



Antelope Horn

Newsletter of the
Kern-Antelope Historical Society, Inc.
PO Box 1255 Rosamond, CA 93560

October, 2016

Meetings:

General Meeting:

Thursday, October 13th
at Wanda Kirk County
Library, 3611 Rosamond
Blvd. Rosamond, CA. at
5 pm.

Board Meeting: Thursday,
October 27 at the Sladek
Ranch, 5 pm.

Looking Ahead:

October Meeting: Pancho
Barnes video to be shown.

October 9: Old Timers
BBQ / 11am-2pm.

November Meeting: Peggy
Ronning from Antelope
Valley Indian Museum to
speak.

November 19th, Saturday,
Field Trip: Antelope Valley
Indian Museum, details to
be announced.

December Meeting: Holiday
Dinner, details to be
announced.



October General Meeting

What's happening at our next meeting? Well, some hints follow.

- Who was Florence Lowe?
- Who broke the women's speed record in 1930 by flying at a speed of 196.19 mph?
- Who owned the Happy Bottom Riding Club dude ranch?
- Who started the tradition of giving a free steak dinner to each pilot who broke the sound barrier for the first time? (The tradition started with Chuck Yeager.)
- Who was Hollywood's first female stunt pilot?
- Whose grandfather was the first person to take photographs from a balloon and helped the Union Army with reconnaissance during the Civil War?
- Who dressed as a man and signed on as "Jacob Crane" when she signed on a banana boat headed to South America?

If you recognized Pancho Barnes, great. Whether you did or not, come out and enjoy the film about Pancho to be shown Thursday, October 13th, at the Wanda Kirk Library! Do you know stories about Pancho? Did you ever meet her? Come share.

*The remains of the Happy
Bottom Riding Club, c. 1990s
showing the extent of the fire
that ravaged the main
buildings and left the estate in
a much-depleted condition.*



Local Event: Annual American Indian Celebration at Antelope Valley Indian Museum on October 15 and 16, 2016, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information go to prmdia.org and look under Events.

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Kern County Celebrates it's 150th Birthday - this is taken from an article at bakersfieldnow.com. Here is a brief story of how Kern County came to be.

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (KBAK/KBFX) — In its 150 years of existence, Kern County has had a rich, colorful and undeniably controversial history. Take the man who founded the town of Havilah in the Kern River Valley. Havilah was the county seat long before Bakersfield came into the picture.

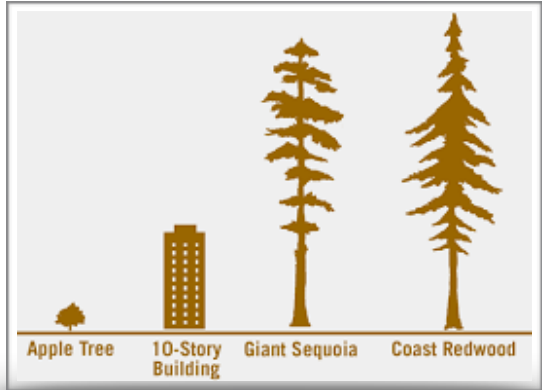
"The founder (A.P. Harpending) was a confederate sympathizer on the run from the U.S. Marshal up in San Francisco for his part in trying to disrupt Union shipping during the civil war," said Allan Krauter, Kern County Administrative Analyst. "So he didn't come to the Kern River Valley to get rich, he came to get lost."

The townspeople of Havilah petitioned the state legislature for their own county and got their wish. Kern County was founded in 1866, carved out of Tulare and Los Angeles counties, said Krauter.

And it is a very large county that consists of more than 8 thousand square miles, making it the second largest in the state. It is bigger than 13 states.

October Dates in History

- * In California a special election was held on October 10, 1911 to vote on Senate Constitutional Amendment no. 8 granting suffrage to women. The amendment passed by a margin of 3,507 votes.
- * October 6, 1927 - The first "talkie" opened in New York. The Jazz Singer starring Al Jolson was the first full-length feature film using spoken dialogue.
- * October 2, 1968 - California's Redwood National Park was established. Redwoods are the tallest of all trees, growing up to 400 feet (120 meters) during a lifetime that can span 2,000 years.
- * October 17, 1989 - 7.1 magnitude Earthquake hits Bay Area - the Loma Prieta Earthquake.



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The Kern Antelope Historical Society was established in 1959 for the purpose of learning and preserving the history of California, especially the Antelope Valley, which includes parts of Los Angeles and Kern counties. Speakers are invited to talk at our monthly meetings about aspects of our various cultures. Subjects range from Indians of the past to the Space Age. The Society offers field trips for members to significant locations in and around the valley throughout the year. Come join us to learn more about the wonders of this area we live in and also meet some new people.

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