

La Sociedad de la Entrada

After Action Report for Renaissance Fair 9/19-20/15

Event

The event was the Renaissance Fair at Museo de Las Golondrinas. The usual lot of vendors and performers also attended. The weather was very nice this year, not too hot and not too cold. We set up the Spanish camp on Friday, behind the hacienda, as usual. Visitor attendance to our camp was small.

Friday

David and Victoria Kubica and I arrived at Golondrinas a little after noon. We set up the tents, the fly, the pike rack, and David dug the fire pit. We finished about 5:30. Tony came at 6:00 and started setting his things up in the round tent while we went for something to eat. Our plan was to use the round tent as a daytime display for visitors. When we returned Tony shared his wine and cheese and we hit the sack. The night had a light breeze that was very refreshing.



Round tent. (Tony)



The Lieutenant's (Teniente's) tent. (Tony)



The Spanish Camp. (Tony)



Pike rack and dining fly. (James)



The most important tool in the camp. (James)

Saturday

Muster

On Saturday we mustered Tony Campisi, James Cruzan, David and Victoria Kubica, Bill Jackson, Blaine Bachman, and Dave and Bennett Poulin. Angelina Poulin and Stephanie Sanchez also attended but did not dress in period clothing.

Morning

The next morning David K. made a breakfast of eggs and bacon with cheese on tortillas. Very good. David also made an apple period recipe that included boiled apples, almond paste, flour, raisins, cinnamon, saffron, and rose water. Unusual taste but very good. We policed the camp for authenticity and got ready for the day. The first to arrive was Bill Jackson, followed soon after by James Cruzan who announced he now had a four month old boy at home. We assembled at the gate to escort the King and Queen. Bill and I were musicos with our flute and fife respectively, David and Victoria were piqueros, and James and Tony were mosquetero and arcabucero, respectively. Bill and I played a couple of tunes while we marched the royal couple to their pavilion. It sounded ok even without a drummer.



*Royal Guards L-R: David Kubica, Bill Jackson, Victoria Kubica, Tony Campisi.
(Dave P.)*

Tony, Victoria, David K., and James performed a pike demonstration.



Ready to start (what's that command?). (Dave P.)



¡Cargen las picas! (Dave P.)



¡Adelante! (Dave P.)

At 10:00 we escorted the Queen down to the Piste. A funny looking guy came over and started talking to the Queen. He sounded like a foreigner. He was saying something about finding a new route to the Orient. Glad I wasn't going on that trip. Her Majesty seemed to ignore him; she never called for us so we didn't do anything but one of the courtiers drove him off, telling us something about keeping the riffraff away from the Queen.



The fighting piste. (Dave P)



The Queen enjoys the show. (Dave P)

At 11:00 Tony and James fired their muskets and gave demonstrations on loading and firing their matchlocks. Angelina, and Bennett and Stephanie arrived soon after.



*The aforementioned intruder 'What-his-name'; a traveler from another era.
Nice map. (James)*



James fires his musket. (James)

Afternoon



Resting in camp and talking with visitors. L-R: Blaine, David, Vic, and Tony. (Dave P.)

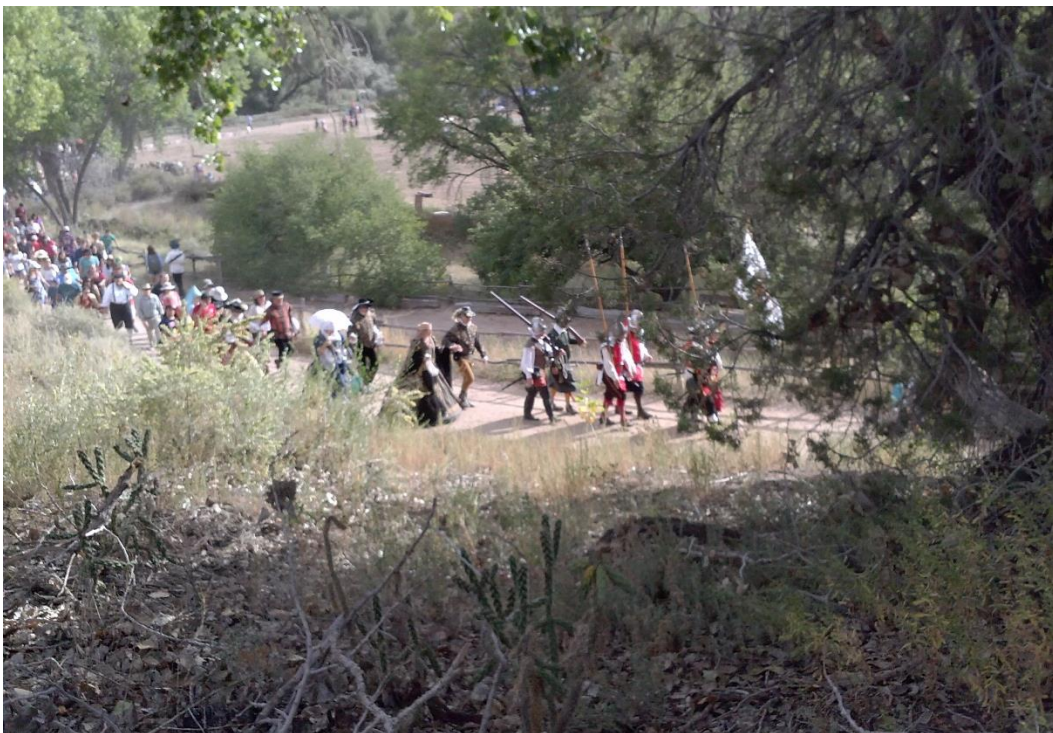


L-R: Vic, James, and Tony. (Dave P.)

At 4:00pm Tony and James (the shotte), Blaine, David and Victoria, Bennett and Dave (the pikes) escorted the Queen and some of her entourage to the Jousting Piste, arriving back at camp about an hour later.



Getting ready. (Angelina)



Oddly enough, the trip down the hill was shorter than the one coming back up. (Angelina)



Dave and Bennett; "Off with their heads!" the Queen of Hearts said. (Angelina)

That night, after the day trippers left, Tony, David K., Vic, and Dave P. were treated to some very fine authentic food by the SCA. Then we read from a new book called "Don Quixote," published in 1605. The part we actually read from was part II published in 1615, a much newer piece.

Sunday

Muste

On Sunday we mustered Tony Campisi, James Cruzan, David and Victoria Kubica, Bill Jackson, Ron Sanders, Cecelia Quintana, and Dave Poulin.

Morning

The next morning David made breakfast again. Thanks, David! Tony, James, David, Victoria, Bill and I went off to escort the Royal Couple again. This time they took a long way around. After that we returned to camp. Bill and I ran through our music selection and played a bit while muskets were fired and explained. We escorted the Queen down to the Piste. .

At about 11:00 Ron and Cecelia arrived. We immediately started practicing again and by the second time through we were sounding ok. We played a few tunes and then we broke for lunch.



The First New Mexico Field Music, L-R: Dave Poulin, Bill Jackson, Cece Quintana, and Ron Sanders. (Ron).



We had visitors, Chastity Swentzell and the kids; Porter couldn't make it. (Angelina)



The kids. (Angelina)

In the afternoon we escorted the Queen down to the piste again. After the event we broke camp and went home. Sorry, most of us forgot to take pictures on Sunday, but you get the gist of it.

Conclusion

It was a great event for us. It was a great weekend for the museum too, which had received 9,259 visitors! Excellente. Photos by Angelina, Dave, Tony, James, and Ron.

Dave

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