



Gold Country Travelers

Fourth Quarter (Oct-Dec) 2022

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Gold Country Travelers RV Club

Our 23rd Year

2022 -2023 Outings

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 20-24 – Flag City RV Park, Lodi, No Host

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

May – Ancient Redwoods, Jack Diggins, Wagon Master

June - TBD

July – Little Bear RV Park, Blairsden, CA Bill & Anne Tiemeyer, Wagon Masters

August – TBD, Patty & Dan Newton/Ron & Elaine Mortensen, Co-Wagon Masters

September – TBD

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

President's Message



What an amazing year we had in 2022! Gold Country Travelers experienced some new parks and areas to visit, and new members. This quarter alone brought us the Cullens and the Warners, and both couples will be great assets to the group.

In October, Gary and I hosted an outing to Sugar Barge, which is a park the club had been to in the past, but not for several years. We had 17 rigs containing 30 people and 18 dogs altogether. Ham was served at the potluck along with an amazing assortment of appetizers, side dishes and desserts. A few of the bravest folks took kayaks out on the delta. There were also a good number of people who had brought their bikes and took a few rides along the levees.

November took us back up to Jackson Rancheria, which is always a favorite destination. The Newtons and the Mortensens were our wagon masters, and a splendid time was had by all. They were not able to reserve the club house for our use, so Bill and Anne Tiemeyer, volunteered their local club house for our use; which worked out wonderfully. Our wagon masters provided a delicious Nacho dinner with all the fixings the first night we were there. The potluck was amazing as usually with barbequed pork loin.

Our Holiday Party was held on Saturday, December 10 at the Aviator Restaurant in Sacramento. We had 34 attendees, and I could not have asked for a better holiday celebration. We had asked those who were attending to each purchase a toy to bring for the Sacramento Sheriff's Toys 4 Tots Annual Drive. Again, everyone outdid themselves and CJ was very touched by their generosity.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



DANIEL & DEBBIE CULLEN

Daniel and Debbie have a 28-ft Travel Trailer and live in Antioch.



PENNY & TOM WARNER

The Warners reside in Danville and travel in a 35-ft Motorhome with their dog Harley.

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

During the festivities we did take care of some club business including Secretary, CJ Deaton reporting that there was no response to the call for nominations for the 2023 Executive Board the existing board was reinstated. So with that, I would like to extend a big thank you to the 4 others who were elected to comprise the Executive Board with me: VP Carl Taylor, Secretary CJ Deaton, Treasurer Bonnie Marquardt, and Member at Large Lucy Farley.

2023 is fast approaching, with Jim and Bonnie Marquardt hosting January 2-6 at Jackson Rancheria as the Christmas decorations will still be up along the roads. February 19 - 23 will have the Deatons and the Taylors hosting in Vacaville at Vineyard RV Park. Keep in mind, March is still open to anyone who would like to step up and host; just let us know.

Looking forward to our upcoming adventures in 2023.

Donna



Our President shows her fun side at a grocery store ride during the November outing to Jackson.

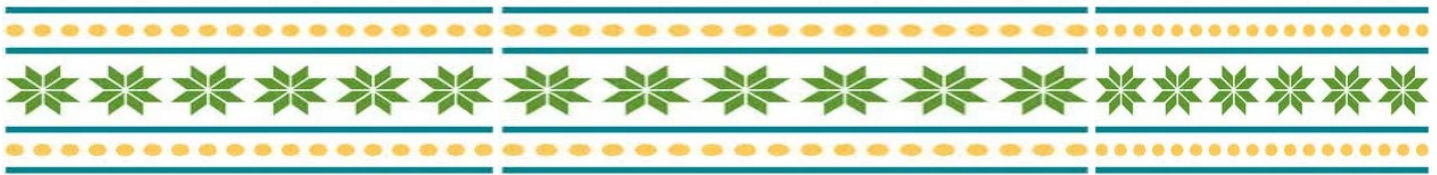
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES WE CELEBRATE THIS COMING QUARTER



Gary Thompson - Jan 1
Hank Coldani - Jan 4
Dan Newton - Jan 7
Bill Tomlinson - Jan 7
Annette Babcock - Jan 14
Bill Tiemeyer - Jan 17
Jim Marquardt - Jan 22
Ken Couser - Jan 23
Dan Strickland - Jan 31
Diane Loftus - Feb 5
Jack Diggins - Feb 10

Cricket Couser - Feb 15
Ann Zlatunich - Feb 16
Mati Clark - Feb 18
Cathy Deaton - Feb 20
Ed Fernandez - Feb 10
Edith Evans - Feb 21
Karen Taylor - Mar 13
Jim Ayers - Mar 16
Tim Forrester - Mar 16
Eryn Strickland - Mar 24

Dan & Patty Newton
Jan 14
Ron & Elaine Mortensen
Jan 23
Carl & Karen Taylor
Jan 30
Jim & Ann Zlatunich
Feb 1
Edith Evans & Ed Nielsen
Feb 12



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 28th, 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

PAST OUTING REPORTS

OCTOBER 18-22

SUGAR BARGE RV RESORT

DONNA & GARY THOMPSON, Wagon Masters

The Club had a total of 17 rigs for this outing and those attending were Yvonne Collins, Tim & Beth Forrester, Jack Diggins, Carl & Karen Taylor, CJ & Cathy Deaton, Martin & Zoe Beaton, David Lee, Steve & Susan Patchett, Mark & Diane Loftus, John & Debbie Marquardt, Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, Ron & Elaine Mortensen, Dick LaVergne, Ed Fernandez & Violet Ask-Young, along with Gary and me. In that total of 17 rigs, we acquired new members to the group Tom & Penny Warner from Danville and Daniel & Debbie Cullen from Antioch. And, last but no means least, 20 doggies in total.

The weather was outstanding, a little chilly in the evening. Gary and I supplied Margarita mix for those who wanted and in the morning we had the coffee and pastries out for those who wanted a little bit of breakfast before stating their day.



Mark & Diane, Ed and Violet, and Jack and David took their kayaks down to the pier that is on site and were able to float around the local delta area. I also believe Ed & Violet had the opportunity with the Patchetts to play Pickleball locally and Gary, along with Ron and Elaine Mortensen, golfed at Brentwood's Golf Course.

A large group of folks brought their bikes and took to a few of the local bike trails.



While others enjoyed sitting back at the RV park sharing stories and enjoying general camaraderie, always making for a fun and relaxing good time. . . . and Cathy Deaton was a favorite among some of the dogs!



On Wednesday evening, the group got together for the Potluck of Ham and all the fixings. Everyone in this group can sure cook because everything was delicious. I must thank Cathy Deaton for providing most of the table decorations. On Thursday evening we trekked up to the onsite restaurant and had dinner.



Friday a few of the folks left a day early. Then on Saturday morning we all packed up and headed back home to meet again in November. It seemed to us that everyone had a marvelous time.

- Gary & Donna Thompson, Wagon Masters



NOVEMBER 7-11

JACKSON RANCHERIA RV PARK

PATTY & DAN NEWTON / ELAINE & RON MORTENSEN, Wagon Masters

The November outing was held at Jackson Rancheria and due to bad weather – we had rain, wind and unusually cold weather -- we went from 14 camper rigs to 10 whose owners persevered through it all. In addition to Wagon Masters Dan and Patty Newton and Ron and Elaine Mortensen were Wagon Masters, the other attendees included Dick LaVergne, Jim and Bonnie Marquardt, Donna and Gary Thompson, Cathy and C J Deaton, Karen and Carl Taylor, Tim and Beth Forrester, Martin and Zoe Beaton, and Steven and Susan Patchett.

On arrival day we had a meet and greet (Nacho Bar) at the park's clubhouse, which was warm and inviting until the thunder and lightning started. Although everyone was having a good time, those of us with fur babies wanted to get back to our RVs to comfort our pets. Tuesday's weather continued to be rainy and cold so other than braving the weather to walk our pets, most stayed in their rigs.



On Wednesday we had a well-attended potluck and since we were not able to use the park's clubhouse, Bill and Anne Tiemeyer, who recently moved to the area, graciously offered their beautiful HOA clubhouse for the event, which was complete with a roaring fire on a large television screen. GCT members David Lee, Lucy Farley and Jim Ayers also drove from home to attend the potluck.



Some of us explored the town of Jackson, others enjoyed the casino, some found snow in the area, while Karen, Donna and Cathy were making decorations for the December Holiday party.

We did not have an official GCT dinner outing but some went to Gold Dust Pizza, some went to the casino for dinner and some stayed home to eat. Thursday night was the only night that the weather cooperated enough so that we were able to have a campfire.

Everyone broke down their rigs on Friday and sadly we had to say See You Again to our GCT friends.

- Happy New Year, Dan and Patty!!!

HOLIDAY PARTY - DECEMBER 10
AVIATOR'S RESTAURANT, SACRAMENTO
DONNA & GARY THOMPSON, Hosts

Our Holiday Party was held on Saturday, December 10 at the Aviator Restaurant in Sacramento. We had made reservations last year at Club Pheasant; unfortunately, after 87 years, they announced in May or June they were closing their doors at year end. At the end of August, I received a call that they were canceling our reservations for Dec 10. I went into a bit of a panic. A couple of our members -- the Patchetts and the Mortensens -- both mentioned the Aviator Restaurant. After, calling almost every other restaurant in the greater Sacramento area, I finally called the Aviator and was greatly surprised that they had room for us. I met with the owner, Chic, and we both came up with a menu that I thought our members would enjoy. And enjoy they did!



We had 34 attendees, and we could not have asked for a better holiday celebration. This attendance was great considering we had to brave the worst storm we had had in several years to get there.

We had asked those who were attending to each purchase a toy to bring for the Sacramento Sheriff's Toys 4 Tots Annual Drive. Again, everyone outdid themselves; CJ was clearly touched by everyone's generosity. CJ will ensure the toys get delivered to the Sacramento Sheriff's team for distribution.



We have again, reserved Dec 9, 2023, at the Aviator restaurant for our 2023 Holiday Party. We are looking forward to another great party and hope to see everyone there.

Donna and Gary

UPCOMING OUTINGS

FEBRUARY 19-23

Karen & Carl Taylor / Cathy & C.J. Deaton, Wagon Masters
karensue42@gmail.com / carltaylor48@gmail.com / cdeaton0719@comcast.net



VINEYARD RV PARK

**4985 Midway Road
Vacaville CA 95688
(866) 447-8797**

The Wagon Masters have reserved 15 sites, most of which are adjacent to the Clubhouse to which we will have full access and use for the entire four days. The rate is \$67 per night, or \$268 total, with an extra charge of \$1.00 per night for each member's dog; all park fees are due at check-in. The Wagon Masters will MAKE ALL RESERVATIONS, ASSIGN the sites, and PAY any required DEPOSITS. Any cancellation made after February 5 will require the payment of one night's fee. If you wish to attend this outing or have any questions, please e-mail (cdeaton0719@comcast.net) or call C.J. (916-990-9782) ASAP. The first 15 people to sign up are guaranteed a reservation. If more than 15 members wish to attend, we will establish a waiting list. More details to follow.

MARCH 20-24

No Host – Contact Donna Thompson dsthompson810@gmail.com; 408-476-4454

FLAG CITY RV PARK

**6120 W Banner Road
Lodi CA 95242
(866) 371-4855
209-339-8300**



Since none of the members picked up this month, a NO HOST OUTING is being planned for this location. For our new people a NO HOST OUTING is a far less organized outing. There will be no Potluck, no morning coffee/pastry table, and no organized dinner out, but you can always make your own plans for outside meals. This is just camping and fellowship.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: When making your reservation you will need to reference Donna Thompson, not the Gold Country Travelers. The Park accepts Good Sam, Passport and other discount memberships. Please let Donna know when you make a reservation and/or contact her if you have any questions.

Club Officers and Contacts 2023

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): _____

