

CHATSWORTH PAST & PRESENT

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Highway Patrol Episodes Filmed in Chatsworth

Our interest in the Highway Patrol episodes filmed in Chatsworth is based on film footage that reveals the community between 1955 and 1959. They include photos of street corners, buildings and rural areas long gone.

The 1955-59 "Highway Patrol" television show lasted for 4 seasons of 39 episodes each for a total of 156 episodes. Each episode of the series was filmed in a maximum of 2 to 3 days – 1 day in the studio and 1 to 2 days on location.

In reviewing the 2014 book, "Highway Patrol Locations Then and Now" by Jerry Schneider, we have identified 14 episodes that were filmed in Chatsworth.

Our March 2015 meeting featured **Episode 27, "Motorcycle A"**, with a 25 year old Clint Eastwood, who was paid \$80.00. Most of the filming was done at the Town and Country Café at the southwest corner of Devonshire and Topanga (now USA Gas).



Reid Bogert remembers that the cafe was run by the Jetton family. The Chatsworth Market to the south was run by the McElveins. Just south of the market is a tiny gas station. Reid pumped gas there one summer.

Photos from other episodes follow:



Topanga just south of Mayall, Pioneer Church the 1957 episode, "The Safecracker".



"This is Chatsworth" sign, in front of Chatsworth Park Elementary, Devonshire and Topanga. Clint Eastwood on second motorcycle, "Motorcycle A", 1956



Canoga and Devonshire -- the Shopping Cart in 1957 Episode "Fake Cop", Food Roundup & Sunset Liquors in 1965, today's Karate Studio.



Chatsworth St. and Topanga in 1957 Episode "Female Hitchhiker"

The car is driving east on Chatsworth St. towards Topanga. The white Vellone vegetable stand is seen center left, and still exists today.

Thank you to everyone who helped identify these photos.

We don't have room to share all of the Highway Patrol episode photos with you in our newsletter. Visit chatsworthhistory.com, Presentations, and view the March presentation online. And if you happen to notice any other episodes that we missed, send us an email at chatsworthhistory@gmail.com. Many of the Highway Patrol episodes are available on YouTube...

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