



# Gold Country Travelers

## First & Second Quarters 2020

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Gold Country Travelers RV Club

Our 21<sup>st</sup> Year

### 2020 Outings

January 21-24: Flag City RV Resort, Lodi,  
No Host

February 10-14: Gilroy Garlic USA RV Park,  
Yvonne Collins, Wagon Master

March 11-16: Feather Falls KOA, Oroville, Jack  
Diggins, Wagon Master

April 20-24: Canceled

May 18-21: Canceled

June 21-25: Olema Campground, Ernie Curto,  
Wagon Master

July 26-30: Little Bear RV Park, Blairsden, Herb &  
Carol Brown/C.J. & Cathy Deaton, Wagon Masters

August 24-28: JGW RV Park, Redding,  
David Lee, Wagon Master

September 7-10: Duck Island RV Park, Rio Vista,  
Ken & Cricket Couser, Wagon Masters

October 3-6: Almond Tree RV Park, Chico, Will &  
Norma Mullins/Bill & Lorraine Morgado, Wagon  
Masters

November 6-10: The Lakes RV Park, Chowchilla,  
Dan & Patty Newton, Wagon Masters

December 6: Christmas Holiday Party, Gary &  
Donna Thompson, Wagon Masters

Outings in yellow are covered in this Newsletter.

### *President's Message*



When I first sent my message to Lucy Farley to include in this First Quarter issue of the Gold Country Travelers Newsletter our world was very different. Today, we are all social distancing; most of us are homebound and we are trying to figure out what is next.

With that said, as most of you know, the Executive Committee decided to cancel our April and May outings. We are all hoping by the middle of June we will be back on track and will be able to trek to Olema.

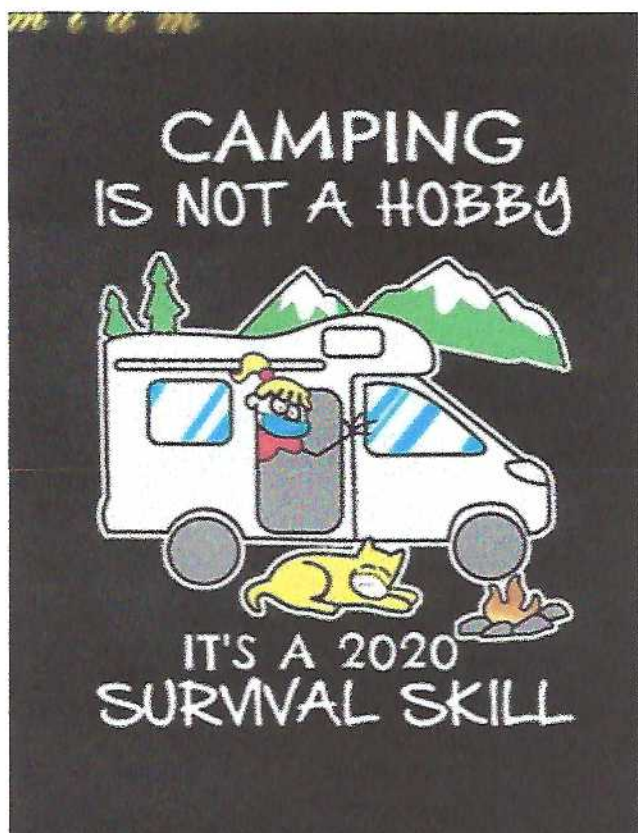
Please stay healthy. Also remember that we may have members who may live alone or who may not have family nearby to try and remember them by giving them a quick call to see how they are doing. It just may make their day to talk to someone.

2019 has come and gone and we are looking forward to our 2020 year of camping. This past quarter and year brought us a number of new members! At our Angels Camp outing we had Ron and Elaine Mortensen and Jim and Bonnie Marquardt join the group and in February 2020, Baird and Kathy McKnight – guests at the October outing in Quincy – became members. Welcome to you all.

Unfortunately, we had to say "Good-bye" to some long-standing members, including John and Janice Saylor and Murl and Jane Poynter. We also mourn the passing of Joan Fernandez in early April, wife of our Club Treasurer Ed Fernandez and a member since 1999.

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**Check out the face masks on the camper and her pet!**

### CALLING FOR CAMPFIRE STORIES

Since we have regrettably been out of touch with each other since March (our apologies and thanks to Donna and Gary Thompson, Jean and Monte Nelson, and Karen and Carl Taylor for their hard work in setting up the April and May outings only to have them canceled), your editor would like to publish remarks about your experiences during this COVID-19 shelter-in-place. Pretend we're all sitting around the campfire, and tell us what you've been doing, and what you miss the most that you have been unable to do. Please share your experiences by emailing them to Lucy Farley at:

[superlucy10@yahoo.com](mailto:superlucy10@yahoo.com)

Your comments will be published in the next Newsletter coming out in September.

### **President's Message (Cont'd from page 1)**

The 2020 Executive Board was elected at the December Christmas party. The board consists of the following people, Vice President, Jack Diggins, Secretary, CJ Deaton, Treasurer, Ed Fernandez, Member at Large, Lucy Farley and President, Donna Thompson. Thank you all for volunteering again this next year.

October took us to Quincy and Lucy Farley and Jim Ayers had another amazing and fun trip planned. We had a large contingent of campers, including guests Baird and Kathy McKnight, and the weather was perfect. A fun potluck with sausages and a mix of different German side dishes and desserts. There was also a Scavenger Hunt that was a blast! Lucy is very so clever in thinking up fun things to do.

November Bill and Anne Tiemeyer took us to Angels Camp. Absolutely gorgeous weather; couldn't have asked for any better weather. A very large number of rigs and people attended, I believe 11 or 12 rigs total. As noted above we had two new couples join us at that outing. The pot luck was yummy with a pork loin that Bill had Bar B Que'd which was delicious. As usual there was the golf gang that went out and a great time was had by all.

December 1 was our Christmas/Holiday Party. We went to Club Pheasant in West Sacramento with an attendance of 42 people! That apparently was the largest attended holiday party of this club! Reservations have been made again for this next year on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 3:00PM. I hope everyone had a good time. You may recall that we didn't do a White Elephant gift exchange this year; a suggestion came in from one of our members to possible have "Toys for Tots" gift exchange where everyone brings a new, unopened gift to be donated to "Toys for Tots" or some other organization that provides low income families with presents. More information on this as we get closer to December.

As we head into 2020, we are looking forward to all of our outings. We have a few new parks we are going to attend and some of the old standards. The Executive Board along with myself look forward to seeing all of you in the New Year to come. January was our No Host outing to Flag City in Lodi, hosted by Gary and me, and February took us to Gilroy with Yvonne Collins serving as wagon master. Then in March we trekked up to Oroville to Feather Falls KOA with Jack Diggins as wagon master. Please look for reports and photos on these outings further in the Newsletter.

Happy Camping

*Donna*





## Past Outing Reports

**November 2-3, 2019**  
**ANGEL'S CAMP RV RESORT**  
**Bill and Anne Tiemeyer, Wagon Masters**

The Angles Camp outing was a great time. We had 13 rigs, one cabin, 11 dogs, 26 folks at the camp fire with 5 fire pits setting a new sit-around-the-campfire record per C.J. & Dave. Lots of activities like meet and greet where we found out Patty has 1600 Winny the Poo figures and Dan was teacher of the year. Saturday Breakfast started with pineapple upside-down cake and other assorted breads, thanks to Cathy Deaton's efforts. Golf was a success as Gary had the most long drives. Second shots not so much.



Day of the Dead in Murphys was a site to see according to Steve and Sue. Hiking at Big Trees was nice for Diane and Anne, however Mark and Jack were a bit tired afterwards. Dinner was quite a feed with Pork loin and all sorts of other delightful delicacies. Sunday more Bread de jour and Coffee.





Then it was off to Columbia for the Theatre performance of Grease then Dinner at local Angles Camp restaurant. Campfire was excellent with everyone joining in for the laughter. Monday was quiet with Mark fishing and hiking for Anne and myself. Lots of new faces like Ron and Elaine golf pros.



Jim & Bonnie with the newest member of their family Harley the screen eater. Mark & Amy our neighbors who will be looking into RVs in the near future, or motorcycles with Amy's new friend.

- Bill Tiemeyer

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**January 21-24, 2020**  
**FLAG CITY RV RESORT, LODI**  
**No Host (aka Donna and Gary Thompson)**

The Club kicked off the 2020 camping season with a short little outing to Lodi's Flag City, January 21 thru the 24. A small turn out but we still had a great time. A total 6 rigs were there; Dan and Patty Newton, Ron and Elaine Mortensen, David Lee, C.J. and Cathy Deaton, Jack Diggins and his new pup Mike, and Gary and Donna Thompson.

Of course, food seemed to be a priority, as usual. Our first night a majority of the group drove across Hwy 12 into Rio Vista to a restaurant called The Point. I would say EVERYONE enjoyed their meal. The food was absolutely delicious. I would recommend this restaurant to all.

On Wednesday evening we all ventured into the east side of Lodi to a Mexican restaurant that I believe everyone thoroughly enjoyed as well, Habanero Hots. Gary and I had been there a number of times and always liked it, hence why we recommended it to the group.

Thursday we bid a fond farewell to Ron and Elaine as they had to leave a day early. That evening we met in the club house for a very nice Potluck. As always, the food was amazing. Dave and Jack provided the yummy appetizers; Cathy had her wonderful ham hocks and beans, Patty made baked potatoes and fried chicken tenders and Gary and I ended the evening meal with cherry cheese pie. Again, more food than we could eat.





For the most part we sat around the fire pits talking. No side trips we taken just a lot of sharing and laughing. Of course, we had the all the dogs in attendance: Abby and Minnie, the Newton's boxers, C.J. and Cathy's Bruiser; David had Sophie; Jack, as mentioned above, brought his new pup Mike; and, of course, we had Teddy and Layla.

A good time was had by all and we are all looking forward to the February outing and beyond.

- Donna Thompson

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**February 10-14, 2020**  
**GILROY GARLIC USA RV PARK**  
**Yvonne Collins, Wagon Master**

Members in 14 rigs attended this outing, with most arriving on Monday, and a few more coming in on Tuesday and Wednesday. Everyone went home on Sunday.

Monday started out with a "Meet & Greet" dinner in the clubroom. All members supplied a dish of their favorite "hearty" appetizers, and dessert was provided by our host(ess). Monday happened to be Jack Diggins' birthday for which his friend, Lourdes, brought cupcakes for everyone. Such a special treat! We look forward to seeing Lourdes at many more outings.



Tuesday, we decided to have dinner at Famous Dave's BBQ, in the shopping mall at almost walking distance from the RV Park. This restaurant was such a hit, that some went back on Thursday again for dinner. Key was, of course, the food was delicious and service also excellent for such a large group, besides the waiter took time to split the bill for individual couples.



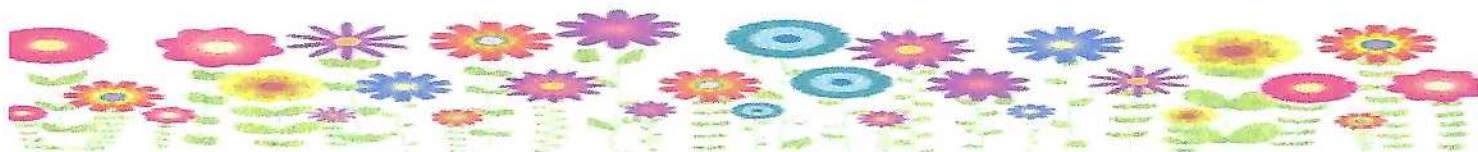
Wednesday was the Club Potluck of Oven Roasted Pork Loin, complete with side dishes and dessert. Yvonne had decorated the tables with pink tablecloths and flowers, creating a lovely Valentine motif.



After dinner Yvonne surprised everyone with a door prize drawing. Each person drew a number, to go in turn to choose a wrapped gift off the table. This was entertaining, because a gift could be "stolen" by the next person in the numerical lineup. A gift could be "stolen" twice before it was "frozen" by the last "thief."







During the entire outing, the weather was good for February. During the day there was coffee and snacks in the clubroom, also a jigsaw puzzle to work on. Some folks went shopping at the Gilroy Outlets, while others went sightseeing or winetasting. Before dinner there was always a circle of friends outside at the Brown's rig for a Happy-Hour appetizer time.

Each evening there was a campfire circle enjoyed by all, having great conversation and a chance to show off our pets too. Thank you to those who supplied campfire propane.



Sadly enough, the outing was over too quickly, as we all had a very enjoyable time. Thanks to everyone for making this outing a success!

--Yvonne Collins

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**March 11-16, 2020**  
**FEATHER FALLS KOA, OROVILLE**  
**Jack Diggins, Wagon Master**

There was a good turnout for the March Outing with 13 rigs and 23 people attending: Mike & Annette Babcock, Herb & Carol Brown, Yvonne Collins, C.J. & Kathy Deaton, John Diggins & Lourdes Zolezzi, Doug & Michelle Hey, Dick LaVergne, Mark & Diane Loftus, Ron & Elaine Mortensen, Dan & Patty Newton, Steve & Susan Patchett, Carl & Karen Taylor, and Bill Tiemeyer.

The weather was definitely varied. Wednesday, shorts and T shirts were fine for the day. Thursday started nice but finished windy and cold. Early Friday morning the wind and rain arrived and continued on and off through Monday morning. It rained so hard Sunday, that many members left a day early but 5 rigs stayed until Monday morning.

We had fires every night except Saturday. S'mores were offered every night but there were not many takers due to the amount of food available.





Some of us traveled to the Oroville Dam, where we drove and walked across the top of the dam and went into the canyon to see the repaired spillway and new emergency overflow.



Members were on their own for entertainment, and a number of them went golfing while others participated in other activities such as sight-seeing.

The Nylands went to the Barry R. Kirshner Foundation to see a wildlife sanctuary for animals with special needs.

The rain caused me to cancel the hike to Feather Falls.

We went to the Chico Air Museum and enjoyed the exhibits and displays, especially Bill Tiemeyer who tried out a small flying machine.

Our dinner out was at the Feather Falls Casino and Brewing Company. The food was good but the music was pretty loud if you were sitting next to the stage.

The Potluck was great as always and we had so much food left over, we had a left-over potluck dinner on Saturday. Two potential new members, Robert and Janet, joined us for the potluck and could possibly join the club.









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## **Details- Upcoming Outings**

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**June 21-15, 2020**

**Olema Campground, Olema**

**Ernie Curto, Wagon Master**



**10155 Highway 1, Olema, CA 94950  
(800) 655-2267**

Located next to the Point Reyes National Seashore, just north of San Francisco, this campground offers the ideal place to enjoy different outdoor activities like bird watching, hiking, kayaking or just relaxing on the beach. It is located next to 65,000 acres of unspoiled park land and wilderness, rife with wildlife and heart-stopping vistas. Grab a good book or your hiking boots, and come visit this outdoor family destination that will help you create wonderful lifelong memories.

Wagon Master Ernie Curto reported in January that the outing was full, with 14 reservations; however, he has a waiting list. On May 3, he sent an email to the 14 rigs that had signed up to attend, letting them know that the campground is not currently open but is anticipating that the County will permit them to resume operations by June 1. It is not known at this time what restrictions, if any, will be imposed regarding social distancing and bringing in your own food.

Ernie will be contacting Olema Campground the week of May 25 to determine if or when the campground will be open and other status and pertinent information.

If anyone who has signed up to attend this outing wishes to cancel, please contact Ernie immediately via email at [ernie.l.curto@gmail.com](mailto:ernie.l.curto@gmail.com) or telephone **916-698-7761**. At this time, there will be no penalty for cancelling and Ernie will return or shred your deposit check.

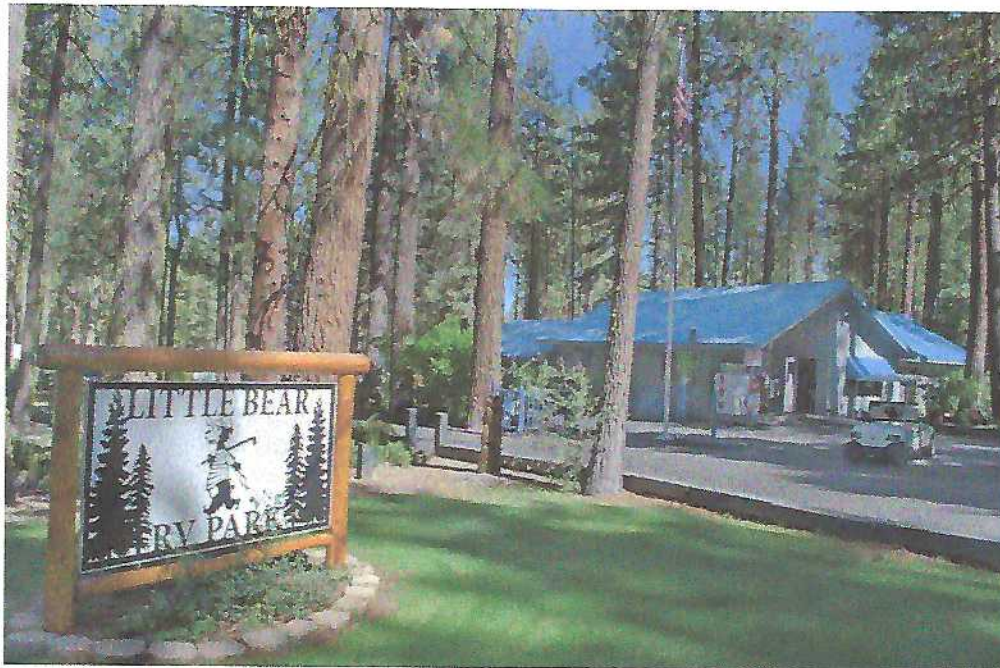




**July 9-13, 2020**

**Little Bear RV Park, Blairsden CA**

**Herb & Carol Brown/C.J. & Cathy Deaton, Co-Wagon Masters**



102 Little Bear Road  
Blairsden, CA 96103

**PHONE:**  
530-836-2774

Nestled among the Plumas County redwoods, this park offers spacious RV sites with full amenities and beautiful mountain views. Play shuffleboard and ping-pong or just enjoy the beauty of the Mohawk Valley. Outdoor enthusiasts can get their fill of the great outdoors in either the Plumas National Forest, Lassen National Forest or the Tahoe National Forest. Area activities include spectacular hiking trails, golf with breathtaking scenery, and gorgeous mountain backdrops at any of 6 courses. Fishing, sailing, kayaking or just plan floating down stream in an inner tube, you'll find the perfect lake to spend the day. And if you are into history, you can visit the Eureka State Park Museum.

The Park is currently closed, but as the outing date gets closer, your Wagon Masters will be notifying you by email of further details.



**August 24-28, 2020**  
**JGW RV Park, Redding, CA**  
David Lee, Wagon Master

The JGW RV Park welcomes you to enjoy its 32-acre facility nestled among the native black oak trees. The park has a grassy, natural setting for viewing birds and wildlife or for strolling along the Sacramento riverbank. You can also go fishing for steelhead, trout, and salmon or just enjoy a BBQ and a friendly game of horseshoes.



6612 Riverland Dr. Redding, CA 96002  
1 (800) 469-5910

Wagon Master David Lee will be providing information about this outing  
as the date approaches.





**September 7-10, 2020**  
**Duck Island RV Park, Rio Vista, CA**  
**Ken and Cricket Couser, Wagon Masters**

**Welcome to Duck Island RV Adult Park & Fishing Resort!**



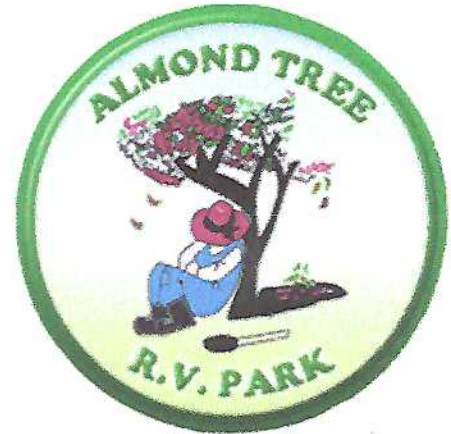
Duck Island RV Park and Fishing Resort is nestled directly on the Sacramento River, surrounded by historic landmarks and vacation sights. We are close to Napa County which provides great wine country tours.

Duck Island has 6 lighted fishing docks so you can fish day or night. Or if you prefer, you can fish off the manicured grassy bank, which is two football fields long. Duck Island is centrally located in Sacramento County, providing a quick access to what seems like a distant vacation spot. Once you're here, the troubles of life just melt away as you sit under shade trees reading or watching the world drift by! Duck Island's friendly staff will accommodate your every vacation need, whether it's booking your stay or providing bait for your fishing needs or propane for your RVs.

Wagon Masters Ken and Cricket Couser will be providing information about this outing as the date approaches.



**October 3-6, 2020**  
**Almond Tree RV Park, Chico, CA**  
**Will & Norma Mullins/Bill and Lorraine Morgado, Co-Wagon Masters**



3124 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95973  
(530) 899-1271

ALMOND TREE RV PARK is located in Chico, California, just minutes from beautiful Bidwell Park, historic Bidwell Mansion, the California State University Chico campus, the Sacramento River, and is an easy drive from anywhere in Northern California.

Resident Managers Bob and Terri Corliss are lifelong residence who offer friendly, old-fashioned hospitality and are always happy to inform you about Chico and its events and attractions.

The Wagon Masters will be providing information about this outing  
as the date approaches.



## Club Officers and Contacts 2020

### President

**Donna Thompson**

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### Vice-President

**Jack Diggins**

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### Secretary

**C.J. Deaton**

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### Treasurer

**Ed Fernandez**

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### Member-at-Large

**Lucy Farley**

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### Website

**Ernie Curto**

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 and just relaxing at our campsites.

Our members share travel stories and 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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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 upcoming newsletters.

