

Gold Country Travelers

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Check the website for additional details on these upcoming outings

2018 Outings

Jan 18 - 23, Yuma- Chuck & Arlys Rogers.

Feb 5 - 9, Lawson's Landing, Dillon Beach, David Lee, Wagon Master.

Mar 12-14, Feather Falls, KOA, Oroville. Jack Diggins, Wagon Master.

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 8-12, Bakersfield RV Resort, Bakersfield, Dick & Carol Bilheimer, Wagon Master

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

December - Christmas Party

Message from the President

The New Year lies ahead with outings to be led. So let 2018 be a year to be enjoyed by adventurous members, new and old, near and far.

As President for the 2018 term, and former treasurer, I'd like to express my sincere thanks to Carmen Harris for leading the club in 2017. She succeeded filling the 2018 Outing calendar and encouraged new members to join the club and to even serve as wagon masters. She also encouraged members to plan outings in new locations. Therefore, the club will experience three new RV parks---Vineyard RV Park located in Vacaville, The Lakes RV Park located in Chowchilla and Bakersfield RV Resort located in Bakersfield.

At the Christmas dinner David Lee discussed the Lawson's Landing outing scheduled February 5-9. Numbered sites can be reserved online. Details are posted under Outings. Jack Diggins briefly discussed the Feather Falls KOA outing scheduled in March. He will be sending an email for sign-ups shortly. As you may recall, last year some of us drove to Lake Oroville Visitors Center and climbed up the 46-foot viewing tower in hopes to see the progress of the repairs to the dam. No luck, but I am looking forward to seeing the completed project of the dam this year. Last, but not least, we briefly discussed the Yuma outing scheduled January 18-23. For those who have not traveled to Yuma, it is worth the long drive.

I look forward to working with the newly appointed Executive Committee: Lucy Farley, Vice President; Ken Couser, Treasurer; CJ Deaton, Secretary; and John Saylor, Member-at-Large sometime in January to discuss simplifying procedures. Members will be notified and are encouraged to attend. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns.

Doug and I enjoyed hosting the Christmas party at Frasinetti's Winery and Restaurant. Several members enjoyed wine tasting prior to dinner. We finished the night with a fun ornament exchange game.

Doug and I look forward to a year filled with fun and laughter, new adventures, and mingling with fellow RVers.

Thank you, Michelle Hey

Wine Country RV Park - September 10-14

October outing at Paseo de Los Robles - PASO ROBLES (Translation: Oaks Lane, more or less)

The October outing was outstanding! The weather was wonderful - warm during the day and very

cool in the mornings. We had a total of 11 rigs attend. Now we know why Wine Country RV is rated so high - it really is an "A-One" RV Park.

Estrella War Bird Museum:

Aaron thought that outside of the Dayton Air Force Museum, this was it. They have an outstanding collection of planes and everything in between that relates to the industry, military and World War II. The car portion of the museum was also incredible; from a collection of soils from many old car race tracks to a REO motor home. The REO motor home was certainly my favorite; it was just exquisite - the



inside was all done in beautiful woods. There is too much to see in one visit and most of us decided that it really merits a second visit to take in all the small items and details that really deserve more time.

Cambria Scarecrow Festival: The collection of scarecrows

was so much fun to see and the creativity was marvelous. We enjoyed the shopping too and attending in the middle of the week was great as we almost had the place to ourselves.

Restaurants: Paso Robles

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certainly is a "Foodie" heaven. A group of us patronized three restaurants that were outstanding. Since there is so much to tour in this area, another outing at this park would be a plus.

Carmen

NOVEMBER AT 49ER VILLAGE RV PARK, PLYMOUTH C.J. & Cathy Deaton. Wagon Masters

In early November, the Club spent a few days in the foothills resort town of Plymouth. A total of 11 rigs, 20 club members, 7 dogs and 1 cat attended the outing. In addition, John & Janice Saylor came for the Potluck Dinner and Dick LaVergne joined the group for our Club dinner. We were fortunate to have wonderful weather every day (cold nights & warm days). It didn't rain until early morning of the last day. We enjoyed a roaring campfire every night and every morning. We also played cards (31) in the clubhouse two nights; CJ & Christy were the big winners.

On Sunday, the first four rigs arrived (Diggins, Harris, Nyland & Deaton). The Park staff recommended the Gold Dust Pizza in Sutter Creek as "the best pizza in the world". Five of us went for pizza and it proved to be as advertised.

Monday, 6 more rigs arrived (Hey, Farley/Ayers, Thompson, Brown, Mullins & Lee). It was another beautiful day. Seven more people checked out the Gold Dust for dinner. Reviews were mixed. Tuesday the final rig arrived (Tiemeyer). Six of us took a walking tour of the Black Chasm Caverns located



near the little town of Volcano. It was spectacular. In the afternoon Donna Thompson conducted a craft workshop for 6 members who created beautiful holiday greeting cards. That evening, we had our potluck dinner. As usual, the food, thanks to the side dishes prepared by the members, was incredible. We had plenty of leftovers to enjoy the next couple of days.

Many members spent time shopping in Jackson and Sutter Creek and the surrounding wineries. Scott and Christy found a number of local hiking trails to explore. A few of us visited the Amador Flower Farm North of Plymouth. Wednesday night, we ventured all the way to Jackson for a wonderful Italian dinner at Strings. Great, great food!!!

> Finally, it was Thursday morning and time for everyone to pack up and go home (except for the Nylands who elected to stay another day for hiking and sightseeing). The Thompsons liked the park so much and had such a good time they signed up to host an outing there next year.



Christmas Party at FRASINETTI'S



Details- Upcoming Outings

January 18-23, 2018 - Yuma, AZ Please join us for a week of fun

Yuma, Arizona

Chuck & Arlys Rogers, Wagon Masters <u>ckrog@aol.com</u> Stay at an area RV Park of your choice Make your own reservations directly with the park of your choosing (No group reservation or activities at the RV Parks)

These dates are open as folks can arrive early or later as they so desire.



- * Friday 19th We will have a fish dinner (all you can eat) if you want, or you can order from the menu.
- * Saturday January 20th We will visit Wellton and then on to the Koche's and the Poynter's.
- * Sunday January 21st We will have a dinner at the Rogers' in Yuma.
- * We are leaving where you stay up to each individual. There are numerous parks in the area with varying rates. Please let us know when and where you will arrive.

* More information will be available in the coming weeks.

February 5-9, Lawson's Landing

Dillon Beach, Ca David Lee, Wagon Master

Sites on the Sea Wall, Bay View

This will be a dry camp event. No Hookups. Arrive with a full water tank, empty holding tanks and a charged battery. Bring a generator if you have one.

For reservations Contact Dave 916-952-9179 Lawson's telephone number (707) 878-244 <u>Activities / Schedule</u>

Monday the 5th you are on your own for dinner. Tuesday the 6th - Restaurant group dinner planned. Wednesday the 7th - Buffet, will follow up in January with details.

Thursday the 8th - Dinner on the wharf. Enjoy walks on the beach, surfing, tide pooling, campfires; explore nearby town of Tomales -Victorian architecture and Queen Anne cottages.

March 12-15, 2018

Feather Falls KOA

3 Alverda Dr. Oroville CA 95966 Jack Diggins, Wagon Master

The cost will be \$42.00 a night. 12 sites are reserved. Please let me know if you will be attending the outing. I need a minimum of 8 rigs to get the group price and access to the clubhouse.

Reservations: If you plan to attend, please send a \$42.00 deposit to me at: Jack Diggins 161 Boothbay Ave. Foster City CA. 94404. My email is: <u>thedigs@att.net</u>

(If anyone wants to extend their outing, the price is: Monday – Friday = \$42.00 a night and Saturday and Sunday = \$44.00 a night. Extensions per the KOA will be based on availability)



<u>Agenda</u>

Monday March 12 - Arrivals. Tuesday, March 13 - Potluck, Wednesday, March 14 - Dinner out

<u>Things to do</u>: Sierra Nevada Brewery in Chico Air Museum in Oroville Bolts Antique Tool Museum Walking tour in Oroville, see the many murals. Oroville Dam visitor center.







"Hello, Jim? It's Carl. I just called to tell you how good it feels to get away from it all!"

Dues are Due

Just a reminder that dues for 2018 are due. If you have not paid yet, please send your check for \$15 to our treasurer, Ken Couser, 9060 Vista Del Rio Ave, Fair Oaks, CA, 95628. Please make your checks payable to Gold Country Travelers. Also note any updates to your phone numbers and rig changes. We will be compiling a new roster soon. So don't delay.

Anniversaries and Birthdays This Quarter

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Loran & Kay Eldred	21-Jan
Aaron & Carmen Harris	22-Jan
Larry & Maxine Kochie	20-Mar
Will & Norma Mullins	22-Mar
John & Janice Saylor	30-Mar



Happy Birthday This Quarter to:

Mullins, Will	-Jan
Thompson, Gary	1-Jan
Tiemeyer, Bill	17-Jan
Eldred, Loran	21-Jan
Couser, Ken	23-Jan
Diggins, Jack	10-Feb
Hey, Doug	12-Feb
Couser, Cricket	15-Feb
Deaton, Cathy	20-Feb

20-Feb
22-Feb
23-Feb
6-Mar
15-Mar
15-Mar
16-Mar
19-Mar
31-Mar



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Club Officers and Contacts

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President <u>Michelle Hey</u>

<u>V.P.</u> Lucy Farley

Secretary C.J. Deaton

Treasurer Ken Couser

Member at Large John Saylor

Website & Newsletter & Roster John Saylor



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

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 just or relaxing our at 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.

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