



Gold Country Travelers

Newsletter

January – March 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 Ed Fernandez & Violet Ask-Young, Wagon Masters

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

I can't believe that a full 3 months of 2022 has passed. As they say, the older you get the faster time goes by... with that we have had 3 outstanding trips already this year with lot's more to come.

January took us back to Jackson Rancheria, one of the group's favorite places to camp. We trekked there to see the Christmas/Holiday lights as the Rancheria does a magnificent job of decorating the hillsides around the RV Park and Casino. What began as a No Host outing quickly turned into a hosted one thanks to Lucy Farley, Jim Ayers, Mike and Annette Babcock, which allowed us to get the discounted group rate.

In February we didn't go too far from our home bases as we returned to Vineyard RV Park in Vacaville. We had a few people who had to cancel at the last minute due to illness. Eryn and Dan Strickland were our wagon masters and sadly they were part of the folks who had to cancel. The Stricklands did a bang-up job with the preliminary planning, and all stepped in and made it happen. Thanks to Cathy & CJ Deaton and Gary Thompson for helping me implement the Stricklands' plans. With that, we had 9 rigs with 15 people, one small child and 11 dogs attending. Most of us were backed up to the clubhouse, which had a nice overhang and lawn area that served as a welcome attraction and allowed us to huddle each evening against the wind and cold. A group dinner was held at Amici's in Vacaville that was WONDERFUL!

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WELCOME
New Members Martin and Zoe Beaton



Martin and Zoe hail from Browns Valley and travel in a 33-foot Fifth Wheel with 3 slides.

Sadly, we had to say "farewell" in 2022 to Alex and Tina Marzano, Baird and Kathy McKnight, and Monte and Jean Nelson.

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

We had a great trip in March with Mark and Diane Loftus hosting in Tuolumne at Black Oak Casino RV Park. It's a nice park and we had great weather all week. The potluck was yummy with lots of food as usual; ham was the main course and it was cooked to perfection, with a myriad of sides. On Wednesday evening Ed Fernandez and Violet Ask-Young hosted a wonderful early evening of appetizers and cocktails at their home in nearby Sonora.

April, May, and June look to be fun outings as well. April takes us back to Feather Falls with Dick LaVergne hosting. In May, 15 rigs will travel to Redcrest, CA to Ancient Redwoods RV Park where Mike (The Dog) Diggins and his trusty travel companion Jack Diggins will host. Jim and Bonnie Marquardt will be wagon masters at the June outing at Berry Creek RV Park in Oroville, which will be a new park for us.

Hope to see you all at some point this year as we have all months spoken for in 2022 with even Feb of 2023 reserved.

Happy Camping
Donna

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES WE CELEBRATE THIS COMING QUARTER



April 28 – Patty Newton
Michael Babcock – May 7
Dick LaVergne – June 4
John Marquardt – June 9
Yvonne Collins – June 16



Steven & Susan Patchett – April 5
Jim & Bonnie Marquardt – April 25
C.J. & Cathy Deaton – May 7
Mark & Diane Loftus – June 9
Bill & Anne Tiemeyer – June 25



Past Outing Reports

January 2-6, 2022

JACKSON RANCHERIA RV PARK, JACKSON CA

Mike & Annette Babcock, Jim Ayers/Lucy Farley, Wagon Masters

Eighteen glampers in 10 rigs, consisting of new members Martin and Zoe Beaton, C.J. and Cathy Deaton, Jack Diggins, David Lee, Mark and Diane Loftus, Carl and Karen Taylor, Donna and Gary Thompson, Jim and Anne Zlatunich, and wagon masters Mike and Annette Babcock, Jim Ayers and Lucy Farley made the trek to Jackson Rancheria on January 6 specifically to view the seasonal holiday lights. Bill and Anne Tiemeyer, who recently moved to the area, joined the group for hiking expeditions, campfire gatherings, pizza and the potluck dinner.

The group enjoyed generally nice clear, sunny weather, interrupted with a few events of wind and rain.



While some members stayed at the Park to visit, play cornhole and try their luck at the casino. . .



A large group went for a day hike



and David Lee found some snow for his dog Sophie to walk in.



And it wouldn't be a visit to Jackson without stopping at one of the Club's favorite eating establishments: Gold Dust Pizza in Sutter Creek.

The Potluck focused on “comfort foods” with chili, Southern black-eyed peas and greens, mac and cheese, soups and accompanying appetizers and desserts. The hit of the dinner were the “Happy New Year” table decorations created by Annette Babcock and her daughter Kerri Hester. The Babcocks also set up a “photo” spot with a backdrop and props to capture everyone in the 2022 New Year’s party mood. Very Clever!



And, of course, the highlight and purpose of the trip was to view the Park and Casino grounds in the glorious colors of the holiday season. We were not disappointed!



This is truly a beautiful park that is becoming a favorite of the Club, and we will be returning for many years to come.

- Lucy Farley

February 21-25, 2022
VINEYARD RV PARK, VACAVILLE CA
Dan & Eryn Strickland, Wagon Masters
C.J. & Cathy Deaton/Gary & Donna Thompson, Onsite Hosts

What a great outing! With Dan and Eryn Strickland having to step out of wagon master duty at the last moment, Cathy & C.J. and Donna and Gary stepped in to cover onsite details. Dan and Eryn did a fabulous job with the preliminary set up of the outing and all we had to do was execute their plan.

There were a total of 9 rigs and 17 people: Herb and Carol Brown, David Lee, Dick LaVergne, Jim and Bonnie Marquardt, Carl and Karen Taylor, Mike and Annette Babcock, Steve and Sue Patchett with their granddaughter Peyton, C.J. & Cathy Deaton, and Gary & Donna Thompson. Most everyone pulled in on Monday the 21st with the Patchetts arriving on Tuesday.



A group of folks toured the Jelly Belly factory Tuesday and, of course, brought back samples of the BELLY FLOPS (jelly bellies that didn't make the cut). Donna stayed back at the RV Park waiting for Jack Diggins to deliver the Tri-Tips that he had gotten from the Stricklands the week or so before.

Thursday evening, Eryn Strickland had made reservations at Amici's, a local pizza restaurant that also served delicious pasta dishes. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed their meal.



We held the potluck dinner Wednesday evening, with the Tri-Tip as the main course and LOTS of yummy salads, sides and desserts. We used a patriotic theme for the table décor as it was Presidents' Birthday week.

We had access to the clubhouse our entire stay which was a good thing as it was very cold outside even with 3 to 4 firepots going; so, we spent a lot of time in the clubhouse, visiting and even playing a few rounds of cornhole. Cathy Deaton and Karen Taylor did catch a little sunshine on a warmer day.



It seemed the group had a marvelous time and Friday morning we all sadly packed up our rigs and said goodbye until next time.

- Cathy & C.J. Deaton/Donna & Gary Thompson

March 20-24, 2022
BLACK OAK RV PARK, TUOLUMNE CA
Mark & Diane Loftus, Wagon Masters

Members started to arrive early Sunday afternoon, and by 4:00 all 14 rigs were there: Mike and Annette Babcock, Martin and Zoe Beaton, Hank Coldani and guest Mati Clark, C.J. and Cathy Deaton, Jack Diggins, David Lee, Jim and Bonnie Marquardt, John and Debbie Marquardt, Lucy Farley and Jim Ayers, Steven and Susan Patchett, Carl and Karen Taylor, Gary and Donna Thompson, Bill and Anne Tiemeyer, and hosts Mark and Diane Loftus.

For a little different "Meet & Greet," we had an Open House to check out each rig in small touring groups, which was a lot of fun. We returned to our own rigs for dinner and met at the campfires at around 7:30. All 26 humans and 12 well-behaved dogs surrounded 5 campfire propane pits. It was great to be together to visit despite the chilly evening. Mark Loftus took lots of pictures but tragically his cell phone died and he lost them all, but that's a story for the next trip . . .

On Monday people did their own thing. Bill Tiemeyer and Mark Loftus fished the pond at the RV Park with no luck – proving why it's called "fishing" and not "catching." Some played bocce ball while others visited and enjoyed sitting outside in the warm sunshine. The potluck was held that evening in the Park Clubhouse, with tables decorated in a green St. Patrick's Day theme. The main course was ham, accompanied by wonderful sides and desserts and no one went home hungry! C.J. Deaton entertained everyone with a very cool trivia game about old ads, songs, and TV shows. After cleaning up from the meal, we met again at the campfires where the Tiemeys provided sticks to cook marshmallows for s'mores!



We woke up to fantastic weather on Tuesday. After breakfast, 15 of us (and 6 dogs!) headed out for a hike at Dagoon Gulch Trail near Sonora. We walked to a peak with a view, almost 3 miles round trip, stringing out for about a quarter mile, stopping occasionally to gather up and head off again. We could barely keep up with David, Sophie and C.J. Thanks to Jim Marquardt for his photo!

Most hit the Sonora Brewing Company for food and suds after the hike.



Some walked the main streets of historic Sonora, while others visited nearby Jamestown, and during the kick-back afternoon, we suspect some paid a visit to the "one-armed bandits" at the casino. Despite the beautiful weather, no one played golf or went swimming.

We had previously made reservations at Pinnocchio's for dinner this evening, but the restaurant contacted us to cancel because their grand re-opening was delayed by a few days. The usual campfire ended the night.



"The fire is the main comfort of camp, whether in summer or winter."

Henry David Thoreau



Wednesday morning was again beautiful. After an early lunch, a group went to Railtown 1897 State Park in Jamestown where there was lots of great rail history, displays and, of course, a neat gift shop!



Jack Diggings posed for a photo standing on the back of a caboose at the Railtown historic park. The caboose is a prop that was used in the movie “Back to the Future II” and is not a real caboose.



Later that afternoon a large group went to Ed Fernandez’ place where he and Violet Ask-Young hosted a wonderful open house with delicious food and drinks. Everyone enjoyed sitting on the large outdoor patio and viewing the woodsy surroundings.



Some went out to dinner afterwards, but eventually everyone joined together for our last night around the campfires. No one wanted to sing Kumbaya so we cooked s’mores, talked, and called it an evening.

Everyone bugged out by check-out time and hopefully had a safe and uneventful drive home.

- Mark & Diane Loftus

Upcoming 2022 Outings

MAY 15-20, 2022

JACK DIGGINS, Wagon Master
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ANCIENT REDWOODS

RV PARK

28101 Avenue of the Giants
Redcrest CA
(707) 722-4396

This is a first-time for the Club to this beautiful park, just minutes from the Giant Redwoods and other area attractions. Because of its remote location, there is no internet or cable TV service, but if you have Wifi phone service the park promises excellent reception. The Good Sam rate is \$52.79 a night for 2 people with a \$5 charge for extra people. You have until May 13 to provide a credit card to the park to reserve a spot; they provide a full refund if canceled at least 48 hours in advance.

Jack Diggins has reserved 15 spaces, which are all currently taken. If anyone else wishes to attend, Jack will start a waiting list and see if the park has more spots available. Contact Jack at the above email or via phone (650) 759-7597 for specific information and status of sites reserved.

JUNE 22-26, 2022

JIM & BONNIE MARQUARDT, Wagon Masters
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BERRY CREEK RANCHERIA

3900 Olive Highway, Oroville CA
(530) 532-3141



The Marquardts have booked 10 sites for this outing. The rates are \$71 per night for Wednesday and Thursday, and \$75 per night for Friday and Saturday. These rates are subject to a Good Sam discount and a small tribal fee, which will be more fully disclosed as the date approaches.

The resort requires that campers call the number above and make their own reservations and pay the resort directly. Jim and Bonnie will distribute the 10 reserved site numbers for the attendees to use when they call to make a reservation as we get closer to the outing date.



JULY 17-21, 2022

ERNIE CURTO, Wagon Master

ernie.l.curto@gmail.com



LITTLE BEAR RV PARK

102 Little Bear Road, Blairsden CA
(530) 836-2774

Ernie Curto has reserved 15 spots at this park, which is a favorite for the Club. The rates are \$52 a night for 30-amp hookups, and \$60 a night for 50-amp. To make a reservation, call the park directly at the number noted above. If you want to arrive earlier than July 17 or depart later than the 21st, the park will have to put you on a waiting list for those extra days when the group isn't there.

When you make your reservation, please send an email to Ernie or call him at (916) 698-7761 so that he can track who is attending. He will be providing more information on activities as the date nears.

AUGUST 8-12, 2022

ED FERNANDEZ, Wagon Master

fern444@gmail.com

**ALMOND TREE RV
PARK**

3124 Esplanade, Chico CA
(530) 899-1271



There was no information on this outing to report at this time; please look for an email from Ed Fernandez in the future for details as we get closer to August.

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 take turns 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 _____

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 # _____