



Gold Country Travelers Newsletter

January – March 2023
Our 24th Year

2023 OUTINGS

January 2-6: Jackson Rancheria, Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, Wagon Masters

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

March 20-24: Flag City, Lodi CA (No Host)

**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
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**

**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

This year started out with a bang, literally. In January we trekked back up to Jackson Rancheria for a great stay, except for the weather. Not only was it cold, but windy, rainy and some thunderstorms just to add a little excitement to the mix. Bonnie and Jim Marquardt were our Wagon Masters for this outing. The potluck was SCRUMPTIOUS; Bonnie made a brisket that melted in your mouth and everyone else contributed sides that were great as usual. Most everyone hunkered down in their rigs or, in between showers, ventured out on adventures of their own. As usual, a group went to Gold Dust Pizza in Sutter Creek.

In February the group went to the Vineyard RV Park in Vacaville. Gary and I had to back out as our rig had been vandalized and had to be repaired. Although he and I, along with Teddy and Layla, rode up on the day of the potluck and visited with everyone, it was weird not having our rig there. Our Wagon Masters for this outing were CJ & Cathy Deaton and Carl & Karen Taylor. They outdid themselves by serving multiple yummy soups for the potluck.

The March outing was scheduled as a No Host event to Flag City in Lodi, where 11 rigs had signed up. Unfortunately, due to either rig repair issues and or the weather, everyone canceled except Mike Diggins and his trusty driver and sewer connection guy Jack. New members Dan and Jeane Radler attended the last two days; another "new" member joining us this year is Bill Morgado, who is returning after being away for a few years.

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WELCOME

New Members DAN & JEANE RADLER



When not at home in Prundale, Dan and Jeane travel in a 26-foot Travel Trailer.

And Returning Member BILL MORGADO



Bill re-joins us after several years' absence; he resides in Elverta and has a 28-ft Fifth Wheel.

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

Our next few outings are: April 19 thru 23, Feather Falls, Oroville, hosted by Dick LaVergne; May 8 thru 12, Ancient Redwoods, Redcrest, where Jack Diggins will be Wagon Master; June 11 thru 15, Sugar Barge, Bethel Island, with Tim & Beth Forrester and Dan and Debbie Cullen serving as Wagon Masters. Please look for the outing information in this Newsletter to learn more and remember that no Club member, other than the Wagon Master, may reserve a site at an RV Park for a Club outing until such time as the Wagon Master has formally announced the outing via email and provided reservation procedures to ALL Club members. (Effective January 1, 2023).

And for those of you thinking of being Wagon Masters and hosting an outing next year, please note that we should make our 2024 group reservations now. I've been told that a recent RV manufacturer's report indicated that 2023 was a record year, with over 500,000 new RVs on the road, all of them competing for camping spots. As a group with outings of 15-plus rigs, we need to make sure that we can get that number of spaces next year and should be making our 2024 reservations as soon as possible.

Lastly, I would like to thank Lucy Farley for the great job she did this year on the 2023 Roster. Last year she provided printed Rosters to each rig and if you didn't receive one, please let me, Lucy or any other officer know. The Roster provides good information such as a list of members and their phone numbers, addresses, and emergency contacts, as well as rig sizes and slide information and if they require 30 AMP or need 50 AMP, data that comes in handy for Wagon Masters making RV Park reservations. **Please print out the 2023 Roster that Lucy distributed via email recently and place it in your folder that was provided in 2022. Also keep in mind that because this document contains personal member information, please shred your previous years' copy for security reasons.**

As always, I'm looking forward to seeing you all throughout the 2023 camping season.

Happy Camping

Donna





BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES WE CELEBRATE THIS COMING QUARTER



Penny Warner – April 14
Patty Newton – April 28
Michael Babcock – May 7
Dick LaVergne – June 4
John Marquardt – June 9
Yvonne Collins – June 16
Tom Warner – June 17



Steven & Susan Patchett – April 5
Jim & Bonnie Marquardt – April 25
C.J. & Cathy Deaton – May 7
Tim & Beth Forrester – June 7
Mark & Diane Loftus – June 9
Tom & Penny Warner – June 13
Daniel & Debbie Cullen – June 15
Bill & Anne Tiemeyer – June 25

Past Outing Reports

January 2-6, 2023
JACKSON RANCHERIA RV PARK, JACKSON CA
Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, Wagon Masters

“Oh, the weather outside was frightful, and our friends were so delightful”



...and the Christmas lights for the RV Park entry-drive and buildings were bright and cheerful, and made the campground cheery, despite the windy and extremely wet weather every day except for one. But it's winter, it's Christmas time, it's cold, it's wet --what else do you expect? Lol.



We had very fierce winds almost daily, and the worse was during the nights where everyone was rocking-and-rolling in their beds. We really felt the effects of the atmospheric river every day! No RV leaks that we were aware of, although several of our outdoor items blew into the neighbors' sites. Good thing that the drives to and from the campout were on dry days.

Despite the wet/windy/cold weather, the Taylors, the Forresters, the Thompsons, Jack and Mike Diggins, Dick LaVergne, the Babcocks, the Cullens, and, of course, Wagon Masters Jim and Bonnie Marquardt, braved it out and mostly hibernated for days with occasional dog-walks or trips to the casino via its handy shuttle bus. Several of us gambled and had lunches/dinners inside to stay out of the weather, and we understand several folks also drove up the road to visit/see the snow, while others drove to downtown Sutter Creek for a great pizza at Gold Dust Pizza. Yum!

The potluck dinner – originally scheduled for our third night -- was moved to the second evening as we had reserved the club room for the evening as the rain was pending. The room was decorated in 'New Years' décor and the tables were arranged into a large square so all members were facing each other. There was also an adjoining room with a large Christmas Tree and fireplace.



The menu was planned and prepared perfectly by Bonnie Marquardt, with the main course being juicy brisket, along with several salads and side-dishes. As usual, there was plenty of food to go around (we still have rolls available!) and it was great that Bill and Anne Tiemeyer, who live nearby and couldn't miss our camaraderie, joined us for dinner and to share in our one-night firepit sit out. After dinner we did sit out with 5 fire-pits that kept us warm for a couple of hours until the rain started again.

On departure day (Friday), it was cool and cloudy, no rain, and a slight breeze. A good day to dry out, pack and head for home before the next rainstorm.

- Jim and Bonnie Marquardt

February 19-23, 2023
VINEYARD RV PARK, VACAVILLE CA
Carl & Karen Taylor / C.J. and Cathy Deaton, Wagon Masters

We had nine rigs in attendance: Zoe and Martin Beaton, Jack Diggins, Mike and Annette Babcock, Tim and Beth Forrester, Mark and Diane Loftus, Steve and Susan Patchett, David Lee (who had a bit of a smelly mishap with his camper), and Co-Wagon Masters C.J. and Cathy Deaton and Carl and Karen Taylor.

The weather was cold and rainy but we stayed cozy by the fireplace in the clubhouse. C. J. got the juke box working and Tim played the piano for a bit.



All of this sitting around inside had an impact on some people . . .

like C.J. Deaton, who began to literally climb the walls (or maybe it was his way of getting some exercise)!



Our pot luck was Monday night, and in addition to the members at the park, we were joined by Debbie and Dan Cullen and Donna and Gary Thompson, who drove over to join us for dinner.



Cathy Deaton and Karen Taylor provided three kinds of soup, with everyone else bringing appetizers, salads, and desserts, with Debbie Cullen bringing plenty of bread!

Cathy and Karen also had a lot of fun collecting cute teapots and cups for the table decorations. They planted live plants and succulents in them and, after dinner, said that anyone could have one. It was no surprise that all were taken.



Some of our more active campers took hikes to lagoon Valley Reservoir, and Eagle Trail. Steve and Susan Patchett, Mark and Diane Loftus, and Jack Diggins went on a 11 mile bike ride!! One night Jack Diggins pointed out an extraordinary view of the moon lined up with Venus and Jupiter.

Tuesday night was dinner out at Amici's Restaurant in Vacaville.



- Karen & Carl Taylor, Cathy & C.J. Deaton

March 20-24, 2023
FLAG CITY, LODI, CALIFORNIA
Jack Diggins, On-Site Wagon Master

This no-host outing was originally scheduled for 12 rigs to arrive on Monday, March 20 and depart on Friday, March 24.

As it turned out, this was the lowest number of rigs on any GCT outing I have ever attended. I used the fingers on one hand to count the number of rigs that didn't cancel because of the cold, rainy weather or problems with the RV. After counting one rig, I had three unused fingers and a thumb remaining.





On the plus side, it was easy to plan activities since such things as going to restaurants took no prior planning.

Mike had my undivided attention and took full advantage of his status of "most in charge" of his rig. He dragged me around for at least 5 miles every day.

Monday was sunny and pleasant. A Deputy Sheriff I used to work with, who now lives in Lodi, came over to the park and we sat outside, drinking wine until the sun went down.

On Tuesday morning, as expected, it started to rain. We went out to breakfast at Michael David Winery, which is about one mile from the park; the meal and the atmosphere were both excellent. By Tuesday night the rain became intermittent. The park drained well and there were no problems with flooding.



Wednesday started with light rain. Prospective members Jeannie and Dan Radler showed up with their new trailer to meet GCT members and Mike and I did our best to be impressive. The wind came up but I was able to BBQ salmon filets without getting rained on.

Thursday, I met my friend at Habanero Hots for lunch, which had good food at reasonable prices. The wind blew most of the day and night, and on Friday we went home.

- Mike and the guy on the other end of the leash (Jack)

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.

April 19-24, 2023

Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master
bmagicl@sbcglobal.net



Feather Falls Casino

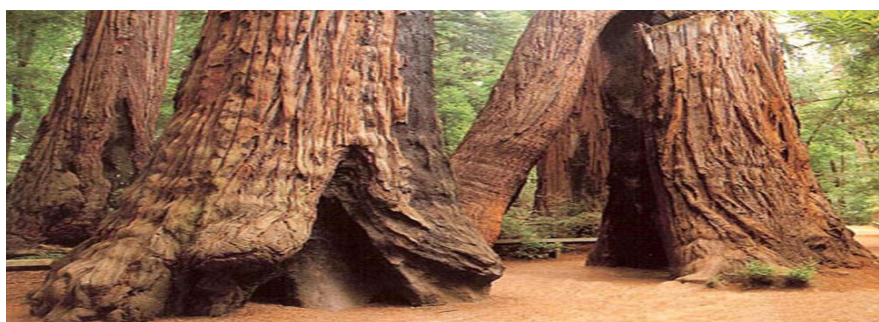
KOA

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

Dick reports that 16 rigs with 27 attendees have made reservations for this outing, which includes viewing the Lyrid Meteor Shower and a "Great GCT Puppy Photo" shoot. Anyone interested in going who doesn't have a reservation will need to contact him to see if there are any spaces available.

MAY 8-12, 2023

JACK DIGGINS, Wagon Master
thedigs@att.net or (650) 759-7597



ANCIENT REDWOODS

RV PARK

28101 Avenue of the Giants
Redcrest CA
(707) 722-4396

The Club is returning to this beautiful park after a wonderful outing in 2022, which is located just minutes from the Giant Redwoods and other area attractions. Because of its remote location, there is no internet or cable TV service, but if you have Wifi phone service the park promises excellent reception. Jack has filled the 17 sites that he and requests that you contact him ASAP to confirm your reservation and provide him with a check by April 24 for the deposit. If you haven't signed up to attend, contact Jack to see if he can obtain a spot for you.



JUNE 11-15, 2023

DAN & DEBBIE CULLEN / TIM & BETH FORRESTER, Wagon Masters

onecullen@yahoo.com, luvstovaca@yahoo.com

timothyforrester@comcast.net

SUGAR BARGE RV PARK

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



All of the 15 sites reserved for this outing are taken, but if you wish to attend, please contact Tim Forrester immediately. The rate is \$67.50 per night with a \$1.00 per night fee for each dog. A \$67.50 deposit is required and Tim asks that a check payable to him be sent no later than May 15. Activities include a meet-and-greet, a dinner out, and the customary potluck.

JULY 17-21, 2022

BILL & ANNE TIEMEYER, Wagon Masters

tiemeyerbill@gmail.com / tiemeyera@gmail.com



LITTLE BEAR RV PARK

102 Little Bear Road, Blairsden CA
(530) 836-2774

Bill Tiemeyer reports that he has reserved 15 spots, but doesn't know the situation with the park since it doesn't open for the season until April 15. Look for an email from Bill in May with full 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
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

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.



"If you flip it up, it's an awning. If you flip it down, it's a movie screen. If you think that's cool you should see what I did to the bathroom."

Gold Country Travelers RV Club
<http://www.goldcountrytravelers.com>
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 # _____