



Gold Country Travelers

Quarterly e-Newsletter

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Check the website for additional details on these upcoming outings

2017 Outings

April 19-24, Port O Bodega, Dick Lavergne, Wagon Master.

May 11-15, 49er Ranch, Columbia - Ken & Cricket Couser WM.

June - Checking up on a place- Roy & Sharrie, WM.

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

Aug 23-27 - Checking out McCloud area, David Lee, WM.

Sept 10-14 - Pioneer RV, Quincy, Lucy Farley & Jim, WM.

Oct - Wine Country RV Resort, Watkins/ Harris, WM

Nov - TBD, CJ Deaton, Wagon Master

DEC - Christmas Party



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Message from the President

Greetings on a beautiful sun-shining day!

We started the New Year with still more rain and rain and rain... and we're into April and it still has continued to rain, with only an occasional day of sunshine here and there.

The January RV outing was the traditional trek to Yuma and the surrounding region. By all accounts, they had lots of fun. The month of February brought us a "No-Host" outing to the Monterey County Fairgrounds with lots and lots of continuous rain, but we still managed to get around Monterey in between the raindrops.

March brought us to Oroville where we enjoyed an outstanding outing. Some guests managed to go home with some extra money. Thank you, John Diggins, for a great job done as Host.

In the first quarter of the year we welcomed Herb and Karen Brown who I'm sure will contribute immensely to our RV club. We are looking forward to sharing our future outings with them and getting to know them.

The Gold Country Travelers RV Club has been blessed with incredible club members that have bonded over the years and have become an extended family. This is no small feat as the members come from many different backgrounds culturally, economically and also from different towns, but yet we really enjoy and love each other.

After all the rain we have experienced this winter, it is time to start checking your RV very carefully to make sure that no dampness has penetrated your RV. If you haven't performed your Springtime cleaning/inspection routine of your RV, it's time to start. Your awning will probably need extra attention. Aaron makes a soapy solution using Phels-Naptha (the old-fashioned brown soap bar) and uses that to scrub the inside of the awning. It works real well. Nasty alert: Take a look at your window tracks!

This past quarter, we have bid goodbye to three of our members, Vivienne Ha and Bryce Smith after courageous bouts with cancer and Ken Collins just wore out. Several of our club members attended the

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memorial services for Vivienne and Bryce.

A donation was made to "Relay for life" in Vivienne's memory, a beautiful plant garden in a basket was sent to Bessie and Yvonne received a succulent garden plus some books. We will especially miss Ken's jokes and crafts, Vivienne's sense of humor and Bryce's genteel manner along with his truckloads of wood for our campfires. We pray that God will comfort their families. Didn't I say we were a family?

In the month of May, the Couser's will be hosting the club at 49er Ranch in Columbia. There are lots and lots of things to do and places to go when you stay in the foothills. The wild flowers should be completely outrageous – color, color everywhere. Get ready for lots of fun.

We have received multiple inquiries about our RV Club which John Saylor and I respond to. In February, Gary and Donna Thompson visited our outing in Monterey. In March, the Thompsons visited us again in Oroville and so did Monte and Jean Nelson.

We are looking forward to a second quarter of fun-filled outings, surprises and making new friends. Happy Trails to you,

Carmen

Welcome new prospective members, joining us at the Feather Falls outing. Please add them to your club contacts.

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emails -- Gary, garlinstrove24c@gmail.com and Donna, dsthompson810@gmail.com
32' motorhome 4 slides

For Sale
Susie Coffee is selling her trailer - 22'6" Tadena Travel Trailer, 1 slide. Excellent condition. \$10,000. Contact her son Kelly at 916-847-0048 for more information.

We have recently lost some of our RV Friends

Ken Collins-

I'm sorry to inform you that my dear Ken passed on at Kaiser last night to a better place than he was these last few months. He hadn't left the house since Jan.6th.

He lived a good 87 years until 9.10 p.m. February 1st, 2017. Honoring his wishes there'll be no service, but wants everyone to miss him - not for too long - and then continue on with whatever they had scheduled to go do. However, I'm NOT ready to go camping, like he told me to, should there be a campout right after he'd be gone that weekend. We'll reminisce about his many crafts, and story and joke telling times.

Thank you all for your well wishes and prayers for him these last few months.

--Yvonne



Vivienne Ha-

Vivienne Ha passed away on Sunday, February 26 after a long battle with diverticulitis and colon cancer. She was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on December 4, 1931. She graduated from High School of Commerce in Springfield in June, 1948. She worked as a secretary in Massachusetts, Hawaii, and Okinawa, and finally as the Administrative Assistant for the Wheatland School District for over twenty-one years. She is survived by her spouse of 64 years, Kee Han Ha, daughters Leanne Landry and Melissa Wyatt (David) of Yuba City, Melanie (Marvin) Zenzen of Auburn, a son Andrew (Julie) of Reno, Nevada, and a foster daughter, Kimbra (George) Lozano of Carmichael; six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.



A private service was held March 25. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Shriners Hospital for Children or the American Cancer Society by going to the Relay For Life Wheatland Website and search for Melissa Wyatt under the Team -Wheatland School District.

Bryce Warren Smith Sr. -- June 18, 1933 - April 3, 2017

LAKE COUNTY, Calif. – Longtime Lake County resident Bryce W. Smith, age 83, passed away on April 3 in Clearlake losing his fight against lymphoma.

Bryce was a fifth generation Lake County resident. He was born in Upper Lake to Wilbert “Webb” and Effie Smith.



As a boy, he said he used diamonds he found for slingshot ammunition. He was raised by his Grandmother Effie in Cobb Valley at the old Smith home site. He would make a sandwich for lunch and walk throughout the Kelseyville area returning in the evening, something unheard of today. When his father forced him to dig a septic tank in clay around their Lakeport house he joined the Navy instead. His first naval job was an aircraft mechanic. In his first year a chief grabbed him after he slipped on a tire almost falling into a running propeller. He decided to change careers and worked on simulators for the rest of his time in the Navy where he was stationed in Hawaii, Mare Island and San Diego.

He later continued his career in simulators by working on driving trainers in high schools all along the west coast and Alaska.

He loved hunting and enjoyed serving with the Safari Club and the Elks. He had four children with his first wife: Bryce Jr., Frank, Kenneth and Monica. His marriage with Bessie brought step-daughter Janet and step-son Russell into the family.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie; son, Frank; daughter, Monica; step-daughters, Janet and Deena; step-son, Russell; and grandchildren, April, Jessica, Caleb “CJ,” Justin and Logen. Service was held Saturday, April 8 at Chapel of the Lakes Mortuary, 1625 N. High St. in Lakeport.

Bryce and Bessie always went out of their way to help the club and host outings. Bryce was known to be the firewood guy, always bringing plenty of oak and madrone for our camp fires.

Past Outing Reports

Yuma Arizona.

Chuck & Arlys Rogers, Wagon Masters

January 18-23, 2017

The Bilheimers, Heys, Cousers, Kochies, Poynters, Saylor, and Watkins' arrived in the Yuma Area on Wednesday January 18. Unfortunately the Collins had to cancel due at the last minute due to a health concern. The Rogers hosted a cocktail party at their house as folks were staying at a campground of their choice. Some had arrived in early January and are staying a month; while



others are staying a couple of weeks. Chuck outlined the schedule of events after welcoming all to Yuma.

On Thursday, the group met at the Rogers' and car pooled to the Yuma Proving Ground for a visit to the Heritage Center. The Director escorted the group while giving an oral history of the Proving Ground that was started at the beginning of WW II by MG George Patton. After the visit to the Heritage Center, the group had lunch at the Cactus Café on the base.

After lunch, we proceeded a few miles north to the Castle Dome Mine Museum. Although the folks enjoyed the museum, the weather was quite chilly and windy. However a good time was had by all. *(cont'd next page)*

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Friday was a day of shopping or whatever each wanted to do. At 4:30 in the afternoon, the group met at the Foothills Eatery. Most folks ordered the special of the day, all the deep fried Alaskan Cod you can eat, which was delicious. Some folks even had extra fish brought out.

Saturday was the Tractor Show & Pull in Wellton, about 15 miles or so east of Yuma. The actual tractor pull was cancelled as the participants in the contest were snowed in—in Canada. The weather did not co-operate as it was quite windy and chilly. Then we all

proceeded to the Kochie's and Poynter's for a visit and to eat BBQ chicken. The Kochie's new garage was certainly a treat to see. It was quite warm and very comfortable-out of the wind.

On Sunday, the Rogers hosted a ham dinner at their home and members provided side dishes. After an excellent dinner, folks enjoyed the football playoff game and talked. A great time was had by all. Looking forward to next year,

Chuck & Arlys Rogers



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After Yuma

Tuesday, leaving Yuma, the Saylor's and John Watkins traveled on to Quartsite for a few days of dry camping. Wednesday we took in the "Big Tent" RV and accessory show and browsed through much more stuff for sale.

Thursday, Doug & Michelle arrived. We did some more browsing the sales and enjoying the quiet of the desert. By now John's friends Tadd and Becky and couple of other friends had arrived. For dinner we pooled our resources and had a great BBQ steak potluck with a beautiful sunset across the desert. After dinner we had an old fashion **wood** campfire. Friday there was talk of some metal detecting and the Saylor's headed north towards home.



Monterey, California

Feb 20-14

Monterey County Fairgrounds RV Park

2004 Fairground Rd, Monterey, CA 93940

Carmen & Aaron Harris Wagon Masters

In February, we experimented with initiating a "No Host" outing at the Monterey County Fairgrounds. I'm happy to report that it was a success.

A "No Host" outing means that although the RV park is reserved (by Carmen), no other events are scheduled. You are on your own. I did organize going out to dinner at the Sand Bar Restaurant, which was quite wonderful and cozy.

Aaron and I left Lincoln one day early because the Weather Bureau was recommending that on the day we were scheduled to travel, "everyone should stay home" as they were expecting a HUGE storm, which meant some roads would be closed due to flooding and landslides. Well, guess what? They were correct. Highway 101 and others were flooded and/or closed. We started out with six reservations and wound up with three rigs attending the outing due to the weather problems.

Prospective Members, Gary and Donna Thompson, from Patterson, joined us. Donna has a wonderful hobby/business of creating greeting cards. Ask her to show them to you. Don't ever mention golf to Gary. LOL

The Nylands stayed at a nearby park and together with Dave spent one day going from shop to shop looking for Duck Shoes for Dave, a goal which they accomplished. The Nylands used to live in Monterey and enjoyed getting reacquainted with the town.

Our daughter Andree and granddaughter Alanna, joined us for a couple of nights and we toured around Cannery Row in the rain. Fun, Fun, Fun. We also visited the Monterey Aquarium which we had not visited for about 10 years. We managed to eat three times at the restaurant Louie Linguini which we really enjoyed.

Having a fire at night was a distant wish, but we managed to start a fire and sit around for a little while one night, but it became to damp and cold to sit out and then it started drizzling. Brrr! We survived all the rain and managed to have a wonderful time.

Feather Falls KOA, Oroville, Ca

March 28-31, 2017

Jack Diggins, Wagon Master

The March Gold Country Travelers outing was very well attended. There were 13 rigs: Herb & Carol Brown, Yvonne Collins, Cathy & CJ Deaton, Jack Diggins & Mary Stewart, Aaron & Carmen Harris, Doug & Michelle Hey, Dick LaVergne, David Lee, Bill & Lorraine Morgado, Monte & Jean Nelson (guests), Roy Pimentel & Sharrie Anaclerio, John & Janice Saylor, Gary & Donna Thompson (guests). At the Pot Luck dinner we were also joined by: John & Shirley Watkins, Murl Poynter, Michelle Hey's sister and Aunt, and a friend of the Thompson's from Paradise. There were too many dogs to count! The first day, Tuesday, was very windy and we were on our own. Many people ate out, went gambling or toured the local area.

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At our site, we got the propane campfire roaring and numerous marshmallows and S'mores were consumed. It was a pleasant night for all.

On Wednesday, we went up to the Oroville Dam Visitor Center. We hoped to see the damaged spillway but construction crews blocked all the access to the spillway. The Visitor Center was very impressive. The exhibits inside were very well displayed and informative. The four-story observation tower that we walked to the top of provided excellent views of the dam and lake.

After the Visitor Center, people wandered off to a variety of spots for lunch and then toured and went shopping in Oroville.

The potluck dinner was held in the KOA recreation room. It was a very nice facility. The KOA also provided two Weber BBQ's that we used to BBQ the Tri-Tip. All the food was excellent as usual. With Roy's tutoring, the wagon master did an excellent job BBQing the Tri-Tips. Another pleasant night was spent around the fire and numerous members played a new card game.

Thursday, morning many of us went to see the Chico Air Museum. The museum had many airplanes and models on exhibit. There was an interesting history of



the airfield when the airfield was a World War II training base. After touring the museum, many of us went to the Sierra Nevada Brewery for lunch and a tour. Both the food and beer were excellent.

That night we ate dinner at the Feather Falls Casino buffet. The price was very reasonable and the food was OK. There was a small turnout at the fire since many members were winning at the casino and paying off their outing.



Except for the wind, the weather was very pleasant and this was a very enjoyable outing.

Jack

Details- Upcoming Outings



Bodega Bay, Ca.

April 19-24

Dick LaVergne Wagon Master

Where: Porto Bodega Marina & RV Park is at the North end of Bodega Bay, The address is: 1500 Bay Flat Road, Bodega Bay, California 94923

When: as early as Wednesday, April 19 and departing date as late as Monday, April 24, 2017. \$65 per night.

Friday Night Restaurant: This year we will be returning to the Lucas Wharf Restaurant.

Great food, Great views, Great company!!

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Saturday Potluck: In the Park Clubhouse. Fun and games afterwards.

- Reservations are made when the deposit check is received (\$65). Your reservation cannot be confirmed unless the deposit check is included.

There were a limited number of spaces. Presently all spaces are reserved. Check with Dick for any last minute cancellations that might free up a space.

49er RV RANCH
23223 Italian Bar Road,
Columbia, CA 95310
May 11-15, 2017

Ken & Cricket Couser, Wagon Masters



The cost will be \$40.00 a night for 2 people. We made reservations for 12 sites.

Please let us know, as soon as possible, if you will be attending the outing. The list of rigs must be in by April 20th. We need a minimum of 8 rigs to get the group price and access to the clubhouse. If you plan to attend, please contact us before the due date of **April 20th**. Check in is 1:00 pm and checkout is 11:00 am. The park also needs detailed information about our rigs so that they can put us in the proper sites, if your rig details are different than what's listed in the roster, please let us know.

Attractions:

Columbia State Historic Park, Rail Town 1897 State Park, Calaveras Big Trees State Park, Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park, Golf, Fishing, Live Theatre, Wineries, Museums, Zip Lining and much more. Columbia Gold Rush Days are on Saturday from 1-4pm. One hour walking tours of Columbia

are available Saturday and Sunday from 11am – 12pm.

Activities:

We will be doing the potluck on Friday coinciding with the hotdogs the park does. We will be adding ribs and the club members can sign up for the sides of beans, salads, appetizers and desserts.

We will go to El Jardin in Columbia for dinner on Saturday. We will be going early (around 4:30 for anyone that wants to go to the theatre afterwards).

We will not be setting up the booking for the theatre this year so if you want to go, you will have to make your own reservations.

Ken and I will be staying until Monday and BBQ'ing steak and lobster for dinner,

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Sunday evening. If you'd like to join us, supply your own steak and/or lobster and we'll BBQ it all up together. We get our lobsters (2 pack) at Sam's or Costco for a reasonable price.

49er RV Ranch's cancellation policy is as follows:

- 7 days prior to reservation - \$10.00 cancellation fee per site.
- less than 7 days and no shows will be charged one regular nightly rate.

Theater - For those that would like to attend the theatre, they are showing "Noises Off". Members will be responsible for making their own reservations. We will make dinner reservations early enough Saturday night to accommodate those that would like to see the performance.

Mother's Day - Also, if you've already made plans for Mothers' Day, you are more than welcome to join us and depart early or invite your kids to come join you.

An updated agenda will be sent later to all attendees.

June - Wagon Masters Roy & Sharrie's Original Plans were to Lake Comanche but when ironing out details discovered there are numerous extra fees added onto the camp fee that makes this park unreasonable for our group. They are presently inquiring about reservations at other parks. Watch your email and the website for more information.

**Bodega Bay RV Park
July 10-14
2001 Highway One
Bodega Bay, CA 94923**

Scott & Christy Nyland, Wagon Masters

This is the park just North of Town. Another of the clubs favorite coastal parks

Watch your email for details.



Anniversaries and Birthdays This Quarter

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Deaton, CJ & Cathy	7-May
Morgado, Bill & Lorraine	28-Jun



Happy Birthday This Quarter to:

Harris, Aaron	4-Apr
Kochie, Max	13-Apr
Eldred, Loran	20-Apr
Fernandez, Joan	24-Apr
Kochie, Larry	7-May
Poynter, Murl	24-May

Treon, Bobbi	3-Jun
Bilheimer, Dick	6-Jun
Collins, Yvonne	16-Jun
Stohlman, Howard	23-Jun



Tech Tip --

The Photo Gallery - When viewing the photos with Google Photos click the first picture and advance with the arrows at either side. You can see captions by clicking the  "i" icon on the upper right. To download copies of the

Picture click the three vertical  dots and click download.

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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.

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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 # _____