



# Rex Allen Arizona Cowboy Museum



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## Calendar of Events

### Monthly Board Meetings

July 16, 2008  
August 20, 2008  
September 17, 2008  
October 15, 2008  
Meetings at 6:30 PM

### Rex Allen Days

Oct. 2nd – 5th, 2008



## The All Star Western Round-up Comes to Rex Allen Days

By: Julie Ream

Though certainly no stranger to Arizona, or the beautiful town of Willcox, this is the first time that I have written for the museums newsletter; so I'll take a moment to introduce myself.

I've been a lucky girl, growing up in a family rich with western entertainers. Taylor 'Cactus Mack' McPeters, was my Grandfather; and cousin to Rex Allen, Sr. A cowboy, stuntman, musician and actor; he played side-kick to both Roy Rogers & Gene Autry and appeared in well over 200 films and television shows. Including most of John Wayne's B

westerns.

A gifted bandleader, Cactus headed up Cactus Mack & his Saddle Tramps, the Arizona Wranglers and O Bar O Cowboys (just to name a few); the later appearing to have been named after a ranch right there in Willcox. He can still be seen today, and his music heard, in many western movies and television shows. Rex spoke in his autobiography of the pleasure it was in those early days hearing Cactus & Roy (a then young Leonard Sly) picking & singing in front of the movie theatre there in Willcox; home to the Rex Allen Museum.

Another of Rex & Cactus's cousins, Glenn Strange, was

also a cowboy, stuntman & a musician before becoming an actor. More often a 'bad guy'; though a sweeter man was never born. Among his many other roles, he played 'Butch Cavendish' the Lone Rangers nemesis, and ended his career as 'Sam' the bartender in Gunsmoke. He also played the Frankenstein Monster in many of the old Sci-Fi films. His most famous being Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein, which celebrates its 60th anniversary this year.

It's brought me great pleasure and pride to belong to these famous families, and I constantly strive to preserve their memories, western heritage & to keep the western

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## Museum Manager

As you can see we are getting ready for this years Rex Allen Days. Tickets are selling for the Saturday concerts, so if you haven't gotten your yet, better think about it. As you can see by our feature article we have a lot of good things planned for this year. Rex has a great show planned with some great entertainers

Thanks to our members we now have ten blocks sold in Windmill Park. They will be poured by Rex Allen Days. Thanks to my friend Julie Ann Ream, I now have some help in writing for the newsletter. She is also bringing her "All Star Western Roundup" to Willcox for this years celebration.

We are working on plans to help alleviate some of the problems with food this year.

We have someone to cook hamburgers, hotdogs and etc in Windmill Park. I know it isn't always easy to find something during the day without waiting in long lines. I think this will help and I am told that Alfred is a GOOD cook.

On the down side of things we are still working on getting a new storage shed, but it will happen. And the attendance to the Museum has been down, about 15%, this year. Like everyone else, the higher gas prices and people not traveling as much have af-

ected us. I only hope it doesn't hurt us too much for Rex Allen Days.

But guess what? I got a call from Rex last week and heard one of the cuts on his NEW Christmas CD. Yes you heard right, a Christmas CD. I can hardly wait to hear the whole thing.

With that I will leave you on a positive note: A new CD for Christmas.

Respectfully,  
Delcie Schultz



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## News from Rex Jr.

It has been pointed out to me that I have not written to the people who support me in way to long. All of you are right! It has been so long that I am embarrassed to write you! I am so sorry.

Let's see, The News first, I guess, from youngest to oldest.

Logan transferred to Belmont University in January. We were sad to see him move back east, but we all thought it would be the best move for him. Logan wants to entertain, and we all want him to get a degree, so right now Nashville is the place for him to be. I think that after graduation he might move to one of the coasts. Who knows? Logan is a great singer and has a bright future. He's not like his Dad though, he is his own stylist.

Cody remained at ASU in Glendale, AZ. Right now he is finishing his second year there, but we are not sure if he will finish there in Arizona. He has been making noises about going back east to U of M. That's Maryland. He is such a smart young gentlemen and has a great future in what ever field he ends up in. Cody is a very goal orientated young man. I so look forward to seeing where he ends up. That will be exciting. He gets home in about two weeks now for the summer.

Marcus and Julia are doing fine. Julia is going on with her Nursing Career, and Marc is working for his brother Wade. Julia gets to travel a little, mainly to see her family in California. It's hard for her to be so far from home and it is good that she gets to see them as much as she can. They are living life right now and doing fine. Marc has his CDL and can drive anything! He's pretty good with a wrench too.

Wyatt, Rachel and Jackson are living in Brentwood, Tennessee. Rachel has started back to work and Jackson is learning to talk. God they grow up so fast. I remember every day with the boys, and I wouldn't trade one of those moments for all the money in the world. Today the Allen's of Nashville are at their first trip to Disney World! I remember those days! Wyatt is making some changes in his life, but I'm not allowed to talk about that right now. They seem so happy.

Wade, Chris and Colby are fine too! Colby is just beginning to walk now! He rides with his dad on all the equipment, and I predict will be driving it too before he's three! Chris is finishing her degree and Wade is expanding his business. He just acquired another East Texas Company. Deanna gets down to see them more than I do, but all the kids send so many pictures on a daily basis that we feel we are a part of their life even living so far away. We have good daughter in laws.

Deanna is working so hard. She looks great, but is so busy. She has a really good future in her business. There is no telling where she'll go. I told her that "You have moved for me many times. But, I think the next time we move, I will move for you!" I just hope it's

## Rex Allen Jr. Schedule of Events

### August 1, 2008

Montezuma County Fair  
Cortez, CO  
"Country Gold" with Leroy VanDyke  
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



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detailed information.

somewhere on a beach! Deanna is such a good Mom to all the boys: and she is working hard on this Grand Mother business. We all go to Texas the end of next month for her parent's 60th wedding anniversary!

I guess I'm the only one left! I worked so hard the first three months of the year. I just wasn't home much. I was all over Arizona, Nevada, Iowa and thousands of places in between. I've had great shows with LeRoy VanDyke, and even better ones with Cody and Logan. Hell, I even did a bad show! No just kidding. God bless some of you who suffered through a week in Laughlin, NV.

I am off the road for a few weeks, but not sitting still. I have begun work on a Christmas CD. That's right! It is going to be called "It's Finally Christmas". I will have it ready sometime this summer.

Next, I am in production for a syndicated radio show. It's called "The New West" and will be broadcasting

from The Rocking Diamond R Ranch in the Dos Cabasas Mountains; not to far out of Willcox, Arizona; The garden spot of the universe, center of culture and education, cattle and apple capitol of the world and home town of Rex Allen Sr. The show will start within the next month or so on the internet at [www.ranchandreatata.com](http://www.ranchandreatata.com).

Any way, I'm keeping busy. If you not doing anything in October, why don't you come down to Rex Allen Days in Willcox. Johnny Western and Charlie Rich Jr. will be there along with Cody and Logan. Hopefully Deanna too! She has to be there, she is booked into the Hopi Lounge on Friday and Saturday night!

My best to you all for a wonderful spring and summer. It has been beautiful here in Vegas. I will be out there, so come and see me!

Rex

## Memories of Rex

Dear Mr. Allen,

Hello! I have a great favor to ask of you. I need your autograph, again.

You see, in the early 1940's you came to a little Illinois town called Farmer City. I believe there was a little rodeo there and you and KoKo were there. I had never asked a star for an autograph before and I didn't know how to go about it. I told my Mom I wanted to get your autograph, so she gave me a little notebook from her purse and a pen and said, "Go ask him when he comes out of the arena." So I did.

You were gracious enough to sign it (after you ask my name) "To my friend Dorothy, My Best Always, Rex Allen & KoKo."

I loved that paper and though I was only 10 years old, I kept it safe. But when I was 15 we had Scarlet Fever, they quarantined us all. After six weeks we had to burn anything that wasn't drastically important and fumigate the rest (Birth Certificated, Marriage License

and etc.) with burned sulphur. Well, whoever sorted the IMPORTANT stuff missed my treasured autograph. It got burned.

Every time I see you on TV or in an old movie I cry because you were so nice to a "poor little Kid" and I lost your autograph.

Since then I have collected well over a hundred Country Music and Movie Star autographs. Some of the really greats, ranking right up there with you, like Ernest Tubb, Marty Robbins, Tex Ritter, Charlie Pride, Dolly Parton and ever so many more.

But you were my first autograph. Could you please send me another one? I know I'm an old 64 year old married grandma by now, but it would sure make my life happier.

I and my seven kids loved hearing you narrate the Disney stories about nature. I also saved the quarter page clipping about the statue near your museum and KOKO's grave in you home town.

God Bless You Always,  
Dorothy E. Doman  
Pekin, Illinois

This is a letter that was sent to Rex in January 1995.



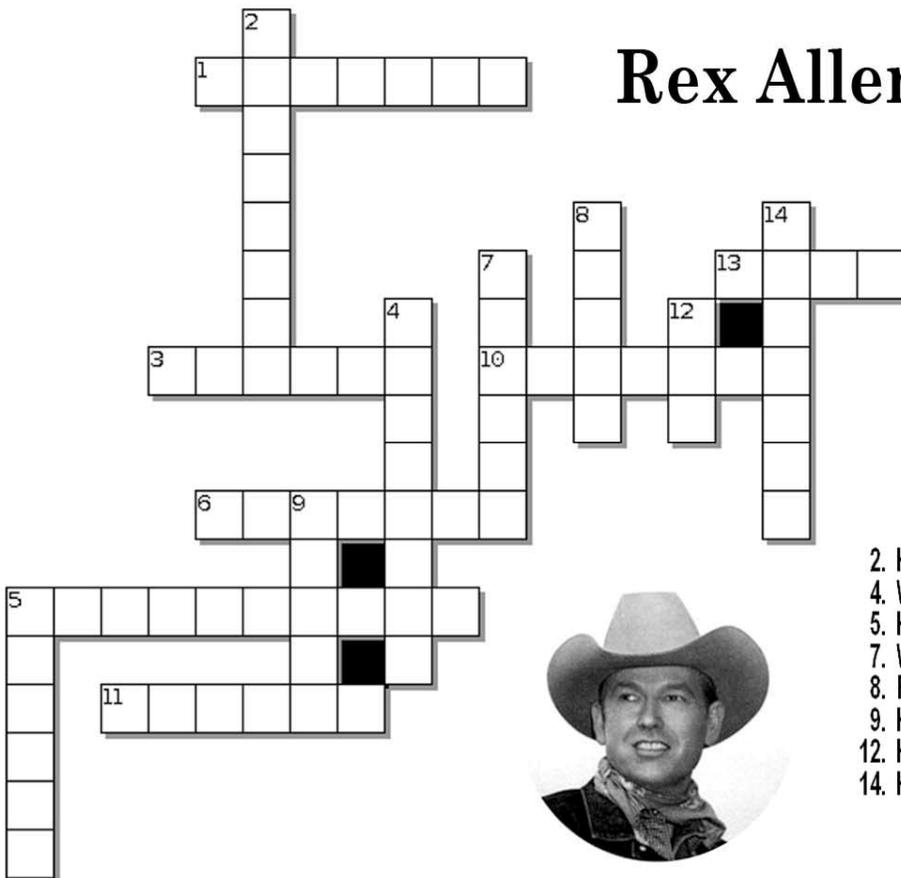
## Rex Allen Crossword

### ACROSS

1. Where is Rex's museum
3. What was his wife's name
5. Where did Rex move in 1949
6. In what month is Rex Allen Days
10. In what city did Rex first become well known
11. Who was he the voice of
13. Miracle horse of the movies

### DOWN

2. How many movies did Rex make
4. What studio did he work for
5. His second son's name
7. What did Rex play in his TV series
8. Rex's middle name
9. How many sons did he have
12. His cousin, Glenn Strange, was who in Gunsmoke
14. His last ranch in Arizona was near what town



**Answers to Crossword**

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|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Willcox    | 6. October  | 11. Disney  |
| 2. Nineteen   | 7. Doctor   | 12. Sam     |
| 3. Bonnie     | 8. Elvie    | 13. KoKo    |
| 4. Republic   | 9. Three    | 14. Sonoita |
| 5. California | 10. Chicago |             |

**Help Us Complete the Windmill Park Walk**

We have 35 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 10 blocks sold. However we need to sell the other 35.

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.

*(All-Star Western Round-up Continued from page 1)*

way of life alive. I do so by writing, making personal appearances, producing various western events & award shows; and bringing the All Star Western 'Round-Up' to towns and events around the US.

The 'Round-Up' will be coming back again this year to Rex Allen Days. It's a particular pleasure appearing in Willcox, a town rife with western heritage and filled with history & happenings.

This year Rex Allen Days & the 'Round-Up' will pay tribute to the television series 'High Chaparral' which was filmed in Old Tucson. Among the cast members scheduled to appear are Bobby Hoy, Don Collier, Ted Markland and Rudy Ramos.

Also scheduled to appear at the event are actors Clifton Collins Jr., Dan Haggerty (TV's 'Grizzly Adams') and Bo Svenson.

The weekend begins with a Cowboy Hall of Fame Dinner which honors local area ranchers. Their pictures are all hanging in a gallery at the museum. While in the museum, you can enjoy the memories of Rex's past, and meet & take home a picture of your favorite stars.

Throughout the weekend, you can also enjoy wonderful western music performed throughout the day, Rex Allen movies playing continuously in the Rex Allen Theatre, celebrity autograph

**Rex Allen Museum Board of Directors**

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<b>Delcie Schultz</b>	<b>Museum Mgr. &amp; Cor. Sec'y</b>	

sessions & panel discussions, shopping with vendors and local merchants, wine tasting, a Wild West Show provided by the Oak Glen Gunslingers, Saturdays parade, and on Sunday; 'Breakfast with the Stars'.

Rex Allen Jr's Saturday night concert will feature appearances by both Charlie Rich Jr. & Johnny Western, along with Pedro Gonzalez Gonzalez, Jr. & Rex's sons Logan & Cody Allen.

Bo Downey and the 'Marshall Bo Show' will be filming segments to be shown on future episodes of his popular show, along with heading up the Wild West Show with his Oak Glen Gunfighters. TV and Radio personality Jeff Sutherland will be seen in town filming segments of his television show 'Jeff's Star-Talk' and will act as commentator for the panel discussions with the stars.

There is so much happening at this year's event! Come on out to Rex Allen Days this October 2-5, 2008 and enjoy Western Entertainment galore.

Willcox & Railroad Ave. is also the new home of the Marty Robbins Museum and the Headquarters of the National Day of the Cowboy so do stop in while you're in town.

Check my website for details, possible additions to the line-up & for a list of other great western events. Hope to see you there!



**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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