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President's Message

This message from your co-presidents is written with very heavy hearts, for last month we said goodbye to our dear friend and fellow Gold Country Traveler, Marsha Lee. After a brave fight with pancreatic cancer, she passed away peacefully in her sleep March 13 with her husband Dave at her side. Her memorial was March 30 where many friends and family, including fellow Gold Country Travelers RV Club, paid tribute to her.



While Dave served as the club president for the past 11 years, Marsha was the one behind the scene lending her organizational and computer skills. He called her the "real brains behind the office". Marsha was a gently, quiet person. She was a friend to all and always had a kind and encouraging word. When we first joined the club, Marsha and Dave went out of their way to make us feel welcome and help us integrate into the club. I will always remember her at the last Dillon Beach weekend tossing those Bocce balls and cooking up a huge batch of spaghetti while keeping a watchful eye on her beloved dachshunds. Even after she became ill she was always smiling and up-beat. Marsha, you will be sorely missed but we will keep you in our hearts.



Until we meet again, live well, live strong, and take every opportunity to tell those you care about how much you love them. Happy RVing to all,

Murl & Jane

Wagon Masters needed for 2014

It's time to start planning ahead for 2014. The following months are open: January, February, March, June, July, August, September October and November are currently open. Let's get the calendar filled up.

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April 18-21, 2013
[Porto Bodega RV Park](#)
Dick LaVergne
Wagon Master

May 16-17, 2013
[Marble Quarry RV Park,](#)
Columbia
Murl & Jane Poynter
Wagon Masters

June 20-23, 2013
[Smithwoods RV Park](#)
Felton, Ca
Jack & Betty Diggins,
Wagon Master

July 11-14, 2013
[Bodega Bay RV Park,](#)
Ken & Cricket Couser
Wagon Masters

August 15-17, 2013
[Woodsen Bridge, RV Park](#)

September 5-8, 2013
[Pacific Pines RV Park](#)
Florence, Oregon
John & Shirley Watkins
Wagon Masters

Recent Outing Stories

January 2013 Outing-Yuma

The January Yuma outing began with the Poynter's and Kochie's arriving the end of December and staying for a whole month. Then with the Smith's, Watkins, Couser's, and Cooper arriving January 22. Also friends of the Watkins joined us. We had an arrival Happy Hour for all at the Poynter and Kochie rigs.

A Happy Hour with heavy snacks was held at the Rogers on Wednesday Jan 23. With all the things to do in the Yuma area, the daily activities were left up to each group. We all enjoyed sightseeing, eating out, golf, shopping at the local market places as well as shopping in Mexico. A great time was had by all. We had an early dinner with "all you can eat fish fry" at the Foothills Eatery.

Folks left the Yuma area the following week for various destinations. The Poynter's and Kochie's will be frequent visitors to the area in coming years with their RV lot on a golf course in Welton!! Looking forward to next year.

Chuck and Arlys

Gold Country Travelers - March Campout
Parkway RV Park
Orland, CA

The March campout was a huge success enjoyed by all. We did not have a campout Wagon Master or a Trail Boss for March. At the Yuma campout in January, Shirley Watkins invited the Gold Country Travelers to join her Good Sam club on their March outing in Orland. We held a kind of Wildcat campout with each club hosting a morning breakfast and coffee.



The Watkins and Coopers hosted Friday morning for Solano Sams. A breakfast of scrambled eggs, fruit and nut bread was well attended. Friday night we had an open potluck. Guess what! We got a pretty even balance of main dishes, salads and desserts. The Cowtown campers (Solano Sams of Fairfield and Cowtown Campers of Vacaville share a camping calendar) hosted Saturday morning's breakfast. Helene and Adrian Ruddell served pancakes and sausages. Again it was well attended. For lunch Carmen Harris and Jane Poynter organized a



October, 2013
Bryce & Bessie Smith
Wagon Masters

November 14-17, 2013
[Nevada County](#)
[Fairgrounds RV Park](#)
Aaron & Carmen Harris
Wagon Masters

December, 2013
Christmas Party
Larry Cooper
Wagon Master

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ladies tea, while John Watkins hosted a manly lunch. With china tea pots and cups, lots of tea, and wonderful small sandwiches and desserts the tea was an outrageous success. Maxine Kochi won the cutest hat contest and received a tea cup bird feeder as a prize. John Watkins took many of the guys to Nancy's Café in Willows and then out to Thunder Hill Raceway. Orland also offered us the chance to do some Antiquing and Thrift Store shopping. That night we were all together for a St. Patrick's day pot luck. Each club did a corned beef and cabbage dish. There was plenty for everyone. Jane placed a copy of the Irish blessing at each chair, and then conducted an Irish quiz. It was so hard even with everyone conferring we could only come up with 10 out of 20 answers. Yvonne Collins and Janice Saylor had the most correct answers. What were the names of the members of the Irish rock band – U2 anyway? We played 31 on Friday night and Gay Luis of the Cowtown campers won. It was her first time to play. We played again on Saturday night and Murl won. Sunday morning we dragged ourselves out of bed and had a wonderful breakfast of corned beef hash (thanks Larry Kochi) and Chili



cheese casserole (thanks Jane) hosted by Merle and Jane Poynter. Cowtown campers had such a good time that they booked us back next year. The campground is slowly being upgraded. There is plenty of room between spaces, lots of grass, no cable TV. We were



the first group to use the club room since the remodel. It still smelled of fresh paint, but was very nice. The only complaint we had was that sound bounced and amplified in the club room. I am sure they will work on this problem.

*Shirley Watkins*

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## Member Recipes

Howard Hitt has been busy cooking up a storm lately. He has produced several new videos on how to make everything from Corned Beef to Mayonnaise. Howard has posted these videos on You Tube. I Have added the links to these on the members recipes page on our website.

If you have a favorite that you want to share, send to me and I will add to the web pages.

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## Upcoming Outings -

April 18-21, 2013  
[Porto Bodega RV Park](#)  
Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master

### 2013 Roster

The 2013 roster will be completed by mid-April. Copies will be available at Bodega Bay. The rest will be mailed. Please be sure to check the roster listing with your phone and email address books and make the necessary updates.

Spaces are reserved on the water front. One of the more popular places we go. We have the club house Wednesday thru Sunday. Friday night dinner at Lucas Restaurant on the Wharf. Saturday night potluck in the club house and the 1st annual "Manly Man" hat contest. Bring your best, creative "Manly Man" hat and win prizes for Best Hat, Most Creative Hat and Most Manly Man Hat. Have fun with it. (Oh, and the women are welcome to enter, too!! But, the hat must be Manly Man!) Sunday departing breakfast and business meeting at the Clubhouse. Sounds like a fun weekend.

Contact Dick at (916) 482-4640 or email [bmagicl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bmagicl@sbcglobal.net)

May 16-17, 2013  
[Marble Quarry RV Park, Columbia](#)  
Murl & Jane Poynter, Wagon Masters

This is a different park than we have used in the past. Its closer to old town Columbia. Plans are being made to attend a play at the local Fallon Theater, "The Church Basement Ladies" and you can read about it at <http://www.sierrarep.org/>. This is the same weekend as the famous Angeles Camp Frog Jump. RV park site reservations are due by April 18, So contact Jane Poynter soon to enjoy this fun campout.

### June Campout

Thursday, June 20 through Sunday June 23, 2013  
Smithwoods RV Park.  
4770 Highway 9 Felton CA 95018  
[www.smithwoodsrvpark.com](http://www.smithwoodsrvpark.com)

John & Betty Diggins, Wagon Masters

10 sites have been reserved. \$58.14 per site. Reservations needed by May 20. Attractions in the area are; Henry Cowell State Park, Big Basin State Park, Roaring Camp Railroad Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, Santa Cruz Wharf, Mystery Spot, Towns of Felton, Boulder Creek and Santa Cruz.

Send your \$58.14 checks to reserve a spot and plus the length of the rig and how many slides and what side the slides are on let us know what days you are interested to:

Betty Diggins  
61 Boothbay Ave  
Foster City, CA. 94404

# Sunshine

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bryce and Bessie Smith. Bessie's granddaughter Drew died from an auto accident in March. Some of us met Drew at a club outing in Chico a few years ago. She was a lovely young woman and we know that her passing will leave a empty spot in Bessie's heart.

## Meeting Minutes

GOLD COUNTRY TRAVELERS RV CLUB

Business Club Meeting

March 17, 2013

Location: Meeting held at Orland RV outing after Sunday breakfast.

Previous Minutes: Not discussed.

Officers Reports: None

Committee Reports: None

Communications/Letters: None

### Old Business:

The members were advised that the final draft of the By-Laws is being worked on and the Secretary will send them via email to the Club membership for review and comment. The By-Laws will be voted on at the Porto Bodega outing in April.

### New Business:

The By-Laws will propose that a fifth executive committee member be added, Member-At Large. John Saylor was nominated as the future Member-At-Large. The vote was tabled pending approval of the By-Laws update at Porto Bodega.

The need for a central depository for the Club's policy and procedures was discussed. Dick L., as Secretary, volunteered to keep it and to review past meeting minutes for adopted policies and procedures. No vote necessary.

A motion was unanimously approved for a \$100.00 memorial for Marsha Lee to go to the charity of the family's choice or flowers (Jane Poynter will follow-up). Time and place of Marsha's memorial was shared.

### Announcements:

New members Larry and Maxine Kochie and Shirley Kern, approved at the Yuma outing, were recognized.

Upcoming outings and plans were shared.

John Saylor asked that roster/directory updates be sent to him. A new roster will be provided shortly.

Meeting Adjourned.

Secretary: Rich LaVergne

RVing in Style, many  
years ago



**Birthdays & Anniversaries - I am changing the birthday and anniversary list to show those coming up instead of those past. To bring us up to date this issue will have those from the last quarter and those coming up this quarter.**

### Happy Birthday to:

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Lee, Richard     | 8-Jan  |
| Couser, Ken      | 23-Jan |
| Diggins, Betty   | 7-Feb  |
| Diggins, Jack    | 10-Feb |
| Couser, Cricket  | 15-Feb |
| Fernandez, Ed    | 20-Feb |
| Saylor, John     | 22-Feb |
| Nyland, Christy  | 23-Feb |
| Cooper, Roberta  | 6-Mar  |
| Saylor, Janice   | 15-Mar |
| Rogers, Chuck    | 19-Mar |
| Bilheimer, Carol | 31-Mar |
| Harris, Aaron    | 4-Apr  |

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Kochie, Max      | 13-Apr |
| Ha, Ken          | 13-Apr |
| Fernandez, Joan  | 24-Apr |
| Kochie, Larry    | 7-May  |
| Leard, Greg      | 9-May  |
| Poynter, Murl    | 24-May |
| LaVergne, Dick   | 4-Jun  |
| Bilheimer, Dick  | 6-Jun  |
| Collins, Yvonne  | 16-Jun |
| Smith, Bryce     | 18-Jun |
| Cooper, Larry    | 18-Jun |
| Leard, Jennifer  | 23-Jun |
| Stohlman, Howard | 23-Jun |
| Hitt, Judy       | 25-Jun |

### Happy Anniversary to:

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Harris, Aaron & Carmen | 22-Jan |
| Kochie, Larry & Maxine | 20-Mar |
| Saylor, John & Janice  | 30-Mar |
|                        |        |
| Collins, Ken & Yvonne  | 9-May  |

### **Charter Members Hang It Up**

Charter members Bob and Jo Anne Kuhlman have brought their RVing to a close. They have turned their rig over to their kids and will be pursuing other activities. We will certainly miss them on the campouts, 31 games and fun campouts when they were Wagon Masters. I will certainly miss Bob's photos. He was one of the contributors to outing photos. Their email has not changed. so we can still send them a hello and how are you once and a while. We wish them the best in this next stage of their life.

### **Web Site**

The website is updated with information you provide. Remember to check the Outing schedule, Links page, Tech Tips and Recipes for information you may need. If you find information you want to share or links that no longer work, please send me an email and I will add and/or correct the info. - John