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From the Director

"April Fools Poker Run???"

I'm not sure if you will get this newsletter before or after the event, so, I'm not going to tell of all the little "twists" we have in store for the participants! Just let it be said this will be one of the more "memorable" rides in the past few months!

You may also note that it is a "closed" event. This means it is for the enjoyment of El Cajon HOG members and their guests. We did this for specific reasons, one being that if you like our events, you have the option to join our chapter! It will also be more "intimate" and "friendly" knowing that it will be your "family" joining you on the ride. We also are not that concerned to see how much money we can raise for the chapter. Our philosophy is to give most back to the riders. This is nothing new; it just follows what we had done years ago, and THAT proved VERY popular! I believe that if you turn loose of your hard-earned cash for an event, you have an expectation to be entertained and have fun. You came to have fun, right??

Check the calendar, there are many events coming up, open, closed, members only, etc. In response to the survey forms, we have tried to put on events to suit most of you in one way or another. I'm open to suggestions, as in the past, if anyone has any input, let me know. The rest of the month of April and beyond is really getting full; it's time for all of us to get geared up for the summer NOW!!

Time flies when you are having fun, right??

If anyone wishes to be added or removed from the HOG email updates that I send out, please let me know. It would help to get an email from you, that way I can just add it to the address book. There has been some glitches getting the email lists, newsletter lists, website member lists to all come together. We are trying hard to get all the information up to date so no one will miss out on the latest information. A special thanks to Pikefish for all his hard work.

See you on the road.....

Ride Safe

Mike

Next Meeting April 7th at 7:30pm



Meetings are held the first Friday of each month
El Cajon Elks Lodge - 1400 E. Washington
The Elks Lodge will have buffet dinner available 6:00—7pm



March 10, 2006 - HOG Chapter Meeting
Minutes

By Karyl Kading for Jody Spear

Mike, (Director) called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

Pledge Allegiance

Mike reminded the chapter members why one joins the chapter, and if there is a problem, you should solve them in an adult manner. Leave the politics at home and work. If you want to ride then you are in the right club. If you have derogatory comments regarding member, chapter or dealership keep them to yourself or go to the person that can clarify what you heard.

Please complete membership forms legibly so membership can be completed correctly. If you want to be on weekly updates let Mike know or if you don't want to be on then let Mike know.

Past months rides: Cliff Ride home to Brawley, great ride and a lot of people. Cliff couldn't join us. LOH lunch ride on the 11th. LOH skills course was a big success we will have another LOH skills class later in the year.

Sunday's skills class is postponed until March 26th for El Cajon Harley members only; there are just 3 spots left. If weather is very nasty and you are looking for something to do on Sunday morning join for Breakfast buffet for just \$8.00. New comers ride for tomorrow is cancelled.

Kim talked about the Group ride to Santa Maria Open house on Sat. March 18th for an overnigher. Leaving Del Mar promptly at 7:00 am. Bar-b-Que at the dealership for lunch, then it is off to the hot tub. Then return on Sunday. Kim also talked about ECETS in April to Prescott. Golden Corral will be opening early @ 10:00 for breakfast. You will get in and out in an hour. Pine Cone Inn will have a buffet for Thursday night for \$20.00. Please plan on joining. Kim has arranged a wonderful meal for all to enjoy. Group ride on Friday to Sedona also there has been a Group tour on Friday morning to the Bagdad mine. 23 spot available @ 10:00am.

Guest Speaker: Christine talked about a group ride to Alaska for 2006 in Aug. from the 20-27th. Linda from LOH San Diego HOG spoke about the Women's Spring Motorcycle Safety Seminar on March 18th. Cost is \$20.00 proceeds go the Susan G Komen Breast Cancer. Open only to women.

LOH Updates: Vicki M., Upcoming LOH meeting March 17th @ 6:30 meeting @ Hooley's Irish Pub. Don't forget your green, if you don't wear green you will get a booby prize. Discuss upcoming LOH rides and Leather N Lace in June. Sunday April 9th, 1st saddlebag picnic lunch, bring something to drink and a dish to share. Vicki is looking for a chase vehicle for the saddlebag ride. Yucca Valley overnigher is May 20th in memory of Tammy Armstrong. Rooms have been reserved for this event. Flyers are available tonight and at the dealership. Lunch in Pioneer Town

then on to the hotel.

Thanks to everyone that donated can pull tops.

Volunteer coordinator: Margaret, April 1st poker run still looking for volunteers. April 8th Dealership open house, Leather N Lace and Christmas Party. Please sign up for the event you are able to volunteer for. April fools poker run will have a lot of surprises the cost is \$15.00 includes your lunch; ride will be about 90 miles.

Matt (Service Manager) from the Dealership talked about the shop, they are running 4 techs up from 3 last year to assist with the back log for appointments. Please book your appointments early before you are taking a long ride. Don't book 3 days in advance as it is very hard to get parts in with such a short notice. Emission laws have stopped the dealership from installing performance pipes/jets.

Mike thanked the El Cajon Elks lodge for the use of the facility for our meetings at no charge.

Cliff did the Harley Commercial: Harley is introducing a lot of new accessories for the bikes but they are not in yet. PJ talked about all the new clothing that has come in. Wed. the 15th from 6:00-8:00, discounts on motor clothes as well as be serving food. Tina talked about the open house is April 8th. Food will be catered so the chapter will be able to enjoy the event. We will need a few volunteers. There will be giveaways for the 1st 100 people.

50/50 Winners:

Frank A.	T-shirt & Ball Cap
Al S.	\$50.00
Art L.	T-shirt & Mug
Doc H.	\$50.00
Gabe L.	Stuffed Pig, Harley Pen
Conrad K.	\$50.00
Scott S.	Gift Certificate \$50.00 Harley
Art L.	\$100.00

Mike adjourned the meeting @ 8:26pm.

New Member:

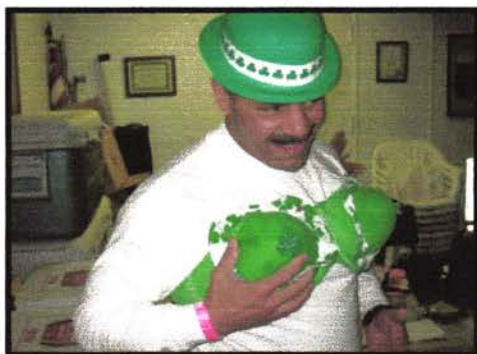
Conrad K., Carolyn M., Darwin W., Kathy M., Jake M.
Bill O., Bob B., Angel & Que W.



LOH With Vicki McIntyre

Hello LOH and HOG chapter members! Let me start my article off by apologizing for the last minute change in venue for our March LOH meeting. I had spoken to the Manager at Hooley's Irish Pub and told him of my intention of having our meeting there and while he said they would be busy he assured me he'd have no problem with us getting there early to save tables. What he didn't tell me was that there would be a \$10 cover charge after 4 pm and just exactly how busy they would be that evening. Thank goodness for Susie's daughter Barbara. She heard a radio broadcast from Hooley's on Friday at 7 am and called Susie to forewarn her of what we might expect that evening, so after some last minute decision making the venue for the meeting place was changed. It was immediately sent out to all chapter members (who receive the updates) and it was changed on the ride line. We did have a large turn out for the meeting and only one person said they did not receive the notice however I'm happy to report they did make it to the clubhouse for the meeting. If you've been attending any of our LOH meetings or any of the monthly chapter meetings or reading your HOG Log you know we had come up with this great idea for some "boobie" prizes for those who came to the meeting not wearing green and the word must have gotten out because just about everyone showed up wearing green! Sandy swears her shade of blue sweater was green but no one bought that so she got the "boobie" crown; Mercedes swore the lace on her blouse was also a shade of green but once again no one bought that so she got the "boobie" necklace and that was it in the way of no one else wearing green so Art was nice enough to "volunteer" for the best "boobie" prize of all! They say a picture is worth a thousand words so I hope you're enjoying the picture that's included with this article! Thanks for being such a great sport Art! Everyone thought the "boobie" prizes were so good they wanted them to be part of the door prizes so congratulations to Debi and Gracy for winning them! Norma really wanted one of the "boobie" prizes so Gracy tossed her's to Norma who wasted no time putting it on! What a great sport she is as well! And thanks Norma for the Harley planner door prizes!

Art,
Mr. Boobie



With all that fun and laughter believe it or not we did get a lot accomplished at that meeting! One of the main things we've been discussing at the LOH meetings is how to re-vamp this year's Leather & Lace Poker Run and there have been great suggestions/ideas/comments/concerns from everyone attending the meetings. **April's LOH meeting (Friday, April 21st @ 6:30 pm @ the clubhouse) will be a big one because it's there that we'll decide exactly how to change things up for this big event so if you want your voice heard I urge you to attend the meeting or send me an e-mail with your suggestions/ideas/comments/concerns.**

We've got some pretty exciting events lined up for LOH in the upcoming months such as our LOH Saddlebag Picnic Lunch scheduled for Sunday, April 9th. We'll be departing the dealership at 10 am so make sure you come gassed up and ready to go. We're asking each bike to bring a dish to share and your own drinks. This ride will be ending up on Sunrise Highway (weather permitting). Our "in case it rains" plan is to have our lunch at the Elks Lodge but we'll be keeping our fingers crossed for no rain that day!

We've got an exciting event for in store for you for May's LOH meeting – so please keep your eyes and ears open for more details to follow soon! It's something you won't want to miss!

In May we're doing an LOH Yucca Valley Overnighter in memory of Tammy Armstrong. As many of you know last year when Tammy passed away this was the event she was in the process of putting together so we wanted to honor Tammy by completing this event. I hope we'll see a lot of people for this special event.

It's scheduled for Saturday, May 20th. We'll be departing the dealership at 9:00 am and head straight for Pioneer Town where we'll have lunch. (Or for those that wish you can head straight to the hotel). For reservations please call Kylie at Yucca Inn & Suites at 1-800-989-7644; be sure to mention El Cajon Ladies of Harley for the room rate of \$59.95 (1-4 per room). You have until May 18th to get the rooms at this rate. I spoke to Kylie last week and there were still rooms available in the section I reserved and throughout the hotel as well. There's a restaurant that will be opening in April or May so I'm working with the Manager to have a buffet type meal set up for dinner so we don't have to leave the hotel to find eating establishments. I'll provide details on that as soon as they've been finalized. For those who wish to join us on the ride home Sunday, we will be riding back and stopping in Idyllwild for lunch. We'll let you know that Saturday what time we'll be departing (depending on how much fun we've had in the Jacuzzi that Saturday night)!

The Leather & Lace Poker Run is scheduled for Saturday,

June 24th and more details will be forthcoming in the next two months regarding this event.

Let me close by saying what a great time we had in Santa Maria this past weekend! We had a caravan head up for their Passport to Prizes Open House and I was surprised at how many people from our chapter showed up (I believe there were 25 people in all)! The hotel was very nice, the rooms were set up great; the food at the hotel restaurant was superb (well maybe not for Owen but certainly for everyone else); the housekeeping department was very efficient in fixing

a broken toilet (although there was so many bikers "helping" the maintenance man in that little bathroom I don't know how he accomplished anything) and not once did we receive what I thought was for sure coming and that was the dreaded "you people better settle down up there" phone call! A grand time with some great friends!

Hope to see you at our upcoming events!

Vicki



PASSPORT TO PRIZES IN SANTA MARIA

As you can see, a great time was had by all the El Cajon HOG's who made the trip up North.

Weather was cold and windy, but only rained in San Diego, the rest of the trip was dry.

Needless to say, our group did NOT win the grand prize this year, I think there was a "boycott" to keep all the El Cajon bunch from winning again!!!

We stayed overnight in the Holiday Inn next door, and they treated us like Kings! As you can see, the party started at the dealership, and continued on into the late night hours. There were some red eyes in the morning (also some that night!).

I think a very successful trip for our bunch, we always seem to out-number the Santa Maria HOG's!!

Stan was very gracious, and actually allowed us to shoot some pictures with him! Eric, alas, did not get much partying in, work, you know!

E.C.E.T.C. Prescott update

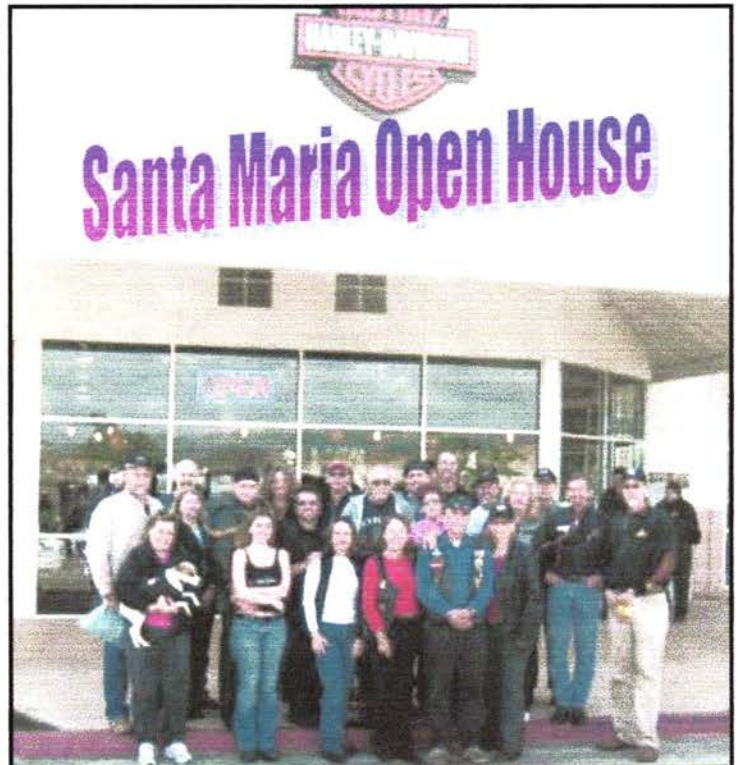
Congratulations Ectarians we have a sell-out! I know that sometimes we can't always plan too far in advance due to families and other considerations, but if you want to go on the trip, I have an alternative site that's just down the road. The Sierra Inn will be able to accommodate you. Call them at: 1 (800) 513-2014.

OK, we have a large group. Does this present some problems? No it doesn't, in fact it works to our benefit. How so? Well for starters I was able to get the management of the Golden Corral (in Yuma) to open up an hour early 10 am instead of their usual time of 11 am. on Thursday. The reason I'm able to do this is I promised a certain amount of people will wander through their doors, and so my request is: that for us to enjoy this convenience we should endeavor to participate. The same request is for The Pine Cone Inn on Thursday night when we arrive. They never do buffets, but for our large group I convinced them that it was in their best interest and ours to go buffet and so they were able to accommodate us.

As we grow as a group every consideration is put in place so as to minimize waiting or inconvenience. Your continued support enables me to negotiate the best possible prices and services. Thank you, and see you on the 27th of April, "@ 7am" In Front of The Dealership (it will be here faster then you know).

For the convenience of our Far- east riders we will try to roll into the "76" station in Ocotillo by at least 8:15 so you won't have to back track, plan accordingly and we'll see you there.

Kim



IN THE ZONE

by Dan S., Road Captain



Did you know that the city of La Mesa police force only rides Harley-Davidson's? Do you need the low down on any radar traps? How about the best place for donuts and coffee? This month for April's Riders Zone we have invited a La Mesa motor officer to be our speaker. He will be giving a short talk and then we'll open it up for general questions.

Thanks to Cliff for a great job on bike maintenance and upkeep. It was well done. Look for another one early this fall as we prepare for our "winter" riding season.

Our first chapter Skills Course took place on March 26 with a good turn-out and plenty learned and practiced. If you missed out on this one, be sure to plan for and sign up for our next one scheduled June 4. Each one will review and build on the previous skills course.

Many thanks to each of you who have been attending the Riders Zone and EZ

Rides. Ride safe and have fun.

Dan

**LOH Saddlebag
Picnic Lunch Ride**

April 9th, Sunday
Leaves dealership at 10 am

Potluck picnic in the mountains.
Bring a dish to share with everyone and whatever you want to drink.

Activities at a glance



Apr 1st: Annual EC HOG "April Fools Poker Run" Sign-ups at 10-11:30am at the Dealership.


Apr 7th: Monthly meeting at the Elks. 7:30pm, dinner available from 6:00-7:15

Apr 8th: "Passport to Prizes" El Cajon Dealer Open House, catered food, give-a-ways, band. 11am-2p

Apr 9th: LOH "Saddle Bag" Picnic, leave the dealership at 10am. See flyer in newsletter.

Apr 11th: Road Capt/Rider Zone meeting, Clubhouse 6:30/7pm

Apr 15th: E-Z Ride. Leave the dealership at 10am

Apr 16th Easter 

Apr 21st: LOH Meeting at the clubhouse. 6:30pm

Apr 22nd: "Passport to Prizes" Dealer open house in Los Angeles more info TBA

Apr 27th to 30th: ECETS ride to Prescott

May 5th: Monthly meeting at the Elks. 7:30pm, dinner available from 6:00-7:15

May 9th: Road Capt/Rider Zone meeting Clubhouse 6:30/7pm

May 13th: E-Z Ride Leave the dealership at 10am

May 19th: LOH Meeting at the **Elks Lodge** 6:30pm

May 20-21st: Tammy's Memorial overnighter to Yucca Valley. Leave the dealership at 9am. See flyer

June 2nd: Monthly meeting at the Elks. 7:30pm, dinner available from 6:00-7:15

June 4th: EC HOG Skills class, limited space. Elks Lodge parking lot at 10am.

Sign up with Dan S. at the monthly meetings.

June 10th: Adopt-a-Highway Leave dealership 10am

H.O.G. 101

Robert Stoner

Hog Logos

Most of you are aware that Harley Davidson has patent protected its logo and is very restrictive of where, when and what projects that their logo may be used. Just try to have a HD logo added by a printer to an item if you wish to test Harley's resolve. But, did you know that those same protections have been applied to the HOG and LOH logos.

The chapter handbook lays out the specific guidelines of when the logo may be used, how it may be used and what restrictions must be applied to their use. Most specifically, they may not be used on any commercial product not approved and sponsored by Harley Davidson, and/or the National or International Harley Owners Group.

On the other hand, you are free to use them on any item that is meant to advertise, promote or support any HOG event. That includes chapter cards, flyers, banners, etc. There are some restrictions concerning altering the appearance or color of the logo, but you are free to change the size of the logo for your flyer, cards, etc as long as you only use the corner sizing points.

All the authorized HOG and LOH logos and the rules for their use may be found and downloaded from the National HOG Web site. I highly suggest that each of you visit the logo site. You will be amazed at the variety of logos available and that each of the logos that are depicted may be ordered as a patch or pin from National Hog. The vast variety is especially valuable for those who wish to create their own wardrobe of unique riding apparel or download the logo for their personal HOG business cards and/or correspondence material. Look them up, use your imagination and enjoy.

Robert



Cliff's Ride Home

Cliff's Ride Home

By Robert Stoner

The day started out sunny with just a bit of nip in the air. Turnout was almost overwhelming. Our best yet for this ride in all the years we've had it on the calendar. Sixty-three bikes will well over a hundred riders one and two up.

We split up into three groups, opting to use the Interstate 8 route to Ocotillo Wells. We cranked up with the first group led by Mike Scott at 10am with the second and third group following a scant 5 and 10 minutes later. The weather and road conditions could not have been better as we crested the pass and headed down the grade into desert.

A quick stop for gas stop and we were off. It was just a short ride to the destination for a great lunch. Our hosts were fantastic. After lunch the best part of the day's ride occurred. We separated into individual groups with a variety of routes back home. Each of them an adventure into itself. Our group chose to go up Banner Grade into Julian, make a quick stop for pie, coffee at the Hideout, then down the 76 to the S6, to the 78, back through Ramona then home. Others chose routes that included some stops to check out sites for this year's picnic. While others chose to check out Borrego Springs on this warm sunny day.

Our only regret for the day was Cliff's absence which was unavoidable. However, our heartfelt thanks goes out to him for arranging an outstanding destination and providing such an outstanding reason for just getting out with the group and riding. I was especially thankful for the day, the ride and our chapter. For this was the first ride for my friend Jeannie. It was her first opportunity to ride with our group and not only thoroughly enjoyed her adventure and the new friends she met, but has announced that she is hooked on Harley.

Our next event will be our first Poker Run for the year ... The April Fools Day Poker Run... I can tell you now that the route is fantastic and the days events from start to finish will be filled with highlights and surprises that optimize the concept of April Fools Day.



From the Safety Czar Al

Slow Riding

Riding (or stopped) on the freeway, your mind wanders off to ripping down smooth curvy roads devoid of traffic? But we all know a large majority of our "Bike Time" is spent creeping down the freeway due to backed up traffic, or plodding through urban areas at low speed heading for the grocery store, Home Depot, the gas station or the video store (to rent a video on motorcycle safety). Streets are cluttered with traffic and aggravated cage drivers.

We deal with slow riding daily yet so few riders are adequately trained to properly deal with it. So we must remember that, as important as high speed riding skills are, we can benefit greatly from slow-survival techniques as well.

Our definition of slow speed riding is about walking pace, and it's easy when you know a few tricks.

Many times we are tempted to use our body parts as balancing weights when riding slowly. Usually this involves moving a knee away from the bike to counterbalance in a slow turn. If you do find yourself doing this, be prepared: Proper seating posture is very important. Sit comfortably on the bike and keep your knees against the tank. Try not to move around too much as moving around causes weight transfer which provides steering input to the bike. And keep your feet on the footpegs.

Failure to look ahead is one of the most common errors with slow speed riding. Remember, where you look (with your head) is where you are going. A good way to practice this is by setting up cones about four yards apart and slaloming through them. Vary the distance between cones if your bike can't make it. As you are going between two cones, you should be looking at the path you want to take in the next gate, which should be about 3 to 5 yards ahead. Many of us only look 3 to 5 feet ahead which causes us to be a little shaky. Looking the proper distance ahead gives your mind enough time to plan a route, so that you don't have to make so many last minute corrections. Force yourself to look far ahead. Try it, you'll be amazed how this technique will improve not only your slow riding, but all your riding. "Look where you want to go"

Under normal conditions, the front brake is an invaluable tool for keeping your bike under control. However, at slow speeds while the front wheel is turned, the front brake can be too strong for a smooth stop. In fact, with the wheel turned and the front brake applied, you could very well cause the bike to go down. Don't use the front brake at

very low speeds. The rear brake has more than enough power to stop you at low speeds, just be careful not to shift around to get your foot on the pedal (if your foot isn't already on the pedal, it should be), or you'll upset the bike's balance.

Another key element to slow speed riding is clutch control. Most bikes have wet clutches, which means the friction plates are bathed in oil to keep them cool. This means that slipping the clutch for a short time is not a problem. When riding at a speed that is slower than your idle will let you go, control your speed by pulling in the clutch past the friction point to disengage the engine from the rear wheel. The friction point is the point that the clutch just starts to grab and transfer power to the rear wheel. When you feel unsteady because you are going so slowly you feel you almost have to put your foot down, then let out the clutch a little to speed up until you're steady. You can do this for quite some time without hurting the clutch.

By putting these techniques to work for you, you will become a much better slow rider. Better rider equates to more fun. So, "Ride and Have Fun"

Ladies of Harley
Yucca Valley Overnighter
May 20th & 21st
Leave Dealership at 9:00 am



In Memory of Tammy Armstong

Vicki has blocked rooms 102, 103 and 116-129 (these are all either right next to or near the pool). For reservations call Kylie at 1-800-989-7644; be sure to mention El Cajon Ladies of Harley for room rate of \$59.95 (1-4 per room).

As a special treat you can book an in-room massage with Debb by calling 760-964-0708; mention El Cajon LOH for rate of 60 min. for \$60 or 90 min for \$85.

April 2006

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El Cajon H.O.G.

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					LOH Meeting 6:30pm at the Club House	"Passport to Prizes" Dealer open house in E.A.
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May 2006

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El Cajon H.O.G.

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7	8	9 Road Captain's Meeting 6:30pm at clubhouse All welcome Rider's Zone 7pm	10	11	12	13 E-Z Ride Leave the dealership at 10am
14 Mothers Day	15	16	17	18	19 LOH Meeting, 6:30pm AT THE ELKS LODGE	20 Yucca Valley L.A. Memorial Overnighter Leave dealership at 9am
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