

Mustache Maniacs Film Co.'s Bloopers, Fun Finds and Facts

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**Discover the little-known facts and mistakes
behind every Mustache Maniacs Film Co.
production.**

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Introduction

I am sure that many of you know that the inevitable happens: something goes wrong on the set while filming, and the scene has to be re-shot. However, in the past, several mistakes have snuck in through the editing stage and into the final cut of a movie, and the films of Mustache Maniacs Film Co. are no exception.

Now, since Mustache Maniacs Film Co. is a low-to-no budget film company, it is almost a given that this will happen. Although we do try to avoid this as much as possible, small mistakes have made it in, although they're not as frequent as they used to be.

Besides these mistakes, which ended up in the film without the director's consent, we also put in objects and/or references on purpose. These are what we call fun finds. Perhaps the main reason why we put these objects in our films is to get viewers to watch the films again and again, trying to find the hidden objects.

Finally, the set is an interesting place, full of activity that may end up ceasing to be in control of the director. When a group of people get together to put on a show, anything can happen. There have been many incidents of actors complaining or disappearing, editing issues, major script re-writes, camera problems, and more. Isn't Hollywood great?

I hope you enjoy this tour through the follies, facts, and fun of Mustache Maniacs Film Co.'s films!

Bloopers

Indiana Jones and the Secret of the Leopard's Treasure

- The Nazi henchman (Daniel Bermudez) who attacks Indy (Andrew Bermudez) in his hotel room is humming the Indiana Jones theme song. He must have been still used to the Pre-Formation Era, when all of the sounds and music were vocalized.
- When Marcus meets Indy in the hotel lobby, Indy addresses Marcus as Daniel (the name of the actor who played the role).
- Right before Baron Von Stuka (Daniel Bermudez) dies, he sticks the piece of gum that he dropped back into his mouth.

Indiana Jones and the Treasure of Tikal

- The entrance to the temple is just a bunch of books. Even for a low-to-no budget company, that is inexcusable.
- In the scene where the evil natives (Alex Hoxie and Daniel Bermudez) attack Indy and his team (Lauren Hoxie and David Hoxie), Indy fires back. However, he pulls the trigger more times than there are gunshot sound effects.

Com 50: Peril in Iran

- In the scene where Com 50 (Andrew Bermudez) uses a dart to bring down a guard (Daniel Bermudez), the clapperboard is visible, sitting on the table.
- Right before Com 50 heads back inside, he brings down a guard that is running towards the camera. The guard then falls off camera as Com 50 enters the compound. However, as Com 50 enters the compound, the guard can be seen getting up in the reflection in the window.
- When a guard alerts the others to evacuate, cat star Lawrence "Gato" Bermudez can be seen running by.

Com 50 & 007

- In the fighter jet scene, the edges of the monitor that was being filmed are visible.
- When Com 50 is in the plane and parachute, he is wearing a helmet. But when he pulls away the parachute and gets up once he has landed, the helmet is gone.
- When 007 (Luke Stabe) gets hit in the head by Shriff Aha (Daniel Bermudez), the punch sound comes too late.

Indiana Jones and the Heart of the Dragon

- When Marcus knocks a lantern off his desk, we hear it shatter. But when he puts it back up on his desk, it's in perfect condition.

- While Baron Von Stuka Jr. (Daniel Bermudez) pursues Indy and his father (Joshua Maddux), he is carrying a pistol. But when they reach the Parthenon, he is carrying a bazooka.
- While Indy is driving, his father throws a rag out the door to distract the Nazis. However, while he is doing this, you can see a crewmember pushing on the bumper to make the car bounce.
- Inside of the temple, Indy and his father run off to the right to escape the explosion. However, after the blast, Indy and his father are trapped on the left.

Kilroy was Here!

- During the entire film, assistant director Cameron Smith keeps walking in front of the camera.
- When Mr. Wilcox (Andrew Bermudez) is talking to Hermione (Marissa Miano), the fog rolls in after Mr. Wilcox comments on the fog rolling in.
- While the spies are talking, a small bit of the song “Rat-a-Tat-Tat That Rivet Gun” plays before being shut off.
- During the song “Together We Must Stand”, some of the dubbing is off. This had to be done due to the montage during the song.
- In the spies' hideout, we can see the jukebox in the background, which was supposed to have been removed during the scene change.
- During the finale, there are periodic pauses throughout because some of the actors forgot their lines.

Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen

- When Roger Goodman (Daniel O'Kelly, Steve Marlowe) meets his crew for the first time on the deck of the Petunia, the mooring lines are not tethered to the dock.
- When Sarah Huffington (Samantha Dorosh, Jessie Peterson) pushes Captain Belvedere (Brian Thompson) off of the S.S. Sultana, we discover that the plank goes off in the same direction as the way they came on-stage.

Com 50-3: Raid on Central Island

- During the dogfight, we see that Com 50's plane does a loop ... even though Com 50 is not commanding the plane to do so.
- When X (Tyler Shefton) is driving the truck, he is only wearing a t-shirt. When he is infiltrating the base along with Com 50 and 007, however, he is wearing green camo. When they enter the base, he is wearing a t-shirt again.
- When Com 50 and 007 are inside Mechagodzilla, people talking can be heard in the background.
- While the control room is being destroyed, the cameraman is heard moaning.

Mystery at Shady Acres

- In all of the close-up shots, the large picture is a picture of the hotel's former owner (Judy Barringer). However, in the long shots, the large picture is a Kilroy doodle from *Kilroy was Here!*

Johnny Thunder and the Secret of Marco Polo

- In the Mt. Everest segment, the chroma keying accidentally cut out sections of characters in scenes.
- While Johnny and his friends are driving through Xi'an, you can see the camera's reflection on the side of the half-track.
- When the bank explodes during the battle for Xi'an, you can see the top of the backdrop.

The Adventures of Legoman

- When Legoman is walking across the Legocave, you can see the reflection of the camera on a window for a large observation tank.
- In the end credits, the song name "Coast Guard Rescue" is misspelled.

Fun Finds

Indiana Jones and the Secret of the Leopard's Treasure

- In Indy's hotel room, can you find a puppy calendar hanging on the wall?
- At the end of the film, Marcus is wearing a Johnny Thunder t-shirt.

Com 50: Peril in Iran

- At the beginning of the film, Com 50 is watching *The Emperor's New Groove*.
- At the end of the film, Com 50 is watching an episode of *Recess*.

Com 50 & 007

- In the hotel scene, keep an eye out for Curt Freeman, who is reading a newspaper.
- In the same scene, keep an eye out for some more cameos: Teresa Bermudez plays the singer and Al Bermudez plays the pianist.
- In the control room, check out the walls to see some Bionicle characters.

Indiana Jones and the Heart of the Dragon

- In the Purple Turtle Cafe, Henry Jones Senior is reading an issue of 'The Brick Street Journal.'
- While Indy and his father are escaping the camp, you can hear one henchman (Brandon Maddux) talk to another henchman (Kyle Maddux) about McDonald's.
- Inside the temple, keep an eye out for a statue of Santa.

Kilroy was Here!

- On the opposite side of the Star-Spangled Network poster is a traditional Kilroy doodle.
- There is a recreation of an actual WWII poster hanging on the wall inside the U.S.O. club.

Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen

- At the beginning of the film, Sarah Huffington shows the camera a wanted poster for the notorious Captain Bluebeard ... or is that just Jack Sparrow with a blue beard?
- Long John Sliver's (Michal Monroe, Conner Lovell) pirate flag is just boxer shorts with skull and crossbones.
- The crate that Dandy (Daniel Bermudez, Andrew Bermudez) is sitting on reads, "Maui Maui Mix."

- Smudge's (Adam Kirk, Brianna Davis) painting is that of Will Turner with a blue goatee!
- A pail full of coconuts for the coconut cannon reads, "Ammo."

Com 50-3: Raid on Central Island

- In the commander's office, you can see several WWI and WWII posters on the wall.
- In the library, there is a Christmas village set up. See if you can find it.
- There are several notable books in the library. While 007 reads *The Bourne Legacy*, another guest reaches for a Vietnam War book.
- In Com 50's office, the LEGO Batcave is sitting on a desk in the background.

Mystery at Shady Acres

- In the first scene, Mr. X (Adam Shefton) is reading a Spongebob Magazine.
- In the same scene, Basil (Andrew Bermudez) spends his spare time knitting!
- Whenever Detective Philip Thornton (Daniel Ellis) comes on-screen, *The Pink Panther* theme plays. Apparently, he can hear it.
- Look at Lavinia Crawford's (Julie Hollister) shower curtain. It features characters from Spongebob! Also, Stew Laroache's (Cody Ehlen) towel features Scooby-Doo,

Johnny Thunder and the Secret of Marco Polo

- In the very first shot in the movie, there is a drunken bum lying on the sidewalk.
- There are two gold bricks in the movie. The first one is in Mao Zedong III's (Al Bermudez) headquarters and the second one is in The Coughing Dragon Opera House.
- Throughout the movie, you can see stagehands in the background including the boom operator, assistant director, 1st unit cameraman, and the production assistant. There are eight in total, so keep your eyes peeled.
- In all of the major cities, there are hidden characters from other LEGO themes, such as Radia, General Grievous, Sparks, the Infomaniac, Indiana Jones, and Robin. There are several, but they only appear in the scenes set in cities.
- In The Coughing Dragon Opera House, The Master from "*Manos*," *the Hands of Fate* is performing on-stage.

The Adventures of Legoman

- There are two hidden stagehands in the movie. The first is standing against the wall in the museum during the robbery, and the second is riding in a cable car during the finale.

- In the scene where Legoman (Luke Stabe) meets Captain Bill (Antonio Pagan) and Officer Max (John Stabe), they are standing in front of the Golden Dragon from *Johnny Thunder and the Secret of Marco Polo*.

Little-Known Facts

Trip to LEGOLAND

- The trip was originally scheduled for March, but it was pushed off into April because of the opening of a new land: Dino Island.
- The green construction fencing in the Fun Town scene was blocking off the construction for the Fun Town Fire Academy (which opened that May).
- The appearance of the Maddux Family was unexpected: they were in the area (their father was working on the Journey to Atlantis ride at SeaWorld San Diego) and they decided to visit.
- The LEGO Sports Center is no longer there. It has now been replaced by Land of Adventure.

Indiana Jones and the Secret of the Leopard's Treasure

- This is the first non-vacation film to be released by the company (which was then called Daniel and Andrew Film Co.).
- More clips were removed from this film than from any other film made by the Company at time of writing.

Indiana Jones and the Treasure of Tikal

- This is our first film to be filmed on location.
- The cliff that Indy stands in front of during the evil native attack is the same cliff that evil native 1 (Daniel Bermudez) falls off during the finale.
- In the finale where Indy pushes evil native 1 off the cliff, Andrew Bermudez almost stepped on a banana slug during shooting.
- Almost the entire film was filmed on location at Big Sur. The temple and the phone call were filmed at home.
- At a running time of approximately 5 minutes, this is our shortest film at time of writing.
- The original idea called for a scene that focused on the evil natives and evil guide (David Hoxie), but it was never filmed due to time constraints.
- It was also planned that various clips would be shot at the tourist locations throughout Big Sur, but this was never done, either.

Com 50: Peril in Iran

- This film is our first film to feature original characters.
- This film is a remake of the Pre-Formation film *Com 50*.
- Daniel Bermudez played all of the guards, as well as the commander.

- Although it is never suggested, the film takes place in the near future, at the beginning of WWII.
- The story is almost identical to that of *Com 50*. There were a few changes, however. Instead of Cal Pada testing nuclear weapons, the original involved an unnamed terrorist group trying to destroy the Sears Tower.

Com 50 & 007

- This is our first film to feature the Stabe family.
- Why is Curt Freeman in the film? Because he won the Super Spy Sweepstakes' grand prize, which promised the winner a role in *Com 50 and 007*.
- There are two versions of the hotel clerk's attack on Com 50. Besides the one that made it into the film, there was also a version where the clerk tries to gun down Com 50.
- In the original version, where Com 50 is eating breakfast, Andrew Bermudez was actually eating the donut, which is why it took him so long to get out his gun, which resulted in the scene being cut out of the film (at least the donut was good!).
- Why is there a toilet flushing sound effect right before 007 is captured? Because Boris (John Stabe) was actually using the bathroom! However, the microphone didn't pick up the sound of the toilet flushing, so the sound was added later.
- This was the screen debut of Al and Teresa Bermudez.
- The teleport remote idea wasn't inspired by anything; the concept was just deemed cool.
- This was our first film to feature miniatures.

Indiana Jones and the Heart of the Dragon

- Although it was filmed in December 2004, it wasn't released until February 2005.
- This is our only Indiana Jones film to feature Henry Jones Senior.
- What's with the Christmas decorations in the temple? Those scenes were filmed around Christmas.
- Originally, the car chase was supposed to be done entirely with miniatures, but the footage was disappointing, so it was replaced with in-car footage.

Kilroy Was Here!

- This is our first film to feature the company's new name: Mustache Maniacs Film Co.
- Although the play was performed in May 2005, the film version was not released until August 2006.
- This was our first film to exceed 1 hour.
- All of the backstage footage and missing practice footage was later compiled, under the direction of Teresa Bermudez, into *Kilroy was Here! The Lost Footage*. It was released September 2006.

- This is our first film to use a script (all of our previous films were filmed 'on the fly.').
- This is our first film where Andrew Bermudez did **not** star as the hero.
- This is our only film that was directed by Judy Barringer.
- This was the film debut of Wiggly Willie (later renamed Mustache Max) and his 'Let's all go to the lobby' skit.

Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen

- At approximately 120 minutes, this is our longest film at time of writing.
- This is our only play-to-film that featured both casts.
- The reason why the film features both casts is because whole play wasn't filmed with just one cast.
- The parrot with the mustache (which has now been named Koo Koo Macaw) was Teresa Bermudez's idea; she wanted to come up with a 'pirate-y' way of jumping between the two casts.
- This is our only film that was directed by Valoris Peterson.
- Connor Lovell, who played Long John Sliver, choreographed all of the sword fights.
- The original end credits were supposed to credit more people in the crew, but they were cut out due to the tight editing schedule and technical issues.

Old Home Movies

- This was our first attempt at compiling restored footage.
- Film editors Teri and Andrew Bermudez agree that the editing of this film was "the most painstaking process that they had ever committed to." But Andrew says that the result made the hard work worth it.
- The gunshot sound effect in the cow bleeding scene was one of only two sound effects used in the movie. The other was some firework sounds for the intro.
- All of the footage in the film was shot in the mid to late 1970's.
- This was our first film to have major editing issues. During editing, a few of the sound tracks got messed up and had to be replaced.

Com 50-3: Raid on Central Island

- This film was originally scheduled for release in 2005, but was pushed off due to Thespians.
- The original idea was supposed to build off of the ideas from the first two films, but as time went on, the concept was redone. Instead of a 'future war' setting, this one took place in the present.
- The idea of adding Godzilla didn't come around until summer 2006.
- In a way, this film was intended as a sort-of remake of the first two films. It included elements from the first two films, such as the poison dart gun, a character named Omar, the teleport remote, and the concept of nuclear testing.

- The fighter jet scene used the same software used for the fighter jet scene in *Corn 50 & 007*.

Mystery at Shady Acres

- This was the last play-to-film made by Mustache Maniacs Film Co.
- This was the last live action film made by the company.
- Where are many of the actors from the previous Mustache Maniacs Film Co. and Cornerstone Thespian Society co-productions? Back in September 2006, the class was split in two. The younger group was directed by Teri Bermudez, and Valoris Peterson directed the older group. While the younger class performed *Mystery at Shady Acres*, the older class performed *The Prince and the Pauper* (which was distributed by Richard Dorosh).
- The original version of the DVD version was supposed to be more interactive, but was cancelled due to technological limitations.
- This is the only interactive mystery film released by the company.
- This is the only play-to-film to make it on to one disc.
- During practice, the play got dull from practicing it so many times. So, jokes were added to keep the play new and funny during each practice. In fact, almost half of the jokes were invented this way, and were the most applauded of all by the audience.
- The original script contained an English tea garden tour, but was removed due to its pointlessness.
- This play was part of the last year of the Cornerstone Thespian Society.

Johnny Thunder and the Secret of Marco Polo

- Scene 2 was shot before scene 1.
- It took two years to write the film 's script.
- The only LEGO set purchased specifically for the movie was #7622 Race for the Stolen Treasure.
- A total of 77 days were spent shooting the movie.
- The film 's script went through 5 drafts before production started.
- The film originally was supposed to have an adventure in Africa and a cable car chase, but they were both removed in the 2nd draft due to their pointlessness.
- Block Saunier wasn't introduced into the film until the 2nd draft and Mong Hu came to be in the 5th draft.
- Dan Brown's appearance in the film was originally a cameo appearance.
- During editing, an entire section of the film on the timeline was lost and had to be reedited in less than 1 week.
- This was our first feature-length animated movie.

The Adventures of Legoman

- This film is based on Andrew Bermudez's short stories, which were inspired on *Batman: The Classic TV Series*.
- This is our first animated movie to be shot at 15 fps (the industry standard).
- The construction yard chase sequence was filmed 1 month before the film came out.
- This is our first superhero film.
- Elements from the Legoman short stories were incorporated into the film, such as the museum robbery, tying up the guard with silly string and Legoman's line, "That was as easy as rolling off a log."

Miscellaneous

- The short film *Spotlight Night* was from our first year of Thespians.
- The film *Kilroy was Here! The Lost Footage* was Teresa's directorial debut.
- The short film *Plankton Strikes Back!* was our first attempt at animation.
- The short film *Plankton: Burner of Books* was originally created for a school project.
- During the development of *Mystery at Shady Acres*, it was decided that this project would be redone and featured as a bonus feature for the DVD release. Teresa Bermudez brainstormed and directed *The Drama Zone: Nightmare at Shady Acres*.
- The short film *Alpha Team vs. the Black Cat* was the only starring performance for Lawrence "Gato" Bermudez.
- The short film *Riding a Horse* was filmed during horseback riding lessons.
- The studio now has a blog, which opened February 1, 2009. You can see it for yourself by clicking on the Blogger link on Mustache Maniacs Film Co.'s YouTube channel.
- The company was supposed to release another play-to-film in 2009 called *The Nifty Fifties*, but it was cancelled when the management spiraled out of control, Andrew and Teri Bermudez dropped out, and corruption gripped the directors. In the end, the play would flop with audiences and would not be released as a film.
- Several films made by the company, such as *Aunt Mini's Revenge*, *Medal of Honor*, *Legorado*, and *Vikings* were never released due to the studio executives' (Daniel and Andrew Bermudez) disapproval of the films.
- 2009 marks the company's 5th anniversary and to celebrate it, we're releasing a whole slew of new products. Besides *The Adventures of Legoman*, Mustache Maniacs-opoly, the blog, and this book, the company also plans to release more games, books, and movies.

Also from Mustache Maniacs Film Co.:

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Mustache Maniacs Film Co. 5th Anniversary DVD (Coming July 29, 2009)

From Sea to Shining Sea (Coming August 15, 2009)

The Collection of Past Vacations (Coming Late 2009- Early 2010)

Theme Park Visits (Coming Spring 2010)

Johnny Thunder and the Gift of the Nile (Coming Summer 2010)

Books

A Brief History of Mustache Maniacs Film Co.

Mustache Maniacs Film Co.'s Bloopers, Fun Finds and Facts

Mustache Maniacs Film Co.: The Visual Dictionary (Coming September 2009)

The Adventures of Legoman: The Puzzling Prank (Coming Winter 2010)

Mustache Maniacs Film Co.: The Cast of Characters (Coming Spring 2010)

Games

Mustache Maniacs-opoly

Mustache Maniacs Film Co. Geosafari

Com 50 Covert Operations: The DVD Game (Coming Spring 2010)