



Gold Country Travelers

Quarterly e-Newsletter

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Check the website for additional details on these upcoming outings

2014 Outings

July 21-25 - Bodega Bay RV Park, Bodega Bay, Ca.
[Scott & Christie Nyland](#), Wagon Masters

August 6-10 - Woodson Bridge RV Park, Corning, Ca.
David Lee, Wagon Master

September 4-7, Rancheria RV Park, Hat Creek, Ca.
[Dick & Carol Bilheimer](#), Wagon Masters

October 13-16, Morro Dunes RV Park, Morro Bay, Ca.
[Ken & Yvonne Collins](#), Wagon Master.

November - **Wagon Master needed**

December 5 - Christmas Party. [The Buck Horn Steak House](#), Winters. Larry Cooper

Here's How the 2015 Calendar is filling up

Jan - Annual Trek to Yuma, Az.

Feb - Open

Mar - Open

Apr 8-12 - [Porto Bodega RV Park](#) - Dick Lavergne,

May 21-25 - [49er RV Ranch](#), - Columbia. -

Ken & Cricket Couser.

June 18-22 - [Smithwoods RV Park](#), Felton. -

Jack & Betty Diggins

July - Open

Aug - [Woodson Bridge Rv Park](#), Corning. Dave Lee

Sept - Open Oct 8-11. Ed & Joan Fernandez,

Nov - Open

Dec - Christmas Party

Watch the website for updates.

Message from the Presidents

Greetings fellow Gold Country Travelers;

Summer is definitely here with triple digit days and the promise of more to come. The spring quarter was filled with well attended outings and we saw the addition of new prospective members. Now It's time to make our plans for the summer and fall camping season. We want to thank all the wagon masters for the great outings we've had this year. November is the only month without a confirmed outing and one of our members is working on filling that one.

We are excited to see that our outing calendar for 2015 is beginning to fill up. Please consider being a wagon master next year or in 2016 if you haven't done it in the last two years. February, March, July, September and November of 2015 are still open. February and March are great months for camping in the foothills area or near the I-5/99/70 corridor such as Orland, Red Bluff, Reading, Chico or Oroville. Coastal campgrounds provide a welcome relief from the valley heat in July. October and November offer great weather and fall color just about anywhere you might want to go. We are truly fortunate to have many options in the north and central state.

Our club continues to grow as we near the end of two years as your co- presidents. We are ready to step down and give someone else the privilege of serving as your club president. This means that you need to be thinking about nominations for officers for the coming year. Our vice-presidents the Watkins, fondly known as the "Vice Squad", are willing to serve as co-presidents should you nominate them. Our treasurer Larry Cooper has indicated that he will be stepping down at the end of the year. Secretary Dick Lavergne and member-at-large John Saylor have indicated a willingness to continue in these positions should you nominate them.

Thanks to all of you for making our two year tenure as your president a rewarding experience. We couldn't have done it without you!

Until next time - Keep on RVing. - Jane and Murl

Upcoming Outings

July 21-25 Beat the Heat in Bodega Bay
Bodega Bay RV Park, 2001 Highway One
Scott & Christie Nyland, Wagon Masters.

15 sites reserved with Full Hookup, Wifi, Cable TV, Some Pull Thru's. Dinner out Tuesday at La Bodeguita Mexican Grill. Potluck Wednesday, Campfire, hiking, shopping. Please plan on joining us.

The dead line to reserve a spot has passed but check with Christy or Scott to see if they have any spots left. (home:

916-351-0629, Christy's cell: 916 792-6844) or Email sncroaminround@comcast.net



Sept. 4-7 [Rancheria RV Park, Hat Creek](#)

Dick & Carol Bilheimer, Wagon Masters
Located along the scenic Highway 89 in Northern California between Hat Creek and Lassen Park

13 Sites, full hookups, Cable TV, Wifi.
Group rate based on 10 rigs - \$34.60. - less than 10, \$36.63, includes tax.
3 cabins available to rent

Area attractions include:

Lassen National Park, Burney Falls,
Hat Creek Radio Observatory, fishing and Hiking.

Please RSVP before July 31 to 209-267-1936 or email: rsb35cab@sbcglobal.net

Also send a deposit check by Aug 1 for \$34.60 made out to Rancheria RV Park Mailed to Carol Bilheimer, PO Box 1955, Sutter Creek, Ca 96040



August 6-10 @ Woodson Bridge

Dave has secured 13 sites that back up to the scenic Sacramento River.

Major outing events include a salmon dinner (if Dave gets lucky), a visit to the New Clairvaux Abby to check out their wine and progress on the one of a kind Chapter House being built from stones brought over from Europe by William Randolph Hearst, games, a homemade spaghetti feed, camaraderie and great times!



RSVP to Dave Lee (916) 967-9179



October 13-16, 2014

(weekday 3-night outing)

[Morro Dunes RV Park](#)

1700 Embarcadero
Morro Bay, Ca 93442
www.morrodunes.com

Ken & Yvonne Collins, Wagon Masters

13 Sites, full hookups, extra person and/or pet fee.
Group rate 10+ rigs(incl. 2 people) \$42.00 per night.
\$47.00 under 10 rigs

RSVP now to reserve your space:

Call Yvonne 510-351-1979 or, email

tulips_ym@yahoo.com

One night deposit check due to hosts by September 1.

Area attractions:

[Cambria Scarecrow Festival](#), Fishermans Wharf, Wineries, Hearst Castle, biking, [golfing](#), [hiking](#), fishing, [kayaking](#), exploring nearby towns.



Reports from Past Outings -

APRIL Bodega Bay - Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master

The Gold Country Travelers outing for April, 2014, could have been easily titled, **“By the Bay, By the Bay, By the Beautiful Bay!”**

We had 14 rigs with 28 RVers set up with sites all backing up to Bodega Bay. Joining in the fun were LaVergne, Coffee, Diggins, Devarenes, Kerley, Fernandez', Rogers, Farley, Ayers, Watkins, Poynters, Hitts, Collins, and the Treons. Most of the group arrived on Wednesday and enjoyed beautiful weather, light breezes, all under the watchful eyes of seals, seagulls, and the fishing boats plying the harbor waters.



The highlight of the outing was the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival with its many exhibits, bands playing and, of course, the annual boat building and races. Each of the 13 teams were given 2 pieces of plywood, a couple of 1"x2" strips, screws and the ol' duct tape for waterproofing. It was truly amazing the works of art that were produced; everything from a paddle wheeler to a catamaran. Only one of the boats sank during the race, which is considerably better than when the Coast Guard rescue ship sank during the races a couple of years ago.

Starting off the food extravaganza were the fresh oysters picked up by Howard and Judy Hitt and Dick LaVergne from the Drakes Bay Oyster Co. Unfortunately, this was likely the last year that fresh oysters will be available from Drakes since they lost their last appeal to stay open and will likely

close up shop this summer.

The Friday night dinner was once again held at the excellent Lucas Restaurant on the Wharf. The food, views and club friends were fantastic. Everyone's meal, from the clams, oysters, to the fish filets all got rave reviews.

Then the Saturday potluck was highlighted by a "Decorate Your Own Space" contest, in which everyone provided their own table decorations. There were fishing nets, shells, candelabras, and flamingo & fishing themes. The contest was declared a tie for everyone and they all won prizes.

We also enjoyed the traditional campfire, lunch at the Spud Point Crab Co. and searching for whales off of Bodega Head.

Mark your calendar for next year's trip. Our spaces are already reserved for April 8th to the 12th. Mark your calendars. Reservations begin January, 2015.



May 15-19 at 49er RV Ranch, Columbia, John & Janice Saylor, Wagon Masters.

Another fun time at Columbia. Those attending were Ken & Cricket Couser, Dick Lavergne, Muri & Jane Poynter, Larry & Max Kochie, Jack & Betty Diggins, Dave Lee, Ken & Yvonne Collins, John & Shirley Watkins, Scott & Christie Nyland, Doug & Michelle Hey and Wagon Masters, John & Janice Saylor. Thursday afternoon, after getting settled in, we had an impromptu dinner near the Watkins rig. Everyone brought their individual dinners down. We



ate and socialized. Later some took advantage of the park's group campfire and singing cowboy. Friday was on your own time with some visiting Old Town Columbia and other nearby towns. Friday afternoon, Doug & Michelle Hey, joined us for socializing and checking us out. Friday evening we enjoyed dinner at the El Jardin Mexican restaurant in Columbia. After dinner we watched a stage

show at the old Fallon Theater, "*Church Basement Ladies, A Second Helping*". Later that evening some visited the campfire while others retired to the club house for a game of 31. Saturday was more time visiting the local area and relaxing at the RV Park. Saturday evening the potluck was at the club house where John BBQ'd hamburgers. During our social time, Murl Poynter and Michelle Hey discovered they used to work in the same department at the State. Sunday morning we ended the weekend with a potluck breakfast and a short meeting at the club house. We must have been on our best behavior since Doug & Michelle have sent in their application to join us for more camping fun.



JUNE 2014 OUTING / SMITHWOODS RV PARK IN FELTON

We had quite an outing at Smithwoods RV Park. We had eleven member's rigs: Suzy Coffee, Larry Cooper and Shirley Kerns, Ken and Cricket Couser, Jack and Betty Diggins (wagon masters), Ed and Joan Fernandez, Doug and Michelle Hey with grandchild Charlotte, Jim Kerley and Marlys Devarenes, Dick LaVergne, David Lee, Scott and Christie Nyland, John and Janice Saylor, John and Shirley Watkins. We also had two guest rigs: Jim Ayer and Lucy Farley, Joe Sheridan with son Anthony and daughter Melissa.

The weather was spectacular again this year. At night the temperature got down to the 50's; during the day the temperature got up to the mid 70's.

We did not have many scheduled activities but there were numerous activities people took part in. On Wednesday night we went to the Boulder Creek Brewery. The beer was great, the food was a little better than average.

On Thursday most of the members arrived. We went out to dinner at Taqueria Vallarta while most of the others cooked at the RV Park, The Taqueria was excellent and very reasonably priced. We had a very nice campfire that night.

On Friday, we rode the narrow gauge railroad at Roaring Camp up to the top of Bear Mountain. This was a beautiful ride and lots of fun. Other members went to Moss Landing to eat at Phil's Fish food and scout out places for future outings. We had the traditional Potluck back at camp in the "cathedral" of Redwood trees. As usual, the food was excellent and the company was fabulous. The night wrapped up with a nice campfire. I would like to thank John Saylor for bringing all the wood and Bryce's fire starter which worked very well.



(Smithwoods, cont'd) On Saturday, numerous members attended Woodies on the Wharf in Santa Cruz.



The cars were spectacular. We were told there were 207 cars present and that this was the most Woodies for any show on the West Coast. We had lunch at the Dolphin Restaurant at the end of the wharf. The food was excellent and the service was very good. That night we went out to the Cowboy Bar and Grill in Felton. The food was excellent and the service seemed very good. A campfire ended a beautiful evening.

On Sunday, we stayed at the RV Park while my daughter Suzanne, brought up her husband Steve and our two perfect grandchildren. We had a good time at the pool, playground and climbing up into redwood stumps. We watched the U.S. soccer team get tied by Portugal with less than 1 minute to

play; very depressing ending. While we were at the RV Park, the Watkins, Coop and Shirley rode the roaring Camp Railroad down to Santa Cruz with the goal of riding the wooden roller coaster, the Giant Dipper. It must have been great since they originally planned to return at 1330 hours and did not get back until 1730 hours. The Nylands spent the day hiking the coastline in Capitola. They said the scenery was beautiful. We got together for one more dinner and campfire on Sunday night. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Based on our Friday night meeting, we will host the next outing at Smithwoods again and we look forward to seeing every one there.

Thanks to all for making it a pleasure to host this outing.
Jack & Betty Diggins (June Wagon Masters)



Member recipes

Betty's Chili Recipe

1 ½ pounds of steak (cut into bite size pieces) and 1 yellow onion

Sauté the onion and steak until cooked in a pan

1 10 oz. can of tomato sauce

1 28 oz. can of diced tomatoes

1 beef cube

2 15 oz. cans of drained kidney beans

1 10 oz. can of drained corn

1 4.25 oz. can of chopped olives

1 can of beer

Put all the ingredients in a large stock pot. Cook on low for 2-3 hours and then put in spices.

4-5 tbs. of chili powder

1 tsp. of oregano

1 tsp. ground cloves

1 tbs. garlic powder

Cook on low for 1 hour. If too thin, add some corn starch to thicken up.

Enjoy

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Quarter

Happy Birthday This Quarter to:

Happy Anniversary to:

Stohlman, Kathy	13-Jul
Kerns, Shirley	20-Jul
Lee, Virginia	22-Jul
Hitt, Howard	8-Aug
Coffee, Suzy	13-Aug
Nyland, Scott	22-Aug
Lee, David	25-Aug
Pimental, Roy	9-Sep

Ha, Ken & Vivienne	9-Aug
Watkins, John & Shirley	26-Aug
Stohlman, Howard & Kathy	13-Sep
Nyland, Scott & Christy	26-Sep



Roster Updates:

We welcome our newest prospective members, Doug & Michelle Hey. Doug & Michelle have camped with us at Columbia and Felton. We look forward to seeing them again at future outings. Please update your rosters as follows:

Doug & Michelle Hey
4005 Manzanita Ste 6 #212
Carmichael, Ca 95608
(916)769-8794 (916)847-4252

heydm@surewest.net michhey@surewest.net
They have a 32' Class C Motor Home with 1 slide



Larry Cooper has also sent out email changes for him and Shirley as follows:

Larry **lawco52@gmail.com**
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The **Gold Country Travelers RV Club** is not a 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. During December we leave our rigs at home and 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 or just relaxing at our campsites.



Our members share travel ideas, stories, technical, maintenance and repair ideas they have learned from experiences.

The cooks in the club share recipes and cooking stories. Our quarterly newsletter and website keep members informed of upcoming and past activities.

Gold Country Travelers RV Club

<http://www.goldcountrytravelers.com>

Membership Application

Please include prospective member fee of \$15

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 _____

Anniversary (month & day) _____

Birthdays (month & Day)

His _____ Hers _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name _____

Phone # _____

Medical Contact Dr. or Medical group:

Phone # _____

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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 the next newsletter.

Web Site: Also send calendar and details of upcoming outing to John Saylor. I will update the online calendar and publish a detail page of your outing. Remember we also have a Tech Tip section, Recipe page and a page of useful RV information, so send that info to me to share with the club.
