

# *La Sociedad de la Entrada*

## *After Action Report for Dedication Event 6/30/07*

### *Event*

The event was the Dedication of a new Camino Real Sign at Tome Hill Park. This is the first of a series of signs marking the Camino Real Trail. This project is a joint venture between the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and local trail site owners. According to the BLM's News Release "Armchair travelers can take a virtual tour of the trail on the web at [http://www.blm.gov/heritage/adventures/menu/featured\\_site\\_nm.html](http://www.blm.gov/heritage/adventures/menu/featured_site_nm.html)." It was a nice Saturday morning.

### *Muster*

We mustered three people, Mike Bilbo, Dave Poulin, Austin Dimick, and we tagged a fourth in the parking lot, Eloy Marquez who was walking by while we were dressing. Mike asked him if he wanted to join us and he said yes.



BLM set up a tent for the speakers and audience, and provided refreshments were available.

To start things off we marched Richard Chapman down the hill to the speaker tent. We had no drum but Dave played the fife anyway.

## Speakers

Richard C. Chapman was the Master of Ceremonies. He is a UNM Director, Office of Contract Archaeology and Associate Professor. The featured speakers were:

Aaron Mahr, Superintendent, National Trail System, Intermountain Region, National Park Service  
Sarah Schlanger, Associate State Archeologist, NM Bureau of Land Management  
Stuart Ashman, Cabinet Secretary, Department of Cultural Affairs  
Michael Cerletti, Cabinet Secretary, Tourism  
Juan Manuel Solana, Consul of Mexico  
Katherine (Kak) Slick, State Historic Preservation Officer  
Estevan Rael-Galvez, NM State Historian  
Jeff Bingaman, Senator, his delegate Mark Wonder  
Pete Domenici, Senator, his delegate, Callie Gibson  
Heather Wilson, Representative, her delegate Lorrie Loomis  
Michael S. Sanchez, Senator, Valencia County  
Andrew Barreras, Representative, Valencia County  
Craig L. Newbill, Executive Director, NM Endowment for the Humanities  
Pat Beckett, President, Camino Real Trail Association  
Armando Alvarez, Artist, La Puerta del Sol  
Georgia Otero-Kirkham, Commissioner, Valencia County  
Ron Gentry, Former Representative and current County Commissioner  
Ronnie Torres, Mayor, Belen  
Robert Vialpando, Councilor, Village of Los Lunas  
Paul Nathanson, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, UNM and a member of the Board of Directors of the Valley Improvement Association and The Manzano Conservation Foundation  
Jacqueline Guilbault, Valley Improvement Association and The Manzano Conservation Foundation



## *The Unveiling*



After the speech we marched Aaron Mahr and Sarah Schlanger to the sign for the unveiling. L-R: Mike, Eloy (behind him), Sarah, Aaron, Dave, and Austin.



Here it comes...



L-R: Eloy, Mike, Austin, and Dave with the new sign.



These Carreteras were built by Eloy Marquez. We knew he really was an engineer when we saw how he dismantled it and stowed it in the back of his truck. *Photos by Dave Poulin.*

## **Conclusion**

This event was a new experience for us. Perhaps there will be more in the future. Tomé Hill Park is east of Tomé. From New Mexico State Highway 47, visitors coming from north of Tomé should take La Entrada east to the park. From the south, take Romero Road to La Entrada, then follow La Entrada north to the park. The park contains the impressive Puerta del Sol sculpture by Armando Alvarez that commemorates the Spanish colonists coming into New Mexico in 1598.

Dave

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