Guide to the Sacramento Amateur Movie Makers Club records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Sacramento Amateur Movie Makers Club records
Dates: 1947-1989
Collection number: MC 13
Creator: Sacramento Amateur Movie Makers Club
Collection Size: 3 linear ft. (4 archival boxes)
Repository: Sacramento Public Library, Sacramento Room
Sacramento, California 95814

Abstract: The Sacramento Amateur Movie Makers Club records are comprised of administrative records, minutes, newsletters, films, scrapbooks, photographs, awards and other printed material documenting the activities of the Sacramento Movie Forum (later Sacramento Amateur Movie Makers Club) from 1947 through 1989.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please contact the Sacramento Room.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Historical Note
Sacramento’s first movie club organized in June 1937 as the Sacramento Movie Forum, a member of the Northern California Council of Amateur Movie Clubs (NCC of AMC). The club met at the Clunie Clubhouse in McKinley Park in Sacramento, California, and welcomed amateur filmmakers from all professions. Its purpose was to further home motion picture making, proper editing and titling, continuity and story technique. The club hosted demonstrations on filming and editing techniques, participated in intra and inter-club competitions and produced community service pieces for local organizations. Meetings were later held in the Garden Arts Center at McKinley Park soon after its construction. In 1970, the Movie Forum became the Sacramento Amateur Movie Makers Club (SAMM). In subsequent years, the club moved toward video and digital technology and later became affiliated with Access Sacramento, community media in Sacramento.

Scope and Content Note
The Sacramento Amateur Movie Makers Club records are comprised of administrative records, minutes, newsletters, films, scrapbooks, photographs, awards and other printed material documenting the activities of the Sacramento Movie Forum (later Sacramento Amateur Movie Makers Club) from 1947 through 1989. Administrative records include the 1961 and later
revised constitutions and membership rosters. Bound and loose meeting minutes cover club meetings from 1952-1953 and 1962-1967. The collection also includes an almost complete run of the club’s member bulletin from 1961-1988. There are also numerous films created by club members that are represented in the collection (ca. 1959-1984). These include award-winning short films as well as home movies, the majority created by longtime club member and secretary, Jewell Dawson. Also contained in the collection are scrapbooks with clippings and views of club events, including awards presentations and filming activities. General club records include club cards, a library inventory and other printed material.

This collection is organized into seven series:

- Series 1. Administration
- Series 2. Minutes
- Series 3. Bulletins
- Series 4. Films
- Series 5. Photographs and scrapbooks
- Series 6. Awards
- Series 7. General

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
Sacramento Amateur Movie Makers Club
Cinematography -- California -- Sacramento

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Box/Folder: 1/1

Series 1. Administration 1961-1973
Physical Description: 1 folder
Series Scope and Content Summary
This series is comprised of constitutions (1961, n.d.) and membership rosters (1965, 1969, 1972-1973)

Box/Folder: 1/2-3

Physical Description: 2 folders
Series Scope and Content Summary
This series is comprised of meeting minutes from club gatherings (1952-1953, 1962-1967)

Box/Folder: 1/4-11

Physical Description: 8 folders
Series Scope and Content Summary

Box/Folder: 1/12, Box 2-3

Physical Description: 2 boxes and 1 folder
Series Scope and Content Summary
This series is comprised of 20 photographic prints, 1 photograph album, 4 scrapbooks and loose scrapbook pages documenting club meetings, filming activities, film competitions and awards presentations (1947-1981).

Series 5. Films 1959-1984
Physical Description: 18 film reels and 9 VHS tapes
Series Scope and Content Summary
This series is comprised of eighteen 8mm and 16mm color film reels with short films created by Jewell Dawson as well as footage of the Dawson family; and nine VHS tapes with transfers of "Movies of the Dawsons, Wests and Cevolas," which include additional short films captured by other club members.
Series 5. Films 1959-1984

Box/Folder: 1/13, Box 4


Physical Description: 1 box and 1 folder

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series is comprised of trophies and other honors awarded to the Sacramento Amateur Movie Makers Club and to Jewell Dawson. The majority of the awards are from competitions of the Sacramento Amateur Movie Makers club and the Northern California Council of Amateur Movie Clubs.

Box/Folder: 1/14-16, Box M


Physical Description: 3 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series is comprised of clippings, programs, cards and other printed material (1962-1986).