



GOLD COUNTRY TRAVELERS

Fourth Quarter 2025

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[Gold Country Travelers RV Club](#)
Our 26th Year

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

Members volunteer to take turns as wagon master 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 2026

President

Jack Diggins

Vice-President

Carl Taylor

Secretary

C. J. Deaton

Treasurer

Bonnie Marquardt

Member-at-Large

Donna Thompson

Website

Ernie Curto

President's Message

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Thank you for re-electing me president for 2026.

2025 was very good RVing season for the Gold Country Travelers; 2026 is shaping up to be an excellent year.

The Gold Country Travelers will be camping at three new locations this year: Coachella Lakes RV Resort in Coachella, Gold Ranch Casino RV Resort in Verdi and Pomo RV Park at Fort Bragg. The Club will also be returning to six RV parks we have visited in the past.

July still does not have location or wagon master to host the outings. If any member is interested in hosting July, let Ernie know so he can put your outing on the Gold Country Travelers Website. The Club will be losing some members that have decided that RVing no longer fits into their current interests and lifestyle. Conversely the Club will be gaining new members who have chosen to join the Club. It is always difficult to lose friends, but my experience has taught me that turnover in membership is healthy for a club since this allows growth and prevents a club from stagnating.

I'm looking forward to attending numerous outings in 2026 and continuing my friendship with all the Club members.

Jack

<u>2026 Outings</u>	
<u>January 4-8:</u> Jackson Rancheria, No-Host	
<u>February 2-7:</u> Coachella Lakes RV Resort, Coachella, CA Diggins Wagon Master	
<u>March 22-26:</u> Vineyard RV Park, Vacaville, CA Thompson's Wagon Masters	
<u>April 19-24:</u> Gold Ranch Casino RV, Verdi, NV Foley - Wagon Master	
<u>May 18-21:</u> Feather Falls RV, Oroville, CA Couser's Wagon Masters	
<u>June 10-14:</u> Black Oak RV, Tuolumne, CA Cullen & Forrester Wagon Masters	
<u>July - OPEN TBD</u>	
<u>August</u> - Ancient Redwoods, Redcrest, CA Dates TBD, Jack Diggins & Quinn Wagon Masters	
<u>September 24-28</u> – Little Bear RV, Blairsden, CA Patchett & Curto Wagon Masters	
<u>October 11-16:</u> Pomo RV Park, Beaton & Marquardt, Wagon Masters	
<u>November 4 - 8:</u> Ladies Only Outing Jackson Rancheria RV Park Thompson Wagon Master	
<u>December 5:</u> Holiday Party, Diggins Wagon Master Aviator Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. Sacramento. 1:00 PM-	
	2025 INCOME AND EXPENSE GOLD COUNTRY TRAVELERS
	Beginning Balance \$1,797.76 Income Dues 800.00 Expenses Wagon Master 424.12 Replenish Coffee Bar 134.87 Club Rental Fees 175.00 Christmas Party Cake 27.99 Postage 31.20 Misc. Supplies 12.41 Webmaster Expense 41.26 Total Expenses <u>846.85</u>
	Ending Balance \$1,750.91

OCTOBER 15 – 19, 2025
ANGELS CAMP RV PARK
ANGELS, CAMP, CA
Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, Wagon Masters

We had 12 rigs and 23 Gold Country Travelers members and friends attending this 5-day camping trip Oct. 15-19. The original weather reports stated that rain was coming. Luckily the skies cleared, and we all had a great week in sunshine, warm days and cool evenings.

Our potluck dinner and decorations were planned by Bonnie and was held under the park's pavilion. The main serving was brisket, with several additional dishes provided by our ladies. Thanks to all who provided food and help cleaning the eating area both before and after eating.

We had several warm days relaxing. Some also went e-bike riding to New Malones Lake, others shopped in the town of Angels Camp. Our night out was a dinner trip to the historic Murphys Hotel for an oh-so fabulous dinner. Attending with us was Bonnie's long-time friend Paulette and her friend Benji. Several years ago, Paulette was the executive chef at this hotel, who helped us reserve their large dining room. In addition, we had a time-crunch between eating at the hotel, then heading off to the Fallon Theater in Columbia to attend the play 'Of Mice and Men'. It was a fabulous play, yet very sad, as some of us were totally unaware of the story.

Each evening we held our casual fire-pit sit-outs. Six or seven fire pits are burning, surrounded by many members and their dogs. Our members were cozy around the fire, including the Thompson's, both Marquardt families', Cullen's, Forrester's, Patchett's, Taylors', Diggins', Deaton's, Quinn, Wingerter's, Paulette and Benji. And we must thank our Angels Camp host Abbey for her efforts to make the pavilion available for us, as well as attempting to keep our group most centralized. We will see you all next month!





NOVEMBER 4 – 8, 2025
3rd ANNUAL LADIES ONLY OUTING
JACKSON RANCHERIA, JACKSON,
CA
Karen Taylor & Cathy Deaton Co-
Wagon Masters

Our 3rd Annual Ladies Only Outing was held November 4-7, 2025. There were seven ladies who attended. Donna Thompson, Tish Foley, Liana Mabry, Bonnie Marquardt, Virginia Quinn, Cathy Deaton and Karen Taylor.

The first day we enjoyed a leisurely time going to the Casino for a late lunch. Some of the ladies stayed awhile and gambled. Most left a deposit! Then we returned to sit around the campfire, thanks to our fire starter Karen.

On the second day we enjoyed a potluck with soups by Cathy and Karen. One soup was missing because someone dropped the crockpot and splashed Tomato Bisque all over her steps, concrete, and her pants! All the ladies contributed with appetizers and desserts.

Another leisurely day followed. Books were read, cards were played, stories were told. Jim Marquart arrived on Friday and that night he and some of the ladies went to Gold Dust Pizza located in Sutter Creek. Another campfire on our last night before leaving on Saturday. A great time was had by all!



**ANNUAL HOLIDAY
PARTY
AVIATOR CLUB
DEC. 6, 2025**

The Gold Country Travelers annual Holiday Party was held at the Aviator Restaurant in the Sacramento Executive Airport.

The attendees were: Hank Coldani, Matti Clark, Dan & Debbie Cullen, C.J. & Cathy Deaton, Jack Diggins & Liane Diggins (guest), Lucy Farley & Monte Prado (guest), Tim & Beth Forrester, Bonnie & Jim Marquardt, Cliff & Linda Neal, Steve & Susan Patchett, Eryn & Dan Strickland, Carl & Karen Taylor, Gary & Donna Thompson.

The Restaurant served an excellent buffet of Tossed Green Salad, Rice, Steamed Vegetables, Cheesy Scalloped Potatoes, Sliced Beef, Salmon with Secret Sauce, Fried Chicken, Rolls, Coffee & Iced Tea. The Club supplied a sheet cake for dessert. Many members went back for seconds.

Since none of the Club Officer positions were contested, Jack Diggins - President, Carl Taylor - Vice President, C.J. Deaton - Secretary, Bonnie Marquardt -Treasurer, Donna Thompson - Member at Large were all reelected by Acclimation.

Thanks to the generous donations by members, Acres of Hope received many things that they needed. The Holiday Party was an enjoyable way to conclude the 2025 RV Season. I'm looking forward to a fun 2026 Camping season.

I am hoping to see many members on club outings in 2026.

