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**The Way Out West Tent Newsletter**

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# Way Out West Salutes **THE BOSS**

## A Tribute To Hal Roach

The final 2023 meeting of the Way Out West Tent is a special one indeed. On **Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will host a salute to the man who started it all, to the founder of the Hal Roach Studios and the man we affectionately call 'The Boss,' Mr. Hal E. Roach. We will run classic film shorts starring Laurel & Hardy, Our Gang, Charley Chase, Harold Lloyd and Thelma Todd & Zasu Pitts. Even better, we will have members of Mr. Roach's family join us to celebrate the iconic Lot Of Fun film legacy.

### VERY SPECIAL GUESTS

Celebrating The Hal Roach Family Legacy we will have his two daughters Maria and Jeannie and their families

**Maria Roach Carpenter**  
 (Daughter)

**Jeannie Roach** (Daughter)

**Matthew Carpenter**  
 (Grandson)

**Nicholas Carpenter**  
 (Grandson)

**Bridget Marquardt**  
 (Nick's partner)

**Justin Robertson**  
 (Grandson)

**Anouki Karu** (Justin's wife)

**Addison Randall**  
 (Grandson)

**Denise Dougherty**  
 (Addison's wife)



We will also have author and historian **Richard W. Bann** on hand to discuss the Roach Studios legacy!

Also attending – **Hal Roach's Honorary Academy Award!** Take a selfie with the Oscar that Jackie Cooper presented to Hal Roach in 1984 with a little help from Spanky McFarland!

**The Mayflower Club** is located at 11110 Victory Blvd in North Hollywood, California. The doors open at 6:00 PM and our program begins at 6:45 PM. During intermission, Patty Cakes cupcakes will be served.

# Sons of the Desert

23rd INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



## ANOTHER FINE MESS

SACRAMENTO • CA **JUNE 27-30, 2024**

As we head toward year end, *NOW* is the time to register for the **2024 Sacramento** convention – to be held from **June 27-30** at the downtown Holiday Inn. Let's have a nice **BIG** contingent from **The Way Out West Tent** this Summer in Sacramento! The link for the website is [sons-of-the-desert.squarespace.com](http://sons-of-the-desert.squarespace.com). So far, I see registered Bob Satterfield, Lori and Colin and your GS Rick Greene, and that's it. Prices will soon go UP for registration, so don't delay – **SIGN UP!**

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1935

### Laurel and Hardy Part as a Team

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 15.—(AP)—For seven years Oliver Hardy, stout and pompous screen symbol of a grown-up kid caught with tell-tale jam on his face, has been venting his pent-up wrath on slight Stan Laurel, his film partner, the kid who didn't mean to do it but did.

Today the "team" was split. "Laurel and Hardy"—two names that were like one to the movie-going world—again are Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.

Producer Hal Roach announced Laurel declined to continue under contract because they disagreed

about screen story matters. Neither the producer nor Laurel was available for further comment, but a studio attache said that "is all there is to it—there isn't any more."

Which leaves the Laurel plans indefinite, for today at least. But Oliver Hardy, under the Roach colors, will keep on getting into trouble in a series of domestic comedies with Patsy Kelly as his wife, and little Spanky McFarland as their troublesome offspring.

Hollywood was surprised at the break.

## WOW 2024 Meeting Schedule

We have five meetings planned for 2024 and wanted to get the dates published here so you can ADD them to your calendars for next year. Each Way Out West Tent meeting will be held on Tuesday evening with the doors opening at 6:00 PM and the program beginning at 6:45 PM. The dates are:

February 6<sup>th</sup>

April 9<sup>th</sup>


June 18<sup>th</sup>

September 24<sup>th</sup>

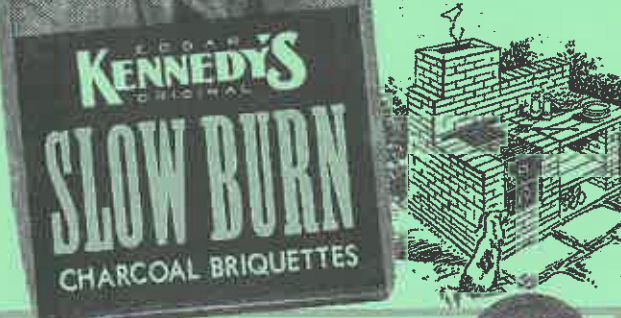
December 3<sup>rd</sup>

I'm planning on continuing our series of EPIC programs for 2024 – you will NOT want to miss a single L&H EVENT – because that is what our programs will be – Laurel & Hardy EVENTS just like this month's **Salute To Hal Roach**.

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