



## **GOLD COUNTRY TRAVELERS**

First Quarter 2026

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[Gold Country Travelers RV Club](#)  
Our 27<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 usually 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**

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Jack Diggins

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### **President's Message**

As the Gold Country Travelers begin the 2026 RVing season, we had to bid good-bye to long-time members who have decided to resign from GCT.

We have had two new couples join the club. Please welcome Ken and Marsha Robinson & Bryon & Janet Rodriques to Gold Country Travelers.

I hosted the February outing in Coachella. I was unable to attend the outing due to serious mechanical issues with my trailer. The other members who had signed up, chose not to go down.

Virginia Quinn, my daughter Liane and I went down to Coachella in March and had a very enjoyable time. I will again be hosting another Coachella outing tentatively scheduled February 21 – February 26, 2027. Hopefully more members will be able to attend.

The club is continuing to look for a wagon master to step up to host in July. July is the only month in 2026 that does not have an outing scheduled. If you wish to host as wagon master, please let Ernie Curto know so he can add the outing on to the website.

## **2025 Outings**

**January 4-8:** Jackson Rancheria, No-Host

**February 2-7:** Coachella Lakes RV Resort, Jack Diggins Wagon Master

**March 22-23:** Vineyard RV Park, Vacaville, CA Gary & Donna Thompson – Wagon Masters

**April 19-24:** Flag City, Lodi, CA Tish Foley – Wagon Master

**May 18-21:** Feather Falls RV Park, Oroville, CA Ken & Cricket Couser – Wagon Masters

**June 10-14:** Black Oak Casino RV Park, Tuolumne, CA Cullens & Forrester's – Wagon Masters

**July- OPEN**

**August 11-15:** Ancient Redwoods RV Park, Redcrest, CA, Diggins & Quinn – Wagon Masters

**September 24-28:** Little Bear RV, Blairsden, CA Curto/Patchett Wagon Masters

**October 11-16:** Pomo RV Park, Ft Bragg, CA Beaton & Marquardt Wagon Masters

**November 9-13:** LADIES ONLY OUTING Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, CA Donna Thompson Wagon Master

**December 5:** Holiday Party, Aviator Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. Sacramento. 1:00 PM-4:00

## **President's Message (con't)**

I will be gone from May 27 to June 19 RVing in Oregon & Washington. I will be looking forward to hearing about the

Black Oak Casino RV Park trip when I Return.

Let's all have a GREAT 2026 RV season!

Jack

**Jackson Rancheria RV Park**

**January 4 – 8, 2026**

**No Host**

**Submitted By CJ Deaton**

A total of 8 people in 5 RV'S attended the January 4-8 No-Host outing at Jackson Rancheria RV Park. The attendees were Martin & Zoe Beaton, Jack Diggins & Liane, Liana Mabry, Virginia Quinn and CJ & Cathy Deaton.

The Christmas lights and decorations were spectacular as always. The Park, Casino and all the roads in the area were fully covered in lights. Most everyone took advantage of the free shuttle to and from the casino to gamble a little bit. Some won – some lost.

Unfortunately, Jack and Liane experienced some scary electrical issues with their trailer and had to return home after one night.

We went to Gold Dust Pizza in Sutter Creek to enjoy their wonderful pizza. Gary & Donna Thompson came up for a short-day visit and went to pizza as well.

Although we didn't do much as a group everyone enjoyed the time spent together.

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**Coachella Lakes RV Park**

**Feb 2 – 7, 2026 (Moved to March 8 - 14, 2026)**

**Jack Diggins – Wagon Master**

We took an easy two-day drive down to Coachella Lakes RV Resort. This was an unofficial trip with my daughter, Liane, Virginia Quinn, myself along with Mike and Willie the dogs.

Our first outing was the Living Desert Zoo and Botanical Park in Palm Desert. It was a very impressive zoo with numerous lands. In Australia Land there were Wallabies hopping around us. I had to stop to allow a Wallaby to cross in front of me.

We went to the Joshua Tree National Park. At the park we saw many Joshua Trees and numerous rock formations including Heart Rock and Skull Rock.

The Palm Springs Aerial Tram was the final sight seeing adventure. It was 101 degrees in the Palm Springs parking lot and 50 degrees at the top of the mountain. Next year, I plan to take a two-mile hike in Mt San Jacinto State Park at the top of the tram. Great views of the Coachella Valley from the top of the tram.

Based on a recommendation from the bartender at Coachella Lakes Nine and Vine we went out to dinner to Allende, a very good Mexican restaurant

It was a very pleasant outing. I intend to schedule another trip next year.

Coachella (con't)



**Vineyard RV Park**  
**Mar 22 – 26**  
**Gary & Donna Thompson – Wagon Masters**  
**Submitted by Donna Thompson**

The group gathered starting on Sunday, March 22 in Vacaville at Vineyard RV Park. The group has been there before and it's quite enjoyable. The park will always place the group next to the club house, which makes it very convenient for access to the club house and its beautiful, covered patio.

The weather was quite enjoyable, and we didn't need to use the firepots at night as it was quite comfortable sitting around the patio. The attendees were Jack Diggins and his daughter Liane, CJ & Cathy Deaton, Carl & Karen Taylor, Dan & Eryn Strickland, Liana Mabry, Virginia Quinn, Daniel & Debbie Cullen, Martin & Zoe Beaton, Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, Bryon & Janet Rodrigues and Gary & Donna Thompson. On potluck night members, Tim & Beth Forrester along with their caregiver came to have dinner with us.

On Monday evening, the group went out to dinner at a brewery called The Brass Tap. Food was excellent, in fact so good most of us went back on Wednesday evening for dinner as well. Tuesday night, the wagon masters served Dr Pepper Pulled Pork sandwiches for the potluck along with all the delicious salads/sides and desserts brought by the others. That evening we celebrated Eryn Strickland's birthday as well.

Quite a few of the gang went to the Jelly Belly factory along with the local air museum. We also had a book exchange which I believe went very well. We asked folks to bring no more than 2 books they would possibly like to part with for the exchange. You could only take 2 other books. The other rule was, if your book(s) didn't get chosen by someone else, you had to come back and take it back home with you. The exchange was a huge success, and we'd like to see it continue at other outings. (See pictures below)

Thursday morning, we all packed up and said our sad goodbyes until next time and headed home after a successful outing.

Vacaville (con't)





**Treasurer's Report**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2026**  
**Submitted by Bonnie Marquardt**

First Quarter Income and Expense Report

Beginning balance: \$1,750.91

Credits 150.00

Debits (savings @ Sac CU) 25.00

Ending Balance 1,875.91

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**NEXT THREE SCHEDULED OUTINGS**

**APRIL 19 – 24 FLAG CITY, LODI, Tish Foley, Wagon Master (Change from Gold Ranch in Verdi  
Due to weather)**

**MAY 18 – 21 FEATHER FALLS RV PARK, OROVILLE, Ken & Cricket Couser, Wagon Masters**

**JUNE 10 – 14 BLACK OAK CASINO RV PARK, Tuolumne, Forrester & Cullen, Wagon Masters**

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