

Local Film Production Company Is Shooting A Movie About Gold
Prospecting In The Benson Area.
For General Release

Chosen Film Works, a Tucson based film production company, has started shooting a western movie with a gold prospecting theme in the Benson area. Company President, Michael Dohrmann met with several members of the Desert Gold Diggers executive board in May and asked for any and all assistance that we might be able to supply in order to make "Mattie" the movie's title, more realistic and successful.

We have been asked to supply equipment from the time period as well as to give technical advice to the actors and prop department. Mr. Dohrmann's requests also included using club members as extras in many of the scheduled shooting days that require large group scenes. The first day of group shooting starts on Saturday, June 6th which is also the day of the club's outing. It was thought that members would enjoy a day on the movie set as an alternative to going to the outing but the original outing is still planned. Not to worry as there will be other chances to get involved in the movie as it shoots through all of June, most of July and parts of August.

If you would simply like to watch a professional movie being made and not being an extra then you are in luck. The movie will try to keep an "Open Set" policy on every day that it is possible and welcomes all visitors to come down and even visit with the actors and or production crews.

The bulk of the shooting will be done at a small western town that was built for both tourists and the movie industry and is only ten miles north of Benson on the Pomeraine Road which follows along the east side of the San Pedro River called Garman or Gorman Gulch. There is plenty of room for campers and motor homes if you would like to make an overnight visit.

If you plan on making your big movie debut, you must show up in period costumes. The story takes place around the turn of the century and covers the years between the late 1890's and early 1900's so older western wear is a must if you want to have a part in the movie. You will not be paid as an extra other than a possible meal and the

experience of a lifetime. If you have any questions or can contribute some old mining equipment for authentic background shot's, then just call any of the following board members or try the Producer/Director himself but please only do that as a last resort as he is extremely busy and won't have a lot of time to spend with you.

If you go, break a leg and plan on giving us your autograph at the next club meeting!!

For more info contact: Donna or Bryon Hackett 889-0065, Lonny or Norma Ripplinger 742-1681, Virgil Dinius 616-9028, George Volker 797-2659, Dave Steimle 294-5074, Bob Melzer 327-0977, Mark Paris 744-1036 or as a last resort, Producer/Director Michael Dohrmann 991-3082