

August 26 Program on Movie Making History in the SCV by Alan Pollack

On Saturday, August 26, a capacity crowd of over 100 people packed the Saugus Train Station to enjoy delicious ice cream served up by Cathy Martin and her volunteer helpers, and then listened to anecdotes and information on the history of movie making in the Santa Clarita Valley presented by film historian Marc Wanamaker. Mr. Wanamaker is the founder of Bison Archives, an institution which researches and archives the history of the Hollywood movie industry, and is a member of the Board of Directors of Hollywood Heritage. He showed a number of very rare photos taken during the production of the many movies filmed in the SCV.

Highlights included a band of aliens walking across Vasquez Rocks and baby photos of Harry Carey, Jr. taken at the Harry Carey Ranch in San Francisquito Canyon, which Wanamaker found in a pile of photos for sale on the East Coast. There were also photos of Melody Ranch after it tragically burned down in the fires of 1962. In perfect

Hollywood tradition, the remains of the Ranch were used for war scenes in the TV series "Combat". Mr. Wanamaker's stories and photos included Harry Carey, Tom Mix, William S. Hart, John Wayne, the Monogram Ranch, Melody Ranch, Golden Oak Ranch and many more.

Many people reported having a great time at this show, and audience members got into the act, shouting out the names of movies, people and even horses as they appeared on the screen. Mr. Wanamaker himself stated that he had a great time. Sales were strong in the gift shop that day, and a number of people left us their e-mail addresses for notification about future events. The event was featured the next day on the front page of the Signal newspaper. We hope you will all continue to come and enjoy these quality presentations that we plan to present throughout the year.



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