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Chairman's Message

By Julie Butler

It's hard to believe that December is already upon us. As always, it will be a busy month for everyone including the 99s. We will not be having a regular meeting in December; this will be replaced with the annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 7th. Watch the Yahoo group for information on where the party will be, when to RSVP, and what to bring.

We will also be getting together for Cookies to the Tower soon. This is probably my favorite event of the year; partly because I like to bake all the cookies, and partly because I had the pleasure of

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riding around in the CDF crash truck and spraying water all over the tarmac last year. I doubt they are going to let me drive the truck this year, but a



The Paso Robles Flyout crew (Kathy, Reesha, Julie, Camille, Grace, and Cynthia, left to right)

Dates and Schedules

Comments, corrections, and suggestions are welcome. Fly-outs: dates are flexible and we will confirm plans and set times at the chapter meeting before the scheduled fly-out. Seats will be available for non-pilots, students, and pilots without wings. We want every seat to be filled, so let us know if you want to come along.

Dec 7	99s Christmas party at Louise DeMore's at 5:30pm
Jan 2	General Meeting at the Spirit of San Luis at 5:30 pm (Chapter Meeting)

girl can dream. It is a fun day to say thank you to all the personnel at the airport who make it possible for us to have safe flights.

Hopefully we can find time in the hustle and bustle to have another fly out. Even the short hops to PRB and SMX are a good excuse to fly and visit with one another. If anyone has a desire to plan, please do so. And if anyone has ideas for programs for meetings beginning in 2013, please let me know who you can convince and I will put them on the agenda.

Happy holidays to you all and don't forget to go fly.

Minutes of General Meeting

By Grace Crittenden

[November 7, 2012] Janis O'Dell drew quite a crowd for her discussion of the Foreflight program for the iPad. She did a nice presentation and it was exciting to see all the features with no need for paper. Looking to the future you can see that the iPad with weather, e-charting and georeference are going to be the way to go.

A brief meeting followed the presentation. The Christmas party will be a pot-luck and gift exchange at Louise DeMore's lovely home on



Special guest at the Paso Robles flyout

Friday, Dec 7. She would appreciate RSVP to 528-7059 if you can come.

Cookies to the Tower will be Dec 15 at 10:00 at the Spirit of San Luis. (Please note – The date has since been changed to Sunday, Dec 2).

There will be no meeting Dec 5 because the party will be Dec 7, and our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 2. See you then! Happy New Year!

The SLO 99s Christmas Party will be at Louise DeMore's famously decorated house December 7 at 5:30pm.



99s in the air at the Paso Robles flyout

Tips from the Tower

By Ellen Banakis

Hot Spots: On November 15th the FAA published an Airport Diagram for San Luis Obispo Airport including “hot spots” for the first time.

A “hot spot” is a runway safety related problem area or intersection on an airport. Typically it is a complex or confusing taxiway/taxiway or taxiway /runway intersection. A confusing condition may be compounded by a miscommunication between a controller and a pilot, and may cause an aircraft separation standard to be compromised. The area may have a history of surface incidents or the potential for surface incidents.

This may be due to any mix of causes:

- Airport geometry
- Ground traffic flow
- Markings, signage, or lighting
- Human factors

If you should be aware of any locations on an airport that warrant extreme caution because of complex airport geometry and/or potential pilot disorientation, do not hesitate to inform airport or air traffic management. We need your participation to reduce airport surface incidents, particularly runway incursions. Report:

- Confusing pavement intersections
- Unclear pavement markings or lighting
- Perplexing/absent signage
- Distracting airport conditions
- Confusing air traffic procedures and communications

