



Gold Country Travelers

Newsletter

April – June 2023

Our 24th Year

2023 OUTINGS

April 19-24: Feather Falls KOA, Oroville CA
Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master

May 8-12: Ancient Redwoods RV, Redcrest CA
Jack Diggins, Wagon Master

June 11-15: Sugar Barge RV Park, Bethel Island CA
Dan & Debbie Cullen / Tim & Beth Forrester, Wagon Masters

July 16-20: Little Bear RV Park, Blairsden CA
Bill & Anne Tiemeyer, Wagon Masters

August 13-17: Mt Shasta City KOA, Patty & Dan Newton /
Elaine & Ron Mortensen, Wagon Masters

September 20-24: Heritage Park RV, Corning CA
Carl & Karen Taylor / C.J. & Cathy Deaton, Wagon Masters

October 9-13: Pioneer RV Park, Quincy CA
Martin & Zoe Beaton / John & Debbie Marquardt,
Wagon Masters

October 22-26: Jackson Rancheria RV Park,
Ladies' Outing, Donna Thompson, Wagon Master

November: 6-10: Carmel-by-the-River RV Park,
Carmel CA, Steven & Susan Patchett / Ernie Curto,
Wagon Masters

December 9: Holiday Party, Aviator Restaurant, Sacramento,
Gary & Donna Thompson, Hosts

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we progressed into Spring 2023, we started out by attending April's outing to Feather Falls KOA, which is always a favorite with the group. Dick LaVergne was wagon master with about 14 to 15 rigs in attendance. Dick provided a wonderful potluck with ham and all the fixings. The rest of the group provided great appetizers, sides and desserts. He also planned for all to trek over to the casino for a dinner out, where most of us paid our yearly dues to the casino.

Dick had a great idea and got all of the "hoomans" and took a picture of us with our dogs. The picture came out so cute (look for it in the outing report). Several of us took drives to the dam and were astonished at the amount of water in the lake and coming out of the spillway. Ever so different from last year and the year before.

In early May the group took the beautiful drive to the redwoods. Again, Jack Diggins and his faithful dog, Mike, hosted at Ancient Redwoods in Redcrest. I am writing from what I have gathered from others, as Gary and I had to miss this one as well; he fell and broke his foot 4 days before we were to leave.

From what I am being told, the weather was superb and of course the redwoods were spectacular. Jack outdid himself with Chili dogs and hamburgers and everyone again contributed to the meal with yummy sides and desserts. Because of the number of people, it was difficult to arrange for a restaurant to support us all. Jack provided a list of a few local restaurants and I understand folks went out to them in groups.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS JOHN & WANDA WINGERTER



JULY

- 1 – Norma Munn
- 9 – Jim Zlatunich
- 25 – Bonnie Marquardt
- 28 – Daniel Cullen
- 29 – Donna Thompson

SEPTEMBER

- 4 - Dave Munn
- 6 - Mark Loftus
- 15 - Debbie Marquardt
- 21 - Carl Taylor

AUGUST

- 7 – Steven Patchett
- 10 – C.J. Deaton
- 15 – Susan Patchett
- 23 – Lucy Farley
- 24 – Ed Nielsen
- 25 – Carol Brown
- 25 – David Lee
- 28 – Jeane Radler



- John & Wanda Wingarter**
July 20
- Gary & Donna Thompson**
August 10
- Dan & Eryn Strickland**
August 18
- Martin & Zoe Beaton**
August 24
- John & Debbie Marquardt**
September 9

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

The Redwoods have an abundance of places to hike, and I understand there was a hike to Founders Grove by quite a few of the group. One day a group drove up into Ferndale and out to the ocean.

Sugar Barge was the place to be in June with Tim & Beth Forrester and Daniel & Debbie Cullen as our wagon masters. We did not lack for food whatsoever on this trip. Debbie and Daniel provided every type of donut made in the morning along with coffee. Tim and Beth provided the main potluck choice of Fried or Baked chicken. There was so much leftover there was a second potluck on Thursday evening.

Debbie made the cutest centerpieces of succulent plants. They had a game of 6 very specific questions, whoever won a particular question got a succulent plant. I happen to win the one who has traveled the farthest, which was to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

We had new members join at this outing, John & Wanda Wingarter from Orangevale. We welcome John and Wanda and hope to see them at future outings.

In July we again went to Little Bear in the tiny town of Blairsdon with Bill & Anne Tiemeyer as wagon masters. This was at least the 5th time we've been there and it's one of our favorite places to go. August beckoned the group to Mt. Shasta hosted by Dan and Patty Newton and Ron and Elaine Mortensen; this is the first time in a very long time that we stayed there. September 20–24, we are up in Corning, CA at Heritage RV Park co-hosted by C.J. & Cathy Deaton and Carl & Karen Taylor. Look for reports from these outings in a Newsletter coming out in mid-October.

And we finish out the year with two outings in October, the first on the 9th through the 13th at Quincy's Pioneer RV Park with Martin & Zoe Beaton and John & Debbie Marquardt, and the second in that month being a Ladies' outing at Jackson Rancheria on the 22nd to the 26th. Our final RV trip of the year is scheduled for Carmel Valley RV November 6-10 with Ernie Curto and Steve & Susan Patchett as wagon masters. And don't forget the holiday party which will be held for the second year at the Aviator Restaurant in Sacramento on December 9, hosted by Gary & me.

All in all, a great year of camping and I hope to see you all at the upcoming outings.

Happy Camping

Donna



Past Outing Reports

April 19-24
FEATHER FALLS CASINO KOA, OROVILLE, CA
Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master

So, what does the perfect RV Park offer? How about well-groomed surroundings, a magnificent club house, regular security, concrete pads and roomy grass and shaded sites, a dog park, of course, nearby activities from hiking to a little wagering, friendly staff, and all for just \$44 a night! Combine all that with perfect weather and it describes the Gold Country Travelers RV Club great stay at the Feather Falls RV Park in Oroville.

We had 16 rigs and 29 members join us, along with 17 woofers. How do we know we had at least 17 woofers? Because that's how many joined us humans for the first ever *Great GCT Pooches Photo Shoot!* It was an amazing moment with all 17 pooches and humans posing for the below wonderful photo. Not a bite, a bark or a Grrr out of the bunch.... And the pooches behaved themselves, too! Ho!



Joining us were the Babcocks, Beatons, Curto, Deatons, Diggins, Farley & Ayers, Forresters, Lee, LaVergne, B&J Marquardt, D&J Marquardt, Morgado, Mortenson, Newtons, Patchetts, Taylors, and Thompsons. And Debbie and Dan Cullen joined us while staying at the casino. A terrific group!



Thursday found a number of outings with members and their pooches hiking Table Mountain to see the Phantom and Ravine Falls, while enjoying the beautiful flowers on the mountain. Several drove across the Oroville Dam to view the rehabbed spillway, and several went to the Oroville Suspension Bridge and the original Old Bidwell Bar Suspension Bridge and Toll house. Also viewed was the "Mother Orange Tree" which is where it's said all oranges in California come from.

And the food!! There was the re-opened Dreamcatcher Buffet in the casino on Thursday, our Friday potluck with all of the members offerings, including choices of delicious ham. Kent, the park manager, cooked up a complimentary Saturday pancake breakfast, and we can't forget the Newtons hosting grilled hot dogs and sides for lunch. Wow to it all!



And if there wasn't sufficient drama to the outing, our wagon master Dick LaVergne supplied his own by first being stuck on Highway 70 for 4 hours waiting for service to change his blown RV tire on his way to the park. And after his arrival there, he found that the shrapnel from the tire had also punctured two of his water lines. Finally, in a late Saturday night jaunt in the trailer (who needs to turn a light on?) to the fridge to get water, Dick tripped on the rug and fractured his nose, broke a nasal artery, and bruised his face. In a grand finale, an ambulance, fire truck, and two Sheriff's cruisers arrived to send him on his way to the hospital for stitches. Ah, good times!

So, go big or go home! And that's what we all did Sunday with great memories and plans to return to Feather Falls in April 2024. See you there!

--- Dick LaVergne

May 8-12
ANCIENT REDWOODS RV, REDCREST, CA
Jack Diggins, Wagon Master

There was an excellent turnout for the outing to Ancient Redwoods RV. There were 13 rigs, 25 people and 9 dogs. Mike was the wagon master with his assistant Jack. Also present were Mike & Annette Babcock, Zoe & Martin Beaton, Dan & Debbie Cullen, CJ & Cathy Deaton with Aurora, Tim & Beth Forrester, Mark & Diane Loftus with Tioga, Jim & Bonnie Marquardt with Harley, John & Debbie Marquardt with Bella & Lucy, Steve & Susan Patchett with Julieana, Dan & Jeannie Radler, Carl & Karen Taylor with Callie & Dolly, and Bill & Anne Tiemeyer.

We stayed on the Avenue of the Giants in a redwood rain Forrest; The weather ran the gamut from a heavy downpour, light rain, fog and sun; however, none of the activities were impacted by the weather and every night we were able to comfortably sit around the fire pits.



Due to the large variety of interests in the group and the numerous things to see, these are some of the things the members did: Hiked Drury-Chaney Loop trail, Rockefeller Loop, Founders Grove, and the River Walk in Ferndale. Most members went to the Sequoia Park Zoo in Ferndale and walked



the Redwood Skywalk. The zoo was fun and the Skywalk Walk is very impressive. Members drove the Avenue of the Giants, Mattole Road, the Lost Coast Road and out to the Ocean via Ferndale. Sightseeing, purchasing hats, other souvenirs and great Deli sandwiches in Ferndale made the town enjoyable. Bill Tiemeyer and the Patchetts got in some games of pickle ball.



The Burlington Visitor Center, Lost Coast Brewery, and Eel River Brewery provided great beer and meals. The Patchetts also found a restaurant in Miranda that they recommend we try next year.

Mike made a Chili Dog main course for the potluck on Tuesday; he provided so much chili (adding his special ingredients) and hotdogs we had a leftover potluck dinner on Thursday. We still had enough food for a third meal, proving I'll have to monitor Mike's shopping next time.

Everyone was able to pick places to dine out on Wednesday if they wished. The Beatons, Babcocks, Radlers and I went to the Eel River Brewery and had excellent drinks and a very good meal. You have to try the beer battered onion rings.

Even though there was so much to do, the Marquardt brothers decided to stage a contest. The goal was to break an item that Tim couldn't fix. Jim broke the Turbo on his truck driving up and John broke a lift spring on his trailer. Tim was up to the challenge and got both the truck and trailer road worthy so the Marquardts could drive home. It was great to see club members helping each other.

All the club members enjoyed Ancient Redwoods so much, they want to return next year. Due to the distance, Mike will schedule a 5 day outing in August of 2024.

-- Wagon Master Mike and his Assistant Jack Diggins

June 11-15
SUGAR BARGE RV PARK, BETHEL ISLAND CA
Dan & Debbie Cullen / Tim and Beth Forrester, Wagon Masters

What great weather for camping. We had a total of 13 rigs and the following people attended: Annette and Mike Babcock, Donna and Gary Thompson, Debbie and John Marquardt, Bonnie and Jim Marquardt, Dick LaVergne, Mike and Jack Diggins, Cathy and CJ Deaton, Carl and Karen Taylor, Lucy Farley and Jim Ayers, Jeane and Dan Radler, Sue and Steve Patchett, and Wagon Masters Debbie and Daniel Cullen/Beth and Tim Forrester. We also had Wanda and John Wingerter join us as guests, and they ended up joining the group during the trip.

The best way to describe the outing is -- We Came, We Saw, We ate it. We started Sunday with a Meet and Greet, which Debbie and Daniel Cullen planned as well as the Monday night potluck, and there were lots of goodies for all. Tuesday night we made a trip to Antioch to eat out where we had lots of food. We ate together Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights and had hot dogs together Monday for lunch. The mornings featured Donuts and Donut Holes as far as the eye could see. The decorations for the potluck were outstanding and the lucky ones that won the contests left with a great gift of plants.



The Tuesday night out was to Hillcrest Restaurant and Tap House in Antioch, where the food was outstanding, the owner Dwayne insuring all were well taken care of, and there was some sampling of the flavored beers.

Every night we enjoyed the campfires and had a total of 7 fire pits – as well as some blankets and other covers -- as the nights were a little chilly.



Some members played a card game prior to coming to the campfire, with new member Wanda Wingerter being the big winner.

Debbie and John Marquardt's dog Bella really enjoyed the fire pits and when Dan Cullen left for a moment, he had to find another place to sit. Debbie and John's other pup, Lucy, got cozy with same-named member Lucy Farley, who also had a fun moment when she gifted Karen Taylor with a very nice shirt after a comment made by Karen at the last outing. You may be able to guess the topic of the discussion from the shirt.



As you can see from the photos, we had a good crowd each night and all had a great time.

-- The Forresters and Cullens



Upcoming 2023 Outings

Please note that these listings are provided for general information and are not notices to sign up; look for Wagon Master instructions in future emails.

SEPTEMBER 20-24, 2023

Carl & Karen Taylor / C.J. & Cathy Deaton, Wagon Masters

HERITAGE RV PARK

975 Hwy 99 West, Corning, CA
(530) 505-2470



There are a few of the 15 reserved sites still available for this outing due to cancellations. If you wish to attend, please contact C.J. Deaton immediately. Activities include a dinner out and the customary potluck.

OCTOBER 9-13, 2023

Martin & Zoe Beaton / John & Debbie Marquardt, Wagon Masters

PIONEER RV PARK

1326 Pioneer Rd, Quincy, CA
(530) 283-0769



This park has been a favorite of the Club for several years now. It's one of the nicest parks in that area and the rates are reasonable at \$59.94 a night including taxes. There are a few spots remaining so if you are interested in attending, please email Zoe Beaton. Additional information will be supplied as the date nears.

OCTOBER 22-26, 2023

LADIES' OUTING

Donna Thompson, Wagon Master

**JACKSON RANCHERIA
RV PARK**

975 Hwy 99 West, Corning, CA
(530) 505-2470



Donna reports that she has a few sites still available for this Ladies' only event. If you want to attend, please call the park at 1-800-822-9466 to reserve your space and call or email Donna and let her know what space you have been assigned.

NOVEMBER 6-10, 2023

Ernie Curto, Steven and Susan Patchett, Wagon Masters



**CARMEL BY THE RIVER
RV PARK**

27680 Schulte Road,
Carmel-By-The Sea, CA
(831) 624-9329

There are still some available sites for this outing in a new location for the Club alongside the ocean. If you are interested in going, please call the park at the number above to reserve a space and call or email Ernie Curto and let him know what space you have been assigned.

NOTICE: IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL AN RV RESERVATION

If you need to cancel a previously-made reservation, please remember to call both the RV Park and the Wagon Master. There have been occasions where a member called the park and cancelled but didn't notify the Wagon Master, who didn't know about the cancellation and became concerned when the member didn't show up at the outing. A lot of the parks have a rule as a matter of security that they will not reveal to anyone – not even the Wagon Master -- whether a person has checked into the park. We hope you don't ever have to cancel but if you must, please notify the Wagon Master and park.



Club Officers and Contacts 2023

President
Donna Thompson

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Carl Taylor

Secretary
C.J. Deaton

Treasurer
Bonnie Marquardt

Member-at-Large
Lucy Farley

Website
Ernie Curto

ABOUT US

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

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 be published can be sent anytime and will be included in upcoming newsletters.

Gold Country Travelers RV Club
<http://www.goldcountrytravelers.com>
 Membership Application

Name _____ Date _____

Spouse _____ 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 # _____

