

Palomar Mountain and the Crater Lake Monster

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After dark, Ross Conway and Paula Conway are in a boat on a lake....

Ross: *"You know Paula, this is quite a change. Moonlight on a gorgeous lake, no manufactured illusions here."*

Paula: *"It's beautiful, so peaceful. Look at all the stars. I've never seen so many."*

SPLASHING OF WATER ...

Paula: *"What was that?"*

Ross: *"I don't know.... Just a bird or a fish or something..."*

BUMPING AND ROCKING OF BOAT ...

Paula: *"What was that?"....*

A meteorite crashes into a mountain lake, birthing a monster, and then things start to happen....

Palomar Mountain was one of several locations for shooting The Crater Lake Monster film. The film's Palomar Mountain locations include:

- the Sasway cabin, on the west side of lower Crestline Road just up the road beyond the fire station
- along Road S6
- Summit Grove gas station and restaurant.

Joseph Sasway's Palomar cabin was used in film scenes and Sasway played Ferguson in the film. Joseph Sasway taught theater at Mira Costa College in Oceanside, and led in establishing its theater department, and getting a theater built on campus. Cast/crew stayed at Skyline Lodge at the end of Crestline Road. In film publicity, special thanks were given to several people including Oliver Brown of Skyline Lodge, Bev and Ralph Kulk of Summit Grove, and Carl Bergman.

Directed by William R. Stromberg. Written by Richard Cardella and William R. Stromberg. Produced by William R. Stromberg. Thank you to Bill Stromberg for photos and film materials. Complete film credits on imdb.com

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"THE CRATER LAKE MONSTER" CROWN INTERNATIONAL PICTURES Presents
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FILM SCENES SHOT AT SUMMIT GROVE CAFÉ & GAS STATION



Richard Cardella, as Sheriff Steve Hanson



Bob Hyman, as Dr. Richard Calkins, on left; Richard Cardella, as Sheriff Steve Hanson, on right



Richard Cardella, as Sheriff Steve Hanson, checking out a suspicious car, which is being driven by the robber



Sonny Shepard, as the robber



Sonny Shepard, as the robber, checking if the sheriff is not watching



Sonny Shepard, as the robber, getting out to his car unobserved



Sonny Shepard, as the robber, pulling out his pistol as he gets in his car to leave.



Richard Cardella, as Sheriff Steve Hanson, returns fire from the robber



Richard Cardella, as Sheriff Steve Hanson, starting his car to chase the robber



Richard Cardella, as Sheriff Steve Hanson, chasing after the robber

SASWAY CABIN INTERIOR, on Crestline Road



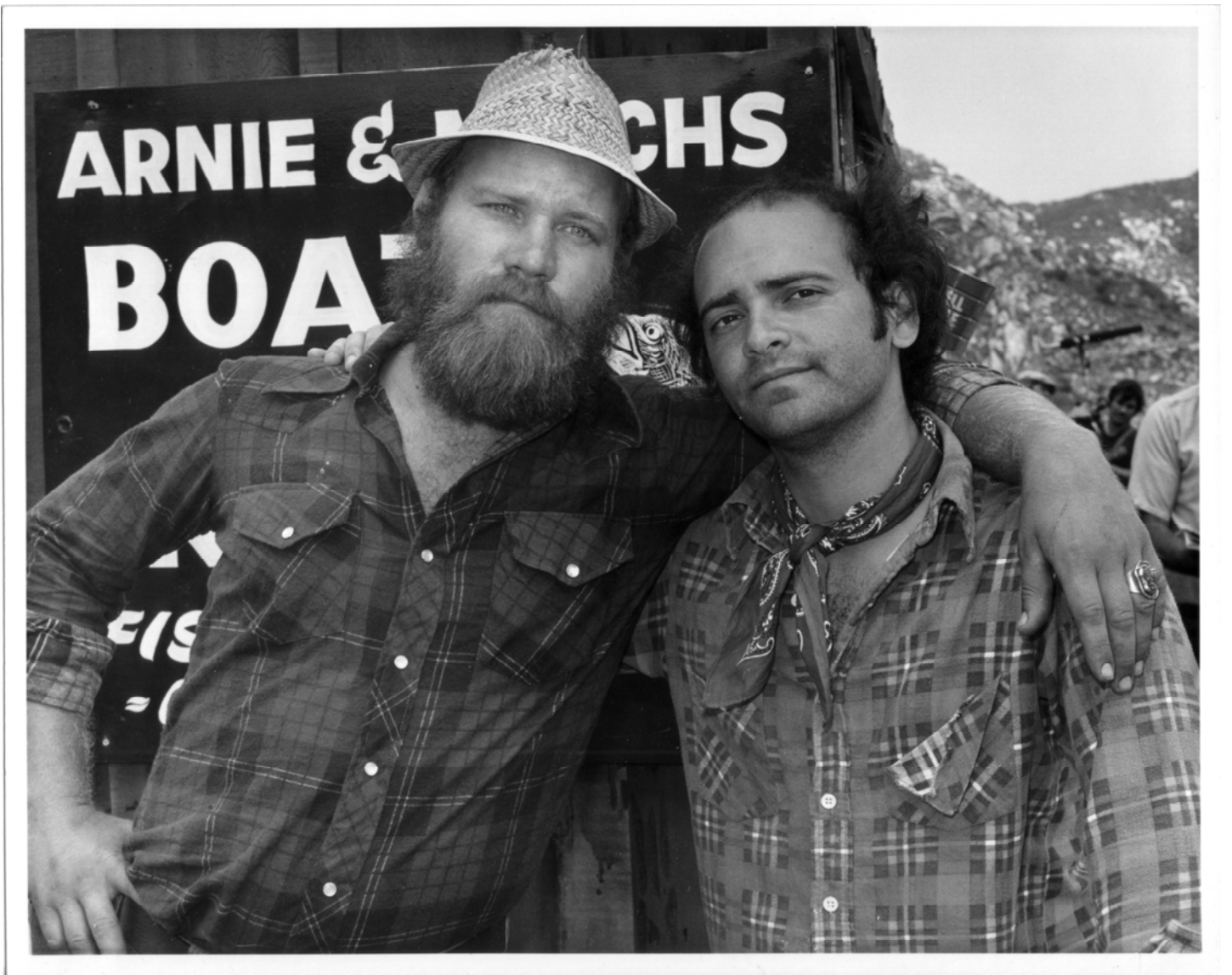
Bob Hyman, as Dr. Richard Calkins, on left; Richard Cardella, as Sheriff Steve Hanson, on right



JOE SASWAY as Ferguson, on the right; Richard Cardella, as Sheriff Steve Hanson, on left



Paul Gentry, cinematography, at San Vicente Reservoir, an alternate location. William R. Stromberg in hat behind.



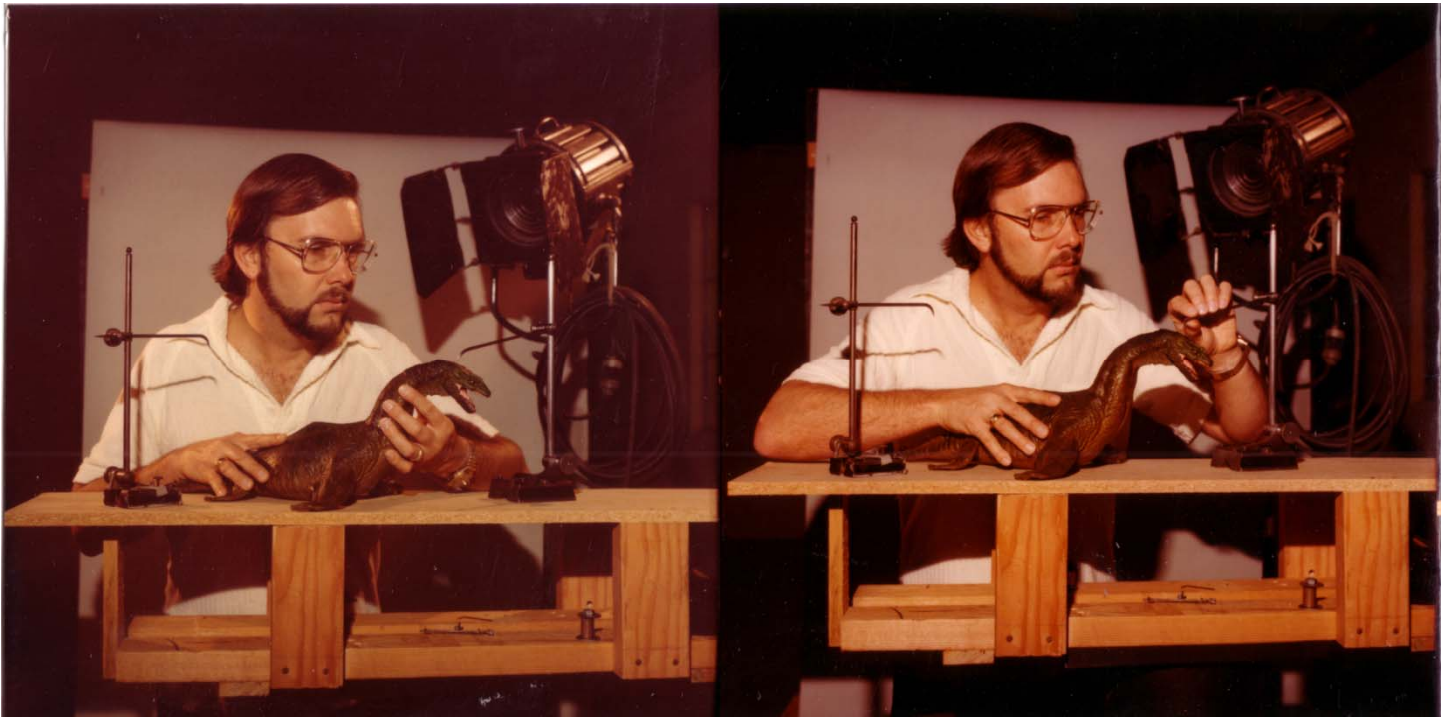
Glen Roberts as Arnie Chabot, on left; Mark Siegal as Mitch Kowalski on right



William R. Stromberg (Director, Writer, Producer) and Elaine Stromberg (makeup artist)



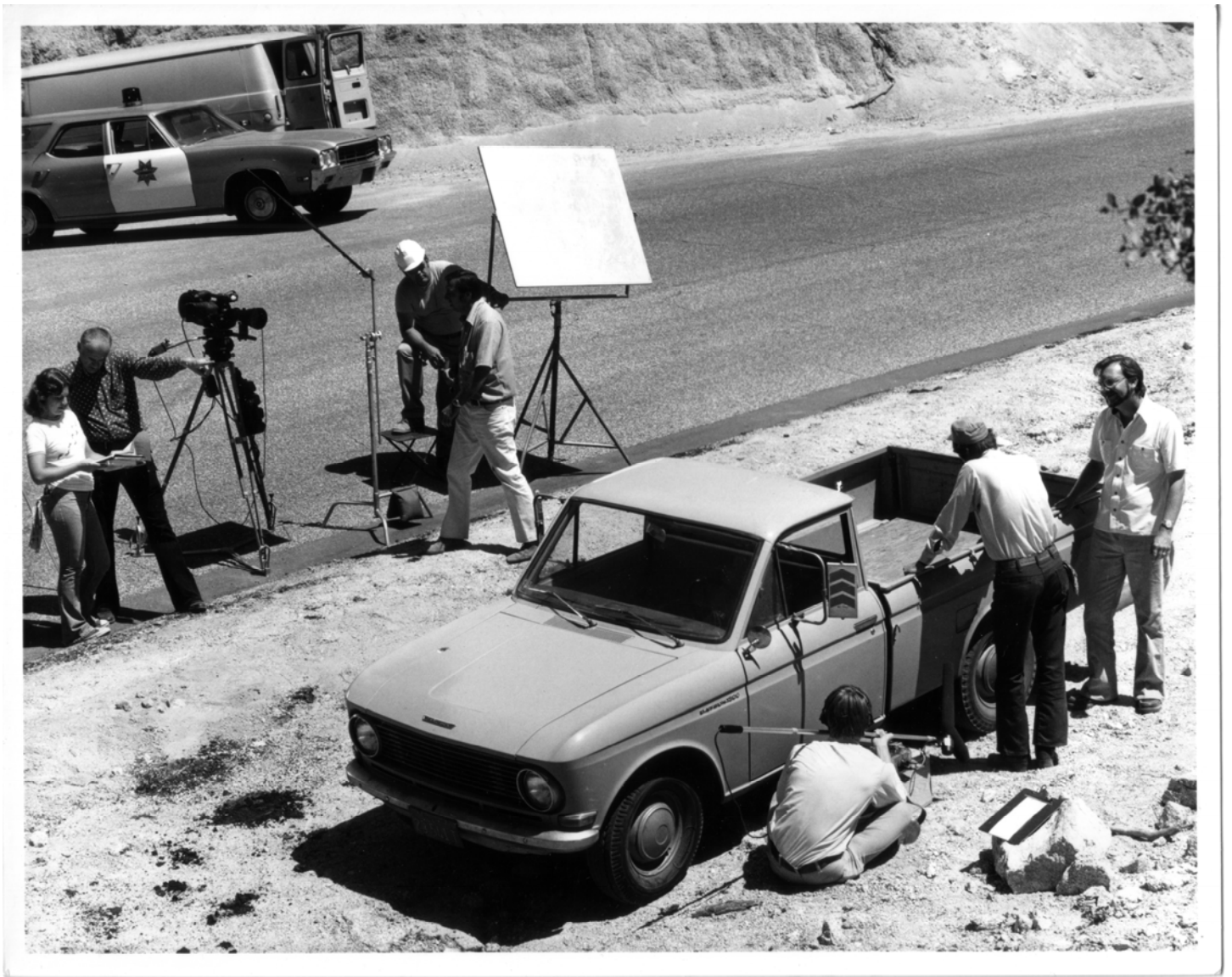
William R. Stromberg on left, shooting footage that went unused



William R. Stromberg and Crater Lake Monster model



Sasway cabin near the base of Crestline Road on Palomar Mountain, used as film location. Joe Sasway played Ferguson in the film, who loses cattle to the Crater Lake Monster.



Shooting location on S6, Palomar Mountain. Stromberg on right



rehearsing in Sasway cabin, Palomar Mountain



San Vicente Reservoir was an alternate location, with the Crater Lake Monster patrolling in the water.



San Vicente Reservoir. William R. Stromberg in light-colored shirt on dock. Richard Cardella as Sheriff Steve Hanson, in boat. Mark Siegel as Mitch Kowalski in middle.



San Vicente Reservoir. William R. Stromberg in light blue shirt on dock. Glen Roberts as Arnie Chabot, in boat on right; Mark Siegal as Mitch Kowalski in boat on left. Paul Gentry in purple shirt in middle.



William R. Stromberg on left, and Joe Sasway, Nate Harrison Grade, Palomar Mountain



William R. Stromberg on left, and Joe Sasway, Nate Harrison Grade, Palomar Mountain

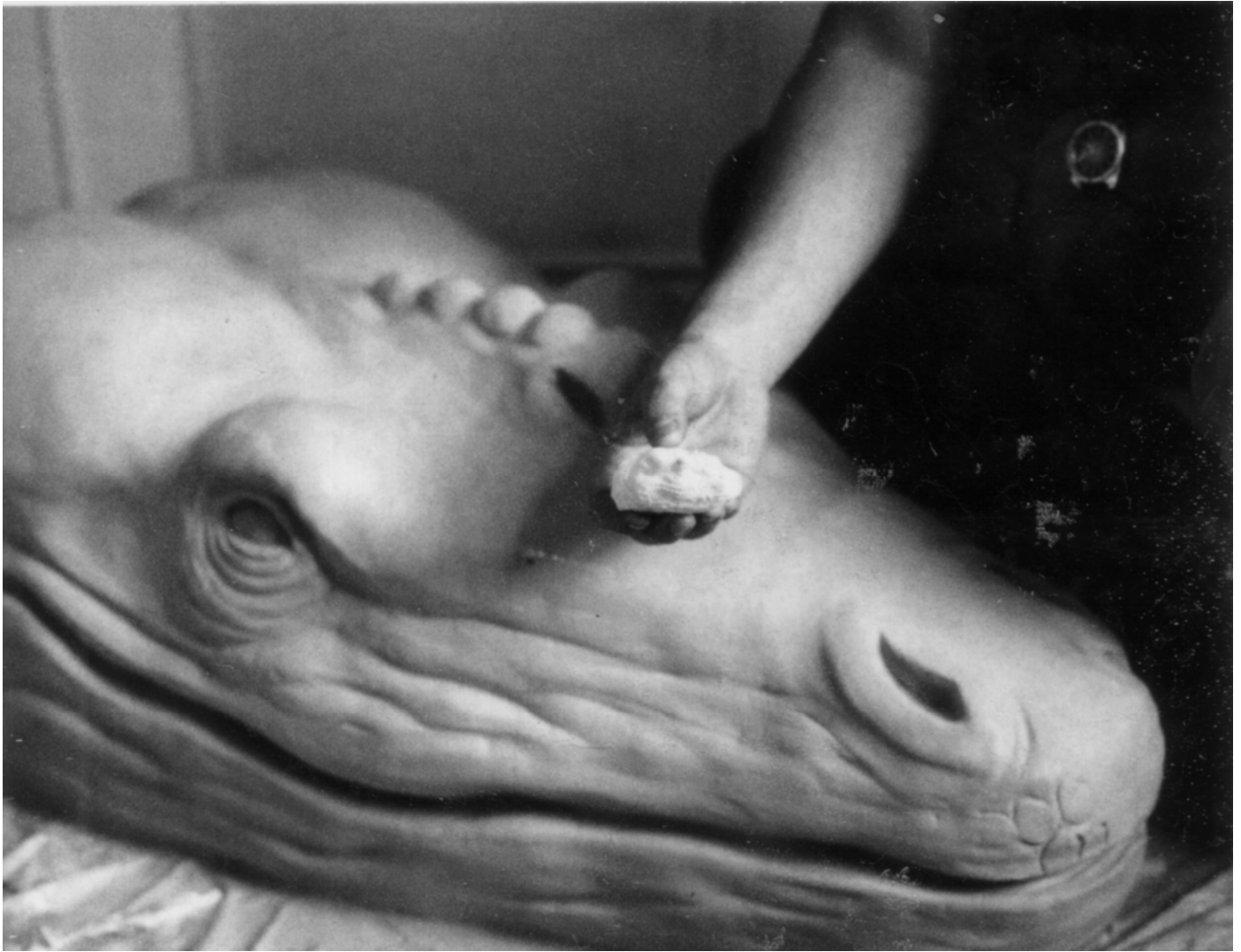


**cut scene where lake
swimmers are
attacked post-swim
inside a van by the
Crater Lake Monster**





Paul Gentry, cinematographer, with clay model for Crater Lake Monster head



Model / mold for Crater Lake Monster head for animation puppet



Steve Neill, special mechanical effects, with rubber cast of Crater Lake Monster head



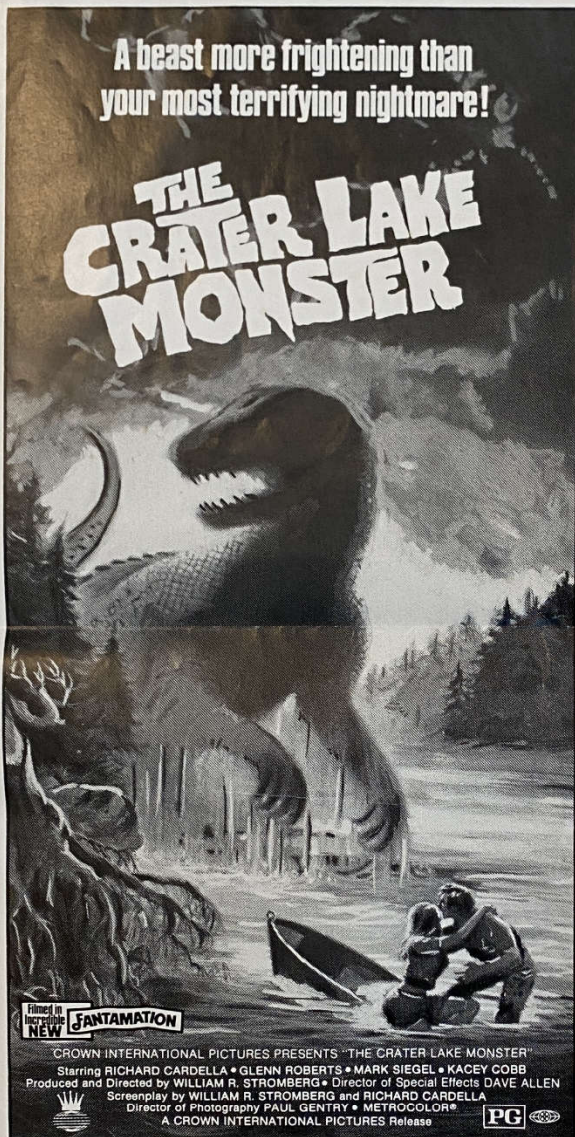
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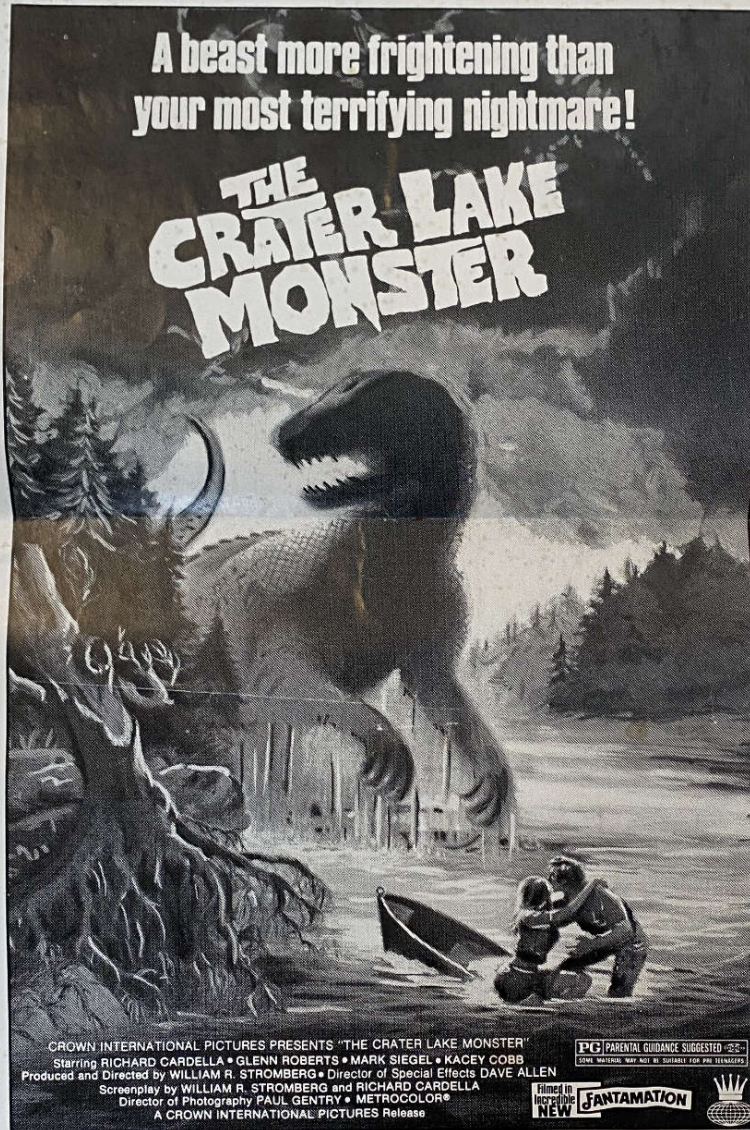
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SET OF EIGHT 11 x 14 BORDER CARDS

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