



# Antelope Horn

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

September, 2017

## Meetings:

**Regular Meetings:** 2nd  
Thursday, monthly  
(except July & August).

**Business Meeting:** 5 pm, at  
the Wanda Kirk Library  
3611 Rosamond Blvd.,  
Rosamond, CA. All are  
welcome. Exceptions to  
this location will be  
announced in the  
newsletter and at our  
website.

**Program:** 5:30 pm, following  
the business session.

**September Meeting: Thursday, September 14 at 5 pm at the  
Sladek Ranch.** (See directions to The Ranch on pg. 3)

**We are looking forward to having Bill Deaver and Cathy Hansen as  
our guests at this meeting.** They will be presenting information  
about transportation in the Antelope Valley - trains, planes, etc.

**We will have a short business session, followed by a “potluck”  
before the program starts.** KAHS will provide hot dogs,  
condiments, and beverages, as well as plates, etc. Please bring a  
side dish of your choice. (some ideas: salads, fruit, beans, chips  
and dips, desserts, etc.)

**We will be meeting outside** on the patio area.

**We are so pleased to have Cathy  
Hansen and Bill Deaver from Mojave as  
our special guests at the September  
meeting of the Kern Antelope Historical  
Society. They will be presenting  
information on the Mojave Transportation  
Museum, some local railroad history and  
Plane Crazy Saturday. Both have a long  
history of community and transportation  
involvement. They will be sharing about  
the museum project as well as some local  
train history and other things.**



**Cathy** was born in Dayton, Ohio, moved to California when her father, a Civil Service Instrumentation Technician and machinist, was transferred to Edwards AFB from Wright-Patterson AFB in 1951. Aviation was always an important part of her life **Some of her credits and accomplishments are:**

- Involved in aircraft restoration for over 40 years.
- Served on Mojave Airport, East Kern Airport District Board as an elected Director from 1995-2012.
- President of Bakersfield Council Navy League from 1995-2012.
- Member of Mojave Chamber of Commerce Board Member, President in 1995 and 2012.
- Founding Board Member of Mojave Transportation Museum Foundation in 2002, presently serving as President.
- Coordinator of Plane Crazy Saturday held at Mojave Air and Spaceport on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, since 2009.



*Mojave plaque commemorating the southern end of the 20- Mule Team route.*

### Cathy, continued:

- Member of Antelope Valley Ninety-Nines, International Women Pilot Organization, Past Chairman; Whirly Girls Helicopter Association – Member #1064.
- Served as coordinator of Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies for Mojave for many years.
- An enthusiastic supporter of all branches of the U.S. military and supports Kern County military base retention.
- Writes an aviation column, 'Short Flights,' for The Tehachapi Loop community newspaper.
- Married to Albert C. Hansen, General Contractor, pilot and vintage aircraft rebuilder, owner/collector. Favorite flying machine is their UH-1B Huey.
- Al & Cathy have participated in many adventuresome aviation projects, including a B-29 "Kee Bird" retrieval and flying seven C-7 Caribou aircraft to California, to name just a few.

### Some of Bill's activities and achievements:

- Vice President and a Founding Member of the Mojave Transportation Museum
- Partner in Deaver-Wiggins & Associates, a Public and Government Affairs Consulting firm
- Writes a weekly column for the Antelope Valley Press and former editor and publisher of the Mojave Desert News and a long-time Mojave resident
- Charter member of the Kern-Antelope Historical Society
- A champion of many civic improvements in the town of Mojave, serves on the Board of Directors of the Mojave Chamber of Commerce
- Served in the administrations of two U.S. presidents and on the staffs of two Members of Congress and a state legislator, as administrator of the region's court system
- Mojave Constable
- Serves on the Board of Directors of the Mojave Air & Spaceport, Mojave Community Medical Center, Kern Economic Development Corp., East Kern Economic Alliance, and the Edwards Community Alliance/East Kern Educational Resource Network.



### *The history of Mojave Transportation includes:*

*above: 20-Mule Team unloading at Mojave.*

*at left: Mojave depot*

*at right: Rutans' Voyager*





## Mojave Transportation Museum

### Traveling Through Time: From Mule Teams to Space Dreams

The **Mojave Transportation Museum Board of Directors** believes there is a need to preserve the transportation history and heritage of the Mojave area by creating a museum to create an educational destination for travelers and edify local students, volunteers and the general public of the abundant history of transportation. Try this quiz to see what you know about Mojave Transportation.

The first travelers through the Mojave area of the Antelope Valley were the Native Americans traveling on \_\_\_\_\_. Later travel included the \_\_\_\_\_ - mule teams carrying borax from Death Valley to the railhead in Mojave. The railroad came to Mojave in 1876. Today the Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe run over \_\_\_\_\_ trains a day through Mojave. The construction of the Los Angeles \_\_\_\_\_ in 1906 increased traffic through town. \_\_\_\_\_ (how many) of big rigs, hauling all kinds of goods, pass through on a daily basis. The Mojave \_\_\_\_\_'s history dates from 1935. There was a marine station during WW II and today \_\_\_\_\_ are stored and maintained at Mojave. More recently Burt and Dick \_\_\_\_\_ made a name for themselves in Mojave and a number of anchor tenants at the airport such as the National \_\_\_\_\_ School and other well-known aerospace companies have added to the story of transportation in Mojave.

*Answers: foot, 20, 40, aqueduct, Thousands, Airport, airliners, Rutan, Test Pilot*

#### **Directions to Sladek Ranch, California - from Hwy. 14**

- Exit the 14 Freeway at Rosamond Blvd.
- Go west on Rosamond Blvd. 3.3 miles.
- Stop at the four-way stop on 55th Street West (also Mojave Tropico Rd.).
- Go south (left) on 55th to just past the 4th house on the right (west) which is a brown house.
- Take the diagonal dirt road to the right that goes southwest across a dirt field toward the Sladek Ranch enclosed by a long white fence. This diagonal road (which extends about 0.1 miles) leads to the gate to the very rustic Sladek ranch.

REMEMBER: To meet Bill Deaver and Cathy Hansen and hear their presentation, be here at 5 pm, Thursday, September 14. Bring a side dish, more information on the first page.

**June Meeting:** We had a great time at the meeting held at the Willow Springs Saloon. It was standing-room-only and everyone seemed to enjoy the ice cream sundaes. Best of all, President Gretchen Winfrey's presentation on Willow Springs history was great and sparked a number of comments by guests who shared family remembrances about the historic town site.

#### **Coming Events:**

- The Kern Antelope Historical Society will take part in **Septemberfest, Saturday, September 23rd, at Glendower Park**, following the Armed Forces Appreciation Day Parade which starts at 10 am.
- Also, Watch for the KAHS table at the **Old Timers BBQ, Sunday, October 8th, starting at 11 am., in the Van Dam Bldg.** at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds. The Rural Museum will be open also! It's well worth a visit!
- We will have our books for sale and other information available at both events.

**Annual Audit:** The annual audit for the Kern Antelope Historical Society was completed, per the by-laws, for 2016-17. The Board thanks Brenda Yardeen for her years of service to KAHS.



**Remember we have a website! [www.kahs1959.org](http://www.kahs1959.org)**

Please visit the website for more information about Antelope Valley history. Copies of recent newsletters are available, as well as other information. The first online KAHS book is now available. *Glimpse of the Prehistory of Antelope Valley*, by Stuart Glennan, is described as “Archaeological Investigations at the Sweetser site”. We hope to be able to add other KAHS books in the future. Also, we have a **new email address: [info@kahs1959.org](mailto:info@kahs1959.org)**.



**Reminder: 2017-18 dues were payable on June 1st. If you haven't yet renewed, please clip and mail this application, with your check, to:**

**Kern Antelope Historical Society, PO Box 1255, Rosamond, CA 93560**

**Kern Antelope Historical Society  
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**General Meetings:**

5:00 pm- Business Session, 5:30 pm - Program  
 Second Thursday of the Month, September through June  
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**Memberships:**

\$5 - Student & Military; \$15 - Individual; \$20 - Husband & Wife;  
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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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