



Gold Rush Allegros Chapter 184



“Roughing It Smoothly”
Rolling Friends and Good Times

“Mid-Winter RV Fun”

Durango RV Resort

100 Lake Ave, Red Bluff, CA
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Thursday, February 16th – Sunday, February 19th, 2017

Camp Fee - \$50.00 per day (Subject to Change on number of rigs, lower)

Payment To: Gold Rush Allegros C/O Trail Boss

Trail Boss:

Thursday – February 16th

5:00 p.m. Social Time at River Room Clubhouse. Odd Number Spaces bring light appetizers to share. Dinner on own, with friend's or in rig.

Friday – February 17th

8:00 – 9:00 a.m., Coffee, River Room Clubhouse, Continental Style Breakfast served.

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 AM General meeting: Refer to meeting agenda.

10:00 a.m. – Depart park to: Sundial and to lunch at a TBA location. Directions: I-5 to Exit 678/Eureka. One mile west to Exit 1/Park Marina Drive. Right at top of off-ramp--stay right, but merge to the left-hand lane to the northeast Convention Center parking lot.

5:00 p.m. Social Time at River Room Clubhouse. **Odd number sites** are to bring hors d'oeuvres to share.

6:00 p.m. Pasta Night: Host will provide pasta dishes, members will bring French or Garlic Breads, Green Salads and Dessert (email or call what item you will bring). Entertainment: following dinner Bingo and/or other games or cards.

Saturday – March 19th

8:30 – 9:30 a.m., River Room Clubhouse, Coffee & Continental Breakfast.

10:15 a.m. – Depart to Tour, Kelly Griggs House and Historical Muesem: 311 Washington Street, Red Bluff, CA. Fee: \$5.00 per person (tour 1-1/2 – 2 hours). Pay fee to host at RV Park. Balance of day open to do whatever you want with friends

5:00 p.m. Social Time at Park Clubhouse. **Even number sites** bring light appetizers to share.

6:00 p.m. – Potluck Dinner Bring your favorite comfort food and/or salad to share, please email Trail Boss on your item(s). Activities after dinner TBA.

Sunday – February 19th, Joe and Go.

Farewells & Happy Trails & Travel Safe to All until Next Time

ACTIVITY AND TOUR INFORMATION

History of the Kelly & Griggs Families

Sidney Allen Griggs was born September 4, 1826, in Littleton, NH, seventh in line of nine children. Lived on [his] father's farm with occasional work in New York City. In 1849, caught "gold fever", sailed down to Panama, crossed and sailed up to San Francisco, arriving August 1849. [He] started diggings on [the] American River near Coloma [and] had only so-so luck.

In 1854 [he] started in [the] cattle business in Colusa. [He] moved to Tehama in 1864. In 1875 [he] started a sheep ranch on Mill Creek. In 1883 he drove his sheep to Wyoming and in 1886 moved them to Idaho. All this time he had his residence in Red Bluff where "early in the '80s he built his "commodious" residence on the corner of Washington and Ash Streets." (Hist. & Bio. by Prof. J. M. Guinn, 1906)

In Oakland, June 3, 1885, Mr. Griggs married Mrs. Melvina Rhoda (Roundtree) Montgomery. She was born in Nashville, TN, September 14, 1840, one of ten children. Her father, Judge Andrew Roundtree, was principal of an Academy in Nashville. In 1857, he brought his family to California. He sailed, seventeen year old Melvina came overland with her brothers, driving 1000 head of cattle. They settled near Chico. Mrs. Griggs married her first husband, John M. Montgomery, a native of Knoxville, TN, in Marysville. He had come overland in 1854 driving cattle with him and bought the Capay grant, south of Tehama. They had two sons John and William. Mr. Montgomery died in 1876.

Mr. and Mrs. Griggs were active in civic and social affairs. Mrs. Griggs was [said to be] very beautiful. Mr. Griggs died in 1906 and his wife continued to live in the home reclusive until her death on October 15, 1931.

The home was purchased in 1931 by the Kelly brothers. Miss Anne Kelly (the last of the eleven Kelly children) sold the house to the Kelly-Griggs House Museum Association in 1966.

The Kelly parents of Irish decent were born in Australia. James Kelly of Albury married Catherine Harrington of Melbourne. They came to California in 1870 with two children, Richard and Mary. While farming near Madera, a son Tom was born and died. The Kellys came north to Tehama County in the '70s. James, John, Margaret, Catherine, Anne, Michael, Ellen and Emma joined Richard and Mary. The men were all ranchers and cattlemen and owned various properties. They owned a summer resort, "Kelly's Place" in Warner Valley (now a part of Lassen National Park). Dr. T.T. Waterman of U.C. was a frequent guest and the Kelly boys helped him track wild Indians decades before Ishi was found in Oroville in 1911. The girls attended the Convent in Red Bluff and later Anne, Ellen and Emma attended Chico Normal [now CSU Chico] and became teachers. Anne taught school where Vista now stands. The[ir] father died in 1904. Some of the girls had married and the brothers (all bachelors) and the other girls lived with the mother on a ranch until she died. Then they moved to town and bought the house on Washington Street in 1931. In 1956, Ellen Kelly McMann and brother, Michael, died leaving just Anne and Emma Kelly Johnson in the house. In 1964, Emma died and Miss Anne lived there alone.

After selling the house to the Kelly-Griggs House Museum Association in February, 1966, she [eventually] moved to a nursing home near Sacramento where she died in April of 1988 at the age of 104. She'll be [fondly] remembered as long as the Kelly-Griggs House stands.

Santiago Calatrava Sundial Bridge

One of the nation's most beautiful, expensive, and architecturally interesting bridges can be found in Redding, California. The Sundial Bridge is a walking bridge costing over \$18 million to build. Utilizing the finest materials and design work from famed Zurich, Switzerland architect Santiago Calatrava, Sundial Bridge spans the Sacramento River near Redding's Turtle Bay and Redding Convention Center.

This gleaming testament to man's innovation and creativity officially opened and was dedicated on July 4, 2004. Not only did it help put Redding on the map with positive publicity, it also began to provide an easily accessible path for bicyclists, joggers, walkers and those just seeking to watch the fisherman in the river below.

When you go to Redding, the Sundial Bridge is lovely to walk on but is also amazing to study. Wander and explore different angles where to see how it looks from the ground, in the distance, and in daylight and at sunset when the bridge begins to glow with artificial lights. What a delight!

Sundial Bridge at Turtle Bay

The Sundial Bridge at Turtle Bay is a beautiful, unique pedestrian bridge that crosses the Sacramento River and connects the Nationally-designated trail system in Redding, California, with the Turtle Bay Exploration Park and McConnell Arboretum.

The Sundial Bridge is beautiful because of its aqua green, opaque glass deck; strips of granite; and smooth, white imported Spanish tile. The bridge is unique because of its design. The 217-foot pylon acts as a sundial, telling time on a tile covered garden border on the north side of the bridge. The designer of the bridge, world-renowned architect Santiago Calatrava, has said that, to him, the bridge resembles a bird in flight, and symbolizes the overcoming of adversity. The bridge is also environmentally sensitive to its river setting. The tall pylon and cable stays allow this unique suspension bridge to avoid the nearby salmon-spawning habitat. Several fly fishing publications and professional guides have rated this area of the Sacramento River as being in the top 10 tail water fisheries in the world!