

NEWS BULLETIN

LOS ANGELES CINEMA CLUB

“OUR 77th YEAR!”

MAY, 2008

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



WALT GILMORE

Wasn't it good to see Roger's wonderful videos last meeting? Thanks to **Howard Lockwood** for the idea and to **Paul Hansen** for running another great presentation. Thanks also to **Myke Muller** for arranging the presentation by Alan Adelstein, President American Recorder Technologies, Inc. (Phone: 800-777-9580) www.americanrecorder.com showing their "Photo Studio in a Box" systems of convenient soft lighting tent and light system.

I have been concentrating on getting the club website up-dated and working again. We have changed to a new provider and it is taking some time for me to learn what all the problems were caused by the move. Meanwhile the www.lacinemaclub.com is our site and I hope that by the time this is mailed it will be up and running again.

Howard Lockwood is dutifully sending announcements of our activities to the following papers:

The Burbank Leader
Sun Community News
The Daily News
S.F. Valley Business News
Verdugo Monthly Magazine
Tolucan Times
Valley News

If you read any of these papers Howard would like to see anything that gets published about the club. This is to confirm that they are using our material and the format in which the information is used. So if you read any of these papers please tear out anything you see on the Club and send it to Howard, or bring it to the next meeting. Also if you know of any other local papers which might publicize our Club please give Howard the name of the paper and email address, FAX number and or phone number so that he can add it to our list.

Only two months until our Summer contest for one-minute and long form (15 minute) videos; I hope everyone is working on projects. We also are looking for short U-Tube videos to promote the club as well, so keep busy!

See you at the meeting May 28th.

HOW TO FIND US

The Los Angeles Cinema Club Workshop's regular meeting is held at **7:30 P.M. on the fourth Wednesday of each month** in the social hall at the little White Chapel on Jeffries just East of Hollywood Way in Burbank. There is a parking lot on the corner next to the hall.

PROGRAM CALENDAR

Paul Hansen

MAY 28th meeting will be mainly aimed towards **Heritage** and **Nostalgia** videos by members. We will have presentations by **Frank Pettinato, Stan Whitsitt,** and me, **Paul Hansen.**

If any of you would like to have a video of yours viewed, give me a ring **(323) 663-5414.** Also, expect some eye-popping surprises. (*ed. note. I love those eye-popping surprises*)

APRIL BLOCKBUSTER

You Guys who stayed home to watch "AMERICAN IDOL" and "DANCING WITH THE STARS", or just to **get to bed early** last month missed a great evening of video fun. We had celebrities! **Roger Garretson, Dicie Sizemore,** and **Walt Gilmore,** the driving force behind last year's and this year's upcoming Amateur Movie Convention at Buena Park were all in attendance.

Of course we have Walt every meeting, but it was especially enjoyable to see **Dicie,** and **Roger**, long time friends of the Editor. The evening was made more memorable by a program of **Roger's** superb movies.....As the saying goes, "You snooze, you lose!"

BOARD MEETING ALERT

Mark the old calendar for the **June 2nd Board of Governor's** meeting.

When.....1:00 P.M.

Where.....345 South Sparks St. (The Gilmore's)

Burbank, CA 91506

(818) 842-3820



GLOBE TREKKERS REPORT



Those inveterate jet-setters, **Bob and Betty Iehl** just returned home from a 13 day North African adventure. They flew to Malta with a four day layover in London. At Malta they boarded a four masted motor yacht named the Wind Spirit. With a group of 70 passengers and a crew of 90, they visited Roman ruins in **Tunisia & Algeria**.

They found the landscape much different than expected after visiting similar ruins in Turkey, Greece, and Egypt. Instead of desert-like conditions, rolling meadows of wildflowers surrounded the sites, and tree-filled hills formed a colorful backdrop to these countries on the Mediterranean. The region grows much of the vegetables and flowers for the European market, so the area is a stark contrast to the Sahara Desert which is just over the mountain range. Bob reports that he shot two hours of video on the trip, so we may see some of that region soon.....(hint, hint, Bob)

The following article is by the late Arnold Levine, a former member of the Valley 8mm Club, the L.E.R.C.Movie Club, and the Los Angeles 8mm Club, and a long time personal friend of the editor.

THE DOCUMENTARY FILM

By Arnold Levine

Part 1

Early film records show that the film maker's first impulse was to document all manner of events transpiring around him; parades, inaugrals, exhibits - even operas and stage plays. Film's primary value was seen to be simply a documenting device for the dissemination of information.

Later, film pioneers, such as Dziga Vertov, a Russian living through the revolution, and Robert Flaherty, an American, along with many others, began develop[ng their films into more than just "newsreels". They began to develop a point of view. Their goal was to make documentaries more influential and develop a more intimate film approach on a social or personalized level

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STAN AND RUTH WHITSITT

by **HOWARD LOCKWOOD**

We have all greatly enjoyed the creativity and humor of Stan's videos. Thus, it may not surprise you to learn that he has probably had the most national and regional awards, over a longer period of time, than any amateur in the country.

Shooting in film, from 1976 to 2000, in every year but two, Stan had 48 awards in various contests. This does not include many awards in local clubs. Switching over to video he continued his winning ways, with 12 awards from 2002 to 2007. He made 24 videos in that short time. In 2007 he received the Oskar Horovitz award, the highest given by the Amateur Movie Makers Association (AMMA). His entry, "Woody Moves In," was voted the best of over 40 entries.



He has specialized in nature movies, many shot in his own backyard, almost all with a whimsical twist. He has also recorded extensive travels, not to the big cities, ("I don't like walls,") but to places like Costa Rica, Africa and the whale lagoons in Baja California. For video editing he uses the Mac computer.

In addition to making videos, Stan has written numerous articles on movie making and has spoken at many programs. He was very active in the LERK club, serving as president and newsletter editor. We are pleased that he is now doing ours. Over the years he has been invited to show his movies at over 50 locations in Southern California

Stan grew up on a farm in Indiana, served in the Field Artillery and Paratroops in WWII. How many jumps did he have? One! He jumped in a 25 mile/hour wind and got a bad fracture in his leg requiring months of hospitalization.

He worked at Lockheed 32 years before retiring in 1983, as a budget analyst.

He and his sweetheart wife, Ruth have been married 62 years! She is one of those beautiful Mississippi gals, coming to California in 1942. During WWII she worked for Lockheed, and after their two children were raised she was a manager of beauty salons.

What's your next video, Stan? Do you ever run out of ideas?

LOOKING AHEAD IN ZERO EIGHT

MAY 28 Monthly meeting.....Member' "Heritage & Nostalgia" videos

JUN 2 Board of Governor's meeting

JUN 25 Monthly meeting

JUL 23 Mid -year competition.....15 minute and 1 minute entries

AUG 27 Monthly meeting

SEP 24 Monthly meeting

OCT 10-11 AMMA, AMPS-TEN BEST Annual Convention at Buena Park.
More info later. Save the date.

OCT Monthly meeting.....Year End Contest

NOV (?) Regular meeting night falls on the night before Thanksgiving,
so will probably be re-scheduled.

(Documentary, from Page 3)

Modern examples of this approach has been Charles Kuralt's "**On the Road**", "**20/20**", and "**60 Minutes**". "60 Minutes" tends to be more investigative and leans toward the social documentary. In all these film formats, whether it be social, news film type, intimate or propagandistic, the documentarian starts out with some reason for a film.

So, What is a documentary?? According to Webster' New World Dictionary, 1983, documentary is defined as "showing or analyzing news events, social conditions, etc. in non-fictional, but dramatic form". Webster's New Revised Dictionary modifies this somewhat by stating "presented in a factual, but artistic form". The art is in keeping the audience interested.

(Part 2 discusses the nuts and bolts of the genre)

THE LAST PAGE

LEISURE READING

In the February issue of this ABPP (All But Perfect Publication) in an article entitled "THE SECOND SHOE" your editor pontificated on the importance of the ending of a movie.

Evidently I'm not the only one concerned with that aspect of a film. In the April 28 issue of **Newsweek** magazine, in an article entitled "ENDLESS SUMMER" by David Ansen, he discusses the same theme as it relates to Hollywood movies. In his introductory paragraph he states, *"Every movie eventually fades to black. But very few of them know how to give audiences a grand finale,"*

I found it extremely interesting. I think many of you folks would enjoy it and maybe pick up a pointer or two. Anyone wishing a copy can give me a call and I will send them one. I will also have a few copies at the meeting..

Also, if anyone is interested in ancient history I will also have several copies of the SAC/SAVAC Movie News from the 1980's that someone might like to read before I send them to the recycler

POINTS TO PONDER

A good sermon leaves you wondering....how the preacher knew all about you.

Is the glass half full, half emptyor twice as large as it needs to be?

If Wal-Mart is lowering prices every day..how come nothing is free yet?

After a certain age, if you don't wake up aching in every joint.....you're probably dead

The goal of science is to build better mouse-trapsthe goal of nature is to build better mice.

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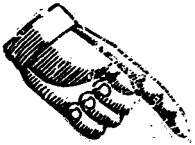
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night.....SEE YOU THERE!**

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