



Tolliver Tales

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Filming A French Documentary



Virginie Instructs Photographer/Rider

Saturday February 4 was a delightful day for filming a documentary about Salomon Pico and Los Alamos Valley. Virginie Goubier is a journalist/filmmaker/producer working for

European TV networks currently filming for a TV show called *Invitation Au Voyage*, broadcast on **ARTE**, the equivalent of **BBC** in France and Germany. She contacted me to assist in filming a segment called *Zorro and the Spanish Heritage of California*. Our first morning involved filming in the **Union Hotel** in **Los Alamos** where Virginie and photographer Alexandre filmed me speaking, entering the saloon, departing the saloon, walking along the boardwalk, etc., for two hours. At noon we drove out to the Cottonwood Ranch.

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Filming Zorro



Alexandre Checks Camera Gear

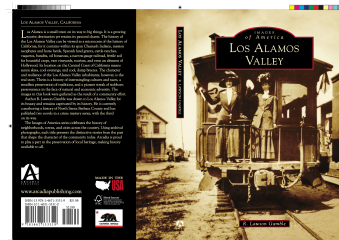
Here we met our rider who would photograph the terrain ahead while riding her stallion Sea Lion, emulating a sense of what Salomon (aka Zorro) might have seen while galloping through the area. Those shots were augmented with footage from ground cameras and drone aerial shots. When the director was satisfied, we went back to Los Alamos to film more of the town and more footage of the exterior of the Union Hotel. The last hour of filming took place in Canada de la Calaveras (Canyon of the Skulls, for the human bones found there), today known as Drum Canyon. Salomon Pico was thought to have used the canyon to hide his victims.

It was a long but exciting day. Virginie expects to have the film ready to send to Paris in three weeks, and the TV segment will be aired in about two months. There will be more information in this column closer to the time.

Meanwhile, Zack Tolliver #6 **Canaan's Secret** is ever closer to completion. The first draft is nearly done, ready for the first read-through and then off to our Beta Readers.

We will launch several **Free eBook Campaigns** in the next weeks and months for **Zaca**, **Cat**, and **Under Desert Sand** on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). Watch for more information at the author site rlawsongamble.com.

The author accepted an invitation from the Central Dunes Chapter of the *California Writers Club* to participate in the **Local Author Fair** March 18 (11-4) at Trilogy-Monarch Dunes in Nipoma. Again, more information will appear at rlawsongamble.com.



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