



Gold Country Travelers

Quarterly Newsletter

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[Gold Country Travelers RV Club](#)
Our 20th Year

Check the website for additional details on these upcoming outings

2019 Outings

**April 22-26 - Durango RV Resort, Red Bluff.
Donna & Gary Thompson, Wagon Masters**

**May 19-23 Benbow RV Resort, Gardnerville,
Ernie Curto, Wagon Master.**

**June 10-14 - Tahoe Valley RV Park, Farley,
Ayers / Babcock, Wagon Masters.**

**July 9-12- Little Bear RV Park, Blairsden,
Brown / Deaton - Wagon Masters.**

**August 5-9, McCloud RV Park, David Lee,
Wagon Master.**

**September 14-19, Casini Ranch, Duncan Mills,
Ed Fernandez, Wagon Master.**

**October 3-7 - Pioneer RV Park, Quincy, CA -
Lucy Farley & Jim Ayers, Wagon Masters.**

**November 1-7- Angels Camp RV Resort, Bill &
Anne Tiemeyer, Wagon Masters.**

**December 1 - Christmas Party - The Pheasant
Club, West Sacramento.**



Message from the President

Gold Country Travelers
Presidents Message –
2nd Qtr 2019

How time flies when you are having fun! We are already into our 2nd quarter and we really have had a lot of fun so far in 2019.

In January we took an impromptu trip to French Camp, CA. What a metropolis that was. All kidding aside, even though it wasn't a hosted outing I believe everyone had a marvelous time. There were side trips to the Bass Pro Shop and to Ghirardelli chocolate outlet in Lathrop. The group met for dinner at Angelina's in Stockton for great Italian food.

February brought on Smithwoods in Felton. Surrounded by beautiful redwoods and just a few miles from the beach. Bill Tomlinson and Sandi Goliher were the wagon masters and did a marvelous job. Santa Cruz Boardwalk hosted a Clam Chowder Cook off which I believe most everyone partook in the tasting. Smithwoods brought us two new member couples. Linda Blevins and David Bandimere and also Alex and Tina Manzano and family.

For March we marched up the road to Oroville to Feather Falls KOA. Jack Diggins was our host. We had two new rigs join our group, Mark and Diane Loftus and Dan and Patty Newton. The weather was not in our favor, some rain and thunder bumpers but that didn't dampen our spirits. The group found a new (to us) restaurant in Oroville, Gold City Grill that was very good.

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We are going to trek up Hwy 5 to Red Bluff staying at Durango RV Resort. Rumor has it the wagon masters will be Gary and Donna Thompson. On good authority I've learned the potluck is going to be Hawaiian Themed. Stay tuned for more info. As of this publication date we are full. Stay tuned for any cancelations.

Looks like Ernie Curto has chosen Benbow for the May outing. Get with him as soon as possible to sign up. I believe he reserved 12 spaces and last that I heard he still had openings. I know it's a ways up 101, but consider that it's in the middle of the redwoods, it's BEAUTIFUL and the area has a multitude to things to do. And, it's beautiful and worth the drive!

June is going to bring us to Tahoe Valley RV Park. Hosted by Jim Ayers and Lucy Farley. Again stay tuned for more info from Lucy and Jim.

I know it's only April and you are probably reading this closer to Easter and spring, but we have landed a place for our Christmas party. It is going to be held at Club Pheasant in West Sacramento. The date is **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019 3:00PM**. More information as the time gets closer.

Just a quick informational message regarding our checking account. There was a slight issue with our original checking account because it was actually in the name of a retired member along with his social security number. Not a good situation. Between Michelle Hey who closed the original account and sent me the cashier's check for the balance. It allowed Ed Fernandez and I to be able to open a new account in the name of Gold Country Travelers, using the TAX ID that the club had acquired. Ed has it under control and will be providing balance updates as the year passes. If you have any questions please refer them to either Ed or myself.

Keep in mind we still need someone to step in and be wagon master for November. Please let us know if you want to plan that particular month.

I would like to welcome aboard the folks who joined us this quarter. We look forward to having you at our outings.

Happy Camping
Donna

Roster Updates - Welcome New Members joining this Quarter. Be sure to update your address books / contacts lists. They have been added to the group email list.

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New Members, Continued:

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*"Hello, Jim? It's Carl. I just called to tell
you how good it feels to get away from it all!"*

Past Outing Reports

January 2019 Outing French Camp RV Park

French Camp RV Park was the destination for kicking off our 2019 year of camping. A good time was had by all even though it was considered a "No Host Outing". Everyone arrived as scheduled on Monday, January 21. There were a few snafus with the sites we had reserved. Three of the 9 sites had rigs sitting in them. We got that all straightened out and everyone started the normal set up.

The group consisted of Herb and Carol Brown, CJ and Cathie Deaton, Jack Diggins, David Lee, Doug and Michelle Hey, Yvonne Collins, Jim Ayers and Lucy Farley and Gary and Donna Thompson. Most of the team stayed through Friday morning, with the Hey's and Jack leaving on Thursday.

The first night Jack, Dave, Gary and Donna decided to go out to dinner and of course Dave wanted a steak house. Ernie's Steakhouse in Manteca was the choice. I thought Gary was going to have a coronary when we opened the menu; I will even say it was a tad bit pricey (and you say ..." in Manteca?)

The weather was perfect except the nights were very cold dipping into the mid 30's. As usual the propane campfires came out and Jack brought and shared his marshmallows for toasting.



(French Camp, Continued)



Tuesday night everyone drove into Stockton to Angelina's that is an Italian restaurant that has been around for over 40 years. The food is outstanding and their minestrone soup is probably one of the best minestrone soup I have ever had. Everyone enjoyed it immensely.

The Bass Pro Shop in Manteca seemed to be a hot spot on everyone's list. CJ and Cathie found a large Farmers Market in between French Camp and Stockton. Jim and Lucy went to a local Feed Store in Stockton and all I can say is you are going to have ask them about some of the things they purchased. Ghirardelli Chocolate Store in Lathrop was another outing on the list everyone had to visit.

Being a no host outing there was no scheduled pot luck. Thursday evening we did hold impromptu pot luck in the club house. Everyone brought their own main dish and then something to share.

There was also a rousing game of 31 on Thursday night with CJ, Lucy, Jim, Herb, David and Yvonne. David was the first one out with CJ winning in the end.

Friday morning everyone packed up their rigs and said their goodbyes until next month in Felton and we all headed for home.



Donna

February Outing Smithwoods RV Park, Felton

Feb 21 thru Feb 25

Bill Tomlinson and Sandi Goliher, Wagon Masters

The week started out with Bill Tomlinson/Sandi Gollhier along with their friends Jan and Karen and also Gary and Donna Thompson arriving at Smithwoods on Wednesday, Feb 20. Apparently the week or two before the area received over 20 inches of rain so a lot of the campground was a tad muddy. But we all persevered.



Starting on Thursday early afternoon the rest of the gang started to arrive. They included Jack Diggins, Herb and Carol Brown, CJ and Cathy Deaton, Michael and Annette Babcock and Ernie Curto and his lady friend Melinda. Later on Thursday evening new members David Bandimere and his wife Linda Blevins arrived. Sandi's daughter Suzanne and her friend Shawna arrived on Friday afternoon.

(Smithwoods, Continued)

Have to say it was cold. When we were sitting by the fire pits there were at least 3 to 4 going both in the morning and into the evenings. Bundling up was something everyone did to ward of the chill as well. One of the mornings we woke up to 30 to 31 degrees.

Thursday evening we all trekked into Boulder Creek and had dinner at Scopazzi's, a restaurant that has been in the same location since 1915. It was a bit pricey but absolutely yummy.

The pizza potluck on Friday evening was a huge hit along with salads and desserts that were shared. Always so good and of course there were left over's as usual.

Saturday rolled around and most of us took the drive into Santa Cruz and waded thru the huge crowds on the Boardwalk for the Clam Chowder cook off.

The hearty appetizers along with shared desserts on Saturday evening went over very well. Pigs in a blanket, along with meatballs in a BBQ type sauce were hits. Spinach dip and crackers, olives, peppers and pickles went well with everything along with Jack's favorite, cheese, chili and cream cheese mixture with Frito scoops.

Sunday was on your own and folks went in a number of different directions. Some went back into Santa Cruz to the chowder cook off. Others went to lunch and drove along to the light house on the point. I believe the Babcock's went over the hill to highway 1 and into Davenport for the day.



In addition to David and Linda joining the group another couple out of San Jose met us while we were there and joined us as well, Alex and Tina Marzano along with their 3 children. They are working with Jack to join us up in Oroville in March.

Monday found everyone picking up their sites and packing their rigs for the trek home. I believe that everyone had a MARVELOUS time and look forward to next time.

Sandi and Bill have asked me to help them with this after outing report, so I would like to thank Sandi and Bill for the awesome job they did in hosting this event.

Happy Camping
Donna Thompson

MARCH OUTING TO OROVILLE / FEATHER FALLS KOA

Jack Diggins, Wagon Master
March 20-25

We had nine rigs in attendance: Herb & Carol Brown, Ken & Cricket Couser, Cathy & CJ Deaton, Jack Diggins, David Lee, Gary & Dona Thompson, Bill Tiemeyer, Dan & Patty Newton (guests who joined the club), Mark & Diane Loftus (guests who joined the club).

Everybody arrived on Wednesday. The weather was nice. We had a leisurely set up time and that evening members had dinner on their own. We had a roaring wood campfire that night thanks to wood supplied by Gary Thompson.

On Thursday, we split up and did a variety of activities. We went to the Feather Falls trailhead and hiked in about ½ of a mile. We drove to the Oroville Fish Hatchery and ate lunch. Next we drove to the old mining town of Cherokee and then went to the covered bridge in Oregon City, (another old gold mining town). We then drove across Tabletop Mountain to see the spring flowers in bloom.



Other members played golf, gambled and went shopping around Oroville. Bill Tiemeyer purchased a nice salad bowl. Everyone was on their own for dinner. That night we had another roaring wood campfire with s'mores for dessert.

On Friday, we went to the Lundberg Rice Farm and the Sierra Nevada Brewing Company. We had a great tour at the Brewery. Some members went shopping and gambling before the potluck. It started to rain on Friday. The potluck went very well. The wagon master, assisted by Mark Loftus and CJ Deaton, did a fantastic job BBQing the Tri-Tip. All of the food was excellent. That night in the rain, nine brave souls sat under my awning with the propane fire pit. The rain really came down. We woke up the next morning, and the campground looked like a lake. A couple hours later the water drained and the campground was fine again.

Saturday, CJ lead us to a place where we could see the repaired spillway and emergency overflow area. We next went up to the Oroville Dam Visitor Center. The ranger put on three great movies to watch. We toured the museum and then climbed the observation tower for a great view of the area.

We went to the Grey Fox Winery in Oroville and did a wine taste tasting. It is a very pretty winery and good wine. Other club members went to the Gold City Café for lunch. They raved about how good the food as at the Gold City Cafe.

We had about three hours of intense rain and some thunder between 1500 and 1800 hours. The storm finally passed and the sky cleared up nicely.

Our restaurant night was at the Feather Falls Brewery in the Casino. The food was excellent. We finished the night up with a final, roaring wood campfire.

On Sunday, five rigs left. We spent an enjoyable day sitting in the sun and chatting.



(Oroville-Feather Falls-Continued)

Many of the members had a good time gambling; some of them even won, but no member won enough to have a wing of the casino named after them. Dave Lee did win enough to pay off his entire trip. We had a nice propane fire after dinner and prepared to leave the next day.

The final morning, we packed up and were on the road before the rain started. Everyone seemed to have an enjoyable outing and we had two new couples join our club.



Jack

Details- Upcoming Outings

April 22-26 - Durango RV Resort, Red Bluff.

Donna & Gary Thompson, Wagon Masters



The April outing is completely full at this point with 14 rigs. We cannot get any more spaces assigned to us at this point in time. If there is a cancelation prior to the outing I will forward it out to the group to see if there is any interest. Donna - dsthompson810@gmail.com

Upcoming Outings, Continued

May 19-23
(Sunday - Thursday)

[Benbow KOA](#)
Garberville, CA



Ernie Curto, Wagon Master

10 sites 51.40 per night, 2 Premium Sites 60.20 per night.
Full Hookup, Cable TV, WiFi, Club House.

Activities:

- * Potluck at the Club House
- * Dinner out at the [Benbow Historic Inn](#).
- * Golfing at the resort.
- * Drive through the [Avenue of the Giants](#)
- * Visit the [Quaint Town of Ferndale](#)
- * Hiking in [The Rockefeller Forest](#)
- * Scenic Drive to the [Lost Coast](#)

RSVP: To reserve your space: Contact Ernie: ernie.L.curto@gmail.com

Directions: This RV park is on highway 101 and is 90 miles north of Ukiah. 7000 Benbow Drive, Garberville, Ca 95542. 707-923-2124



Upcoming Outings, Continued

June 10-14

Tahoe Valley Campground

1175 Melba Dr South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150



Sunny Shores and Towering Pines

Lucy Farley, Jim Ayers, Michael & Annette Babcock, Co- Wagon Masters.

16 Sites are reserved - \$55.20 /Night (total)

All sites have full hook-ups and WiFi.

This outing is filling up fast. Call now to reserve a space

Come be surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of the South Lake Tahoe region and enjoy the beaches or a stroll by the river. When you've finished playing and relaxing in the great outdoors, the fabulous casinos of Stateline, Nevada are available for world-famous dining, entertainment and, of course, casino life for your pleasure.

Park amenities include a Clubhouse, Swimming Pool, Fishing, Volleyball, Horseshoes, Pickleball Court and Nature/Hiking Trails. There is a Shuttle to take you into town or to sites you want to see.

RSVP -Deposits - Cancelations

WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE RESORT A PRELIMINARY RIG COUNT BY APRIL 20, 2019, SO PLEASE RESPOND AS SOON AS YOU CAN AND NO LATER THAN THAT DATE.

There is no individual deposit required, but if you cancel within 30 days of arrival, you will be charged \$55.20 for one night's stay.

Further Questions? Call me (916) 283-6885.

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Club Officers and Contacts

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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.



The *Gold Country Travelers RV Club* is a non-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 # _____