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Hollywood Event Celebrates Errol Flynn Run-ins with the IRS Lasky-DeMille Barn Book Signing Spotlights the Fabulous Flynn

Hollywood, CA—March 16, 2009 – Errol Flynn may have been one of the greatest lovers in Hollywood history, but he had no love for the federal tax collectors who drove him out of the United States in 1953 and cost him his beloved Mulholland Drive home shortly thereafter.

At 7:30 p.m. on April 15, 2009, federal income tax deadline day, the Lasky-DeMille Barn will host an event celebrating Flynn's life at Mulholland. Robert Matzen and Michael Mazzone, authors of the coffee-table hardcover, *ERROL FLYNN SLEPT HERE* (GoodKnight Books, 2009), will speak about Mulholland Farm, the legendary hilltop Flynn home that featured two-way mirrors and secret passageways and was the setting for wild Hollywood parties still talked about today—as well as the bodysnatching of the recently deceased John Barrymore. Matzen will also present a short video about Flynn and Mulholland.

“Tax deadline day is the perfect time to talk about Flynn and Mulholland,” said Matzen. “It was the only home he ever knew. He designed it from the ground up, lived his best and worst days there, and lost it for back taxes. And the ironic thing is that when the IRS came after him, he had done nothing wrong. His business manager stole a million dollars without Flynn knowing.” The house was owned for 20 years after Flynn by radio star and gospel songwriter Stuart Hamblen, and for 6 more years by rock star Rick Nelson.

Also speaking at the Barn on April 15 will be Steve Hayes, a friend of Errol Flynn's who spent four weeks as his houseguest at Mulholland in 1950. Hayes, a bit player in the 1950s, became a screenwriter, contributing the original story to *TIME AFTER TIME* and working in television. He documented his close association with Flynn, James Dean, Ava Gardner, and other Hollywood superstars in the two-volume *GOOGIES: COFFEESHOP TO THE STARS* (BearManor Media, 2008).

Hayes attended some of Flynn's Mulholland parties and also went out with him on the town. He said, “I remember, along with celebrities I met and the ritzy places I went with Errol, meeting more attractive swooning girls than I ever dreamed existed. They literally swarmed around him.”

The authors will sign copies of their books, with partial proceeds benefiting the Lasky-DeMille Barn, 2100 North Highland Avenue, across from the Hollywood Bowl. #####