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The Way Out West Tent Newsletter

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The Ever-Popular
MAE BUSCH

We begin our 2024 slate of special event meetings on **Tuesday, February 6th** with a salute to the most explosive Mrs. Hardy of them all, the ever-popular Mae Busch! Our tribute to Mae features a **90th Anniversary Screening** of the three-reel *Oliver The Eighth* along with that marvelous double-feature *Them Thar Hills* and *Tit For Tat*. We'll also have a guest star comedy team and a vintage cartoon to round out a special night at Way Out West! Join us at The Mayflower Club for a new year of **DO NOT MISS** meetings!

We will also screen the Our Gang short that Mae appeared in – *Fly My Kite*. All this and a vintage Betty Boop cartoon, too! Our Tent historian Bob Duncan – who also received last year's 2023 Wiley Commemoration Celebration WOW Tent Annual Honorary Life Achievement Award – will educate us on Mae's life and film career. And a big tip of the derby to Robert for the splendid portrait of Ms. Busch that graces this page of our newsletter!



Dues are due! If you haven't already paid for your 2024 Way Out West Tent membership, you can do so at the door of our February meeting. And, if the door is busy, you can pay Laura.

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.

Way Out West 2024 Meetings

We have five meetings planned for 2024 beginning with our February salute to Mae Busch. Here are all five dates for this year's meetings:

February 6th

April 9th

June 18th

September 24th

December 3rd

Stooges join us, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Curly, Shemp and Larry! What a night!

In **September** we had a Silents Are Golden program of all silent films including some VERY rare shorts!

December wrapped up an amazing year with the best meeting we've had in many years – our salute to the Boss, Hal Roach with SEVEN members of the Roach family attending and a presentation by historian and author **Richard W. Bann**. Dick's presentation was to be 30 minutes, but it was SO compelling and important, that I let it go for OVER an hour – and deservedly so! What a meeting, what a year for the Way Out West Tent!



Exhausted Sheik Bob Satterfield poses with the Hal Roach Oscar at our December 2024 meeting

Way Out West 2023 – A Look Back...

February – this was our salute to filmmaker Robert Youngson. We screened *When Comedy Was King* and special guest **Manny Pacheco** discussed Mr. Youngson's legacy. Manny will return **THIS** year in April for another special Youngson evening!

April was our Rarities Night where we screened a two hour compilation of VERY rarely seen L&H shorts, trailers and clips as compiled by **Randy Skretvedt**.

June saw our Fiesta! Event with a screening of *The Bullfighters* with one of the few surviving L&H co-stars in attendance, **Ralph Platz**, who played a young boy in one sequence. We also had several relatives of the Three



The delicious Hal Roach decorated Patty Cakes from December!