



# Antelope Horn

Newsletter of the Kern-Antelope Historical Society, Inc.  
Member of the Conference of California Historical Societies  
November, 2023

## Meetings:

### Regular Meetings:

- 2nd Thursday of the month (except July, August); 5:30 pm.
- Rosamond Public Library -  
3611 Rosamond Blvd, Rosamond, CA

### Board Meetings:

- 4th Thursday of the month as needed;  
4 pm; all are welcome, email for  
directions to location.

## **Hello to all our Kern Antelope Historical Society Members and Friends.**

- ❖ What: **Regular Meeting**
- ❖ When: **Thursday, November 9th** (2nd Thursday)
- ❖ Time: **Dinner 4:30 pm, meeting to follow.**
- ❖ Where: **Rosamond Public Library, Rosamond, CA**
- ❖ Guests: **Rawley Duntley - Tribute by Ina Scott**, granddaughter, & **Deep Pit BBQ by Rawley Davis**, grandson.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of KAHS.  
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*We are very excited to present a **Tribute to Rawley Duntley, the "Barbecue King of the Antelope Valley"**. We will be serving a deep pit barbecue dinner prepared by Duntley's grandson, Rawley Davis. Reservations for the dinner are closed, but if you have a seat reserved, join us at 4:30 pm at the Rosamond Library.*

*All are welcome to attend the meeting, following the dinner, around 5:15 or 5:30 pm, where we will hear from Ina Scott, with stories about her grandfather who ranched in the Oak Creek area of the Tehachapis for many years. Rawley and his wife were well respected and involved in many civic organizations throughout the Antelope Valley area.*

## **Rawley Duntley - Kern County Cowboy, Rancher, and Barbecue King**

by David Dyas

### ***"Shucks, if a feller can't be neighborly, what's the use of livin'" RBD***

Rawley Bruce Duntley was born in Iowa in 1883, and as a young boy traveled with his parents to California. They eventually settled in the Antelope Valley area where the young man gained valuable experience in the stock raising industry. In 1905, Rawley married his Lancaster sweetheart, Ina May Doyle. In 1910, the couple moved up to Oak Creek Canyon in the Tehachapi Mountains, and established their own ranch that would grow to 9,000 acres.

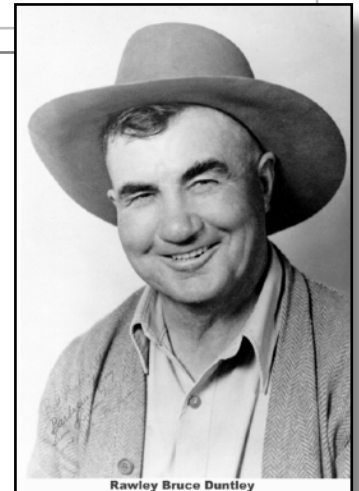
It was in this beautiful mountain setting where they would raise their children and reside for 44 years. During this time, the popular and well respected couple became quite involved in many civic organizations, hospital boards, school districts, etc., in Mojave, Tehachapi, Rosamond, and Lancaster. Ina May also served as President of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

As a young cowboy, Rawley learned the art of Deep-Pit BBQ from the Native Americans in the area. He used these skills for over 50 years, hosting, traveling, and preparing for some of the biggest cookouts in Southern California. It wasn't unusual for him to serve up over 2-4,000 lbs of beef at an event. He hosted celebrities, politicians, and dignitaries of all kinds. In the early years of the "space age", several NASA officials from Edwards AFB traveled to his ranch for one of his special gatherings.

During the Depression of the 1930's, many miners and their families in the Mojave area were suffering greatly. Rawley saw to it that they didn't go hungry, providing his own cattle to keep them fed at times. His hundreds of BBQ's provided funds for countless organizations from Bakersfield to LA: churches, Little Leagues, P.T.A.'s, and many others. It was well known that he never received a dime for his efforts.

So appreciated were his contributions to the Antelope Valley, that a park in Lancaster was named in his honor, the Rawley Duntley Park.

In 1960, a magazine reporter doing a story on him brought up some of the selfless stories she had heard. Rawley's humble response was "Shucks, if a feller can't be neighborly, what's the use of livin'?"



Rawley Bruce Duntley



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I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Duntley, but I can say his descendants are some of the finest people I have known. (Portraits from Find A Grave - John Duntley, Horseback and Baseball photos from the Western Hotel Museum, Lancaster) Used with permission from David Dyas, Admin of Kern County of Old Facebook page. (). [https://www.facebook.com/groups/1496494370640738/?multi\\_permaLinks=2201551316801703&ref=share](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1496494370640738/?multi_permaLinks=2201551316801703&ref=share)



Rawley and Ina Duntley's 1905 Wedding



Rawley Duntley at left in Rosamond 1902



Rawley Duntley 1883 - 1962  
Ina May Doyle Duntley 1885 - 1956



Rawley Bruce & Ina May (Doyle) Duntley At a Barbecue



Gathering for a baseball game at the Duntley Ranch



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**Veterans Day?**

Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11, the date in 1918 that Germany and the Allies signed an agreement to end hostilities in World War I. Since the holiday is on Saturday, Veterans Day will be observed on Friday, Nov. 10, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Federal government closings are established by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM). Generally, when a holiday falls on a non-workday — Saturday or Sunday — the federal government is closed on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday).

Veterans Day has been around for a long time, but it first started out as Armistice Day. U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11, 1919, to be Armistice Day to honor members of the armed forces who were killed during World War I. The date commemorates the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France.

It was in 1954, after World War II and after the Korean Conflict, that Congress amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans". On June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars. On October 8, 1954, the first Veterans Day Proclamation was issued by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

[\(https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/2023/10/17/when-is-veterans-day-2023-why-holiday-we-honor-military/71203999007/\)](https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/2023/10/17/when-is-veterans-day-2023-why-holiday-we-honor-military/71203999007/)



**The Mobile Vietnam Memorial Wall is coming to Rosamond November 7 to 12, 2023 at Westpark Elementary!**

For more information: <https://avwall.org/upcoming-displays/>



CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY Friday, November 10, 8 p.m. Followed by Taps



VETERANS DAY CEREMONY & Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin Presentation Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m. Honoring all Veterans

For more details about these special events at the AV Wall display in Rosamond, check out the following link: <https://www.skusd.k12.ca.us/cms/lib/CA01901059/Centricity/Domain/4/2023%20AV%20Wall%208.28.2023.pdf>

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Garr Bradley, a member of the Kern Antelope Historical Society, and long-time resident of Rosamond. Garr worked at Edwards AFB in the field of electronics. He was especially proud of the work he did in support of the space shuttle program. He earned a first-degree brown belt in karate and eventually became an instructor, loved a good story and had a “library of practical skills” which enabled him to build his own home and help many others with their projects.

A memorial service will be held Friday, November 3, 2023 at 11:00 am in Grace Chapel 44648 15th Street West, Lancaster, CA. Reception to follow in the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, Garr can be honored with a donation to the following organizations. (Please list Garr's name in the memo):

- Okinawa-te Karate, Zelle 661-609-7241, or mailed to 44211 10th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534
- Kern Antelope Historical Society, Zelle 661-609-8757, or mailed to P.O. Box 1255, Rosamond, CA 93560

Our condolences to the Bradley family, including his daughter Chavonne and her husband Don, along with Gracie. and Garr's sons, Michael and Scott and their families and many other family members.

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=7193296070704078&set=a.464018640298555>





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New Members for 2023-2024 - We are very happy to have you join us.

- ★ Billy & Michelle Kirk & Hannah
- ★ Debi & Terry McVey

And welcome back to several members who have joined us again.

- ★ Michael & Ann Yost

*Welcome!*

For your information - a list of the most recent KAHS Youtube videos. You may see all KAHS YouTube videos by going to our website: [www.kahs1959.org](http://www.kahs1959.org)

Date	Speaker/Interviewed Person/Topic	Interviewer / Speaker	Youtube Link
January 2023	Barbara Schultz: Poncho Barnes	Speaker	<a href="https://youtu.be/j-Zhx7IGle0">https://youtu.be/j-Zhx7IGle0</a>
February 9, 2023	Gretchen Winfrey: Rosamond Area Schools	Speaker	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPwNzwPCjRA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPwNzwPCjRA</a>
March 9, 2023	Dr Bruce Love: 12000 Years of AV History	Speaker	<a href="https://youtu.be/ilKi-hw-Ruw">https://youtu.be/ilKi-hw-Ruw</a>
April 13, 2023	Cecil Burton: "A Look Back--Rosamond and Water"	Jed Dyke	<a href="https://youtu.be/julUdCvkj7E">https://youtu.be/julUdCvkj7E</a>
May 11, 2023	Lisa DeJaynes from Saddle Up "Therapeutic Riding Stables"	Speaker	<a href="https://youtu.be/EjbtIFxH2a0">https://youtu.be/EjbtIFxH2a0</a>
June 8, 2023	Gail Lofdahl: Airfields of the Antelope Valley	Speaker	<a href="https://youtu.be/rFdL9zYuiXQ">https://youtu.be/rFdL9zYuiXQ</a>
September 14, 2023	Vietnam Memorial Wall Comes to Rosamond (Linda Willis & Barbara Gaines)	Speakers	<a href="https://youtu.be/4-c9eOpQagY">https://youtu.be/4-c9eOpQagY</a>
October 12, 2023	Bobby Breech (Navy Veteran) & Rose Sliepka (Dog Tags for Kids)	Speakers	<a href="https://youtu.be/M9tF1aRjxhQ">https://youtu.be/M9tF1aRjxhQ</a>



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### Kern Antelope Historical Society - Membership Application

Mail to: Kern Antelope Historical Society; PO Box 1255, Rosamond, CA 93560

	Membership Type	Dues	Amount Paid
Name _____	Student/ Active Military	\$5	_____
Mail Address _____	Individual	\$15	_____
City, ST, Zip _____	Couple	\$20	_____
Phone _____	Family	\$30	_____
Email _____	Business	\$35	_____
Date _____			

Note: • Club Year is June 1st through May 31st of the following year; new members, paying after February 1st, pay only half.  
• Zelle: [info@kahs1959.org](mailto:info@kahs1959.org) You may now use the following cell number for Zelle payments, also: (661) 609-8757.



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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.

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Bears - Borax and Gold  
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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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### General Meetings:

Second Thursday of the Month, September through June  
5:30 pm - 3611 Rosamond Blvd, Rosamond, CA  
(Exceptions: June, September & December -  
Location to be announced)

### Memberships:

\$5 - Student & Active 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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