



Gold Country Travelers

Newsletter

April - June 2022

Our 23rd Year

2022 OUTINGS

January 2-6: Jackson Rancheria, Jim Ayers & Lucy Farley/Mike & Annette Babcock, Wagon Masters

**February 21-25: Vineyard RV Park, Vacaville CA
Dan & Eryn Strickland, Wagon Masters**

**March 20-24: Black Oak Casino, Tuolumne CA
Mark & Diane Loftus, Wagon Masters**

**April 20-25: Feather Falls KOA, Oroville CA
Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master**

**May 15-20: Ancient Redwoods RV, Redcrest CA
Jack Diggins, Wagon Master**

**June 22-26: Berry Creek Rancheria, Oroville CA
Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, Wagon Masters**

**July 17-21: Little Bear RV Park, Blairsden CA
Ernie Curto, Wagon Master**

**August 8-12: Almond Tree RV Park, Chico CA
CANCELED**

September 18-22: Bodega Bay RV Park, Steven & Susan Patchett/Yvonne Collins, Wagon Masters

**October 18-22: Sugar Barge, Bethel Island CA
Gary & Donna Thompson, Wagon Masters**

November: 7-11: Jackson Rancheria, Patty & Dan Newton, Wagon Masters

December 10: Holiday Party, Club Pheasant, West Sacramento, Gary & Donna Thompson, Wagon Masters

Reports for Past Outings in Yellow are covered in this Newsletter.

President's Message

We are already halfway into 2022. I do hope all of you are enjoying this year's camping season as much as I am. We have had some great outings this year, thanks to all of you.

April was hosted by Dick Lavergne. I am sorry to say Gary and I couldn't attend that one, but from what I have heard from quite a few, if not all who attended, it was a great outing.

In May, Jack Diggins, his trusty sidekick Mike along with David Lee and his little pup Sophie took us to a park we had never visited before, Ancient Redwoods. Nestled in the trees along the Avenue of the Giants about 30 miles south of Eureka it was beautiful. A total of 12 rigs, 20 people and 13 4-legged kids. Included in the 20 people was Dan and Erin Strickland's daughter Zoe. The hosts provided hot dogs, burgers and fix-ins for the potluck and everyone contributed side dishes for a fine feast. We had so much food left over that we had a second potluck two days later. Several folks trekked into the forest on various hikes and all were in awe of the redwoods. Some of the group ventured into Ferndale and Fortuna for a few hours and a bite to eat. Jack had reservations at a local brewery one of the evenings. All in all, everyone had a marvelous time.

June brought us back to Oroville to Berry Creek RV Park, a location we as a group had never visited, which is associated with the Gold Country Casino and the Tyme Maidu Tribe. Jim and Bonnie Marquardt were our hosts for this month. A total of 5 rigs with 9 people -- Jim and Bonnie Marquardt, John and Debbie Marquardt, David Lee, Jack Diggins and his granddaughter Alana, along with prospective members

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"With the gas prices the way they are, if your father pushed us for the first 100 miles, we'll have enough money left over to get back home."

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

Tim and Beth Forrester -- were in attendance. Gary and I could not attend, but from what I have heard everyone had a wonderful time except for the high heat. They spent a lot of time in the pool.

Hope to see you all at some point in the next 6 months. From what I can gather, July at Little Bear in the Blairsden/Graeagle area is sold out and Ernie is expecting 37 people.

Believe it or not, 2023 is filling up! February will be at Vineyard RV in Vacaville, in April we will travel back to Feather Falls, in May we will return to the Ancient Redwoods RV Park, July is being reserved at Little Bear, and in October the group will venture to PoMo in Fort Bragg, which it hasn't attended in many years. So start thinking about the other months next year and places we may be able to go.

Happy Camping

Donna

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES WE CELEBRATE THIS COMING QUARTER



Jim Zlatunich – July 9
Bonnie Marquardt – July 25
Donna Thompson – July 29
Steven Patchett – August 7
C.J. Deaton – August 10
Susan Patchett – August 15

Lucy Farley – August 23
David Lee – August 25
Carol Brown – August 25
Mark Loftus – September 6
Debbie Marquardt – September 15
Carl Taylor – September 21



Herb & Carol Brown – July 22
Gary & Donna Thompson – August 10
Dan & Eryn Strickland – August 18
Martin & Zoe Beaton – August 24



Past Outing Reports

April 20-25, 2022
FEATHER FALLS KOA, OROVILLE CA
Dick LaVergne, Wagon Master

The Feather Falls RV Park was just as beautiful as always for the Gold Country Travelers' April 2022 outing. The group began arriving on Wednesday, April 22 until we had our full complement of 8 rigs. We originally had 12, but it slowly reduced due to surgeries, procedures, visiting relatives and opportunities to visit family, post-Covid restrictions. All good!

Joining us were the Patchetts, Marquardts, Newtons, Farley and Ayers, Collins, Diggins, Lee, and Lavergne, the Wagon master. The Beatons drove over to join the potluck and sit around that evenings' fire, accompanied by their 7-year-old precocious granddaughter Kacey Halliburton.

Spring-time rains started off the outing from light to heavy, especially during the sleeping hours when a downburst woke several of us.

Apparently, one of the Newtons' slides (the one holding all of Dan's clothes) protested the weather by refusing to come out. Fortunately, they found an excellent repairman who got it working with some new parts and great stories.

We were rewarded after all of the rain with the sun coming out and bringing with it a beautiful rainbow!



Both the Kirshener Wildlife Sanctuary and Butte View Olive Company tours got rave reviews. Dick found the olive company by cold calling and was fortunate to find Lewis Johnson, a third-generation olive farmer, and his daughter Chris, who run the 300-acre Butte View Olive Company virtually by themselves. Amazing!



The Johnsons sell primarily to other distributors, but took the time to give the group a personal tour and answered all of our questions and hosted a tasting. We, in turn, purchased some of their delicious oils. Dick left with bottles of Rosemary infused, Garlic Infused and, of course, true Extra Virgin offerings. Mmm....

The Johnsons with the Marquardts and Patchetts (plus photographer LaVergne)

Food was not in short supply with an impromptu Thursday pork roast potluck hosted by the Newtons who continued their hospitality when they grilled up a Saturday hot dog lunch on a sunny picnic day.

The Saturday potluck featured Lasagna with imported meats and raviolis provided by Dick, the chef (who thought it needed some work) with an array of appetizers, salads, side dishes and desserts.



On Sunday, LaVergne, Diggins, Newtons, Ayers, and Farley enjoyed very good meals and more stories at the Casino Brewery, and Diggins delivered take-out from the restaurant to Collins. All agreed worth going back.



The nightly propane campfire was especially enjoyable because with just 15 attendees, there was ample opportunity to chat with each other.



Lucy Farley with her dedication and talent on display distributed the first copies of the latest club roster. Thank you, Lucy! Very nice.

All of group left by Monday and it was a pleasant drive home with great memories. So, we're going to do it again with new adventures and new stories at Feather Falls with 15 sites available from Wednesday, April 19 to Monday, April 24, 2023.

See you then!

*After the potluck, the group was glowing! Especially their noses!
(Thank you, Dave, Lee, for taking the pic!)*

- Dick LaVergne



May 15-20, 2022
ANCIENT REDWOODS RV, REDCREST CA
Jack Diggins, Wagon Master

We had a large turnout with 13 rigs, 23 member and one guest attending. On Friday the 13th, Mike & Jack Diggins, David Lee and Martin & Zoe Beaton arrived followed on Saturday the 14th by Donna & Gary Thompson and Hank Coldani & Matte Clark. And on Sunday the 15th: Ernie Curto, C.J. and Cathy Deaton, Bonnie & Jim Marquardt, John & Debbie Marquardt, Steve & Susan Patchett, Dan & Erin Strickland with their Daughter Zoe, Carl & Karen Taylor, and Anne & Bill Tiemeyer pulled in.



Everyone seemed pleased with Ancient Redwood RV Park. Many members went to the Sequoia Park Zoo which contains the fantastic Redwood Skywalk. I enjoyed the Zoo, especially the Red Panda and the Bald Eagles.



I had no preplanned activities but many members drove the entire length of the Avenue of the Giants to sightsee and view the beautiful Redwood trees in Humboldt Redwood State Park, where we took hikes at Founders Grove (Fantastic), Dury-Chaney Trail (excellent), Women's Club and Women's Federation Campground. There was a four-sided structure with four fireplaces with quotations in the walls above the fireplaces. We were unable to locate the Albino Redwood Tree but toured the nice Visitor Center and drove Burlington Campground. We hiked the Addie Johnson trail to a grave on top of the hill and also hiked the Rockefeller Grove (tremendous) and some members went to hike some more at Grizzly Creek Redwood State Park. One fun game was "What does the Burl look like?" I saw a Teddy Bear, turtle and dragon. Yes, I was sober.



Many members went to the booming metropolis of Ferndale to see Victorian Houses and walk the Main Street. Many of us got great sandwiches at the Meat Shop. Other members drove to Shelter Cove (Black Sand Beach

and Scenic town) while others visited the community of Gardnerville. We went to the Lost Coast Brewery Tap Room and had a good meal at the Lost Coast Brewery Restaurant.



And, as always, there was plenty of time for fun and games and just visiting together at the RV Park.



The dine out night was at the Eel River Brewery in Fortuna. The Brewery was able to seat all 24 of us in their outside beer garden in tents that were very warm due to propane heaters. Everyone seemed to like the beer; I thought the food was good but there were mixed reviews from other members.

The Monday night Potluck consisted of Chili (excellent if I do say so myself), hamburgers and Kirkland hotdogs. The chili and hotdogs were a big hit. Every one brought excellent, appetizers, side dishes, and desserts. There was so much food, we had a left-over potluck night. Nobody went hungry.

This was an excellent outing. The weather was generally comfortable but we had 2-3 days with extremely strong wind that caused us to freeze. There was a unanimous desire from all members to return at a future time.



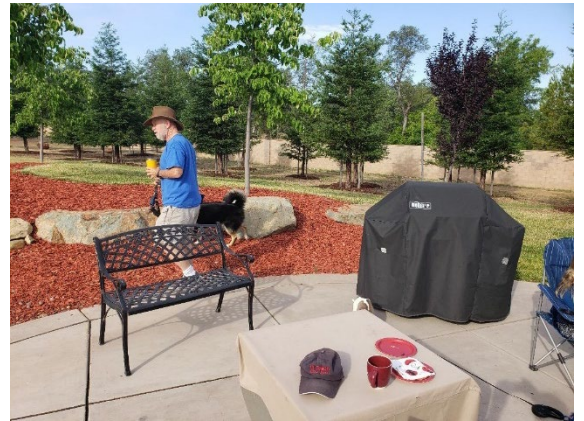


June 22-26, 2022
BERRY CREEK RANCHERIA, OROVILLE CA
Bonnie & Jim Marquardt, Wagon Masters

We had 7 members in attendance, including: Jim and Bonnie Marquardt (Wagon Masters), John & Debbie Marquardt, Jack Diggins and granddaughter Alana, Dave Lee, and Timothy and Beth Forrester (prospective members), plus 5 dogs.

To say it was hot would be an understatement! Daytime temps were between 100 and 105, nights were in the mid 80s. Unfortunately, there was very little shade as the trees are very small.

The RV Park was fairly new and very nice, featuring full hookups, grass between all spots, cement/level parking, and picnic tables and some BBQ's at the sites (as shown with Jack & Mike Diggins walking through a site). They have a beautiful swimming pool and jacuzzi, and a snack bar, and gasoline and diesel were available. And most importantly, it was just a short walk to the casino, where it was possible to escape the heat.



A MEET AND GREET was held the first night, Wednesday, with everyone bringing hors d'oeuvres and sitting under the shade of various RV awnings, visiting and making plans for the days ahead.



Due to the high-temps, most outdoor activities were minimized, yet we all found each other occasionally at the swimming pool, or at the casino! A few of us attended the Kirshner Wildlife Preserve, others visited the Oroville Fish ladder, and a planned visit to the Oroville Dam Visitors Center was cancelled when we found the gates were closed for the day. The casino was also hosting an annual outdoor 'HandGame' (aka StickGame) Tournament, which is an ancient native American guessing game, which we enjoyed watching.

Jack Diggins' granddaughter Alana was always eager to participate. She is a very inquisitive and enjoyable young lady. She was always asking to help, to visit and share, and ready to play and walk the dogs. It was nice to have a joyful, helpful young lady with us to share activities and discussions. Thanks to Mike and Jack for sharing her with the group!



Thursday, the second evening, was the POTLUCK dinner. Due to high temps, the food was served after 8 pm in the shade at John & Debbie's site and was well worth waiting for with pork tenderloin BBQ'ed by Wagon Master Jim Marquardt, served with baked-beans and salad. Dessert was apple-pie and ice cream.



We traveled to Feather Falls Casino for dinner one night, and on another afternoon, we had lunch at the Acorn Café inside the local casino, where it was cool. Great food was enjoyed all around.

No campfires in the evenings, yet we shared the shade each evening, with drinks and star gazing. (with pool visits too).



Saturday afternoon the Forresters and David Lee headed home to beat the heat while the rest of us (Diggins and the two Marquardts) left early on Sunday.

- Jim and Bonnie Marquardt

Upcoming 2022 Outings

SEPTEMBER 18-22, 2022

SUSAN & STEVEN PATCHETT / YVONNE COLLINS, Wagon Masters
susanpatchett2@gmail.com / tulips-ym@yahoo.com



BODEGA BAY RV PARK

2001 Highway One
Bodega Bay CA 94923
(707) 875-3701

There are 16 member rigs signed up for this outing, with a couple of guests. The Wagon Masters have sent emails to those attending, providing their site numbers and instructing them to call the Park at (707) 875-3701, Extension 103, to provide payment. Contact the Wagon Masters if you have any questions.



OCTOBER 18-22, 2022

DONNA & GARY THOMPSON, Wagon Masters
dsthompson810@gmail.com / garlinstrove@mail.com

SUGAR BARGE RV
RESORT

1440 Sugar Barge Road
Bethel Island CA 94511
(925) 684-9075



\$62.00 per night/site (All rates include 2 people and 1 vehicle)
Additional people \$2.00/day per person / Additional Vehicle \$5.00/day
Pets \$1.00 per day per pet
Check In 1:00PM / Check Out 11:00AM

The Wagon Masters have Reserved 15 sites for this outing; if additional sites aren't available, please ask to be put on a waiting list. **All reservations and site assignments will be made through the Wagon Master no later than September 9, who will handle all payments, preferably with cash or check.** More information to be distributed by email once the outing date gets closer.

NOVEMBER 7-11, 2022

PATTY & DAN NEWTON, ELAINE & RON MORTENSEN, Wagon Masters
figstuff50@hotmail.com / rnemortensen@frontier.com



JACKSON
RANCHERIA RV PARK

11407 Dalton Road
Jackson CA 95642
(800) 822-9466

Information on this Outing will be distributed by email as the date nears.

Club Officers and Contacts 2022

President

Donna Thompson

Vice-President

Carl Taylor

Secretary

C.J. Deaton

Treasurer

Bonnie Marquardt

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 serve as wagon masters on a monthly basis. We have an outing once a month, January through November. In December we 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 maintenance and repair ideas they have learned from experience. The cooks in the Club share recipes and cooking stories. Our quarterly newsletter and website keep members informed of upcoming and past activities.

Submit Newsletter Articles to Lucy Farley
superlucy10@yahoo.com

Wagon Masters should send a story of their outings and photos within 2 weeks 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>
Membership Application

Name _____

Spouse _____ Date _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ 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) _____ Pets _____

Birthdays (month & Day)

His _____ Hers _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name _____ Phone # _____

Dr. or Medical Group: _____ Phone # _____

