

Gold Country Travelers

Third & Fourth Quarters 2020

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Our 21st Year

2021 Outings

January: Open

February: Open

March: Open

**April 21-26: Feather Falls KOA, Oroville,
Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master**

**May 28-June 1: Pioneer RV Park, Quincy,
Jim Ayers & Lucy Farley, Wagon Masters**

June: Location TBD, Ernie Curto, Wagon Master

**July 18-22: Little Bear RV Park, Graeagle,
Bill & AnneTiemeyer, Wagon Masters**

**August 23-27: McCloud RV Park, McCloud,
David Lee, Wagon Master**

**September 19-23: Black Oak Casino RV,
Tuolumne, Carl & Karen Taylor, Wagon Masters**

**October 10-13: Angels Camp Resort, Angels
Camp, Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, Wagon Masters**

**November 8-12: Jackson Rancheria, Herb & Carol
Brown/C.J. & Cathy Deaton, Wagon Masters**

December: Christmas Holiday Party, Open



President's Message

I have to say 2020 has been quite interesting, on way too many levels. Several of our planned outings had to be canceled due to the Covid-19/Corona virus. Hopefully, next year we can get back to our normal routines; not only relating to our outings and camping but all our lives.

We were finally able to get together in July at Little Bear RV Park in Blairsden that sits directly on the Feather River and is one of the prettiest parks in our list of parks -- well maintained and allows us to be pretty much together. Thank you to our wagon masters C.J. & Cathy Deaton and Herb & Carol Brown for a lovely time. Our potluck was a little bit different where we were called up by tables of 4 and our wagon masters served our dinner while well protected with face shields and gloves. Despite these changes the food was marvelous as usual. After dinner, we played a 50's, 60's and 70's trivia game that Carol created with the Newton's and Mortensen's table winning!

August took us to the JGW RV Park in Redding which sits on the Sacramento River where we were lucky enough to get river spots. Although only 9 rigs attended, our wagon master David Lee did a usual great job and a good time was had by all, despite an abundance of smoke due to all the fires, but it did keep the temps down. The potluck was excellent as usual with Mr. Lee providing Tri Tip bar-b-que, cooked to perfection by him and Jack Diggins.

September was a NO HOST outing to Jackson Rancheria that was spearheaded by Dan and Patty Newton, with members making their own reservations. The Newtons served a hot dog/sausage potluck with everyone bringing something to share.

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SUNSHINE MEMBER

Did you know that your Member-at-Large, Lucy Farley, also serves as the Club's "sunshine" person, responsible for sending out cards for members who are facing surgery, suffering from an injury or just going through a rough patch? If you know of anyone who could use a card from the group, please contact Lucy with details and she will make sure they are remembered.

superlucy10@yahoo.com
or (916) 283-6885.



Congratulations to our newly-elected Board of Directors:

President: Donna Thompson
Vice-President: Carl Taylor
Secretary: C.J. Deaton
Treasurer: Bonnie Marquardt
Member-at-Large: Lucy Farley

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

October took us to Chico to the Almond Tree RV Park, with Gary and me serving as wagon masters with a total of 12 rigs. Huli Huli chicken was the main course for the potluck with everyone else bringing yummy sides; Karen Taylor's potato casserole was amazing and Cathy Deaton's pies were a huge hit. Thank you all for attending! We were able to go out to Nash's restaurant, with outside dining and the service and food were outstanding.

In November, Dan and Patty Newton and Ron and Elaine Mortensen hosted down in Chowchilla at The Lakes RV Park. If you haven't been there it is a genuinely nice park with perks like free golf with the rental of a cart... WOO HOO, such a deal. The wagon masters went all out with not only the Tri Tip potluck but with morning coffee and Patty's yummy homemade breads. There was one morning where Dan Newton was making Bacon Waffles for all.

Sadly, we had to cancel our annual Holiday/Christmas party. I'm saddened by the turn of events, but it just could not have been helped. Again, hopefully by Dec 2021 we can get together for the holidays.

We have had a few new people join. In March we met Robert and Janet Christophersen from Roseville, and Jim and Ann Zlatunich from Folsom joined us at the November outing. Welcome and hope to see you at some outings in 2021.

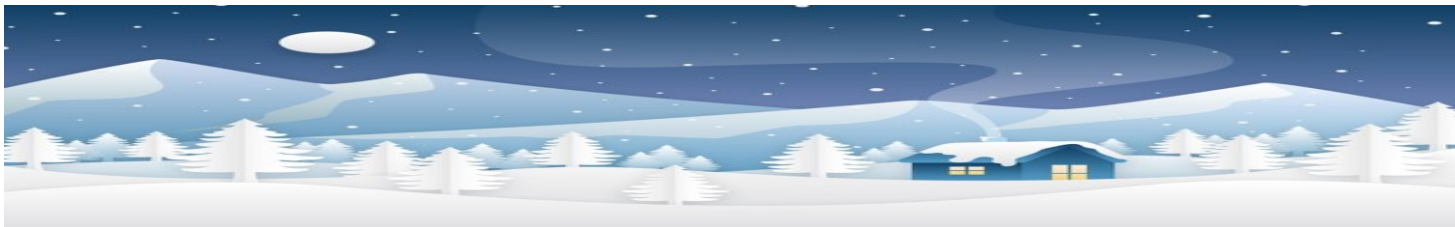
Thank you to all who have stepped up to be a wagon master in 2021. There are several months that have not been reserved but since most are early in the year when the COVID-19 restrictions might still be in place, we will keep you informed as those dates get closer. As we have done for the past few years, we will probably take January as a No Host outing somewhere reasonably close.

Keep in mind that if you have not had the opportunity to be a wagon master, it is time to step up to the plate. If you feel you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact any one of us seasoned WM's. For newbies, keep in mind with the number of rigs we currently have on the roster, you only must step up every two to three years.

Hope to see all of you at one of our many outings and get together. Thank you all for hanging in there this year; it's been tough on us all, but we will get through this.

Happy Camping

Donna



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TREASURER

It's that time of year when we collect annual dues. Payment should be made before January 31st to avoid being late. Please make checks payable to Gold Country Travelers, (not "GCT") to keep our bank happy. If dues are not received by February 28th, members will be dropped from the roster and email accounts.

Please send me a check for \$15 at my address below.

Hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas in spite of the obstacles we have faced. And Happy New Year to all of you.

Bonnie Marquardt, Treasurer
9032 Pinto Canyon Way
Roseville, CA 95747

Past Outing Reports

July 26-30, 2020

LITTLE BEAR RV PARK, BLAIRSDEN

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

In late July, a group of 14 RV's carrying 25 people, 13 dogs (Sophie, Minnie, Abbey, Bruiser, Harley, Molly Collins, Dale, Teddy, Layla, Mike, Mollie Mortensen, Callie & Dolly) and 1 cat (Diesel) returned to the high country to visit the Blairsdan/Graeagle area. Most people arrived on Sunday, 7/26/2020; but, the Newtons, David Lee and Yvonne Collins chose to come in a day early. Members attending were Browns, Deatons, Collins, Curto, Diggins, Farley/Ayers, Lee, Marquardts, Mortensens, Newtons, Taylors, Thompsons, Tiemeyers and Tomlinson/Golliher. Because of COVID19, we were unable to have our usual "Meet and Greet" potluck but we did socialize and spend quality time with each other.



Monday. As a special treat, we enjoyed homemade breads with our coffee each morning, served by our wagon masters. Herb arranged for a group of seven to play a round of golf at the Plumas Pines Golf Course, including Herb & Carol Brown, Dan & Patty Newton, Ron & Elaine Mortensen and Gary Thompson. Although some of the scoring was not great, the course did not disappoint. Other people who did not play golf went shopping and exploring in Blairsden, Graeagle and Portola. Since we were not able to plan a large group dinner, several people went out to local restaurants in smaller groups. Many stayed in camp and ordered pizza or prepared their dinner on the BBQ.

Tuesday. A group of us (Ernie, Melinda, David, Jack, CJ, Gary, Carl, Jim) took a drive and hike to Frazier Falls, a few miles Southwest of Graeagle. The drive over was nice and everyone enjoyed the short hike out to the falls. Unfortunately, at this time of year the falls are not running.

The Tiemeyers went kayaking on one of the nearby lakes.



That night was our Potluck Dinner. Since the clubhouse is quite small and we had to practice social distancing we set up 7 tables and had our dinner on the adjoining deck outside and on the lawn under the pine trees. Cathy prepared honey cured ham for the main dish and Carol made all the fancy table decorations. Carol also led the group in a very exciting trivia game. The food, thanks to all the wonderful salads and side dishes prepared by the members, was incredible. Everyone got plenty to eat and had a great time. Because of COVID19 risk, the wagon masters served the food to the other members. During dinner, the group wished happy birthdays for Yvonne, Donna and Bonnie.

Wednesday. A large group visited the Lake Davis area which is a few miles north of Portola. Many in the group took picnic lunches; others hiked around the lake.



Finally, it was **Thursday** morning --- time to pack up and go home. Yvonne decided to stay a few more days. Everyone loved Little Bear Park and had a good time. The Park owners (Todd & Jane) were very nice, easy to work with and did everything possible to make sure we were happy. Bill and Ann Tiemeyer plan to host a Club outing back to Little Bear next year. (July 18 – July 22).

- C.J. Deaton



August 24-28, 2020
JGW RV PARK, REDDING
David Lee, Wagon Master

A wonderful group of 9 rigs trekked up to the Redding area and stayed at JGW RV Park. Those who attended were Jack Diggins and his trusty dog Mike, Dan and Eryn Strickland along with their pups, Max and Luna, Carl and Karen Taylor with their little furkids, Callie and Dolly, Mark and Diane Loftus and of course their Lab Tioga, Yvonne Collins and her precious Molly, Sandi Golliher and Bill Tomlinson with their pup Dale, Jim and Bonnie Marquardt with their furkid Harley, Gary and Donna Thompson with their two furkids, Teddy and Layla, and of course our host David Lee with precious Sophie.



There weren't a lot of scheduled outings due to the Covid restrictions. Jack brought along a mister for the easy up and along with Bill Tomlinson adding his to the mix, it really felt nice sitting around feeling the cooler air with the mist.



A number of folks went to Sundial Bridge and then visited Turtle Bay Exploration Park on their own. Jack, Mark and Diane trekked off on their bikes to the WhiskeyTown Lake area.

Gary and Dan went golfing with Dan getting the highest score.

The Potluck was delicious as usual. David provided Tri-Tip that he and Jack barbequed to perfection. Others brought Baked Beans, numerous salads and for dessert we celebrated David's 75th Birthday with a cake!



We all had a great time and on Friday the 28th we packed up and ventured home.

- Donna Thompson

September 22-25, 2020
JACKSON RANCHERIA RV PARK, JACKSON
No-Host / Patty and Dan Newton

We had a great time at Jackson Rancheria!

Dan and Patty Newton, Jack (and Mike) Diggins, CJ and Cathy Deaton, Donna and Gary Thompson, Jim and Bonnie Marquardt, Dick LaVergne, and Herb and Carol Brown attended this RV trip.

It was a no host event, but Dan and Patty did a hot dog and sausage cook out. Everyone brought side dishes; the food and company were spectacular. It was a beautiful night and fun was had by all.

On Thursday we all brought our left overs out and had a fun potluck lunch.

Gary, Herb, Carol, Dan and Patty played golf at Castle Oaks in Ione. Even though Ron and Elaine Mortensen were not able to join us on the RV trip they met us in Ione for golf.



Jack, CJ and Gary (and of course Mike)
took a day excursion to Blue Lake.



We went into Jackson and had dinner at the Gold Dust pizzeria, after which we sat outside and visited well into the evening.



- Patty Newton

October 4-8, 2020
ALMOND TREE RV PARK, CHICO
Donna & Gary Thompson, Wagon Masters

What a great outing! After several cancelations and moving people around to complete out the sites we finally had a total of 10 rigs and 16 people attend the October 2020 outing at the Almond Tree RV Park in Chico. Attendees were Herb and Carol Brown, CJ & Cathy Deaton, David Lee, Ed Fernandez, Jim and Bonnie Marquardt, Yvonne Collins, Dan & Eryn Strickland, Carl & Karen Taylor, Jack Diggins and Gary & Donna Thompson . . . along with a total of 12 dogs ranging from itty bitty to fairly large, some of which found time during the day to take naps. And it appears that Jack Diggins may have forgotten which dog he brought to the outing.



Considering some of the restrictions that are still in place we did find quite a few things to do. Four of the campers, Herb, Ed, Dan and Gary, went golfing at Bidwell Golf course.

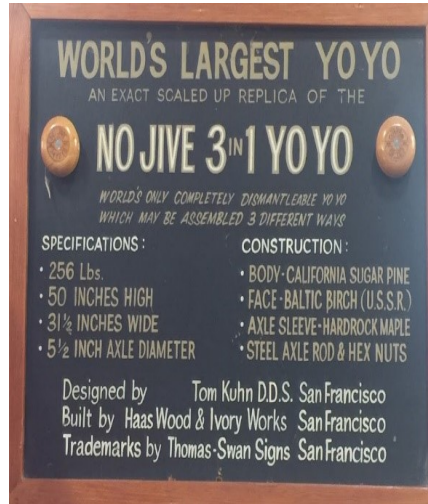


Jack and David along with their dogs, Sophie and Mike went to the Bidwell Mansion and walked around the grounds, to which they said were beautiful. During that trip they discovered an ice cream parlor that has been in Chico for over 70 years. Homemade ice cream and root beer. They came back with stories raving over the root beer floats and milk shakes. More of us trekked over to the ice cream store again on Wednesday and I will say the ice cream was DELICIOUS.

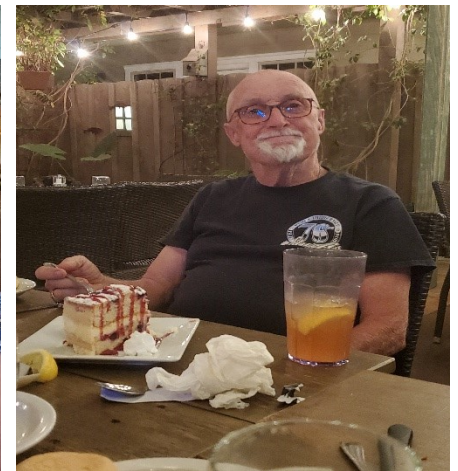




We also tried to get to the YoYo museum. This museum sits inside a toy store that was probably the best toy store I have ever been inside. The funny thing was the YoYo museum was all of about 130 square feet and roped off from the store so you could glance into the cases. You could walk all around the store but couldn't walk within the museum itself. Which looked like shelves in the store. Go figure... I do not question anymore...



Wednesday evening most of the group ventured out to dinner for outdoor dining at Nash's. Food was excellent along with the service. If you are ever in Chico and are looking for somewhere to eat, I highly suggest Nash's.



Potluck brought us all sorts of wonderful food. Karen's potato casserole was AMAZING. I'm not sure if there was any left it was so good. My Huli Huli chicken also went over well with only 2 pieces left over. Cathy's apple and lemon meringue pie are all everyone talked about. The rest of the dishes rocked with not a lot left over.

Thursday morning found all of us breaking down the rigs and preparing to go home until next time. I believe a good time was had by all and we looked forward to November in Chowchilla.

- Donna and Gary Thompson, Wagon Masters

November 6-10, 2020
THE LAKES RV PARK, CHOWCHILLA
Dan & Patty Newton / Ron & Elaine Mortensen, Wagon Masters

Fifteen rigs attended the Chowchilla outing consisting of Herb and Carol Brown, Yvonne Collins, CJ and Cathy Deaton, Jack Diggins, Ed Fernandez, Sandy Golliher and Bill Tomlinson, David Lee, Susan and Steve Patchett, Dona Pedvin, Carl and Karen Taylor, Gary and Donna Thompson, Bill and Ann Tiemeyer, guests Jim and Ann Zlatunich, and your hosts Ron and Elaine Mortensen and Dan and Patty Newton.

The outing began with a relaxing meet and greet on Friday night, November 6th that included a “Guess Who This Is” quiz to see who knew the most facts about each member.



Unfortunately, due to rain, most outdoor activities were postponed to Saturday. After the weather cleared, a group of attendees visited the Air Museum at the Castle Air Force Base in Atwater.



On Saturday night, the group went to Mario's for outdoor dining. Ten people signed up to play golf on Sunday, followed by the well-attended potluck dinner

And of course, evenings around the "fire" were enjoyed by all, with what might be the most propane fire pits in use by the group on any outing.



Bill and Ann Tiemeyer went on a hike Monday morning, while some of the attendees toured an almond factory, which they found to be very interesting. Tuesday morning consisted of packing up and saying good-byes as everyone departed for home.

- Patty Newton

Club Officers and Contacts 2020

President

Donna Thompson

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Jack Diggins

Secretary

C.J. Deaton

Treasurer

Ed Fernandez

Member-at-Large

Lucy Farley

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.

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superlucy10@yahoo.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 upcoming newsletters.



Gold Country Travelers RV Club

<http://www.goldcountrytravelers.com>

Prospective Member Information

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 # _____



As a final salute to 2020, here's some casual shots from all outings



Little Bear, July



Little Bear, July



JGW, August
(Whose legs are those?)



JGW, August
(Is this Diggins' rig?)



Jackson, September



Jackson, September



Almond Tree, October



Almond Tree, October



Almond Tree, October

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!