



Gold Country Travelers

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2016 Outings

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

Aug 24-28 Duck Island, David Lee, Wagon Master

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

Oct 17-20 - Jackson Rancheria RV Park, CJ & Kathy Deaton, Wagon Masters

Nov 17-20 - [Heritage RV Park](#), Corning. John & Shirley Watkins, Wagon Masters.

Dec - Christmas Party



John, Ed & Loran Kayaking at the Port O Bodega

Message from the President

Wow!!!! – Being president of this group is quite interesting and great fun. I must be doing a few things right because as far as I know no one in the club has threatened to kill me. Cathy and I love sharing fun times with all of you. We have had 5 great outings so far this year and another 5 really good ones are planned for the remainder of the year. Some outings were well attended; others not so well. Trips to the rivers and ocean seem to attract the most people. For example, 13 rigs made the trip to Bodega Bay in April and there are 10 or more signed up for Olema and Duck Island. By comparison, only 7 rigs went to Casa de Fruta in March and Smithwoods in June. Maybe we should encourage future wagon masters to plan more trips to water destinations. Not counting Yuma, our longest trip this year will be Arcata in September. It will be interesting to see how many sign up for that. It is such a beautiful location so I hope we get good participation. Although we have 30 rigs in our club, there seems to be a “hard core” group of about 15-16 that make most of the trips. It would be really nice to get more people at the outings. For 2017, we have 4 scheduled trips so far, including Columbia, Duck Island and 2 trips to Bodega Bay. We need more members to step up and start making plans to fill the 6 months of open dates. Cathy & I are looking forward to seeing many of you in Olema.

C.J. Deaton,
Club President

Past Outing Reports

Porto Bodega RV Park – Bodega Bay – April 27 to May 2, 2016

Whales were spotted, seals barked, ships sailed and multiple crab sandwiches were consumed. Yep..... It was another outstanding visit to Bodega Bay by the Gold Country Travelers RV Club! This year's outing to the Porto Bodega RV Park was full up with 15 rigs with most spots just feet from the water.

Attending this year's outing were the Harris', Watkins', Saylor's, Nyland's, Stohlman's, Couser's, Eldred's, Deaton's, Alexander's, Fernandez', Hey's, Morgado's and guests Fran, Bill and Gaylene Lichty and Ruth and Dick Ryan.

We were fortunate once again to have clear skies, but a couple of windy days. That didn't slow many from touring up and down the coastline, antiquing in Bodega, watching the fishing boats come and go, standing on the edge of Bodega Head looking for the elusive whales, or just enjoying the views of the harbor. Ed F., Loran and John W. got a little closer to nature by exploring the harbor with their kayaks and we watched a drone scout outside our potluck in the clubhouse.

The Friday night dinner was at a new/old place; The Sandpiper Restaurant up on the hill. The dinner outing was spotty. Service was slow, the tables were not completely set for the group and we had to resort to reorganizing the space to fit our reservation. One of the windows was missing its shade.... And let's just say it should have been a better dining experience.

On the other hand, the potluck was a huge foodology extravaganza with the Watkins providing ham for the main dish and the Fernandez' also providing a gluten free main. After dinner, we played a game with prizes and laughs galore.....

Alas, Monday came too soon and we parted with memories of good times..... Next year (2017) we once again have all of the water side sites reserved beginning as early as Wednesday, April 19 and departing as late as Monday, April 24. Reservation information will be sent out in January and look forward to seeing there!!

Landlubber Captain,
Dick LaVergne

Columbia Outing,

Murl & Jane Poynter, Wagon Masters
May 11-16, 2016

The club outing for May found us back at the 49er RV Ranch in Columbia. This Park seems to be a favorite destination for our RV club. Perhaps it's because of all the things to do and see in the area or maybe it's the wonderful weather we always seem to have this time of year.

Twelve rigs signed up for this outing with six arriving on Wednesday, five on Thursday and one on Friday. The group included wagon masters Jane and Murl Poynter, Jim Ayers and Lucy Farley, Ken and Yvonne Collins, Ken and Cricket Couser, C.J. and Cathy Deaton, Aaron and Carmen Harris, David Lee, Scott and Christy Nyland, Doug and Michelle Hey. Bill and Lorraine Morgado, John and Shirley Watkins, and guests Nancy Peters, Janet Peters and Jim Sauter.

With half the group checked in by Wednesday afternoon we decided to eat supper together picnic style at one of the group camp sites. Carmen brought veggie pasties from the local Kate's bakery and we all added some sides. What a treat. Thursday was "on your own" with dinner at El Jardín in Columbia on their outdoor patio. Afterward we gathered for a campfire at the Poynter's campsite.

Friday, a group of ladies donned their favorite hats and fascinators and enjoyed a lovely luncheon at Kate's Teahouse in Columbia. While the ladies had "tea", Dave, Murl, Ken Couser and C.J. headed to Moaning Caverns Adventure Park to try out the Zip Line. They rewarded themselves for their bravery with some great hamburgers at Murphys Grille. Friday evening the 49er Ranch provided hot dogs and all the fixing for the group. We added some sides and dessert and had quite a feast. We ended the day with a game of 31 and an evening campfire.

Saturday was another "on your own" day. Some of the activities included shopping in Sonora, checking out downtown Angels Camp, visiting the first farmers market of the season in Sonora, metal detecting, hiking and just kicking back at the campsite and enjoying the wonderful weather. Saturday night was the group potluck with appetizers, lasagna, salads and sides, dessert and French bread. Joan and Ed Fernandez joined us for dinner. Jane challenged the group with a gold rush trivia quiz and a number of folks won some cute prizes made by Ken Collins. Club president C.J. Deaton conducted the monthly club meeting and brought us all up to date on the scheduled club activities. We all agreed to return to the 49er next year with the Couser's volunteering as wagon masters.

Sunday the RV Park provided a continental breakfast

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of juice, pastries, bagels and cream cheese. Later the group headed to Murphys for brunch at the Murhyps Hotel, followed with a little sightseeing and shopping in downtown Murphys and attending the Matinee at the Black Bart Playhouse in the Murphys Theater. For dinner, we brought all the left over's to the barn at the RV park, and had another great meal. Bill Meissner, the 49er owner and resident historian joined us for dinner and then entertained us with some great stories about the history of the park. We ended the evening and the outing with another game of 31 and a campfire. Thanks to everyone for helping to make this another fun outing.

Smithwoods Outing

CJ & Kathy Deaton, Wagon Masters

June 22-17

Although only a small group (Deaton, Watkins, Morgado, Bilheimer, Collins, Nyland & LaVergne) attended the June outing we still had a good time. Jack Diggins, the original Wagon Master, had to cancel because his dog Mandy had ACL surgery and could not travel. The good news is that she is doing fine and recovering on schedule. Jack made the Park reservations, collected and paid the required deposits and made the restaurant reservations. So, many things were done before we took over as wagon masters.

Three couples (Deaton, Bilheimer & Nyland) took, on different days, the Roaring Camp Train into Santa Cruz and spent some quality time on the Boardwalk, Pier and Beach. John & Shirley, along with granddaughter Lacy and boyfriend Gabe, spent a day on the Boardwalk taking in all the rides. As I understand it Shirley opted out on the rides because "she was the only one with any common sense".

On Friday night, we enjoyed an excellent potluck dinner outside in the "Cathedral". Everyone loved Lorraine's Italian soup. As usual, we had plenty of wonderful leftovers that we munched on the next 2 days.

For a change of pace, we decided to have an Italian dinner at the Ristorante Casa Nostra in Ben Lomond. Very good!!! For breakfast, several people went to Rocky's Café in Felton; others went to Heavenly Café in Scotts Valley.

On Saturday John, Dick B., Bill & CJ. went to check

Smithwoods, continued..

out the Woodies on the Wharf. There were over 200 beautiful cars representing a tremendous amount of money and work. While the guys were at the wharf, Shirley, Cathy, Yvonne & Carol found time to complete a very challenging 750-piece puzzle.

Scott & Christy hiked half of the Central Coast and extended their stay an additional 2 days to enjoy even more hiking and sightseeing. Ken & Yvonne were lucky enough to get a spot over at Seacliff for a couple of days so they could extend their stay on the coast.

Dick LaVergne brought 3 of his 5 little dogs (Buddy, Lucky and his newest addition, Molly). Molly is such a sweetheart. The Watkins & Deaton dogs (Vixen, Bruiser & Theo) also enjoyed the trip.

Except for cooking a little bit of chicken, we did not use the clubhouse at the park. The park manager gave the clubhouse key to CJ just in case we decided to use it for cards or whatever. CJ promptly lost the key which did not sit well with the park owners.

Overall, it was a very good outing. Looking forward to next year. Hope we get a bigger group.

C.J./Cathy Deaton
Wagon Masters

For Sale

Hi all,

Cricket and I have been doing some cleaning up around home. In the process we found a number of RV related items that we either can't use, or don't fit with our new (to us) fifth wheel. We'd like to offer them for sale to the club members before we put them on Craigslist. We have a variety of items, ranging from stainless steel wheel covers to various styles and sizes of steel ground stakes. Contact us lionrampant.ken@gmail.com or 916-967-7404 and we'll give you the details and/or send you a list.

Thanks,

-Ken and Cricket Couser



Details- Upcoming Outings

Olema RV Park

10155 Highway 1, Olema, CA

MONDAY, JULY 18 to THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016

Lucy Farley and Michelle Hey, Wagon Masters

This trip is under way as you read this. It should be cool weather on the coast with lots of things being planned including a Chili Cook off, White Elephant gift exchange and a visit to Cowgirl Creamery with hands-on experience in curd-making.

Duck Island RV Park

Rio Vista, Ca
August 24-28, 2016

Come and join up for some fun on the river. Plans include Thursday evening dinner at Kobe Steak & Seafood in Antioch. Friday evening dinner at Mac's Old House in Antioch. Saturday's big dinner will be Cioppino, salad and French bread.

Day time activities include a Big Fish contest, Bocce Ball and a wind farm tour..

If you haven't signed up yet, call Dave at 916-952-9179.

See you there. Dave Lee Wagon Master



SEPTEMBER OUTING TO MAD RIVER RAPIDS RV PARK, ARCATA, CA.

SEPT 14-18, 2016

John & Janice Saylor & Aaron & Carmen Harris, Wagon Masters

We have reserved 12 spaces, Full hookups, Cable TV, & WiFi. We have the club house for the stay.

Price is \$42.10 per night as long as we have 10 or more rigs. No upfront deposits are required.
> Presently we have 10 rigs signed up.

Wednesday and Thursday - arrivals and explore on your own. For Friday afternoon we are looking into a 75 minute group cruise on Humboldt Bay then Dinner at the [Samoa Cook House](#). This is the last surviving cookhouse in the West, and continues the tradition of serving lots of good food - lumber camp style!

Saturday will be time for your own excursions with our traditional potluck that evening.
Sunday - Check out or stay over and enjoy more of the beautiful area.

There are many things to do in the area including the Avenue of the Giants, the Lost Coast, hiking, strolling on the beach, Arcata Marsh Wild Life Sanctuary, and too many museums and points of interest to list here. So, get your RSVP in soon to: John at j99saylor@gmail.com or call me at 916-723-1613.



Birthdays and Anniversaries This Quarter



Happy Birthday This Quarter to:

Stohlman, Kathy	13-Jul
Clark, Stu	29-Jul
Treon, Steve	26-Jul

Hitt, Howard	8-Aug
Deaton, CJ	10-Aug
Coffee, Suzy	13-Aug
Nyland, Scott	22-Aug
Lucy Farley	23-Aug
Lee, David	25-Aug

Pimental, Roy	9-Sep
Clark, Sue	21-Sep
Eldred, Kay	23-Sep

Anniversaries This Quarter

Ha, Ken & Vivienne	9-Aug
Watkins, John & Shirley	26-Aug
Lambert, Larry & Lynn	30-Aug

Stohlman, Howard & Kathy	13-Sep
Alexander, Dennis & Marianna	25-Sep
Nyland, Scott & Christy	26-Sep



Remember when

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

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 # _____