



Gold Country Travelers

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Check the website for additional details on these upcoming outings

2015 Outings

Jan 14 - 17 Annual Trek to Yuma, Az. Rogers - It's Winding down as you read this.

Mar 20-23 - [Almond Tree RV Park](#) - Chico. - John & Shirley Watkins, Wagon Masters.

Apr 8-12 - [Porto Bodega RV Park](#) - Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master.

May 21-25 - [49er RV Ranch](#), - Columbia. Ken & Cricket Couser, Wagon Masters.

June 24-29 - [Smithwoods RV Park](#), Felton. - Jack & Betty Diggins, Wagon Masters.

July - 27-30 - [Bodega bay RV Park](#) - Scott & Christie Nyland, Wagon Masters.

Aug 20-23- [Woodson Bridge Rv Park](#), Corning. David Lee, Wagon Master.

Sept 20-23 [Jackson Ranchera](#) - DeVarennes, Deaton, Coffee, Wagon Masters.

Oct 20-23 - [Rio Viento RV Resort](#). Ed & Joan Fernandez, Wagon Masters.

Nov - Loomis, [Cow Poke Fall Gathering](#), Aaron & Carmen Harris, Wagon Masters.

Dec - Christmas Party

Message from the Presidents

Just a quick note to say Happy New Year to everyone. We hope that 2015 finds you healthy and ready to travel.

We would like to thank Larry and Shirley for hosting a wonderful Christmas dinner. The Buckhorn put us in a very nice room and served enough variety in our buffet to please everyone. Having a buffet allowed everyone to be served quickly and actually eat dinner all at the same time! The only improvement we need to make is to have everyone practice singing Christmas carols so that Jane can accompany us next year!

We hope that everyone headed to Yuma this month has a safe trip and enjoys that wonderful Arizona sunshine.

John is having rotor cuff surgery on January 23rd. We will keep you posted on the outcome. He will hopefully be able to use his arm with a little therapy right away. If the repair is extensive then the recovery could take a few months. The most important thing is that eventually the pain will be gone.

We are looking forward to a year packed with fun, travel, new things to do, new people to meet, and old friends to do it all with us. Hope you are too!

Sincerely'
John and Shirley
El Presidentes

Selfie from Yuma



Details - Upcoming Outings

March 20-23, 2015 Almond Tree RV Park

3124 Esplanade, Chico, CA
530-899-1271

John & Shirley Watkins, Wagon Masters
707-422-6018

**20 Sites, full hookups, cable TV, Wifi etc
available. 32.00 per site.**

This will be a two club campout, our Good Sam club -
The Cowtown Campers will also camp with us. I
have 20 spaces available. Note this is a Friday-
Monday trip.

The cost is \$32.00 per night and I will need a check
for the first night. \$32.00 sent to Shirley Watkins,
2406 Columbus Ct., Fairfield, CA 94533.

High Lights of the weekend include dinner out at a local
restaurant Friday evening, Tour and lunch at the Sierra
Nevada Brewery on Saturday. Saturday evening will be
soup night in camp. Our potluck dinner will be Sunday
evening. Keep an eye on the website and your email for
more info and updates.

Don't miss the Honey Run Covered Bridge. One of the
oldest still standing.



April 8-12 Porto Bodega RV Park Bodega Bay Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master 916-482-4640

Ahoy GCT Gang!

The Gold Country Traveler's RV Club is planning its
fourth outing at the **Porto Bodega RV Park**. It will,
again, be another memorable gathering, held during
the **Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival**. The festival
will be on Saturday and Sunday, April 11 and 12, and
offer live music, entertainment, wine tasting, vendors,
food, games, and the renowned wooden boat races...
(Yo Ho Ho!)

So, below is the trip info and what you need to do to
join in the fun.

We have 15 spaces reserved, with 10 starting on
Wednesday, April 8th, and 5 starting on Thursday,
April 9th. All of the spaces are ending on Sunday,
April 12. Check in: 1 pm Check Out: 12 pm

WHAT TO DO TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

Reservations are made when the deposit check is
received (\$50). Your reservation cannot be
confirmed unless the deposit check is included.

There are a limited number of spaces. Sites will be allocated
based on arrival date and rig size. (The sites and arrival dates
were reserved two years ago and the park is full because of the
festival.)

Due to the limited number of spaces, guest rig
reservations will be accepted only after all of the
GCT members have had a chance to respond. Only
GCT Member reservations will be accepted up to
February 6th. After that date, depending on
remaining spaces, guest rig reservations will be
accepted.) [Click here for additional reservation and
outing info.](#)



Reports from Past Outings -

October Outing at Morro Bay RV Resort

The Gold Country Travelers camped at Morro Dunes RV Resort in Morro Bay on October 13-16, 2014. This weekday, long-distance, outing was well attended. The hosts, Ken and Yvonne Collins,



entertained with a Halloween theme. There was also a "Door Prize Drawing" after dinner Wednesday evening, one gift for each of the ladies, with the "steal" or "take a chance" on a new boxed item system.

There was a total of 10 rigs; Collins, Coffee, Couser, Deaton, Fernandez and their guest Eldred, Hey, Pimentel/Anaclerio, Rogers, and Saylor. Carmen and Aaron Harris joined in all the programs, stayed in a motel close by in Morro Bay.

We had use of the clubhouse the entire 3-4 days for meeting and meals. Some folks also went to the beach, hiked around The "Morro" Rock, drove visiting the surrounding area, especially the Cambria Scarecrow Festival which is always held the month of October. The Saylor's spent a good deal of bonding time with their daughter and family, who happened to be vacationing this week in Morro Bay.

It was suggested our club go to Morro Dunes again, but it's not easy getting weekend reservations there for September or October. There was a good time had by all, and next time we should plan to stay at least a week rather than the 3-4 weekdays.



We enjoyed hosting this outing, and wish to thank all who participated.

--Ken and Yvonne Collins



November 2014 outing to Sugar Barge

The club outing for November was at the Sugar Barge Marina and RV Park on Bethel Island. Sixteen rigs with 30 people gathered for the 4-day weekend. Wagon Masters Jane and Murl Poynter were assisted by Larry and Max Kochie and Jim Kerney and Marlys Devernnes. The weather was perfect and we were pleased to be able to host the last outing of the year and of our tenure as the club co-presidents. This was also Jane's birthday weekend, and we celebrated with cake and some fun ribbing around an evening campfire. Thank you Max and Shirley K for the birthday cakes.

Activities for the weekend included exploring the small towns around the area, evening campfires enjoying Larry K's new propane fire pit, after dinner games of 31, a group dinner to Cap's Oak Street Bar and Grill in Brentwood, the Saturday night potluck in the club house and Sunday morning brunch.

This was one of the largest groups we've had at an outing so having two couples assist made everything run smoothly. We highly recommend that each wagon master enlist



the help of at least one other couple. It's also a good way to get new members involved. For this outing, Jane did the pre outing planning, Murl took care of assigning RV spaces and collecting camping

fees, and Larry helped Murl getting everyone parked and hooked up. Marlys organized the decorations for the pot luck, and she and Jim moved and arranged tables and chairs in the club house. We all worked together to get the potluck set up and organized. Larry and Max provided the main dish for the pot luck - the best home-made



beef stew I've ever tasted. Max must have peeled 10 pounds of potatoes Saturday afternoon.

After the Saturday night potluck we played a "Getting to Know You" game. Everyone was asked to write down one thing about themselves that others might not know (or want to know!) and then we all had a chance to guess who it might be. This turned out to be quite the icebreaker! We will never be able to look at Janice Saylor again without getting a mental picture of her dancing with her wig on backwards! She described it as the "Woody Woodpecker" look.

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped make this such a fun weekend.

Jane



Birthdays and Anniversaries This Quarter

Happy Birthday This Quarter to:

Couser, Ken	23-Jan	Saylor, John	22-Feb
Diggins, Betty	7-Feb	Nyland, Christy	23-Feb
Diggins, Jack	10-Feb	Saylor, Janice	15-Mar
Hey, Doug	12-Feb	Anaclerio, Sharrie	15-Mar
Couser, Cricket	15-Feb	Ayer, Jim	16-Mar
Deaton, Cathy	20-Feb	Rogers, Chuck	19-Mar
Fernandez, Ed	20-Feb	Bilheimer, Carol	31-Mar



Anniveraries This Quarter

Harris, Aaron & Carmen	22-Jan
Kochie, Larry & Maxine	20-Mar
Saylor, John & Janice	30-Mar



Charter Member Jerry Kessell



Jerry Kessell, 1934-2015, Charter member of the Gold Country Travelers, passed away January 12 surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife Sherry, 6 children, several grandchildren, great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Jerry spent 20 years in the USAF and 20 years in banking. He loved his family, golfing, camping, RVing and building model railroads. Janice and I and Bob Kuhlman attended his celebration of life in Galt, January 17. His cremains were placed at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetary in Dixon with military honors. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the wounded warrior project or chairity of your choice. ..From Sherry*I have so many fond memories*

of being part of the Gold Country Travelers ... I think the club outings were one of our great experiences and I thank you for that.

Tech Tip

Build your own trailer light tester



[See details: Click Here](#)

Newsletter Published Quarterly. Submit Articles to John Saylor

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: 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

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:

Phone # _____