



Gold Country Travelers

Quarterly e-Newsletter

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Check the website for additional details on these upcoming outings

2016 Outings

Jan 13-18- Yuma, Az, Chuck & Arlys Rogers, Wagon Masters

Feb 18 - 22, 49er Trailer Village, Plymouth. Dave Lee, Wagon Master

Mar 10-14, Casa de Fruta, Ken & Yvonne Collins, Wagon Masters

Apr 29-May 1 - Porto Bodega RV Park - Dick Lavergne, Wagon Master

May 12-15 - 49er RV Ranch, Columbia, Poynters Wagon Masters

June -22-27 - Smithwoods RV Park, Jack Diggins, Wagon Master

July - 17-20 - Olema RV Park, Pt. Reyes, Lucy Farley & Michelle Hey, Wagon Masters

Aug - David Lee, Wagon Master

Sept 14-18 - Mad River Rapids RV Park, Arcata, Ca. Harris-Saylor, Wagon Masters

Oct - Tentative - Jackson Rancheria RV Park, CJ & Kathy Deaton, Susie Coffee, Wagon Masters

Nov -

Dec - Christmas Party

Message from the President

Happy New Year fellow campers!!! Hope you enjoyed the holidays. Thanks to the herculean efforts of Shirley and John, along with all the Wagon Masters and our Webmaster (John Saylor), our club just completed a most successful and fun-filled year. We had such great outings and our membership increased at a record pace. Being new to RV travel in general and being Club members for barely a year, Cathy and I have really enjoyed meeting all of you, getting to know you and learning how to have fun RV'ing.

The travel calendar for 2016 is filling out quite nicely. At the Christmas dinner, David Lee stepped up and volunteered to serve as Wagon Master for a February outing to the 49er Park in Plymouth. Also, Lucy Farley and Michelle Hey are planning a trip for us in July to the Olema RV Park on the coast. After our disaster last September, Cathy & I will try once more to arrange an outing to Jackson Rancheria in October. November is still open; so, I am asking for someone to sign up to host a trip sometime that month.

I look forward to serving as your President in 2016 and thank you in advance for the help I know I will receive to ensure the Club's continued success.

C.J. Deaton
Club President

December 3 Christmas Party Buck Horn Steak House, Winters, ca

We ended the year with our annual Christmas Banquet. The Buck Horn served us a fabulous buffet dinner of Tri-Tip, Chicken, Salmon and side dishes. We had a private dining room with a bar and our own server. We had plenty of time to socialize and talk about our individual Christmas plans. A couple of our members brought their rigs and camped at The Vineyard just outside Vacaville. After dinner, our president, Shirley, conducted a short business meeting discussing upcoming outings, election of officers and 2016 dues. Minutes of the business meeting portion are included in this newsletter.

Past Outing Reports

November 2015 Outing Report Durango RV Resort

The November outing was held at Durango RV Resort in Red Bluff, California, and only eight rigs participated as it's usual for a winter camp out. The Wagon masters were Kathy and CJ Deaton and Carmen and Aaron Harris. Thank you Kathy and CJ for co-hosting with us.

The outing started with a threat of very heavy rain, cold temperatures and severe winds for the outing duration and sure enough on the day of arrival, it was raining. The rains ceased during the first night, but was it ever COLD for the rest of the outing.

The town of Red Bluff is a very quaint Gold Era town with lots of beautiful Victorians and boutiques and a very rich gold mining history. The town fathers are working very hard at trying to create a "Destination touristy" town and some of that has been successful.

A "homegrown" bakery was discovered and we improvised an outing to the bakery for a lovely breakfast. The restaurant where the Club dinner was held turned out real well. Our potluck dinner was held in the small "Rec" room.

A small group took a road trip to French Creek and that was huge surprise. The town is an old Gold Era little hamlet originally settled by the French Canadians and it really is quite beautiful and well preserved as far as this era of historical towns go, but there was a mystery going on as all the houses in town had all sorts of different SECURITY fences around the properties and some had heavy-duty security lock mechanisms on the gates. The town was mostly deserted as we arrived around 10:00 am - "not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse" except for an old dog that was lonely and escorted us as we walked the town from one end to the other. The one or two business that exist were closed.

The historic French Creek Hotel/restaurant opened up just as our tour of the town was ending and we had a typical "historic old gold country era hotel visit" lunch in the typically dark and very dusty saloon. The walls of the saloon were covered with historical pictures, newspaper editions, gold and agricultural tools.

Blessings, Carmen

ROSTER UPDATES

Please update contact information for C.J. and Kathy Deaton:
Address:

**4918 Summit View Ln,
Fair Oaks, Ca 95628**

Phone: (916)990-9782

DUES

You should have all received dues notice emails from Michelle. If you haven't sent your dues, please do so soon. We will be compiling the 2016 roster in the coming months. Send your check for \$15 made out to Gold Country Travelers
4005 Manzanita, Ste 6, #212, Carmichael, Ca 95608.

NEWSLETTER NAME

Many clubs have a name for their newsletter. Do you think we should have a name for this newsletter? Send me your thoughts or names. We will discuss at future outings and maybe vote on it at the April outing.



Whinny Bago

Details- Upcoming Outings

January 13-18 2016 Yuma, Arizona Chuck & Arlys Rogers, Wagon Masters

A long standing January trip has been to visit Yuma. Three of our members now have winter sites and again this year are inviting us to come down.

Chuck and Arlys are planning a fun time.

**Come earlier, stay longer, come later stay shorter as you choose.
Make your reservation directly with the park of your choice.**

As usual there are numerous things going on in the Yuma area. There are now 4 market places available for your shopping pleasure, 2 indoor and 2 outdoor areas. Of course shopping in Mexico is available. We will be glad to go over with anyone that would like us to accompany them. Don't forget your PASSPORTS. Good bargains as well as dentists and good food are waiting to be had.

**Organized activities include a Potluck at the Rogers,
Fri Jan 15 All U Can eat Fish Fry at Foothills Eatery,
Visit the Kochie's and Poynter's in Wellton,
Shopping in Los Algodones, Mexico.**

**If you are coming RSVP and more info:
Chuck & Arlys Rogers
- Cell (707) 483-9276 - email chkrog@aol.com**



Larry & Murl install a stained glass purchased in Mexico.

Potluck at the Rogers



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LET'S PARTY IN PLYMOUTH!!



The First 2016 Northern California Gold Country Trip

February 18, Thursday, and available departure on Monday, February 22

Far Horizons 49er Village RV Resort *in the heart of California's Gold & Wine Country*

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION CONTACT DAVE LEE AT davidlee6827@outlook.com or phone; (916) 952-9179

Cost: Just \$36 for a weekday and the weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) is \$44 a day. To make your reservation send a \$36 deposit by February 1, 2016
Make your deposit check out to and send to:

Dave Lee
6827 Oaklawn Way
Fair Oaks, California
95628

Thursday: Rigs Arrive. Plan on an open day and meals on your own.



We have the clubhouse during our stay so it can be used as needed.

Friday: Remainder of rigs arrive..Activities on your own

Friday Dinner: We will have the club house open. Dinner will be easy peasy with appetizers and soup. There is a range with oven, a microwave and refrigerator. I'm sure there may be a card game or two going on after dinner and a fire, of course.

Saturday: On your own - to sight see or visit with your neighbor.

Saturday Dinner: Again, this is going to be your easiest RV outing with just another delicious night of appetizers..... and this time salad. After dinner, card game, visiting, or a fire, of course.

Sunday: Possible departure date for some, or you're on your own in the gold country.

Monday: Departure

So, join us at Plymouth!!

Dave Lee, Wagon master

How to get there: <http://www.49ervillage.com/Directions.htm>



Upcoming Outing ---

MARCH 10-13, 2016



KEN & YVONNE COLLINS, WAGON MASTERS

COME AND JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF CAMPING

SURROUNDED BY THE GENTLY SLOPING HILLS OF THE PACHECO PASS VALLEY

**CASA DE FRUTA R.V. ORCHARD RESORT, 10021 PACHECO PASS HIGHWAY
HOLLISTER, CA 95023**



Cost: Group rate with 10+ rigs, \$37.80/night, 10 spaces reserved with clubroom

To reserve, please mail to [Yvonne Collins](#) with dates

staying and deposit of \$50.00 due by February 8, 2016.

Detailed itinerary will be emailed soon.





April 27- May 2



Ahoy GCT Gang!

The Gold Country Traveler's RV Club upcoming April trip to the **Porto Bodega RV Park** is our fifth outing there. It will, again, be another memorable outing with most of our sites sitting right on the Bay. Walk 10 steps and you're swimming with the seals.....

As in the past, we are asking that reservations be made early for this April outing. This is because the closer we get to outing dates, the less opportunity I have to make changes and the Park has a waiting list surrounding our dates. So, there's just a little opportunity for change.

For the future, in the past I've been able to reserve our sites 2 years in advance. No more. The Park has not yet allowed reservations to be made even for next year and they already have a standby list of 3 pages for site requests (Yes, we're on the list). The park has increased in popularity every year and it's just tougher to get group sites, let alone almost all of the waterside sites as we do this year. So fingers crossed for next year.

In the meantime follow the steps below and get your 2016 reservation in for an always great outing.

Your landlubber captain.....

Dick

THIS YEAR'S TRIP:

Where: [Porto Bodega Marina & RV Park](#) is at the North end of Bodega Bay, The address is: 1500 Bay Flat Road, Bodega Bay, California 94923

When: We have 15 spaces reserved with the following date options:

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>	
Wed 4/27	Sun 5/1	(2 spaces)
Wed 4/27	Mon 5/2	(6 spaces - one is pull through)
Thur 4/28	Sun 5/1	(4 spaces - one is pull through)
Thur 4/28	Mon 5/2	(3 spaces - one is pull through)

WHAT TO DO TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

- Reservations are made when the deposit check is received (\$52). Your reservation cannot be confirmed unless the deposit check is included.
- There are a limited number of spaces. Sites will be allocated based on reservations received and arrival dates. (The sites and arrival dates were reserved two years ago and I may be able to shorten dates to accommodate our RVers, but I won't be able to increase the dates due to the park demands for space). So, the recommendation is to get your reservation/check into me as soon as possible so that minor adjustments can be made, if needed.

- Due to the limited number of spaces, guest rig reservations will be accepted only after all of the GCT members have had a chance to respond. Only GCT Member reservations will be accepted up to January 30th. After that date, depending on remaining spaces, guest rig reservations will be accepted.)

Deposit: Make out \$52 Deposit Check to "Richard LaVergne" and mail to:

**Richard LaVergne
699 Morris Way
Sacramento, Ca. 95864**

Please include all of the below information with the deposit (either fill in with email or send with check):

PORTO BODEGA INFORMATION - Submit with check:

[Printer Friendly Form](#)

Names _____

Day of arrival (a Weds. or Thurs.) _____ Site Departure Day _____

Size of Rig _____ Ft. Number in party: _____

How many for Friday night restaurant dinner? _____

Do you want a Sunday potluck breakfast? Yes _____ No _____

(Saturday night potluck items, etc. will be determined as we get closer to the date)

This year our Gold Country outing **has not** been scheduled during the Fisherman's Festival. We were able to get more RV water-side sites if we didn't arrive that weekend. So, we chose that option this time. A special treat is that we will be having dinner Friday night at the relocated Sandpiper restaurant. It's up on a hill overlooking the Bay and we have a second story private room to ourselves. The room has spectacular views of the Bay and the tables will be set up to give as many of us as possible an opportunity to enjoy them.

More Bodega Info:

Marina & RV Park Website: <http://www.portobodega.com/index.html>

Bodega Area Things To Do: <http://www.portobodega.com/thingstodo.html>

Clubhouse reserved every night we are there. Level, graveled RV pads. Full hook-ups. Quiet well-behaved pets, on leash, are welcome. Boat launch, Bait & Tackle Shop, Dump Station.

Received this email recently. Might be worth checking out for a future outing.

To ...John Saylor

Hi, I would like to introduce you to Heritage RV Park in North Central California. We have just undergone a renovation of our park and would like to invite you or a guest to be a scout for your Club/ Group and see what we have to offer.

I will send you a gift certificate good for 1 night at our park to the address you provide.

We have lots of dates still open for the 2016 camping season and can accommodate up to 40 RV's for our Club House. You can get more information from our website by visiting www.heritagervcorning.com

I you have been here before I think you will be pleasantly surprised by our updates, if this would be your first visit we welcome you to check us out.

Thank you and have a great day...

Shelly Boros

Manager

Heritage RV Park

Corning, CA 96031

[1-530-824-6130](tel:1-530-824-6130)

Minutes, Gold Country Travelers Business Meeting December 6, 2015

The meeting was held at the Buckhorn Steak House, Winters, Ca.

President Shirley Watkins welcomed everyone.

Treasurer Report The treasurers report was sent by Treasurer Larry Kochie (Larry is in Yuma for the winter) and read by Shirley Watkins. Current balance is \$1948.50. Only expenses for the year were for website hosting and miscellaneous supplies for the outings.

Campout Calendar - Calendar for 2016 was reviewed. Shirley gave the details for the January outing in Yuma, Az., hosted by Chuck & Arlys Rogers. RV parks are on your own and members might want to check with others for the best rate. Marlys reported that Fortuna De Oro monthly rate is only \$300.

For February, David Lee volunteered to set up an outing at 49er Trailer Village in Plymouth. Dave will be contacting by phone for the event.

Dick gave the run down on April and noted that this year it no longer be the same weekend as the Fisherman's Festival. The Festival was making it quite busy and crowded that weekend.

There was not anything scheduled yet for July when Lucy volunteered to set up an outing to someplace cool. Morro Bay and Yosemite were mentioned.

The only month not scheduled is November and the Christmas party. Discussion on the Christmas party and how to get more in attendance.

Nominations - Shirley presented the current slate of nominees for 2016. C.J Deaton - President; Carmen Harris - Vice President; Michelle Hey - Treasurer; John Saylor - Secretary and Lucy Farley - Member at Large. The president asked of any additional nominations from the floor. There were none and Dick LaVergne motioned the nominations be closed and the slate accepted. Motion passed.

Wagon Master Boxes - Shirley noted that the boxes have a habit of growing from time to time and at the present was now up to three, down from seven! Carmen reported that she got it back to two at the last campout.

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Wagon Masters are encouraged to use the supplies up in the boxes before purchasing additions and endeavor to keep them down to two. If possible check the contents before your outing.

Prospective members - Two new members who joined this year have completed the 6 month prospective requirements and were voted into full membership by unanimous vote. Welcome Bill & Lorraine Morgado and Loran & Kay Eldred.

Membership - Discussion on the number of members in the club. We are at the limit of 35 set by the by-laws. We have several members who have not come out in a couple of years and some who may be done with RVing. We will wait until all dues are in for this year and make a decision at a later date.

Misc. - Lucy passed out some pet onboard signs for our rigs to alert others there are pets inside. John Reported that the next newsletter will be in early January and would need articles by first week of January. The updated roster will be compiled once the dues are in. He will shoot for early March. For 2016 he will send out digital copies only since the hard copies seem to be out of date within a couple of months.

There was no additional business and the meeting was adjourned.

John Saylor
Secretary



Are you a Senior Teenager

I am a Seenager.

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 50 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared.

And I don't have acne.

Life is Good! Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem, it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!!

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names. So, please forward this to your friends; they may be my friends, too.

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Quarter

Happy Birthday This Quarter to:



Lynn Lambert	3-Jan
Loran Eldred	21-Jan
Ken Couser	23-Jan
Jack Diggins	10-Feb
Doug Hey	12-Feb
Cricket Couser	15-Feb
Cathy Deaton	20-Feb

Ed Fernandez	20-Feb
John Saylor	22-Feb
Christy Nyland	23-Feb
Lorraine Morgado	6-Mar
Dennis Alexander	14-Mar
Janice Saylor	15-Mar
Sharrie Amaclerio	15-Mar

Jim Ayers	16-Mar
James Ferree	16-Mar
Chuck Rogers	19-Mar
Carol Bilheimer	31-Mar

Anniveraries This Quarter

Aaron & Carmen Harris	22-Jan
Larry & Maxine Kochie	20-Mar
John & Janice Saylor	30-Mar



Corned Beef is ready - March 2007 Outing at Delta Bay Club



Newsletter Published Quarterly. Submit Articles to John Saylor j99saylor@gmail.com

Wagon Masters should send a story of their outings as soon as possible after the event is complete.

Tech Tips, Recipes and other items to publish can be sent anytime and will be included in the next newsletter.

Web Site: Please send calendar and details of upcoming outing to John Saylor. I will update the online calendar and publish a detail page of your outing. Remember we also have a Tech Tip section, Recipe page and a page of useful RV information, so send that info to me to share with the club. If you take pictures, send them to me and I will add them to the Photogallery web page

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The **Gold Country Travelers RV Club** is not a brand specific club. Members own campers, travel trailers, 5th wheels and motor homes of many different makes.

Our members volunteer to take turns as wagon masters on a monthly basis. We have an outing once a month, January through November. During December we leave our rigs at home and celebrate the year at a local restaurant.

We sometimes take extended trips to places such as Quartzsite, Yuma and Oregon. We are all about having fun, fellowship or just relaxing at our campsites.



Our members share travel ideas, stories, technical, maintenance and repair ideas they have learned from experiences. The cooks in the club share recipes and cooking stories. Our quarterly newsletter and website keep members informed of upcoming and past activities.

Gold Country Travelers RV Club

<http://www.goldcountrytravelers.com>

Membership Application

Please include prospective member fee of \$15

Name _____

Spouse _____ Date _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: Home _____

Cell 1 _____ Cell 2 _____

Email 1: _____

Email 2: _____

RV Type: 5th Wheel [] MH [] Travel Trailer [] Camper []

RV Length _____ No. of Slides _____ Slides Curbside _____

Anniversary (month & day) _____

Birthdays (month & Day)

His _____ Hers _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name _____

Phone # _____

Medical Contact Dr. or Medical group:

Phone # _____