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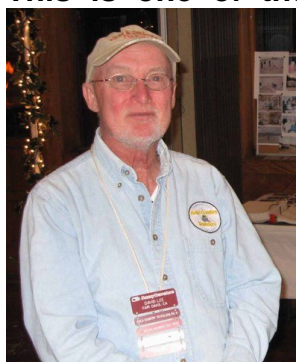
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President's Message

What can I say about a club that throws a 10th anniversary party like we had on February 14, 2009! Looking back on the choice of Valentines Day, I say that it was perfect, a day that signifies love. This is one of the things that this club is about – the love and brotherhood that we show each other at our outings and meetings.



I am also proud of the fact that we are finally considering an “associate member” status for former members (those who have left he club for what ever reason) who would like to become active with the club.

Let's hope and pray that this club goes forward with as much success as it has achieved.

P.S. – For any of you who missed the February 14th party, you missed the best party, by far, that this club has ever thrown. Next time Bryce and Bessie plan a party – be there!

Dave

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John & Karen Puthuff
Wagon Masters

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January Outing

Pelican Point, Half Moon Bay, Ca

January's outing was held at Pelican Point RV Park, in the city of Half Moon Bay, CA. Wagon Masters Ken and Cricket Couser arrived early in the afternoon on Thursday, January 22nd. Scott and Christy Nyland arrived later that afternoon. After getting setup, Cricket and I took a quick tour of the town and had a late lunch at Sam's Café, plenty of good food and a very reasonable price. The weather was drizzly and overcast, but the town and countryside were absolutely beautiful. We got back to the park in time for Scott and Christy to join us in a short walk to the beach overlook. The sun was just setting and it was a magnificent sight.

On Friday, the rest of our group, Ken and Yvonne Collins, arrived. They

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May 15-17

Rio Viento, Rio Vista
Jim & Judy McGrew
Wagon Masters

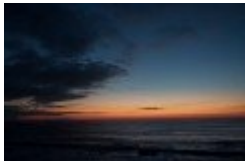
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Pelican Point



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(January cont'd) were just in time to set up and then join Cricket and I for



lunch and a tour of a couple of local thrift shops. It was a fun trip, marred only by an error on the part of the lead car's navigator that sent us the wrong way on 101. The culprit will remain nameless, but his initials are KC, and he's not married to Yvonne! ☺ Scott and Christy took a walking tour of downtown Half Moon Bay and later filled us in on some of the local lore. Dinner that night was at Cameron's British Inn & Pub.

They bill themselves as a B&B, bed and beer (they don't do breakfast)! ☺ The inside of the pub was decorated in a very interesting fashion and had quite a warm and homey feel to it. The food was wonderful and the company was grand. A good time was had by all. After dinner we retired to the park's clubhouse, where we had birthday cake and ice cream. Ken and Yvonne introduced us to a game that was new to other four of us, called Sequence. We played late and enjoyed it immensely.

Saturday we all went our separate ways investigating various parts of the surrounding countryside. We arrived back in camp in time to prepare our potluck dinner. Cricket's stew was a big hit, as was Christy's salad and Yvonne's dessert. We again played Sequence well into the night, then retired for a well earned rest.

On Sunday we said our goodbyes all too soon. It was a fun weekend, which we all enjoyed. We would highly recommend Pelican Point for future outings. Many thanks to Ken, Yvonne, Scott and Christy for the help and fellowship this weekend.

Ken and Cricket Couser, Wagon Masters

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February – Outing

10th Anniversary Celebration at Far Horizons 49er Village, Plymouth, Bryce & Bessie Smith, Wagon Masters

10 years ago we were just strangers, with nothing in common but for the love of camping and owning a SunnyBrook trailer. A group of SunnyBrook owners met for the first time at Pan Pacific Trailer Sales and in February 1999 Gold Country Travelers was formed. We were just strangers then, but after the first outing we became friends, now we are like one big family.

It is said that when you are having fun, time flies by. That is so true. In February we returned to the 49er Village R.V. Resort in Plymouth to celebrate our 10th anniversary outing. 18 rigs were lined up by Friday, some were charter members, and some were former members and one couple who would join our club on Saturday. They had to brave wind, rain and snow to make the reunion but brave it they did. It was a grand time to talk to former members who we had not seen in a long time and to welcome the new members into our

10th Anniversary



(February cont'd) family.

On Thursday we had 8 rigs in camp and for an icebreaker, we went to the Jackson Indian Casino to sample their smorgasbord. It was a 2 for 1 night and the food was delicious and all you could eat. Friday night we met at the clubhouse for dinner. Each family brought their own meal with them to either warm in the microwave oven or cook their meat on the BBO. After dinner there was the obligatory card game of 31 with only a few people leaving early to get things ready for Saturday night.

On Saturday, the clubhouse was closed at noon so the Wagon Masters, Bessie and Bryce Smith and a host of volunteers could decorate the room. Bessie had chosen a black, white and silver theme and it followed throughout with black & white dinner settings and matching napkins and silver ware, engraved Gold Country Travelers wine glasses, crystal water glasses and black and silver table runners with electric candles. Balloons were throughout the room, some with lights and Happy Anniversary on them and a large "Welcome Gold Country Travelers" banner to greet members and guests as they arrived. Upon entering the room, everyone walked through an arch way of garland and more balloons. A wine bar was on hand as well as a roaring fire in the fireplace. During happy hour, appetizers were served as people mingled and renewed old friendships and started new ones.

Dinner was served at 6:30 with three kinds of barbequed meats and more side dishes than the 60 members and guests could possibly eat. Two large decorated cakes along with pie and coffee rounded out the dinner menu. After Grace was said, the lights were dimmed and the tables shimmering with candlelight, we held our wine glasses high to toast a great evening of friendship. This night will be long remembered.



After dinner over 40 gifts were handed out by Dave, courtesy of our club sponsor, Jays Trailers and then in honor of Valentines Day, Bessie gave each lady a single rose and a signed certificate of membership to all members present.

We were greeted Sunday morning to an excellent breakfast courtesy of our members and after a brief meeting; we said our goodbyes until we meet again next month in Bodega Bay.

Check out our website for all the pictures and upcoming outing details.

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2009 Outing Calendar

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March 26-28 - Bodega Bay,
Puthuff's, Wagon Masters

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April 3-4 – Woodson Bridge
Leard's, Wagon Masters

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May 14-17 Rio Viento Rv Park
McGrew's, Wagon Masters

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June 18-21 - Pine Acres RV
Resort, Upper Lake
Isola's, Wagon Masters

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June 29-July 3 – Olema
Ranch Nyland's, Wagon
Masters

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Aug 20-23 - Dillon Beach
Dave & Marsha Lee, Wagon
Masters

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Sept 10-14 - Napa Valley Expo
– Watkins & Cooper's
Wagon Masters

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Oct 10-12 - Cowboy Film
Festival, Lone Pine –
Harris', Wagon Masters

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Nov 10-22– JGW-Redding
Hitt's, Wagon Masters

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New Grand Daughter

Dave and Marsha Lee proudly announce the birth of their granddaughter Adriana Sophia Lee. Adriana was born on February 20, 2009 in Hoboken, NJ. She weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Darrin and Renata Lee. Mom, baby and dad are doing fine. Dave arrived the night before just in time to get a couple hours of sleep before heading off to the hospital.



New members



Meet our newest members, Kay and Eula Irwin, Joining us at the 10th anniversary celebration Kay and Eula are friends of Ken and Vivian Ha and have purchased their Sunnybrook.

Meeting minutes

February 15, 2009
Plymouth, CA

President Dave Lee called the meeting to order at 9:25 AM. A thank you was extended to Bryce and Bessie for the wonderful party they arranged for our 10th anniversary. Thanks also went to Janet and Randy Fox, (Bessie's daughter and son in law) for all of their help.

Murl Poynter talked about an extended trip to Yuma next January or February. Those interested should contact Murl.

Upcoming trips:

March 26-28, Bodega Bay, John and Karen Puthuff, wagon masters.

Dec - Christmas Party,
Cindy Gore

(Minutes Cont'd)

Sunnybrook
2009 International Rally

June 29- July 3, 2009

Hamburg, NY

Many signs of evidence such as arrowheads left by the Kahquak Indians and the Erie Indians have been found along the Eighteen Mile Creek and around the Erie County Fairgrounds. The name of "Lake Erie" and "Erie County" is derived from the Erie Indians.

The Town of Hamburg is internationally famous for its Devonian fossils and shale outcroppings along the bank of the Eighteen Mile Creek. The Kleis site, located across from the Erie County Fair Grounds, is on the National Register for historic places.

[More info](#)

April 24-26. Woodson Bridge, Greg and Jennifer Leard, wagon masters.

May 15-17, Rio Viento, Jim and Judy McGrew, wagon masters.

John Saylor requested any changes for the 2009 roster.

Dave reminded people to fill in the months of 2010.

Dave spoke about the rule concerning former members who had purchased a different brand of trailer or fifth wheel or a motor home. He felt that they should now be associate members. A motion was made by Bryce Smith and seconded by several people.

A vote was taken and the motion passed. Bryce will write the required by-law change and present it to the club.

Dave announced that Janice Saylor is resigning as secretary and asked members to think about taking the job.

The meeting was adjourned to take a group picture.

**Respectfully submitted,
Janice Saylor, Secretary**

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2009 Roster

The 2009 Roster is finished and will be printed and in the mail this week.

Upcoming Outings and Events

March 26-28, Bodega Bay RV Park

John & Karen Puthuff, Wagon Masters. Full hookups, Pull Thru Sites, Cable TV, \$40.95 per night. This is one of the clubs favorite destinations. Contact John or Karen at 916-482-9299 to see if there is still space available.

April 24-26, Woodson Bridge RV Park

Greg & Jennifer Leard, Wagon Masters. On the Sacramento River near Corning, Ca. Call (530)367-2168 to sign up.

May 15-17 – Rio Viento RV Park

Jim & Judy McGrew invite you to join us at a new place we have not been to before. On the Sacramento River near Antioch. Call (530)621-4488 to sign up.

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TECH TIP – Running Light Covers



Before



Remove the cover by removing the internal screws, pull the backing out, twist out the socket to release the backing- plate.

This tip is a reprint from one that was in the newsletter several years ago. The running lights on some of our rigs have snap on covers. Some of us have experienced vandals removing the covers or having them knocked off by bushes and tree limbs. I also lost a couple while washing the roof when the garden hose caught one and it fell to the ground and broke. Finding an exact replacement can sometimes be difficult.

My solution was to drill the covers to match the inside mounting holes and remount using longer screws. Now the covers are more difficult to remove and they will not be accidentally brushed off.

Put the cover back on the backing and drill a hole from the backside through the cover using the backing as a guide. Use a drill bit to match the size of the screws.



Put it all back together using longer screws through the cover



The cover is now securely attached and much harder to remove by vandals or get knocked off accidentally.

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Newsletter Deadlines – For this next year we plan on publishing the newsletter during the second week of the 3rd month of each quarter. So for the first quarter please have all articles for publication to me by March 6, the 2nd quarter by May 8, third quarter by September 4 and 4th quarter by November 7.

Wagon Masters should send their stories of their campout soon after its over to John Saylor for this newsletter and also to Bessie Smith for inclusion in the National Magazine.



Lee, Richard	8-Jan
Couser, Ken	23-Jan
Couser, Cricket	15-Feb
Fernandez, Ed	20-Feb
Saylor, John	22-Feb
Nyland, Christy	23-Feb
Cooper, Roberta	6-Mar
Kuhlman, Jo-Ann	10-Mar
Saylor, Janice	15-Mar
Puthuff, John	18-Mar
Rogers, Chuck	19-Mar
Bilheimer, Carol	31-Mar

Harris, Aaron & Carmen	22-Jan
Puthuff, John & Karen	30-Jan
Saylor, John & Janice	30-Mar

Website Update

Thanks to those that send pictures of the outings.

We had a suggestion at the last outing to add a section on favorite RV Parks and those that we should stay away from. Many of us take long distance and out of state trips. Where do you stop for the night such as on your way to Yuma, San Diego, Oregon, I80 or US 50 heading East. Send me your recommendations and I will set up a page with the info.

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