

## PREZ SEZ

Greetings, Early Ford V8ers!

February was a good month to get out and drive! March will be even better!

Our Club breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, February 9<sup>th</sup> was well attended. Before breakfast we all got to check out Brad Nelson's really cool '41 Business Coupe. It is in superb

condition in glistening black paint. It is an unusual model in that it came with only one taillight and one wiper. The original owner didn't go for the opulence of getting two of each! It is a *really* nice car.

In March we will continue with our Club breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Broken Yolk in Mission Valley. **On March 9<sup>th</sup> we** will meet in the parking lot at **09:00 to chat and walk into the** restaurant at **09:30**. If you have not been to a breakfast, try coming to one. We order off the menu, and we get separate checks. The only obligation you have, if you plan to come, is to **RSVP**!! Join us if you can!

At our Wednesday February 16<sup>th</sup> Club meeting, John Davison showed a film that was originally created in 1971 on a Super 8 Movie Camera. John was given the reel of film from Susan Keavney, longtime member Gene Nichol's daughter. Gene passed some years ago. John took that reel of film, and at significant personal expense, had the reel copied to a Compact Disk so that the club could view it. It was fun to see in the film how many club cars were engaged in club activities 50 years ago, two years after the formation of the San Diego Club. We were able to see some of the San Diego Club's founders in action! We appreciate John for the effort required to make the film available to us.

On Sunday February 20<sup>th</sup> Susan and I drove down to the Auto Museum for a "Cars and Coffee" event hosted by the Auto Museum. I was expecting a handful of cars to be there. It was advertised to start at 7:30. We arrived shortly after that, and the parking lot was packed! A wide variety of car makes, models and years of manufacture were there. Coffee and doughnuts were served, but gone quickly. There were about 11 Club members at the event. Member Dan Esposito was there with his '38 Pickup truck. It looks stock, but it has a Ford 302 under the hood. It is a beautiful truck, with a perfect grill, top to bottom. If you see Dan, ask him the story about the grill...it's a good one!

Our February Driving Tour was canceled, due to the forecast of rain. It has been rescheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Information about this drive will be sent out in a separate email later in March. This is the tour that takes us by the Embarcadero and through Harbor Island, Shelter Island, Point Loma, Fort Rosecrans Cemetery, O.B. and ends at the Midway Malt Shop for an optional lunch.

Now for Business: Membership dues are past due for 2022. If you were a member last year and plan to stay a member, please send Paula Pifer your membership form and TWO checks, one for the San Diego Regional Group and one for the National Club. (Yes, you need to do both.) If you are not sure if you paid, send Paula an email (joenpj@cox.net), and she will tell you if you are paid up. Please don't be the deadbeat that doesn't pay dues, but still shows up at meetings and events! We are going to be putting the roster together and updating the distribution list for the Ford Fan. In order to be in the Roster and receive the Fan, you must be a member in good standing. Thanks!

I hope to see you all soon, if not at the breakfast on the  $2^{nd}$  Wednesday, or the Club Meeting on the  $3^{rd}$  Wednesday, or at Cars and Coffee on the  $3^{rd}$  Sunday, maybe on the scenic drive on the  $23^{rd}$ !

That is all for this month. Have fun, be safe, and drive that old Ford! ——*Joe Valentino* 

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### Tours and Stuff March Anniversaries

3/02 Brad Nelson&Heather Wiggins 3/11 Rick & Sheryl Carlton

### <u>March Birthdays</u>

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Paula Membership report: Welcome new Members! Jerry Adams & Brenda Mullen 940 Grange Hall Rd. Cardiff, CA 92007 Joint members 1946 Ford Woodie home - <u>760-944-7649</u> cell - <u>760-519-8348</u>

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## Hi to everyone!

Janet and I are posting a 'shout out' to all members of the San Diego Regional Group who might want to join the HARRIS

TOUR this year to the Western National Meet in Wenatchee, Washington.

It happens to be a milestone tour this year - the fiftieth! And very likely the last. Here are some of the details:

The tour will assemble in Ridgecrest, Ca. on Thursday, July 7th, and depart the next morning for what will be a three day, 1100 mile drive to Wenatchee. We encourage everybody to drive their Early V8, but all modern cars are welcome as well. If you have an interest in joining the tour, all you have to do is call or email us to sign up, and a lodging list will be emailed to you so you can make your reservations. That's about it - everything else has been planned - the route, lodging, fuel stops, nature stops, lunch stops, etc.

(For lunch, we traditionally picnic in parks or rest areas). Happy touring to all! Jay and Janet Harris 760-310-9530

### SAN DIEGO EARLY FORD V8 CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 16, 2022

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with President Joe Valentino leading with the flag salute. **President report:** Joe reminded the members of the club breakfast on March

9th at the Broken Yoke in Mission Valley. Also there are several national meets, Nashville in June, Washington state in July, a Harris tourto Wisconsin, and a Colorado, New Mexico meet in September.

Vice President report: Dennis Bailey reported on Candice Green's neighborhood car show last Sunday in east county.

**Secretary report:** Mike Peterman took the minutes for January's general meeting and were published in the Fan.

**Treasury report:** Ken Burke read the financials which were accepted and approved.

**Membership report:** Paula Pifer reported 21 single memberships, 35 joint memberships for a total of 91.

Sunshine report: No report given.

**Fan Editor:** Tim Shortt said the Fan is coming along just fine. **Accessories:** No report given.

Car Club Council: No report given.

**Programs:** John Davidson showed a video of several club tours dating back to 1969 thru 1971.

**Tours:** Joe announced another around the harbor and Point Loma on February 22nd. Starts at the Fish Market and ends at the Classic Malt Shop. Also Cars and Coffee meet at the Automotive Museum on February 20th at 7:30 a.m. .Bill Lewis announced the Alpine Soap Box Derby meet on March 19th. **Historian:** Susan Valentino read the details of the coastal tours that coincided with the video that John presented.

Old Business: none reported.

**New Business:** Rick Carlton is updating the website and is requesting pictures of members cars. **50/50 Drawing:** \$40 won by Dan Prager. **Name Tag Drawing:** \$25 won by Candis Green.

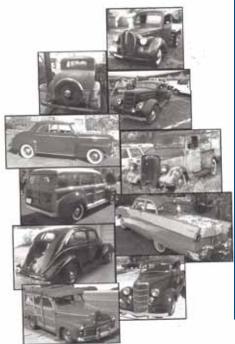
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Minutes submitted by Bob Hargrave

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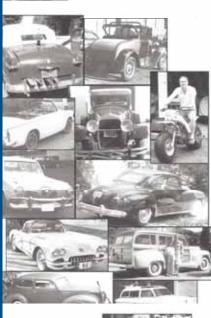


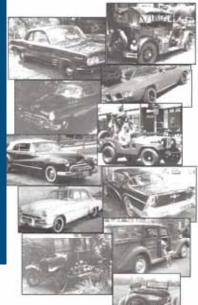
## Mine, All Mine...

Every vehicle shown here has been personally lusted after, bargained over, dolled up, and then featured in a well-written advertisement as something worth having. Some had been driven hard with no care or concern. Others have a celebrity history – a seat cushion that once supported a famous posterior. A few were sweet pampered originals, sporting original paint and low miles. At one time they were fresh off the assembly line, featuring the latest in accessories, gleaming chrome and supple leather, and perhaps a flashy final touch of class – wide whitewalls. They were driven home proudly and displayed like the Christ child. Dad as proud as a hunter, home with meat for the entire village. Wives telephoned other wives to brag about the new gleaming trophy in their driveway. Children taunted the neighbor kids with cries of "We've got a new car—and you don't." In later life, most were abused or ignored and were demoted from the car you show off to the one you don't want to be seen in. When they no longer ran, they were left at the side of the drive, out of the way or pushed into the gloom of a barn back corner or towed outback somewhere, where the tires went flat, chickens moved in, weeds took over and rats raised families. The ones that have a history witnessed in small dents, minor rust, and hard-earned patina those are the cars I like...

Excerpt from Tim's Book, "Decrypted Cars Found in Dark and Creepy Places—"BOTTOM FEEDING"









## Not Easy making a club meeting LOOK interesting...

...but there were 27 old car buddies there - in the Ray Brock Hall of Fame —doing the Club business, and sprinkling in wise guy comments — generally hanging out together.

Candy Green was thanked for holding the Car Show on her Lane for us and all her neighbors. And she won \$25 Bucks in the Name Tag Drawing. Dan Prager won \$40 Bucks in the Ollie Smith Drawing. So... it was fun.

While cruising through the AgendaPrez Joe led the kidding around. Historian Susan read an amusing report from local tours of 1971. John Davison presented a 20 minute film from 8mm film footage his V8 Dad had taken during several 1971 club driving tours. Gene Nicholson was seen among other early movers and shakers.

In '71, the club was only two years old and 150 members strong so many of the original members and their young kids were featured, waving from the old Fords, playing softball and eating picnic lunches. Simple stuff.

More experienced guys in attendance included : Jerry Windle, Dan Prager, Carl Atkinson, Ray Brock and Bill Lewis.

More Ford lovers are always welcome to join in, and with the Pandemic mostly in the rear view, we hope to see more of them turning out.







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Ever wonder who designs all those smart packages and great looking Logos for your favorite Products? It's long time V8 Member, Jose Serrano! Serrano Design Inc. Firm Overview He is the sole proprietor providing independent graphic design consulting and creative































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## On The Lane with Candy In the photos the lane looks

In the photos the lane fooks much wider. It's actually only one car wide. The driveways and properties are big. And every family has a deep interest in vintage cars. Candy said she'd have a show and invite the v8ers to meet the neighbors...sure enough, she did...Friendly car nuts meeting other car nuts, showing off garages, tools, properties and favorite cars of all makes - each with a story to tell. The party included a delicious surprise lunch. Everyone there has a serous interest in fruitbearing trees. Not one of us was allowed to leave without bushels of fresh picked fruit tucked into the back seat.













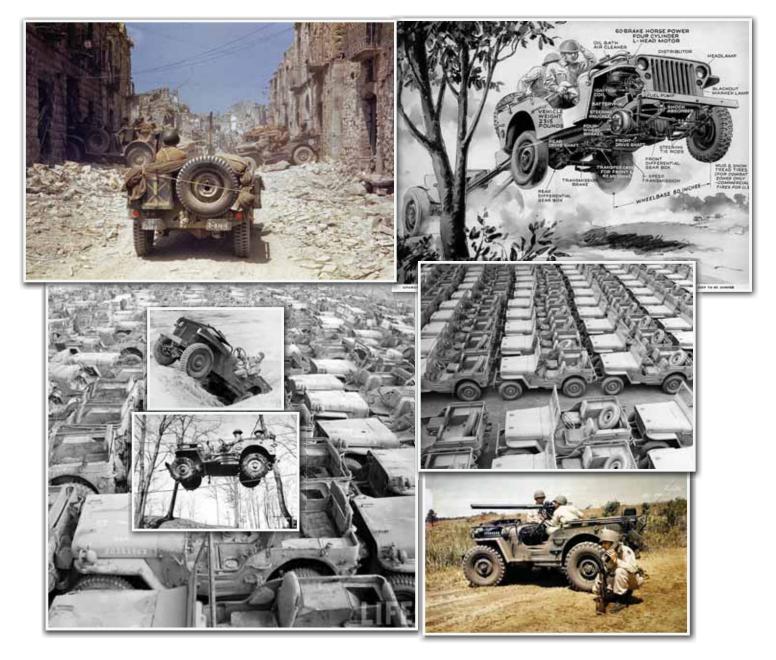
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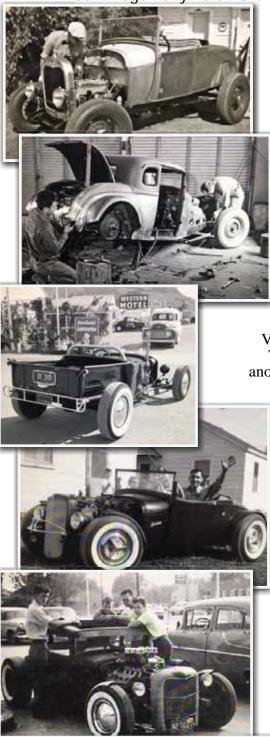
# **UNCOVERING THE JEEP GRAVEYARDS OF WWII**

The Allied victory in the Second World War came at a tremendous human cost—a measure of sacrifice well beyond casual reckoning. But the individual GI's who collectively tipped the balance of that global struggle were aided in no small part by the equipment and vehicles that stewarded them between battles and ferried them to foreign shores. And when it comes to medal-worthy service, few of said vehicles were as beloved by servicemen or as indispensable to winning campaigns as the Willys MB Jeep. Over the course of the war, some 360,000 Jeeps were produced by Willys alone, with Ford pitching in an additional 280,000 to keep up with demand. There are varying stories as to how the name "Jeep" came into being—some say the moniker began as a shortening of "General Purpose," others, as a tribute to Popeye's versatile sidekick, "Eugene the Jeep." But regardless of its provenance, the name stuck. With the war won, however, tens of thousands of these Jeeps—the very vehicles that had served on the frontlines and helped secure victory—were suddenly superfluous. Some were repurposed to serve at military bases in the burgeoning Cold War with the Soviet Union, but many more were simply no longer needed. The result was the establishment of several "Jeep Graveyards" where decommissioned vehicles were left outdoors, to surrender slowly to time and the elements. One of these graveyards was captured by a *Life Magazine* photographer in 1949, on the Japanese island of Okinawa. The exact number of Jeeps left there is unknown, although from the photos that exist, it's safe to say that the graveyard was enormous—just like the contribution made by those sturdy little 4x4s,

in the greatest war the world had ever seen



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## In the Beginning

God created the Hot Rod And He saw that it was Good

### Hi Tim,

Quite the collection of vintage Hot Rods. The one 'drive in' photo, the car on the far right I can't identify, can you? I believe the car next to it is a '55 or '56 Buick, but that one puzzles me. Some very neat cars, I never got into the 'true Hot Rod' scene, my '60's & '70's were Model A's mostly stock never a 'rodded' car. For whatever reason, I never joined the V8 Club until about 7 years ago, my first old V8 was about 1987, when I bought my '34 Tudor for the Great Race. Next I bought another '34 sedan delivery about 1990 or so. I guess no one really approached me? I did know Carl Burnett from the '60's, in fact I bought the '34 Tudor through Carl, it was on consignment at his store.

> Wow, great turnout at the park on Sunday. I think it must have taken the Auto Museum by surprise. Coffee & doughnuts were gone by 7:45!! I wonder if they managed to get a refill on supplies? Our club had an OK showing, but it wasn't really promoted very much. No Model A Club cars. The 'sports car' clubs not represented well, Porsche, Corvette or even VW, not there, at least not many numbers of them. Nice day for this gathering, Walter















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**Dennis Bailey**—" I started with art in elementary school and continued through Jr. and Sr. High with classes

every semester.

I also took Mechanical Drawing and Throughout my career as a Sheetmetal Worker I used my skills drawing sketches and developing patterns of items we would fabricate. As time went on I was involved in the development of CAD shop drawing for large construction projects. After I retired I started taking Art classes at the senior community center. I am still drawing and painting with a few friends when I can. My most favorite painting was the "35" Ford I painted in my auto body class at Southwestern College in 1994."













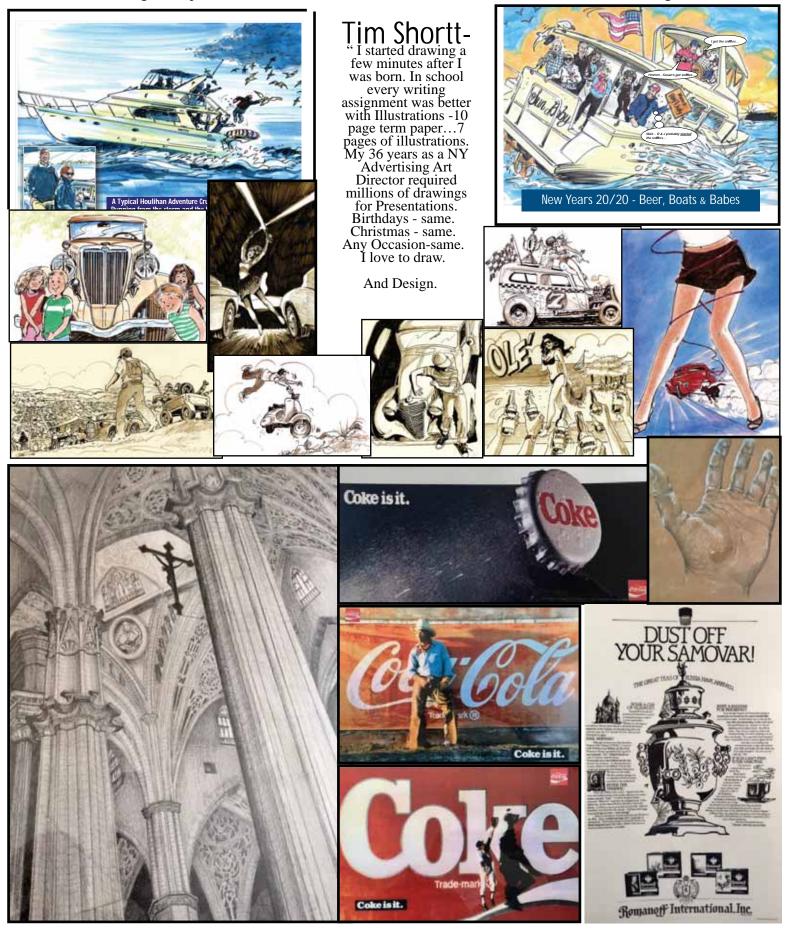








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## For W.C. Fields, Cars Were More Than a Prop A Tribute to Dukenfield

---By Matt Litwin

There have been many comedic talents, but arguably one of the giants of his day was William Claude Dukenfield, known to most by the stage name W.C. Fields.



He was a man who claimed

to have been born over a bar in a poor district of Philadelphia, was believed to dislike kids and dogs, rumored to have more than 500 bank accounts under false names across the globe, and who had an infamous love for the drink.

**The only problem** with the perpetually beleaguered curmudgeon we saw on film was that Fields —was the world's greatest liar. Fields had reinvented himself so much that fiction became fact.

**From birth through his early schooling,** Philadelphia was a booming industrial juggernaut, and Fields' father delivered fresh produce rather than gin. Fields had married and fathered a son before Hollywood beckoned, and at the outbreak of World War II, he stockpiled cases of liquor, in anticipation of shortages. Upon his passing on December 25, 1946, the Fields estate was valued at \$771,428, or \$11,040,491 in today's currency. The estate was bitterly contested by family members, and a proposed children's orphanage never came to fruition as a result.

There were, in fact, no hidden bank accounts, but there was \$1,200 in remaining booze to consume. **Simon Louvish's manuscript is tantalizing, turning everything we thought we knew about Fields on end,** save for one thing: the man's comedic prowess. In a passage by Fields in September 1934 titled Anything for A Laugh, he wrote, "You usually can't get a laugh out of damaging anything valuable. When you kick a silk hat, it must be dilapidated; when you wreck a car, bang it up a little before you bring it on the scene."

This was true in several of Fields' films. As others discovered, the car was a tool. In It's the Old Army Game (1926), his character takes the family on a picnic in a well-used Ford Model T to look at Florida property for sale, only to destroy a private estate with the carnage of their outing. In the 1934 film You're Telling Me, Fields' character is an eccentric inventor who creates a puncture-proof tire. A police car's tires are accidentally shot flat during Fields' demonstration.

**By the time Fields, under the alias of Charles Bogle, wrote the 1934 hit It's a Gift,** the car had become more than a prop. His character, Harold Bissonette —a bumbling proprietor of a general store somewhere in New Jersey— inherits a fortune from his Uncle Bean, buys a California orange grove sight unseen, piles his wife, two

kids, dog, and family belongings into a rattletrap touring car and heads west. The car endures multiple escapades before collapsing upon itself in a climactic scene.

In 1940's The Bank Dick and 1941's Never Give a Sucker an Even Break, each of the cars (which appear to be an older Cadillac touring and a Ford sedan, respectively) suffer prolonged piecemeal destruction. The

Cadillac meets its fate along a heavily rutted trail that barely passes as a road, prompting Fields to quip, "The resale value of this car is going to be nil after you get

over this trip.

My favorite, though, is Fields' nine-minute clip in If I Had a Million (1932). In it, John Glidden, portrayed by Richard Bennett, tires of the family squabble over his fortune and opts to give \$1 million to strangers. The first recipients are Rollo (Fields)

and wife Emily (Allison Skipworth), retired stage actors with meager incomes. The couple buys the one thing they always wanted: a new

car, which is immediately destroyed by a milk truck as they drive off the dealer's lot. In frustration, Rollo and Emily buy a fleet of used cars to run "roadhogs" down and intentionally wreck them. The carnage would make H.B. Halicki (of Gone in 60 Seconds fame) envious. **Fields' automotive antics flooded my mind** when we ran across a 1928 La Salle pouring out of a trailer at the 2021 Hershey Meet. Apparently, the barn find had been converted to a pickup

long before its "discovery." The vehicle was riddled with rust, finished in three sunbaked colors, and showed barely a hint of uniform panel gaps. Seeing it, I immediately thought the only thing missing was the great man himself. It was a perfect, inadvertent tribute that Hollywood, for once, didn't write.





Sucker

Even Break

SDEFV8 General Meetings-3rd Wed 7pm Auto Museum

### Ford V8 Swap Corner... SDEFV8 Club c/o

Tim Shortt, 1211 5th St, Coronado, Ca 92118 -619-851-8927

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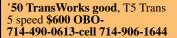
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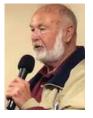




Pair of Original YOM CA 1934 Plates. Also with SHELL Travel Badge. Good Shape- \$100 ---Tim







1952/53 FORD: Have lots of parts for 1952/53 Fords

of parts for 1952/53 Fords – Hood, \$50; driver's side door, complete, \$ 50; NOS front fenders pair, \$450; 1952/53 threespeed transmission w/OD, used, 200; Rebuilt three-speed transmission w/OD, \$400; restored hot water heater system, complete, \$400; hub caps, trim rings, etc. Too many parts to list. Come see what "I've got. Prices negotiable. V-8 MECHANICAL HONEY HOLE! Cleaning out my garage Everything must go. Have three

out my garage. Everything must go. Have three 8BA blocks with valves still installed, four cranks including a Mercury 4-inch crank. Complete 59A engine, possibly for a truck. Several intake and

exhaust manifolds, heads, engine stands and more! Would like to sell everything for one price. Make me an offer I can't refuse! **JERRY WIN-DLE** (619) 283-8117 jwwindle@cox.net (CA)





'37 Fordor. Cal car (no rust) Everything under the hood was replaced: radiator, Water Pumps, distributor, ignition Etc. Carburetor, Starter and Alternator, 12 V. New chrome Bumpers, Grill, Hydraulic Brakes, Exhaust system Color is Metallic Dark Cherry, interior Tan and Burgandy. Restored original Engine flat V-8 90 HP. insurance and registration **current**. Spent \$30,000.00 on the resto. Asking \$19,900 (firm). I'm 78 years old with. heart problems. 1937 Fords are very rare and this one is a steal Dr. Tom Sytko 619 - 829 - 1678 E-mail: <u>resqdisc@aol.com</u> (CA)

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