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(Or change of Address)

Tel: Mobile: Annual Membership Fee: \$10.00 Are you already a Member?

Yes my Number is No

My Favourite Country Music Artists are:.....

Do you sing or play a musical instrument?.....

I agree to abide by the constitution and rules of the club: Signature.....Date.....

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Gawler Country Music Club Inc. is a non profit organisation dedicated to the development of all styles of Country Music. The activities of the club include regular monthly meetings and shows; providing opportunity and encouragement to amateur artists; producing this newsletter and showing support for all other South Australian Country Music Clubs.

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Gawler Country Music Club Member Dean Bevis recently sent in information on 'The End of an Era' exclaiming how the **Roy Rogers Museum** in **Branson, Missouri** is closing down. Thanks **Dean** for providing the inspiration for this article.

Roy Rogers was born: November 5, 1911, in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA.
Died: July 6, 1998, Apple Valley, California, USA.
Full name: Leonard Franklin Slye
Children: Roy Rogers Jr., Cheryl Darlene Rogers Little Doe Rogers, Sandy Rogers, Robin Rogers, Debbie Rogers, Linda Lou Rogers, Mimi Rogers.

Having seen the joy that his guitar and singing had brought to the destitute around the campfires, Roy hesitantly told his father that he was going to pursue a living in music. With his father's blessing, he and his cousin **Stanley Slye** went to Los Angeles and sought musical engagements as the **Slye Brothers**.

(Les the Editor) Thinking back to my childhood days in Rosyth, Fife, Scotland. Once upon a time...**Prior** to the introduction of black and white television... we young lads often passed the time of day playing Cowboys and Indians on the Whinny Hills between Rosyth and Inverkeithing; acting out Roy Rogers, Geronimo and the like.

The Whinny Hill was a natural adventure playground in the days when kids created their own entertainment and learned from making mistakes; cuts and bruises included. Luckily no bullet wounds.

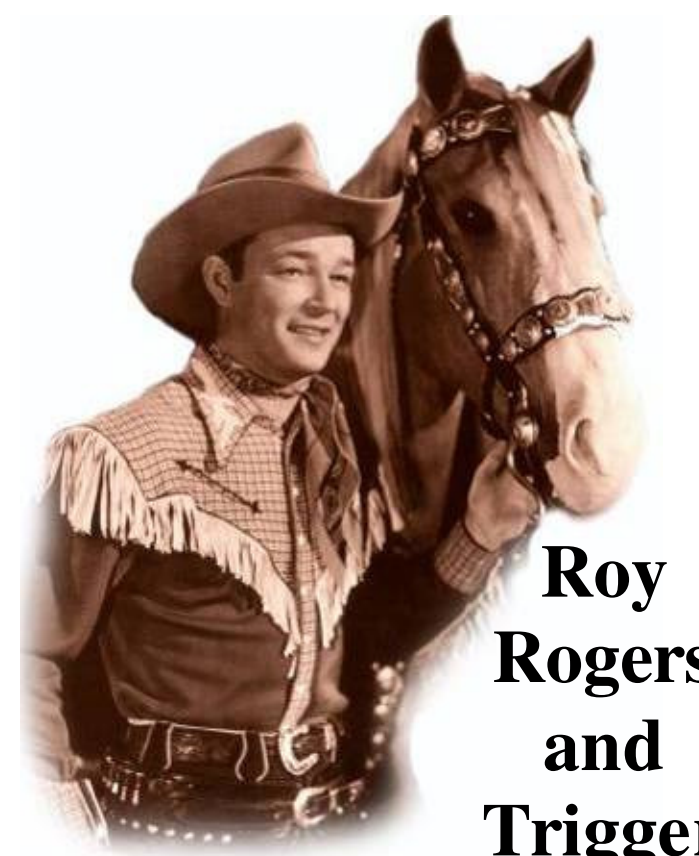
Our playground was on the edge of a quarry, surrounded with huge rock structures, trees, tall corn fields, and a steep hill with loose shingle.

For us children this was real make-believe **Country and Western** at its best; and probably laid the foundation for my interest and participation in **Cowboys; Indians, and Country Music**.

Roy Rogers and **Cowboy 'n' Indian** movies appeared regularly at our local 'Palace' cinema matinee shows. When television arrived we were spoiled for choice with the **Cisco Kid, Gunsmoke, The Lone Ranger, Laramie, Have Gun, Will Travel, Bonanza, Wagon Train, Maverick, High Chaparral, Cheyenne**, and others.

Back to the subject.

Branson, Missouri the site of **Roy's** museum is almost central to **Oklahoma, Kansas City** and **Memphis**, and no doubt surrounded by Country Music.



Roy Rogers and Trigger

Sadly the **Roy Rogers Museum** has now closed its doors forever, and the contents of the museum sold at public auction. **Roy Rogers** had told his son, "If the museum ever operates at a loss, close it and sell the contents."

He complied.

Following is a partial listing of the items sold at auction:

Roy's 1964 Pontiac Bonneville sold for \$254,500; it was estimated to sell between \$100-\$150K.

His script book from the January 14, 1953 episode of **This Is Your Life** sold for \$10,000 (est. at \$800-\$1,000).

Trigger's saddle and bridle sold for \$386,500 (est. at \$100-\$150 K).

Just as a point of interest. Roy's horse **Trigger** was bred on a farm co-owned by **Bing Crosby**. Roy bought Trigger on a time payment plan for \$2,500.

One of many of Roy's shirts sold for \$16,250 and one of his many cowboy hats sold for \$17,500. (**Allington's Outpost** missed this one!)

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