



GOLD COUNTRY TRAVELERS

Fourth Quarter 2024

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[Gold Country Travelers RV Club](#)
Our 25th Year

The Gold Country Travelers RV Club is a non-brand specific club. Members own campers, travel trailers, 5th wheels and motorhomes of different makes.

Members volunteer to take turns as wagon masters on a monthly basis. Wagon masters choose the location of the outing. We have an outing once a month, January through November. In December we celebrate with a Holiday lunch.

We are all about having fun, fellowship and relaxing on our outings.

CLUB OFFICERS 2025

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Bonnie Marquardt

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Donna Thompson

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President's Message

October - December 2024

What a year 2024 has been! We had a marvelous year camping and went to a few new places as well as some places near and dear to the group. With that we saw several new members join throughout the year.

In January, Virginia Quinn joined us. In April we had Ray and Nancy Mialovich join; whereas in July we had two ladies join, Tish Foley and Liana Mabry. In August, Cliff and Linda Neal joined the group while we were in Ancient Redwoods.

During this last quarter, Quincy was the destination of our October outing with Dan & Eryn Strickland along with Gary and me as wagon masters. We also journeyed to Corning with Martin & Zoe Beaton along with John & Debbie Marquardt as wagon masters in November. The Ladies Only outing was also in November where we went to Jackson, Bonnie and Debbie Marquardt were our wagon masters

Our annual Holiday Party, at the Aviator Restaurant in Sacramento, was a rousing success. We had 32 people attend, largest attendance in years. Unfortunately, Gary and I couldn't be there, but from what I have gathered, everyone had a great time.

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2025 Outings

January 2-6: Jackson Rancheria, No-Host

February 3-8: Coachella Lakes RV Resort, Jack Diggins Wagon Master

March 3-7: Mountain Gate RV Park, Redding. Tish Foley – Liana Mabry, Wagon Masters

April 23-27: Feather Falls KOA, Oroville, Cricket & Ken Couser, Co- Wagon Masters

May 13-17: Black Oak RV Park, Tuolumne, C.J. & Cathy Deaton – Carl & Karen Taylor Co-Wagon Masters

June 22-26: Jackson Rancheria, Debbie & Dan Cullen – Tim & Beth Forrester Co- Wagon Masters

July 10-17: Little Bear RV Park, Blairsden, Bill & Anne Tiemeyer, Wagon Masters

August 18-22: Paso Robles RV Ranch, Steven & Susan Patchett – Ernie Curto Co-Wagon Masters

September: TBD Dan & Patty Newton, Wagon Masters

October 15-19: Angels Camp RV Park, Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, Wagon Masters

November: TBD

Jackson Rancheria, Ladies Outing Karen Taylor Wagon Master

December: Holiday Party, Aviator Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. Sacramento. 1:00 PM-4:00

Presidents Message (continued)

As we close the year, I had decided not to run for President of the club in 2025. After 6 years, it was time to pass the gavel if you will to someone else. I would like to thank everyone for their love and support during that time. To be honest, it's an easy job, the most stressful part is standing up and giving the president's report during potluck night at outings.

I would also like to thank all who served on the Executive Committee during my time as president. I could not have done the job without you all. I would like to thank CJ Deaton, in particular, who was my sounding board and always had wonderful advice.

Thank you to all who stepped up and filled in next year's calendar. It looks like we have a few new places we are scheduled to travel to.

See you all in 2025.

Happy Camping
Donna

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PIONNER PARK / QUINCY
OCT 11-15 2024
CO-WAGON MASTERS: Dan & Eryn Strickland / Gary & Donna Thompson

Our October outing took us to Pioneer RV Park in Quincy. We co-hosted with Donna & Gary Thompson. There were a total of 14 rigs attending: Zoe & Martin Beaton, Debbie & Daniel Cullen, Cathy & CJ Deaton, Tish Foley, Beth, Tim & Jason (Tim's nephew from South Carolina) Forrester, Kathy & Dennis Krohn (perspective members), Liana Mabry, John & Debbie Marquardt, Nancy & Ray Mialovich, Virginia Quinn, Karen & Carl Taylor, and Wanda & John Wingerter.

Dan & I arrived one day early to set up and check out the clubhouse. The rest of the gang came on Friday. Friday evening we heard the roar of the racetrack just a short distance from the campground. Boy was it loud! Some campers made plans to go watch the races Saturday night. Saturday found some campers going on a bike ride while others shopped or relaxed around the campground, chasing the sun or shade and drizzles. I believe Tish brought out her cornhole set and set it up in the spot that Mike and Jack were supposed to occupy (we missed you. Hoping that knee is on the mend). That brought out quite the crowd. The weather was breezy with lots of sprinkles on Saturday afternoon and what better time to have an Ice Cream Social at the Clubhouse! On the menu was vanilla, chocolate, and lactose free vanilla ice cream with your choice of a waffle cone, regular cone or bowl. Toppings provided were rainbow sprinkles, chocolate chips, nuts, chocolate syrup, caramel syrup, magic shell, whipped cream and cherries. We had many, many happy campers!

On Saturday evening, a group of us campers went to the local fairgrounds to see the stock car races. Tim and Beth Forrester, Tim's nephew Jason, Ray Mialovich, Virginia Quinn, John Marquardt, Liana Mabry and Gary and Donna Thompson seemed to be the only ones interested in attending.

There were a total of 9 to 10 races which included qualifying races and the main race within a few categories. One of the exciting races was between two young teenage girls, one was 13 the other 16. They both did well and seemed to handle their cars like a professional.

It was loud but a fun activity for those who attended.

Sunday the weather was clear. Some campers went on another bike ride. Some of the ladies went into town for shopping but all stores were closed. The Forresters drove to the Nevada state line so Jason (Tim's nephew from South Carolina) could take a picture with the 'Welcome to Nevada' sign, then continued on into Reno and attended the Italian festival and had lunch.

Sunday evening was our potluck. Dan and I provided tri-tip while the side dishes were a-plenty.

Monday, Dan, Gary and Ray played golf at Plumas Pines Golf Course near Blairsden. While they were gone, at 3pm, the rest of us indulged in the leftover ice cream and toppings. We had quite the large nightly camp fires, even during the drizzling. And, it seemed that a good time was had by all.

Happy trails until next time,

Eryn & Dan Strickland
Donna & Gary Thompson

HERITAGE RV PARK / CORNING
NOV. 6-10, 2024
CO-WAGON MASTERS: Martin & Zoe Beaton / John & Debbie Marquardt

MEMBER ATTENDEES: Martin & Zoe Beaton, John & Debbie Marquardt, Gary & Donna Thompson, Tim & Beth Forrester, CJ & Cathy Deaton, Mike & Annette Babcock, Carl & Karen Taylor, Yvonne Collins, Virginia Quinn, Tish Foley, Jack Diggins, Cliff & Linda Neal, Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, and Liana Mabry,

GUESTS: No Guests

POTLUCK MAIN COURSE & SUMMARY; There were 4 different kinds of spaghetti sauce and lots of noodles. The theme was red, white, and blue in honor of Veterans Day. The Marquardts did an amazing job of decorating the club house. John Marquardt was outstanding in his presentation of the history of Veterans Day and the meaning of the red poppies. Several of our members were recognized for their service and family members spoke up and gave recognition to their loved ones that had served our country.

GROUP RESTAURANT: John Marquardt was able to make reservations for the group at the Lassen Steak House and it did not disappoint. Unfortunately, John was unable to attend the dinner because he was a bit under the weather.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: John Marquardt had arranged for a small group of us to visit the New Clairvaux Vineyard and the Abbey of New Clairvaux. We had an amazing docent that gave us a tour of the monastery and surrounding farmland. The tour ended at the tasting room and there was a lot of tasting! Amazing wine!

In addition, several groups made trips to the Rolling Hills Casino for lunch and for a little gambling.

Coffee and goodies were served each morning at John & Debbie's site. Debbie, being the amazing baker, set out a variety of delicious coffee treats. Zoe's pumpkin bread was also a big hit. We had a bit of excitement when the Keurig broke, but Tim Forrester saved the day and let us borrow his Keurig. Tim was kind enough to quickly purchase a new Keurig for the group and then was able to fix the old Keurig. Way to go Tim!!!

We had our firepits lit each night. The conversations were lively and filled with laughter. We had a few windy days, but overall the fall weather was perfect.

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HOLIDAY PARTY DEC. 7, 2024

On December 7th, 2024 a total of 32 Club members enjoyed a wonderful lunch/dinner at the Aviator Restaurant located in the Sacramento Executive Airport terminal. This was the 3rd year that we have gone there for our annual dinner. Our President, Donna Thompson, could not attend since she and Gary were on a cruise to Hawaii. Several people contributed to the success of this gathering. Donna & C. J. coordinated several details including date, time, money collection and menu with Chick, the restaurant owner. We were able to keep the cost the same as last year (\$40/person). We settled on 3 delicious entrees (salmon, roast beef & fried chicken) along with side dishes of scallop potatoes, rice, Brussel sprouts and a green salad. Bonnie brought a tasty cake from Costco. Karen & Cathy were in charge of table decorations which turned out very pretty. Carl & Karen collected toys, clothes, blankets and other items that were subsequently donated to the Roseville chapter of WEAVE (Women Escaping A Violent Environment). They really appreciated the generous donations from our Club members. Following the dinner C. J. conducted the annual election of Club officers to serve on the Executive Committee for 2025. Three Officers were re-elected to their current positions (Carl Taylor - Vice President, C. J. Deaton - Secretary and Bonnie Marquardt - Treasurer.). Jack Diggins will be our new President and Donna Thompson will be the new Member At Large. Debbie Cullen will continue to serve as our "Sunshine Lady". Congratulations and a special thanks to all Club officers who contribute their time to make the Club a continued success. Since the Club President is responsible for hosting the Annual Dinner, Jack will decide where we go in 2025. Regardless of the location selected I hope all of you are able to attend.

C. J.

