

Movie camera mount for those touring sequences

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In January 1963, PCA Los Angeles Region held a "Death Valley Tour" as the first monthly event of the year. As an amateur photographer, the tour promised me many good pictures with the still camera and the possibility of excellent movie sequences.

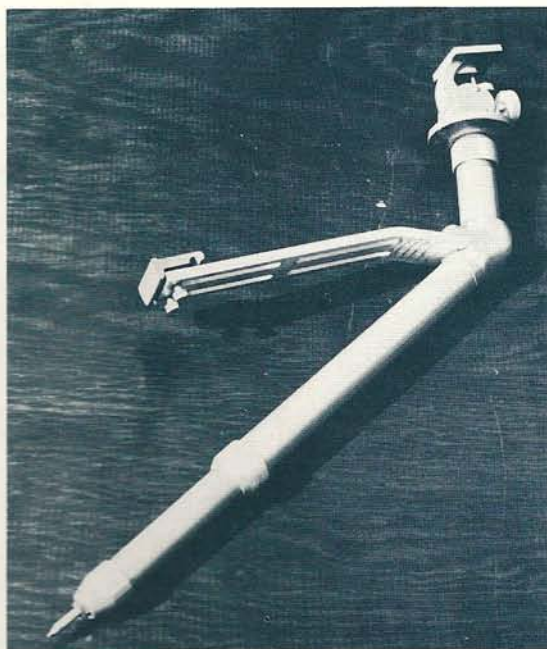
My main concern was the movies. I wanted shots of the moving caravan enroute as well as shots touring through the Valley.

I tried mounting a standard tripod between the dash and seat. This method of shooting proved the need of a special tripod designed to mount to the dash with extra support to insure a rigid base for the camera mount.

Upon my return from Death Valley, I made inquiries as to the existence of such a tripod for interior mounting. A photo dealer in Alhambra had such a unit minus a pan head. Having a Linhoff pan head I purchased the unit and figured I was really in business.

Trying to mount the unit on my Porsche proved very discouraging, as the top mounting tube was too long causing the camera to touch the sun visor with interference between the lens and windshield. The lower telescoping brace tube was too short. The under dash mounting plate was also too short which would not allow a rigid mounting with the stability needed.

I measured the plate length, top and bottom tube lengths, bought the raw stock and cut the needed sizes to make the unit work in my car.



completion a test run with 100 feet of movie film proved the stability of the mounting. Over the last year I have shot over 3500 feet of movies with no noticeable vibration or wavering in the film.

The original autopod was manufactured by Jewett Manufacturing Co., 201 Del Mar Place, San Gabriel, Cal. I contacted Mr. Jewett and was informed the autopod was no longer manufactured. However, many parts were available with the possibility of assembling units less pan heads. There are any number of pan heads available on the market which will work with this unit.

This mounting with modification is ideal for use with a Porsche.

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