



# Gold Country Travelers

## First Quarter 2025

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Our 26th Year

### 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 Co-wagon masters

April 23-27: Feather Falls Casino KOA, Oroville, Cricket & Ken  
Couser

May 13-17: Black Oak Casino RV Park, Tuolumne – CJ & Cathy  
Deaton/Carl & Karen Taylor Co-wagon masters

June 22-26: Jackson Rancheria RV Park, Jackson – Tim & Beth  
Forrester/Daniel & Debbie Cullen Co-wagon masters

July 10-17: Little Bear RV Park, Graeagle, Bill & Anne Tiemeyer  
wagon masters

August 18-22: Paso Robles RV Ranch, Paso Robles, Steven &  
Susan Patchett/Ernie Curto, Co-wagon masters

September: Location Heritage RV Park, Corning, CA Patty and  
Dan Newton, Wagon Masters

October 15-17: Angels Camp Resort, Angels Camp, Jim & Bonnie  
Marquardt, Wagon masters

November 4-8: Ladies Only Outing, Jackson Rancheria, Jackson  
Karen Taylor/Cathy Deaton/Virginia Quinn Co-wagon masters

December 6: Holiday Party, Aviator Restaurant Sacramento, Jack  
Diggins, Host

### ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me to become the Gold Country Travelers President. The club has been successfully in existence for over 26 years; I see no reason the club will not continue for another 26 years.

Looking at the outings for next year, there is a good combination of new spots and old reliable RV Parks. I have been on the three smallest outings the club has had. Lawsons Landing in 2018, Lodi in 2020 and now Coachella Lakes resort in 2025. All three outings were enjoyable in their own way. I encourage members to host at any RV park they have an interest in

2026. Members have the option to attend if they are interested. New campgrounds / RV Parks is always a treat for the Club. Due to Covid and the fact many parks no longer take groups; it will probably be necessary to travel further to find new parks. Don't let distance prevent anyone from hosting an outing at a new RV Park. My theory is picking a park that interests you and give club members the choice.

For club information, I will be leaving on a long RV outing on April 29. I will be taking 19 days, site seeing along the way to drive to St. Charles, Missouri. I will then be joining, Fantasy RV Tours for a 45 day, Rivers West / Path of Lewis and Clark from St. Charles, MO to Astoria, Oregon. Since the trip ends on July 2, I will be spending time in

Vancouver, WA visiting Mark & Diane Loftus. I will probably be home by the last week of July.

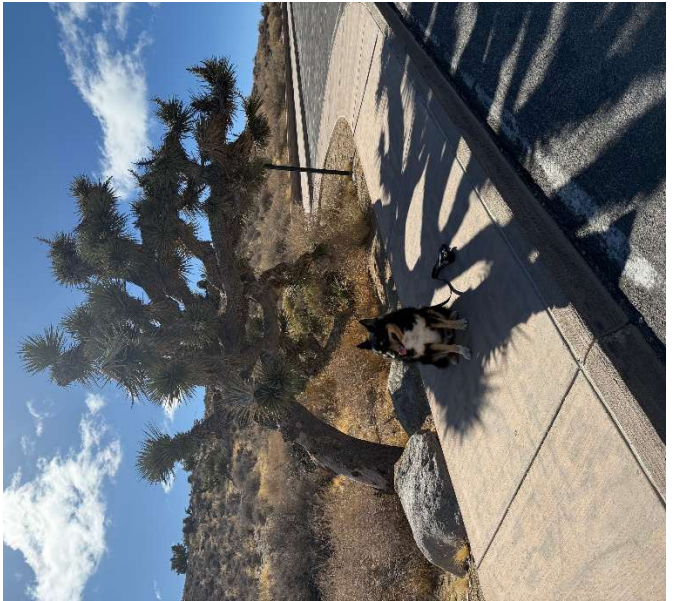
While I'm gone, I will be available by email, phone or text. I will be in different time zones for parts of the trip.

Looking forward to a fun and adventurous 2025.

Jack Diggins



Coachella Outing Feb 2025

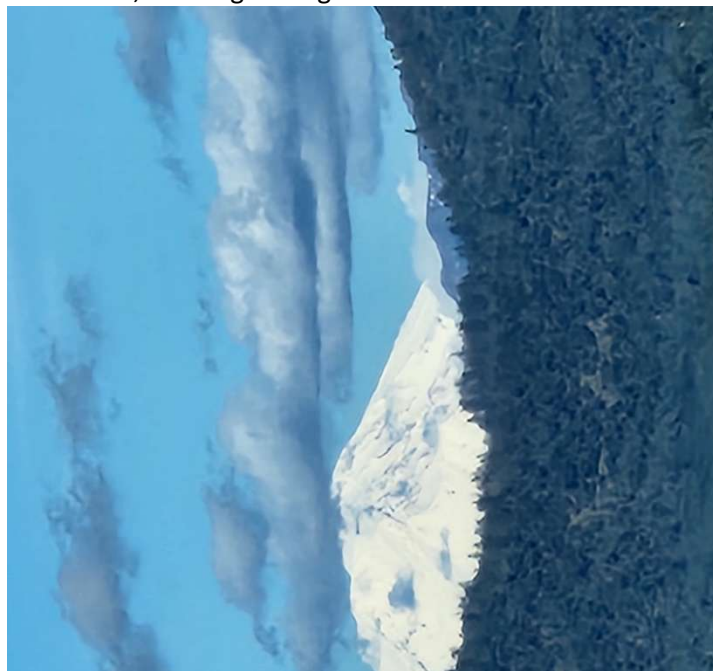


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January 2025 Jackson Rancheria



Mt. Shasta, Redding Outing March 2025



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## Past 2025 Outing Reports

### January 2-5, Jackson Rancheria RV Park, Jackson No Host

The group held a NO HOST\* outing to Jackson Rancheria RV Park in Jackson, CA January 2 – 5, 2025. The primary reason for this outing was to enjoy the Christmas lights that Jackson Rancheria puts up every year between Thanksgiving and the New Year.

Originally there were a total of 11 rigs signed up to attend, but due to rigs that had to have major repairs and others who caught a bug, we were cut down to a total of 7 rigs, CJ & Cathy Deaton, Tish Foley, Tim & Beth Forrester, Mike & Annette Babcock, Gary & Donna Thompson, Ernie & Florencia Curto, Steven and Susan Patchett.

For the most part it was a very nice trip and the weather held up with only one day of rain, albeit chilly. Sitting around the fire in the evening was cut short due to the chilly weather.

Of course, what do we do when we are visiting Jackson, but trek into Sutter Creek and visit GOLD DUST PIZZA. It's always delicious. A few of us hopped on the jitney and went up to the casino to try our luck, not sure if anyone won anything big, but we gave it a try!

Donna Thompson

*\*NO HOST – for those who may be unfamiliar with the term NO HOST, this is any outing where it isn't as organized as a normal outing. There usually isn't a potluck, we request that if you want to attend you make your own reservations and usually no organized out to dinner along with breakfast coffee and rolls.*

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

This was a small club outing. We had two rigs: Jeannie and Dan Radler in their rig and Rose, Mike and I were in our rig. Since 2009 this has been the second smallest outing by rigs and the third smallest outing by counting club members attending. Maybe it is me. I've been a member on the three smallest GCT outings.

Dan and Jeannie Radler met us at Orange Grove RV Park, Bakersfield. The oranges were so delicious we conducted a hunt for oranges in the park. We had enough oranges to last the trip.

We caravanned over Tehachapi pass. We took highway 58 to Highway 395, to highway 215 to Highway 10 to Coachella Lakes RV Park. The park is brand new with clean and new clubhouse, laundry, bathrooms, swimming pool, hot tubs, 12 pickle ball courts, 18 hole putting course, large dog park divided in half. The weather was low 50's at night, mid to high 80's during the day.

Dine out night was Texas Roadhouse to celebrate Rose's birthday. Went to Spotlight 29 Casino to contribute to the local economy. Took Palm Springs Aerial Tramway and it turned out to be a beautiful day. The views from Grubb's view and upper level of Mountain Station were great. There were small amounts of snow at 8500-foot level. Had a nice Coachella Valley Brewing Co. Mexican Style Lager at Lookout Lounge. Great way to spend 3-4 hours. We were too tired and full to have a potluck. Snacks and card games took the place of the potluck.

On Thursday the Radlers went to Chula Vista to visit relatives. Rose, Mike and I went to Joshua Tree National Park. We entered the park Via the Cottonwood Visitor Center. We drove up Pinto Basin Road, stopping at the exhibits. We especially enjoyed the Cholla Cactus Garden. At Skull Rock, Rose was enjoying the scenery and trails so much, Rose was leaping like a gazelle from rock to rock, she slipped and fell. The fall necessitated having Mike patch up Rose's, knee, elbow and hand. We had lunch at Keys View looking down on Palm Springs, Coachella Valley and the Salton Sea.

We drove back on 29 Palms Highway through 29 Palms, Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley. The Radlers went home a day early due to a family commitment. Rose and I played 18 holes of put-put golf. Rose accused me of cheating when I got a hole in one and put down my score as a zero. I beat Rose, but we won't talk about our scores.

The weather was beautiful each day, but the last three nights were very windy. On the way home, we stayed at A Country RV Park in Bakersfield.

All in all, a nice park, good weather, many things to see and do. I will probably schedule an Outing at Coachella next year

**March 3-7**  
**Mountain Gate RV Park, Redding**  
**Tish Foley and Liana Mabry, Wagon Masters**

From October 3-9, 2025, Wagon Masters Tish Foley and Liana Mabry hosted the group trip to Mountain Gate RV Park in Redding, California. This was the first time we visited this park, and everyone seemed to like it. The camp host was very accommodating and allowed us access to the clubhouse for the entire week.

Sixteen rigs attended, including: Babcock, Beaton, Collins, Deaton, Diggins, Foley, Loftus, Mabry, Jim Marquardt, John Marquardt, Mialovich, Morgado, Patchett, Strickland, Taylor, Thompson, and Wingerter. Jack Diggins brought a guest, Rose Rienecker.

Our potluck had a Mardi Gras theme, with Louisiana Shrimp Boil as the main dish. The clubhouse was decorated to fit the theme with beads and masks just for fun. The group dinner was at Huff's at Bridge Bay, overlooking Shasta Lake.

Other outings included a tour of Shasta Dam where we watched a movie about the construction project and then toured the facility. Several smaller groups enjoyed bike riding in the mud and hiking to Crystal Creek Falls.





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## UPCOMING 2025 OUTINGS

**April 23-27**  
**Cricket & Ken Couser, Wagon Masters**

### **Feather Falls Casino**

#### **KOA**

3 Alverda Drive, Oroville, CA

**(530) 533-9020**



Ken & Cricket has requested that you call the park at the above number to reserve your site. Please send Ken an email, [lionrampant.ken@gmail.com](mailto:lionrampant.ken@gmail.com) informing them that you are attending.

**May 13-17**  
**CJ & Kathy Deaton / Carl & Karen Taylor, Wagon Masters**



**RV Park at Black Oak Casino**  
**Resort, Tuolumne**

**19400 Tuolumne Road N**  
**Tuolumne CA**

**877-747-8777**

CJ & Cathy Deaton along with Carl & Karen Taylor will be hosting our May outing. Arriving May 13 and departing May 17. You must make reservations with the park by call 209-928-9300, referencing your with Gold Country Travelers under Reservation #472. The deadline for making reservations is April 15. **Once you've made your reservation, please email CJ at [cdeaton0719@comcast.net](mailto:cdeaton0719@comcast.net) so he can keep a roster of attendees.**

**June 22-26**  
**Debbie & Daniel Cullen / Tim & Beth Forrester, Wagon Masters**

**Jackson Rancheria RV Park**

**12222 New York Ranch Road**  
**Jackson, CA 95642**

**800-822-9466**



Those wishing to attend will need to call Jackson Rancheria at 800 822-9466 prior to May 22, 2025, to make reservations. Time is running out, so please call ASAP to allow us to get a count of those attending and to be able to get more sites if needed.

Please let them know you are with Gold Country Travels as the cost with discount will be \$76.50 per night, if we get a minimum of 10 rigs attending. Should we not reach 10 rigs the cost is \$90 per night, but you can apply a 10% discount with Good Sam. **Once you have called to reserve your site, please email Tim at, [timothyforrester@comcast.net](mailto:timothyforrester@comcast.net) with your site number.**

<p><b>Club Officers and Contacts 2025</b></p> <p><u><b>President</b></u> <i>Jack Diggins</i> ***</p> <p><u><b>Vice President</b></u> <i>Carl Taylor</i> ***</p> <p><u><b>Secretary</b></u> <i>C.J. Deaton</i> ***</p> <p><u><b>Treasurer</b></u> <i>Bonnie Marquardt</i> ***</p> <p><u><b>Member at Large</b></u> <i>Donna Thompson</i> ***</p> <p><u><b>Website</b></u> <i>Ernie Curto</i></p>	<p><b>The <i>Gold Country Travelers RV Club</i> is a non-brand specific club. Members own campers, travel trailers, 5th wheels and motor homes of many different makes and models.</b></p> <p><b>Our members volunteer to take turns as wagon master's monthly. 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.</b></p> <p><b>We sometimes take extended trips to places such as Quartzsite, Yuma and Oregon. We are all about having fun, fellowship or just relaxing at our campsites.</b></p> <p><b>Our members share travel ideas, stories, 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.</b></p>
<p><b>Newsletter Published Quarterly Submit Articles to Donna Thompson <a href="mailto:dsthompson810@gmail.com">dsthompson810@gmail.com</a></b></p> <p><b>Wagon Masters</b> should send a story of their outings as soon as possible after the event is complete.</p>	<p>Visit us at <a href="http://Goldcountrytravelers.com">Goldcountrytravelers.com</a></p>

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