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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, 05 June 2007, @ 1900

Brevard Veterans Center

400 S. Sykes Creek Pkwy.

Merritt Island

Great Loop Boat Trip Presentation

(Note: Program presentation will start at 1915)

Do not miss the June meeting. The program will be fantastic! Last year, Mike and Bobbi Huck completed a voyage from Merritt Island to New York, through the Erie Canal, Trent-Severn Waterway, Georgian Bay, and Lake Michigan to Chicago, then through the Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, and Ohio Rivers, down the Tombigbee Waterway to Mobil and back to Florida. This was a trip of more than 6000 miles aboard their 49 foot Grand Banks. They took thousands of photos along the way of beautiful nautical scenery. Be there to see and hear about this Great Loop voyage.



Attention on Deck

Part II of the CO-OP Charting Report provided in May's issue, is provided and continued in this issue for your information and involvement. Lt Bob Schaefer, P, provides valuable information, as well as a "walkthrough" of USPS's Boating Guide to America.

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articles of interest you'd
like to submit...

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AT THE HELM

Commander Mike Stone, P



The Blessing of the Fleet held on April 21st-22nd was a success, due to the efforts of our two Co-Chairmen of the Boating Activities Committee, Barbara Millner and Denise Stone. Our new member Pastor Charles Lane performed the blessings. Due to uncooperative weather and safety considerations, the blessings were done at dockside. Overall, the weekend was very enjoyable and the event was well attended. Our thanks again to the Millners for hosting the event.

I attended the District 23 Spring Council meeting and Spring Picnic held in Titusville. One issue that was discussed was that federal courts have directed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decision to implement across-the-board Clean Water Act (CWA) provisions and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting for all vessels from outboards to cargo ships. This was a result of a federal lawsuit in California which classifies smaller recreational boats in the same category as larger ocean-going vessels. The United States Power Squadrons (USPS) opposes a blanket characterization of all vessels and urges the federal government to exercise restraint and reason by exempting small recreational watercraft from NPDES permits not currently required of vessels regulated by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Our Public Boating Course starts on May 16th and will continue for 8 weeks. As always, proctors and administrative assistance is needed. Help support your Education Department in making this course a success.

Our next boating event is scheduled for July 14th at Sunset Café in Cocoa Beach. You can either come by boat or by land yacht to enjoy the festivities. Last year we had over 30 members attend the event and this year we hope to exceed that number. Our District 23 Commander, Don Clark plans to attend so you all will have a chance to meet him.

September 22nd-23rd are dates to reserve on your calendar. Those are the dates for the CBPS 40th Anniversary Party to be held at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. It is a very special event that we should look forward to. More details are included in this issue of the Soundings.

Coming up in October is the District 23 Fall Conference to be held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Deland. The dates are October 5th-7th. The theme for the conference is "The Way We Were" to reminisce about the 1950's. More details will be provided in the next issues of the Soundings. The District 23 Spring Conference was a lot of fun as well as being very informative and I fully expect the Fall Conference to be more of the same. It is important for us to show our support for the squadrons hosting the conferences and also our support for District 23. It takes a lot of people working very hard to make these conferences enjoyable and interesting so we should show our appreciation for their efforts.

Banana River Sail & Power Squadron is having a King Neptune Party on November 10th at Wickam Park in Melbourne. Our squadron and all other squadrons in District 23 have been invited to join the party. See the flyer in the Soundings for more details.

Important note- The next meeting on June 5th will start at 7:15 PM to allow additional time for our guest speakers. The program promises to be exceptional and very entertaining.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C J. P. Longway III, S



You all know that old cliché “how time flies when your having fun”. Well that certainly has been the case for the past month or so for all those members participating in the various educational courses, vessel inspections, Co-op charting and Safety activities and boating & fraternal events. Personally, I’ve been attending the Piloting course which provides you with the fundamentals and additionally the wherewithal for 1) Pre-voyage planning, 2) Navigating underway, and 3) Double-checking. (Note: Taking this course has been a trip/voyage in itself). As mentioned in other parts of this Soundings, the “Blessing of the Fleet”, despite the potential for adverse weather, turned out to be a pleasurable event for all those that attended. The Co-chairs, Lt Barbara Millner, S and Lt Denise Stone, P ensured that the event was a success, given their means to be organized, flexible, as well as hospitable. The D23 Council meeting was held on the same day that the Titusville Sail & Power Squadron hosted a very enjoyable picnic on a glorious day for same. Although the Cocoa Beach Squadron’s attendees didn’t win another record number of prizes, there were still many Squadron winners.

Please note in this issue of the Soundings, that Lt Gene Millner, AP has assumed the position of Radio Technical Officer, and as a result provided the Squadron members with the facts relative to Radio Licensing for recreational boating.

Note: Use & take advantage of the various current information that Lt Larry Carr, P is providing on the CBPS Website.

SEO REPORT

P/C John Mulkey, P



When I agreed to be your SEO, if P/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN and Lt/C Rick Schoonmaker, SN moved to Tennessee, I never thought it would happen. Well, they did, and now you have a new SEO. Fortunately, Sandy did a good job of setting up the schedule for the coming year.

Advanced Piloting (AP) will start on June 20, 2007 at the Cocoa Library under the direction of Lt. Jim O’Malley, AP.

The Sail Course will start on July 9, 2007 taught by Lt. Tom Schrader, AP at Wuesthoff Hospital.

These are exciting times for the USPS Education Department. There are four new two-hour seminars that are available now with more than a dozen in the works. The new seminars are:

- Weather
 - How To Use a Chart
 - Using GPS
- Using VHS & SSB Radio.

Presenting these seminars will give us the opportunity to recruit new members.

The following USPS Educational Courses have been revised:

- Seamanship (S) – The new course focuses on what you need to do to maintain safe control of your boat.
 - Junior Navigation (JN) – The new course provides the essential skills of celestial navigation focusing on obtaining running fixes from sun sights.
 - Engine Maintenance (EM) – The new course stresses the diagnosis of modern marine engine systems.
- Marine Electronics (ME) – This is currently being rewritten and will become three separate elective courses: Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Communication Systems, and Marine Electronic Systems. You must take two of the three to get credit for ME.

It’s a NEW ERA in U.S.P.S. Education! Be sure to sign up for a course to further improve your boating knowledge.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Joe Derrico, P



Who knows what a Shellback is? If you have never sailed across the Equator, you are a “Polywog”, but after you sail cross that green and yellow line in the water at Zero Degrees Latitude you become a Shellback. My first crossing came in 1952 after my Plebe year at the Naval Academy when I took my first training cruise to South America, and my third crossing came last month when we sailed from Rio de Janeiro to Lisbon. What I am trying to tell you is that I have been away for five weeks and have lost touch with what has been going on. Fortunately, we have many conscientious people in place and the job gets done. Jim Wonnell continuously works hard to get us interesting speakers for our meetings and if anyone can recommend a speaker or would like a specific topic for a program, please call Jim or me. We are going into the “Summer Doldrums” when everything slows down and our only group activity for the next couple months is the Sunset Cafe-Coco Beach Cruise July 14th, Flag Day. Give the names of prospective new member to Doris Valentine and we will follow up. SIGN UP TO GIVE BLOOD!!!!

CBPS Attendees at the D 23 Spring Picnic held at the Sand Point Pavilion in Titusville.



COCO-NAUTS CORNER
Carmen Adame, President

All members are invited to attend the second annual Sun Cruz Casino Cruise as guests of the Coco-Nauts. The ship will sail from Port Canaveral on Friday, June 8 at 1100 hours. The hot onboard buffet lunch will be served along with two drinks, per person and \$5.00 Casino Cash for each guest. This great cruise comes with no charge or port charges. Each guest must have photo ID to board the ship. Please contact Pres. Carmen Adame for further information or to reserve a spot for this fun day.

The June Cruise will be the last meeting until September.

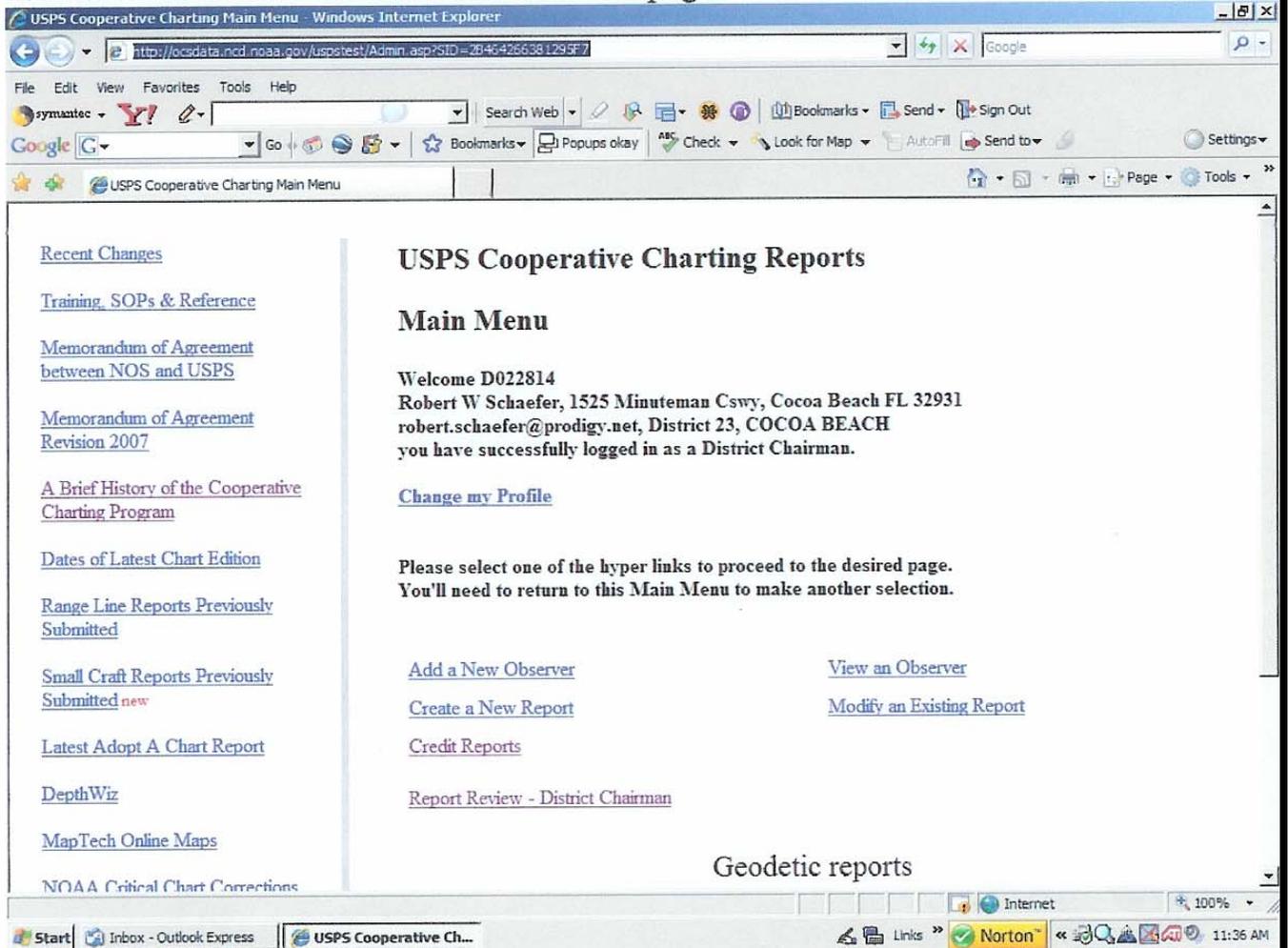
The May 9 meeting was held at Our Savior's, Cocoa Beach with a baby shower to benefit Birthright of Cocoa Beach. (See picture below). Director Pat Kennedy spoke on the community program offered to the women of Brevard County and their babies. The response from Coco-Naut members was very generous and a great time was had by all. The only thing missing were the games and babies. Thank you for your generous efforts.

Have a wonderful summer and plan on a September meeting that will kick off the winter season.



Co-op Charting Report Lt. Robert W. Schaefer, P Part II

You can go to the following web site and read about the various co-op charting activities listed down the left side of the web page.



Also you can read the details of the activities by reading the SOP—standard operating procedures—listed under that heading on the web page. Long but details each activity.

I am willing to meet with any interested member(s) to work thru the co-op charting activities and know-how. Give me a call at 321-784-9128 and we will set up a session at the CB public library where they have wireless service and an overhead screen to use with our projector.

Our May meeting may be a time to sign up interested members and arrange a seminar. Not only am I looking for active members but the program needs an interested member(s) who would like to learn the co-op charting program for future management.

Radio Technical Officer Report

Lt Gene Millner, AP

As your new Radio Technical Officer, I will try and keep you informed of the latest information regarding the very important subject of communications when on your boat. These days there are many new ways of communicating, such as I-Pods, Blackberries, wireless internet, cell phones, satellite phones, etc..... When on your boat, I recommend as a minimum, having your cell phone and VHF radio ‘on’, not just on the boat.

The following information was obtained from the May 2007 Issue of Boat U.S. magazine.

If you own a recreational vessel equipped with a radio, you may receive what seems like an alarming letter from a company called Business Radio Licensing, stating that your radio license “has been terminated or cancelled by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). “The letter also says it will cost \$290 in processing fees to get your license reinstated. Failure to do so, the letter warns, “can subject you to fines by the FCC.”

First, take a deep breath. Business Radio Licensing is not affiliated with the FCC and is not in a position to make threats on behalf of the federal agency. Rest assured that, when and if your license needs to be renewed, the FCC will let you know ahead of time.

Second, some of the information in the Business Radio Licensing letter may not exactly be true. Recreational vessels are not required to carry VHF radios, radar, LORAN, GPS or EPIRBs and, if they do, FCC licenses are not required in most instances.

Owners of recreational vessels are required to obtain radio licenses from the FCC only under specific circumstances, for example, when traveling to or broadcasting in a foreign port, if the boat is 65 feet or longer, or if single sideband radios or Inmarsat equipment is being used.

For complete information about radio licensing requirements, visit the FCC’s Web site, wireless.fcc.gov/marine/fctsht14.html.

Blessing of the Fleet

Saturday, April 21st, dawned damp and drizzly. Denise Stone and Barb Millner discussed canceling the Blessing of the Fleet. Both had been watching the Weather Channel and Weather.com all week and all looked good except for a little wind and a 10% chance of rain. Well, the forecasters couldn't have been more off-base. Saturday dawned wet with 20 knot winds but the front was supposed to move south by noon.

The Co-Cruise Chairmen decided to "trust" the forecast and continue with plans for the Blessing. Due to the winds, they decided to dock all 6 boats and have for the first time a Walking Blessing.

Our own Squadron member, Pastor Chuck Lane, walked to each boat and blessed the boat and its owners. The boats blessed were:

Liberty Belle- owner Marc Montford with Lance Vandeberg and Joan Montfort on board.

Amore'- owners Charles and Angie Vilardebo

Makin' Memories- owners Denise and Mike Stone

Sea Eagle- owners Barb and Gene Millner

Wild Goose- owners Ann and Jim O'Malley

And a late arrival-Ariel- owner Clay Bernichon and guest Pat O'Brian

The picnic was held outside in the Millner's beautiful waterfront yard. Over 30 people attended. Barbara and Gene were gracious enough to invite all the overnight boaters, even those who could not get to the function, to a BBQ dinner that night. In addition to those whose boats were blessed, dinner attendees included: Marcia and Duane McConkey, Al Pappas and Maggie Woeber, Rhoda and Howard Bernbaum, Donna and Jay Longway, and Carolyn and Jim Green. After dinner the pool table was busy and a colorful puzzle was completed. Barbara and Denise taught Angie and Carolyn to play the "CBPS Official Game"- Chickenfoot!

Sunday brought a cloudless beautiful day that started with a champagne brunch at the Millner's. Fourteen lucky people attended the brunch that started with champagne mimosas. The shared dishes were wonderful and all left with full bellies for a beautiful ride home on calm waters. Some sailed away, some went home under power, and one had to be towed. We'll let the captain of the Amore' tell that story.

This was the first boating event of our 40th year as a Squadron. Those who attended had a wonderful time. Those who missed the event missed a very special weekend. Much appreciation goes to our wonderful hosts Barbara & Gene Millner.



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Check the web site and your email for updates!

May:

- 19 - 25, Sat to Sat, National Safe Boating Week**
- 22 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 26 - 27, Sat/Sun, Chart House & Melbourne Harbor Cruise**

JUNE:

- 05 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center**
- 08 - Friday, 1100, Coco-Nauts Mtg. / 2nd Annual Sun Cruz Casino Cruise, Cape Canaveral**
- 20 - Wednesday, 1900, Advanced Piloting, Cocoa Library, Instructor Lt Jim O'Malley, AP**
- 26 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

July:

- 03 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center**
- 09 - Monday, 1900, Sail Course, Wuesthoff Hospital, Instructor Lt Tom Schrader, AP**
- 11 - Wednesday, 0900, Blood Donations, Florida Blood Center, Rt. 1, Rockledge**
- 14 - Saturday, 1130, Sunset Café Cruise/Luncheon, Cocoa Beach**
- 24 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

Note:

CBPS members are invited to meet and eat each Wednesday at 1130 at the Cozy Corner Café at 2425 N. Courtenay Pkwy. Breakfast and light lunches are available.

OFFICIAL CBPS BOATING EVENTS SCHEDULE 2007-2008

Date	Day	Event
May 26 th -27 th	Saturday-Sunday	Melbourne Harbor Cruise
July 14 th	Saturday	Sunset Café Lunch Cruise
September 15 th - 16 th	Saturday-Sunday	CBPS 40th Anniversary Cruise Eau Gallie Yacht Club
November 9 th -11 th	Friday-Sunday	Cocoa Village Marina Cruise
January 26 th	Saturday	Captain Hiram's Cruise to Pelican Island

Contact Denise Stone at 453-5807 or Barbara Millner at 452-0500 for details.

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More info will be forthcoming! But mark the date on your calendar, 10 Nov.



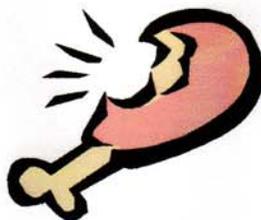
Memorial Day Cruise

May 25, 26, 27, 2007

Big ships or Little ships One and All should come for the Fun that will be had at the Melbourne Harbor Marina!



On Friday the 25th, we will have happy hour in the park and eating at Ichabods restaurant by the marina.



Then guess what? Saturday 5/26 the drinks and snacks start all over again. At 5PM we will be eating at a local restaurant

On Sunday, 5/27 we will have Brunch in the Park at 9AM

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To sign up call Barb at 452-0500 or Denise at 453-5807

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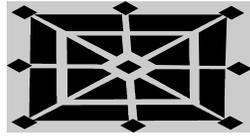
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Boating Accommodations

A number of slips will be available by reservation for those wishing to attend by boat. Contact Barbara Millner,
321-452-0500, or Denise Stone, 321-453-5807



GALAXY 23

From the District Bridge

D/Lt/C Linda Legg, SN
Educational Officer

For those of you who attended the **Education Seminar** on April 28 in Daytona Beach, thanks for coming! I hope that the day was informative and meaningful for you. A big thanks to **Gladys Cahill** for teaching us how to use DB2000 for SEOs. And thanks also to **Dick Conrad** for his help in setting up the seminar. We have so many new courses coming out that it is not possible to preview all of them in the short amount of time we have for our education workshops at our conferences. Therefore, I would like to make the Spring seminar an annual event to give us the time we need to discuss problems and preview new course material. So look for another education seminar next April. I promise to make the day worthwhile for you.

The new **JN course** is now available at National. The course focuses on the use of the GPS as the primary positioning tool and sun sights are used to confirm the GPS position. The course is 12 weeks long and the exam is an OPEN BOOK exam only. Students will learn the basics of celestial navigation in a practical, simple approach. The sight folder will be checked locally, and will only use sights on the sun (no moon, planet or star sights). So the new course should be much easier than the old one and much more practical. If you are interested in taking this course, contact your SEO. If anyone is taking the old JN99 course, you have until October, 2008 to complete your exam and sight folder. Otherwise, you will have to take the new JN07 course to achieve the JN grade.

It's **Chapman Award** time. All Squadron Commanders and Squadron Education Officer's should have received a copy of the instructions and form for submitting your candidate for this most prestigious National award. District 23 has had two instructors selected as National winners recently. Ann Fields of Ocala was selected in 2000 and Dick Leatherman of Jacksonville was chosen as a National winner in 2005. I need your write ups by August 1, 2007.

The **new seminars** developed by the USPS Education Department are really excellent ways to reach out to the public. The 2 hour seminars can be offered in partnership at Boat Shows or marinas and provide us with a great way to introduce USPS to the public. They have produced a power point presentation of, "What's new in USPS Education" and it's available on the internet. Go to USPS Education Department home page and scroll down to "Hot News"; open it up and download the presentation – really worth putting on as a program at a membership meeting. The 4 seminars currently available are "Using GPS", "How to Use a Chart", "Using the VHF Radio", and "Onboard Weather Forecasting"

Is your instructor certification card expiring? All USPS instructors of public courses are **REQUIRED** to have current certification. After taking the Instructor Development (or Instructor Qualification) course, you become certified as an instructor for 4 years. Then you must take a 2 hour refresher seminar to renew your certification for another 4 years. Look at your Certified Instructor card for the date it was issued to determine if your certification has expired. If you will soon need to be re-certified, ask your SEO to arrange for a seminar for you to attend. I will be glad to assist you putting on a seminar. Please call or e-mail me if you would like assistance.

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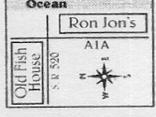
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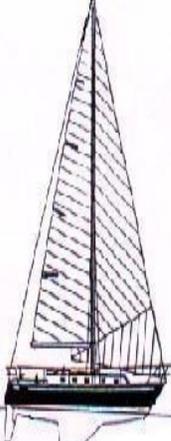
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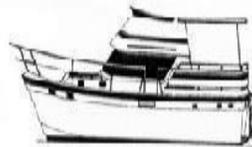


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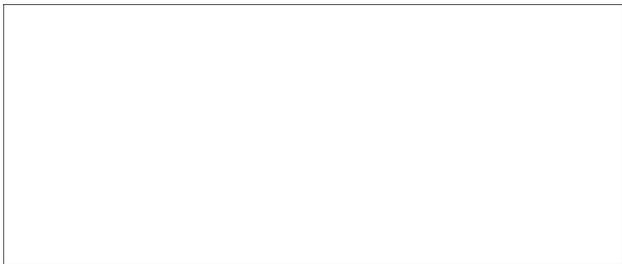
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