

The USS Onizuka Cookie Run 2004

This is something we have done for the last ten years. It was proposed by a past captain to add to our community service events. Each year we bake cookies for the Firemen and the Police officers of our community to let them know that we remember them on the holidays, when they have to work and be separated from their families at this time. On Thanksgiving we deliver to the Firemen, and on Christmas we deliver to the Police. We have done this for ten years as our way to say "Thank You" for all the hard work they do throughout the year in protecting our community. This year was another successful operation.

Chris Brownlee lives in a mobile home park, which has a recreation room for the use of the residents. We used the community room's kitchen to bake cookies. Vicki, Chris and I worked for most of the morning and afternoon and baked over 15 dozen cookies for the run. Vicki and I also baked another 13 dozen at home and Chris also baked another 22 dozen at his house. During the day at the community room we were constantly bombarded by questions from the residents about what we were baking. The smell of baking cookies permeated the room making everybody hungry. When we left, we dropped a plate of cookies off at the office for the people.

On Thanksgiving Vicki and I delivered all the cookies to the nine fire stations in the Chico area. Chico has 6 city fire stations and Butte County has 3 three stations in the local area. Each year when we deliver the cookies, the firemen are most appreciative of our efforts, and remember us from past years. It seems such a small thing, and yet, it means so much to the Firemen that we remember them on these holidays.



The trays for the Firemen ready to be delivered.

The week before Christmas we did the same thing, getting together to bake cookies and prepare for the Police Cookie Run. We met at Chris's again to make up the trays on Friday, the day before Christmas. Chris's Aunt Judy has also donated a portion of her Christmas Breads, which we added to the Cookie trays to make a truly festive appearance.



The finished trays for the Police, sheriffs and Highway Patrol
Ready for delivery.