

## WHAT'S ON AT SACRAMENTO 2024

Our Committee, Irene Velasquez (Chair), Rebecca Kane, Ted Morley, and Mary May Vereen, decided not to offer any official pre-convention events, in the interests of keeping the costs down. If you would like to come early (or stay late), why not search for “things to do around Sacramento”. The hotel has a rack full of amusing and enlightening locations for you. You could visit the California Automobile Museum on Front Street, or the beautiful Crocker Art Museum on O Street, both a short distance from the hotel. If you rent a car, you could head down the river to local wineries. Just designate a driver, so you can return safely!

Wednesday: Registration opens!

Wednesday evening, we welcome you to the 15th floor of the Holiday Inn, for cocktails, and light hors d'oeuvres. It's a mixer, where you can greet your old friends, and make new ones. You'll be entertained by our Laurel and Hardy actors, Bill Leavy and Jamie McKenna. You'll thrill to the panoramic view of the Sacramento skyline.

Thursday: Registration yes!



Thursday: You'll have breakfast on your own, perhaps in the hotel's full-service restaurant. Morning events are TBA, but luncheon is special. Aside from the great eats, Another Fine Mess Grand Sheik Rebecca Kane will host the first Laurel & Hardy Fashion Show. Not just for ladies who lunch, vintage fashion maven Becky will show both digital and in-person examples of the styles that enhanced the films of Laurel & Hardy. Local models are some of members of the Sacramento Art Deco Society, as well as AFM members.

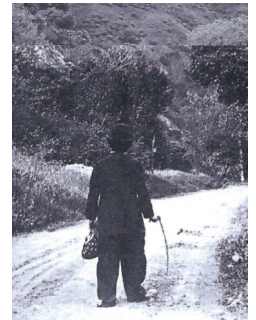
Schedule is still being (dis)arranged; we haven't forgotten the Grand Council meeting, talks with authors, Trivia Contest, and the film room. You'll have plenty to keep you interested.

Friday: registration if necessary

Friday, we board buses for a trip to Niles (Fremont), and the Niles Essanay Film Museum. Niles was the site of the Essanay Film Studio, and the theatre, built in 1915, still stands! This is one of the oldest theatres to host an international SOD convention. You may know that Essanay (S and A) was co-founded by Bronco Billy Anderson. Did you know that Bronco Billy was the producer of Laurel and Hardy's first film “together”, Lucky Dog? We will show the RESTORED version of Lucky Dog, as well as historic films from Niles's past.

Lunch will be a Perfect Day picnic in the park, with Pee-Wee and Putting competition, too!

Film room open when we return.



Saturday: We'll wrap up the Grand Council, more special talks TBA, culminating with the Berth Marks Banquet

### BERTH MARKS BANQUET!

Be ready to hop on board for the California State Railroad Museum! This is the site of our special banquet, in the Roundhouse itself, among locomotives which all played a part in California history. You may wish to pose for photos with our Laurel & Hardy actors, Bill Leavy and Jamie McKenna. You may tour a Pullman car, like the one in Berth Marks! We will have a full bar, and a sumptuous buffet (vegetarians, you will have options also). We will have special music for your listening pleasure.

Museum docents will be present to answer questions about the authentic rolling stock, all of it serviced in the Southern Pacific shops nearby.



Sunday: the Honolulu Baby brunch, we say farewell, and collapse in a heap. Or maybe a pratfall!