

Helendale, California

Mojave Trail Days 1 and 2 Oct 2011

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A view of the camp at Helendale

A small group of ACWS members supported the Community event at Helendale, CA on 1 and 2 Oct. The ACWS supported this first time event in 2010. Some of us affectionately call it the stormy dust bowl. There was nothing but dirt. For 2011 the organizer planted grass which turned out absolutely awesome and made a HUGE difference. The event on Saturday consisted of living history (educating the public), two skirmishes, a Civil War talk, and a ladies tea.

Although small the skirmishes were well attended by the public and our folks put on a grand display of martial conflict. The Civil War talk was conducted by Gary Iverson, Tom Atkins, Dave Bolin and Lisa Coffey. These folks did an absolute fantastic job of educating the public. Intro by Gary and then point, counter point by Tom (Confed) and Dave Bolin (Union) on why the war was fought. Lisa presented the Civilian perspective. The public loved it. The ladies tea was set up under two 15x15 canopies and it was crowded. The tea was a major hit with the public as well as our ladies. Faye Crichton did a really grand job of organizing the tea and was supported by our ladies in setting it up and making it happen. Joyce Bolin as always lent her knowledge and skills and the ladies loved the whole event.



ACWS forces preparing to take the field



The ladies tea

On Sunday the day started out with a period church service led by Chaplain Holt supported by Lisa Coffey as the song leader. Belinda Gail, seven times Country Music Association Female Singer of the Year attended as did several sinners from the ACWS as you can see.



Chaplain Rich Holt leads Sunday Service



Song Leader Lisa Coffey



Sinners Row

We conducted Living History and two skirmishes. Last year the event was only one day. This year it was two. The whole event was well supported by the community.

On Sunday to support the two skirmishes a ¾ scale napoleon unexpectedly showed up, courtesy of Dan Bergman. Although small the public thought it was really great.

All the way around this was a fun event, even though it was quite warm on Saturday, this event is what the ACWS is all about, educating the public and allowing us to enjoy our hobby.

I want to personally thank the following folks for coming and supporting the ACWS, whether it was a day trip which some did, or the whole weekend (and I hope I didn't miss anyone):

In grey or butternut: Ray Daniel, Sat, John Quesenberry, Sat, David Grimsrud, Sat, Tom Akins, Sat, Ron Jacques, Sat, Gary Iverson, Sat & Sun, Michael DeGregorio, Sat & Sun, David and Joyce Bolin, Sat & Sun, Dave and Faye Crichton, Sat & Sun, Bill Dean, Sun

In blue; 71st Penn- Ted Pawlowski, Sat & Sun, Nikko Rice, Sat & Sun, William Nichols, Sat & Sun, Jason and Lisa Coffey, Sat & Sun David Downey (Fish), Sat & Sun, Gino Abaldo (Fish), Sat, Ken Dacey, Sun, Laura Klinger-Smith, Sat & Sun

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Chris and Michelle Russell, Sat & Sun, Ethan Lujan, Sat & Sun, Rocky Morales, Sat & Sun, Dan Bergman, Sun, Bob Kacmar, Sat, Troy

Chaplain Rich Holt

Thanks! Dave Crichton