



# Antelope Horn

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

November, 2017

## Meetings:

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

**Business Session:** 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.

*Below: the poster for Winfield's  
October, 2017 Winfield & Watson  
Car Show in Mojave. It was last  
month but you might want to make  
plans for next year.*

## November Meeting: Thursday, November 9th at 5 pm at the Wanda Kirk Library.

The Kern Antelope Historical Society will be hosting Gene Winfield of Mojave at the meeting Nov. 9th. He is known as an American automotive customizer. In the 60's his custom work caught the attention of the film industry and, since that time, many of his cars have become famous in movies and films such as *Blade Runner*, *Get Smart*, *Batman* and *Star Trek*.

Gene was born in 1927 and grew up in Modesto, CA, where he developed an interest in racing and auto body shops, eventually opening his own business there. After a stint in the US Army, where he operated an army automobile body shop in Tokyo, he would eventually go to work for Aluminum Model Toys (AMT), where he helped design model kits, and also worked with Detroit carmakers, customizing factory cars.

Gene Winfield designed and built the "Piranha Car" for *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*, Catwoman's "Reactor" and the "Sunbeam Tiger" for *Get Smart*.

In 1970 Gene opened his own business in North Hollywood, staying close to the movie industry, then worked in

Chatsworth for a time. He once again operates his own business, in Mojave this time - Winfield Rod & Customs.

Gene was honored as the **Detroit Autorama "Builder of the Year"** in 2008 and has been featured on the *International Show Car Series (ISCA)* circuit, "chopping tops and shaping sheet metal" for the crowds in a special section of each show.

The list goes on. Come out Thursday night to hear more about this talented man of the Mojave area.





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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.



### 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 Antelopes Left and the Settle-ers Came
5. In Love with Life in Lancaster (Hard Times 1927-1932)
6. Antelope Valley Pioneers
7. Castles in the Valley – Shea’s Castle
8. A Page in the History of Antelope Valley: the Arthur Pickus Story: His Home for Seventy Five Years
9. Mojave, A Rich History of Rails, Mining 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

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#### General Meetings:

5:00 pm- Business Session, 5:30 pm - Program  
 Second Thursday of the Month, September through June  
 At Wanda Kirk County Library

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(Exceptions: June, September & December - to be announced)

#### 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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