



# Gold Country Travelers

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Check the website for additional details on these upcoming outings

## 2014 Outings

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

November 6-9 Sugar Barge, Bethel Is. Murl & Jane Poynter, Wagon Masters.

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. Rogers

Feb - Open

Mar - Open

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

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

June 25-28 - [Smithwoods RV Park](#), Felton. - Diggins

July - 27-30 - [Bodega Bay RV Park](#), Nyland

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

Sept - Open

Oct 8-11. [Olema](#), Ed & Joan Fernandez,

Nov - Open

Dec - Christmas Party

## Message from the Presidents

Hello everyone,

Fall is upon us, bringing cooler temperatures, beautiful autumn color, campaign fliers and voting information, and my favorite, those big bags of candy lining the Costco aisles. The last two outings for this year filled up quickly and have a wait list. Both are near water so perhaps we are all looking for an escape from the dry Sacramento Valley!

*(Presidents Message)*

This is also the time of year we tend to slow down on our RV travel as we prepare for the holidays, giving the opportunity for completing maintenance and repairs on our RVs. We are doing just that on our rig. We took a trip to Wisconsin in August, which resulted in us having several repair and maintenance issues. We upgraded our tires to a load range G, replaced all four shock absorbers. We replaced the trim that was lost when we blew a tire, and the insulation we lost when an underbelly pan came off somewhere on I-80 in Nevada.

After much debate we decided to freshen up the interior of our rig rather than purchase a newer model and are working with RV Specialists in Sacramento to come up with a plan. Larry and Max had them replace the carpet in their rig and are very pleased with the results. Check out their RV if you see them at the November outing.

On a sad note, Jo-Ann Kuhlman, a long term club charter member, passed away. She and her husband Bob resigned from the club a few years ago when they could no longer travel with the RV.



Also, we lost RV Dr. George, the go-to guy for the repair needs of the Sacramento Valley RV community. We understand that his business remains open and managed by

family.

We recently heard from John and Karen Putuff, former members of our club. For health reasons, they are retiring from the RV life, and selling their rig. They send their regards to the club and hope to keep in touch.

Don't forget about the upcoming election of our club officers. Dick LaVergne, club secretary, will be putting out an e-mail shortly on the process. The official vote will be at the Christmas party in December.

Keep on RVing,  
Murl and Jane

## Upcoming Outings

**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](mailto: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.

**Monday Night** - Meet & Greet, socializing.

**Tuesday** - Dinner out at The Hungry  
Fisherman in Morro Bay.

**Wednesday** - Potluck in the club house -  
Baked Chicken with potluck sides.

**Thursday Morning** - Continental Breakfast, Goodbyes.

Check emails for updated information. **Late news: due to a couple of cancellations we have room for two more rigs. Contact Yvonne right away if you want to squeeze in.**



**November 6-9**

**Thursday-Sunday**

### **Sugar Barge RV Park**

**1440 Sugar Barge Rd**  
**Bethel Island, CA 94511**  
**www.sugarbarge.com**

**Jane & Murl Poynter, Larry & Max Kochie**  
**Wagon Masters**

**10 spaces reserved. More available if needed.**  
**\$33.50 per night. RSVP to [jpynter@pacbell.net](mailto:jpynter@pacbell.net)**  
**Final count required by Oct 21.**

Weekend agenda

Friday evening dinner out at Caps Oak Street Grill in Brentwood.

Saturday evening potluck with Larry's famous Beef Stew.

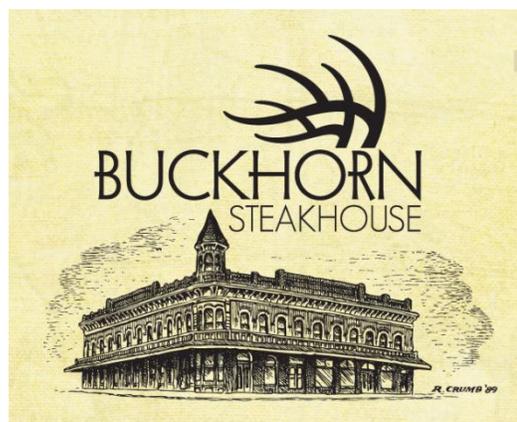
Watch your emails and the website for updates and more info.



### **Christmas Dinner**

Friday, December 5, 2014

The Buckhorn Steakhouse, Winters, Ca  
Larry Cooper will be sending out an email with the details  
for this annual event.



## Reports from Past Outings -

### July 21-25 - Bodega Bay

#### Scott & Christie Nyland, Wagon Master

The July campout was held at Bodega Bay RV Park on top of the hill just North of Bodega Bay. We had absolutely the most beautiful weather for our campout. It was slightly warm with no wind. One night we had a fine mist some may have called rain. Even during the mist it didn't get cold or windy. Everyone did their own sightseeing and gathered around the fire pit in the evening to share their adventures. Most everyone had clam chowder at Spud Point, walked on the beach at Doran Park, or just enjoyed the view from Bodega Head. We led a group to Sebastopol to see cartoon like sculptures that are displayed in front yards on Florence St. and find lunch. We all went out to dinner at the Mexican restaurant in front of the RV Park called La Bodeguita. On our last night we had a "bring your own meat for the BBQ" pot luck. Our Wagon Masters (Christy and Scott) had brake problems and were unable to come to the campout. We were able to work together to set up and decorate a little at the club house. Everyone pitched in to help with food and clean up. Special thanks to Ken and Yvonne Collins for keeping in touch with Christy and Scott and guiding us all on the campout. During the campout we had a new couple join the club, CJ and Cathy Deaton from Fair Oaks.

Shirley and John Watkins  
The VPs



### August at Woodson Bridge

#### David Lee Wagon Master

August 6-10, 2014

The August outing was held on the banks of the Sacramento River at Woodson Bridge RV Park, Corning, Ca. Some arrived on Wednesday with the rest coming in on Thursday. Wagon Master David Lee and grand kids went Salmon fishing Wednesday, expecting to haul in the big one like last year but the fish were not hungry. Friday dinner plans were changed since there was no salmon. We drove to the Farwood Bar & Grill in Orland. We all had a great dinner. A great



place for such a small town. Day time activities found us visiting the shops in Corning and sampling olives and oil at The Olive Pit. Many of us sat out on the grassy area and watched the activity on the river. Saturday Dave lead us on a tour to the New Clairvaux Winery. We were given a tour and the of the history of the farm and the progress of the reconstruction of the Chapter Prayer House. The 800 year old stones were brought over from Spain by William Randolph Hearst and then 70 years later wound up at the winery. A master stone mason was brought on board. They were sorted out and the chapter house was started. It is being reconstructed with donations only. Profits from the farm are not used. After the tour there was wine tasting and purchases. Saturday evening Aaron & Carmen

Harris drove up for a visit. Dinner was the big spaghetti feed. Everyone brought their own sauce and dumped into one large kettle and let it simmer for several hours. Sunday some headed for home and some stayed over till Monday. We had a couple of new rigs join us on the campout and hope to see them again.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries This Quarter

### Happy Birthday This Quarter to:

Lee, Andrew	26-Oct
Smith, Bessie	28-Oct
Poynter, Jane	7-Nov
Collins, Ken	20-Nov
Watkins, Shirley	22-Nov
Rogers, Arlys	24-Nov
Ha, Vivienne	4-Dec
Hey, Michelle	16-Dec
Harris, Carmen	16-Dec
Devarenes, Marlys	24-Dec

### Happy Anniversary to:

Fernandez, Ed & Joan	4-Oct
Leard, Greg & Jennifer	26-Oct
Rogers, Chuck & Arlys	8-Nov
Diggins, Jack & Betty	8-Nov
Hey, Doug & Michelle	15-Nov
Smith, Bryce & Bessie	28-Nov
Hitt, Howard & Judy	2-Dec
Poynter, Murl & Jane	20-Dec
Bilheimer, Dick & Carol	21-Dec
Couser, Ken & Cricket	31-Dec



### New Prospective Members

Please add CJ and Cathy Deaton to your contacts. [cdeaton0719@comcast.net](mailto:cdeaton0719@comcast.net). They are from Fair Oaks, Ca. and have a Class C Motor home with one slide. They camped with us at Bodega Bay will be joining us at Morro Bay.

### Roster Updates:

Ken & Cricket Couser have new email addresses. Please update your email address book and your paper copy of the roster.

Ken - [lionrampant.ken@gmail.com](mailto:lionrampant.ken@gmail.com)    Cricket - [gldcricket@gmail.com](mailto:gldcricket@gmail.com)

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

Larry - [lawco52@gmail.com](mailto:lawco52@gmail.com)    Shirley [skwelcome25@gmail.com](mailto:skwelcome25@gmail.com)

### Tech Tip

Ken Couser sent a link to this website with a ton of useful information on trailer towing, weight calculations and tire information. <http://fifthwheelst.com/>

**Newsletter Published Quarterly. Submit Articles to John Saylor [j99saylor@gmail.com](mailto:j99saylor@gmail.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 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.

If you take pictures on an outing, send to me and I will add them to the Photogallery pages.

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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 # \_\_\_\_\_