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. All are welcome.
- 5 pm - location to be announced

Looking Ahead:

**March:** Ann Yost - the Yost Family History
**April:** Joe Pauley - A Family History
**May:** KAHS 60th Anniversary (more details to follow)
**June:** at Willow Springs

Happy Anniversary KAHS!
The Kern Antelope Historical Society will be celebrating its 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.

Beyond The Gate
Ann Yost is an amazing storyteller and will leave you laughing as she shares the history of the Schroeder and Yost families. Discover how Edwards Air Force Base and Manzanar played a pivotal role in their family. Enjoy the oral history and witty remembrances of the early days of the volunteer fire department and the volunteer sheriff department accompanied with interesting pictures and rare artifacts. This is the first time these stories have been shared in a public forum.
The following is from Antelope Valley Pioneers, a KAHS book. It was an article from the Rosamond Sun, a former Rosamond newspaper.

A. V. Prehistoric Animal

"Rosamond Sun" – March 22, 1956

On Monday of last week, more information was obtained regarding the bone of the prehistoric animal found while digging a cesspool for the B. & E. Trailer Park, located on the Coleman property.

According to Superintendent Richard Bailey and Director R. W. Loudon of the Kern County Museum; and the Director of Geological Research, Superior Oil Co., Robert Hutchinson, and his Assistant, Nestor Kichaleris, the 45" by 40" bone was judged to be at least 15 million years old. This was based on the content and formation of the soil surrounding the bone.

They also judged it to be a shoulder of an ancient camel, rhinoceros, or a mastodon.

An attempt was made to preserve the bone by plaster of paris before bringing it to the surface. The attempt was unsuccessful, and even though it fell apart, the pieces were salvaged and taken to the Museum where they will be reassembled.

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Another prehistoric bone specialist has been called in and further study will be made in an attempt to identify the animal.

At a future date, Mr. Bailey anticipates the bone will be exhibited as a specimen in the Kern County Museum.

The article below is taken from the Bakersfield Californian, dated 6/7/58, and tells of the Rosamond woolly mammoth on display at the Kern County Museum.

Charlie O'Loughlin's Memories of a "Mammoth Event"

These are memories from over sixty years ago when Charlie was about seven years old. His parents owned the B & E Trailer Park on Sierra Highway, south of Orange St. The park is still there today, under other ownership.

My parents were having a cesspool dug for the trailer park. The hole was, I remember it to be, about four feet in diameter and maybe twenty to thirty feet deep.

Somewhere around twenty feet, they found pieces of bone from a prehistoric animal. It was kind of a big deal, they had to stop digging and go down and dig it out by hand. I remember my dad being a little upset because it held everything up for, probably, a week and he needed it done for the sewer system in the trailer park!

Random Notes on the Day's News

Kern County Museum visitors may now see a remarkably well-organized exhibit featuring the fossil remains of inhabitants of this region that flourished millions of years ago. Under the direction of Jack Dowty, assistant museum director, the exhibits feature a three-foot section of tusk from an elephant-like creature known to scientists as Mastodon Americanus; the section was found by Gordon Mankins near Mojave in 1955 and was excavated by the museum staff assisted by instructors of the Bakersfield College geology department. The exhibits also feature the shoulder and pelvic bones and molar of a woolly mammoth, found in the Rosamond area. These were found by Ed Pengilly in 1956.

Background paintings illustrating these prehistoric animals as they appeared in their surroundings millions of years ago have been prepared by Frances Griffis, local artist, and are remarkably well done. The exhibits are now on view and form a valuable addition to the museum's educational contents. Thousands of school children visit the museum each year and the educational program under the direction of Mr. Dowty has been especially interesting. Science exhibits arranged through the cooperation of the Kern County Union High School and Junior College District are on view at the museum and have attracted much favorable attention.

The Desert Pioneer Society has launched a new drive to have abandoned mine shafts closed on the Mojave Desert to save the lives of children and adults who are faring forth on the desert in larger numbers. The Kern County sheriff's office has been carrying on this work for some time. The Desert Pioneer Society has asked for more action, believing that more of an emergency exists than is generally recognized. Congratulations to this fine organization for getting behind a very worthwhile project.
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A lot of people who were excavating the bone were going in and out of the hole and I remember pestering my dad for, I don’t remember how long, to let me go down in the bucket to see the bone. He finally gave in.

I remember getting to the bottom with someone else in the bucket, looking up and the hole at the top looking about the size of an eraser, and that was enough! I wanted back up! I really don’t remember whether I saw the bone or not!

Website: www.kahs1959.org     Email: info@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.

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For Sale by KAHS

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- Here Roamed the Antelope
- Bears - Borax and Gold
- Along the Rails from Lancaster to Mojave
- The Antelopes Left and the Settlers 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
- At Wanda Kirk County Library
- 3611 Rosamond Blvd. Rosamond, CA 93560
- (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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