



# Newsletter

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## **MEETING INFO**

**Date:** January 28, 2010

**Place:**

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

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

**Program Presentation:**  
"Impressions of Siberia"

**Speaker:**  
Monika Wescott

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(before the 1st  
of the month)

## ***Impressions of Siberia***

Our presentation this month takes us to far off Siberia. Join us on Thursday January 28th for an epic adventure. In 1996, Gary and Monika Wescott from Nevada City embarked on an epic 3-year journey around the World. Their goal was to cross Russia from the Pacific to the Atlantic, completely overland, wheels on the ground. They needed to start in the dead of Winter in Eastern Siberia because most roads could only be driven when frozen. During the Spring through Fall months, the permafrost melts the top three feet creating impassible mud bogs and flooded rivers. They drove 640 miles up the frozen Lena River and then another 600 miles on a one lane track through the Taiga Forest. In May, they arrived at the beautiful frozen Lake Baikal where they were able to witness the spectacular break-up of the ice. The Summer months brought them through the heartland of Siberia to the independent Republic of Tuva where they observed their national festival called Naadam. Then they spent some time with native yak, camel and sheep herders in their yurts before continuing on to the Republic of Altai, the Switzerland of Siberia. Fall was in the air, and with it the wonderful harvest colors. In late October they drove into Novosibirsk, the third largest City of Russia, exactly in the middle of this vast country with eleven time zones. From then on, they traveled quickly over the Ural mountains (the divide of Europe and Asia), Moscow, St. Petersburg, Helsinki, Finland and on to Hammerfest, Norway, the most northern town one can drive to in the World before turning south and west to spend Christmas with Monika's family in Switzerland.

***Social hour at 6:30 and meeting starts at 7:00.***

## 2009-2010 SNCKC OFFICERS

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### **Fall 2009 - Spring 2010 Trip Schedule**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Trip Leaders</i>
January 9	Snodgrass Slough	TBD
January 23	Lake Clementine	TBD
February 13	Brannan Island	Wendy Thibeault
February 27	Rollins Lake	TBD
March 13	Lake Collins	TBD
March 27	Camp Farwest	Chris Crain
April 10	Slab Creek	Chris Crain
May 8	Elk Horn Slough	Joe & Diana Abrell

*Hope everyone had a fantastic holiday season. Wishing you all a Happy New Year for 2010!  
Looking forward to great paddling together in the coming year!*

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**FOR SALE:** 2008 Activity Trailer. Asking \$1,100.  
See [www.activitytrailer.com](http://www.activitytrailer.com) for manufacturer's web page.  
Ron Wright 432-8991

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.

# Englebright Paddle

## ***A Scary Bunch of Paddlers Navigate Englebright on Halloween***



*Photos by Connie Wright*

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# Thanksgiving Paddle at Natoma

***Lots of paddling and paddlers at the SNCKC annual feast.***



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# Annual Christmas Party 2009

***SNCKC members and friends make merry at the party.***



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# Annual Christmas Party 2009 (Cont'd)

***All the presents for Women of Worth were snug in the kayak  
and everyone danced to the rock and roll beat.***



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