



Rex Allen Arizona Cowboy Museum



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Calendar of Events

Monthly Board Meetings

April 16, 2008
May 21, 2008
June 18, 2008
July 16, 2008
Meetings at 6:30 PM

2nd Annual Willcox Rod and Classic Car Show

May 30 – 31, 2008
on Railroad Ave. in front of the museum

Willcox Western Heritage Days

July 11-12, 2008

Rex Allen Days

Oct. 2nd – 5th, 2008



Meet Our New Neighbor “Marty Robbins”

We are now on Historical Railroad Avenue, in Willcox, Arizona, Home Town of Rex Allen.

His son, Rex Allen Jr. heard that we were closing our Marty Robbins Glendale Exhibit that we had opened three years prior, having to close due to lack of funds.

We bought the property in 2001 in the Historical Catlin Court Area. We went to the City and got our rezoning permits to open a non-profit business. The house was not zoned for commercial use. The City was going to rezone

it that year, but something came up and they decided not to rezone 58th & Myrtle Avenue. After three months of filling out paper work, going to meetings, dotting our (i's) and crossing our (t's), Geri Rosato, Jo Wenger and I, felt we had everything ready for review for the zoning commission. They decided we should rezone the whole block on 58th & Myrtle Avenue, (9 homes), which put us even further away for our goal to open the Marty Robbins Glendale Exhibit in Marty's hometown.

It was a great undertaking but the three of us, with help from Shawn Ring, did the almost impossible. We had never undertaken such a task. We learned a lot.

We found out after we opened that Marty spent many nights in the 1918 bungalow, went to grade school across the street, and even attend church with his twin sister Mamie Robinson.

Our first year we greeted over five thousand people who truly loved Marty Robbins and was very happy someone had opened a

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Museum Manager

I can't believe it's April and spring is here already. And yes, we are having wonderful weather. Larry and I have been so busy this winter. With Larry on the City Council and me on the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce we are involved in a lot of events here in town. Willcox is such a wonderful place to live.

The museum has been pretty busy, but the attendance is down about 10%. I guess the price of gas hasn't helped anyone very much, although there have been a lot of Canadians in Arizona this winter.

We will be putting up a new fence in

Windmill Park this summer and a new storage shed. The shed we were using actually belonged to the bookstore next door. That property has new owners and they are improving things there and wanted to move the old storage shed. It will be nice because that will open up the area behind the museum and we will actually have more space in the park.

Both of the Plum trees in the park have now died so we will have to do something in that part of the park too. I guess almost 20 years may be a life expectancy for that type of tree but the sure were beauti-

ful

Our other project for the summer is to get the rest of the blocks poured in the walkway in Windmill Park. This has been a long drawn out project. It will be great to have it done.

We are already working on everything for Rex Allen Days in October. It should be even better than last year. So wish us luck.

Respectfully,
Dencie Schultz



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Rex Allen Days 2008

Rex has done it again. He has our old time favorite Johnny Western, along with Charlie Rich Jr., Pedro Gonzales-Gonzales Jr. and Cody & Logan Allen for the concerts. They should be two great shows.

We are all glad to have Johnny back again. He has such a following here in Willcox. Larry and I saw Charlie Rich Jr. for the first time in Laughlin last winter. He was appearing in Leroy VanDyke's "Country Gold" show. I think you will all enjoy him. He does his dad's old hits.

Everyone had such a great time with Pedro Jr. last year we wanted to make sure he came back again this year and next year and the year after that. Cody and Logan will be here to help carry on the Allen tradition.

The 10th Annual Cowboy Music and Poetry celebration will be in Windmill Park again this year. Jim Sober has been working on some great entertainers for this year. Of course there will be Rex Allen movies in the theater too.

We are going to California the middle of May to the "All Star Western Roundup" at the old Republic Studio lots, now owned by CBS. There should be more than 80 western stars there. Will just have to wait and see who will come to Willcox this year. I think we will be able to get some great vendors from there. They should add something new to Railroad Park.

As you can see it is starting to shape up, but you had better get your concert tickets early, I think this year's concerts will sell out.

Rex Allen Jr. Schedule of Events

May 21-24, 2008

Nashville, TN
For info on show times
contact Orin @ Village Tours
800-333-0312

June 7, 2008

Double D Ranch
56 Country Road C
Ashland, Nebraska
888-944-2207
Shoe & Dinner @ 6:00 PM

July 4 & 5, 2008

Prairie Rose Ranch
Benton, KS
316-778-2121
Show & Dinner @ 6:00 PM
daily

August 1, 2008

Montezuma County Fair
Cortez, CO
"Country Gold" with
Leroy Van Dyke
One show @ 7:00 PM

August 2, 2008

Garnett, KS
With Johnny Western

August 13, 2008

Missouri State Fair
Sedalia, MO

August 14, 2008

Iowa State Fair
Des Moines, IA

August 28, 2008

Old Time Threshers Reunion
Mount Pleasant, IA

September 20, 2008

Bethany UMC and
Asbury Methodist Church
Allentown, PA
610-398-1765
Two Shows: 1:00 & 6:00 PM

October 2-5, 2008

Rex Allen Days
Willcox, AZ
520-384-4583
With: Johnny Western,
Charlie Rich Jr. and Cody &
Logan Allen

November 7, 2008

Desert Performing Arts
Center
Mountain View Country Club
38759 S. Mountain View Blvd.
Tucson, AZ
520-825-5318
One Show: 7:30 PM



Be sure and visit Rex's Web-Site
at RexAllenJr.com for more
detailed information.



What's Your Name?

Will the real Rex Allen please stand up? There were two Rex Allens in Willcox last month. Rex Allen Rerverts (on the left of the statue) of Mount, Minnesota and Rex Allan (on the right) of Montrose, Colorado just happened to visit the Rex Allen Museum on the same day, in fact one right after the other.

A Rex Allen fan, Allan's mother named him after the cowboy star. Now 87 years old, his mom still has the

records he made. Allan's only regret is that he didn't make it down to Willcox while Rex Sr. was still alive.

Rerverts said his brothers named him after Rex Allen. Both men said they hope to visit again during Rex Allen Days in October.

Photo and story provided by Carol Broeder and the Range News.

Memories of Rex

When I was 18, fresh out of High School, I went to Willcox with Vauna Morris, Ruth Chaney and Norma Hector. They had gone several times before, but it was my first time. We camped every night. It was the most fun trip I ever had. Being able to see Rex made it extra special. We stayed at a motel across from his, and was there when he arrived. We helped him carry in his luggage, and he gave us all a silver dollar. I put mine in a belt buckle. At that time, Rex

was making the "Frontier Doctor" TV series. I had cut my finger so "Doc" examined it. I was really impressed with Rex's friendliness. He just opened his motel door and let people run in and out.

Donna Nation
Rochester, IL



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place where they could go to hear his music and see his movies, and return to there own memories of him. We watched as many older fans grew young right before our eyes just remembering when they first saw Marty in a show, in movies, at the racetrack or just to read about him

It was a delight to think we could bring these wonderful fans such happiness over and over again. We had some fans stay all day watching his movies and concerts on a TV in our western room. The room Marty slept in when he visited the house many years ago. I was able to enjoy all this will while sharing it with his many fans. One gentleman, a New York Attorney, gave me the most delightful complement. He said I have traveled all over the world, I have seen many museums and sights, but visiting with you and seeing your collected tribute to Marty Robbins has been a pleasure and has made this vacation one I will always remember. Your heart & soul has gone into putting this exhibit together, and without help from the man you are remembering.

My collection isn't the caliber of the Rex Allen Museum. Mine is a collection of many years of finding anything and every thing I could get my hands on, that had to do with Marty Robbins. He was my idol and hero.

Hearing of our closing, Rex Allen Jr. saw the value and need of keeping Marty's Music & Memory alive. He sent his museum manager Delice Schultz and her husband Larry to Glendale. They invited us to move our Exhibit to Willcox. We had other offers. El Paso, Texas asked us to move to their town. Marty helped put El Paso, as well as Glendale Arizona, on the map. We also had offers from Peoria AZ and Apache Junction.

After a long hard soul searching effort, I decided I would move to a town that already had a world know Cowboy star. If they could find room for another Arizona Native singing star, that's the town for me & my Marty Robbins memorabilia.

Shawn Paul Ring, (my son), and I packed up everything and made the move over a few hard weeks that

ended up taking a few months. He had some help loading, in Glendale, from one of our Entertainers, our Realtor, and a hired hand.

Larry Schultz helped Shawn unload a truck full of furniture. But Shawn moved most of the Memorabilia. He did all the driving and heavy work to insure nothing was lost or broken.

Now we are in Willcox, with a building we signed a 15 year lease, as is, on the building at 156 N. Railroad Avenue, just two doors down from Rex Allen Museum.

We held our 17th Annual Tribute on March 22, 2008, with the help of Delcie & Larry. Shawn & I couldn't have done it with out those two. They said they would help us and they sure came through. They made our flyers, which Valley Telecom printed for us, they handed them out everywhere they went. They also handed them out in the museum. They told every one who came through the door we would be opening our Marty Robbins Museum soon. They made the tickets, designed our program and even drove to Tucson to pick them up.

The City of Willcox, the Rex Allen Museum and the National Day of The Cowboy helped us put on the Tribute as well as Bull Riding and Barrel racing event at Quail Park Arena. The Mayor opened our

Herschel "Speedy" Haworth

On February 26th we all lost another part of our musical inheritance. Speedy had been in poor health for the past few years. He came to Rex Allen Days in 2006 but missed the last two due to his health, and we missed him. It was always so much fun to hear his great stories and to hear him play the guitar.

He played guitar with Rex Sr. for more than 17 years. Rex Jr. once said, "Speedy was the only one to play with his dad that Rex didn't cut his amp cord for playing too loud."

He was a great musician and a wonderful part of Willcox and Rex Allen Days. "Speedy" we will miss you.

Help Us Complete the Windmill Park Walk

We have 45 blocks in Windmill Park yet to be poured. It would be nice to get all of them done by Rex Allen Days 2008. I have 5 blocks sold. However we need to sell the other 40.

If any of you haven't bought a spot in the park walkway now is your chance, or maybe you know someone that would like to be in the walkway.

They are \$50.00 each. This is a good fundraiser for the museum so please help us finish the park this year.

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17th Annual Tribute to Marty Robbins, our first in Willcox.

We didn't have the crowds that we were used to getting in the past, but in the past we didn't charge a fee so we had no way of controlling the crowd. We also did not have reserved seating, which Willcox High School had to offer. We changed locations, as well as the time of year. When you do one it hurts, but when you change both its harder to get the word out. We did all this in less than 4 months, the Bull Riding in less than 3 weeks. All in All we did accomplish something; we know that Willcox has accepted us, and will give us the support we never received before. Rex Allen Jr. believes in us, and I for one think that holds a lot of merit.

We are keeping our gift shop open until we can generate enough funds to start. We are working at getting water, air conditioning and

Rex Allen Museum Board of Directors

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Bill Nolan	Vice President	2010
Teresa Palmer	Rec. Sec'y.	2009
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Chuck Broeder		2009
Mary Leighton		2011
Alfred Telles		2010
Delcie Schultz	Museum Mgr. & Cor. Sec'y	

heat into the building. In the mean time the Rex Allen Museum is letting us use their restrooms. We are very grateful to them for so much. The Friends of Marty Robbins will help The Rex Allen Museum in anyway we can.

Sam Lowe, stopped by again, his question to me was do you still think Willcox is the best City to be in and to have your Marty Robbins memorabilia displayed? My answer was a diffident yes!

Our next Tribute to Honor Marty Robbins will be March 7, 2009 Rex Allen Jr. will be on hand to sing we are very grateful to Rex & his staff at his Museum.

Thank you for allowing me to share with your members. Sincerely

Juanita Buckley
 Founder /President
 The Friends Of Marty Robbins

Become a Member of the Museum

The Rex Allen Museum is a non-profit organization that depends on donations from our friends, to exist. Your membership dollars will ensure continued growth. To become a member, Please mark your gift in the appropriate box.

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