



GOLD COUNTRY TRAVELERS

Second Quarter 2026

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[Gold Country Travelers RV Club](#)
Our 27th 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 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.

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President's Message

Second Quarter President Message 2026

I hope everyone had a pleasant July 4th Celebration. Happy 250th Birthday America.

Liane, Mike, Willie and I just completed a twenty-four-day RV trip through Oregon and Washington. We met and traveled for six days with Mark & Diane Loftus, GCT members who moved to Vancouver, Washington. We saw many interesting sites and took some nice hikes. The weather was nice, but we were surprised when it started to snow at Mt. Rainier National Park.

April outing was held at Flag City in Lodi. It was a last-minute change due to a storm and snow at the first choice at Gold Ranch RV in Verdi, CA. In spite of torrential down pours the trip was a success.

Several of the group went to Michael David Winery for a wine tasting and great lunch. We also celebrated Tish Foley's (wagon master) birthday.

In May we all trekked up to Feather Falls RV and Casino. This park has been a favorite of the groups for years. Great food was served at the potluck as usual. A visit to the brewery at the casino is always on tap (no pun intended). It was quite windy with a majority of the group arriving a day later than scheduled.

We also welcomed new members, Terry and Donna Johnson.

I understand it was a little warm at Black Oak Casino RV Park. Thank goodness for A/C and the swimming pool. Unfortunately, no one wanted to be a wagon master for July so the club will not have an official outing in July. Virginia and I will be hosting Ancient Redwoods RV Park in August. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone up there.

President's Message (con't)

The September outing was cancelled. It would be great if a member stepped up to host in September. I will go on a Fantasy RV Western National Parks Tour in September and October. Unfortunately, I will miss the outing at Pomo. Pomo is a park I really enjoy.

The Holiday Party is still scheduled for December 5. I am continuing my search for a venue that can provide meals and reasonable prices. As soon as I can lock in a location, I will put the information out to all the club members.

The first half of the year was pleasant. I'm looking forward to the rest of the year.

There are five tentative outings in 2027 that wagon masters have agreed to host. If anyone wishes to host in 2027, please let Ernie and myself know so your outing can be placed on the Gold Country Travelers Outing Calendar.

Jack

2026 Outings

July- OPEN

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

September 24-28: OPEN

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, TBD



Flag City RV Park – Lodi, CA
April 19-23, 2026
Tish Foley – Wagon Master
Submitted By Tish Foley

The following members attended the April 19-23 outing at Flag City RV Resort in Lodi: Thompson, Diggins, Quinn, Rodriques, Deaton, Strickland, Foley. The wagon master put together delicious Taco Potluck with everyone else bringing the sides. We celebrated a surprise birthday with cake that that was enjoyed in the clubhouse. Members also enjoyed local wineries, Micke Grove gardens, downtown shopping, golfing, and the resort's hot tub. It was an enjoyable time for all.

Dur to weather considerations, our destination was changed at the last minute from Gold Ranch RV Resort, Verdi, CA to Flag City



Feather Falls RV Park – Oroville, CA
May 18 – 21, 2026
Dick LaVergne & Joose Hadley Wagon Masters

Well, It's official! The April 26 Gold Country Travelers outing to Feather Falls, Oroville, blew! The wind that is. The group braved wind gusts of up 50 mph on our planned Sunday, April 17, arrival day. Some in the group knew their rigs and wisely postponed arrivals till Monday.

Once there, the group, Dick LaVergne, Joose, Yvonne Collins, the Cullens, Ernie Curto and Florencia, Jack Diggins (Mike) & Liane (and Wille), the Marquardts, Johnsons, Liana Mabry, Virginia Quinn, the Rodriques' and Thompsons all enjoyed sunny skies and decreasing winds. Tho, the park took no chances and had a no fire policy during our stay. That didn't stop the group from hanging out with their favorite pals.....



And we were especially pleased that Jim Marquardt took time off from his job to join us (picture below..)



Ken and Cricket Couser did a great job of setting up the outing. Unfortunately, due to a health issue they had to withdraw and Dick LaVergne filled in as Wagon master.

Once we all safely made it to the immaculate Feather Falls Casino KOA, we celebrated with a Champagne and Margarita Happy Hour in the clubhouse.



The outing also included a Jack & Liane organized Table Mountain hike to Phantom Falls.

Oh, and Stackers was vigorously played in which Dick kept his long time streak alive of having never won the game he introduced to the group. Ah, well, karma, eh. Several enjoyed the food and friendships at the Feather Falls Brewing Company and a few were winners in the casino!

The food was plentiful, especially at our ham and potluck filled dinner on Tuesday. Finally, the park treated the members to a pancake and strawberry breakfast on Wednesday. Mmmm! Delicious!



The trip wrapped on Thursday with wishes to do it again... and we will! The Couser's have reserved Feather Falls and 14 sites for a GCT outing from Sunday, May 23rd to Thursday, May 27th, 2027 (wind not included!). Always appreciated, all of the sites are pull-throughs! Yea. So, mark your calendars and see you then!

BLACK OAK RV AND CASINO, Tuolumne, CA
June 10 – 14, 2026
Tim & Beth Forrester and Daniel & Debbie Cullen, Wagon Masters

In June 2026, the group made a trip to Black Oak Casino RV Park. It was a hot time. Yes, while the weather was hot, the fun continued. The trip was hosted by Debbie and Dan Cullen, and Beth and Tim Forrester were the cohosts.

The following people attended, Cathy and CJ Deaton, Eryn and Dan Strickland, Linda and Cliff Neal, Yvone Collins, Virginia Quinn, Joose Hadley and Dick La Vergne, Susan and Steve Patchet, Tish Foley, Donna and Gary Thompson, Bonnie and Jim Marquardt, Jan and Bryan Rodrigues, Flo, and Ernie Curto.

We started our stay with ice cream drum sticks on Wednesday June 10 and all were given a ticket with a chance to win 26 million. Nobody won, so we all tried again on Saturday June 13 for 27 million. Again, no one won, but we were all pulling for Dick as he stated, " If I win, I will buy everyone a new rig". We were all pulling for him to win, as he did not specify an amount he had to win, but again no one won.

We had a fabulous potluck on Thursday June 11. At the potluck, each table competed in Rock, Paper, Scissors to decide the winner of the table center piece. The winner of each table, then competed for a Black Oak Casino cooler. The overall champion was Virginia. I think she practices at home, as she had killer skills.

As Sunday June 14, was flag day, small 250 American flags were given to each rig and a bottle opener gun. Cliff got in trouble shortly after for shooting Linda with a bottle cap, so I am sure she has thrown it away by now.

On Friday June 13 the group went to Black Oak Cafe for a fabulous dinner and few people won some money in the Casino, but most did not, but the fun is in the trying.

All in all, it was another great trip for the Gold Country Travelers, and we look forward to many more.





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Treasurer's Report
2nd Quarter 2026
Submitted by Bonnie Marquardt

Beginning balance	\$1,875.91
Credits	25.00
Debits	221.17
Ending Balance	1,679.74

NEXT THREE SCHEDULED OUTINGS

JULY 2026 – OPEN NO SCHEDULED OUTING

AUGUST 11-15, 2026, Ancient Redwoods, Redcrest, CA Diggins & Quinn – Wagon Masters

SEPTEMBER 2026 - OPEN NO SCHEDULED OUTING
