



# Gold Country Travelers

## Newsletter

### September - December 2021

Our 22<sup>nd</sup> Year



### 2022 OUTINGS

**January 2-6: Jackson Rancheria RV Park**  
**Jim Ayers & Lucy Farley/Mike & Annette Babcock**  
**Wagon Masters**

**February 21-25: Vineyard RV Park, Vacaville CA**  
**Dan & Eryn Strickland, Wagon Masters**

**March 27-31: Olema Campground, Olema CA**  
**Mark & Diane Loftus, Wagon Masters**

**April 20-25: Feather Falls KOA, Oroville CA**  
**Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master**

**May 15-20: Ancient Redwoods RV, Redcrest CA** Jack Diggins, Wagon Master

**June: TBD, Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, Wagon Masters**

**July 17-21: Little Bear RV Park, Blairsden CA**  
**Ernie Curto, Wagon Master**

**August: TBD**

**September 18-22: Bodega Bay RV Park, Steven & Susan Patchett/Yvonne Collins, Wagon Masters**

**October 18-22: Sugar Barge, Bethel Island CA**  
**Gary & Donna Thompson, Wagon Masters**

**November: TBD, Patty & Dan Newton, Wagon Masters**

**December: TBD; Holiday Party, Gary & Donna Thompson, Wagon Masters**

**Outings in yellow are covered in this Newsletter.**

### *President's Message*

With the holidays upon us and 2022 peering around the corner, I would like to thank the wagon masters and the entire club for a wonderful 2021 camping year. We had a marvelous time all year getting together and sharing laughs and, of course, great food at our potlucks.

In review, our year started in February with a No-Host at Jackson Rancheria and then another No-Host in February with 2 rigs, 3 people and 3 dogs at Benbow. March took us to Vacaville for another No-Host with a number of rigs and folks participating. In April we went to Feather Falls, one of the club's favorite parks in Oroville. We then proceeded to Pioneer RV Park in Quincy. In June there was a good number of rigs that took the trip to Smithwoods in the Santa Cruz mountains, with Little Bear in the Blairsden area following up in July. August took us to Durango in Red Bluff where all had a good time despite the air being stifling with smoke from all of the area devastating fires. In September we went to Black Oak in Tuolumne for the first time. As Fall took hold we trekked to Angels Camp and returned to Jackson Rancheria in November. This month we were able to hold a Holiday Party at Club Pheasant in West Sacramento and from what I can gather everyone had a wonderful time.

We have brought in a few new members this year: John and Debbie Marquardt, Edith Evans, and Hank Coldani, and look forward to seeing them in the coming months and years. Thank you all for joining.



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**Congratulations to Our Re-Elected  
2022 Executive Committee**

**President: Donna Thompson**  
**Vice-President: Carl Taylor**  
**Secretary: C.J. Deaton**  
**Treasurer: Bonnie Marquardt**  
**Member-at-Large: Lucy Farley**

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

I could not believe how quickly 2022 filled up including new parks and those that the club hasn't visited in a number of years. For the first time we have a hosted outing in January to Jackson Rancheria, February will be in Vacaville, March is at Olema, in April we'll be going to Feather Falls in Oroville and May will take us to Ancient Redwoods near Ridgecrest. June's location is open but in July we are going back to Little Bear in Blairsden. August is the only month that is still open for someone to volunteer as Wagon Master. September takes us out to the coast to Bodega Bay, October will be at Sugar Barge in the Delta, while November is still undecided. Thanks to all who have signed up to wagon master in 2022 and please look for their emails announcing their individual outings.

At this time, I would like to thank the Executive Committee that served with me this past year and I look forward to serving with you four again in 2022.

And thank you to everyone for a great 2021 and I am so looking forward to 2022 when I hope to see you all again.

*Donna*



**A REMINDER FROM YOUR TREASURER**

It's that time of year when we collect annual dues. Payment should be made by January 31 to avoid being late. Please make checks payable to Gold Country Travelers (not "GCT") to keep our bank happy. If dues are not received by February 28<sup>th</sup>, members will be dropped from the roster and email. Please send your check for \$15 to my address below.

Hope everyone enjoys a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you.

Bonnie Marquardt, Treasurer  
7524 Chorus Avenue  
Roseville CA 95747



\*\*\* **FIND THE TRAILERS** \*\*\*  
**Scattered throughout this Newsletter are  
45 trailers decked out for the Holidays.  
See if you can find them all!**



## Past Outing Reports

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September 19-23, 2021  
BLACK OAK CASINO RV PARK, TUOLUMNE, CA  
Karen & Carl Taylor, Wagon Masters



Eleven member rigs traveled to Tuolumne for the September outing, hosted by first-time wagon masters Karen and Carl Taylor. Those attending were: Cathy and C.J. Deaton, Gary and Donna Thompson, David Lee, Ron and Elaine Mortensen, Herb and Carol Brown, Mark and Diane Loftus, Steve and Susan Patchett, John and Deborah Marquardt, Jim and Ann Zlatunich, and Jim and Bonnie Marquardt.

Wagon master Karen provided home baked goods with the coffee each morning.



Hank Coldani, Ed Fernandez and Violet joined the group for the pot luck dinner on Tuesday evening, where lasagna was served as the main entree.



That night was also Carl's birthday.

He was presented with a chocolate cake and serenaded with a hearty although slightly off-key version of "Happy Birthday."

After dinner we played a game of "Name Those Lyrics." No one knew all the missing words so they added some of their own, eliciting some giggles! Karen passed out small jars of Jelly as a prize to all.

Wednesday night had us going out to dinner at a local favorite, Gus's Steak House.



Some of the group played golf during the day and others were "big winners" at the Casino.



Each evening we met around the campfires to laugh and discuss the day.



A good time was had by all.

- Karen Taylor

**October 9-13, 2021**  
**ANGELS CAMP RV RESORT, ANGELS CAMP CA**  
**Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, Wagon Masters**



Seven rigs came to our outing at Angels Camp. Those participating were the Thompsons, Marquardts, Taylors, Deatons, Stricklands, David Lee and Jack Diggins, plus most of the family dogs.



It was very windy so most avoided putting their awnings out. Due to the ongoing winds, our outdoor activities were limited, although we did get outside to gather and walk the dogs.

The day we arrived the campground was full of campers (President's Day weekend) with lots of families and kids in the playground area.



Each morning the hosts had the coffee, pastry, and fruit out, yet the cold breeze kept the coffee clutch at a minimum (mostly just Jim and David). Others shared coffee and important discussions over the daily firepit.



On Monday morning most of the families and groups pulled out. The resort was still half full, and now very quiet! There was still a gathering of large and modern RVs in the park with a club-logo attached. We learned this was a stopover of a guided tour group called Adventure Caravans.



Many of our group spent some of the day inside to avoid the chilly winds, although some toured the town of Angels Camp, and Gary Thompson and Jack Diggins went for a bike ride. Jack had to pedal . . . Gary pedaled only occasionally as he was riding his new battery powered bicycle. Our original plan included a visit to Ironstone Vineyards but it was only open on our arrival day.



Our potluck was a taco bar with all the trimmings, and dessert of course. Hank Coldani, who lives nearby, joined us and stayed for some good conversation around the fire pits. The club reserved the covered patio for dinner which meant we had electricity for lights and crockpots.



Our last night was dinner at the beautifully restored Murphy's Historic Hotel about 7 miles away. We filled a private dining room and had a wonderful waiter, Romeo, who took great care of us, jokes and all. Hank joined us for dinner this evening too, and everyone enjoyed a great, great dinner.

The next morning the winds had subsided, yet it was still very cool. Everyone was packed up and gone by 11 a.m.

- Jim & Bonnie Marquardt



**November 8-12, 2021**  
**JACKSON RANCHERIA RV PARK, JACKSON CA**  
**Herb & Carol Brown/C.J. & Cathy Deaton, Wagon Masters**

A group of 13 rigs carrying 23 people, 11 dogs (Aurora, Molly, Gracie, Mini, Teddy, Layla, Sophie, Mike, Callie, Dolly and Gemma) and 1 cat (Diesel) returned to the beautiful foothills city of Jackson to visit the pristine Jackson Rancheria RV Park. Most people arrived on **Monday**, but Ed and Violet did not join us until Tuesday. Members attending were Deaton, Mortensen, Fernandez/Askyoung, Newton, Thompson, Lee, Diggins, Babcock, Coldani, Ayers/Farley, Zlatunich & Taylor). We were also joined by guests, Jim & Zoe Beaton who became Club members. The Browns and Loftuses were scheduled to attend but had to cancel. After everyone set up their rigs, we had a "Meet and Greet" featuring a wide range of tasty appetizers, followed by a campfire.



**Tuesday.** It rained very hard Monday night and continued most of the day Tuesday so camp activity was limited. Because of the wind and rain, we were not able to set up our usual morning coffee and pastries. Some people did go into Jackson to visit local shops. Most of us just huddled in our rigs and played cards or watched TV.



Our group was so large we decided against trying to get all of us to one restaurant for our group dinner. So, we split into smaller groups. Thirteen people went to Gold Dust Pizza in Sutter Creek, the best pizza joint in Northern California. Others went to dinner at various Jackson restaurants or barbecued their dinner in camp. We capped off the night with another campfire.



**Wednesday.** The day started with coffee and treats. Cathy made several dozen cookies, along with sweet bread loaves, to share with the group each morning and at the campfires. After the rain stopped and the clouds went away the day turned out beautiful. Some managed to squeeze in a round of golf, including Bill & Ann Tiemeyer who now live in Jackson.

That evening we had our Potluck Dinner in the Park clubhouse. Carol & Herb Brown drove up from Sacramento to help set up and decorate the tables; the centerpieces that Carol made were beautiful. Cathy prepared ham for the main dish and the other food, thanks to all the wonderful salads, side dishes and desserts prepared by the members, was incredible. Bill & Ann Tiemeyer joined us for the potluck.





Dan Newton, substituting for Carol, led the group in a competitive corn hole game called "Stuff the Turkey". The big winner was Jack, with Bill and Gary grabbing second and third places. We finished the day with another group campfire.



**Thursday.** Some folks went shopping and sightseeing; others just hung around the campgrounds. Lucy organized a fun game of corn hole. A group of five (C.J, Jack, David, Carl and Hank) took a tour of the Black Chasm Caves located in Volcano, about 13 miles from the park. These caves were, of course, formed over several thousand years and have been an on-going tourist attraction since the early gold rush era. Although the tour was a little short (45 minutes) it was very interesting. We had our final campfire that night.



**Friday** morning -- time to pack up and go home. Everyone loved the Park and had a good time. As a matter of fact, we loved the Park so much we decided to return in January, 2022. Lucy & Jim, with Mike and Annette Babcock, stepped up and volunteered to host the outing (1/2/2022 – 1/6/2022). By attending as a group rather than individuals we save 15% off the standard nightly rate, reducing the \$75/night to \$63.75. Almost everyone signed up immediately.

- C.J. Deaton

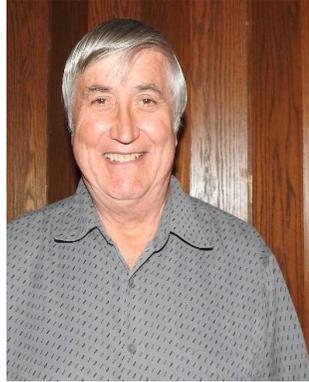
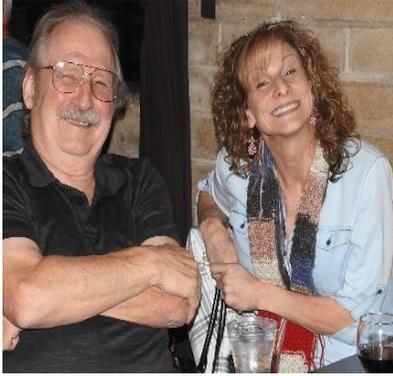
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**December 11, 2021**  
**HOLIDAY PARTY – CLUB PHEASANT, WEST SACRAMENTO CA**  
**Gary & Donna Thompson, Wagon Masters**



We returned to the Club Pheasant in West Sacramento for our Holiday Party this year -- site of our 2019 party -- and again the restaurant outdid themselves. I will venture to guess everyone who attended this year had a great meal and had a marvelous time.





We mixed things up a little bit this year by having a Toys 4 Tots drive as opposed to a White Elephant present give away. This idea went over tremendously well and I would like to continue with this idea as we move through the years. Out of the 33 members who attended we came away with 40 toys for donation. CJ took half of them for the toy drive sponsored by the Sacramento Sheriff Volunteers and I took the other half to the Patterson Fire Dept for their annual toy drive. Thank you to all who came and so generously donated!



With having to cancel last year's festivities it made this year all the more special and I would like to thank the following members and their guests who attended this year: Jim Ayers/Lucy Farley, Mike/Annette Babcock, Herb/Carol Brown, Hank Coldani and guest Mati Clark, Ernie Curto, CJ/Cathy Deaton, Jack Diggins, David Lee, Mark/Diane Loftus, Jim/Bonnie Marquardt, John/Debbie Marquardt, Ron/Elaine Mortensen, Dan/Patty Newton, Steve/Sue Patchett, Carl /Karen Taylor, Bill Tomlinson and guest Suzanne Whitehouse, Jim/Ann Zlatunich, and Gary/Donna Thompson.

- Donna Thompson



## Upcoming 2022 Outings

**January 2-6, 2022**

**Jim Ayers & Lucy Farley, Mike & Annette Babcock, Wagon Masters**  
[superlucy10@yahoo.com](mailto:superlucy10@yahoo.com)



### **JACKSON RANCHERIA RV PARK**

**12222 New York Ranch Road**  
**Jackson CA 95642**  
**1-800-822-9466**

This is a great opportunity to be at the RV Park when it is decorated for the Holidays. Although we are getting a group rate of \$63.75 per night, we will not have a group site, however we will be in close proximity to each other at the front of the Park. If you would like to attend, call the Park and ask to be added to the Gold Country Travelers group and they will assign you a site. There is a \$75 deposit that is applied to the total nights' stay.



**February 21-25, 2022**

**Dan & Eryn Strickland, Wagon Masters**  
[erynelisa@gmail.com](mailto:erynelisa@gmail.com)

**Vineyard RV Resort**  
**4985 Midway Road, Vacaville, CA**  
**(866) 447-8797**



The Club is happy to return to this location, and Eryn and Dan report that they have reserved 11 sites that back up around the clubhouse. The Club will have full access to the clubhouse and the covered patio, which will be perfect should there be rains. The nightly rate is \$56 plus \$1 each night per pet.

For reservations, contact Eryn at 707-695-2648 before the February 5, 2022 deadline. She will need your name, RV size and type, phone number, arrival and departure dates, and number of dogs.

No deposit is required and full payment is due and payable to the RV park at the time of arrival.

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**March 27-31, 2022**

**Mark & Diane Loftus, Wagon Masters**

[markloftus007@gmail.com/dianeloftus007@gmail.com](mailto:markloftus007@gmail.com/dianeloftus007@gmail.com)



**OLEMA CAMPGROUND**

**10155 Highway 1, Olema CA  
1-800-655-2267**

Located next to the Point Reyes National Seashore, just north of San Francisco, this campground is the ideal place to enjoy different outdoor activities like bird watching, hiking, kayaking or just relaxing on the beach. Watch for emails from Mark and Diane about this outing in early 2022.

**April 20-25, 2022**

**Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master**

[bmagicl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bmagicl@sbcglobal.net)



**Feather Falls Casino**

**KOA**

**3 Alverda Drive, Oroville, CA  
(530) 533-9020**



*The members attending this resort in 2021 were so pleased with this location that Dick LaVergne has reserved 16 sites for 5 nights at this facility, which is a long-time favorite of the Club. He will be sending out complete information in 2022 as the date nears, so be sure and check your emails.*

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**2022 Wagon Master After-Outing Report Guide**

**Included in this Newsletter is a one-page form prepared by Editor Lucy Farley to assist Wagon Masters in providing their after-outing reports for the Newsletter. The form will also be available in the Club binder kept in the Wagon Master bin. Please review the form before, during and after your outing and use it as a guide for taking photos depicting the attendees and activities enjoyed at your outing and in the preparation of your ultimate narrative report.**



## WAGON MASTER AFTER-OUTING NEWSLETTER REPORT

This is presented as a guide for you to note things during your outing to assist you in preparing a Narrative Report (summary in full sentences) to be published in the GCT Newsletter about your outing. This guide describes the events and activities to be covered in the Report, including the need for photos of those events and activities. Basically, the Report needs to describe where you went, who was there, what you ate at the potluck, where you ate out in a restaurant, what activities were held at the RV park or nearby, and any interesting occurrences or happenings.

Outing Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Outing Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Wagon Masters: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Attendees (Last Names): \_\_\_\_\_

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Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Pot Luck Main Course: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include at least 2-3 photos)

Group Restaurant Outing: Restaurant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include at least 1-2 photos)

Other Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Include 1-2 photos)

Campfire (Include 2-3 photos)

Other Miscellaneous comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send Narrative Report and Photos to Lucy Farley, [superlucy10@yahoo.com](mailto:superlucy10@yahoo.com) / 1981 Roma Court, Sacramento 95833 within two (2) weeks following the last day of your outing.



**Club Officers and Contacts 2021**

**President**  
**Donna Thompson**

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**Vice-President**  
**Carl Taylor**

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**Secretary**  
**C.J. Deaton**

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**Treasurer**  
**Bonnie Marquardt**

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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. In December we 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 maintenance and repair ideas they have learned from experience. The cooks in the Club share recipes and cooking stories. Our quarterly newsletter and website keep members informed of upcoming and past activities.

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

**Wagon Masters** should send a story of their outings and photos within 2 weeks after the event is complete.

**Tech Tips, Recipes** and other items to publish can be sent anytime and will be included in upcoming newsletters.

**Gold Country Travelers RV Club**  
<http://www.goldcountrytravelers.com>  
 Prospective 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

