



## **GOLD COUNTRY TRAVELERS**

Second Quarter 2025

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Our 26<sup>th</sup> Year

The Gold Country Travelers RV Club is a non-brand specific club. Members own campers, travel trailers, 5<sup>th</sup> wheels and motorhomes of different make & models.

Members volunteer to take turns as wagon master monthly. 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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Jack Diggins

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### **President's Message**

I hope everyone has had a good camping season. Rose, Mike and I from our Fantasy RV, Lewis and Clark Rivers West Tour, and I'm just catching up. The tour was very enjoyable but there is a different vibe between the Fantasy RV trip and the Gold Country Travelers. I realize how special our club is. There are no cliques, everyone can participate as much or little as they wish in an outing. Despite how much I am enjoying the Fantasy RV tour, it will be nice to get back to the GCT Club in August. There are 31 rigs in our club. Ten of those rigs have not hosted an outing in the last two years. **If one of those 10 rigs is yours, please consider hosting in 2026.** There are currently six outings scheduled for 2026. If every member hosted every two years, it would only be necessary for each member to host every 2-3 years to cover all the outings in a camping season. Pick a location you would like to go to, find an RV Park in the area, and volunteer to host an outing. The club only needs six more outings covered to fill the 2026 camping schedule. All the members contributing to the club is what makes the GCT special. For 2025, members stepped up and all the outing for 2025 were covered. Time flies, and it is not too early to think about the 2026 camping season. Enjoy the April, May, June and July Outings. I will look forward to hearing all about the outings when I return.

Jack

**APRIL 23 - 27 2025**  
**FEATHER FALLS RV PARK**  
**OROVILLE, CA**

The GCT Feather Falls outing was a great jumping off for this year's spring and Summer Gold Country outings. We had a full sign-up until hit by Covid, other infections (especially to our Wagon masters, Ken and Cricket Couser) and unexpected family matters. Regardless, we had a warm and close group of Daniel & Debbie Cullen, Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, John & Debbie Marquardt, Ray & Nancy Mialovich, Liana Mabry, Dan & Jeanne Radler, Lucy Farley and her friend, Nancy Swearingen... oh, and us... Joose Hadley and Dick LaVergne.

The outing started out on Wednesday with a "Margaritas and Munchies" Happy Hour and, boy, did the group honor the theme... Woo Hoo! That didn't slow down the ham and great side offerings potluck on Thursday. Somewhere in all that a number of "Stackers" games and fire chats followed. Dick upheld his record of starting the game a few years ago... and yet still to win... Oh, well. And Liana and the Radlers, with Joose, put together a puzzle in record time. Although, it was suspicious that Dan just happened to find the last missing piece under the table

Lucy Farley and her friend, Nancy Swearingen joined us. Lucy shared that a robin had significance with Jim and that she spotted one several times. Surely, Jim was with us in spirit.

We had a heartfelt evening at one of the fires with each member sharing a "Good Heart" moment in their lives. We learned what a great group we have, but also, the caring that members have shown and experienced throughout their lives. We also held a raffle, with prizes provided by our Wagon masters, Ken and Cricket, with Jim Marquardt winning a sealable quality bowl and new member, Liana Mabry, winning a beautiful carved salad bowl. Can't wait to see what they put in them!

On Friday, Feather Falls continued with the club tradition (that Gold Country started) of serving delicious pancakes, strawberries and beverage breakfast. Thanks Feather Falls!

And, of course, on Saturday, we enjoyed the Dream Catcher "Scrumptilious" Buffet in the casino. I was impressed with how the skinniest of the group could pack away the most offerings... Where do they put it? Debbie Cullen didn't let a trip to the casino go to waste with a \$214 slot win... And she kept it all! Dan also had a once in a lifetime moment spotting that many critters had left their footprints in newly poured walkway concrete near the office (look for it).

No April outing would be complete without a little rain on Saturday night, sending us on our way Sunday morning. We all can't wait for Ken and Cricket's May 18-21, 2026 Feather Falls outing. My calendar is already marked.

Your Sometimes Wagon-guy, Dick LaVergne and Joose Hadley

**MAY 13 -17 2025**

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**BLACK OAK CASINO RV PARK**

**TUOLUMNE, CA**

Our May outing was held at Black Oak R.V. Park in Tuolumne Ca.

Our hosts were C.J. and Cathy Deaton and Carl and Karen Taylor.

We had 13 rigs and 24 people attended, along with the usual number of dogs. Those who attended were Virginia Quinn, Liana Mabry, Tish Foley, Eryn & Dan Strickland, Tim & Beth Forrester, Debbie & Daniel Cullen, Ken & Cricket Couser, Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, John & Debbie Marquardt, Martin & Zoe Beaton, Gary & Donna Thompson along with CJ & Cathy Deaton and Carl & Karen Taylor who were our Wagon masters.

On Wednesday most of the group went to a live play in Sonora at which Tim Forrester was a star player.

Wednesday was our Potluck Dinner. Lasagna was served along with the usual delicious side dishes. Table decorations included Teacup Bird Feeders and Bird Houses made by Karen. The guests for dinner that night were Ed and Violet, who invited everyone for Happy Hour at their home on Wednesday.

Activities included card games, swimming, a trip to Yosemite, fishing in the pond (Daniel) as well as a hike around the pond which included chicken-leg C.J.

A few of the members went to dinner at Gus' Steak House, which was delicious. Friday night there was a spectacular fireworks display provided by the R.V. Park. Along with our campfire gathering every night.

Thursday morning found host Karen isolated in her trailer! (I'm sure everyone heard my coughing) Sorry for that!

Turned out to be Covid. Sorry to those who may have been infected.

Carl & Karen Taylor and CJ & Cathy Deaton, Wagon masters

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**June 22 – 26**  
**Jackson Rancheria Casino RV Park**  
**Jackson, CA**

Greetings Ya'll, we once again fired up those engines, packed our travel essentials, and set out on an unforgettable adventure with the RV Group. This month, we were thrilled to trek to Jackson for fun and memories to last a lifetime.

The following people attended the event, Kathy and CJ Deaton, Donna and Gary Thomson, Bonnie and Jim Marquardt, Linda and Cliff Neal, Nancy and Ray Mialovich, Virginia Quinn, Tish Foley, Liana Mabry, Susan and Steve Patchett, Cricket and Ken Couser, Yvonne Collins, the Hosts and Guests Vickie and Reno Garcia.

**Highlights of the Trip**

□ Campfire Gathering: Each night we had a cozy campfire (No Campfire Too Hot for the fire pits) adventures. There were great stories and great friends each night.

□ Gold Dust Pizza in Sutter Creek: Several of the group made the trip for pizza on Monday evening and as usual it was delicious.

□ Potluck Dinner: The potluck dinner was Tuesday evening and was outstanding with plenty of ham and fixings to go round. No one left hungry that night.

□ Lone Wolf Restaurant: On Wednesday evening many of us took advantage of the prime rib deal. Purchase one dinner and pay a \$10 plate charge and get two meals with the prime rib split. It was also locals' night, and we all lived with Virginia for that night and got a 10% discount. The food was great and the company for better.

Some of us also won in the casino and got our dinners free. Others were not so lucky, but we will not mention her name, but Gary knows what happened.

The open road calls, and we can't wait to share another incredible journey with all of you. As always, your enthusiasm and camaraderie are what make this group so special. This outing was one to remember! Safe travels and see you on the next adventure.

Spoiler alert next year we will be hosting at Black Oak Casino June 10-14, 2026. Hope to see ya'll there!!!

Tim & Beth Forrester and Daniel & Debbie Cullen, Wagon masters



Jim and Bonnie's rig was at the end, so Daniel and Tim had to help Jim

### **3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER UPCOMING OUTINGS**

**WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE WAGON MASTERS**

**JULY 10 – 17 – Little Bear RV Park, Graeagle, CA – Bill & Anne Tiemeyer,  
Wagon masters**

**AUGUST 18 – 22 – Paso Robles RV Ranch, Paso Robles, CA – Steven &  
Susan Patchett and Ernie Curto, Wagon masters**

**SEPTEMBER 14 – 19 – Hat Creek/Burney Falls KOA, Hat Creek, CA – Jack  
Diggins and Rose Rienecker, Wagon masters**

**REMEMBER IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO HAVE A GREAT GROUP  
PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A WAGON MASTER  
THERE ARE 5 MONTHS AVAILABLE IN 2026**



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**JACKSON RANCHERIA  
JUNE 2025**

