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Message From Our President

Our club is unique in many ways and personally I think the uniqueness of our club makes it better. One of those things is that we don't require each member to attend a set number of outings during the year. All of our lives are busy and can be hectic at times which can affect our attendance at an outing. I think we are all interested in going to outings or we wouldn't be in the club. Many of us have other



activities such as grandchildren, family and personal trips (extended and/or short) that have a priority over going to an outing. So we just need to our best and attend outings when we can and enjoy the outings we do attend. This means that we all can't be at an outing when others can. Sometimes 10 or 12 rigs will be at the outing and other times it may be from 3 to 6 rigs. An outing can be great, no matter the number of rigs

in attendance. Just getting together with camping friends for an outing makes it great.

Happy RVing,
Dave

Recent Outings

**Bodega Bay @ Port O Bodega
April 19-22
Dick Lavergne, Wagon Master**

In 1775, Spanish explorers originally named Bodega Bay, *Puerto de la Bodega*. Now, over 235 years later, Gold Country Travelers discovered a new Bodega Bay outing at



Upcoming Outings

July 24-27

Olema Ranch

**Scott & Christi Nyland,
Wagon Masters**

August 16-19

Woodson Bridge

**Dave & Marsha Lee,
Wagon Masters,**

September 20-23

Calistoga

**Bryce & Bessie Smith,
Wagon Masters**

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**Calendar of Outings
Later this year**

Check the website for details on
these outings

October 18-21

Sugar Barge, Bethel island

**John & Janice Saylor
Wagon Masters**

November 9-12

Campers Inn RV & Golf Resort

**Dunnigan, Ca
Watkins & Hitt
Wagon Masters**

December 1

**Christmas party
Logan's Road House
Sacramento
Cooper - Watkins**

Porto Bodega RV Park and Marina.

Porto Bodega sits right on the bay with full hook-up RV sites within feet of the water. So, the Club reserved all of the waterside sites and enjoyed the views, fishing boats comings and goings and the occasional seal checking us out

The Club wanted to try Porto Bodega because it had undergone a recent major transformation with a remodeled club house, updated sites and the removal of residential trailers which had previously reduced its attractiveness to vacationers. We began arriving beginning on April 18th with stays through April 21st.

Our illustrious group was made up of Ed & Joan Fernandez, Bob & Joann Kuhlman, Dave & Marsha Lee, Howard & Judy Hitt, Ken & Vivienne Ha, John & Shirley Watkins, Aaron & Carmen Harris, Rich & Virginia Lee, Bryce & Bessie Smith, Jack & Betty Diggins, Dick LaVergne, and guests Larry & Ruthann Masters. And the real special guests were a visit and stay at a nearby house by Jack and Betty Isola. In other words, we had the makings of partying for days!

Activities included various outings to the town of Bodega and area, whale watching, Spud Point clam chowder and crab sandwiches, fresh oysters, exploring the coastal beaches and, of course, what is becoming the annual breaking down of Dave Lee's truck.....

Once again, Brasas del Mar restaurant lived up to its high customer



ratings with great dinners on Friday evening, followed up by the Saturday night potluck feast and a TV Theme Song Jeopardy game by Dick L. The big winner was Carmen Harris who won two first place awards by nefarious skullduggery (all in good fun). Yea, Carmen!

The group can't wait till next year when we do it again,

same place, same waterside sites and what will be another great gathering at Porto Bodega. Some sites will be available as early as Wednesday, April 17 right on through to Sunday April 21. See you all then!!

Wagon Master,
Dick Lavergne



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May Camp Out at Angels Camp May 17- 21

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Is This the Future of RVing?



Taken at Southside park, Sacramento



BBQ at Angels Camp

Wagon Masters:

Richard and Virginia Lee & Ken and Vivienne Ha

The weather was beautiful and the scenery was too! We arrived on Thursday with 9 rigs and got settled. We were scattered out some but made the best of it. In the afternoon we visited back and forth and that evening everyone did their own thing for dinner.

On Friday we woke to a beautiful morning and realized that it was going to be quite a bit hotter than the day before. The night before we had decided that we would go over to the fair and visit the exhibits and watch some of the frog jumping. David Lee decided that he was going to rent a frog and was scheduled to jump at 2:00 o'clock. His frog jumped all of 6 and 1/2 inches. He really took a ribbing. That evening Scott and Christy Nyland joined us as she is still teaching and couldn't be there till



Friday. We gathered at the gazebo for barbecued hamburgers and enjoyed the beautiful evening. After dinner some of us stayed at the gazebo and played 31 while the rest went over to David Lee's campsite for a campfire.

Saturday dawned beautiful. Some of the group went to Ironstone winery, some antiquing and some went back over to the fair. The ladies were getting their dishes ready for the Saturday evening potluck. At the potluck, Richard presented David with a trophy for his participation in the frog jump. It was a little mechanical frog that jumped backward and forward. It was a big hit!

The dinner tables were decorated with water lilies, lily pads and frogs. We dined on (mock frog legs) chicken wings and all the wonderful dishes that the ladies usually bring. There were beans, garlic mashed potatoes, salads, appetizers and desserts. At this time we were joined by Ed and Joan Fernandez who live in Sonora. They had just got back from a 2 week trip to the east coast to visit their daughter. After dinner we had our own frog jump contest with plastic frog that were like tidily winks. The winner of that contest was Larry Kochie. Second place was Janice Saylor and third place went to Jane Poynter. They were presented ceramic garden frogs. After the dinner was over we went over to David Lee's for another campfire.

Sunday morning we all got together for our usual scrumptious breakfast and short meeting. After the meeting 6 rigs packed up and headed for home. The rest of the group sat around and visited with each other for a while longer. That evening the remaining campers got together for dinner at Ricks Grill in Angels Camp.



Submitted by: Virginia Lee, Wagon Mistress

Durango RV Resort, Red Bluff, CA
June 7-10, 2012

Jane and Murl Poynter, Wagon Masters

For our June outing, Gold Country Travelers gathered in Red Bluff, California at the Durango RV Resort. This pet friendly RV resort is located on the Sacramento River and is a favorite of our RV club. Included in the amenities are a bocce ball court, putting green and coin operated dog wash.

Chuck and Arlys Rogers, Bessie and Bryce Smith, and Vivienne and Ken Ha joined Wagon Masters Murl and Jane Poynter for the 3-day weekend. We all had a good laugh when we arrived at the Resort and saw the sign in the office welcoming the "**Old Country Travelers**". (Maybe we should change the club name!)



After we settled in Thursday afternoon, Vivienne grilled hot dogs and the rest of us brought the fixings for an old-fashioned picnic dinner at the Roger's campsite. Friday we explored the local town and surrounding area, the outlet shops and ended the day with dinner Nello's Italian Restaurant in Redding. Saturday's activities included the annual Crawdad Festival at the fairgrounds and a visit to Tehama Oaks Winery for a tour with wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres. We



ended the day with dinner back at the campground clubhouse. Jane provided Enchilada Lasagna for the main course; Vivienne brought Spanish rice, Bessie provided the salad and Arlys brought apple pie and ice cream for dessert. As usual, we had enough food for a small third world country. We had planned to picnic again but winds with gusts up to 30 mph (yes-30 mph) kept us indoors.



Sunday we gathered for morning coffee and a potluck-style breakfast in the Poynter's RV. We had an informal club meeting to review the next three club outings. After saying our goodbyes, the Ha's and Smith's headed north to continue their summer travel, the Rogers headed home, and the Poynter's stayed one more day to enjoy the beautiful river view site. Submitted by: Jane Poynter

Upcoming Outings

July 24-27

Olema Ranch

Scott & Christi Nyland, Wagon Masters

10155 Highway 1, Box #175
Olema, CA 94950
Phone: 415.663.8106

This is a mid-week campout. Tuesday thru Friday.
Water & Electric hookups, \$39.00 per night. 10 sites have been reserved.
If we have less than 10 rigs then the price will be \$42.00, less than 4 then \$44.00

For Reservations Contact Scott or Christy at 916-351-0629, by June 24.

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Aug 15-19,
[Woodson Bridge RV Park](#), Corning

Dave & Marsha Lee, Wagon Masters

Woodson bridge is located on the Sacramento River. Enjoy Our famous Spaghetti Feed, Celebrate birthdays, possible tour of Cistercian Abbey in Vina, [visit the local Indian Casino](#), Call Dave or Marsha to RSVP 916-952-9179.

September 20-23

Calistoga RV Park at Napa County Fairgrounds
1435 N Oak St.

Calistoga, CA 94515-1336

707-942-5221

www.calistogacampground.org

Cost: \$37 per night (2 adults) Check for the first night must be sent to the wagon Master Immediately. Additional fees: \$5 additional adult; \$2 pet, \$5 extra vehicle

There are 12 spaces reserved, 4 back in and eight pull thru's. There are 6 spaces open and we need to fill them very soon. Please e-mail me your arrival date asap as we need to give the park a final count by mid August.

The park has large trees where we are assigned and everyone should have some shade in the afternoon.

Lots of things to do and see in the valley and additional information coming later.

If you are arriving early or staying over, please make arrangements for those days directly with the park. Contact Bryce & Bessie Smith, Wagon Masters 707-263-4326

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Birthdays & Anniversaries This Past Quarter

Happy Birthday to:

Isola, Betty	7-Jul
Stohlman, Kathy	13-Jul
Lee, Virginia	22-Jul
Hitt, Howard	8-Aug
Nyland, Scott	22-Aug
Lee, David	25-Aug

Happy Anniversary to:

Lee, David & Marsha	19-Jul
Ha, Ken & Vivienne	9-Aug
Watkins, John & Shirley	26-Aug
Lee, Richard & Virginia	10-Sep
Stohlman, Howard & Kathy	13-Sep
Kuhlman, Bob & Jo-Ann	26-Sep
Nyland, Scott & Christy	26-Sep

Senior Discounts

Sent by Dick LaVergne

Restaurants

Applebee's: 15% off with Golden Apple Card (60+)
 Arby's: 10% off (55+)
 Ben & Jerry's: 10% off (60+)
 Bennigan's: discount varies by location
 Bob's Big Boy: discount varies by location (60+)
 Boston Market: 10% off (65+)
 Burger King: 10% off (60+)
 Captain D's Seafood: discount varies on location (62+)
 Chick-Fil-A: 10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+)
 Chili's: 10% off (55+)
 CiCi's Pizza: 10% off (60+)
 Culver's: 10% off (60+)
 Denny's: 10% off, 20% off for AARP members (55+)
 Dunkin' Donuts: 10% off or free coffee (55+)
 Einstein's Bagels: 10% off baker's dozen of bagels (60+)
 Fuddrucker's: 10% off any senior platter (55+)
 Gatti's Pizza: 10% off (60+)
 Golden Corral: 10% off (60+)
 Hardee's: \$0.33 beverages everyday (65+)
 IHOP: 10% off (55+)
 Jack in the Box: up to 20% off (55+)
 KFC: free small drink with any meal (55+)

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Krispy Kreme: 10% off (50+)
Long John Silver's: various discounts at participating locations (55+)
McDonald's: discounts on coffee everyday (55+)
Mrs. Fields: 10% off at participating locations (60+)
Shoney's: 10% off
Sonic: 10% off or free beverage (60+)
Steak 'n Shake: 10% off every Monday & Tuesday (50+)
Subway: 10% off (60+)
Sweet Tomatoes: 10% off (62+)
Taco Bell : 5% off; free beverages for seniors (65+)
TCBY: 10% off (55+)
Tea Room Cafe: 10% off (50+)
Village Inn: 10% off (60+)
Waffle House: 10% off every Monday (60+)
Wendy's: 10% off (55+)
White Castle : 10% off (62+)

Retail and Apparel

Banana Republic: 10% off (50+)
Bealls: 20% off first Tuesday of each month (50+)
Belk's: 15% off first Tuesday of every month (55+)
Big Lots: 10% off
Bon-Ton Department Stores: 15% off on senior discount days (55+)
C.J. Banks: 10% off every Wednesday (60+)
Clarks : 10% off (62+)
Dress Barn: 10% off (55+)
Goodwill: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
Hallmark: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
Kmart: 20% off (50+)
Kohl's: 15% off (60+)
Modell's Sporting Goods: 10% off
Rite Aid: 10% off on Tuesdays & 10% off prescriptions
Ross Stores: 10% off every Tuesday (55+)
The Salvation Army Thrift Stores: up to 50% off (55+)
Stein Mart: 20% off red dot/clearance items first Monday of every month (55+)

Grocery

Albertson's: 10% off first Wednesday of each month (55+)
American Discount Stores: 10% off every Monday (50+)
Compare Foods Supermarket: 10% off every Wednesday (60+)
DeCicco Family Mark ets: 5% off every Wednesday (60+)
Food Lion: 6% off every Monday (60+)
Fry's Supermarket: free Fry's VIP Club Membership & 10% off every Monday (55+)
Great Valu Food Store: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
Gristedes Supermarket: 10% off every Tuesday (60+)
Harris Teeter: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
Hy-Vee: 5% off one day a week (date varies by location)
Kroger: 10% off (date varies by location)
Morton Williams Supermarket: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)

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The Plant Shed: 10% off every Tuesday (50+)
Publix: 5% off every Wednesday (55+)
Rogers Mark etplace: 5% off every Thursday (60+)
Uncle Guiseppe's Mark etplace: 5% off (62+)

Travel

Alaska Airlines: 10% off (65+)
Alamo : up to 25% off for A A RP members
American Airlines: various discounts for 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
Amtrak: 15% off (62+)
Avis: up to 25% off for A A RP members
Best Western: 10% off (55+)
Budget Rental Cars: 10% off; up to 20% off for AARP members (50+)
Cambria Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
Clarion: 20%-30% off (60+)
Comfort Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
Comfort Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
Continental Airlines: no initiation fee for Continental Presidents Club & special fares for select destinations
Dollar Rent-A-Car: 10% off (50+)
Econo Lodge: 20%-30% off (60+)
Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 5% off for A A RP members
Greyhound: 5% off (62+)
Hampton Inns & Suites: 10% off when booked 72 hours in advance
Hertz: up to 25% off for A A RP members
Holiday Inn: 10%-30% off depending on location (62+)
Hyatt Hotels: 25%-50% off (62+)
InterContinental Hotels Group: various discounts at all hotels (65+)
Mainstay Suites: 10% off with Mature Traveler's Discount (50+); 20%-30% off (60+)
Marriott Hotels: 15% off (62+)
Motel 6: 10% off (60+)
Myrtle Beach Resort: 10% off (55+)
National Rent-A-Car: up to 30% off for AARP members
Quality Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
Rodeway Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
Sleep Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
Southwest Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
Trailways Transportation System: various discounts for ages 50 and up
United Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
U.S. Airways: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)

Activities And Entertainment

AMC Theaters: up to 30% off (55+)
Bally Total Fitness: up to \$100 off memberships (62+)
Busch Gardens Tampa : \$3 off one-day tickets (50+)
Carmike Cinemas: 35% off (65+)
Cinemark/Century Theaters: up to 35% off
U.S. National Parks: \$10 lifetime pass; 50% off additional services including camping (62+)
Regal Cinemas: 30% off
Ripley's Believe it or Not: @ off one-day ticket (55+)
SeaWorld Orlando: \$3 off one-day tickets (50+)

Cell Phone Discounts

AT&T: Special Senior Nation 200 Plan \$29.99/month (65+)

Jitterbug: \$10/month cell phone service (50+)

Verizon Wireless: Verizon Nationwide 65 Plus Plan \$29.99/month (65+).

Miscellaneous

Great Clips: \$3 off haircuts (60+)

Super Cuts: \$2 off haircuts (60+)

Website Update

Thanks to all who have submitted photos. For this year I am making a change in the location of current photos. All outing photos will be indexed from the [Photogallery](#) Page. Wagon Masters, as soon as you have any details on your outing send to me and I will make up a flyer page for the website or you can make your own flyer and I can upload it. Thanks to those that send photos of outings.

Editor's Notes

Past newsletters are achieved on the "[NEWS](#)" tab on the club website.

Newsletter Deadlines – For this year I plan on starting the newsletter during the third week of the 3rd month of each quarter. So for the first quarter please have all articles for publication to me by March 21, the 2nd quarter by June 20, third quarter by September 20 and 4th quarter by December 20.

Wagon Masters - Please send the stories of your campout soon after it is over to John Saylor (j99saylor@gmail.com)

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