




## **Name change** **“Sperry Retiree Club is now *Aero Activities Club*”**

<b>Ping Factory Tour</b>	<b>Nov 9<sup>th</sup> - Nov 29<sup>th</sup> (all full)</b>	
<b>Christmas Dinner Dance</b>	<b>Dec 12<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Tovrea Castle tour</b>	<b>sold out</b>	
<b>Sanderson Ford Museum</b>	<b>Jan 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	
<b>Southwest Airline Facility</b>	<b>Feb 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Day at the Races</b>	<b>Feb 19<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>AZ Broadway Theater/Mama Mia</b>	<b>April 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Spring Pot Lunch Picnic</b>	<b>April 25<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Verde Valley Railroad</b>	<b>Oct TBD</b>	
<b>Amazon Tour – Rick Carter/HSRC</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
<b>Coastal Cruise</b>	<b>Nov 19<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Essilor Eyeglass Lab Tour</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
<b>Rose Society Seminar</b>	<b>TBD</b>	



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*Friends are sewn with threads of love*

### **Please read- locate your due date**

**Hard copies** which are in black & white is at the end of your address.

**Email copies** your dues are in the body of the mail.

**There seems to be some confusion when paying your dues.**

If there are **NO** Changes, like your address, phone number or email...

**Just send in a check, thank you**

When the month of **October** comes around,  
Please think about sending in your dues for the following year.

**If you are now only using a Cell Phone as your contact number!**

**Please call to update our records.**



## *Message from Kaye's Korner*



I hope everyone is looking forward to and excited about our retiree club's new name - **AERO ACTIVITIES CLUB** - which goes into effect December 1, 2018. We know this name change will help the Steering Committee with our recruitment of new members.

The Steering Committee welcomes its latest new member - Tom Leard. For those of you, who don't know Tom, be sure to read his bio on page 5 of this month's Wings. And for those of you who remember him from Sperry and/or Honeywell flight ops - he hasn't changed a bit - still obliging and a real gentleman.

If you haven't reserved your seat for our Christmas dinner/dance on Wednesday, December 12, is sure to contact Joyce Colella and send in your checks. Cost is \$45 per person which includes appetizers, well-planned buffet, and music provided by Fred's Forum. We'll have the 25/25/25/25 raffle along with assorted gift cards to be awarded to those lucky persons whose tickets are drawn. Remember, checks and reservations need to be into Joyce by Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

The committee will be planning Day at the Races scheduled for February 19, 2018. So be sure to read about it on page 13 of this month's Wings. Again, there will be a fantastic buffet and hopefully some winners.

Don't forget to sign up for Mama Mia at AZ Broadway Theatre. Be sure to contact Lydia Gonzales if you're interested.

And, once again, Larry Bowe is arranging for another trip on the Verde Canyon Railroad next October.

Now for some exciting news; your planning committee has arranged for additional tours through Southwest Airlines Maintenance facility, Sanderson Ford Museum, and an additional date for the Ping Golf factory.

Finally, dues are payable by December 31, 2018; if your membership goes through this calendar year. If your money is due by year-end, the board hopes you will send in your check by December 15<sup>th</sup>. That way we can update our files and you won't have an interruption in receiving the Wings newsletter.

In closing we hope you, your family and friends have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving.

*Kaye*





## “Down Memory Lane”

If you have memories & you would like to share them. Please submit them to Joyce Colella - [jc8246@yahoo.com](mailto:jc8246@yahoo.com) Mail to: SRC @ Joyce Colella, 11128 W Mirandy Ct. Sun City, AZ 8535. We will take a look to determine if we can publish them. <https://www.facebook.com/Sperrymember/?ref=bookmarks>

Everyone remembers Ada,



Ada Eagar Wallace Gelling was born 93 years ago in St John’s, AZ, in her parents’ home. Her dad was a cowboy and an Apache county Sherriff. Her Mom taught Indian children on the reservation in

Sanders, AZ. Her grand-parents settled the town of Eagar, AZ. There were 3 girls and 2 boys; Ada was the youngest. Her brother Ed was in the CIA and head of the US Border Patrol Academy. He was on the TV show “To Tell the Truth” with Peggy Cass, Tom Poston and Kitty Carlisle trying to figure out who the real John Edward Eagar was?

After graduating HS, Ada lived in a dorm at Arizona teachers College (now ASU). World War II was going on, so she ended up in Tucson working at Consolidated Vultee riveting on B24’s then moved to downtown Phoenix. She remembers living in a boarding house and traveling by Streetcar to the FOX Theater and shops.

Working in Goodyear at Goodyear Aircraft was the next step for Ada after losing her husband to brain cancer. An article in the Republic shows Ada Wallace riveting on an airplane wing, and in the Balloon room where she worked before riveting on Blimps for the Navy.







In 1957, Ada was hired in at Sperry as the 389<sup>th</sup> person and with a recommend from Morris Udall (1976 Candidate for US President). Sperry had a rule if you worked there you couldn't have a relative working there too. She spotted a woman whom she knew was married to her cousin. Ted Thall told her to keep her mouth shut – now they ship everything to other countries!

Also, before “Women’s Lib” women had to get work, but men could stand around taking. It was important for her to be a tough inspector, because someone’s safety was involved, but she was well liked.

One day through a technician was giving her a bad time and she told him, “YOU CAN GO SIT AND SPIN”. She was talking about her decision. It got around the Sperry people asking she did really say that – she never even cursed. It is a family joke now!

After 30 years inspecting many things and parts for F16 flight systems, the Apollo mission to the moon and then meeting astronauts Fred Haise and Ron Evans... Ada Retired in 1987



On her 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday on July 14, 2012; a flag was flown all day at the US Capital in Washington D.C. in honor of her contribution to AZ.



*Ada & Her daughter Sue*



## *Meet Tom Leard; Our newest member of the Board*



Tom spent his teenage years in Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in electrical engineering. Eventually, after he and his family moved to Phoenix, he completed his master's in business administration at Arizona State University.

He worked in industry for a short while before he went on active duty and Air Force flight school. The first half of his active duty time was in tactical flying operations.

The second half was flying in the strategic forces. He joined Sperry Flight Systems in mid-1974. By late 1978, he returned to full time flying as a company avionics development and demonstration pilot. In addition to contributing to the makeover of flight operations into an engineering focused organization, he introduced a formalized methodology for the evaluation of the human centered design aspects of flight deck products and systems.

In early 1989 he transferred to the Bell Rd organization for a series of start-up team leadership roles in Product Support and Displays. Throughout this era, he continued to fly as a company staff pilot. After retirement (2004) from (by then) Honeywell, he worked for a start-up company developing a new generation of instrument approaches. His 'last' assignment was managing his own avionics evaluation and certification consulting company.

Tom and his wife Barbara have two daughters and two grandsons. Volunteering in the community has always been a keen interest of both Tom and Barb. After retirement, Tom became involved in the Carefree Kiwanis, CAF air museum in Mesa, and their homeowner's association.

They both enjoy traveling to many parts of the world. They reside in Carefree.





## *Ping Factory Tour*



On Oct 31<sup>st</sup> a group of us toured the factory. I know absolutely nothing about golf so I will not embarrass myself with a long description. However the tour for me was fascinating, full of details and over 2 hours long. And you really do walk at least ½ a mile.

The facility is their main design and production site with 800 employees out of a worldwide workforce of 1500. We toured everywhere from custom bag manufacturing, putter head milling, assembly of the clubs at various stages, driving range and the vault.

There was some famous PGA player trying out new clubs on a very nice test range. The picture above is the vault with over 3400 gold plated and solid gold putters. Apparently if you win a big championship using Ping clubs they make a gold putter for you and keep a replica in the vault.

We discovered that the next day (Nov 1st) they were introducing a variable length putter to the market. Apparently 80% of players use the wrong length.

This has been a popular event and all three dates (Nov 9th and Nov 29<sup>th</sup>) **are fully booked.**

If interested in going on a waiting list for a future date contact [keith8411@cox.net](mailto:keith8411@cox.net). Please include name, number of tickets, club affiliation and phone number.





# WINGS

November 2018

## Christmas Dinner Dance

Co-Hosted by Sperry/Honeywell

Wednesday Dec 12, 2018

All reservations are due & payable by Dec 10<sup>th</sup>



Palmbrook Country Club  
9350 W. Greenway Road  
Sun City, AZ 85351  
\$45 Per person

Hors d'oeuvres: 5:30 P.M.

Cheese & Veggies'

Hot crab dip with garlic toast & crackers

Cash bar:

5:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

"Our dinner dance is getting close, let's check our calendars"

Dinner is served at 6:00 P.M.

Carving station

Prime Rib-Medium-Turkey & Gravy

Buffet

Fresh Garden Green Salad

Raspberry Vinaigrette & Ranch Dressing

Roasted Red potatoes & Roasted Veggies'

Fruit bowl

Warm Rolls and Butter served

Au Jus & Creamy Horseradish sauce

Desserts

Bite size Carrot Cake, Eggnog Cake, Brownies

Freshly Brewed Coffee - Iced Tea - Iced Water

"Hot Vegetarian dish upon request"

We will have 4 gift cards & our 25/25/25/25 Raffle 3 gift envelopes

Reservations call: [623-815-8246](tel:623-815-8246) or email: [jc8246@yahoo.com](mailto:jc8246@yahoo.com)

Make Checks payable to: Aero Activities Club

And mail to: Joyce Colella - 11128 W Mirandy Ct. Sun City, AZ 85351

DJ and Dancing 6:30 P.M.

Music provided by Fred's Forum, Starring Fred Jauregui

If you have a music request, please send them to Lydia: [lcgonzales12@cox.net](mailto:lcgonzales12@cox.net)





# WINGS

November 2018

## *The Sanderson Village and Museum*

Wednesday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019



You are invited to tour a private, invitation only, museum. The Sanderson Village and Museum, contains dozens of cars and nostalgic items, such as a beautifully recreated old mercantile store, a kitchen from the '40s and a '50s diner with oodles of chrome and period furnishings and accessories such as Coca Cola items from the '30s through the '50s. The 20,000 square-foot warehouse has one of the best ford collections anywhere and has something for everyone to enjoy.

**This free tour is our 4<sup>th</sup> visit and is at 9:30 am on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 in Glendale.** The tour lasts 60 – 75 minutes. Afterwards you may visit the Starliner Diner on the same site and purchase a late breakfast or lunch. For reservations contact Keith Hughes with club affiliation at [keith8411@cox.net](mailto:keith8411@cox.net)

The Diner Menu - <http://sandersonford.com/Starliner-Diner>



## *Southwest Airline Facility*



**Wednesday February 6, 2019**

**This is a unique opportunity to tour Southwest Airlines Maintenance Facility.**

**We have toured the facility 4 times and each time is different. You may be able to walk through an aircraft and sit in the cockpit then tour the maintenance and operation areas in a two hour guided tour.**

**This free tour is planned for Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10 am, but names of all attendees are required in advance for security purposes.**

**To register send the full names of all in your party and club affiliation to Keith Hughes at [keith8411@cox.net](mailto:keith8411@cox.net) or call 623-825-5243 for details.**

**Once the event is full I will email out full instructions and maps for the event.**



## Day at the Races

Tuesday Feb 19, 2019



**Where:** Turf Paradise Park @ 1501 West Bell Rd

**Time:** Arrive at 11:00 AM at the Turf Club

**Cost:** \$26.00 per person

**Coordinator:** Fred Polak

**Free Parking:** Use the Turf Club Entrance on 19th Avenue

***Package includes:***

Parking, Admission, How to Wager Guide, Senior Buffet Lunch, Coffee/Tea, Dessert, Tax and Gratuity & Winner Circle Photo - *The retiree clubs will have a race named after them.*

**Reservations are due and payable by Date: Feb 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Make checks payable to: Aero Activities Club - send to:**

**Fred Polak at 5338 W Barbara Ave, Glendale, AZ 85302**

**[fredpolak@cox.net](mailto:fredpolak@cox.net) or 623-937-5316**

### Senior Buffet Lunch

SALAD BAR	CARVED MEATS	DESSERTS
Mixed salad greens	Roast breast of turkey	Apple cobbler
Tossed Caesar salad	Brisket of beef	Assorted pies
Paradise pasta salad	Cranberry sauce	Assorted cookies
House made Coleslaw	Horse radish sauce	Brownies
Fresh fruit salad	Assorted breads,	Coffee and tea
Country potato salad	Muffins, rolls	



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November 2018

*Arizona Broadway Theater*

Thursday April 4, 2019



MAMMA  
MIA!



Location: 77th Avenue & Paradise Lane  
Dining Time: 12:00 pm  
Curtain Time: 2:00 pm  
Coordinator: Lydia Gonzales  
Phone: 623-561-1174  
E-mail: [lczgonzales12@cox.net](mailto:lczgonzales12@cox.net)

Cost: \$65.00 per person includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity

**Please make checks payable to Aero Activities Club and mail to  
Lydia Gonzales - 7028 West Taro Lane, Glendale, AZ 85308**

All checks due: **March 7, 2019**

*A mother, a daughter, three possible dads!*

*A wedding you'll never forget! ABBA's timeless songs, including "Take a Chance on Me, Chiquitita, and Dancing Queen", tell this enchanting saga of a free-spirited mother, her daughter, and the three men who may be Dad. This Broadway-blockbuster international sensation is an unforgettable show filled with love, laughter, and friendship that will leave you dancing in the aisles!*





## Royal Princess Cruise

November 9, 2019

Join Your Friends On A California Coastal Cruise

Your On-Board Host, Barbara Rippstein, invites you on a 7 Day cruise.

Itinerary: San Francisco, CA, Monterey, CA, San Diego, CA, Ensenada, Mexico

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Balcony cabins are \$859 per person with a discount for past Princess passengers, onboard spending money of \$100 per guest.

Mini-suite cabins are \$1219 per person with a discount for past Princess passengers, onboard spending money of \$100 per guest.

Taxes, Fees & Port Expenses additional: \$190 per person.

**This offer expires on November 19, 2018**

\$100 onboard Credit for Retired Military Personnel and Veterans with an Honorable Discharge

All prices above are subjected to availability and change without notice.

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## Honeywell Clubs Fix-It Guys Program

*Sponsored by Honeywell, Garrett and Sperry Retiree Clubs*

We help Honeywell retirees or surviving spouses with fix-it jobs around the house. This program is designed to keep the job from being a budget buster for you. Call our Coordinator, **Warren Koepsel**, at **(480) 510-9304** to schedule a trip to your home. If you reach voice mail, leave a clear message giving job information, your name, telephone number and nearest cross streets. We will get back with you to schedule a visit.



### Are **YOU** Handy?

*Your Clubs really need your help!*



Since the passing of Clint Langford, our group of North Valley handymen has experienced a significant decline. So we're hiring!!!

You don't have to be a contractor level kind of handyman – just generally handy around the house. Some of you may have special skills (Computer/Plumbing/Electrical/Drywall?) that can significantly help our members in need. Why not try it? Call Warren (480-510-9304). We would love to talk with you!

The table below lists our current Fix-It Guys Team.

*Thanks guys – for all that you do.*

<b>East Valley</b>			
Bob Davenport	Frank Holman	Warren Koepsel	Stu Mitnik
<b>North Valley</b>			
Bob Farney	Lee Rippstein	Dan Schott	

### ➤ **AMAZON Tour information**

The requirements with Amazon, for one of their tours have changed. We can call once a month to see if there are any openings. At that moment, once a month, we can make reservations with them for a group.

If you are interested in the Amazon tour, please call Rick Carter at 602-920-6044, with your name and phone number. He will then call to let you know when the tour has been scheduled and if you are available for that specific date. If you are not, you will be left on a list and he will call others that are interested and available for that date.



## *"In Memory"*



Richard John Chaya  
 Michael (Mike) Jon Mullarkey  
 Joyce Patten  
 Ralph Vincent Venditti  
 Carl Lyons  
 Joyce Huppert  
 Mary V Binder

## *"Welcome New Members"*

Ranga Desiraju  
 Yingfeng Li  
 Harry Heller  
 Virginia Reed



## Honeywell Retiree Service Center

Dept. 09796 - 2601 Research Forest Drive  
 The Woodlands, TX 77381  
 Phone number: 1-800-526-0744  
 Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday  
 9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. Eastern Time  
 Website: You're Benefits Resources™  
<http://resources.hewitt.com/honeywell>

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## Questions for Medicare contact

1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)  
 Or via the website at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)  
 Northern Trust / Pensions  
 PO Box 92922  
 Chicago, Ill 60675 - 1-877-258-3699 #5

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## Unisys Pension

Pension Plan - 1-877-864-7972  
 Service Center - 1-888-560-1782  
 701-221-7565



## Aero Activities Club



Jump on board

Looking for new board members

The Sperry Retiree Club (SRC) currently has 11 Board members working to keep the Club going. As the Club gets older so do we.

Several of these members have been on the board for many years. If anything was to happen to them or they resign from the Board, the Sperry Retire Club could be in jeopardy. To keep SRC from being at risk we need more Board members.

If you can spare a little time and like to work with others, please contact any one of the Board Members on page 2. What do you get for doing this? The same as us, the pleasure of knowing you are keeping a legend going.

## Our Present & Past Activities

- Sept Kick-off Luncheon*
- Verde Canyon Railroad Trip*
- Tourea Castle*
- Palo Verde Nuclear Plant*
- The Sanderson Village and Museum*
- The Orpheum*
- AZ Broadway Dinner Theater*
- Southwest Airlines Tour*
- Day at the Races*
- Christmas Dinner Dance*
- Coco Cola Bottling Facility Tour*
- Lake Pleasant Cruise*
- Amazon Fullfillment tour*
- AZ Science Museum*
- Musical Instrument Museum*
- Cerreta Candy Company Factory Tour*
- Butterfly Wonderland*
- University of Phoenix Stadium Tour*
- Dolly Steamboat Tour*
- Cruises*
- Penske Racing Museum Tour*
- Ping Factory Tour*



## Application for Aero Activities Club Membership

**"Remember you can pay for more than one year at a time"**

New Member <input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Dues are \$5 Annual Membership</b>
Full Name _____	Spouse/Partner _____	Phone # ____ - ____ - ____
Address _____	City _____	State _____ Zip Code _____
Check #: _____	Amount: _____	Email Address: _____
<p>Checks are payable to: <b>Aero activities Club</b> &amp; mail to:          Joyce Colella, 11128 W Mirandy Ct. Sun City, AZ 85351 #623-815-8246</p>		

**Note:** If you have Moved or Changed your Phone #  
 or you would like to go from a Hard Copy to an Email copy  
 You can email me at [aeroactivitiesclub@yahoo.com](mailto:aeroactivitiesclub@yahoo.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If only your **Email Changed**

Please send it to [aeroactivitiesclub@yahoo.com](mailto:aeroactivitiesclub@yahoo.com)

The subject line should read: **Email change**  
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*If you are 50 and worked at Sperry/Honeywell (you **do not** need to be retired) you are welcomed to come join the Fun*

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