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## President's Message

As our 12th year as a club comes to a close, it makes me proud that our club is staying as active and vibrant as it has. All you have to do to check out the Sunnys Times Magazine and see all of the chapters that have come and gone. So give yourselves a great big cheer and think about what we all can do to make our second decade as a club as exciting as the first decade.



As always, I think that our club excels because we as members excel and try to make our club fun and worthwhile. So my hat is off to all of you, my fellow members of Gold Country Travelers. Let the good times continue to roll!

Happy RVing,  
Dave

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## July Outing at Casini Ranch

July 22-25, 2010

Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master

The Gold Country Travelers July 2010 RV trip was to Casini Ranch, a 110 acre RV/Campground on the Russian River. Cassini is located just minutes from Duncan Mills, just off highway 116 in Sonoma County, and just a few miles from the ocean. It was a well maintained locale with its

own general store, club ranch hall and duck pond.

The group had 10 rigs made up of the Collins', Fernandez', Ha's, Harris', Hitt's, Kuhlman's, Rogers' Saylor's, LaVergne and the Nyland's who stayed at the Duncan Mills campground down the road.

Matching the great company was excellent weather. Friday night was





Die Hard 31 Players at Casini

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### 2010 Outing Calendar

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**October 8-10**  
**Durango RV Resort,**  
**Red Bluff**  
**Ha, Wagon Masters**

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**November 11-13**  
**JGW RV Park,**  
**Redding,**  
**Poynter, Wagon Masters**

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**Dec 4 Christmas Dinner**  
**at Logan's Road House,**  
**Cindy Gore**

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### 2011 Outings

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

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

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**Apr 7-10 - [Angels Camp](#) John &**  
**Janice Saylor, Wagon Masters**

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dinner at the Blue Heron just down the road which got rave reviews from on-line sites. However, it seemed the food was a little uneven, with the service also a little disorganized and slow (I'm being charitable here..... if you want the nitty gritty, Jo-Ann Kuhlman will be glad to provide a more graphic review..... chuckle). On Saturday, many in the group headed for the ocean, hiking and a few of us attended a fund raising rummage sale to help preserve a local beach. None of us walked away with too many treasures, although I did find a piggy bank for the Hitts in honor of their pig-extravaganza the month before.

The Saturday night potluck was a treat as always, followed by a "TV Series - Name That Tune" game that Dick LaVergne MC'd. Sure, sounds easy enough. For instance, we all know the *Batman Theme* right? Or, say the *Gilligan's Island Theme* ("a three hour tour") But, would you recognize the *Doogie Howser* music or how about the *King of Queens* tune? I'm not sure who should have been the winner. The one who knew the most TV tunes or the least. Actually, we were all winners and having a good time doing it.

Chuck Rogers followed a delicious Sunday potluck breakfast with a short business meeting in which upcoming trips were covered.

One final note. Cassini Ranch requires a one night's deposit with stiff cancellation fees and a \$300 deposit for the meeting room. Also, there is now a \$25 charge for use of the meeting room. All told, it is expensive up front to book this destination which may affect its desirability in the future.

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### August Outing at Dillon Beach

August 25 - 29, 2010

Dave and Marsha Lee, Wagon Masters

This was our twelfth annual spaghetti feed weekend. How time flies when you are having fun. Three rigs arrived on Wednesday (Dave's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday). This year we made the trip without our trailer falling off the truck. How nice! The Lee's, Dick LaVergne and the Stohlman's got set up and had fantastic appetizers, dinner and dessert and then it was off to bed.

On Thursday, ten more rigs arrived. The "circle of wagons" was getting quite large and there were still three more arriving on Friday. We all went to dinner at Dillon's Beach Café, the local diner, and had a good time. At our table the fish tacos and chicken pot pie were exceptionally good. We got back to camp and visited around the fire and got caught up on each other's activities.



Friday was the "big walk" which included spreading some of charter dog Spridle's ashes down on the beach. This was his favorite place to run and race Schnitzel. Five of us and two dogs made the entire walk. Mean while, Howard Hitt and his trusty assistant, John Watkins, trucked

down the coast through road work to get 12 dozen large oysters for

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

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June - [Jackson Rancheria](#)  
Jerry & Sherry Kessell  
Wagon Masters

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

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

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Sept - Jack & Betty Diggins,  
Wagon Masters

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

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Nov -  
Wagon Master needed

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Dec - Christmas Party, Cindy Gore

appetizers for Friday night's clam chowder feed.

The last 3 rigs came on Friday – the Leard's, Jennifer's sister and significant other and the Harris's in their brand new "86 foot" rig. . Maybe it was only 34 feet. It was very nice – 4 slides and more features than any man or woman could imagine. Dick's cousin, Judy also arrived as did the Hitt's relatives. We ended up with 33 people on Friday.

Friday's dinner started out with delicious barbequed oysters. A big thanks to those who barbequed. They were all cooked perfectly and tasted absolutely wonderful. We were fortunate enough to have some left over's for Saturday night. After clam chowder and blackberry pie for Dave's, Scott's and Howard Hitt's birthday, some brave souls braved the wind and sat by the fire and visited.

Saturday was the annual bocce ball tournament. Larry Cooper and Judy Hitt got the award for being skunked. Croquet was also available.

As usual the Saturday night spaghetti was wonderful. There were also wonderful appetizers, a huge salad, bread and desserts. Again, we had our after dinner fire and visiting time.

Sunday we had a small meeting after a very large breakfast that was delicious. Then we packed up, said our goodbyes and headed for home.

This was a great campout with great friends, great camaraderie and great food. That's what life should be all about.

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"Wagons" circled at Dillon

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### Gold Country Travelers Napa Expo Campout

September 16<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> , 2010  
Hosts – Coopers and Watkins

It was a beautiful Napa Valley weekend, with warm days and cool nights. The weatherman kept predicting rain, but we were not affected. There were 11 rigs, one arrived on Wednesday, 9 on Thursday, and 1 on Friday. Thursday was spent setting up, and a few gathered for a barbecue dinner. All meals were eaten at the picnic tables decorated with a grape theme. That evening the group split with 6 playing 31, and the rest gathering around our enclosed fire place to visit and exchange stories. The 31 game did not break up early - we had to play 2 games. With Howard getting 3 31s in the first game and me winning with a 31, the first game ended too quickly. Christie won the second game.



Some of the Wine Tour gang



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Friday morning 10 of us went Wine tasting. We visited 3 wineries, had a tailgate lunch at Dean and Deluca, and even stopped for a few minutes shopping at Vintage 1870. Our wine tasting started at the North end of the valley, the scenery was just gorgeous. All the vines were loaded with bunches of almost ripe grapes from yellow to dark purple. What a beautiful day.

That evening we had our potluck. The guys fired up the barbecues, yes we even brought one that was charcoal fueled. Appetizers started arriving early- Wow. There were so many appetizers that I had to ask everyone to take them back to their RV so we could set out dinner. Everyone brought their own item to be barbecued. John made his "Salmon a la Dave", and shared it with everyone. It is a recipe for barbecued Salmon originated by his brother Dave, who lives in Alaska, I served homemade raviolis to the group, and I think everyone enjoyed them. Of course we had too much, as usual. Ken and Vivienne Ha told us about the October campout in Red Bluff. "A taste of Asia sounds like lots of fun. Again the group split for games of 31 and the cozy campfire. I think that Howard won a game after 3 31s and Christie won again.

Saturday started out kind of overcast, but the sun broke through for another beautiful day. A few of us drove over to the Farmer's Market in the old Copia parking lot. There was music, lots of organic vegetables, jewelry, soap and more to touch, feel, and buy. That afternoon there was a Hawaiian fair on the Expo grounds. I think we all walked over for part of the day. There was live music, lots of food,



booths with trinkets and clothes. Carmen enjoyed the palm weaver – check out her hat next time you see her! We finished the day with dinner out at Grano, an Italian restaurant in the old Train Depot. The food was great, but a little slow in coming. We arrived at 6:30 and didn't finish until 9:00, too late for a

campfire, but Jo-Ann won at 31..

Sunday morning we gathered for what I thought would be a light breakfast, and it turned into a feast. Thanks to all of you for your thoughtful, tasteful, beautiful, and delicious contributions! John Saylor conducted a short meeting. The rain clouds spit a little mist and then broke up and gave way to that beautiful sunshine. It was a nice way to end the weekend. The park was clean with large paved pull thru spaces. They provided a small room for games or puzzles. The only drawback, no one told us they would not take personal checks. Thanks to the Coopers for handling all the E-mails and the finances, and hosting with us.

Shirley Watkins

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## Upcoming Outings

October 8-10, 2010

**Please join Ken & Vivienne Ha for a "Touch of Asia"**

Durango RV Park, Red Bluff

Sounds like a fun weekend. Contact Vivienne for a last minute reservation  
**(530) 633-2353**

November 11-13

JGW RV Park, Redding, CA

**Join Murl and Jane Poynter for a weekend in Redding at JGW RV Park.**  
**Twelve spaces are reserved for the 3-day weekend.**  
**we can extend through Sunday night for any that wish to stay an extra day.**  
**We can also add more spaces if needed.**

**Contact: [mpoynter@pacbell.net](mailto:mpoynter@pacbell.net); (530) 304-6571**

**Celebrate our great year at the Annual Gold Country Travelers Christmas Party**

December 4, 2010 at Logan's Road House, Sacramento

For more information contact Cindy Gore, [cindy5557@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cindy5557@sbcglobal.net)

**Jan 16-23, 2011** - The Palms RV Resort, Yuma, AZ, [Details](#), Chuck & Arlys Rogers, Wagon Masters. If you are planning to go on this outing, please call the resort as soon as possible and make your reservations directly with them. Phone: (928-341-4646)

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## **Recipes**

We have all enjoyed Howard Hitt's appetizers at our outings. Here is the recipe for his Cocktail Sauce.

### **Cocktail Sauce**

**1 can 12oz tomato sauce**

**¼ cup lemon juice**

**2 tablespoons horseradish**

**½ tablespoon garlic powder**

**2 tablespoons dried onions**

**1 tablespoon Worchester sauce**

**4 dashes of Tabasco sauce**

**Salt & pepper to taste**

**Mix well**

**Enjoy!**

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### **Meeting Minutes**

Gold Country Traveler's  
Dillon's Beach  
Minutes - August 29, 2010

President David Lee called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

He thanked Marsha and all of the others for making the outing successful.

There were several visitors who were visiting with the Harris', Pointer's and the Hitt's. They were all welcomed.

Larry Cooper talked about the September outing at Napa Valley Expo which he and Roberta are co-hosting with John and Shirley Watkins. The outing is September 16 to September 20. There are 12 rigs signed up. Friday night will be a barbeque where everyone brings their own meat. The wagon masters will organize the side dishes to be brought. On Friday there will be a wine tour(s). Saturday morning, there are farmer's markets. Dinner Saturday night will be at the Depot . There will be a \$31.00 credit for each of 15 sites due to a double booking last year.

Ken and Vivienne Ha are the wagon masters for the October 8 - 10 outing at Durango RV Park which is on the river in Red Bluff. There are a lot of things to do up that way. Ken and Vivienne will be contacting you.

Jane Poynter told the details of the November 11-13 outing at JGW RV Park in Redding. She needs to let the park know 30 days in advance, the number of rigs that will be there and will also need a deposit by then. She will contact everyone by e-mail with details.

Cindy Gore is in charge of the Christmas party which is December 4 at Logan's Road House.

Chuck and Arlys Rogers volunteered for the January outing which will be held in Yuma, Arizona.

Christy Nyland noted that the Olema outing would be July 19-21, 2011. This is a Tuesday through Thursday outing.

Tech tip from Jennifer Leard: To stay warmer in your bedroom, shut the bedroom door.

The bocce ball tournament award went to Judy Hitt and Larry Cooper who were skunked out.

The meeting was adjourned about 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Lee - acting secretary

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to:

Isola, Betty	7-Jul
Stohlman, Kathy	13-Jul
Lee, Virginia	22-Jul
Kessell, Shery	24-Jul
McGrew, Judy	4-Aug
Hitt, Howard	8-Aug
Billips, Maryan	11-Aug
McGrew, Jim	19-Aug
Nyland, Scott	22-Aug
Lee, David	25-Aug
Puthuff, Karen	17-Sep
Gore, Cindy	26-Sep

### Happy Anniversary to:

Lee, David & Marsha	19-Jul
Kessell, Jerry & Shery	27-Jul
Ha, Ken & Vivienne	9-Aug
Watkins, John & Shirley	26-Aug
Lee, Richard & Virginia	10-Sep
Stohlman, Howard & Kathy	13-Sep
Kuhlman, Bob & Jo-Ann	26-Sep
Nyland, Scott & Christy	26-Sep



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## Editor's Notes

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**Newsletter Deadlines** – For this year I plan on starting the newsletter during the third week of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of each quarter. So for the first quarter please have all articles for publication to me by March 15, the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter by June 14, third quarter by September 20 and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter by December 20.

**Wagon Masters** - Please send the stories of your campout soon after it is over to John Saylor (jsaylor@surewest.net) for this newsletter and also to Bessie Smith (besseclark@aol.com) for inclusion in the National Magazine.

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