



Gold Country Travelers

Third Quarter (July-Sept) 2022

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Gold Country Travelers RV Club

Our 23rd Year

2022 -2023 Outings

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

August – Canceled

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

**October 18-22 – Sugar Barge RV Resort,
Donna & Gary Thompson, Wagon Masters**

**November 7-11 – Jackson Rancheria, Patty &
Dan Newton / Elaine & Ron Mortensen,
Co-Wagon Masters**

**December 10 – Holiday Party, Aviator's
Restaurant, Sacramento, Donna & Gary
Thompson, Hosts**

**January 2-5 – Jackson Rancheria RV Park,
Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, Wagon Masters**

**February 19-23 – Vineyard RV Park, Karen &
Carl Taylor / Cathy & C.J. Deaton, Co-Wagon
Masters**

March – TBD

**April 19-24 – Feather Falls Casino, Oroville,
Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master**

**May – Ancient Redwoods, Jack Diggins,
Wagon Master**

June - TBD

**Reports for Past Outings in Yellow are
covered in this Newsletter.**



President's Message

Summer is over and we are looking into Fall, which is my favorite time of year. It starts to get cooler, and the leaves start to fall and the next thing we know it's Christmas.

The group had a slow summer but the two outings we did have were both outstanding.

In July, as we have been doing for several years, we went to Little Bear RV Park in Blairsden. That area is just beautiful. This year we didn't have to contend with two separate fires as we did last year. Ernie Curto was our host and did a marvelous job. He selected the Iron Door in Johnsville, an old Gold Rush Town, for our group dinner. The potluck was delicious as usual, and the company was wonderful.

We found that August was a difficult month to book, and the outing was canceled.

September the group went to a park that we had not visited in a couple of years, Bodega Bay RV Park. What a great outing! The weather was on again off again rain, mostly in the middle of the night. Most of us were prepared for cold rainy weather, whereas it turned beautiful short-sleeve weather during the day. Our co-wagon masters were Steve and Susan Patchett and Yvonne Collins who did an outstanding job, with the pork loin at the potluck being probably the moistest I have ever had. All the rest of the dishes were wonderful as usual. A lot of the group took little side trips in and throughout Bodega Bay and north to Jenner and Fort Ross. Wednesday evening the group went to the Blue Heron in Duncans Mills for dinner.

Our next few months will be busy with two more outing for the 2022 season. The first one in October is at Sugar Barge
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Beth and Tim Forrester

Tim and Beth have a 34-ft Motorhome and reside in Antioch with their dogs, Bentley and Java



*Also joining in mid-2022 are **Violet Ask-Young**, friend of Ed Fernandez, and Hank Coldani's friend, **Mati Clark**, pictured together above.*

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

on Bethel Island that will be hosted by Gary and myself. Then in November we will trek up the hill to Jackson Rancheria with the Newtons and Mortensens serving as wagon masters.

Sadly, Club Pheasant canceled our Holiday party reservations, which sent me into a small panic. After much going back and forth, I was able to find a place to accommodate us -- Aviator's restaurant in Sacramento. More information will come in the next few months.

2023 is really coming along and we have only 3 months open that need wagon masters to volunteer -- March, June, and September. If you haven't been a wagon master in a long time, now is the time to volunteer. If you have never been a wagon master and are a bit hesitant, ask a seasoned member to co-host with you. Just let us know.

As soon as you know which month you want to choose, PLEASE send an email to Ernie Curto so he can add the information to the website. Even if you know the month, but not necessarily the dates/place, still let him know so he can secure that month for you.

Happy Camping

Donna



*In Gratitude to Our
Faithful Traveling
Companions*

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES WE CELEBRATE THIS COMING QUARTER



Ron Mortensen – Oct 28
Ernie Curto – Nov
Elaine Mortensen – Nov 29
Anne Tiemeyer – Dec 1
Zoe Beaton – Dec 5

Martin Beaton – Dec 9
Herb Brown – Dec 18
Violet Ask-Young – Dec 27
Beth Forrester – Dec 29

Ken & Cricket Couser
Dec 31



Past Outing Reports

July 17-21

LITTLE BEAR RV PARK, BLAIRSDEN

Ernie Curto, Wagon Master

The July 17-21 outing I hosted at Little Bear RV Park was fantastic and the Graeagle area is always a club favorite. Traveling in 13 rigs, the attendees were Donna and Gary Thompson, Jack Diggins, Bill and Anne Tiemeyer, David Lee, Steve and Susan Patchett, Ed Fernandez and Violet Ask-Young, John and Debbie Marquardt, Mark and Diane Loftus, Don and Elaine Mortensen, Jim and Bonnie Marquardt and their grandchildren Beau and Lily Pepin, and the Marquardts' guests Mark and Laura Reis. Also attending were prospective members Dave and Norma Munn, and Tim and Beth Forrester, who became members at this outing.

On Monday we had a group dinner at the Iron Door in Blairsdén. There were four dinner choices – salmon, steak, or a choice of two pastas -- and everyone declared that all of the food was fantastic.



David Lee, the Forresters and I took a trip into Quincy on Tuesday to view the Plumas County Museum, which has a lot of local area history including exhibits on the past railroad, mining and timber industries. After the Museum, we drove up to Buck's Lake, just outside of Quincy, after which we stopped for gas and headed back to the park. Many members went on their own during the outing to play golf, hike, compete in pickleball, or attend a Saturday night concert at the Brewing Lair, proving there is so much to do in this area.

The pot luck dinner was held on Tuesday evening at the park's club house. I barbequed a tri-tip, which was quite good, but with the large crowd, I should have brought two! Everyone contributed great side dishes to accompany the meat and, as usual, no one left hungry – but "Top Gun" seems to have had a bit too much!





On Wednesday a group drove to Packer Lake 19 miles south of Graeagle for a picnic. On the way, they stopped at Gold Lake and a couple of other vista points. Some people fished but no one caught anything (so maybe that's why it's called "fishing" and not "catching").

And sitting back at the RV park sharing stories and enjoying general camaraderie is always a fun and relaxing time.

- Ernie Curto



September 18-22
BODEGA BAY RV PARK
Susan & Steven Patchett / Yvonne Collins, Wagon Masters

The trip started with some rain on Sunday but the remainder of the outing was warm, sunny weather. We had 15 rigs consisting of the wagon masters, Carl & Karen Taylor, Dick LaVergne, Ernie Curto, Ed Fernandez & Violet Ask-Young, Martin & Zoe Beaton, Jim Ayers & Lucy Farley, Hank Coldani & Mati Clark, Gary & Donna Thompson, Dan & Eryn Strickland (whose daughter Zoe dropped by for a visit), Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, Tim & Beth Forrester, and guests Tom & Penny Warner and Jack & Laurie DeLay.



The wagon masters served a variety of breakfast breads and muffins every morning at the Patchetts' rig



Yvonne Collins distributed an aid guaranteed to ensure everyone got their daily exercise in



And Martin Beaton showed up one day with a new hair style!



Monday Ed, Violet, Hank, Mati, Dick, Ernie, Steve and Susan went to Bodega Head. On Tuesday Ed, Violet, Dan, Steve and Susan played pickleball in the morning and in the afternoon some of the guys played poker in the clubhouse.





The potluck was in the clubhouse Tuesday evening with the main course being BBQ Pork Loin. The appetizers, salads, sides, pies and cakes were delicious. Ernie brought many flavors of ice cream and toppings which made for a very popular dessert. We wished Carl a Happy Birthday on the 21st and gifted him with a bottle of wine, and Yvonne Collins drew names and handed out surprise gift items to Ernie Curto, Beth Forrester, Karen Taylor, Zoe Beaton, Bonnie Marquardt and Lucy Farley. It was a fun evening for all.



On Wednesday a few campers went to Fort Ross.

That evening we went to The Blue Heron for dinner in Duncan Mills. The food and the service was outstanding.

We left on Thursday by noon.



- Susan Patchett & Yvonne Collins

UPCOMING OUTINGS

OCTOBER 18-22

DONNA & GARY THOMPSON, Wagon Masters
dsthompson810@gmail.com / garlinstrove@mail.com

SUGAR BARGE RV RESORT

1440 Sugar Barge Road
Bethel Island CA 94511
(925) 684-9075



The Wagon Masters have Reserved 15 sites for this outing; if additional sites aren't available, please ask to be put on a waiting list. **All reservations and site assignments will be made through the Wagon Master no later than September 9, who will handle all payments, preferably with cash or check.** Further information is to be distributed by email once the outing date gets closer.

NOVEMBER 7-11

PATTY & DAN NEWTON, ELAINE & RON MORTENSEN, Wagon Masters
figstuff50@hotmail.com / rnmortensen@frontier.com



JACKSON RANCHERIA

RV PARK

11407 Dalton Road
Jackson CA 95642
(800) 822-9466

The Newtons and Mortensens provided the members with the information for 14 sites they had reserved, asking each attendee to contact the park and make a deposit for one-night's stay. Although all 14 sites have been taken, it is possible to contact the park and request a site as close as possible to the group.

Further information as to activities will be distributed by email in early October.

December 10

CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

DONNA & GARY THOMPSON, HOSTS

dsthompson810@gmail.com / garlinstrove@mail.com

AVIATOR'S RESTAURANT

6151 Freeport Boulevard
Sacramento CA 95822
(916) 424-1728



The date for the holiday party is the same, although the location is now Aviator's restaurant at the Executive Airport in Sacramento. There will be a choice of entree (prime rib, chicken, salmon or pasta) with price to include tax and 20% gratuity. The event will include a toy donation for the Sacramento Sheriff's Office Toys 4 Tots campaign.

Look for an email from Donna Thompson in late October/early November with more details.



Club Officers and Contacts 2022

President

Donna Thompson

Vice-President

Carl Taylor

Secretary

C.J. Deaton

Treasurer

Bonnie Marquardt

Member-at-Large

Lucy Farley

Website

<http://www.goldcountrytravelers.com>

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 makes and models.

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 and Holiday Season 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 provide recipes and cooking stories. Our quarterly newsletter and website keep members informed of upcoming and past activities.

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Submit 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.

Gold Country Travelers RV Club

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: _____

Pets (Type & Name): _____

