



GOLD PANNERS #154

Newsletter

September 2018

MASTER OF TRAVEL Message

Shelley and I just returned from the Vacaville Rally. It was one of the best Rally's that we have attended. The Trail Bosses (Dennis and Peggy) put a lot of effort into this Rally and the results were outstanding.

Two weeks prior to Vacaville Shelley and I took part in the Tri-State Rally in North Bend, Oregon. At this Rally we witnessed the demise of the Clackamas Cruisers. The Clackamas Cruisers were down to 3 active members and were no longer a viable chapter. Oregon is now without an NCT chapter. I'm concerned that California (The Gold Panners) are going down the same road as the Clackamas Cruisers. If you look at the average age of our active members you realize that we must do some serious recruiting to stay viable. Veteran members tell me that just a few years ago we had so many active members that no private campground could take us, so we went to Fairgrounds. Now we can barely qualify for exclusive use of a clubhouse at private campgrounds. Our recruiting efforts need to get in high gear. There is no substitute for individual one on one recruiting.

Lew Young,

Master of Travel

TRAIL BOSSES REPORT

August 30, 2018

On August 25th, 4 rigs showed up to start off the campout. This included LeClerts, Morgans, Deckers & Janet Lee. Some of them had attended the 125th Anniversary of Mother Lode Chapter in Murphys prior to driving down. Janet had gotten the key to the hall, so everyone pitched in to set up & decorate the hall. The next day seven others arrived including Carlos, Freys, Laffoons, Cripes, Neus, Williams & Youngs. We had a total of 11 rigs plus the Cooks stayed nearby in a motel. Boesch's were unfortunately unable to attend due to having to go get Karen's mother & bring her home to California.

The LeClerts served tacos on Sunday with a homemade salsa from Peggy's neighbor to 21 members. After dinner, our chaplain, Peggy gave a short vespers service where we all sang to the accompaniment of Jean Cook. Then we all adjourned to the covered patio where a Hawaiian dance troupe came to perform for a half hour. Dean Williams, Peggy LeClert & Jodi Frey got up to learn how to shake our butts to the beautiful music. Besides paying them for their services we took up a collection for Relay 4 Life because the lead dancer, Michelle's mother has survived lymphoma. We didn't count it, but it was a very generous amount. Thank you to our members for always being there to help. After the dancing the usual

suspects commenced with the cards & games.

On Monday the ladies made a beautiful fall wall hanging with jar lids, flowers & ribbons. Lots of members finished off the left-over taco fixings by making taco salads for lunch. The blue team won the bean bag baseball by making 20 runs in the first inning before the gold team even got up to bat. GRRRR! That evening our California potluck was wonderful as always with so many great cooks. Cards & games continued.

Tuesday brought Ole & Darlene Olson to visit with us. They attended the Trail Boss breakfast where Peggy served quiche, varied fruit, biscuits & gravy. She was assisted by Robbin Carlos & Carol Morgan. Soon after breakfast we all lined up to go to Fenton's Ice Creamery for a tour. Seventeen members went to see how they make their ice cream on the premises. A few ate some lunch but most of us had ice cream sundaes which were huge. The Freys & Olsons went to the aircraft museum & said they really enjoyed it. During bean bag baseball the blue team skunked the gold team again but didn't get 20 runs in an inning.

At dinnertime most everyone went to Murillos for a Mexican dinner. Upon returning we had a short memorial service for Billy Cain, the Olson's grandson who camped with us & was an honorary member. His parents Bill & Joni Cain joined us for that & provided cookies in Billy's name. We had a Bible reading & short prayer. Then Gene Cripe & Sue Chambers read the beautiful Empty Chair Memorial. Then Jean Cook played Blest Be the Ties That Bind to conclude the service. We all visited with Billy parents for a while before they had to leave to go home. After the memorial we had our card bingo game with lots of "Whoo Whoo's & Whoopies"! Then cards & games commenced again.

On Wednesday a bunch of ladies met on the patio to try to make new lanyards to hold our name badges. It was a hilarious trial & error session in which most of us got the gist of the process but didn't finish them. Hopefully we can remember what to do when we take them home. While we were so occupied Pat Neu & Janet Lee stuffed, sewed & tied ribbons on the angels & bears to take to the first responders. Thanks, so much ladies.

The bean bag baseball game was girls against the boys & the boys cleaned up the field with the girls even though they put out a great effort to catch up. After baseball we all got in our cars to go to dinner at Olive Garden. As usual, Dennis LeClert was leading the caravan & turned left instead of right & had to make a U turn with some of the sheep following him. Some had figured it out & went right at the correct turn off. Always a scenic route with Dennis but he gets us there. It was a great meal with wonderful service & we all had a grand time. Then back to cards & games.

On Thursday we all assembled for the general meeting with Lewis Young taking over as MOT for the first time. Bert & Jodi Frey are working hard at getting trail bosses for the upcoming campouts in 2019. Our Sheriff & Sherifess then brought all the offenders to Kangaroo Court to be fined for bad behavior & conduct unbecoming a member of the Gold Panners. Thank you to the Paul & Ivy Laffoon for handling the sheriff duties & Larry Decker for taking care of business as the judge.

After that the Cribbage tournament took place at 2 PM with Bob Morgan in charge. Thank you, Bob! Winners were Lewis Young in 1st place, Chuck Cook in 2nd & Pat Neu in 3rd. We have lots of leftover food, so we had a must go potluck that evening. We wrapped up this campout with a birthday cake & ice cream social at 7 PM. Then we finished out the evening with cards & games. The Laffoons will take all the bins of belongings

home to give to the Boesch's who are scheduled to be trail bosses in October.

On Friday morning we had a little coffee available then packed up & headed out. All were cautioned to be very careful, it is the beginning of Labor Day weekend, so all the crazies will be on the road.

To sum it up, we had had 60 nights of camping with 11 rigs with 2 members in a motel. We served 21 members for Sunday Supper & 23 for the Trail Boss Breakfast.

We took the nonperishable food to the Vacaville Store House to be distributed. The bears & angels were taken to the Vacaville Fire Department. Thanks to all of you who lent a hand to help Dennis & I this week. It is always a pleasure to work for this group because everyone is helpful & appreciative.

Peggy LeClerc
Chaplain

SUNSHIRE AND CLOUDS

As you all know Brad Carlos has recently been hospitalized. He is now at home but at last report they have not determined the cause of his problems. Please keep Brad and Robin in your prayers. Cards are always welcomed.



	<u>Contact/Trail Boss</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>City</u>
2018			
August 26-31	Dennis & Peggy LeClert	Vineyard	Vacaville
October 7-12	Gene & Karen Boesch	Casa De Fruita	Hollister
December 12	Christmas Party	Camellia Gardens Clubhouse 197 Garden Circle Dr.	Manteca

WAGON MASTERS REPORT

Jodi and I enjoyed our last campout at The Vineyard. We were kept busy the entire time. Hats off to Dennis and Peggy.

Next year's campout schedule is as follows:

Feb 24-Mar 1	Gene & Karen Boesch	The Lakes RV & Golf	Chowchilla
Apr 14 – 19		Heritage RV Park	Corning
June 23 – 28 th	Carlos/Young	Sugar Barge	Bethel Island
Aug 25 – 30	LeClert/Williams	Flag City	Lodi
Oct 27 – Nov 1	Bobby Wood	French Camp	Manteca

It has come to my attention that we are missing the chapter bulletin board. If someone spots it bring it to the next campout and I will take it off your hands.

We still need a Trail Boss for the April campout. If interested let me know.

I again would like to thank Dennis, Peggy, Gene & Sue Cripe for the memorial for Billy.

Hope to see you all at Casa de Fruta.
Bert Frey

2017-2018 OFFICERS

Master of Travel	Lewis Young
Wagon Master	Burt Frey
Trail Boss	See list of individual campouts
Secretary	Karen Boesch
Treasurer	Pat Neu
Chaplain	Peggy LeClert
1-Year Trustee	Gene Cripe
2-Year Trustee	Bobby Wood
3-Year Trustee	Brad Carlos

