



# Gold Country Travelers

e-Newsletter

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Check the website for additional details on these upcoming outings

## 2014 Outings

**April 24-27**, Porto Bodega RV Park, Bodega Bay  
[Dick LaVergne](#), Wagon Master.

**May 15-18**, 49er RV Park, Columbia, Ca.  
[John & Janice Saylor](#) & Suzy Coffee, Wagon Masters

**June 19-22** - Smithwoods RV Park, Felton, Ca.  
[Jack & Betty Diggins](#), Wagon Masters

**July 21-25** - Bodega Bay RV Park, Bodega Bay, Ca.  
[Scott & Christie Nyland](#), Wagon Masters

**August 21-24** - Woodson Bridge RV Park, Corning, Ca. David Lee and Friends, Wagon Masters

**September 4-7**, Rancheria RV Park, Hat Creek, Ca.  
[Dick & Carol Bilheimer](#), Wagon Masters

**October 13-16**, Morro Dunes RV Park, Morro Bay, Ca.  
[Ken & Yvonne Collins](#), Wagon Master.

**November** - **Wagon Master needed**

**December 6** - Christmas Party. Larry Cooper



Blue Lakes October 2013

## Message from the Presidents

Greetings Gold Country Travelers,

We arrived home from Yuma this past week. It started raining just as we came across the bypass on I-5 north of the airport. It was sunny and a warm 90 degrees the day we left Yuma. What a change! While we had to unload the RV in the rain, we were more than happy to weather the storm for the precious water it brought.

Our upcoming outings look like they will be well attended. This month's outing to Porto Bodega is full with a wait list in case there are last minute cancellations. For those of you going to Porto Bodega, be sure to check out Jim and Marlys' new rig. Marlys says this winter's trip to Yuma was the best yet. When you see the new RV you'll know why.

We've had several inquiries about club membership and a new couple will be joining us for the May outing to Columbia. Be sure to make them feel welcome. If you need more club brochures to hand out, we will have them with us at Porto Bodega. We all need to continue working on building up our club membership. Remember, the best place to recruit is among your own RVing friends.

When considering what to tell others about what it's like to be a Gold Country Traveler the following quote from author Melody Beattie comes to mind. It seems a fitting ending to this month's message.

***"Live your life from your heart. Share from your heart. And your story will touch and heal people's souls."***

Happy RVing,  
Jane and Murl

## Up Coming Outings --

### ***Don't Miss the May Outing - May 20-23, 2014***

#### **49er RV Ranch, Columbia**

23223 Italian Bar Rd  
Columbia, Ca 95310

**John & Janice Saylor & Suzy Coffee, Wagon  
Masters**

Full hookups, Cable TV & Wifi available.  
**\$40.00 per night. One night deposit due by April 21.**  
We have 12 rigs signed up. One space left.

Plans for Fallon House Theater Play- "**Church  
Basement Ladies - A Second Helping**"

Lots to do in the area. Planning on Dinner out Friday  
evening and BBQ Hamburgers Saturday evening. See  
website for more info.

RSVP to: John Saylor 916-723-1623 email  
j99saylor@gmail.com

Please indicate if you are going out to dinner Friday  
evening, and /or to the Fallon Theater. Include your  
deposit for the camp site \$40, and the play \$28.00. If  
we get 20 or more the price will drop to \$24 ea.  
(Presently we have 19) Any over payment will be  
credited to camp fees.

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### **July 21-25 Beat the Heat in Bodega Bay**

**Bodega Bay RV Park, 2001 Highway One  
Bodega Bay**

**Scott & Christie Nyland, Wagon Masters**

**This is a mid week trip, Monday - Thursday. 15  
sites reserved with Full Hookup, Wifi, Cable TV,  
Some Pull Thru's. Dinner out Tuesday at La  
Bodeguita Mexican Grill. Potluck Wednesday,  
Campfire, hiking, shopping. Please plan on  
joining us. It's always a wonderful break from  
our summer heat. Please keep in mind that  
we need a final count by July 6th. Christy  
and Scott ( home: 916-351-0629, Christy's cell:  
916 792-6844) or  
Email [snicroaminround@comcast.net](mailto:snicroaminround@comcast.net)**

**Have Fun - Fun - Fun at the June Outing**

**Thursday, June 19 thru Monday June 23**

**Smithwoods RV Park  
4770 Hwy 9, Felton, CA 95018**

**Jack & Betty Diggins, Wagon Masters**

**12 Sites, full hookups, cable TV, Wifi, etc, available.  
Members can attend all or some of the days as your  
schedule permits.**

**\$58.94 per night. We must have 10 rigs to get this  
price.**

#### **Where to Have Fun**

**Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk - Roaring Camp Railroad -  
Henry Cowell State Park - Classic Woodie Car show on the  
Wharf and much more.**

**Friday evening dinner out at the Cowboy Grill. Saturday  
evening Traditional Potluck.**

**Please mail a deposit of \$58.94 to Jack or Betty Diggins  
161 Boothbay Ave. Foster City, CA 94404.**

**I will provide needed pot luck dinner items and confirm  
the dinner evening, when we get closer to the event.**

**Any questions, feel free to call 650-759-7597**

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### **Reports from Past Outings January trip to Yuma, Az.**

The annual Yuma outing was held Jan 23-27, 2014 at  
Yuma's Fortuna De Oro RV Park. Jim Kerley/Marlys  
Devarenes and friends Don & Judy Walter, Ken &  
Yvonne Collins, Larry & Max Kochie, Larry  
Cooper/Shirley Kerns, John & Shirley Watkins and  
friends Tad & Becky Tobit, Murl & Jane Poynter, Bryce &  
Bessie Smith, and Chuck & Arlys Rogers attended. The  
Kochies and Poynter's arrived at their new RV lots in  
Wellton, AZ early in November while Larry Cooper and  
Shirley Kerns arrived in early January. Others arrived at  
various times in January and got in lots of shopping,  
golf, visits to Mexico as well as many other things.

An "arrival" happy hour was held at the Cooper/Kerns  
RV spot in Fortuna De Oro RV park. That was followed  
by a Friday night "all you can eat" fish dinner at the  
Foothills eatery. Then on Saturday the Rogers hosted a  
hamburger/hot dog BBQ at their house. Chuck's  
Barbershop Quartet sang at the BBQ, and were well  
received by the group. (Yuma Cont'd next page)

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Folks found many things to do--visiting the indoor and outdoor market places, visiting the Cocopah Indian Tribe Museum at Somerton, visiting and shopping in Los Algodones, MX. Larry Cooper had some body work repaired on his tow car in Algodones after an unfortunate towing incident. Larry also had to visit the Yuma Regional Medical Center on an emergency basis but is well now. Some folks stayed longer while others left the Yuma area for more sightseeing etc. A good time was had by all and we are looking forward to Jan 2015.

Chuck & Arlys Rogers, Wagon Masters

[Far Horizons 49er Village RV Resort](#)

*February 19-23, 2014*

*David Lee, Wagon Master*

The campout started on Wednesday with 2 rigs. By Thursday we had all 8 checked in. Thursday was spent setting up, socializing and enjoying the beautiful spring like weather. Friday Dave headed up at tour of the Montevina Winery. Others visited the Amador Flower Farm and went shopping in the neighboring gold rush towns.

Friday evening we went out to dinner at Colina De Oro. Later some played 31 while the rest enjoyed the campfire. Saturday was another beautiful day. Everyone did their own thing. John & Janice's daughter and family came for a visit and to celebrate John's birthday. Saturday evening was the potluck. Howard BBQ'd tri tip and we ate like kings!. We also celebrated birthdays for Christy, Ed and John. Sunday morning we had a short meeting and said our fair wells.

Parkway RV Resort  
Orland, CA, March 13-16

What a glorious weekend we had in Orland. The weather was sunny and mild every day. We arrived a day early to check out restaurants in the area and with 3 other couples we tried the Orland Steak house – Farwood. We spent 3 hours over dinner – deep fried avocado for an appetizer, Steaks, Salads, Pastas for dinner and a Lucero Sunday for dessert. That was 3 scoops of vanilla Ice Cream with Lucero Orange infused Olive Oil drizzled over the top. There wasn't a drop left in the bowl. It was a little pricey, but worth every penny. They use all local produce, local olive oils and local wines. This restaurant is just a few blocks off of I-5.

This was a combined campout with *Cow Town Campers* from Vacaville (13) and *Gold Country Travelers* (5). We had a total of 18 rigs.

Thursday evening most of us went to Farwood for dinner with a few going 10 miles up the road to Rolling Hills Casino for the buffet at senior prices.

Friday morning the crowd of 33 people enjoyed ham, scrambled eggs, and pancakes for breakfast. Adrian and Helene Ruddell of *Cowtown Campers* led a group on a tour of the Lucero Olive Oil Factory in Corning. Everyone returned to camp for a social hour before a pot luck dinner of Corned Beef and cabbage.

Saturday we had a ladies tea with all the fixings, thanks to Carmen Harris for all her help. The guys went to Nancy's in Willows for a manly lunch and then went to the Thunder Hill Raceway to watch a few races. Everyone came back to camp with stories to share. That evening we had soup and salad in the club room.

The weekend ended with a continental breakfast with a corned beef hash basis and a short meeting for the *Gold Country Travelers*.

Shirley Watkins  
One tired Trailboss/Wagonmaster



Enjoying the afternoon at 49er Village





Andy & Briana out for a afternoon ride at Plymouth



Checking the Tri-Tips at 49er Village

## Birthdays and Anniversaries This Quarter

### Happy Birthday This Quarter to:

Aaron Harris	4-Apr
Max Kochie	13-Apr
Ken Ha	13-Apr
Joan Fernandez	24-Apr
Larry Kochie	7-May
Greg Leard	9-May
Jim Kearley	22-May
Murl Poynter	24-May

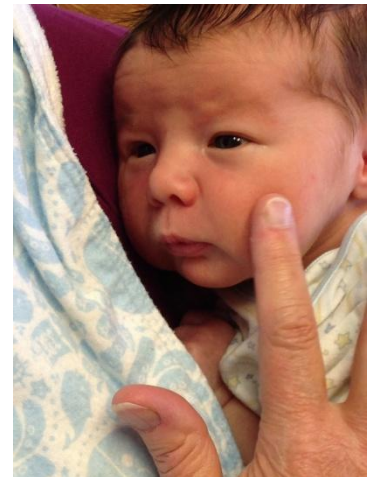
Dick LaVergne	4-Jun
Dick Bilheimer	6-Jun
Ina Lee	8-Jun
Yvonne Collins	16-Jun
Bryce Smith	18-Jun
Larry Cooper	18-Jun
Jennifer Leard	23-Jun
Howard Stohlman	23-Jun
Judy Hitt	25-Jun

### Happy Anniversary to:

Ken & Yvonne Collins	May 9

### Speaking of Birthdays

John & Janice Saylor announce the birth of their new Grandson - Colin Gary Schlunegger. Born March 16, 2014. Proud parents are Lori and Jesse Schlunegger and big brother Luke. Several of you have met Lori, Jesse and Luke on previous campouts.



**Club Officers, Contacts and  
Membership**

**Presidential Team**

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**Member at Large**

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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

Please include prospective member fee of \$15

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary (month & day) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays (month & Day) \_\_\_\_\_

His \_\_\_\_\_ Hers \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contacts:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Contact Dr. or Medical group:

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Newsletter Published Quarterly. Submit Articles to John Saylor [j99saylor@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Web Site:** Also 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.

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## 2014 Rosters

I am finalizing the new rosters and will have them available in a another weeks.

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Porto Bodega 2013



Here's to ya...  
*Marble Quarry, May 2013*