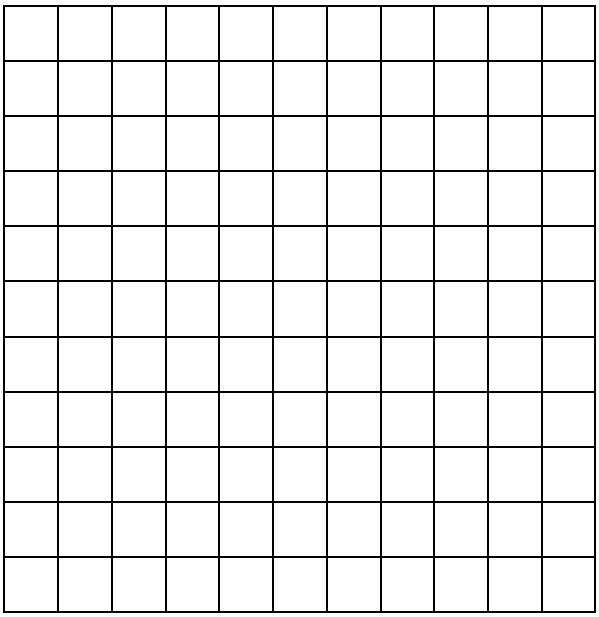
Puzzle # 87 — August 2008 "Hell's Angels"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from four to nine letters; seven are capitalized and one is foreign), then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Six across words and six down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those twelve letters, taken in order, spell a two-word phrase related to the mystery entries. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing the puzzle.



Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Almost time to join the French church
3. Strike out with Georgia and a representative
4. Freight acquires mass after removal of last of bad soil
5. Unrestrictedly spread, ravage, or raven
6. Acquire fashionable mutt
7. Chanteuse has to pay
8. Runner swallows dose, getting weaker
9. Skillful auditor messed up leaving unit out
10. Harry marks time
11. *Mystery entry*
12. Dad abandons partial botched attempt
13. Ogled fish turning crimson
14. Dish made with a melange of hulled grains
15. Film female alien
16. Undecided about getting chilled
17. Strong odor making city trying at first
18. Opening day matinee madness
19. Reason union is involved in lawsuit
20. Paint a person holding a candle
21. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. Animal spirits the Spanish turned back
2. An instant of electric excitement
3. Royal family's odd tour around Land's End
4. Old inhabitant of Italy in base squalor
5. Last of team master's staff
6. Flagged a vehicle headed west around bypass
7. Bad deal is a burden
8. A lot of money left in jumble
9. Story doesn't include Victor or Carol
10. Entertain the Navajo people
11. Ailing lifter needs energy to be productive
12. Allow about nine to start getting advanced
13. Lament finish of water bird
14. Glaze steaks with relish
15. Mexican's love of *Metamorphosis*
16. Speak haltingly and start to mumble in unsteady stream
17. Male feline accompanies Earth goddess
18. One in black flipped over Tantalus's daughter
19. Label in railway gets protective coating
20. Brighten sick uncle and me
21. Call for tot to get 60% of money
22. Teed off about degree discussion
23. Note pilot's comfort
24. Small instrument, but loud