



GOLD COUNTRY TRAVELERS

Third 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.

CLUB OFFICERS 2026

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President's Message

Third Quarter President Message 2026

The 2026 RVing season has gone well for the Gold Country Travelers RV Club.

There were eight hosted months, two no host outings and one month without any type of outing.

The holiday party will be December 5th from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. The new location will be Papapavlo's at 217 N School St. in Lodi. The meal will be a buffet with further details provided as we get closer to October.

A couple of reminders regarding the Gold Country Travelers Google email group. The email group is for wagon master's to notify club members of outings they are hosting. It is also appropriate to use the email group to put out RV information that is of interest to the entire Gold Country Travelers group. The email group should not be used to make comments or suggestions about outings that you are not hosting. If you do not like a hosted outing feel free not to attend the outing.

If you wish to have the wagon master consider activities for an outing, contact the wagon master directly to get their input. **Remember that all suggestions for activities or signing up for sites on an outing go through the wagon master.** Unless you are hosting an outing, you have no idea of the number of spaces, payment options or arrangements the wagon master has had to make to get an RV Park to agree to allow for the group outing. If you don't want to sign up for an outing via the wagon master, there is no reason to be a part of the club on a particular outing.

The 2027 RVing season is rapidly approaching. Currently there are five months members have offered to host and six open months. If you have not hosted in a while, please step up and host an outing. If you wish to host, contact Ernie Curto and myself via email so your month can be reserved. You can reserve a month you wish to host and determine the park you wish to use at a future date.

At this time, I would like to welcome new members to Gold Country Travelers, Don & Kris Davenport.

I will be touring seven National Parks on Sept. 1, 2026, to approximately Oct. 17, 2026.

I will be missing some outings that would be enjoyable to attend.

I'm looking forward to hearing about the outings upon my return.

Here is to finish up the 2026 RV season with a bang and a great 2027 RV season.

Jack

2026 Outings

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: Papapavlo's Bistro & Bar, 217 N.
School St, Lodi, CA 1PM-3PM Jack Diggins, Wagon
Master



**JULY 2026
NO OUTING**

Below are a few pictures from previous outings



**Ancient Redwoods RV Park, Redcrest, CA
August 11-15, 2026
Jack Diggins and Virginia Quinn, Co-Wagon Masters**

The scheduled outing started on Aug. 11, 2026, and ended Aug. 15, 2026. There is so much to see in the area some members came up early and stayed an extra day to see various sights.

Originally there were sixteen signups. This was the outing with numerous cancellations. Five cancellations were due to mechanical issues; there were three additional cancellations due to various reasons.

The outing was attended by Jack & Liane Diggins, Virginia Quinn, Martin & Zoe Beaton, Don & Kris Davenport (guests), Liana Mabry, Jim & Bonnie Marquardt, John & Debbie Marquardt, Dan & Eryn Strickland, Carl & Karen Taylor and eleven dogs.

We all had a great time. Over the course of the outing, members drove the Avenue of the Giants, stopping at numerous exhibits, shops and restaurants. I thought the toasted marshmallow milk shake at the Chimney Tree Café was fantastic. Members also stopped at the Burlington Visitor Center to see good exhibits and shop. One member went to the Drive Through Tree at Meyers Flat. Many members stopped for the blackberry popsicles at Pepperwood.

Hikes were taken on Bull Creek Trail south, Founders Grove, Rockefeller Grove, Drury-Chaney Loop Trail, and the River Walk Loop Trail by the Hidden Springs Campground.

Most members went to the Sequoia Park Zoo with the Redwood Skywalk. The Skywalk was excellent and we were fortunate to see one Red Panda walking around its enclosure.

Some of us went to the Lost Coast Brewery and followed up with a meal at the Lost Coast Café. We had two meals at the Eel River Brewery; food was excellent and beer was very good.

Chili dogs at the potluck went over well. So much food was provided by members, we had a left-over potluck night.

Days were in the mid 70's and nights were in the low 60's. Nice daytime temperatures to enjoy area and good evening temperatures to sit around fires at night.

The outing turned out very well. Looking forward to the club returning in the future.

Co-wagons master:

Jack Diggins and Virginia Quinn



Ancient Redwoods Con't
August 11-15, 2026



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August 11-15, 2026



SEPTEMBER 2026
No Outing

Treasurer's Report
3rd Quarter 2026
Submitted by Bonnie Marquardt

Beginning Balance: \$1,679.74
Total Credits 25.00
Total Debits 115.92
Ending Balance 1,588.82

NEXT THREE SCHEDULED OUTINGS

OCTOBER 12 -16 – Pomo RV Park, Ft. Bragg, CA Martin & Zoe Beaton and John & Debbie Marquardt, Wagon masters

NOVEMBER 9 – 13 – LADIES ONLY OUTING, Jackson Rancheria RV Park, Jackson, CA Donna Thompson, Wagon master

DECEMBER 5, HOLIDAY PARTY, Papapavlo's Bistro & Bar, 217 N. School St., Lodi, CA 1PM – 3PM Jack Diggins, Wagon master

A FEW OUTINGS COMING IN 2027

January -TBD

February 21 – 27 – Coachella Lakes RV Park, Coachella, CA Jack Diggins, Wagon Master

March 15 – 19 – Red Bluff KOA Journey, Carl & Karen Taylor and CJ & Cathy Deaton, Wagon Masters

April – Dates and Location TBD, Mark & Diane Loftus, Wagon masters

May 23 – 27 Feather Falls Casino KOA, Oroville, CA Ken & Cricket Couser, Wagon masters

June 13 – 17 Jackson Rancheria RV Park, Jackson, CA Virginia Quinn and Liana Mabry, Wagon masters