



Gold Country Travelers

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Our 20th Year

Check the website for additional details on these upcoming outings

2019 Outings

January 21-24 - French Camp RV Park - Donna & Gary Thompson, Wagon Masters.

February 21-25 - Smithwoods RV Park - Doug & Michelle Hey & Sandi Gollhofer Co-Wagon Masters.

March 20-25 - Feather Falls KOA, Oroville. Jack Diggins, Wagon Master.

April 22-26 - Durango RV Resort, Red Bluff. Donna & Gary Thompson, Wagon Masters

May - Ernie Curto, Wagon Master .

June 10-14 - Tahoe Valley RV Park, Farley, Ayers Babcock, Wagon Masters.

July -- Harris / Deaton - Wagon Masters.

August -- David Lee, Wagon Master.

September - Ed Fernandez, Wagon Master.

October 7-11 - Pioneer RV Park, Quincy, CA - Lucy Farley & Jim Ayers, Wagon Masters.

November - Wagon Master Needed

December - Christmas Party - Host needed

Message from the President

I first would like to thank Michelle Hey and last year's Executive Committee for all of their hard work this past year. There were a lot of things that needed to be covered and Michelle and her team did an awesome job. Thank you again for a job well done.

For those who may not know the 2019 Executive Committee consists of a great team for me to be a part of, Jack Diggins is Vice President, Ed Fernandez is our Treasurer, CJ Deaton is our Secretary and Lucy Farley is our Member at Large. All a great group of people and I look forward to serving with them.

Now onto 2019. There are a lot of fun outings on the calendar this year, albeit, there are a few gaps that will need to be filled in. First, the January Yuma trip has been canceled due to lack of participation. Granted, Yuma is a bit far for a lot of us to travel this time of year. Gary and I picked up January for a close outing to French Camp. So far 9 rigs are signed up.. November is still open as well, let us know.

Our February outing is to Smithwoods in Felton, February 21 thru 25. The Hey's and Sandy Gollhofer are co-wagon masters for that one. From what I have heard there are quite a few folks who have signed up. March 20 thru 25, Jack Diggins has Feather Falls in Oroville back on the calendar, more on that outing soon. Then April 22 thru 25, Gary and I have scheduled Durango RV Park up in Red Bluff. Again, more on that outing as we move closer into the New Year.

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For those who have taken a month for an outing, but have not settled on a location please get something set up soon so folks can make appropriate plans.

Also, if you haven't done so already, dues are due this month. If you could please send you \$15 to our treasurer, Ed Fernandez. It would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to this year and hope you all are looking forward as well. Take care and happy camping all. Hope to see you all soon

Happy New Year,
Donna

Roster Updates - Welcome New Members

joining this Quarter. Be sure to update your address books / contacts lists. They have been added to the group email list.

Dona Pedvin	reoficina@aol.com
14030 Mystic Mine Rd Nevada City, CA	Motorhome, 25', 1 slide
Bill Tomlinson	bconhilary@msn.com
3525 Hilary Ave. West Sacramento, CA	5th Wheel, 28', 2 slides, 1 curbside.

***For all future roster updates, Please send info to our new Member at Large, Lucy Farley.**

Past Outing Reports

Jackson Rancheria – October 14-17, 2018

Jim Ayers/Lucy Farley and Norma/Will Mullins, Co-Hosts

Little did the 11 rigs who traveled to the Jackson Rancheria know that on the evening of their arrival, the electricity in the park would be cut off for the next 12 hours! We were informed on Sunday evening that PG&E had notified the park that they would be disconnecting the power supply to the park (and many homes in surrounding counties) due to the danger of high winds blowing down transmission lines that could cause fires (such as the one that later destroyed the community of Paradise). So while we were inconvenienced, we avoided a situation similar to that created by the Camp Fire.

As predicted, Sunday evening brought high winds, with gusts over 40 mph, that blew anything that wasn't tied down all over the campsite. Jim Ayers retrieved his outdoor chair cushions from the Browns, who found them lodged underneath their trailer some 3 sites away. Those members who arrived on Sunday – Farley/Ayers, the Mullins, the Deaton's, Jack Diggins, the Eldreds, Ed Fernandez, the Hey's and the Brown's hunkered down inside their RVs and, needless to say, there was no sitting around the campfire that night!



Fortunately, the wind had died down on Tuesday morning -- when we welcomed David Lee, the Morgados and the Thompsons to the park – but the power was still out. Mike Babcock dropped by to visit after having to cancel due to a family medical issue and Norma Mullins, Michelle Hey and Carol Brown played a rousing lawn game.

Although the park clubhouse had not been reserved for the Tuesday night potluck, we discovered that it was not being used and so the Oktoberfest-theme dinner was held there, which was a real stroke of luck since the clubhouse lights were being operated by the park generator. Accompanying the hand-made bratwurst were side dishes of red cabbage, German potato salad,

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(Jackson Rancheria, Cont'd)

sauerkraut, an assortment of appetizers and cold salads, and desserts including German chocolate cake. Some guests who were staying at the park and who had shown an interest in the Club were invited to join us for dinner and one woman told some stories of her husband's life as a performing magician.

President Michelle Hey led a brief general meeting prior to the main dinner, and plans for the November outing to Plymouth and Holiday Party at Frasinetti Winery were discussed.

When it appeared that the park electricity would not be turned on for several more hours, the Browns left for home in Sacramento shortly after dinner. As luck would have it, the power was restored around the same time the Browns walked in the front door of their home! Some of the other members enjoyed a propane fire pit compliments of Jack Diggins, where Gary Thompson and Ed Fernandez had us all laughing with their dog stories. Gary recalled how his childhood dog Trixie was fed a generic dog food that came in a bag simply marked "Dog Food" with none of the fancy ingredients found in the food that his current dog Teddy enjoys, and Trixie lived a long, disease-free life. Ed Fernandez then told us how his history with 3 or 4 Weimaraner dogs – each fed a more "enriched" and higher priced food than its predecessor – had resulted in each successive dog having more and more health issues! So maybe the lesson is that more expensive is not necessarily better for the dog!



On Wednesday, Jim Ayers and the Mullins provided breakfast muffins for the group, as they did every morning. Later, Gary Thompson, Herb Brown and Ed Fernandez left to play a round of golf at Castle Oaks Golf Club in nearby Ione, where they were joined by Ernie Curto who drove over from Elk Grove to join them and then have supper. The remaining members relaxed and enjoyed the warm sunny day or set off to explore the surrounding area (or, in the case of the Morgado's, to view Jeep vehicles in car showrooms!)

Everyone hopped on the convenient shuttle on Wednesday evening to partake of the buffet in the casino dining room, followed by another fire lit gathering at Jack Diggins' site. Gary and Donna Thompson's dog Teddy – the one who is pampered with the high-priced food – modeled his dinosaur Halloween costume (be sure and check out his photo!).

The trip ended with more muffins and breakfast pastries, after which everyone packed up for the trip home. And although the outing didn't include any special activities, all agreed that relaxing and visiting around the grassy Rancheria RV sites was the perfect way to get away from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Lucy Farley

Jim Ayers - Wagon Masters

November Outing
49er Village, Plymouth
NOVEMBER AT 49ERS VILLAGE RV PARK, PLYMOUTH
C. J. & Cathy Deaton, Wagon Masters

For the 3rd year in a row and at least 9 times the last 20 years, the Club ventured all the way to the foothill city of Plymouth. Cathy and I assumed the role of wagon masters after Gary and Donna Thompson opted to take a trip to Maui rather than Plymouth and Jack Diggins opted to have shoulder surgery to avoid co-hosting with us.

A total of 8 rigs, 13 people, 3 dogs and 1 cat attended the outing. In the group were 3 guests (Dona Pedvin, Joy Randle and Bill Tomlinson) who we met for the first time. At the end of the outing,

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Dona and Bill joined the Club. We were again fortunate to have perfect weather every day (cold nights and warm days). We enjoyed a campfire every morning and evening.

On Sunday, the first 4 rigs arrived (CJ/Cathy Deaton, Dan/Eryn Strickland, Sandi Gollither/Bill Tomlinson and Jim Ayers/Lucy Farley). That night, 6 of us went back to the Gold Dust Pizza for dinner. As always, the pizza was delicious.

On Monday the remaining 4 rigs arrived (David Lee, Bill/Lorraine Morgado, Joy Randle, Dona Pedvin). Most people spent the day antiquing and shopping in Sutter Creek and Jackson.

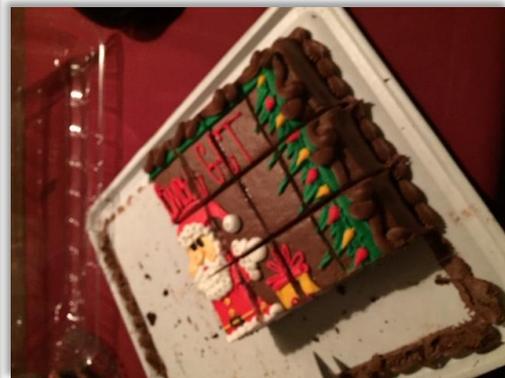
Monday night Jim Ayers returned home to serve as an election poll worker in Placerville the following day. Tuesday evening we held our potluck dinner in the Main Recreation Hall. The clubhouse we used in the past was recently condemned by the county for code non-compliance and was torn down by the Park owners. The space is now a small parking lot. For our main dish, Cathy prepared two wonderful soups (minestrone & tortilla). With all the side dishes and desserts, we had plenty of good food and leftovers.

On Wednesday, Sandi Gollither/Bill Tomlinson and Joy Randle had to leave us early and return home. Five of us took a walking tour of the Black Chasm Caverns located near the little town of Volcano, Northeast of Jackson. That night, we returned to Strings Italian Restaurant in Jackson for our group dinner. The food and service were excellent.

The following morning, we all packed up and returned home. While the group attending the outing was small, everyone had a good time.

December Christmas Dinner **Doug & Michelle Hey, Wagon Masters**

Doug and I enjoyed hosting the Christmas party at Frasinetti's Winery and Restaurant. It is always a pleasure mingling, and of course, playing the Christmas with the Right Family game with RV friends. Best wishes to the newly appointed Executive Committee: President: Donna Thompson; Vice President: Jack Diggins; Secretary: CJ Deaton; Treasurer: Ed Fernandez; and Member at Large: Lucy Farley.



Details- Upcoming Outings

French Camp RV Park

French Camp, Ca.

January 21 - January 24

Gary & Donna Thompson, Wagon Masters

DETAILS: *No Host event:* There won't be a scheduled pot luck. We can schedule a night out to dinner as we are fairly close to Stockton and they have quite a few good restaurants.

Cost: \$49.50 per night - Full Hookups, Pull thru sites. 10 sites are reserved.

Things to do in the area:

Play golf, there is a golf course at the park.

Wine Tasting: There are a number of wineries in the area.

Ghirardelli Chocolate is close, off of I-5 in Lathrop.

Del Osso's Farms Check their website for activities

Manteca Murals

Any questions let me know.

RSVP to Donna by Jan 1, 2019 - dsthompson810@gmail.com

Smithwoods RV Park

Felton, CA 95018-9623

February 21-25, 2019

Doug & Michelle Hey, Sandi Gollhofer Co-Wagon Masters

The Main Event -

Beach Board Walk Clam Chowder Cook-Off

Please let me know if you are interested in attending
so I can reserve spots.

Details: 14 sites at the "Pit" are reserved from February 21-25. The cost per night is \$51.95 (tax included). Deposit refunds three days (72 hours) prior to booking.

RSVP to: mhey1954@gmail.com

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Local sites and attractions

- [Roaring Camp Railroad](#)
- [Santa Cruz Beach and Boardwalk](#)
- [Henry Cowell State Park](#)
- [Monterey Bay Aquarium](#)

Plenty of hiking and biking or even horseback riding on the many trails around the Felton area.

[Feather Falls KOA](#), March 20-25, 2019
3 Alverda Dr. Oroville
Jack Diggins, Wagon Master

10 sites have been reserved with full hook ups, Cable TV, etc. We need 8 rigs to get the group rate. Cost: \$42.00 a night, Sunday - Thursday and \$44.00 a night, Friday and Saturday.

To RSVP: one-night deposit of either \$42.00 or \$44.00, depending on the night you arrive by February 25, 2019. Mail your check for the amount of the first night you are arriving to: John Diggins, 161 Boothbay Ave., Foster City, CA. 94404. email: thedigs@att.net

Cancellation: The official KOA cancellation refund policy requires a 48 hour notice.

Outing Agenda & Attractions

Camp Fire & Smores

Hike to the 640 foot [Feather falls](#) is being planned.

[The Sierra Nevada Brewery in Chico.](#)

[The Chico Air Museum](#)

[Bolts Antique Tool Museum](#)

[Walking tour in Oroville](#)

Dinner out on Friday at Feather Falls Casino Brewing Company.
Potluck will be Saturday evening.

Anniversaries and Birthdays This Quarter

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Eldred, Loran & Kay	21-Jan
Harris, Aaron & Carmen	22-Jan
Mullins, Will & Norma	22-Mar
Saylor, John & Janice	30-Mar



Happy Birthday This Quarter to:

Thompson, Gary	1-Jan	Pedvin, Dona	2-Feb	Morgado, Loraine	6-Mar
Mullins, Will	3-Jan	Diggins, Jack	10-Feb	Saylor, Janice	15-Mar
Tomlinson, Bill	7-Jan	Hey, Doug	12-Feb	Amaclerio, Sharrie	15-Mar
Babcock, Annette	14-Jan	Couser, Cricket	15-Feb	Ayers, Jim	16-Mar
Tiemeyer, Bill	17-Jan	Deaton, Cathy	20-Feb	Strickland, Eryn	24-Mar
Eldred, Loran	21-Jan	Fernandez, Ed	20-Feb		
Couser, Ken	23-Jan	Saylor, John	22-Feb		
Strickland, Dan	21-Jan	Nyland, Christy	23-Feb		

Blast from the Past -- Smithwoods Campout - January 2001



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Member Recipes

Rocky Road

This was one of Betty's favorite recipes for an easy dessert. I made and brought this to the October 2018 Jackson Rancheria Outing and everybody raved about the Rocky Road and wanted the recipe.

Jack Diggins

Ingredients:

- 1 package (12 oz.) of Nestle Toll House Semi Sweet Chocolate Morsels.
- 1 can of Nestle Sweetened Condensed Milk.
- 1 Teaspoon of Vanilla Extract.
- 1 package of Mini Marshmallows (the recipe says three cups but I never measure).
- 1 Jar of Dry Roasted Peanuts (You can use any nuts you want, walnuts, pecans, or leave the nuts out).

Directions:

- Coat a 9' X 13" glass baking pan with Pam or some type of cooking spray
- Melt morsels, sweetened condensed milk and vanilla extract in a pot on the stove using low heat.
- Stir until morsels are melted.
- Fold in marshmallows and nuts.
- Press the mixture into the prepared baking pan. Flatten and shape with a spatula.
- Refrigerate for at least a couple of hours. (I refrigerate overnight).
- Lift Rocky Road from pan.
- Cut Rocky Road into appropriate pieces on a cutting board.



10 Years Ago - Gold Country Travelers - 10th Anniversary Campout February 2009 - 49er Village

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Club Officers and Contacts

2019

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Donna Thompson

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Jack Diggins

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Lucy Farley

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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.



The *Gold Country Travelers RV Club* is a non-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 # _____

