



# Rex Allen Arizona Cowboy Museum



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## Calendar of Events

### Monthly Board Meetings

February 20, 2008

March 19, 2008

April 16, 2008

Meetings at 6:30 PM

### Annual Membership Meeting

January 25, 2008

### Rex Allen Days

Oct. 2nd – 5th, 2008



## Rex Allen Jr. Inducted into the Western Music Hall of Fame

In 1988 the idea of the Western Music Association (WMA), not to be confused with the Country Music Association (CMA), became a reality. In 1989 they became incorporated and have presented the “International Western Music Festival” every November since. One of the first “Hall of Fame” recipients in 1989 was Rex Allen Sr.

Now 18 years later, who more fitting to be the latest “Hall of Fame” recipient than Rex Allen Jr. Rex was inducted on November 16, 2007, by none other than Johnny Western, at the WMA Festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Deanna, Wyatt, Cody and Logan were there to help him celebrate.

With this honor comes another distinction. Rex



Rex, Deanna, Wyatt, Cody & Logan at the Western Music Festival where Rex was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Sr. and Rex Jr. become the first father and son to be in the Western Music Hall of Fame.

We at the museum are very proud of Chico. He is a world class entertainer who’s career has already spanned four

decades as a song writer and musician as well as working on television and in movies. And he is still going strong.

CONGRATULATIONS  
REX.

## Presidents Corner

The New Year is on the way and we reflect the past year with great success in the fact that things went well throughout the year.

The Rex Allen Days were a huge success this year, with larger crowds than we expected. The two concerts were full to capacity, and all those who attended had a wonderful time, not only at the concerts, but all through the weekend, and that’s what it’s all about.

I have been with this organization now for 12 years, and this is the largest and best I have ever been involved in, and

that’s in part to the work of wonderful and dedicated people. Thank you all for your wonderful work.

In the meantime, plans are in the making for this years celebration, and we anticipate a bigger one than last year. We depend on all of you to visit and come and join us in this years celebration. We appreciate all the local folks for you support. I know some of you travel a long way to be here and we also appreciate you as well. We want to make you feel at home, so be making plans to come and join us in the fun and joy of Rex Allen Days in

Willcox.

We will be having our annual membership meeting on the 25th of January. With the election of new Board Members, I look forward to those that are coming on new or are seeking reelection to fill the seats of those dedicated people who are leaving, having fulfilled their term in office.

Thanking all of you, and wishing you all a Happy and a Healthy New Year.

Nat Bedolla  
President

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## A Big Thank You

Of all the people that help make the museum such a success it's our Volunteers that make things happen every day. We don't have a lot of them, but we do have some of the best.

We have seven Docents that are there faithfully every time they are needed. Ann Fisher, Ben Martin, Ray and Louise Beck, Carolina Russell are there one day every week, Gayle Caulton and Mary Leighton (since she retired from the museum) are here at least twice a week. Jim Sober (past board member) and his wife Nancy still come and help on a Sunday afternoon. Doctor Singer, a past president of the museum, is also an on call volunteer. They all do a great job and make my life a whole lot easier. I can always count on them. One of our most faithful volunteers, over 14 years, is Pierre Brehm. Over the past year Pierre has had a lot of health issues, but is now doing well and is anxious to return. We have missed him a lot and are glad he is coming back.

I want to thank several of our Board Members also for all their help. Nat Bedolla (our president) is here every week, Dennis Smith is also here several times a week, David Roll, Chuck Broeder, Teresa Palmer all do a Sunday each month and are a great help during Rex Allen Days. Dick Seidel and Larry Schultz are my "on call men". If I need to get to a meeting or do something they are the people I can call on to fill in for a while.

Since the museum is open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm seven days a week you can see how important everyone connected to the museum is. We couldn't do it without you. Thanks!

## From Rex Allen Jr.

### Schedule of Events

January 10  
Sunland Village East  
2145 S. Farnsworth  
Mesa, AZ 85209  
One show 7pm  
480-380-5991

January 15  
Caliente Del Sol  
3502 N. Pinal Pky.  
Florence, AZ 85232  
One Show 7pm  
520-868-5340

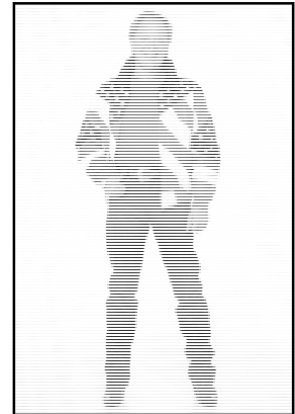
January 27  
Happy Trails RV Resort  
17200 W. Bell RD.  
Surprise, AZ 85374  
One show 7pm  
623-584-0066 ext 2115

January 30  
Pueblo El Mirage  
11201 N. El Mirage  
El Mirage, AZ 85335  
One show 7pm  
623-583-0100

February 16  
Monte Vista RV Resort  
8865 W. Baseline Rd  
Mesa, AZ 85209  
One show 7pm  
480-380-3958

March 6  
Del E Webb Center  
1090 S. Vulture Mine Rd.  
Wickenburg, AZ 85390  
One show 7pm  
With Cody Allen and Logan Allen  
928-684-6624

March 21 - 22  
The Old Mill  
1010 Rainbow Ct.  
Buhler, KS 67522  
One Show and Dinner each night at 6pm  
620-960-6455



Be sure and visit Rex's Web-Site at [RexAllenJr.com](http://RexAllenJr.com) for more detailed information.

## Museum Manager

Well another year has come and gone and we are still going strong. We had a fantastic Rex Allen Days in 2007. Everyone says it was one of the best in several years. Both of Rex's concerts were virtually a sell out. We had some great entertainers in Windmill Park and everything just went very well.

Attendance was up at the museum by about 12% for the year. This made us extremely happy. Hopefully this trend will continue in the future. We have a wonderful board of directors for the museum now and things are running smooth.

There were some major expenditures on the museum building and the movie theater this year.

One of the heating/air conditioning units on the museum had to be replaced, but after 18 years I guess it was to be expected. Also one of the condensers on the theater gave up the ghost as well. The porch posts was finally moved back 26 inches so the cars couldn't hit them anymore so we finally got rid of the old railroad ties in front. Since we also own the Rex Allen Theater we needed to pay for the up graded equipment in the projection room. But even with all this the museum made money this year and is still on very solid financial ground.

We have some new neighbors on the block. There will be a wine shop next-door opening in early summer. The building next to the

Commercial is now the home of the National Headquarters for "National Day of the Cowboy", and the Marty Robbins Exhibit will be opening soon in close proximity. All of this will help breath new life into the "Historic District".

Plans are already in progress for the 2008 Rex Allen Days. Rex is working on the entertainers for next year's concerts. I know Johnny Western will be here. Everyone looks forward to seeing him. Jim Sober is planning on even more performers for the Cowboy Music and Poetry in Windmill Park. He had some wonderful performers here last year. I am going to be working with Julie Ream again to bring some Hollywood

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# Memories of Rex

I moved to Arizona in November of 1986, and met Rex on August 27, 1987. That was the start of a lasting friendship with Rex Allen.

On April 30, 1995 I had the honor and privilege of making Rex an (Honorary Arizona Ranger), which he proudly accepted and said "Pierre, I will put this in my museum, Thank you so much". It is still on display in the museum.

I have been a volunteer at the Rex Allen Museum for some 14 years. I feel so fortunate to have been at the museum so many times when Rex came in.

No big announcement - - - The door would open and there was Rex!

We had many wonderful conversations together

during his visits. I could go on and on, but I don't have enough space to cover everything. Maybe later.

Rex has been gone over 7 years now, and I still miss him very much.

A Good Friend  
Pierre Brehm  
Willcox, Arizona



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personalities again this year. Just have to wait and see who will be available.

Larry and I were invited to LA for the "Silver Spur Awards" in October and had a great time, got to meet several of the Western TV stars. We also went to the "Western Music Festival" in Albuquerque in November to see Rex be inducted into the Hall of Fame. All in all we have had a very busy year but we're still looking forward to the coming year.

Respectfully,  
Delcie Schultz

## Rex Allen Word Search

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### WORD LIST

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. REX ALLEN      | 9. SLIM PICKENS     |
| 2. ROY BARCROFT   | 10. FRONTIER DOCTOR |
| 3. MARY ELLEN KAY | 11. BUGGY           |
| 4. REPUBLIC       | 12. MUSEUM          |
| 5. STUDIOS        | 13. COWBOY          |
| 6. MUSIC          | 14. SIX GUN         |
| 7. MOVIES         | 15. OUTLAW          |
| 8. KOKO           |                     |

Remember to renew your 2008 Membership. The museum relies heavily on its members to keep our doors open year round

## Annual Membership Meeting

Friday January 25, 2008 will be our Annual Membership meeting. It will be held at the Coronado Vineyards Winery, 2909 E. Country Club Rd. in Willcox.

The menu will be: Lasagna, Salad, Vegetable, Garlic Bread, Drinks and Desert. \$16.00 per person. This includes tax and gratuity.

We have been promised entertainment as well. Jim Sober has scheduled Trail Mix for our enjoyment.

We will be electing three board members this year so be sure your membership is paid for 2008.

The candidates for this year are: Larry Schultz, an incumbent, Mary Leighton and Jack Light both old friends of the museum. We have a wonderful board of directors and I am sure this years applicants will be a great addition.



## Cowboys at Heart Valentines Celebration

The National Day of the Cowboy Corporation and the Rex Allen Museum 501(c)3 organizations, are hosting a co-fundraiser on historic Railroad Avenue in Willcox, Arizona, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The event, (*Cowboys at Heart*), centers around the documentary, "Let 'er Buck," which will be shown in the restored Rex Allen movie theater. "Let 'er Buck" is an excellent educational film chronicling the evolution of rodeo from its earliest years up to the 1940s. The producer, Lance Valdespino, spent three years researching his subject before creating the movie. It is an accurate and highly entertaining history of rodeo in America. *Let 'er Buck* aired on PBS and was nominated for an Emmy. Valdespino will be speaking at the event and will autograph DVDs available for purchase after the showing.

The evening also includes live Western music, a raffle, a silent auction, and an authentic chuck wagon dinner. We are encouraging everyone to dress in western attire by offering 3 complimentary raffle tickets to every raffle ticket buyer who wears their cowboy boots and cowboy hat to the party. In addition, both the Rex Allen Museum and the National Day of the Cowboy Headquarters will be open to guests during the event.

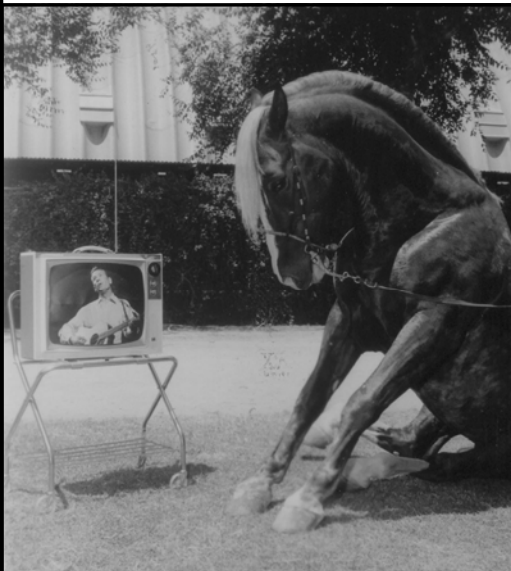
The chuck wagon trail camp will be set up Friday afternoon and the chuck wagon cookies will start preparing the meal early Saturday morning with service beginning at 3PM. "Let er Buck" will be shown at 5PM.

Tickets are \$22 per person and should be purchased in advance as there will only be a limited number sold. Call 520-766-6362 to purchase tickets.

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## Rex Allen Museum Board of Directors

Name	Office	Term Limit
Nat Bedolla	President	2010
David Roll	Vice President	2008
Teresa Palmer	Rec. Sec'y.	2009
Larry Schultz	Treasurer	2008
Dennis Smith	Gift Shop Mgr.	2010
Dick Seidel		2009
Larry Fuller		2008
Bill Nolan		2010
Lewis Bowman		2010
Chuck Broeder		2009
Shawn Smith		2010
Delcie Schultz	Museum Mgr. & Cor. Sec'y	



KoKo Watching his favorite cowboy on TV

## 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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