

# History of Movie Making in the SCV: August 26 by Alan Pollack

Film historian Marc Wanamaker is scheduled to appear at the Saugus Train Station at 2:00 pm on Saturday, August 26. He will be giving a presentation on the history of movie making in the Santa Clarita Valley.

The Santa Clarita Valley has served as Hollywood's back lot dating back to the earliest days of film making. Many of the early Westerns used the Valley's rugged topography as a backdrop. Top film stars such as William S. Hart, Harry Carey, and Hoot Gibson filmed here and called the Valley home. Many other stars like John Wayne passed through the streets of Newhall on their way to filming at Monogram Ranch in Placerita Canyon (later to be purchased by Gene Autry and renamed Melody Ranch).

The Saugus Train Station itself was seen in movies featuring Charlie Chaplin and later Frank Sinatra.

Please mark your calendars for what should be a very entertaining presentation on August 26. More details to follow.



Tom Mix at Beale's Cut, 1923



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