



Gold Country Travelers

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2018 Outings

April 18-22, Port-O-Bodega, Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master.

May 17-20, 49er RV Ranch, Columbia. Yvonne Collins, Wagon Master.

June 13-17, The Vineyard RV Park, Vacaville, Bill & Lorraine Morgado, Wagon Masters.

July 22-26, Olema Camp Ground, Olema, Ca., Lucy Farley, Jim Ayers Wagon Masters.

Aug 15-19, McCloud RV Park, McCloud, Ca, David Lee, Wagon Master.

Sept 14-18, The Lakes RV Park, Chowcilla, CA Herb & Carol Brown, Wagon Masters

October 14-17, Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, Ca. **Mullins, Farley, Ayers, Co-**Wagon Masters

November 5-8, 49er Village, Plymouth, Gary & Donna Thompson, Wagon Masters.

December 7- Christmas Party, Frasinetti Winery, Sacramento. Doug & Michelle Hey.

Message from the President

Cheers Fellow RVers:

Doug and I missed the last three months of enjoyable outings due to our relocation project to Sun City Lincoln Hills. We will be moving while members enjoy their annual trip at Bodega Bay. As some, if not all, know Dick plans a very fun outing.

With that said, we are very excited to mingle with members at our first 2018 GCT outing in June at Vineyard RV Park in Vacaville. Bill and Lorraine will kick off the summer with an old-fashioned picnic—YUM!

It's that time of year to fill the 2019 Outing Calendar. We have openings for months: February, May, June, July, August, and November. Carmen Harris offered to co-host an outing with a new member (hint, hint). So far, the Poytners offered to host the January outing in Yuma, Jack Diggins offered to host the March outing in Oroville, Dick LaVergne offered to host the April outing in Porto Bodega, the Heys offered to host the September outing, and Lucy Farley/Jim Ayers offered to host the October outing in Quincy. Please let me or John know if you plan on hosting an outing next year.

Due to personal reasons, the Bilheimers, Suzy Coffee and the Rogers resigned from the club. They will be missed but not forgotten. As far as I know, no inquiries to join the club at this time.

*Happy and Safe travels,
Michelle Hey, President*

Past Outing Reports

Yuma Arizona Chuck & Arlys Rogers, Wagon Masters January 8-23

Well the January 2018 Outing is over. A total of ten folks attended with a visit by two others. Arriving in early January were Ken and Cricket Couser, followed by Jack Diggins, Mandy, and David Lee's arrival on January 18. Murl and Jayne Poynter and friends Larry and Max Kochie also attended from their properties in Wellton, AZ.



The activities began on 19th with an "all you can eat" fish fry at the Foothills Eatery. The Watkins, John and Shirley, drove down from Parker, AZ. They could not bring their trailer as it has a broken spring shackle and is parked in Parker until they can get it repaired. They spent the night in a motel and went to the Wellton Tractor Pull (without the pull happening) on Saturday, January 20th. After the wonderful tri-tip dinner at Larry & Max Koche's, the Watson's returned to Parker. Kudos to the Koche's and the Poynters for the wonderful dinner.

Sunday folks attended a Civil War reenactment at the Quartermaster Park. That evening the Rogers hosted a dinner at their home. Everyone had a great time, especially listening to Cricket Couser's stories relating her youth. Monday folks met at Yuma Proving

Ground to find it closed due to "Government Closing". So we then drove on up the road to the Dome Valley Mine area and visited the old mining area buildings and mines. We then visited Lutes Casino for something to eat and followed the meal with a small "date shake."

While the Couser's will stay in Yuma till the end of February, Jack Diggins and David Lee returned to California. A great time was had by all. This ends the Rogers' hosting of the Yuma Outing as we have sold our Sunnybrook and truck and are dropping out of the club. We will be in Yuma for the coming year November thru April. Anyone who is in the Yuma area is welcome to stop by and say hello. It is our understanding that the Poynters will be hosting this function in the coming years. We have really enjoyed being with the group the past 15+ years. We will miss the folks and the good friends we have made.

Chuck & Arlys Rogers



Feather Falls KOA March 12-15, 2018

Jack Diggins, Wagon Master

This was an interesting outing to Feather Falls. The outing started with 16 rigs and 31 people attending. Due to illness and mechanical problems, there were 10 rigs and 19 people who attended.

The attendees were: Herb & Carol Brown (their daughter and son in law also attended), Cathy & CJ Deaton, Jack Diggins, Aaron & Carmen Harris, Dick LaVergne, David Lee, Bill & Lorraine Morgado (the slide room on their rig stopped working; they took a room at the Feather Falls lodge and attended the pot luck), Will & Norma Mullins, John & Janice Saylor, Gary & Donna Thompson, Mark & Diane Loftus (guests).



On Monday, the weather was beautiful. We sat around the fire the first night and had S'mores. I supplied Graham crackers that were less than 10 years old and not moldy. It started to rain lightly that night as we went to sleep. From Monday night onward, the operative word was rain.

On Tuesday we went to the Oroville Dam Visitor Center. The roads are still blocked to prevent views of the downstream side of the dam and the two spillways. We were told repairs to the concrete spillway are completed; the work is now being done on the emergency (dirt) spillway. There were live cameras, at the visitor center, showing the work being performed; but due to the rain and fog, the pictures were limited.

Feather Falls has a beautiful clubhouse that we were able to use for our potluck dinner. The Park provided two BBQ's to use, for the 10-½ pounds of TriTip plus they set up tables and chairs. The clubhouse had a beautiful open beam design. The only issue is that one support, beam jumped in front of a member causing an impressive collision.

Various members tried their skills at different games of chance. Some of the club members won and some lost. I'm not aware of anyone who had to contact the IRS to declare his or her winnings.



Wednesday morning was clear. We went to Bolt's Antique Tool Museum, and walked the dike along the Feather River. We wandered through Centennial Park. Centennial Park was a very unique, little park with lots of interesting history. We went to Historic State Theatre and then walked around downtown, Historic, Old Oroville. There were many neat Historic Murals on a number of the buildings.

Wednesday afternoon, a good thunder and lightning storm with hail and heavy rain swept in. This was a significant storm that lasted for 3-4 hours.

Aaron and Carmen Harris drove up



Highway 70. Carmen said she counted 68 waterfalls. She said it started to snow. The snow continued to fall until they reached the flat lands.

Dinner was at the "Brewery" in the Feather Falls Casino. Half of us ate at 5:00 pm and the rest of the group ate at 6:00 pm. The food and beer were excellent. Different members raved about the sushi and the variety of beers.

The night was completed with a propane fire under the wagon masters' awning. The temperature got down to 43 degrees, but it was a good evening. Everybody was too full for S'mores but they were able to eat cake supplied by Mark & Diane.

Despite the almost constant **RAIN**, everybody seemed to enjoy the outing. As a side note, despite all the rain, the Feather Falls RV Park had very good drainage.

Jack

Details- Upcoming Outings

Porto Bodega RV Park and Marina on Bodega Bay.

April 18 - April 22, 2018

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.

Most sites back up to the bay. Full Hookups, Wifi, Cable TV.

When: The arrival date can be as early as Wednesday, April 18, and the departure date as late as Sunday, April 22, 2017. **Friday Night Restaurant:** This year we will be returning to the Lucas Wharf Restaurant. With Outstanding food, views and company!!

Saturday Potluck: In the Park Clubhouse. We will have fun and games afterwards.

WHAT TO DO TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

- Reservations are made when the deposit check is received (\$70). Your reservation cannot be confirmed unless the deposit check is included.
- There are a limited number of spaces. Sites will be allocated based on reservations received and arrival dates. Due to the Park's popularity, reservations can be accepted for between Wednesday, April 18th and the 22nd, but there are no guarantees for requests for dates outside of those dates. The sooner you confirm your dates, the more likely of getting a spot and any necessary changes.

At this late date please check with Dick to see if there are any sites available.

More info and reservation form can be found on the website.

Deposit: Make out \$70 deposit check to "Richard LaVergne" and mail to:
Richard LaVergne
699 Morris Way
Sacramento, Ca. 95864

Upcoming Outings - Continued

May 17-20, 2018

**49er RV Ranch,
23223 Italian Bar Rd, Columbia, CA 95310**

(209) 532-4978 www.49errvpark.com

Yvonne Collins, Wagon Master
Ph: 510-351-1979 Email: tulips_ym@yahoo.com

Join us for one of the clubs favorite RV Parks in the Gold Country.
Full hookups, cable TV & Wifi are available.

Some Area Activities:

- * Visit Old Town Columbia State Park
- * Visit Railtown 1897 in Jamestown
- * Go for a hike to Natural Bridges
- * Visit Rosemary's Roses
- * Go Caving at Moaning Cavern
- * Take a short drive to Ironstone Vineyards
- * Visit Old Town Sonora

Watch your email inbox for more information.

June 13-17, 2018

The Vineyard RV Park,

4985 Midway Road, Vacaville

Bill & Loraine Morgado, Wagon Masters

Full Hook Ups, Cable TV, Free WiFi, Laundry Facility, Swimming Pool, Dog Walk, Playground, Volley Ball Court, Horseshoe pits.

The cost is \$50.00 per night plus \$1.00 per dog per night. If you wish to reserve a space, send a check for \$50.00 to Bill Morgado, 7650 El Modena Ave., Elverta, CA. 95626.

We plan to host a breakfast one morning and also plan to host an old fashioned picnic with hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans and potato salad. This will take the place of a potluck.

We are not going to try to find a restaurant to accommodate the group but let people choose their own restaurant and type of food. That way people who are taking in the attractions in the area will need not rush to get to dinner.

Things to do in the Area

The Budweiser Brewery,
The Jelly Belly factory,
Lake Solano for fishing and kayaking,
Take the ferry from Vallejo to San Francisco
The Vacaville Factory Outlets.

We will provide more information on the attractions at a later date.

More info: <http://www.vineyardrvpark.com/activities/>

Cancellation - Vineyard RV Park has a 2 week cancellation policy for all individual club sites reserved, Your \$50.00 deposit will be forfeited if you cancel less than 2 weeks from the date of arrival.

New Roster - I have sent out a new roster. I changed the format so that the names and addresses are on one page and in Portrait View. I hoping this will make it easier to read. When printed out the font size is a little smaller, so let me know if changes are needed.
John

Tech Stuff - For those of you that take photos with your iphone --

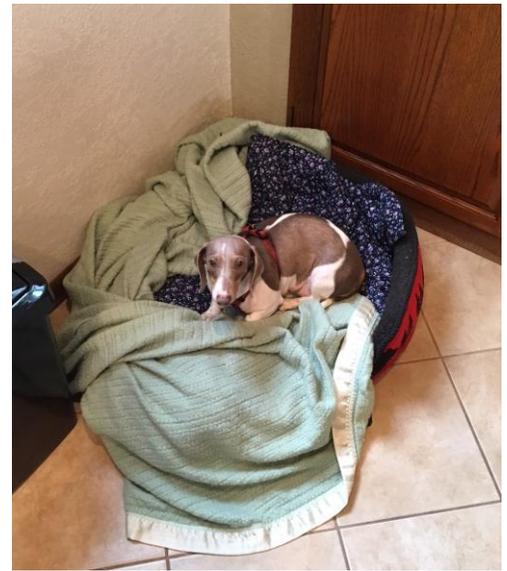
Apple recently released an IOS update that changes the format of the pictures taken with its camera. The new format extension is .heic. This new format compresses the photo to save memory space without the loss of quality. But---Microsoft devices are not compatible and cannot read .heic files!! Photoshop and other photo programs can't either. I have an auto backup to Google Photos from my phone. I discovered this when I tried to download the pictures, via winzip, that I took in Oroville. They unloaded in this .heic format.

There is a solution. You can leave them in the .heic format and use a free converter download to your desktop. I used "**iMazing-HEIC-converter**". You just drag each picture to the app and it converts it to .jpg. The best solution until the industry catches up with Apple is to go to **settings**, scroll down to **Camera**, then to **Formats** and **turn off High Efficiency** and **turn on Most Compatatible**. You future photos will now be in .jpg format. You will still need the converter for previously taken photos.

Also discovered if I email the picture directly from my iPhone, they do arrive as .jpg. I do not know what happens if you transfer via iCloud since that feature quit working on both of our PC's last December.

John

Dave has a new dog. Meet Sophie. We will see more of her at the upcoming outings as Dave gets her RVized!



Anniversaries and Birthdays This Quarter

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Nelson, Monte & Jean	6-May
Deaton, CJ & Cathy	7-May
Tiemeyer, Bill & Anne	25-Jun
Morgado, Bill & Lorraine	28-Jun



Happy Birthday This Quarter to:

Harris, Aaron	4-Apr
Kochie, Max	13-Apr
Nelson, Monte	14-Apr
Eldred, Loran	20-Apr
Fernandez, Joan	24-Apr

Kochie, Larry	7-May
Poynter, Murl	24-May
Treon, Bobbi	3-Jun
Collins, Yvonne	16-Jun
Stohlman, Howard	23-Jun



Looking ahead to 2019. We still have some months to fill. I hear there are thoughts of a Pismo Beach area trip.

Jan	Yuma, Arizona, Murl & Jane Poynter	July	
Feb		Aug	
Mar	Feather Falls Jack Diggins	Sept	Doug & Michelle Hey
Apr	Port O Bodega, Dick Lavergne	Oct	Pioneer RV Park, Quincy, Lucy & Jim
May		Nov	
June		Dec	Christmas Party

**Club Officers and Contacts
2018**

President
Michelle Hey

V.P.
Lucy Farley

Secretary
C.J. Deaton

Treasurer
Ken Couser

Member at Large
John Saylor

Website & Newsletter & Roster
John Saylor

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 # _____

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j99saylor@gmail.com

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.

Dillon Beach way back when we could circle up in the meadow.

