



Gold Country Travelers

Quarterly e-Newsletter

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Check the website for additional details on these upcoming outings

2015 Outings

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

Dec 3 - Christmas Party - [Buckhorn Steak House](#), Winters

2016 Outings

January - Yuma, Az, Chuck & Arlys Rogers, Wagon Masters

Mar 10-14, [Casa de Fruita](#), Ken & Yvonne Collins, Wagon Master

Apr 29-May 1 - [Porto Bodega RV Park](#) - Dick Lavergne, Wagon Master

June -22-27 - [Smithwoods RV Park](#), Jack Diggins, Wagon Master

May 12-15, 49er Ranch, Columbia, Murl & Jane Poynter, Wagon Masters

July - Open

Aug - David Lee, Wagon Master

Sept 14-18 - [Mad River Rapids RV Park](#), Arcata, Ca - Harris-Saylor, Wagon Masters

Oct - Tentative Jackson Rancheria RV Park - Deaton - Coffee Wagon Masters

Nov - Open

Dec - Christmas Party

Message from the Presidents

Hope you have all had a great summer and fall this year. John and I have just completed an almost 7,000 mile trip through 11 states. We visited with friends and relatives and are glad to be home.

Our membership has continued to grow this year. Some new members have been introduced by current members, but many found us on the net and liked what they saw. There were 2 new couples at the last outing and I had 2 applications at the end of the weekend. Thank you John Saylor for doing such a great job with the web site!

It is time for elections. Please send in your nominations to John Saylor. Be sure the person you are nominating will accept the position. The positions are:

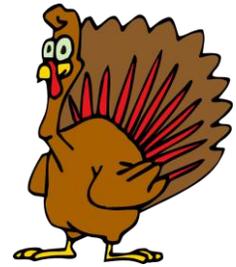
Office	Willing to hold the office In 2016
President	
Vice President	Aaron and Carmen Harris
Treasurer	Larry Kochie
Secretary/ Web Master	John Saylor

At the last campout David Lee nominated CJ and Kathy Deaton for president. You can nominate yourself for a position. Please think about it.

Now onto the important part of this message CHRISTMAS DINNER! Our annual Christmas dinner will be held at the Buckhorn restaurant in Winters, CA. The address is 2 Main Street. There is a public parking lot just across the street. Appetizers will be served at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. I have sent a separate message to everyone for reservations.

It has been a pleasure serving as your presidents.
Safe Travels,
John and Shirley Watkins

Details - Upcoming Outings, Save the Dates



November 9-12, 2015 - [Durango RV Resort](#)

100 Lake Avenue
Red Bluff, CA 96080
(866) 770-7001

12 Sites, full hookups, cable TV Wifi etc available.
HOSTING: Carmen and Aaron; CJ and Kathy

Three Nights

Monday, November 9 - Depart Thursday, November 12;

3 spaces are being reserved for departure on November 13
(If you wish to stay longer, now is the time to let me know)

Cost \$40 per night with use of Lodge for 12 sites reserved.
If the number of sites falls below 12, the cost is \$45 per site

RSVP to: honeytree@juno.com

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Two weeks before arrival date - full refund

Gold Country Travelers Christmas Party

December 3, 2015

[The Buckhorn Steak House](#)

2 Main Street, Winters, Ca

When: 5:30 pm, Thursday, December 3, 2015

Menu: Buffet:

Salad

Vegetable

Roasted Red Potatoes

Tri-Tip

Chicken

Salmon

Dessert

Coffee, Tea, or Soda

Cost: \$40.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

There will be a no host bar available.



Please send your check to Shirley Watkins at 2406 Columbus Ct., Fairfield, CA 94533 to reserve your plate! We hope everyone will come to the party.

- Reports from Past Outings -



Bodega Bay RV Park, JUNE 24 – 29, 2015 Scott & Christy Nyland, Wagon Master

While the valley broiled , eleven rigs (that seems to be the going number for May, June, and July). gathered at Bodega Bay RV Park on July 27th thru July 30th. We had just the



right amount of clouds and sun with very little heavy fog. During the day people headed out to the beach , shopping and sightseeing and nibbled on goodies. Bodega Head was a popular spot where several happenings occurred. Yvonne and Ken visited the giant hole and unfinished nuclear power plant. John and Shirley witnessed a wedding and John Saylor, Jesse his son in law and grandson Luke witnessed a fire rescue drill (practice). In addition Luke received a complementary fireman's hat. The firemen were carrying them around in their truck. Several places were hits for lunch including a café called "The Birds" and our club favorite for clam chowder " Spuds".

The evenings were enjoyed by both the fire people with a large propane fire pit (Thank- you John W.) and the card people. There were numerous pets gathered at the fire pit with their owners making for a warm hearted atmosphere. Thirty-one was played with CJ winning one night and Christy the other.

People had a variety of dishes at our dinner out on Tuesday at the Mexican restaurant in front of the RV park (La Bodeguita Mexican Restaurant). I can personally vouch for the Grilled Chicken Salad with Pico De Gallo on the side. For our potluck on Weds. we had lasagna with a variety of appetizers, salads, side dishes and desserts. They were all outstanding and delicious ! Everyone is so generous with food and it is so greatly appreciated by these 2 wagon masters.

Of course the decorations had to be pictures and tablecloths of ocean creatures. During the dinner we discovered a plaque on the clubhouse wall. It was RV Clubs of the year. We were delighted that Gold Country Travelers were the RV club of the year in 2010. It was a wonderful outing with wonderful friends.



August at Duck Island, Rio Vista
August 27-30
David Lee, Wagon Master

Hi gang-

The September 2015 outing was a very big success. We had 17 rigs attending which included Dave Lee, Dick LaVergne, the Harris', Hitt's, Collins', Saylor's, Watkins', Hey's, Kochie's, Jack Diggins, Morgado's, Bilheimer's, Ferree's, Pimentel's, Nyland's and the Fernandez's. A few rigs showed up Wednesday, but most came in on Thursday with the Nyland's and Ferrees on Friday.



Thursday and Friday you were on your own to shop or wander where you wanted. Friday night was a appetizer dinner.

Or relax and enjoy the view of the river & sunsets



Saturday Head Chef Howard Hitt (after a hospital visit of course) was *THE CHEF*. He was helped by *souse chef* James Ferree and *HEAD GO-FER* Dave Lee. A short meeting was held after dinner, followed by a 31 game.



Corn, Potatoes Shrimp & Crawdads



You had to use your "Boarding House Reach"

Sunday most rigs packed up and headed home. See you next August (2016) for the 17th annual outing.

David Lee, Wagon Master

(Editors Note: I received this story via email sent from Dave's Iphone.)

The September outing to Jackson Rancheria RV park was cancelled due to the Butte fire. Jackson Rancheria became the evacuation center for the many folks displaced by the fire.

**October Outing to Rio Veinto RV Park
On the Sacramento River
Oct 20-23**

We finally ended up with 12 rigs and 20 people including 2 prospective members (Stu & Sue Clark and Dennis and MaryAnn Alexander). Marlys also picked up a third prospective member who saw all the fun we were having and asked to join! Marlys had her brand new beautiful Winnebago motor home on its maiden voyage. The weather was perfect for October with no wind or fog, nights in the 50's and daytime highs in the low 80's.



Although there was a minor septic problem soon corrected, this is one of the nicest RV parks in California with extra big level spaces, lots of open green area, and unique club houses with outside patios, and both charcoal and gas barbecues.

Wednesday started out with a ring toss competition before lunch and a club dinner at 6 preceded by appetizers. Oktoberfest was the theme with Loran in charge of the

brats. (He tested many at home with various recipes before the trip). Everyone brought an Oktoberfest themed dish in support. There was a beer (3) and wine tasting (5) during appetizers. The following morning just about everyone participated in a bocce ball tournament (4 teams of 4).

Thursday evening saw some going out to dinner and some staying to watch the first half of the latest 49er disaster and then pretty much everyone joined to watch the second half.



Click here to view a video of the [Bocce Ball Tournament](#)

Ed & Loran
Wagon Masters



Vintage Trailers on Display

Remember the days, maybe your parents or your first rig.....

California Auto Museum,
2100 Front Street
Sacramento, Ca <http://www.calautomuseum.org/>
Oct 31, 2015 -- Apr 10, 2016

This will be on our bucket list this winter.



2016 Calendar

Next year's calendar is filling up. Check it out on our web site. Save the dates. There are only 3 months open, Feb, July & Nov at this time.

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Quarter

Happy Birthday This Quarter to:

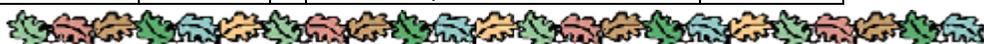


Lee, Andrew	26-Oct
Smith, Bessie	28-Oct

Poynter, Jane	7-Nov	Ha, Vivienne	4-Dec
Collins, Ken	20-Nov	Hey, Michelle	16-Dec
Watkins, Shirley	22-Nov	Harris, Carmen	16-Dec
Rogers, Arlys	24-Nov	Morgado, Bill	17-dec
		Devarenes, Marlys	24-Dec

Anniversaries This Quarter

Fernandez, Ed & Joan	4-Oct	Smith, Bryce & Bessie	28-Nov
Leard, Greg & Jennifer	26-Oct	Hitt, Howard & Judy	2-Dec
Rogers, Chuck & Arlys	8-Nov	Poynter, Murl & Jane	20-Dec
Diggins, Jack & Betty	8-Nov	Bilheimer, Dick & Carol	21-Dec
Hey, Doug & Michelle	15-Nov	Couser, Ken & Cricket	31-Dec



New Members

We welcome four new members. They just couldn't resist all the fun that we have....



Bill & Loraine Morgado from Elverta, Ca, They have a 31' 5th Wheel.

James & Heather Ferree, Patterson, Ca, They have a 36' 5th Wheel

Stu & Sue Clark from St. Helena, Ca. They have a 31' Class C.

Larry & Lynn Lambert from Gardnerville, Nv. They have a 40' 5th Wheel.

Their contact info is in the roster update that was emailed out earlier this week.



Tech Tips

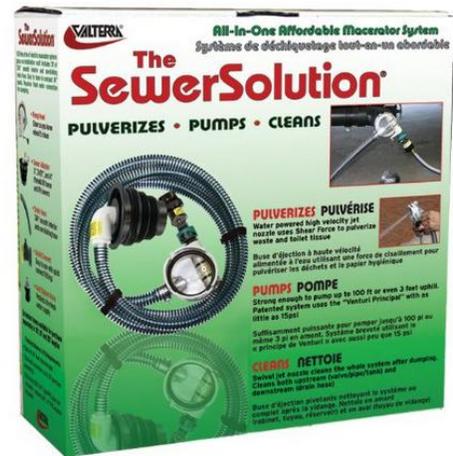
Ed Fernandez sent this tip. It works like a macerator pump but without any outside power.

Watch a video here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJ7Sk0-T4CM>

Might be an affordable solution to dumping at home.

prices under \$100 on Amazon



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. All info for publication should be sent before the first week of each quarter.

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 Photo Gallery 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 _____ Slides curb side _____

Anniversary (month & day) _____

Birthdays (month & Day) _____

His _____ Hers _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name _____

Phone # _____

Medical Contact Dr. or Medical group: _____

Phone # _____