



Antelope Horn

Newsletter of the Kern-Antelope Historical Society, Inc.
PO Box 1255 Rosamond, CA 93560
November, 2018

Meetings:

Regular Meetings:

- 2nd Thursday of the month
(except July & August)
- 5 pm - at the Wanda Kirk Library,
3611 Rosamond Blvd.,
Rosamond, CA.

Business Meetings:

- 4th Thursday of the month as
needed.
- 5 pm - location to be announced.

Coming Up:

- December 13th, 5 pm - Annual
Christmas Dinner and
Meeting - Greenhouse Cafe

60th Anniversary of the
Kern Antelope Historical Society
1959-2019

November Meeting - We are so excited to hear from our own **Chavonne Bradley at this month's meeting on Thursday, November 8th at 5 pm** at the Wanda Kirk Library in Rosamond. She will be talking about "Holidays, History and Family Stories." And to start with Chavonne will share some examples of family histories, in her words, 'that I've done that have worked wonderfully and that have failed miserably - both in written format and videotape.' She will also talk about a book which has helped her in her efforts to record family stories - *To Our Children's Children - Preserving Family Histories for Generations to Come*, by Bob Greene and D. G. Fulford. Hopefully this will help us all get started collecting our own family stories.

Please Note: we have returned to handling the business of the Society on a separate night and this will also allow more time at the **Regular Monthly Meeting** to hear from our special speakers and guests. **These meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of the month from 5 to 7 pm.**

Happy
Thanksgiving

Happy Anniversary KAHS!

The Kern Antelope Historical Society will be celebrating it's Sixtieth Anniversary all 'year' long, ending in May of 2019, the month it was organized. Plans are being made for a 60th Anniversary event. Watch for news about special guests and happenings. We hope you get excited about the history of your community and your family.

Chavonne Bradley Sladek Introduces Her Dad - Garr H. Bradley

The Kern Antelope Historical Society is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year and Fran Thompson had the bright idea of collecting family stories. Well my family isn't all that special. We came late to Rosamond and didn't arrive until 1969. What could we possibly add to stories like Clifford G. Burton? But really, doesn't every family have a story?

I'd like to introduce you to my dad Garr H. Bradley. He's like most dads. He walked to school in the snow - up hill, both



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ways. And whenever you asked him what he did at work, he always replied, "Same ol". My dad can tell a good story and, sometimes, he even tells the truth.

My dad's 81 years old and has a strong sense of patriotism. He remembers a time when you had ration books and what it meant to be a "blue star" family. He had the privilege of serving in the "Old Guard" of the Army and has a story about firing the cannons for President Kennedy's Inauguration. He also got to see John Glenn's parade after he made his first orbit. He knows the importance of Memorial Day and honors it every year.



He knows a fair amount about transportation and remembers his mother saying what an amazing life she had - from riding in a horse and wagon to watching a man land on the moon. Transportation, aerospace, and the space shuttle would play a huge part in his career at Edwards Air Force Base.

Garr is a strong believer in a community cemetery and the stories that it tells. In this picture he is at the graveside of a family member who went missing in action over the Bermuda Triangle.

My dad also knows a bit about communication and remembers when a telegrapher was important to the railroad, and he even had a brother who made a two-way radio that lit up like a Frankenstein movie.

My dad's like many people who weren't born and raised in Rosamond - he was just coming to work for a few years and then go back "home". But home is Rosamond, a place where he's raised his children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren. He has stories about Rosamond and Edwards in the late 60's. He made every car trip a magical time of "remember when" stories. Come on out to the Wanda Kirk Library on Thursday, November 8, at 5:00 p.m. and we'll share some of those stories with you.



60th Anniversary Fun Facts - November

The Kern Antelope Historical Society has some great books which contain a lot of interesting history about our local area. In *Gold-Fever - 40-Years Digging Antelope-Valley History* we learn the story of the founding of the Historical Society through the first forty years of ‘digging up the history’ of the valley. This section will include nuggets of information each month that have been ‘dug up’ from the KAHS books we offer for sale. This month I have concentrated on family stories written by Antelope Valley residents as recorded in some of the KAHS books.

Answers from this current issue will now be posted the same month, near the end of the news section.

See if you know the answers to these questions:

Question: According to Grace Pickus in *A Page in the History of the Antelope Valley - The Arthur F. Pickus Story*, why were the men who came to work at Muroc, (many times working on secret projects) told to bring shotguns and high boots which seemed strange to them at first?

Question: Mrs. Joseph E. Johnson tells about coming to the valley in 1883 and settling near Willow Springs. They had a hand-dug well, about twelve feet deep, which provided the water with which they grew ‘lovely potatoes’. What did she say came to drink at their well?

Question: Where was the first meeting of the KAHS held?

(Answers from last month’s questions and this month will be found on page 4 in this edition.)

More New Members for 2019 - Welcome to KAHS:

Rick Hoier

Joe Pauley

Jedd & Audrey Strange

More New Business Members for 2018 - Thanks for your support of KAHS:

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Club Year - June 1st through May 31st

Answers for the 60th Anniversary Fun Facts Questions

Answers from **October issue**: American Freedom Train; Glen Settle; Rawley Duntley.

Answers from **current issue**: shotguns to shoot the rabbits and boots to protect from rattlesnakes; wild horses; Miners Hall at the Tropic Gold Mine

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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.

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The Antelopes Left and the Settle-ers Came
In Love with Life in Lancaster (Hard Times
1927-1932)
Antelope Valley Pioneers
Castles in the Valley - Shea's Castle
A Page in the History of Antelope Valley: the Arthur
Pickus Story: His Home for Seventy Five Years
Mojave, A Rich History of Rails, Mining and Flight
Gold-Fever - 40 Years Digging Antelope Valley
History
Antelope Valley News and Views During Part of the
Great Depression 1925-1935

Video DVD - \$15: Antelope Valley Yesteryears

Maps - \$4 (*\$3): Historic Settlers Circle Map

Online Book: *Glimpse of the Prehistory of Antelope Valley*

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