

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

January, 2017

# Meetings:

General Meeting: Thursday, Jan 12th; at the Wanda Kirk Library, 3611 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA, at 5 pm.

Board Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 26th at the Sladek Ranch, 5 pm.



# Looking Ahead:

February Meeting: topic to be announced.

# **Colonists-Wanted**

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## January General Meeting:

Be sure to have your calendars marked for the meeting Thursday, January 12th. We will be welcoming John Marnell who will present a powerpoint program about Llano del Rio, the shortlived commune east of Palmdale along Hwy 138. John is pastpresident of the Mohahve Historical Society of Victorville and has written several books on historical topics in our area.

The Western Comrade conveyed grandiose plans for the Llano del Rio colony to its readers. This raw rockwalled building with a corrugated metal roof was to be "remodeled for trout hatchery and motion picture factory," according to the photo caption.



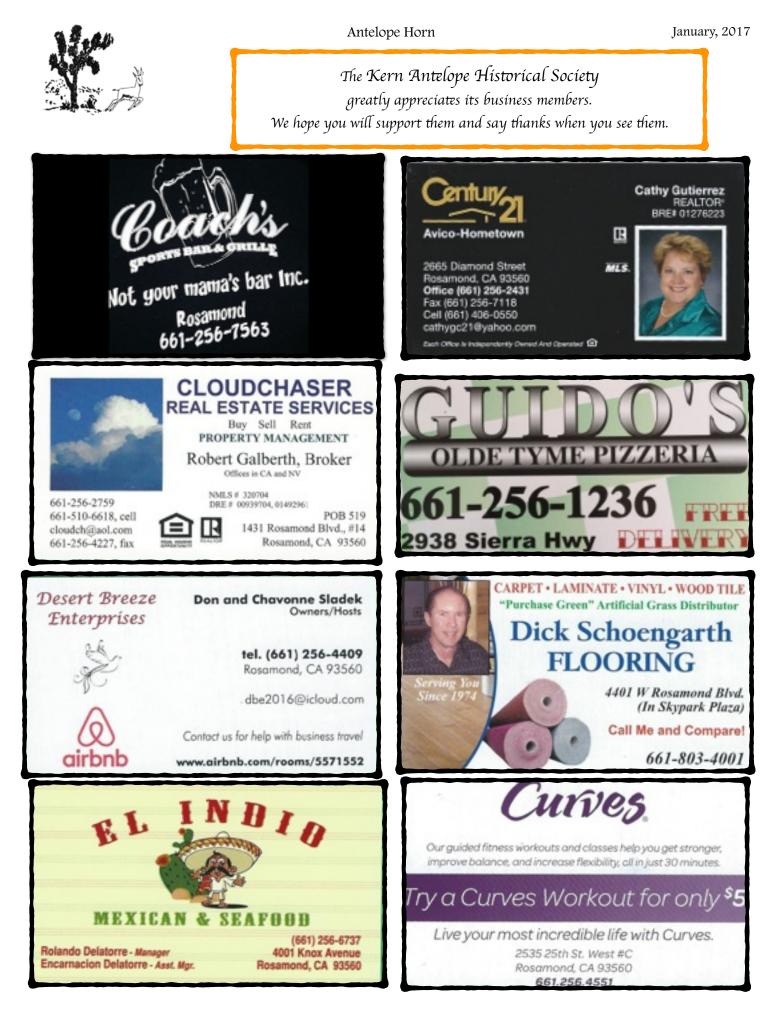
Some Facts About Llano del Rio:

- It was founded by Job Harriman, a lawyer and Socialist Labor Party member.
- "Like others before him, Harriman theorized that by creating a functioning socialist community within the larger society of capitalism, the larger society would gradually convert to socialism."
- Llano opened to public membership on May Day of 1914.
- "Houses were to be of "feminist" design and included plans for a kitchenless house, communal daycare areas, built-in furniture, and heated tile floors, all of which would serve in reducing the amount of domestic work done by women."
- Liquor was not allowed, nor was cursing in front of women and children.
- They had a good school system.
- At one time there were over 1100 people living there.

From the article, Llano del Rio, wikipedia.org.









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The Kern Antelope Historical Society greatly appreciates its business members. We hope you will support them and say thanks when you see them.



#### For Sale by KAHS

#### Books - \$10 Each:

- 1. Here Roamed the Antelope
- 2. Bears, Borax and Gold
- 3. Along the Rails from Lancaster to Mojave
- 4. The Antelope Left and the Settlers Came
- 5. In Love with Life Lancaster
- 6. Antelope Valley Pioneers
- 7. Castle in the Sky Shea's Castle
- 8. A Page in the History of Antelope Valley
- 9. Arthur Pickus Story: His Home for Seventy Five Years
- 10. Mojave, A Rich History of Rails, Mines and Flight
- 11. Gold Fever 40 Years Digging Antelope Valley History
- 12. Antelope Valley News and Views During Part of the Great Depression 1925-1935

Video DVD - \$15: Antelope Valley Yesteryears

Maps - \$4: Historic Settlers Circle Map

### 2016-2017 Executive Board

#### <u>Officers:</u>

Kathy Smith

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#### General Meetings:

5:00-7:00 pm Second Thursday of the Month Held at Wanda Kirk County Library 3611 Rosamond Blvd. Rosamond, CA 93560

#### Memberships:

\$5 - Student & Military;\$15 - Individual;\$20 - Husband & Wife;\$30 - Family;\$35 - Businesses

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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