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The Big 31 Game

President's Message

I would like to say thank you to John Saylor, Bessie Smith, Bryce Smith and Cindy Gore who have been integral in our club duties.



John has handled our web site, roster and our newsletter and is now also going to submit our quarterly write-ups for the national newsletter. The club presented John with a token of our appreciation at the Christmas party, but I just want to add my heartfelt thanks.

Bryce and Bessie have handled the secretary job and national newsletter co-ordination. It's a lot of work with very little recognition. Both of these members are to be commended for a job well done.

And Cindy, what do we say about Cindy? After losing her husband and fellow charter member Bobby Gore, Cindy took on the job of Treasurer and did an outstanding job.

These are great examples of why my job of President of this great club is a lot easier. We have had a great crew of officers that run the club and 2011 continues in this fashion.

Again, thank you John, Bryce, Bessie and Cindy and may you enjoy the rest of your time as Gold Country Traveler's.

Keep on RVing,
Dave

October Outing at Durango RV Resort

October 7-10, 2010

Ken & Vivienne Ha, Wagon Masters

On October 7, 2010, ten intrepid travelers (the Collins, Diggins, Has, Harris, Hitts, Kochies, Kuhlmanns, Poynters, Puthuffs, and Saylor) made their way to the wilds of Red Bluff California where they dismounted from their "steeds" and made camp at the Durango RV Park. They spent the



Durango, a luxurious park



Ducks on the river at JGW



Premium spaces on the river



Dessert Time



Good to see Jack & Betty



**Dave Congratulates Cindy,
Job Well Done**

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first day of the long weekend resting from the arduous trip, raising their awnings, and adjusting their slides. Many had brought along their camp chairs that they toted over to their neighbors' campsites for an afternoon of visiting. Since there were no regulated activities, some members hiked (you know who these were), and some investigated the campground that probably should not be referred to as a "campground" as it is fully equipped with many extras such as fountains, a doggy wash area, workout room etc.

On Friday, the original pilgrims were happy to greet two more of their group (the Nylands and the Coopers) making the total twelve. After another afternoon spent hiking, swimming, shopping, sightseeing,



antiquing, visiting museums, etc., all huddled together and made a wagon train to a local eatery called M & M Ranch House. Twenty-five hungry patrons were served their vittles, paid their tabs, and were back at their campsites in good time. Some enjoyed the campfire provided by Durango, and the rest visited. Every evening the usual

"31" drew those not in Gamblers Anonymous to the tables. At this time we could announce the winners, but the IRS is probably watching.

Saturday was spent much as Friday except for the wagon masters and Willie Mae Saylor who had visited the Asian community to gather the main eats for the Saturday night potluck. They decorated the round tables with gold tablecloths, flowers, chopsticks, parasols, and Japanese bowls filled with Japanese crackers. As usual, everyone dug deeply into their cabinets and provided exceptional grub to go along with the Teriyaki chicken, rice, and the sushi that was made by Ken Ha. Some adventuresome eaters even tried the Korean kimchi and Japanese onions. Carmen stir-fried green beans on the campground stove, and in keeping with the Asian theme, Howard tried his hand at sushi and Jane made fried rice with vegetables. All efforts at filling out the menu with delicious appetizers, salads, and desserts are truly appreciated by the wagon masters and Willie Mae. After dinner all enjoyed a game with prizes.

Sunday morning most of the group left to make their way home, with just five die-hard families staying to rough it alone. The waterlogged and sunburned Puthuffs joined the



Poynters, Kochies, Harris' and Has in making it another enjoyable evening. No one caring to fix dinner, the women folk and Larry Kochie rustled up food either left over or scavenged from iceboxes or cabinets.

Monday morning as is traditional, Ken Ha tried to be the first camper to leave, but this time, taking over for

2011 Outings

Jan 16-23 - The Palms RV Resort,
Yuma, AZ, Rogers, Wagon Masters
[Details](#)

February 3-6 - Flag City RV Park
Lodi, Ca. Ken & Yvonne Collins
Wagon Masters
[Details](#)

Mar 17-20 - [Bodega Bay](#),
Jim & Judy McGrew,
Wagon Masters

Apr 7-10 - [Angels Camp](#)
Murl & Jane Poynter, Wagon
Masters

May 19-22 - [Petaluma - Salute to
American Graffiti](#) -
Howard & Judy Hitt Wagon Masters

June 16-19 - [Durango](#) RV Resort
Ken & Cricket
Wagon Masters

July 19-22 - [Olema Resort - Details](#)
Scott & Christy Nyland, Wagon
Masters

Aug - [Lawsons Landing](#)
Dillon Beach,
Dave & Marsha Lee,
Wagon Masters

Sept - Jack & Betty Diggins,
Wagon Masters

Oct 20-23- [Almond Tree RV Park](#)
in Chico,
Bob & Jo-Ann Kuhlman,
Wagon Masters.

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Jack Isola, the Puthuffs were the first to go. The wagon masters, tired but satisfied, wish to thank everyone for pulling for them, helping them, and encouraging them, especially Janice Saylor who advised the wagon mistress to just "BREATHE."

November at JGW RV Resort

November 11-14, 2010

Murl and Jane Poynter, Wagon Masters

The last Club RV outing of the year was November 11-14 at JGW RV Park in Redding, CA. The Kochies, Has, Nylands, and Isolas joined wagon masters Jane and Murl Poynter for a four-day weekend on the Sacramento River. Because the group was small, we were able secure spaces along the river.



This was Betty and Jack's Isola's first outing since his hip surgery and it was his 83rd birthday. We celebrated Friday evening with dinner at Nello's Place, Italian Restaurant in Redding, followed by dessert in the Poynter's RV.

Everyone found interesting things do from hiking, visiting Shasta Caverns, and visiting Turtle Bay and the Sundial Bridge. We also discovered the Sundial Park adjacent to the Redding City Hall. The original art, metal sculptures and landscaping was very interesting and well worth the visit. Saturday evening we enjoyed a group dinner in the clubhouse. Larry Kochie prepared the main course of Swiss steak and the rest of the group provided sides and desserts. The traditional Thirty-One card game was the after dinner game of choice. Christy and Scott Nyland were the "big" winners (\$5 each).



The weekend was relaxing, the weather was perfect and the food great. We couldn't ask for more. We are all looking forward to the annual Christmas dinner next month at Logan's Road House Restaurant.

Gold Country Travelers Christmas Party at Logan's Road House

December 4, 2010



The Gold Country Traveler's Christmas dinner was held Saturday, Dec. 4 at Logan's Roadhouse restaurant. Cindy Gore organized a wonderful evening for 24 attendees. Cindy had the tables

Nov -
John & Janice Saylor
Wagon Masters

Dec 3 - Christmas Party,
Logan's Road House
Cooper-Watkins

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decorated in a Christmas theme with candy and candle filled Christmas containers for each couple to take home. We were fortunate to have "L" as our main server plus a number of assistants. "L" served us last year, also. A number of appetizers were served which we all nibbled on while we visited during our social hour.

After ordering meals, President Dave Lee welcomed everyone and introduced the Isola's friend and the Poynter's friends. He then presented the slate of officers which was unanimously agreed upon by those in attendance. The officers for the coming year are:



President – Dave Lee
Vice President – Chuck Rogers
Treasurer – Ken Couser
Secretary – Dick LaVergne
Cindy Gore stepped down as treasurer and Bryce Smith stepped down as secretary. John Saylor continues to do the newsletter, website and yearly roster. As a token of appreciation for

all of the work that he does, the club presented him with a gift certificate for a dinner out.

The Poynters volunteered to take on the November 2011 outing which was open. (later the Saylor and Poynters swapped months) Larry Cooper and Shirley Watkins volunteered to do the 2011 Christmas dinner and have made reservations at Logan's Road House.

Dinner was served which everyone enjoyed. Everything was tasty and the portions were very adequate. We continued to visit and have dessert. Then it was time to say our goodbyes and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks to Cindy for putting on such a wonder Christmas dinner for the club!

Marsha

Vintage Camping



Early day Tent Campers. I found these on one of my Model T club websites.

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Dues

Along with the new year comes the time to renew our membership and pay our dues. Send your checks for \$15.00, made out to Gold Country Travelers, to our new treasurer, Ken Couser, 9060 Vista Del Rio, Fair Oaks, 95628.

Roster Updates

Please take time to review your roster information and send any correction or changes to me at jsaylor@surewest.net

Website

Thanks to all who send pictures for the website. Also please send me info on your upcoming outing and I will add the details to the Outing calendar. I have added a Recipe page and also updated the Tech Tips page, making it much easier to add more items. So, send them in.

Upcoming Outings

**January 16-23, 2010
The Palms RV Resort, Yuma, Arizona
Chuck and Arlys Rogers Wagon Masters**

It's all set. We have six rigs (plus the Rogers) going with some stopping off in Quartzsite and other favorite places along the way.

**February 3-6, 2011
Flag City RV Park, Lodi**

**Come one and all, Join Ken & Yvonne for a fun filled weekend for the
"RED, WHITE & BLUE"**

**in "Live-able", "Love-able", "Like-able" LODI
Note: Wearing of Patriotic Apparel encouraged.**

Fees are \$39.60/night(incl.Tx) for full-hookup, pull-throughs, with clubroom/kitchen facility.

Please mail \$39.60 by Jan. 15th to reserve your space to: Yvonne Collins, stating arrival and departure dates. 14469 Acacia St., San Leandro 94579. (510) 351-1979

March 17-20 - Bodega Bay RV Park.

One of our favorite places to enjoy the beach, good food and just hangin' out

Contact Jim & Judy McGrew, Wagon Masters
(530) 621- 4488

Recipes

SPANISH BREAKFAST CASSEROLE -

Submitted by Willie Mae Saylor (Ken & Vivienne Ha's friend)

12 slices bread (very lightly buttered)
2 cups grated cheddar & jack cheese
2 4-oz. cans diced green chiles
2 4-oz. cans diced black olives
1 1/4 lb. Jimmy Dean sausage (browned and crumbled)
or 2 lb. of ham, finely minced
8 eggs
4 cups milk
1 cup diced mushrooms
1 tsp salt (I use less)

Tear bread and layer in 9 x 13 dish Alternate layers of all ingredients except milk and eggs ending with half of cheese on top of casserole.

Beat eggs well and add milk and salt, pour over all of casserole and refrigerate over night.

Remove from refrigerator next morning and cook in oven at 350 degrees for one hour.

Cowboy Caviar

by Roberta Cooper

1 (15 oz) can Shoepeg Corn, drained
1 can Black-eyed Peas, drained
1 - 2 Avocado, cubed
2/3 cup of chopped Cilantro
2 bunches of green onions (@ 2/3 cup)
1/2 cup chopped tomatoes
Dressing
1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
2 cloves garlic, minced
3/4 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. cumin

Combine ingredients, add dressing.

Serve with chips and /or fresh French bread.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Past Quarter

Happy Birthday to:

Jerry, Billips	2-Oct
Marsha, Lee	12-Oct
Bessie, Smith	28-Oct
Jane Poynter	7-Nov
Jack Isola	10-Nov
Ken Collins	20-Nov
Shirley Watkins	22-Nov
Jerry Kessell	21-Nov
Arlys Rogers	24-Nov
Vivienne Ha	4-Dec
Bob Kuhlman	10-Dec
Carmen Harris	16-Dec

Happy Anniversary to:

Ed & Joan Fernandez	4-Oct
Greg & Jennifer Leard	26-Oct
Chuck & Arlys Rogers	8-Nov
Jack & Betty Diggins	8-Nov
Jerry & Maryan Billips,	28-Nov
Bryce & Bessie Smith	28-Nov
Howard & Judy Hitt	2-Dec
Larry & Roberta Cooper	12-Dec
Murl & Jane Poynter	20-Dec
Dick & Carol Bilheimer	21-Dec
Ken & Cricket Couser	31-Dec

Editor's Notes

Past newsletters are achieved on the "[NEWS](#)" tab on the club website.

Newsletter Deadlines – For this year I plan on starting the newsletter during the third week of the 3rd month of each quarter. So for the first quarter please have all articles for publication to me by March 21, the 2nd quarter by June 20, third quarter by September 20 and 4th quarter by December 20.

Wagon Masters - Please send the stories of your campout soon after it is over to John Saylor (jsaylor@surewest.net)

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