



Gold Country Travelers

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Gold Country Travelers RV Club

Our 24th Year

2023 - 2024 OUTINGS

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, Steven &
Susan Patchett / Ernie Curto, Wagon Masters

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

January 2024 – TBD

February 11-15: Watsonville KOA, Watsonville CA
Mark & Diane Loftus, Wagon Masters

March 2024 – TBD

April 24-28: Feather Falls Casino KOA, Oroville CA,
Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master

May 14-18: Black Oak RV, Tuolumne CA, Annette &
Mike Babcock / Donna & Gary Thompson, Wagon
Masters

June 4-8: **25th ANNIVERSARY**, Sugar Barge RV Park,
Bethel Island CA, Donna & Gary Thompson, Hosts

Reports for Past Outings in Yellow are in this Newsletter.

President's Message

Summer 2023 was a great Summer and early Fall for Gold Country Travelers with 3 awesome outings: Little Bear at Blairsden, Mt Shasta KOA in Shasta City, and Heritage RV in Corning.

In July we again went to Little Bear in the tiny town of Blairsden where Anne & Bill Tiemeyer were our hosts. Some folks went early to attend the annual Craft Fair in Graeagle. The group dinner was held at the Iron Door, a working restaurant since the Gold Rush days in the middle 1800's, with a front door that is actually an iron door!. Bill bar-b-qued his famous pork tenderloin for the potluck and everyone else added appetizers, salads, sides, and desserts.

Mt. Shasta beckoned in August to join Dan & Patty Newton & Ron & Elaine Mortensen as Wagon Masters, who hosted a hamburger/hot dog Meet & Greet the Sunday evening we arrived. Most of the group took a drive into Weed to experience a memorial to our country and the Americans who gave their all – a very quiet, serene and moving experience. We were there at sunset which added to the beauty. The potluck again was superb, with pulled pork sandwiches and delicious additions.

September 20–24, we traveled up to Corning at Heritage RV Park co-hosted by C.J. & Cathy Deaton and Carl & Karen Taylor -- a very quiet outing for sure. A number of campers took advantage of visiting New Clairvaux Winery and Abbey, which is the home of Trappist-Cistercian Monks. Again, Karen Taylor and Cathy Deaton outdid themselves with the potluck, serving ham and Karen's famous potatoes while everyone else filled in the remainder

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES WE CELEBRATE THIS COMING QUARTER



Debbie Cullen - Oct 2
Ron Mortensen - Oct 28
Ernie Curto - Nov
Elaine Mortensen - Nov 29
Anne Tiemeyer - Dec 1
Zoe Beaton - Dec 5
Martin Beaton - Dec 9
Bill Morgado - Dec 17
Violet Ask-Young - Dec 27
Beth Forrester - Dec 29



Dan & Jeane Radler - Oct 18
David & Norma Munn - Nov 20
Ken & Cricket Couser - Dec 31

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of the meal. Karen and Carl hosted a Root Beer Float night our first evening of the outing.

Quincy's Pioneer RV Park is up for October with Martin & Zoe Beaton and John & Debbie Marquardt as our hosts. And October 22-26 is our Ladies' Only outing at Jackson Rancheria. In November, the group will be at Carmel Valley RV with Wagon Masters Steve & Sue Patchett and Ernie Curto.

Filling out the year will be our annual Holiday Party, scheduled for Saturday, December 9 at the Aviator Restaurant at the Executive Airport in Sacramento. More information on that event is to come soon.

We are in very good shape for the 2024 camping year with all but two months reserved. We do need Wagon Masters for both January and March so let me know if you are interested in taking either of those months.

And just a reminder that Lucy mentioned in the last Newsletter that if for any reason you need to cancel just prior to an outing, please call or email the Wagon Master since a lot of parks will not divulge whether you're safe at home or stuck somewhere on the road, or worse. So don't let us have to send out the hounds!

Happy Camping,
Donna

Past Outing Reports

July 16-20

LITTLE BEAR RV PARK, BLAIRSDEN
Bill & Anne Tiemeyer, Wagon Masters

This year's trip to Little Bear marked the fifth year in a row that the Club has gone to this location since July 2019. Those attending in addition to the wagon masters were Mark & Diane Loftus, C.J. & Cathy Deaton, Tim & Beth Forrester, Daniel & Debbie Cullen, Steve & Susan Patchett, Gary & Donna Thompson, Jack Diggins, Carl & Karen Taylor, David Lee, Ernie Curto, Hank Coldini & Mati Clark, David Munn, John & Wanda Wingerter, Dan & Jeane Radler, Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, and John and Debbie Marquardt with their grandson Owen. All arrived on Sunday, July 16, except the Deatons, who "played it cool" at home pending their arrival on Monday.

The Tiemeyers helped beat the Sunday heat by hosting an ice cream "meet and greet" social which everyone appreciated, although the clubhouse at Little Bear was a tad small for the 28 hot but happy campers.

On Monday, Debbie Marquardt and Anne Tiemeyer supplied homemade zucchini bread and Irish soda bread to go with the morning coffee, after which Bill Tiemeyer, Ernie Curto, John Marquardt, and Steve and Susan Patchett went off to play pickleball. Jack and Mike Diggins and David Lee and his pup Sofie went on a hike to Fraser Falls, while Bill Tiemeyer and Mark Loftus attempted to catch fish at Modal Lake but got skunked instead. Others went to Mill Pond to splash around in the water, and some of those back at the RV park played cards.

Steve Patchett, Tim Forrester and Daniel Cullen finished the ice cream left over from the night before, claiming that Bob the Manikin had eaten it.

Tuesday activities included a trip by some of the group to Gold Lake to enjoy the beautiful scenery while another group, including Donna Thompson, hiked to Fraser Falls, followed by lunch at Nichole's Deli in Portola for sandwiches and the "best root beer floats around" (per the wagon masters).



The Tuesday evening pot luck consisted of a main course of barbecue marinated pork loin and the usual assortment of wonderful appetizers, salads, sides and desserts.



A picnic was scheduled on Wednesday at Packer Lake where 3 fish lost their lives (way to go, Dan Cullen and Steve Patchett). The Iron Door restaurant in Graeagle was the scene of the night's group dinner, where Jim and Bonnie Marquardt were joined by some friends who lived in the area and had attempted to get reservations there in the past, without success.



And, of course, there were the day and night campfires with great talk and the occasional usual tall tales.



-- Bill and Anne Tiemeyer

August 13-17
MT SHASTA CITY KOA
Patty & Dan Newton / Elaine & Ron Mortensen, Wagon Masters

Although the outing officially started on August 13, many of us arrived on the 12th because it was a long drive and we wanted to have more time to relax. Unfortunately, the campground was quite dusty and incredibly hot, but as usual everyone that attended went with the flow and did not complain. Ironically, the temperature in the following week was about 15 to 20 degrees cooler. . . Oh Well!

We had 15 rigs attend with the wagon masters, the Beatons, the Diggins (Jack and Mike), the Forresters, David Lee and Sophie, the Loftuses, the Marquardts (Jim and Bonnie), the Marquardts (Debbie and John), the Patchetts, the Radlers, the Stricklands, the Taylors, the Thompsons, and the Tiemeyers. Susan Patchett celebrated her birthday while we were there and spent some quality time shopping in Mount Shasta City.

The activities began with a well-attended meet and greet on Sunday, where everyone seemed to have a great time. The Mortensens, Newtons, Bill Tiemeyer and Dan Strickland golfed on Monday while many of the other campers explored waterfalls in the area. We had an amazing potluck on Monday night, and as usual everyone brought delicious food. We were lucky enough to have the potluck in the clubhouse at the park as it was another very hot day so it was a relief to eat inside the clubhouse.



On Tuesday, David Lee graciously scheduled a tour of the lumber mill that his son manages. All loved it and we were so appreciative of David's willingness to make the tour happen. While at the lumber mill, Gary Thompson created a fun game of "What Do You See in This Piece of Wood?" We definitely have some very creative minds in this club.



On Wednesday many of the campers drove up to Mount Shasta where the scenery was beautiful but the sky was hazy because of smoke from wildfires in Oregon and Northern California. Some campers drove to the waterfalls in the area and others went to see the source of the Sacramento River.



One tour that everyone spoke about was the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial, which was quite an experience for those that went.

Bill Tiemeyer and Mark Loftus went kayaking while their spouses Anne and Diane hiked, Dan Radler and Steven Patchett went fishing, and Tim and Beth Forrester drove up to Oregon where they ate at a Cracker Barrel in Medford. It was their first time visiting Oregon and their first time eating at a Cracker Barrel. Beth reported that she loved the Fred Meyer department store.

Our dinner out was a Mexican Restaurant that Ron and Elaine Mortensen have enjoyed many times, and everyone seemed to have a great time.



Many from the group played cards each night and had lots of laughs. A big Thank You to Tim Forrester for his incredible musical talent and certainly to Dan Newton for his wonderful voice. We did not have campfires due to the heat, but that did not keep us from sitting outside, telling stories, laughing and enjoying the company.

All in all, it was a good trip and we certainly appreciated everyone's willingness to ignore the weather. Most of us left on Thursday, August 17th, while a few stayed for a few more days.

-- Patty Newton

September 20-24
HERITAGE RV PARK
Carl & Karen Taylor / C.J. & Cathy Deaton, Wagon Masters

The happy campers at this outing were the Wagon Masters (Carl Taylor celebrated his birthday), Jim Ayers & Lucy Farley, Dan & Debbie Cullen, Yvonne Collins, Dan & Eryn Strickland, Gary & Donna Thompson, Tim & Beth Forrester, Ken & Cricket Couser, Bill Tomlinson, and Bill Morgado.

Heritage R.V. Park is tucked just off the freeway and right in the middle of the town of Corning, but you'd never know it from the quiet, calm atmosphere. The campground was clean and shaded with lots of trees that covered the large-sized sites, the clubhouse and bathrooms were beautifully maintained, and the staff was very helpful.



The hosts got everyone together on Wednesday night with Root Beer Floats to welcome the Cousers, back who had not been to an outing in several years. Bill Tomlinson was also back after some time away.



At the potluck on Thursday, our hosts provided Baked Ham and Hashbrown Casserole, with an assortment of delicious sides, salads and desserts provided by the rest of the group. Cathy Deaton and Karen Taylor did their usual fantastic job of adorning the tables with seasonable decorations, and live plants that Cathy picked from her yard, dried and painted were the star of the buffet table.



One night while sitting around our social circle, we saw an amazing string of stars in the sky, which turned out to be Starlink Satellites by SpaceX (Elon Musk). What a beautiful and surprising site to see!



Friday night found all of us at Lassen Steak house for dinner out where the service was exceptional for a large and rowdy bunch of campers, and the food was definitely worth raving about!

One of the hosts couldn't wait to stock up on Olives and Dipping Sauces at the Olive Pit in Corning just a few blocks from the RV Park, and there was no lack of things to do with Rolling Hills Casino close by.



Daniel Cullen went metal Detecting



Everyone enjoyed the days and nights spent sitting outside and just visiting.



Some of us visited New Clairvaux Abbey & Winery

Thanks to Everyone in attendance for making this a fun and special outing!

-- C.J., Cathy, Carl and Karen.

UPCOMING OUTINGS

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

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

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 5-9, 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.

December 9, 2023

CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

DONNA & GARY THOMPSON, HOSTS

AVIATOR'S RESTAURANT

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



The holiday party is returning to 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 2023

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Donna Thompson

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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): _____

