



# 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

**July 9-13, Little Bear RV Park, Blairsdon, Brown / Deaton - Wagon Masters.**

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

**September 15-19, Casini Ranch, Duncan Mills, Ed Fernandez, Wagon Master.**

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

**November 1-5, Angels Camp RV Resort, Bill & Anne Tiemeyer, Wagon Masters.**

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



Be thinking about outings for 2020 and where you'd like to go. We currently have Jack Diggins hosting the Club at the Feather Falls KOA in Oroville March 11-16 and the Cousers are taking us in September to an as yet undetermined location. So there are a lot of monthly outings available that need to be filled sooner rather than later.

## Message from the President

April, May June 2019

What a great first half of the year! Can't believe 6 months of 2019 have gone by and we have had amazing trips over these last 6 months.

I covered the first 3 months of outings in my First Quarter message. That brings us to April, May and June.

April took 13 rigs up to Red Bluff, staying at Durango RV Resort with Gary and me as wagon masters. The weather was a bit warm for April and the mosquitos were out and about in the evening. Needless to say, we did not need any of the propane fire pits in the evening. Lots of side trips by everyone resulted in the gang having a great time. To name a few hot spots that were visited by most all of us at one point or another during the week: Sundial Bridge in Redding, Wilcox Oaks Golf Course, Moonbeam Lavender and Loofah Farm, and William B. Ide Adobe State Park.

Unfortunately, the May outing had to be canceled due to issues involving Wagon Master Ernie Curto's truck which broke down in Arizona. From what I am able to gather, he's back on the road again.

Tahoe Valley RV Park in South Lake Tahoe was the destination for June. If you haven't been there it is one RV Park that you need to put on your list. Co-Wagon Masters for the outing were Lucy Farley, Jim Ayers and Michael and Annette Babcock. The potluck was not only YUMMY as usual (Hamburgers and Hot Dogs and all the fixings), they had us celebrating Father's Day a few days early. Our Lucy comes up with the cutest things to do; this time we had to color paper ties and

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According to [The American Bear Association](#), bears can remember food sources for many years. Once a bear has broken into an RV for food, they'll consider other RVs as giant lunch boxes. Bears only look for the easiest opportunities to nab food. They don't want to come out into the open to run into you, but they will if you provide them with an easy opportunity to chow down. You can escape any damage to yourself and prevent rogue bears from being killed by:

**Keeping a tidy campsite.** Don't leave [trash](#), coolers or anything outside or in your vehicle that might scream "food!" to a bear. When you dine al fresco, bring in everything, even citronella candles. Bears find any scented object delicious.

**Remembering you're in bear territory.** Don't go looking for bear encounters to post on Instagram. If you see a bear, don't encourage interaction by drawing attention to yourself.

### (President's Message, Cont'd)

then all wear mustaches and the ties for a group picture. I am sure she will have them posted.

You know what they say, "Christmas in July." 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 at 3:00 PM. More information as the time gets closer. Pricing is comparable to Frasinetti's from the last 2 years. I have heard very good things about Club Pheasant from a number of members. So with that, I'm looking forward to our Christmas/Holiday party.

I would like to welcome aboard the folks who joined us this quarter:

**Dan & Patty Newton from Elk Grove**

**Mark and Diane Loftus from San Jose**

We look forward to having them at our future outings.

Keep in mind of the next number of outings that are on the calendar for the rest of 2019; please see the first page of this newsletter for a listing. As soon as you know you will be attending and the Wagon Masters have sent out notifications, please let them know of your plans as soon as possible. It sure makes it easier for those making arrangements to know in advance who will be attending.

Happy Camping,  
Donna



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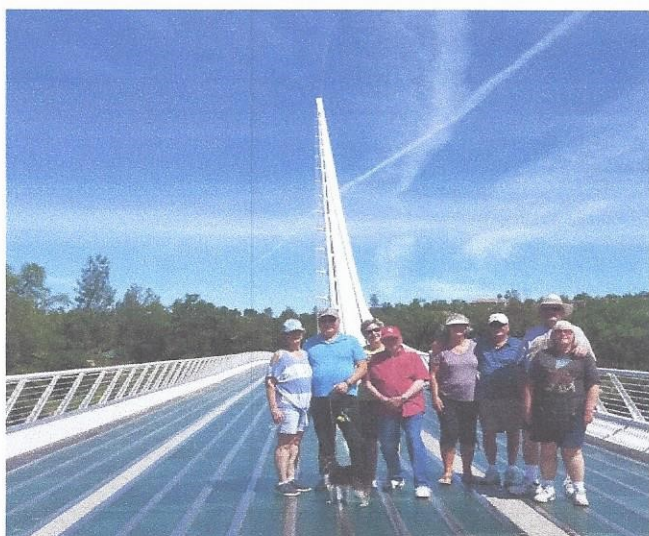
## Past Outing Reports

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### April 22-26 Outing Durango, Red Bluff CA

What an enjoyable outing this was! A total of 13 rights meandered up Highway 5 to Durango RV Report in Red Bluff for the April outing. The folks who were there were Michael and Annette Babcock, Herb and Carol Brown, CJ and Cathy Deaton, Jack Diggins, Ed Fernandez, Doug and Michelle Hey, Mark and Diane Loftus, Bill and Lorraine Morgado, Dan and Patty Newton, Dan and Eryn Strickland, Bill and Anne Tiemeyer, Bill Tomlinson and Sandi Goliher, and Gary and Donna Thompson as Wagon Masters. David Lee graced us with an appearance on Tuesday evening into Wednesday before he headed up north to his son's house for opening day of trout season.

The weather was exceptionally warm for this time of year, in excess of 90 degrees. Believe it or not there wasn't one evening that one of the propane fire pits had to come out – as opposed to February at Smithwoods where we had 4 going at the same time.



Considering the area, there was a myriad of fun things to do; a number of us if not all drove into Redding at different times to see the Sundial Bridge.

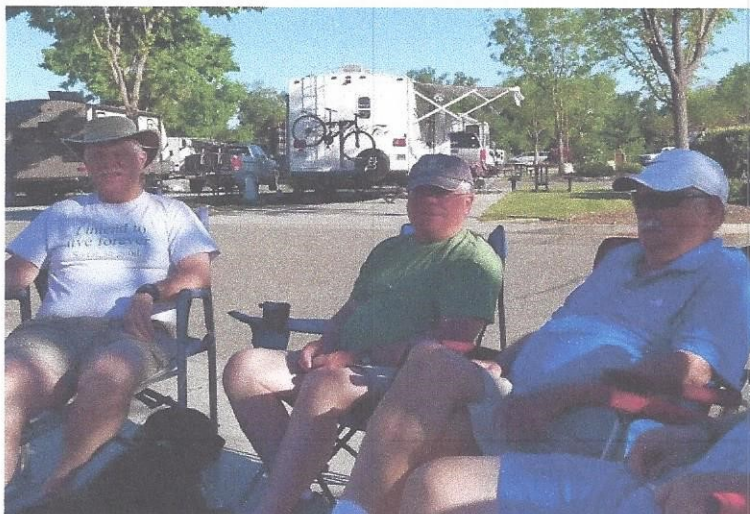
Jack Diggins, along with Mark and Diane Loftus, went on a 10-mile bike ride up and around the bridge area.

There were a total of 8 from the group that went golfing on Wednesday; a few quit after 9 or 10 holes due to the heat.

The Heys visited Burney Falls.



Tuesday evening we all trekked two blocks from the resort to Luigi's Pizza and Pasta for the group meal. I believe everyone enjoyed their meal; there was so much to choose from. Many of the team had different pizzas along with others partaking in some of the pasta offerings. Wednesday also saw some having lunch at one of the local breweries and reported it was very good. A couple of the days saw some of us at the local Shari's diner near the park for lunch.



Wednesday evening we had the potluck dinner with a Hawaiian theme. Huli Huli chicken was the main dish and everyone made dishes to complement the Hawaiian theme. Needless to say, everything was so-o-o good.

Thursday we said a fond farewell to Mark and Diane Loftus, Bill and Lorraine Morgado and Dan and Patty Newton as they all had obligations they needed to get back to on Friday. We were sad to see them go and said "good-bye" until next time.

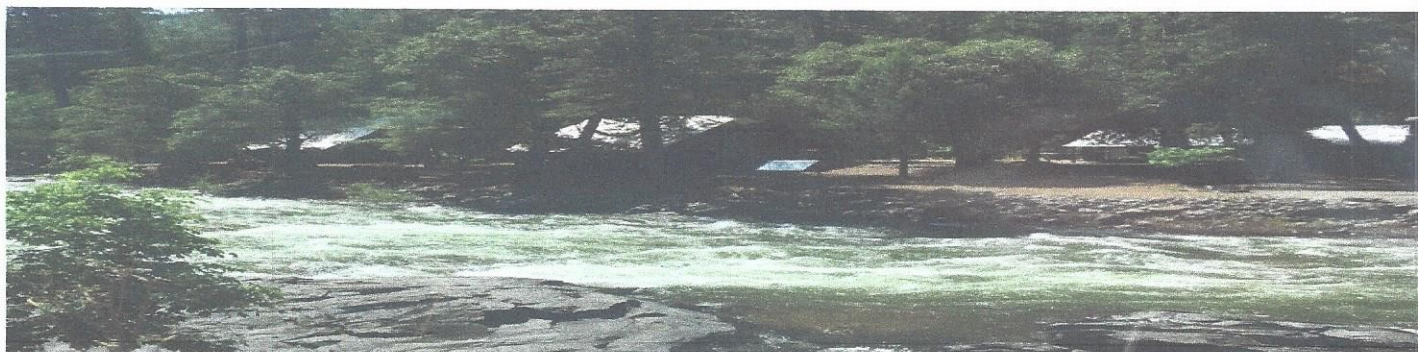
Friday everyone packed up and headed off for home and another outing came to an end.

Gary and Donna Thompson

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## June 10-14 Outing Tahoe Valley RV Park, South Lake Tahoe, CA

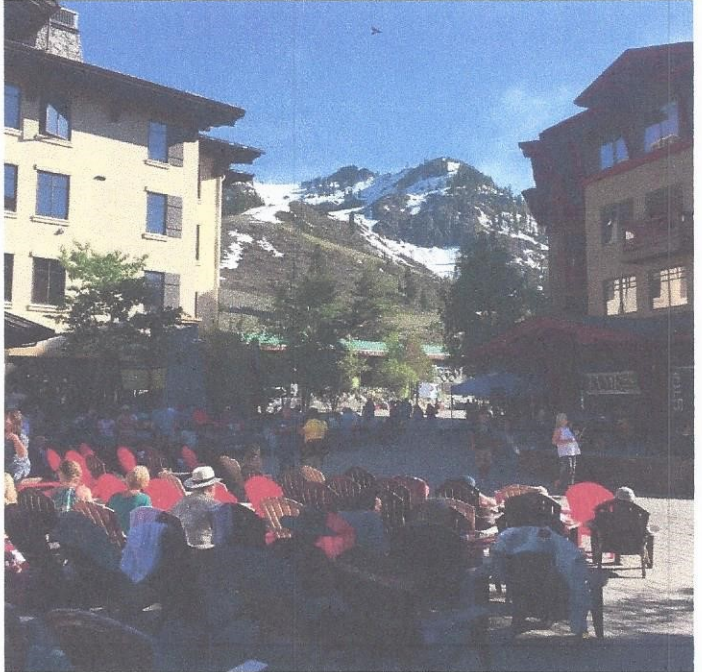
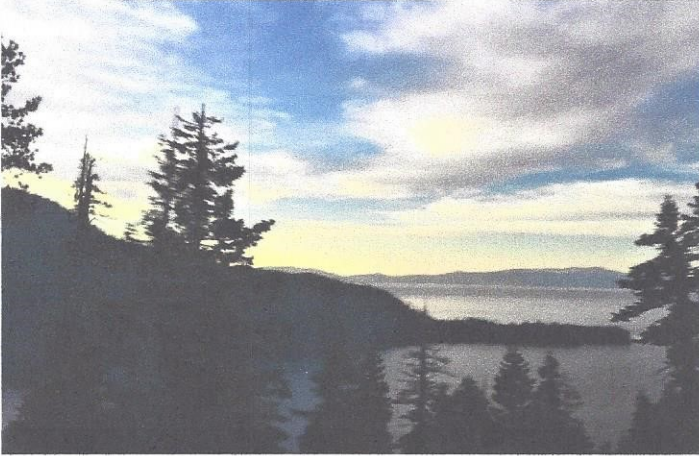
What a beautiful time of year to be in South Lake Tahoe! The weather was a perfect 70 degrees, the summer crowd had not yet ascended, and the flying bugs that bite and annoy were nowhere to be heard or seen. Such was the atmosphere when the 10 rigs arrived on June 10 containing the Browns, the Deatons, the Morgados, the Stricklands, the Thompsons, Ed Fernandez, David Lee, Dona Pedvin and co-Wagon Masters Annette and Mike Babcock, Jim Ayers and Lucy Farley.



It was so wonderful to see the creeks and rivers rushing with water after the previous years' droughts.

Monday night found the travelers decompressing from the trip and the week, and just relaxing around the fire pit (propane, of course) set up in the middle of everyone's "back yard" area. Morning arrived with Jim Ayers serving his customary coffee, pastries and conversation before everyone split to visit the surrounding area or just relax and visit. Trips to local sites included the Taylor Creek Visitor Center where trout can be viewed underwater and trails beckon a short stroll and a drive to San Harbor State Park, advertised as "one of the most spectacular sites on earth." Some of the men in the group took off for some local fishing, promising to return with "whatever fish is featured at the supermarket."

Tuesday evening the Wagon Masters headed to the opening concert of the Tuesdays Bluesdays season at Squaw Valley Olympic Village, while many of the other attendees gathered for an Italian dinner at a local Tahoe restaurant.

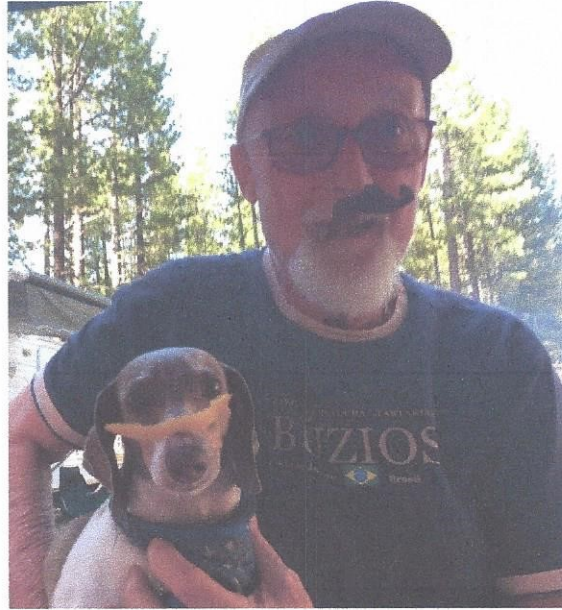


The drive to Squaw Valley provided wonderful vistas of the Lake, and listening to jazz adjacent to the snow-capped mountains made for a very pleasant evening. Later, everyone gathered again around the "campfire" for more stories and general chat.

The golfers in the group took off mid-morning Wednesday to try their skills at a local course, while others strolled around the campsite and down to the nearby Truckee River, visited local stores, and generally soaked up the nice climate. The potluck that evening began with appetizers and a tie-coloring session in keeping with the "Father's Day" theme. After all ties were completed and moustaches were applied, a group photo was taken for posterity and to serve as evidence that this group really knows how to have fun.



A few of the members' dogs even got into the act.



Others – like our illustrious President – found a new use for the adhesive-backed table decorations and applied them to their faces, eyeglasses, clothing, arms and ears. You can't say this group isn't creative! A BBQ followed with traditional hamburgers and hot dogs, various salads and three delicious desserts. We bid an early "good-night" to Dona Pedvin, who went to bed with the chickens (figuratively) so as to get an early start the next morning for a trip to the Bay Area.

A group headed out Thursday for the local casinos, while Eryn and Dan Strickland, Jim Ayers and Lucy Farley took off to visit Genoa, home of the oldest continuously operating bar in Nevada. The ride over the Kingsbury Grade offered breathtaking views of the valley and surrounding hills. The Genoa Bar was exactly as advertised, with mangy buffalo and deer heads looking down on just about every type of sign you could imagine. A leopard-print bra donated by Raquel Welch hung near the Buffalo, both of which were covered in the considerable dust that the bar claims is one reason for its continuing charm.

The evening ended with an impromptu meal of left-overs and an early start by the Morgados toward home. Those remaining gathered for a last visit or sat around TV sets to view the final NBA championship game. Everyone departed Friday morning on schedule to return to their "other lives" until the next outing.

Lucy Farley

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## Details- Upcoming Outings

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**July 9-13, Little Bear RV Park, Blairsden CA**  
Herb & Carol Brown/C.J. & Cathy Deaton, Co-Wagon Masters

The July outing is full at this point and the Wagon Masters cannot get any more spaces assigned to them. We look forward to a full report on the activities and festivities in next quarter's newsletter.

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## **Upcoming Outings, Continued**

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### **August 5-9, McCloud RV Park (a Good Sam Park)**

**480 CA-89, McCloud, CA 96057**

**David Lee, Wagon Master**



***To RSVP: Contact David Lee by calling 916-952-9179***

### **Great Mount Shasta Camping**

***Tucked into Northern California's Cascade Range at the base of Mount Shasta, McCloud RV Resort is the perfect place to enjoy a great outdoor vacation.***

**10 Spots are reserved for our club. No deposit required.  
Full Hook Ups, Cable TV, WiFi**

**Dave will contact those who are signed up for  
Dinner and Potluck with details**

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## Upcoming Outings, Continued

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### September 15-19, Casini Ranch, Duncans Mills, CA

Ed Fernandez, Wagon Master

14 Sites Reserved, All with Water, Electric, WiFi, Dump Station

Cost: \$69.54 per night + one-time reservation fee of \$5.70

Senior, AARP and Other Discounts Available



Those wishing to attend must contact Ed at [fern444@gmail.com](mailto:fern444@gmail.com)

Then call the park make a reservation at 1-800-451-8400

Ask for Jeanette, Maria or Sharon. Tell them you are with the Gold Country Travelers and are making an individual site confirmation.

***Do not mention "Group" or you will end up talking to the wrong person.  
You must cancel 8 days before your scheduled arrival date to avoid a  
\$17.10 cancellation fee.***



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## **Upcoming Outings, Continued**

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### **October 3-7, Pioneer RV Park, Quincy, CA**

Jim Ayers and Lucy Farley, Wagon Masters

**THERE'S NO BETTER TIME OR PLACE TO CELEBRATE  
THE CHANGE OF COLORS, BARN QUILTS, HAYRIDES, SEASONAL DISHES AND MORE!**

### **Pioneer RV Park in Quincy, CA**

1326 Pioneer Road, Quincy, CA 95971 (530) 283-0769

**Northern California RV Camping at its Finest!  
Rated one of the Top 300 Parks in the Country!**



**12 Sites Reserved at \$37.00 per night with Full Hook-Ups  
No Deposit Required**

**Final count due one month out and fee of 1 nights' stay  
charged if cancel within 1 week of scheduled arrival**

**For reservations contact Lucy Farley [superlucy10@yahoo.com](mailto:superlucy10@yahoo.com).**

**Specific Details to Follow -- Be Sure To  
Mark Your Calendar Now!**

**Club Officers and Contacts**

**2019**

President

**Donna Thompson**

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V.P.

**Jack Diggins**

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Secretary

**C.J. Deaton**

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Treasurer

**Ed Fernandez**

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Member at Large

**Lucy Farley**

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Website

**Ernie Curto**

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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Submit Articles to Lucy Farley  
[superlucy10@yahoo.com](mailto:superlucy10@yahoo.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.

