rest of us on Harleys!

The weather was chamber of commerce perfect! We took the back way to Carpinteria for lunch at the Spot. Great place for burgers and such for the better part of 60 years. We met up at the Cactus Patch in Moorpark and worked our way to Santa Paula where we met up with Roger and company.

Roger led us up to Carpinteria around Lake Casitas and all backroads. After lunch, we went down the 101 southbound and headed home!



Borrego Springs was canceled this year but what about the Joshua Tree ride? The way I see it, by the time April hits, restaurants will be open as the COVID numbers are getting better daily! I'll be calling Ken at the lovely Rancho Dolores for scheduling. No reason not to go to this event. We're outdoors most of the time and it's a good time of year to go!! Stay tuned. I'll give plenty of notice for the dates etc!!! So as of now the Joshua Tree ride looks like a go!

JANUARY 3, 2021 BRUNCH

MARC GALLIN

Happy New Year!!!

We had 8 people attend our 1/3/21 SoCal Chapter brunch at Rockwell's Cafe in Villa Park. Great seeing all the guys.



JANUARY 3, 2021 BRUNCH

MARC GALLIN



Best regards,
Marc Gallin

PROJECTS**TOM LOVEJOY**

Well, what projects are you working on? I always find it interesting to see what others are working on. What relics from the past are you trying to bring back to life? Most of us have at least one ongoing project and many of us have multiple projects. So let's hear about them.

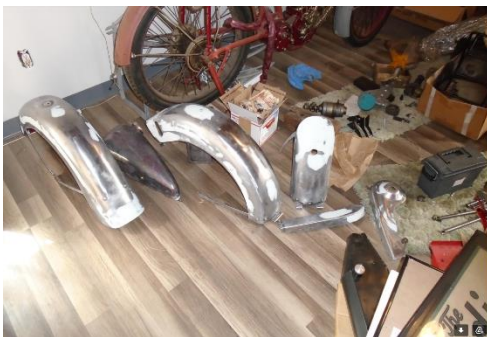
What successes have you had or setbacks? There is always challenges, with these old machines. That is half the fun, making new discoveries both good and bad and trying to figure out how best to deal with them. How did you come about getting you project? Had you planned it for a while, or just stumble onto it?

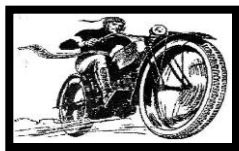
As for me, I have three antique two wheeler projects going on right now. Off and on, as I get the needed parts. Almost have all the parts now and I am really trying to pick up the pace on my progress. I have a bit's of teens, I am calling a 14. This one was planned, the other two were spur of the moment, buy it now kind of things. No real planning at all, just oh boy - I want! One thing they all have in common is they are costing me a fortune.

Both of these I started with just an engine. Finding and buying the missing parts has been very tough and expensive. But thanks to e-bay and some contacts and a few friends and chapter members, I am getting there. My other two are a "wanna-be" board tracker, 1911 frame and forks and 1919 Powerplus engine, single speed. I am calling it "unsafe at any speed":-) and the other is a 1930 101 Scout frame and forks, with a modified 47 Chief engine and 4 speed overdrive trans. I am hoping it well be a great road machine. I am also messing with a 47 Studebaker half ton, just for fun.

There you have it, let's hear what you folks are working on. Hope to see you at the next meeting or on the next run.

Tom





2021 SoCal AMCA Calendar



Due to the California Safer at Home order, rides and events have been cancelled or postponed. SoCal AMCA rides are noted in bold below and are open to all members. Also listed are events of interest to the antique motorcycle community. Post this in your workshop & ride with us!

March

- March 5-7 - 2021 **SoCal AMCA** Winter Road Run (Canceled but riders meeting up) [Info here.](#)
- March 7th - **SoCal AMCA** Sunday Brunch at Rockwell's Bakery in Villa Park. The restaurant is open for in-person dining outside on the patio. It's located just east of the 55 freeway at 17853 Santiago Blvd., Villa Park. Ride in and join us for a ride after the meeting. 9a. [Info here.](#)

April

- April 7th - **SoCal AMCA** Sunday Brunch at Rockwell's Bakery in Villa Park. 9am. [Info here.](#)
- April 10th - **SoCal AMCA** Joshua Tree Run, Tentative Date

May

- May 2nd - **SoCal AMCA** Sunday Brunch at Rockwell's Bakery in Villa Park. 9am. [Info here.](#)

June

- June 6th - **SoCal AMCA** Sunday Brunch at Rockwell's Bakery in Villa Park. 9am. [Info here](#)

July

- July 4th - **SoCal AMCA** Sunday Brunch at Rockwell's Bakery in Villa Park. 9am. [Info here.](#)

August

- August 8th - **SoCal AMCA** Sunday Brunch at Rockwell's Bakery in Villa Park. 9am. [Info here.](#)
- August 27-28 - Fort Sutter AMCA's Annual Swap Meet, Dixon Fairgrounds. [Info here.](#)

September

- Sept. 5th - **SoCal AMCA** Sunday Brunch at Rockwell's Bakery in Villa Park. 9am. [Info here.](#)
- Sept. 25th - 11th Annual Central Coast Classic Motorcycle Show, centralcoastclassicmc.com

October

- Oct. 3rd - **SoCal AMCA** Sunday Brunch at Rockwell's Bakery in Villa Park. 9am. [Info here.](#)

November

- Nov. 7th - **SoCal AMCA** Sunday Brunch at Rockwell's Bakery in Villa Park. 9am. [Info here.](#)

December

- Dec. 5th - **SoCal AMCA** Sunday Brunch at Rockwell's Bakery in Villa Park. 9am. [Info here.](#)

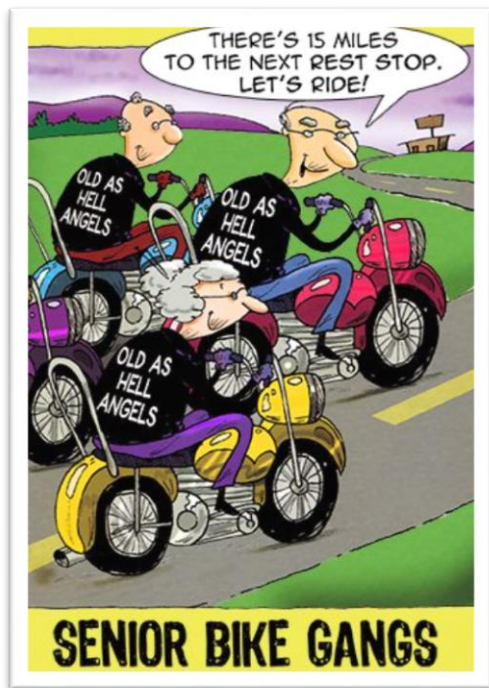
Ongoing:

So-Cal Cycle Swap Meet at the Long Beach Veterans Stadium, 7 am to 1 pm. Meets are held the following Sundays: March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, August 29, September 26, October 24, November 28, December 26. More info: www.socalcycleswapmeet.com. 800-762-9785

Got a question? Call: (323) 743-3063 or Email: socalamcanewsletter@yahoo.com

MOTORCYCLE HUMOR

CAROLYN MUSGROVE



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