Your intrepid editor and his pretty wife Liliana were hankering for a historical society event to attend, and didn’t have to venture far! Just up the road a-piece, our friends at the Ridge Route Communities Museum (<http://ridgeroutemuseum.org/>) came to the rescue! Turns out last October would’ve been the 100th centennial anniversary of the Hotel Lebec, a swanky gambling hotspot and hotel, which was a must-visit for travelers along the Ridge Route.

(Photo above courtesy Lori Woten, photo below courtesy scvhistory.com.)

Even though the Hotel is no longer standing, it’s fans and friends at the Ridge Route Communities Museum put together a wonderful evening with entertaining and informative skits and a delicious meal. It was held at the beautiful Fort Tejon Ranch Office, and we all felt like we stepped back in time to the Hotel Lebec’s heyday.Thanks to Bonnie Kane and all wonderful volunteers at The Ridge Route Communities Museum for making us feel so welcome.

One of the highlights of visiting the area was a chance to see one of the remaining Umbrellas from the 1991 massive Christo and Jeanne-Claude art display. Pictured here is your intrepid editor, waiting for rain.