



Gold Country Travelers

January - April 2021

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Our 22nd Year

2021 Outings

January: No Outing

February 8-11: Jackson Rancheria, No Host

February 22-26: Benbow KOA, Garberville, No Host

March 22-25: Vineyard RV Park, Vacaville, No Host

April 21-26: Feather Falls KOA, Oroville, Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master

May 21-25: Pioneer RV Park, Quincy, Jim Ayers & Lucy Farley, Wagon Masters

June 11-14: Smithwoods RV Park, Felton, Ernie Curto, Wagon Master

July 18-22: Little Bear RV Park, Blairsden, Bill & Anne Tiemeyer/Mark & Dianne Loftus, Wagon Masters

August 16-20: Durango RV Park, Red Bluff, David Lee, Wagon Master

September 19-23: Black Oak Casino RV Park, Tuolumne, Karen & Carl Taylor, Wagon Masters

October 9-13: Angels Camp RV Resort, Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, Wagon Masters

November 8-12: Herb & Carol Brown/C.J. & Cathy Deaton, Wagon Masters

December 11: Holiday Party, Club Pheasant, Gary & Donna Thompson, Wagon Masters

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President's Message

We are now almost 4 months into 2021 and we are all hoping 2021 is better than 2020 has been.

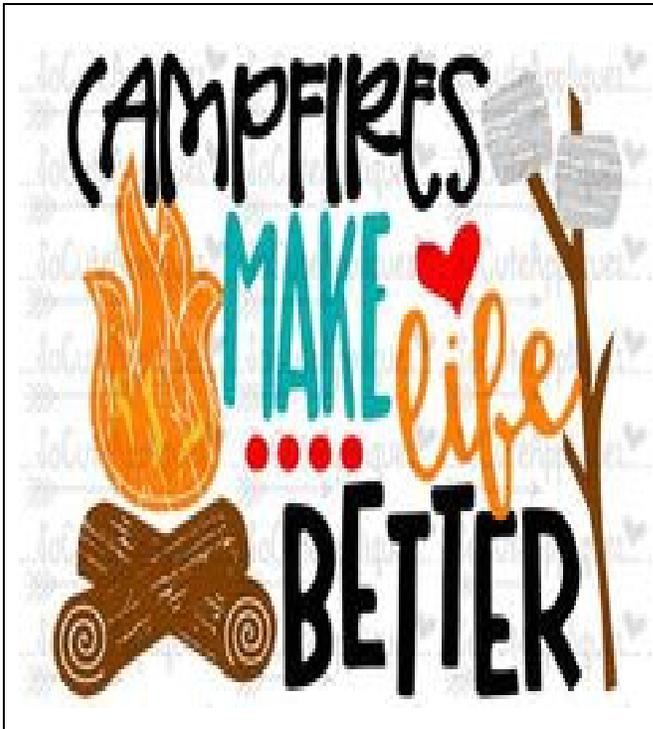
As usual, January was kind of a down month without any outing. February found us with 2 separate No Host outings -- the first one to Jackson Rancheria with a total of 10 rigs venturing up the hill. The second outing was small; 2 rigs took the long drive up into the Redwoods to Benbow KOA.

The week of March 21 – 25 saw 6 rigs, 11 people and 7 dogs at the Vineyard RV Park in Vacaville. This No Host outing was exceptionally low key. A few of the folks took advantage of the nice weather and location to visit loved ones at the National Cemetery in Dixon. David Lee and Gary Thompson had the opportunity to use a guide and fly fish in the Putah River in nearby Winters. Very nice time was had by all.

The rest of the year is TOTALLY booked with outings. And I am SO ready to start camping every month. In April, Dick LaVergne is hosting 19 -- yes folks -- 19 rigs up in Oroville at Feather Falls KOA Campground. We have gone to that park several times and there is always something to do.

In May, Lucy Farley and Jim Ayers will host in Quincy at Pioneer RV Park. It is a beautiful, breath-taking ride up either Hwy 70 out of Oroville or up and over 80 cutting over from Truckee. June takes us to Smithwoods RV in Felton with Ernie Curto hosting. With Felton being so close to Santa Cruz there is always something to do and visit.

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President's Message (Cont'd from page 1)

Keep looking on the website and for emails from our upcoming hosts as they send out the call to sign up for each individual outing. Our outings are filling up fast so answer as quickly as you can.

As mentioned above, 2020 had its issues and with that we did not have our annual Holiday Party. This year we are hoping that we will be able to celebrate the holidays together. More information will be forwarded as we get closer.

I cannot wait to see everyone this coming year. Please stay safe and healthy and see you soon!

Happy Camping!

Donna

Past Outing Reports

February 8-11, 2021
JACKSON RANCHERIA, JACKSON CA
No Host

Seven member rigs housing 10 humans and 11 pets (10 dogs and 1 cat), 1 guest motor home with 2 humans and 1 dog, and 4 members without rigs descended on Jackson Rancheria RV Park from February 8 to 11 for a no-host outing organized by Donna and Gary Thompson. Those attending were the Thompsons, Jack Diggins, Dick LaVergne, Jim Ayers and Lucy Farley, Karen and Carl Taylor, and Yvonne Collins and her guests Edie Evans (from Yvonne's Lazy Daisy Sam's RV group) and friend Pat. Also dropping in for great day visits were members Herb and Carol Brown on Tuesday afternoon, and Steve and Susan Patchett on Wednesday.





The weather was warm and welcoming, permitting outdoor seating and visiting under sunny skies during the day with the seasonal rains not coming until Thursday afternoon. In the evening, the members gathered for the customary circle around the propane campfires supplied by Jack Diggins, the Thompsons, the Taylors and David Lee.

Although COVID-19 restrictions prevented group activity and a pot luck dinner, the members didn't lack for something to do. Most paid at least one visit to the Rancheria Casino to try their luck at the machines or tables, while others took trips into the nearby communities to shop and bring back essentials. The Thompsons, Taylors, Diggins and Lee went to Gold Dust Pizza in nearby Sutter Creek for dinner on Monday; this is a favorite of the Club while in the area and all reported that the food was its customary "excellent." And speaking of food, none of us could resist the homemade breakfast goodies of Karen Taylor's cinnamon rolls on Tuesday and Donna Thompson's Wednesday morning banana bread. Yummy!!!



Unfortunately, President Thompson took a tumble on Monday evening, injuring her knees to the extent that Gary took her to the ER on Tuesday for examination and x-rays, after which she returned with a knee brace, walker and heavy-duty pain-killers to report that there were no broken bones but plenty of swelling, bruising, spraining and muscle soreness. Like the trooper she is, Donna was back participating in the day's activities Tuesday afternoon, albeit a little less exuberant and animated than usual.

Lest it be reported that the group spent too much time "just sitting around," let it be known that the vigorous sport of bocce ball was undertaken on Tuesday (on a grassy area that proved inefficient in promoting accurate ball rolling) and Wednesday afternoon at the Rancheria's bocce ball court, where excuses for poor throws could not be blamed on the playing field. Congratulations to the ultimate team winners Jack Diggins and David Lee who won on the last throw of the final game and are definitely to be reckoned with at future outings.



The Jackson Rancheria RV facility is absolutely top-notch in beauty, amenities and maintenance, and we all look forward to returning there many more times in the future.

February 22-26, 2021
BENBOW KOA, GARBERVILLE
No Host

Attendees to the Benbow KOA No-Host trip consisted of Jack Diggins and his handler Mike, along with Donna and Gary Thompson, together with their puppies Teddy and Layla. Despite the lack of other members, these six found plenty to do and there were definitely many beautiful vistas in the area, as evidenced by the following photos.



Editor's note: While Donna says she was there, we don't see her in any photos (although that might be her standing next to the lighthouse).



This is definitely one area that the Club continues to enjoy, year after year and let's hope more members will be able to attend future outings there.



March 22-25, 2021
VINEYARD RV PARK, VACAVILLE
No Host

The No-Host outing to Vacaville at The Vineyard RV Park had a total of 6 rigs with 10 people and 7 dogs. The folks who attended (along with their dogs) were C.J. and Cathy Deaton, David Lee and Sophie, Jim and Bonnie Marquardt and Harley, Steve and Susan Patchett with Julianna, Carl and Karen Taylor with Callie and Dolly, and Gary and Donna Thompson with Teddy and Layla.

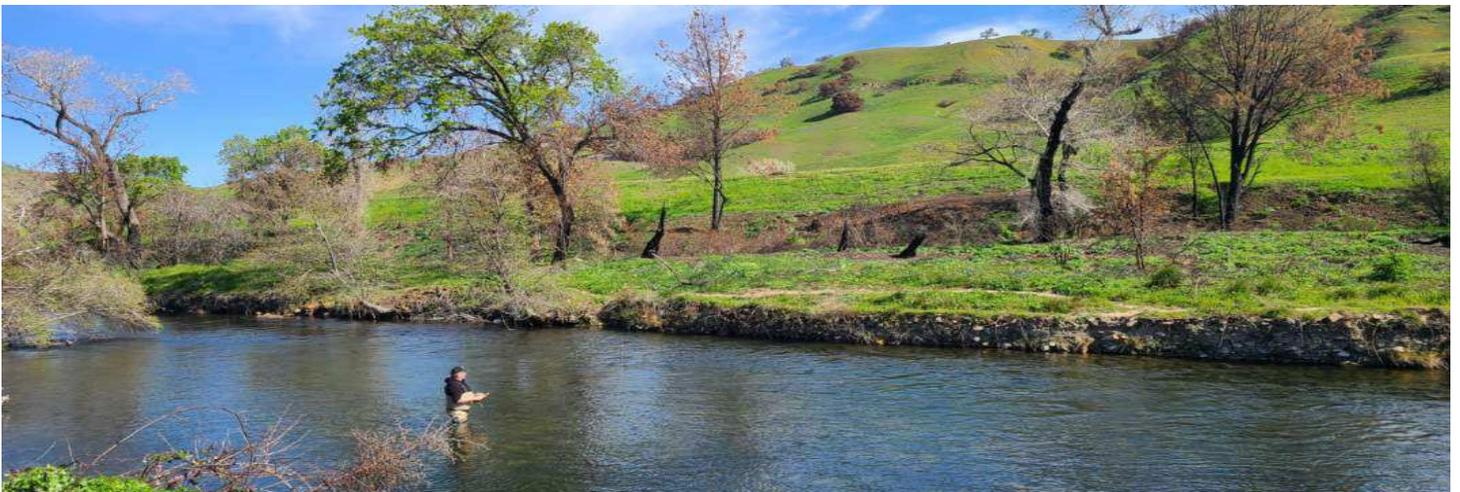
The club has been to this park before, so it was a bit familiar to some of us. As a group we really did not do a whole lot, so it was very relaxing.

Some members (and their dogs) had the opportunity to take an afternoon nap. . . .



A small contingent of folks took some time to go to the National Cemetery in Dixon as they had loved ones interred there. Jim and Bonnie Marquardt visited the Historic area of Winters although they were disappointed that most of the businesses and shops were closed.

Gary Thompson and David Lee took a day and went fly fishing with a guide to the Putah River above Winters. They both came back extremely excited, very tired and had a marvelous time, although neither of them caught any fish.



Four of the 10 people -- Carl, Karen, David and Donna -- went to dinner, dining outdoors at the Buckhorn Restaurant in what was the Nut Tree area. It was very good, and we would recommend that restaurant to all.



Most of the attendees did what we do most every outing – sit around and just enjoy chatting with each other and getting caught up on everyone’s activities.



Thursday brought us to breaking down and heading home; all but the Marquardts, who stayed an extra day until Friday.

- Donna Thompson



April 21-26, 2021
FEATHER FALLS KOA, OROVILLE
Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master

The April GCT outing to the Feather Falls RV Park in Oroville was a great time as the Club's first "hosted" outing for the year. Seventeen rigs arrived for good times amid clear spring skies..... but some rain came towards the end of the trip. The weather was a minor aside for our happy GCT RV'ers including Susan & Steve Patchett, Annette & Mike Babcock, Jim & Bonnie Marquardt and their guests John & Debbie Marquardt, Lucy Farley & Jim Ayers (who overcame several mishaps to make it just a little late), Donna & Gary Thompson, Yvonne Collins and her guest Ede Evans (who is now our newest member), Patty & Dan Newton, Carol & Herb Brown, Cathy & CJ Deaton, Anne & Bill Tiemeyer, Dianne & Mark Loftus, Anne & Jim Zlatunich, Karen & Carl Taylor, Melinda Ortiz & Ernie Curto, and Dick LaVergne, our Wagon master. Six of the group made a 5-day outing of it with the rest staying up to four days.

While the outing started out with mild weather, the rain gods did not disappoint. By the end of the trip, sporadic rain arrived (where is it now?) to soak the parched ground.



The potluck was blessed with an abundance of riches, including Dick's shrimp, clam and mussel seafood chowder with French bread. Amongst all the mouthwatering fares were Eve's and Melinda's delicious casseroles and CJ's grilled asparagus. There was such a cornucopia of dishes, that we had a "Leftovers" potluck the next evening.

Most of the group signed on for a docent guided tour at the nearby Wild Animal Kirshner Wildlife Sanctuary. Unfortunately, the rain had arrived and the bare grounds wouldn't have been kind to the footwear. So, another time. Herb perfectly planned a well-attended golf outing where it's rumored a few wagers exchanged hands.



Side trips included breakfasts at the Cow restaurant, and a trip to Table Mountain where Lucy and Jim found an old school house and a covered bridge in the town of Oregon City. Some checked out the newly-rehabbed Oroville Dam and others made their donations to the Feather Falls Casino.



Thanks to our propane pyros, we enjoyed multiple fire pits each night with beverages, stories and dogs taking over periodically. Dick showed us that he's strikingly handsome even when wearing the latest in PPE wear, a gorilla mask (although some thought at first that an animal had escaped from the Wildlife Sanctuary)!



After an informal poll, all wanted to return in 2022, so we have reserved 16 spots for up to 5 nights, April 20 to 25, 2022. See you then!!

- Dick LaVergne

Club Officers and Contacts 2021

President
Donna Thompson

Vice-President
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Secretary
C.J. Deaton

Treasurer
Bonnie Marquardt

Member-at-Large
Lucy Farley

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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 and just relaxing at our campsites.

Our members share travel stories and 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>

Prospective Membership Application

Submit Newsletter Articles to Lucy Farley
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 upcoming newsletters.

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 # _____

