



# Gold Country Travelers

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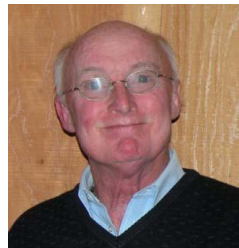
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### President's Message

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Well, here I am again, literally. Since I last saw you, I had a minor stroke. Do not try this as they can be a real B\_ \_ C H! I was in a butcher shop in Hoboken, New Jersey with Marsha, our son, Darrin, and his family when I had the stroke. I really feel that Darrin saved my life. After 6 days in ICU, I went home to Darrin's house. That was the same day that our daughter-in-law was admitted to the same hospital to have labor induced. Giuliana was born the next morning at 4 AM.



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#### *Recent Outing Stories*

##### **January** [Yuma Arizona](#)



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##### **February** [Oroville, Feather Falls](#)



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The doctors thought the stroke was caused by a blood clot, so they were thinning my blood to get rid of the blood clot. The Friday before we flew home, I had another doctor's appointment and it was then determined that I had a Myxoma (a non malignant tumor) in my heart that needed to be removed within the next 2 to 4 weeks. Even though it wasn't wise, I flew home 2 days later because I wanted to and the doctors gave me their permission.

After I got home, I saw my cardiologist and he sent me directly to the hospital from his office (no waiting 2 to 4 weeks). The tumor needed to be removed and if it was not removed, it could cause another stroke. A day and a half later I had open heart surgery to remove the tumor and everything turned out just fine. I am very thankful that my surgeon and cardiologist did the surgery as they both had experience removing a myxoma where the doctors I had in New Jersey did not. I was being watched over. So here we go for another 20 years - hang on gang - we can do it!

Happy Camping,  
Dave

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## Upcoming Outings

### Port O Bodega

#### Bodega Bay

April 19-22

Dick Lavergne, Wagon Master

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### Angeles Camp

May 17-22

Richard & Virginia Lee,  
Wagon Masters

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### Durango RV Resort

#### Red Bluff

June 7-10

Murl & Jane Poynter, Wagon Masters

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### Olema Ranch

July

Scott & Christie Nyland, Wagon masters

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### 2012 Roster

### Recipes

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### Tech Tip

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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### Calendar of Outings

#### Later this year

Check the website for details on  
these outings

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August

Lawson's Landing  
Dillon Beach

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September 20-23  
Calistoga

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October 19-21  
Sugar Barge

## Recent Outings

### **Yuma Arizona Outing, January 18-25**

Chuck & Arlys Rogers, Wagon Masters

The January Outing was held in Yuma Arizona with absolutely beautiful weather. Since it is virtually impossible to get reservations (for less than a month) during the "winter visitor" season, we decided to "try our luck" by just showing up at the Fortuna De Oro RV park. We decided to try this since over the past few years it was noted that many parking spots were available. Getting into the RV Park proved to be no problem at all for those that came down. The Poynter's and Kochie's arrived about a week early and stayed a month or so. The Harris' arrived a week later and stayed about two weeks. The Couser's and Watkins stayed at Quartsite and drove down to Yuma for the Mexican dinner hosted by the Rogers. Later, the Couser's brought their RV down and stayed a few days. The Smith's had a



near catastrophic experience when the pin box on the RV started to come apart. (I'm sure Bryce and Bessie will share the details.) So they had the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel repaired in Bakersfield and came down a week or so later after the repairs were completed.

Shopping and dining out along with a visit to the Bard Model T Museum, a stop for a date shake at the Imperial Date Farm and a sandwich at Lutes Casino was enjoyed by all. A meal out was enjoyed at the Foothills Eatery. The folks went shopping at the 3 Market Places and Mexico as well as other places in the area. An arrival "Happy Hour" was hosted by the Pointers with appetizers and Da Boyz Pizza. The Chuck, Murl, Larry and Aaron played some golf and the girls went shopping. All in all, a good time was the order of the day.

Chuck & Arlys Rogers

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### **Outing to Oroville, February 16-19**

Dick & Carol Bilheimer, Wagon Masters

Eight RVs participated in the Gold Country Travelers Outing to Oroville. The Bilheimer's, Saylor's, Watkins', Ha's, Cooper's, Richard Lees and Diggin's arrived on Thursday followed by the Nyland's on Friday. We handed out bags filled with information collected at the Oroville Visitor Center on what to do while visiting Oroville. Thursday was dinner on your own.



Friday morning a group of us took a very

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**November - ?  
Wagon Master Needed**  
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**Dec 3 - Christmas Party,  
Logan's Road House  
Cooper-Watkins**

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interesting tour of the Oroville Dam and area given by the State Water Resources Office located at the Visitor Center at the lake. The tour ended down in the city at noon where we gathered for lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, time was spent shopping and visiting museums.

Friday night we enjoyed a delicious meal at the Brewery located in the Feather Falls Casino. Following dinner some stayed at the casino to make more \$\$\$ than those that decided to play “31”. John Saylor ended up with our money that night.

Saturday was a day on your own. Many of the ladies found the Mary Lake Thompson Store in Oroville and managed to walk away with bags full of her delightful merchandise. Besides shopping others spent time sightseeing or visiting with others.

For dinner we gathered in the rec room and enjoyed BBQ Tri-Tip accompanied by all the wonderful dishes provided by our members. After dinner some decided to visit the casino and others spent \$1.00 at “31” to increase the Saylor's income, since Janice was the winner this time.

Sunday morning we all waved good-bye to the Nylands, who were staying another night, and headed home after a fun weekend.

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## Upcoming Outings

### Bodega Bay

**Where:** [Porto Bodega Marina & RV Park](#) is on Bodega Bay, The address is: 1500 Bay Flat Road, Bodega Bay, California 94923

**When:** Thursday, April 19 to Sunday, April 22. I've also reserved a group of spaces for those of you (like me) that want to arrive on Wednesday, April 18. Check in: 1 pm Check Out: 12 pm

**Reservation Info:** The cost will be \$42.51 a day. The first day site fee is the deposit amount and due as soon as reasonable. There are 14 bayside sites. First deposits received will have bayside sites priority. All sites include full hook-ups, new fire pits and cable TV (fishing from your RV steps optional).

**Deposit:** Make out \$42.51 check to "Richard LaVergne" and mail to:

Richard LaVergne  
699 Morris Way  
Sacramento, Ca. 95864





**May 17-20 Angels Camp  
RV & Camping Resort  
Richard & Virginia Lee, Wagon Masters**

**This outing is the same weekend as the Calaveras Frog Jumping Festival.  
As of this time all spaces allotted for us are full. More info for those  
signed up will be sent by email as the date approaches.**

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**June 7-9, Durango RV Resort, Red Bluff  
Murl & Jane Poynter, Wagon Masters**

The June club outing will be June 7-9 at Durango RV Resort in Red Bluff. We have 12 sites reserved and the club rate will be \$38.70 per night. Jane and Murl Poynter will be the Wagon Masters and you can contact them by e-mail ([jpoynter@pacbell.net](mailto:jpoynter@pacbell.net)) or by phone (530-661-1297) if you would like to attend. This is also the weekend of the Crawdad Festival and Classic Car Show at Tehama County Fair Grounds in Red Bluff. The Poynters' will be sending out an E-mail shortly with more information about the outing.



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**July in Olema**



Please plan on joining Scott and Christy at Olema RV Resort and Campground July 24th, July 25th, July 26th, 2012 (leaving July 27th). The hookups include water and electricity but no sewer. There is a dump station on site. If we can get 10 rigs the rate the nightly rate will be \$39.00 /night. If it's less than 10 the rate will be more (4 to 9 rigs-\$46.00/night, less than 4 rigs-\$56/night ) More info to come late April

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**Dillon Beach News**



From the Dillon Beach Website: The campground will be open all winter but camping will be limited to the Seawall area and near the pier starting in mid-January, as indicated in the picture. We are working on the new campground layout so that we can get the rest of the campground open for business before summer. The bait shop will be open from 7AM to 5PM, except for Wednesdays when the bait shop will be closed at 3PM.

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## 2012 Roster

There are very few changes to the roster. Instead of printing a complete new roster I am listing these updates below. I will send out by a separate email a complete set of new pages. John

### Email update -

Saylor - John: j99saylor@gmail.com, Janice: tinlizzy4664@gmail.com

### Cell Phones

Couser - Cell phones are Ken: 916-342-3357, Cricket - 916-769-5099

### RV Updates

Correct Collins to: 33' class-C Motor Home with 2-slides. (33-C 2-slides)

### Emergency Info

Collins - Delete cell phone for Phil.

Fernandez - Change contact info to Maggie Fernandez (cell 707-235-9689 & land line 209-533-4266)

### Deletions

Delete members - Kessel, Gore, Isola - (They no longer have RV's) and Billips, no response.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Past Quarter

### Happy Birthday to:

Lee, Richard	8-Jan
Couser, Ken	23-Jan
Diggins, Betty	7-Feb
Diggins, Jack	10-Feb
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

### Happy Anniversary to:

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

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## Website Update

Thanks to all who have submitted photos. For this year I am making a change in the location of current photos. All outing photos will be indexed from the [Photogallery](#) Page. Wagon Masters, as soon as you have any details on your outing send to me and I will make up a flyer page for the website or you can make your own flyer and I can upload it. Thanks to those that send photos of outings.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> month of each quarter. So for the first quarter please have all articles for publication to me by March 21, the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter by June 20, 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 ([j99saylor@gmail.com](mailto:j99saylor@gmail.com))

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