



Gold Country Travelers

Quarterly e-Newsletter

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Check the website for additional details on these upcoming outings

2015 Outings

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

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

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

Aug 13-16 - [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 9-12 [Durango RV Resort](#), Red Bluff, Harris & Deaton, Wagon Masters.

Dec - Christmas Party

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Ahh...nothing like getting back to nature.

Message from the Presidents

Happy Spring to all our Gold Country Campers. Many of you had a nice sunny warm winter in the southwest, and we are glad you are back to join our next outings. John and I are getting many inquiries from prospective new members. We are inviting them to come on a trip with us so that we can meet each other. Wagon Masters will be given their email addresses and asked to contact them concerning the outing they are interested in attending. If there is availability, please accommodate them. An active growing club is a healthy one.

It is time for spring cleaning and checking our rigs for the summer travels. To insure safe trips, take note of the date on your tires as well as the pressure and condition. Tires over 5-6 years old may be trouble. Inspect the lug nuts and torque them to spec. Awnings may be weathered too and need a close look for tearing or fraying. The replacement is easier done at home than the roadside. Flushing the tanks and chlorinating the water may save an illness.

Sadly, we lost one of our members this month. Betty Diggins passed away April 13th, due to complications from diabetes. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jack and his family at this most difficult time.

Happy safe travels,
John and Shirley
El Presidentes



Betty Diggins passed away peacefully surrounded by family on April 13, 2015. As a fourth generation San Franciscan, Betty was born in 1958 to the late Robert E. & Ann Marie Cremen of Daly City. Betty graduated from Mercy SF. Betty loved to travel all over the US in the trailer with her devoted husband Jack.

Betty is survived by the love of her life, Jack Diggins (husband for 34 ½ years), children: Suzanne (Steve) O'Brien, Liane, & Andrew along with grandchildren Alanna & Teagan O'Brien. Betty's siblings are: Marianne (Kevin) Cremen-Ryan, Robert (Gloria), Bill (Penni) and Jack (Celeste) along with many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Diabetes Association.

Details - Upcoming Outings, Save the Dates



49er RV Ranch, Columbia

Thursday, May 21 Thru Sunday May 24

Ken & Cricket Couser, Wagon Masters

Full hookups, Cable TV, WIFI - \$40.00 per night

Area activities include Columbia State Park - Gold Rush era Main Street, Rail Town 1897 - in Historic Jamestown, Moaning Caverns, Ironstone Vineyards in Murphy's, Sonora Farmers Market, Calaveras Big Trees State Park and many others. Friday soup night, Saturday pulled pork BBQ, Games and socializing. Optional play Friday evening at the Fallon House Theater - \$32 ea. RSVP to Ken.

Please RSVP by Monday April 20 to save your space.

Send \$40 deposit to: Ken Couser, 9060 Vista Del Rio Ave. Fair oaks, Ca 95628

email: lionrampant.ken@gmail.com



Smithwoods RV Park

Felton, Ca

Wednesday, June 24 thru Monday June 29

Area Activities include Santa Cruz Beach Wharf & Boardwalk, Woodies on the Wharf car show, Roaring Camp Railroad, The Mystery Spot - or Take a walk through giant redwoods.

14 Sites, full hookups, cable TV Wifi etc available. Members can attend all or some of the days as your schedule permits. \$59.00 per night.

RSVP to Jack Diggins: thedigs@att.net By May 1. Club members get priority on a first come first serve basis. We can fill in with guests after I hear from all the club members. The deposit will be \$59. With your deposit, let me know how many nights you would like to stay.



**Bodega Bay RV Park -
Monday, July 27 thru Thursday July 30
Scott & Christie Nyland, Wagon Masters
Let's beat the heat and head to the coast.**

Area activities include, Walks on the beach, Explore tide pools, Golf , Whale watching, Shopping in Bodega Bay and surrounding communities, Relaxing and enjoying the beautiful area. Watch your email and the website for details on this outing. Inquiries to Christy or Scott (home: 916-351-0629, or cell: 916 792-6844).

- Reports from Past Outings -

Our annual Trek to Yuma, Az

The January 2015 outing was attended by the Poynters, Kochies, Cousers, Jim & Marlys and their friends, Bilheimers, Collins, and the Rogers. We enjoyed a happy hour at the Rogers on Jan 13.

We left the day schedules up to each family due to the myriad of things to do in the Yuma area. On Jan 14 the Rogers hosted a pot luck with Burgers and Brats provided by the Rogers. A great meal was enjoyed by all. On Friday Jan 15 everyone attended at delicious all-u-can eat fish fry at the Foothills Eatery. Several folks had extra fish as it was very good Alaskan Cod.

On Saturday afternoon, we gathered at the Poynters and Kochies RV lots in Wellton for more goodies. That evening we went to the local pizza house in Wellton for great pizza. Everyone expressed their pleasure with some staying over for a few days/weeks.



Selfie from Yuma

Chuck & Arlys Rogers



Gold Country Travelers March Campout 2015 Chico, CA

The March campout was held at the Almond Tree RV Park in Chico. We had a total of 19 rigs, 10 from the Cowtown Campers and 9 rigs from the Gold Country Travelers. Everyone arrived safe and sound on Friday the 20th and most went to the Italian Cottage for a great Italian Dinner. A few chose to have oriental food at the Rice Bowl. Friday night the club room was used for a rousing game of 31. CJ Deaton beat out Michele Hey for a rousing win. On Saturday the group went to the Sierra Nevada



Brewery for lunch and many stayed for the tour. The tour was very good, lasting over an hour. We learned that the brewery is indeed a green business, using hydrogen fuel cells, and solar for most of its power. There was a sampling of 8 different beers at the end of the tour. Designated drivers were a necessity! Everyone was free to tour Chico in the afternoon, or sleep off the tour. We had soup on Saturday evening followed by Pot of Gold Bingo. John Watkins and Mike Hongola were the callers. No one wanted to stop! I thought we would play through till breakfast.

Sunday we had ham, scrambled eggs, and pancakes. Everyone was free to tour the museums and parks. Chico has a Yoyo museum! That evening we had barbecued Tri-Tip and a great potluck. A game of 31 followed, and the winner was Michelle Hey. I think campers from both clubs enjoyed meeting each other, so we have made reservations for next year.

Happy Trails to all of you,
Shirley and John Watkins



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Porto Bodega GCT Outing – April 2015

An ocean joke.....

How do you make a fish laugh?

Tell a whale of a tale.

And that's what the crew who attended the "Bodega Bay.....By the Bay" outing had to share.... Whales of tales.... and great blue sky weather for all five days.....

We had 14 rigs attend the Bodega Bay April outing with several visiting children and grandchildren. Attending were Dick LaVergne (wagonmaster), Jim

Kerley, Marlys Devarenes, Harris', Suzy Coffee, Deatons, Fernandez', Eldreds, Watkins, Leards, Hitts, Collins, Lee and guests, Sandy Shongood, Frances Lichty and Bill & Gaylene.

Our first evening included guitar playing and singing brothers, invited over by Dick to the campfire.



They serenaded the group with a Johnny Cash song and others and made the evening special.

The group was also introduced to the latest laser technology and night show by the Watkins.

Thursday night dinner was hosted by the co-wagonmasters, Howard and Judy Hitt. Their "Big Easy Chef" homemade clam chowder was the best and there was enough left over for lunch the next day.

The Friday night dinner was at the fabulous Lucas on the Wharf restaurant. The food and service was

excellent, along with the club company.

The entertainment centerpiece of the outing was the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival on Saturday and Sunday, which included the annual plywood boat races (only 3 sank!), great music, the pet parade, vendors, blessing of the fleet and, of course, the llamas. (Nothing to do with fish, but they are there every year).

The Saturday potluck packed the clubhouse with attendees, good food and a great time was shared by



all. Afterwards was a Bingo game with wine and rare "Big Easy Chef" coffee cups as prizes. Even Marlys Devarenes had a reason to celebrate with Dick magically making appear an earring that she had lost a few days before!

Next year we'll be returning to Porto Bodega the last week in April, which will not be during the fisherman's festival. The trade-off is that we'll be able to place more GCT rigs along the bay and enjoy even more "whales of tales" adventures.

Dick

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Quarter

Happy Birthday This Quarter to:

Harris, Aaron	4-Apr	Treon, Bobbi	3-Jun
Kochie, Max	13-Apr	Bilheimer, Dick	6-Jun
Ha, Ken	13-Apr	Lee, Ina	8-Jun
Fernandez, Joan	24-Apr	Collins, Yvonne	16-Jun
		Smith, Bryce	18-Jun
Kochie, Larry	7-May	Cooper, Larry	18-Jun
Leard, Greg	9-May	Leard, Jennifer	23-Jun
Kerley, Jim	22-May	Stohlman, Howard	23-Jun
Poynter, Muri	24-May	Hitt, Judy	25-Jun



Anniversaries This Quarter

Deaton, CJ & Cathy	7-May
Collins, Ken & Yvonne	9-May



2015 Roster

New rosters for this year are complete and will be distributed at outings over the next couple of months to save mailing costs. I will also email out a soft copy. Be sure to add the new members to your email lists and check for updates on others.

The Newsletter is 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 and added to the website sections.

Web Site: Please send dates and details of upcoming outings 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.



Camping in style circa 1935

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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 # _____