



Gold Country Travelers

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2016 Outings

Oct 17-20 - [Jackson Rancheria RV Park](#), CJ & Kathy Deaton, Bill & Lorraine Morgado, Wagon Masters

Nov 17-20 - [Heritage RV Park](#), Corning. John & Shirley Watkins, Wagon Masters.

Dec 12 - Christmas Party Buckhorn Steak House - Winters. CJ & Cathy Deaton.

2017 Outings

Jan - Yuma, Az

Feb - Open

March - Open

April 19 - 24, Port-O-Bodega, Dick LaVergne, WM.

May - 49er Ranch - Ken & Cricket Couser WM.

June - Smithwoods- Jack Diggins, WM.

July 10-14, Bodega Bay RV Park, Scott & Christy Nyland, WM.

Aug 23-27 - Duck Island, David Lee, WM.

Sept - Lucy Farley & Jim Ayers, WM.

Oct - Truckee, Watkins/ Harris, WM

Nov - Open

DEC - Christmas Party



Message from the President

As the year is coming to a close, this is my last "Message from the President." I have enjoyed my brief tenure and once again wish to thank all of you for making this experience interesting, rewarding, fun and challenging at times. I continue to learn so much from the more seasoned club members. With 11 outings this year, we have enjoyed a great variety of camping destinations including recent trips to Olema, Duck Island and Arcata. For Cathy and me, it was our first trip to these RV parks. Our membership remains strong and participation is at a high level. The schedule for 2017 is coming together nicely. We have 8 trips planned so far, including a return to the Graeagle and Truckee areas. We currently have 3 months open (February, March, November). Please consider serving as Wagon Master for one of these outings. Our on-going goals for the club should include (1) more outings to new destinations, (2) aggressive recruitment of new members and (3) continued encouragement of newer members to serve as wagon masters. For the next 2 months, I will be accepting nominations for the 2017 club officers. The election will be held at the Holiday Dinner on December 12th. See you at Jackson and Heritage Park.

C.J. Deaton,
Club President

Past Outing Reports

OLEMA/PT. REYES STATION OUTING

Lucy Farley and Michelle Hey, Wagon Masters
(with invaluable assistance from Jim Ayers and Doug Hey)
July 17-21, 2016

Eleven rigs set out to escape the heat to the cooling winds at Olema Campground/Pt. Reyes Station for the Club's July outing, and the Coastal weather did not disappoint members Jim Ayers and Lucy Farley, Ken and Yvonne Collins, C.J. and Cathy Deaton, Loran and Kay Eldred, Ed and Joan Fernandez, Aaron and Carmen Harris, Doug and Michelle Hey, Bill and Lorraine Morgado, Scott and Christy Nyland, Chuck and Arlys Rogers, and Steve and Bobbi Treon. Everyone enjoyed wonderful warm mid-60's sunny days with early mornings and evenings cool enough to warrant a roaring campfire (compliments of Jim Ayers) or a just-as-inviting propane equivalent (provided by C.J. Deaton).



Although some fun group activities were planned, there was still plenty of time to just sit around and relax, visit and converse, and nap. Even gathering around the campfire had its high points: one night the Space Station crossed directly overhead (to track it in your area, go to the website "Spot the Station" and enter your zip code) and on another evening C.J. entertained with a laser light show in the trees. And of course, we heard Ken Collins' latest jokes and everyone provided plenty of stories, accompanied by some beer, wine and honey-flavored whiskey.

As always, there was plenty of food, beginning with Danish each morning with the breakfast coffee. On Monday evening, some of the group enjoyed a delicious meal at The Station House Café in Pt. Reyes Station, served in their private Garden Room. Tuesday's dinner featured a first-time-ever chili cook-off at the Campground clubhouse, with 8 participating entries. After tasting and judging by all, the winners were declared and prizes awarded, with a pleasantly surprised Ed Fernandez taking First Place honors, followed closely by Bill and Lorraine Morgado in Second, and Chuck and Arlys Rogers seizing Third place. President C.J. Deaton held a brief meeting following the dinner, where he brought members up-to-date on the remaining 2016 Club outings and those scheduled for 2017, and led a discussion concerning choosing future sites and increasing attendance at outings.



During the day, some members left the campsite to hike and explore (the Treons took the arduous trek down to the lighthouse, which they said "nearly killed" them) while the Nylands went on a less strenuous but still enjoyable hike along the Bear Valley Trail to Arch Rock. Other members took off in vehicles in search of deer, elk or bird sightings, to drive to Bolinas and walk along the beach with their dogs, to have lunch at Nicks Cove in Marshall, to picnic at Drakes Bay, or to just stroll through the Olema and Pt. Reyes Station shops and stores.

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Wednesday morning found the group enjoying a presentation at The Cowgirl Creamery where they learned some history of the creamery and the Marin County area, received a lesson in cheese-making, tasted the creamery's delicious cheeses, and participated in a curd-making demonstration



The Wednesday night dinner was a potluck around the campsite, followed by a White Elephant Exchange led by Michelle Hey. With 22 participants, there was a sizeable amount of gift stealing, especially over an ice cream maker that was actually a device that produced cones after the ice cream was fed into it. Scott Nyland got the lucky last spot, and took C.J.'s coveted chocolate-covered donut holes (which the Nylands generously shared at breakfast the next morning). Everyone went home with a gift – some of which

may reappear at a future exchange.

To heighten the excitement of the evening, Jim and Lucy's cat Diesel escaped from their trailer and ran and hid in the underside cavities of the Deatons' motor



home; Jim heroically took a break from the White Elephant Exchange, donned coveralls and crawled under the RV to rescue him, to the relief of all concerned.

The grassy facilities at Olema Campground were beautiful and well maintained, the crew could not have been more hospitable, and this site will certainly be on the list for future outings. *Lucy Farley*



August 24-28
Duck Island, Rio Vista, Ca
Dave Lee, Wagon Master

On AUGUST 24th, Dick LaVergne and I were the first to arrive at Duck Island RV park. Howard Hitt arrived shortly after (which was good, as he was the chef, not me). We all went out to eat at Giusti's Place in Walnut Grove (very good as usual).

The rest of the gang arrived on August 25 (which was my birthday); do not worry-presents are now not cool! Thursday evening the club went to eat at Kobe Steak & Seafood (Great Meal).

Friday we were suppose to get a tour of the Wind Farm but SMUD canceled it so we visited and relaxed before going out to dinner at Mac's Old House.

Saturday we had a great CIOPPINO dinner, with the gang providing all the other goodies.

Sunday we headed for home.

HAPPY RVing- DAVE

Dave trying his hand at making flames at Kobe

The view from the back of our rigs



I heard a comment that there were more dogs than people on this trip!



There were side trips to the surrounding communities along the river.



J-Mack Ferry



September Outing

Mad River Rapids RV Park, Arcata, Ca
John & Janice Saylor, Aaron & Carmen Harris, Wagon Masters

We had ten rigs make the 300+ mile trip to Arcata. Chuck and Arlys came down from Ashland several days early. Deatons, Saylor, Heys and Suzy Coffee broke the trip up, leaving home on Tuesday and stopping at Pine Acres at Blue Lakes, while Aaron and Carmen, left a day early stopping at a RV park on 299. The Couser's stopped overnight to check out a park on 101. The Nyland's and Hltt's made the trek in one day. The Pine Acres group enjoyed a good dinner at the Blue Wing Saloon at the Tallman Hotel in Upper Lake. All of us arrived in Arcata Wednesday throughout the day and evening. The weather was much cooler, mostly overcast in the mornings and some clearing in the mid afternoon. Thursday evening, we went to dinner at Jack's sea food on



Humboldt Bay. After dinner we boarded the Madaket for a Moon rising, Sunset cocktail cruise on Humboldt Bay. But, we were to never see the moon or the sun due to the *Marine Layer* that we all call fog! The boat, of 1910 vintage, was clean, the staff was very accommodating and the drinks good. We were able to take in the many sights and industries on the bay.

Friday morning we went on a tour of the Holly Yashi Jewelry factory, that Carmen set up. The factory and retail store was right here in Arcata. The factory tour was quite interesting. Most of us had no idea of some of the high tech processes that they used to make their jewelry. Before leaving some serious shopping took place by Shirley, Carmen and others. The rest of the day was spent on personal side trips or relaxing back at camp. A couple of us were seen taking advantage of the RV parks spa. Friday evening we headed out for dinner at the world famous Samoa Cookhouse, a onetime lumberjack cookhouse. Dinner was served family



style. After dinner we checked out the small collection of old lumber industry equipment on display at the cookhouse. Back at camp a 31 game was started up and a few sat around the propane campfire.

Saturday morning Chuck and Arlys left, headed south to meet up with family for a campout at Dillon Beach. Many others took side trips to places such as the Victorian Village of Ferndale, The Lolita Cheese factory, Trinidad, and Scott and Christy found some good hiking trails. Saturday evening was our old fashion potluck. Lots of good food and deserts. After dinner was another lively 31 game. Sunday morning we started packing up for the trip home. The same four rigs plus the Harris' stopped at Pine Acres at Blue Lake to break up the trip home. Scott and Christy stayed over for a couple of days and Ken & Cricket headed North into Oregon and Washington. -- John Saylor



Details- Upcoming Outings

Jackson Rancheria RV Park

11407 Dalton Road, Jackson, Ca

Monday, October 17 to Thursday, October 20, 2016

CJ & Cathy Deaton & Bill & Lorraine Morgado, Wagon Masters

15 sites reserved, Full Hookups, Cable TV, WiFi, heated swimming pool, 2 spas, dog park, 7-hole putting green, bocce ball, horseshoes, table tennis, walking path, free 24-hour shuttle to casino and general store, free coffee all day in clubhouse all for \$35.00 a night!

Activities include Potluck at the club house Tuesday evening, Buffett dinner Wednesday. Many area attractions such as Historic towns of Jackson, Sutter Creek Cheese Shop and the wine tasting in Sutter Creek (9 tasting rooms, all within walking distance of each other) and Amador City.

Contact CJ Deaton, 916-990-9782, for additional information and there may be one spot are left.

Directions: 11407 Dalton Road, 3 ½ miles East of Jackson off Highway 88.

Heritage RV Park

975 Hwy 99-West, Corning, CA 96021

(530) 824-6130

November 17-20, 2016

John & Shirley Watkins, Wagon Masters

**Full hookups, Pull Throughs, Local TV, Free Wifi
\$34.00 per night.**

RSVP: Send email to shirleywatkins47@gmail.com. Also mail her a \$34.00 check for your deposit.

Area things to do: Bocce Ball at the RV Park, Rolling Hills Casino, Olive oil Tasting, [Wine & Nut Tasting](#), [Gaumer's Jewlery Museum](#), [Other Corning attractions](#)

Outing Agenda

Thursday: on your own activities. **Evening,** Diner out at Casa Ramos. Campfire/ 31.

Friday: We may go to Chico on Friday to watch the glassblowers. Evening, Dinner out, Campfire / 31.

Saturday: Thunder Hill Raceway or Wine tasting in Vina. Evening potluck at the club house. Campfire / 31.

Sunday Farewells

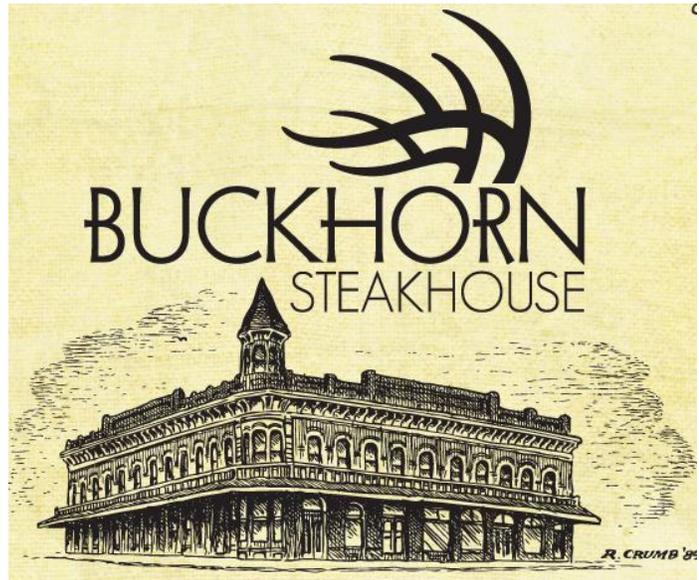


CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Monday December 12, 2016
Buckhorn Steakhouse - Winters, Ca



Watch your email and the website
for more information



Birthdays and Anniversaries This Quarter

Happy Birthday This Quarter to:



Alexander, Marinna	11-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
Morgado, Bill	17-Dec
Devarennnes, Marlys	24-Dec

Anniversaries This Quarter



Fernandez, Ed & Joan	4-Oct
Rogers, Chuck & Arlys	8-Nov
Hey, Doug & Michelle	15-Nov

Hitt, Howard & Judy	2-Dec
Poynter, Murl & Jane	20-Dec
Bilheimer, Dick & Carol	21-Dec
Couser, Ken & Cricket	31-Dec



**GENERAL MEETING
GOLD COUNTRY TRAVELERS RV CLUB
JULY 19, 2016**

A meeting of the general membership of the Gold Country Travelers RV Club (the "Club") was called by President CJ Deaton at 6:55 p.m. during the Club's outing in Olema, California, following a chili cook-off dinner held at the Olema Campground clubhouse. He thanked the outing Wagon Masters, Lucy Farley and Michelle Hey, for their hard work, and also recognized the contributions made by Jim Ayers and Doug Hey.

Recognition of Birthdays and Anniversaries: The June birthdays of Yvonne Collins and Bobbi Treon, and Steve Treon's birthday in July were recognized, as well as the 42nd wedding anniversary of Bill and Lorraine Morgado on June 28.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Hey reported that there is currently a total balance of \$2,327.00 in the Club accounts, with one outstanding check in the amount of \$50.00 payable to Olema for use of the Clubhouse. President Deaton stated that the Club collects approximately \$400 to \$450 a year, which funds are used to cover advance reservation fees, site clubhouse charges, and for supplies such as coffee and creamer.

Upcoming 2016 Club Outings: The following Club outings were announced and discussed:

August 24-28, Duck Island

Wagon Master David Lee currently has 13 rigs committed to date

September 14-18, Arcata

Co-Wagon Masters Aaron and Carmen Harris reported that they and the Saylor's currently have 6 to 8 rigs signed up. Activities include a cruise around the bay, a dinner at the Sonora Cook House, and tentative plans to ride the gondola that travels through the redwoods.

October 17-20, Jackson Rancheria

President Deaton announced that he and Cathy are co-hosting this event with the Morgados, which is the first attempt to hold an outing since the fire cancelled the 2015 outing. Information will be forthcoming soon, with a final list of attendees due 5 weeks prior to arrival.

November 17-20, Heritage Park, Corning

This event will be hosted by John and Shirley Watkins.

December, Christmas Dinner

President Deaton stated that he and Cathy will be hosting this event in Sacramento, with the date and location yet to be determined.

Membership and Outing Attendance: President Deaton distributed a list of 2016 trips and attendees, which he referred to as his “Trip Tracker” (copy attached). He stated that he had prepared the list to personally see how many of the Club’s members were attending outings and discovered that of the 30 paid member rigs, only about 15 had attended outings in 2016 on a regular basis. He stated that this indicated that the Club needed to increase attendance at outings, get more members involved as Wagon Masters, and find new places to go that would be of interest to the members.

Ed Fernandez suggested that choosing new sites in the general vicinity of former ones could spark more attendance, such as substituting Moss Landing for Smithwoods. Brief discussion was held about the KOA Campground at Moss Landing, with Yvonne Collins commenting that some of the spaces at the KOA were tight. Carmen Harris pointed out that the quality and success of an outing did not necessarily depend on the number of attendees.

Doug Hey stated that it would be helpful if Club members who also belong to other RV travel groups could suggest and recommend places their other clubs have attended.

2017 Club Outings: President Deaton announced that the following outings have been scheduled:

January:	Yuma, Arizona
April	Porto Bodega - Dick Lavergne, Wagon Master
May	Columbia – Ken and Cricket Couser, Wagon Masters
July	Bodega Bay
August	Duck Island – David Lee, Wagon Master

Adjournment: There being no further or new business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Farley
Acting Secretary

Attachment: Gold Country RV Club Trips – 2016 (dated 7/10/2016)

Meeting Minutes

Minutes - Gold Country Travelers RV Club

August 27, 2016, Duck Island

The meeting was called to order by President C.J. Deaton. C.J. thanked Dave for hosting and reported we had 14 rigs in attendance.

Our treasurer was not present so the report was dispensed with.

Upcoming trips were reviewed. John Saylor gave the details on the September trip to Arcata with 11 rigs signed up. The October trip is to Jackson Rancheria, October 17-20. Deaton's and Morgado's are Wagon Masters. November trip to Heritage RV Park in Corning is hosted by the Watkins'. For 2017 there are 6 months available. Jack Diggins volunteered to host Smithwoods again in June, leaving 5 months needing wagon masters.

Discussion on deposits to reserve RV parks for future outings. Some parks are starting to charge the first nights fee many months in advance of the outing. Dick reported that Port O Bodega has raised their nightly fee to \$65 and needed the deposits for the first night almost a year in advance. The club has paid this \$900+ refundable deposit. The discussion moved on to possibly raising the dues to cover these additional costs. Larry Koche made the motion to raise the dues from \$15 to \$25 with a second by Dave Lee. Ed Fernandez suggested we amend the motion to \$30 or even \$50. Larry stated his motion was on the floor and had to be voted on. We were reminded that the club had previously, Feb 2016, changed the by-laws to require voting by email for any future by-law changes. John Saylor will email out the details of how this works and start the email discussion process.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

John Saylor, Secretary

9-10-2016

Subsequent to the meeting, the email discussion and voting process was used. Final tally was 19 yes and 14 no. 2/3 majority is required so the motion did not pass.

Votes were tallied by Secretary, John Saylor and President, C.J. Deaton.

Minutes - Gold Country Travelers RV Club

September 17, 2016. Mad River Rapids RV Park, Arcata, Ca

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by president C.J. Deaton.

CJ announced that Scott and Christy Nyland were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. No one present had a birthday this month.

Secretary Report - John reported the minutes will be published in the next newsletter.

Results from the motion last month to increase dues did not pass.

Treasurer Report - Michelle reported our funds are in good order. Report was recently sent out via email.

Upcoming outings Report - CJ reported the October outing to Jackson Rancheria is all set and ready with 15 rigs. No space for any additional rigs.

Shirley Watkins reported the November Outing to Corning is coming together. Sign up info will be sent out this next week.

December Christmas Party has not been set up yet. Several suggestions were made. CJ will follow up.

Outings for 2017 are filling up. Open months are February, March and November. John Saylor requested Wagon Masters check the website and to send him the missing dates of the 2017 outings.

CJ reminded that nomination of 2017 officers is coming up. Please think about serving for a year.

No other business was discussed. Meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

John Saylor, Secretary

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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: Please 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, send them to me and I will add them to the Photogallery web page.

Looking back.....



Anyone ever camp in a rig like those above? Suggestion for a series in the newsletter. Send me a picture of your first RV or camping in a tent. And maybe those in between then and now. It will be interesting to see how we all got to our present RVs.



Have a Happy HALLOWEEN

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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

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 _____ Slides Curbside _____

Anniversary (month & day) _____

Birthdays (month & Day)

His _____ Hers _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name _____

Phone # _____

Medical Contact Dr. or Medical group:

_____ Phone # _____