

Ladies,

I've reconciled myself to the fact that I will never get a December edition of the Skyword published but there is still some information that needs to be shared.

First:

We will be boxing cookies to take to the local towers, ATC facilities, and airport personnel who have helped us through the year. We do this annually to show our appreciation to those who have helped us the most. Please bring cookies that you've baked, bought or begged to KWJF Fox Field tomorrow (Saturday, December 13) so that we can pack cookie assortments. We will meet at Foxy's Cafe at 0900 for breakfast and in the lobby at 1000 to do the actual packaging.

Second:

You've probably heard by now that our dear friend, Flora Belle Reece, flew west. Many of you have asked me about when the memorial service would be held and where you can send condolences. Rosemary forwarded information to me that she got from Flora Belle's daughter. The memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at Grace Chapel on 15th St. West with graveside service at 2 p.m. the same day at Lancaster Cemetery. Also, cards may be mailed to Connie Fox, 51293 Bon Veu Drive, Oakhurst, CA 93644

Third:

The military airshow schedule for 2015 has been announced. The Air Force Thunderbirds are scheduled to perform in Lancaster, CA on March 21 & 22. Obviously, our annual Poker Run will need to be rescheduled accordingly. <http://www.airshowstuff.com/blog/?p=2138>

Fourth:

Barbara Schultz provided a Chairman's Message for the December edition of the Skyword so the least that I can do is use it.

Chairman's Note

Many of us gave thanks for all our good fortune and friends, past and present, this November. Flora Belle Reece was one of these friends we have all been privileged to know. She lived her life to the fullest and on her own terms. Never faltering in her dedication as a pilot and patriot, Flora Belle participated wherever she was needed.

She will forever remain in our hearts and inspire us to be the best we can be. Let us all celebrate her life!

Many of our members are reaching out to the community in a variety of ways. Our activities don't need to be aviation-related. Representing our group as enthusiastic, and charitable individuals is incredibly relevant to our focus. Nancy Bradshaw and I attended the Bakersfield 99s Christmas party; I also joined in with the San Fernando Valley chapter for their Christmas gathering at the Airtel Hotel in Van Nuys. Attending other chapter events is insightful and allows me to bring back fresh ideas to our chapter.

I am hoping to see many of you next Saturday for Cookies to the Tower!

Blue Skies!

Barbara Schultz

Finally:

I apologize for failing to publish a newsletter this month. We had a delightful tour of the Nethercutt Collection on November 22 that I would have liked to have included in it but I never asked anyone to write a report or send photos. I will include a trip report in the January edition of the Skyword. To help me, I'd like to ask everyone who toured it to please send me a couple of photographs and a short description of your favorite part of the tour. Thank you in advance.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season this year. I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Leigh Kelly, (slacker) Newsletter Editor