



Gold Country Travelers

e-Newsletter

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Remaining 2013 Outings

Check the website for additional details on these upcoming outings

Oct.17-20, 2013 - [Pine Acres RV Resort](#), Upper Lake, Ca. [Bryce & Bessie Smith](#), Wagon Masters

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

Dec. 7, 2013 - Christmas Party. Logan's Roadhouse, Sacramento. [Larry Cooper](#), Wagon Master

2014 Outings

January 23-27 - Fortuna De Oro, Yuma, Az. [Chuck & Arlys Rogers](#), Wagon Masters

Feb - **Wagon Master Needed**

March - Parkway RV Resort, Orland - [John & Shirley Watkins](#) Wagon Masters.

April 24-27, Porto Bodega RV Park, Bodega Bay [Dick LaVergne](#), Wagon Master.

May 15-18, 49er RV Park, Columbia, Ca. [John & Janice Saylor & Suzy Coffee](#), Wagon Masters

June - Smithwoods RV Park, Felton, Ca. [Jack & Betty Diggins](#), Wagon Masters

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

August - Woodson Bridge RV Park, Corning, Ca. [David Lee and Friends](#), Wagon Masters

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

President's Message

Greetings fellow Gold Country Travelers.



Fall is definitely in the air with cooler nights and days and the promise of colorful foliage. Time to get out the jackets and hoodies and stock up on all that Halloween candy we tell ourselves is for the "neighborhood kids".

Right!

Our club continues to grow as we welcomed new members Roy Pimentel and Sharrie Anaciero and perspective member Dorene (Suzy) Coffee at the September outing in Florence, Oregon. This brings our club membership to 24 rigs. Thanks to all of you for your recruiting efforts. Don't forget we have club recruiting brochures available and we have a new club banner to display at campouts. It is through your efforts to add new members that our club will remain active and healthy as we go into the future.

On a sad note, in August we said goodbye to our dear friend and charter member Richard Lee. Richard was a gentle, kind man who never had a bad word to say about anyone. Virginia was the love of his life and you only had to watch him with her for a few minutes to know this. He would glow when talking about his kids. He often was the last one in the clubhouse cleaning up and would just show up to help at the club outings. Richard will be greatly missed but we hope Virginia and daughter Pam continue to join us on club outings. We are sending a donation from the club to the Sacramento Chapter of the American Cancer Society in his memory.



We want to thank all the wagon masters for the great outings we've had this year. We are excited to see that our outing calendar for 2014 is almost full and we have only two months left to fill. Please consider being a wagon master next year or in 2015 if you haven't done it in the last 2 years.

Until next time - keep on RVing.

Jane and Murl

2014 outings- Continued

October 24-27, Maple Leaf RV Park, Morgan Hill.
Ken & Yvonne Collins, Wagon Master.

November - **Wagon Master needed**

December 6 - Christmas Party. Larry Cooper

July 11-14, 2013 Beat the Heat at Bodega Bay Ken & Cricket Couser, Wagon Masters

With temperatures in the 60's and 70's on the coast and 90+ in the valley, we had 13 rigs at **Bodega Bay RV Park** to beat the heat! Thursday was arrival day as 12 rigs were scheduled to appear and set up (Cricket and I showed up Wednesday to get a head start). Arrivals were spaced out well and only got bunched up with the appearance of the Rogers' caravan. Chuck and Arlys brought their son Steve, with his wife Jackie, and their friends the Millers. It was at this point we discovered that the 36' site we had assigned to



them wasn't long enough for his 31BWKS, nominally 31', actually 34' 8". We got them assigned to another spot that would accommodate their rig. Later that day, when the Harris's arrived, their rig wouldn't fit into that same site either. The park was very helpful in finding them a suitable location, so all was good. This little hiccup led to the club asking the members to take an actual measurement of their rigs. The manufacturer's specs are under reported in almost every instance. After everyone was tucked into their sites we spent the rest of the day enjoying the cooler weather.

Friday everybody was on their own, with some hiking over to the Children's Bell Tower Memorial in the park next door. Others enjoyed the sights at the coast (Bodega Head, etc.) and around town. That night we had dinner at the little restaurant in front of the RV park. I found out earlier that the former **Brisas del Mar** was under new ownership and is now called **La Bodeguita**. Also, this was going to be their grand opening! The food was good, although everything on the menu was not yet available. There was also some confusion with a few of the orders and it took a while for our orders

(July, Bodega Bay Cont'd)

to all arrive. The staff was friendly and helpful. We found out later that one of their servers had called in sick, one of the owners jumped in to fill the gap. Later that night there was a campfire and we played 31 in the clubhouse. The last two standing, err sitting, were Christy and Ken Couser. I'll give you one guess who won that battle, and the initials are not KC.



Saturday was another day to tour or just sit and relax. Some went to see some steel sculptures on Florence Ave. in Sebastopol. You can see pictures in the [Photo Gallery](#) on the club's web site. The potluck was pasta with a red meat marinara and all the trimmings. Many thanks to all that contributed to making dinner a wonderful treat. A special thanks goes out to Yvonne Collins for her help both before and after the meal. We had a quick



business meeting after dinner where our guests and prospective new members were introduced. Chuck and Arlys introduced their son Steve and his wife Jackie, along with their friends and neighbors, the Millers. We also met the Watkins' friends, Ray Shari, and the Saylor's friend Suzy Coffee. We then retired for the evening to the campfire and card games.

Sunday morning we had a quiet breakfast and said our goodbyes as most were heading home later that morning.

Ken & Cricket

August Outing to Woodson Bridge RV Park Co- Wagon Masters, Dave Lee, Ed & Joan Fernandez



We had a good turnout with 12 rigs attending including Cooper, Fernandez, Harris, Kochie, Lavergne, Leard, D Lee, Nyland, Poynter, Watkins, and Eldred (guest of Fernandez)

All the sites were lined up to back against the Sacramento River just south of

(August, Woodson Bridge, Cont'd)

Woodson Bridge and the Tehama County boat launching ramp. When a rogue rig took one of our spots, the Leards had to take one slightly inland. Plenty of huge trees for shade, a slight breeze and cold river water helped take the edge off 90 plus temperature and moderate humidity.

Tentative plans had been made to go out to a casino for dinner Friday night unless there was the unlikely possibility of Dave Lee catching salmon on a jet



powered boat guided fishing trip. Dave had his two grandkids Jake, 12 and JoJo 8, along to help. Lo and behold they hit it big and came back with 4 big salmon

including a 28 and 30 pounder. All hands including the two kids on their first fishing trip helped pull them in. Forget the casino, with the help of chef Larry Kochie and the ability of the ladies to conjure up impromptu salads, we all had an outstanding dinner including fresh caught wild salmon!

The Leard's, Watkins, and Cooper's all brought kayaks and made a valiant attempt to paddle up past the rapids just north of the bridge. No mean feat as Ed Fernandez will attest to having borrowed a kayak and done



the same the next day. Looks like we now have an active kayak group within the club.

Several people visited the New Clairvaux Cistercian Community in nearby Vina.

Saturday night was an everybody bring appetizer dinner with hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and dessert. John Watkins showed his skill at flipping 24 hamburgers and an equal number of hot dogs simultaneously (or so it seemed) to perfection. He even managed a specially ordered hot dog for Jane Poynter.

A Few people left on Sunday and some stayed into Monday.

Ed Fernandez

September 2013 Outing Report

Pacific Pines RV Park, Florence, OR
John & Shirley Watkins, Wagon Masters

We had rain on Thursday to welcome everyone to Florence Oregon. The sun shone on the rest of the campout. We started the campout with a fabulous dinner at Chen's Chinese restaurant.

Friday morning we went to Frontier Sand Dune Tours and climbed on their bus like open air dune buggy. We



rode out onto the sand dunes very sedately and then the fun began. Imagine 13 seniors putting their hands in the air and yelling WEEEEEE!! as we crested the tallest dune and slid down the other side. Our driver

parked at the very top of the tallest sand dune to tell us about the area. There are more than 60 miles of sand dunes 3 miles wide from Florence to Coos Bay. At the end of the ride everyone was smiling.

Then we were off to Reedsport for lunch, a visit to the Umpqua Discovery Center (we all slid down the bear slide), and the Elk Preserve. That evening we had soup at the club house and discussed our activities for Saturday.

Everyone was on their own on Saturday. Some toured the Heceta Head lighthouse; others went to the car show. The Watkins and the Coopers went kayaking on the Silt Coos River.

Saturday evening John and his brother Jim headed up the barbecue team. Jim, with help from Roy Pimentel, barbecued the Oysters and John with help from Aaron barbecued Tri-tip. We held the meeting after dinner and then played 31. Lucky Janice won the pot.



The next morning we met for a little breakfast and everyone was off to tour more of Oregon and Washington. Thanks to all of you who came and helped make the campout a success!

Shirley Watkins



New Members

Please welcome new members Roy Pimental and Sharrie Anaclerio. Roy and Sharrie were voted into full membership at the Florence outing.



We also welcome Dorene (Suzy) Coffee as a prospective member. Suzy has camped with us at Bodega Bay in July and made the Florence trip.



A spread sheet was recently sent out with their contact info. Be sure to update your contact lists and include them in club emails.

I recently received an email from a Girl Scout Troupe in Tennessee:

" Good afternoon!

We wanted to say thank you for your page, <http://goldcountrytravelers.com/links.html> , all the way from Tennessee! My Girl Scouts found your resources to be so helpful while they are getting ready for their big overnight camping trip in the next few weeks to the Great Smoky Mountains!

.... thank you for being such a big help.

Sarah Bloomdale"

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Upcoming Outing Details - October

[Pine Acres RV Resort,](#)

Oct.17-20, 2013

Upper Lake, Ca. [Bryce & Bessie Smith,](#) Wagon Masters



Pine Acres is a small park on the shores of Blue Lake, near Upper Lake, Ca. All sites have cable, water and electricity only. A dump station is easy to access on your way out. There is a very nice club house and patio.

As of this date Bryce has 14 rigs and two cabins signed up for this outing.

Shirley Watkins is handling the potluck food sign ups. Bryce has cautioned us not to use GPS directions as they usually take you in on a very narrow mountain road. Proper directions will be sent to those signed up.



Upcoming Outing Details - November 14-17, 2013

Nevada County Fairgrounds RV Park

11228 MCCOURTNEY ROAD
GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 95945

Aaron & Carmen Harris Wagon Masters

10 spaces have been reserved with full hook ups. Rec room with full kitchen is also available. Make your reservation to Carmen at <mailto:honeytree@juno.com>

The Rv Park is central to the historic towns of Grass Valley and Nevada City. Much to do and see in the area.



Christmas Party December 7

Celebrate the year with a night out, Saturday evening at Logan's Road House, Sacramento. Larry Cooper will again chair this event. Watch for his email with the details.



Member Recipes

APPLE NUT CAKE Submitted by Cricket Couser

1 ¼ Cup Salad oil
2 eggs (well beaten)
1 tsp. salt
1tsp soda
3 cups apples (sliced medium) I use a bit more
3 tsp. vanilla flavoring
2 cups sugar
3 cups flour
1 cup chopped walnuts

DIRECTIONS

Mix oil, sugar, well beaten eggs, and vanilla. Add sugar, a small amount at a time. Add soda and salt to flour then add to egg mixture gradually. Then add apples and chopped nuts to mixture. It will be very thick. Bake at 375 * for 40 minutes. Use toothpick to check for doneness. Cool on wire rack.



On the dunes in Florence, Oregon

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Smith, Bessie	Oct 28
Poynter, Jane	Nov 7
Collins, Ken	Nov 20
Watkins, Shirley	Nov 22
Rogers, Arlys	Nov 24
Ha, Vivienne	Dec 4
Harris Carmen	Dec 16

Happy Anniversary to:

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

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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.

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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

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 # _____