



# Newsletter

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## **MEETING INFO**

**Date:** August 27, 2009

**Place:**

Seaman's Lodge,  
425-A Nimrod St.  
Pioneer Park  
Nevada City

**Time:** 6:30 Social  
7:00 Meeting

**Program Presentation:**  
"Lake Powell Adventure"

**Speaker:** SNCKC members

## ***SNCKC Meeting, Thursday, August 27th Lake Powell Adventure***

August's meeting features a presentation on kayaking Lake Powell, a stunning and beautiful lake in SE Utah. Come enjoy photos and stories from club members who participated in this week-long adventure earlier this year. Social at 6:30. Bring some snacks to share. Meeting starts at 7:00.

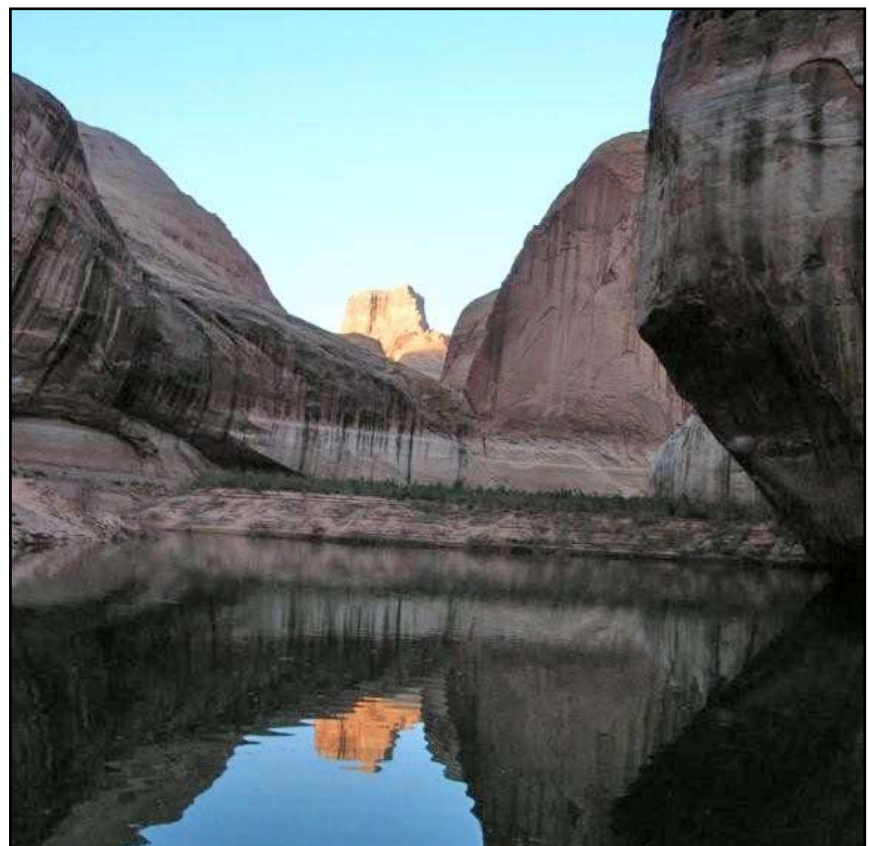


Photo by Chris Crain

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### **Summer - Fall 2009 Trip Schedule**

August 22 Tahoe Segment #3 - Meeks to Tahoe City - *Chris Crain 477-0616 & Lani Brunmeier 274-9550*

August 28-30 Hell Hole Reservoir (*Car Camping*) - *Tipton's 273-9789*

September 12 American River - *Leader TBD*

September 19 Lake Wildwood BBQ - *Connie Wright 432-8991 & Chris Cason 432-3395*

September 26 Lake Clementine - *Wendy Thibeault 265-7907*

October 3 Gold Lake Camp - *Colleen Wirth 274-7794*

October 16-18 Pyramid Lake - *Joe Abrell 273-3095 & Susan Rossman 265-6146*

October 31 Englebright - *Leader TBD*

November 7 Lake Oroville Forebay - *Brunmeier's 274-9550*

November 21 Lake Natoma Pot Luck - *Abrell's 273-3095*

**REMINDER:**

Barbeque/Potluck - Sept. 19. Lake Wildwood. Save the date. More information in a few weeks.  
Any questions, call Connie Wright at 432-8991.

***A great big thanks goes to Thomas and Dan from Penguin Paddlers for an excellent day of instruction on the water at Lake Valley on Aug. 15th. Twenty people attended and a lot was learned by all.***

Members with trip suggestions or who have an additional trip they would like to schedule and lead may contact Ron Brunmeier at (530) 274-9550 or e-mail him at [tigertail@theunion.net](mailto:tigertail@theunion.net)  
Carpool arrangements are between drivers and riders, please coordinate accordingly.  
All events are available to members and their guests. Paddlers not affiliated with SNCKC may attend at the discretion of the trip leader. All paddlers must sign a "Waiver of Release and Liability" before launching their paddle craft and must abide by the safety rules for the paddle.

# Paddling with Dave (the ARK)

## **MID-SUMMER DAYS ON THE LAKES**

**by Dave Bishop**

**H**undreds of thousands dollars worth of powerboats joined a few determined SNCKC kayakers to enjoy Bullards Bar Reservoir on July 25th. It was a beautiful day, clear sky, warm sun. Let's rephrase that, "hot" sun, but there was a little breeze and it would have been cool in the shade, if there had been any. It appeared that the vast majority of powerboats headed westerly out of the launch ramp's cove, so we went the opposite direction, paddling at a comfortable pace for about an hour before stopping for lunch.

We actually found some shade in a little cove, shade that we had to climb a twenty foot sandy staircase to get to. After lunch, we eased up the narrowing channel until we saw the end of the lake where a mere trickle flowed out of Downey Creek. Most unspectacular.

We were never particularly bothered by the few wakes that rocked us and only one jet ski became worthy of particular attention, but its operator veered away from us at a safe distance. The water level was still up pretty good, considering the time of year; 40 feet down from full, I was told. It was interesting to note the variations in the earth of the bank as we paddled along. Sandy soil with many vertical feet of 3 or 4 inch high terraces, then a stretch of solid reddish brown clay which showed no effect or the little lapping wavelets, then maybe an outcropping of gray rock. Here and there, like grotesque creatures from a horror movie, the stumps of pines perch upon the exposed network of their roots, the soil under them having been washed away over the years. Here there were a couple misshapen crabs crawling up the beach; there a sea monster at the edge of the water stretching out its long tentacles to catch some unwary passerby. And in the little coves, houseboats with kids playing in the water or perhaps some of the noise that passes for music nowadays.

My particular thanks to Shannon and Andy for their help when needed, especially on the busy, hot, launch ramp as we loaded up to head home...

***IF I'D HAVE BEEN BLINDFOLDED...*** and suddenly found myself on this stream it would have taken me a while to figure out where I was. Thick green bushes and trees on either side, clear, gently flowing water; Oh! Was that a trout? Nothing looked familiar. I paddled up stream for a few minutes and I knew I'd never been there before. Turning around and gliding back with the current for a few more minutes, however, brought me to a familiar view. The upper end of Lower Scott's Flat!. Lake level was the highest I can remember ever seeing it. This usually narrow, shallow, often debris clogged inlet stream was flowing "high, wide, and handsome." Twenty five to forty feet wide. It was beautiful !

It was a late afternoon paddle the last day of July on this beautiful lake and it was definitely therapeutic. If one didn't know better, they might have thought it was high tide, the beach seemed so small. Club members Bonnie and Russ were just leaving as I got ready to launch and as I paddled away, another five kayakers arrived. "Our" lake has become too well known! I managed a couple laps around the lake before the low angle of the sun got to be more than my eyes wanted to put up with. Water was within three inches of flowing over the top of the dam and there was a striking plume of white water roaring out of the dam's outlet tunnel. The road is still rougher than the proverbial cob, but it is well worth the doing.

# Loon Lake Boat-in Campout

## **LOON LAKE TRIP AUGUST 2009**

*by Wendy Thibeault*

**W**ell we had another grand weekend up in the Sierras. The weather looked questionable for mounting thunder showers as the group headed out Friday after lunch to secure the campsite. The dark clouds seemed to be coming from both the east and the southwest. Colleen, Jan and Dave went ahead of the main group and managed to get our beach and shaded canyon sites again for the third year. There were 14 of us participating which turned out to be just the perfect size for the chat circle. Chris Crain joined us for the Saturday day paddle.

We had canopies set up for rain and sun, but as it turned out the rains never came. We were able to prepare our meals knowing the food was protected. And was it good!

The first night was unseasonably colder than usual, Julie and Ken Zuckerman had to deal with losing air from their air mattress which added to their discomfort, but they were real troopers.



*Photo by  
Robin Hart*

Four members made this group event for the first time, Norton Ziegler, Jacque Bromm and Julie and Ken Zuckerman. They enjoyed themselves and added new energy to the group that makes the annual trek.

Friday evening I had Joe and Diana Abrel and Jacque Bromm come to the wet sand near my tent site to help identify some very interesting large and small footprints. The small ones looked similar to the very fine prints of Sierra Mink. Saturday morning we awoke to a chorus of coyote singing in the near by hills. What looked like large dog prints may have been some wandering coyotes.

One of the extremely nice features of this trip was the very calm lake surface on Sunday for the paddle out. We typically have had very strong winds coming at us from the West as we headed for the launch ramp.

Another great lunch at the Mexican restaurant in Georgetown on Sunday afternoon ended another fine trip. The weather finally heated up to an August normal of around 95 degrees. Or was that the chili peppers from my lunch?

As always, the individual members make this a great paddle and camping experience. Thanks to all. Wendy Thibeault, Trip Coordinator

# Equipment For SALE

*Adult large/xlarge PFD (life jacket), several seasons of good usage, fair shape, second owner -- \$25.00*

*Lotus design, adult small/medium PFD, yellow and black, one season of light usage, very good shape -- \$70*

*Aqua Bound paddle set, carbon shaft, 220 cm, adjustable blade angle, very good shape -- \$125*

*Harmony bilge pump -- \$20*

*Shred Ready blue kayak helmet, large back, small marks on left side, detachable ear flaps, very little use -- \$115*

*Bomber gear spray skirt. Fits Necky Sports Zoar, possibly others. -- \$35*

*Snap Dragon spray skirt, XL deck, Tube Large. Still in package, not used. \$80, was \$88*

*NRS red Tuff Sack, small, about 18x8" flattened. \$15*

*Malone kayak/canoe J-shaped carrier--\$65. These work very well.*

*Call Wayne Watson at 265-3378 for details*