



Verde Canyon Railroad

April 19th



2026 Spring Picnic

April 23rd



Musical Instrument Museum

May 18th



Octoberfest

Oct TBD

Palo Verde Tour

Nov TBD

Arizona Broadway Theater

*Dec 3, 2026
& March 18, 2027*



Keith's Thoughts



Spring Update

As we move toward the end of our club year—September through May—we still have three events ahead before our summer break from June through August.

Our first April outing takes us to Clarkdale for a four-hour ride on the Verde Canyon Railroad. The trip offers an unhurried look at some of Arizona's most distinctive scenery. Open-air viewing cars make it easy to see the canyon's rock formations, desert plants, wildlife, and the river below. It's a calm, scenic experience that many members appreciate each spring.

Later in April, we hold our Annual Spring Picnic at Rio Vista Park, traditionally our largest gathering of the year with more than 100 members attending. It continues to be a dependable place to reconnect with familiar faces and meet new ones. Although we search each year for a more central location, Rio Vista remains the only site that fits our needs. The City of Peoria has increased rental fees, and while the picnic remains free for members, it now costs the club about \$10 per person. If you're able to make a donation this year, it would help offset the rising costs.

In May, we close out the year with a VIP Behind-the-Scenes Tour at the Musical Instrument Museum. This visit provides a closer look at how the museum curates, preserves, and presents its extensive global collection. It's an informative outing for anyone interested in music, culture, or the stories behind the instruments.

I am also pleased to share that we have added four new members this month. Keeping our membership strong is essential to the long-term health of the club. If you have friends who might enjoy being part of our group, please show them the poster attached to the back of each newsletter.

Each year we also conduct board member elections. This year we had one director position to fill, but unfortunately no volunteers stepped forward. The good news is that our current board remains well-staffed for now. However, next year most of the board will be up for reelection, so if you have the time and interest, please consider volunteering. Strong participation helps keep the club running smoothly.

As always, your feedback on any of our events is appreciated. Please email me directly or use the Contact form under MORE on our website.

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Past Events

Hale Centre Theatre Fun!

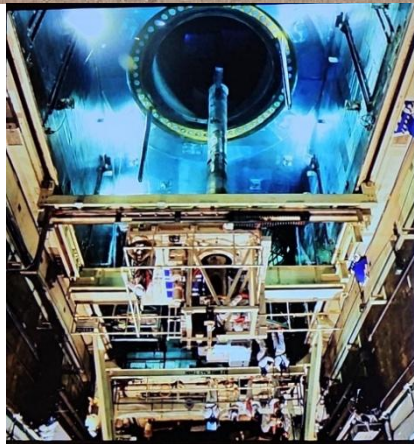
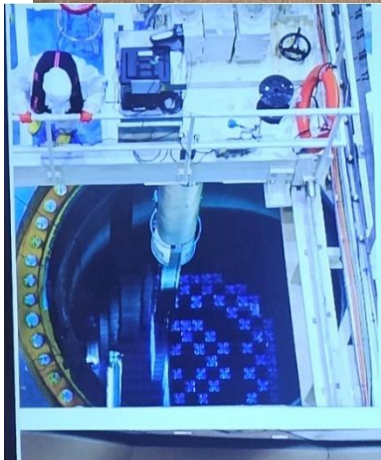
Fourteen members and guests attended our first event at the Hale Theater in Gilbert, on March 9th. **Always...Patsy Cline** was based on a true story about Patsy Cline's friendship with a fan who befriended her in a 1961 Texas honky-tonk. The play was great and the talent amazing. We all met for a pre-play lunch at Postino, where we enjoyed hearing about members' histories at Honeywell and the adventures they enjoy during retirement. One member brought his son and daughter-in-law, who are also retired. Several members told of relocating from colder climates and finding a career at Honeywell. Two of those individuals met at Honeywell and got married. The event was fun and enriching!





Palo Verde Generating Station Tour

In March 40 members visited the nuclear power station over 2 days. During the two-hour tour we learnt a lot about the history and construction of the station and toured the outside of the facility. The station uses recycled water from Phoenix and purifies the water. 2,300 people work at the facility and it is so self-contained it has its own O'Reilly's on site. Security is tight and they have their own gun range where they fire 500,000 bullets each year for practice. Pictures below are screen shots as we were not allowed in a restricted area.





Current events



Verde Canyon Railroad

Sunday April 19th, 2026 at 1:00pm

Our last sign-up date is now April 15th

Join us for the 4-hour Verde Canyon Railroad ride in Clarkdale. Embark on an unforgettable journey through Arizona's longest-running nature show aboard Verde Canyon Railroad. As you glide through the stunning Verde Canyon, you'll be immersed in breathtaking scenery alive with vibrant flora, diverse fauna, and captivating geology. Experience the beauty of the Canyon from open-air cars, where every turn reveals a new vista. Relax in comfort while savoring complimentary appetizers and glass of champagne or cider or indulge in top-shelf beverages for purchase as the nostalgic charm of the train embraces you. *Every season is a reason to ride the Verde Canyon Railroad because every day is a great day when you're on a train*

Our goal is to fill most of a car with 20 people

- **When:** Sunday, April 19th, 2026, 1:00 p.m. We request you arrive by 12:00p.m.
- **Where:** 300 N. Broadway, Clarkdale, AZ 86234 - Find directions [here](#)
- **Cost:** The cost is \$150 per person (this is a **\$12 savings** from the regular price) and I will be waiting for you at the depot with our tickets
- **Parking:** Free parking at the depot and the train is handicap accessible
- **Beforehand:** If you want to get some food beforehand, the Copper Spike Café at the Clarkdale depot will be open

SIGN UP: Please contact: **Kirk Anderson at 602-708-9806,**
or email him at kirk-anderson@cox.net

QUESTIONS? Feel free to call or email Kirk. You may also want to check out the

Verde Canyon Railroad website: <https://www.verdecanyonrr.com/>





NAVIGATOR 2026 Spring Picnic Honeywell Retirees

**“There IS such a thing as a free Lunch”
Thursday April 23rd**



Location: Rio Vista Park, 8866 W. Thunderbird Rd. Peoria, AZ
Ramada: #4, #5, #9
Time: 11:00am - 2:00pm
Lunch Served: Around 11:30am
Prizes: 50/50
Coordinators: Don Nicholas, Kathy & Ray Heinzeroth

**“We will provide and serve all food & Desserts “
“Burgers and Brats and all the trimmings”**

Because of Health issues, we ask you to not bring personal trays.
“Please use the disposable plates provided”

**You may bring your own beer (we have a beer permit) or soft drinks.
“Absolutely NO glass containers in the park”**

**“RSVP” will be needed in order to have the correct food quantity”
Last year we had 105 members and guests attending. **

If you plan to attend the Spring Picnic, use this link: [Spring picnic signup](#)

Or:

Send the following: “Name”, “Number attending”, “Cell number”

To:

Ray Heinzeroth (picnic26.heinzy1956@outlook.com) you can also call or text 602-793-8070

Paid Members + one guest are free - \$10 for each additional guest.

We will also have the Book exchange, or you can purchase a book for \$1

We will have our raffle!!!

MINIMUM TWO WINNERS IN OUR 50/50 RAFFLE!

One ticket for \$1.00 or seven tickets for \$5.00.

When the money is counted, at least two winning tickets will be drawn!

Each of the winners will win a share of 50% of the money collected.

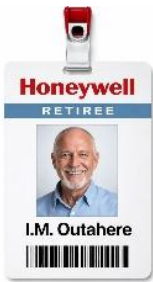
The other 50% will help cover the picnic costs.

Donations will be gratefully accepted to assist in covering the picnic expenses.

***Come join the fun, meet up with old friends, and
make new friends!***

Support your Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club of Arizona!

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Musical Instrument Museum VIP Behind-the-Scenes Tour

Please join us for a guided 60-min "VIP Behind-the-Scenes" tour of the

*Musical Instrument Museum on **Monday, May 18 at 10:45AM. Deadline to signup is May 11.***

One of Phoenix's top attractions invites you to experience the world through music. The VIP Behind-the-Scenes tour takes you into spaces and places not accessible to the public. Discover how exhibits are created, go backstage at the MIM Music Theater, see what kind of storage MIM needs for our diverse collection, and more on a behind-the-scenes tour with a museum guide.

Cost is \$7 plus Museum Admission of \$20 for a total of \$27. If you are a member of MIM, then your cost will be \$7. Signup by contacting Christine Lindley at clindley712@gmail.com. Please indicate the number and names of the guests attending. Payment will be made to Christine Lindley after you have confirmed your reservation with her. Deadline to signup is May 11. Details to follow.

- Backpacks/backpack purses, outside food and drink, and water bottles are not permitted in the museum.
- ***Cell phones and purses are not permitted in the back of house spaces on the VIP tour.***

Please be prepared to deposit cell phones and purses at Guest Service where they will be stored until the conclusion of the VIP tour.

The tour will last one hour, then you may visit the rest of the museum on your own and/or have lunch at Café Allegro, choosing from a variety of fresh entrées, salads, soups, and grill items showcasing local produce and flavors from around the world.

The new Target Gallery exhibit, "The Magical Flute" will also be available to view for an additional \$7.



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Insight into our History

Elite Fleet



Honeywell avionics systems keep Executive Jet Aviation's business aircraft flying high and in control

By Steven Henden

As you walk through the hangar at Executive Jet Aviation (EJA) in Columbus, Ohio, the first thing you notice is the impressive array of business aircraft. Since EJA's initial purchase of 12 Cessna Citation S-IIs back in 1986, its fleet has grown and diversified to meet the needs of its fractional or "time-share" owners.

Upon further examination, you realize that all planes in the fleet — which includes Citation V-ULTRAs, Citation Xs and Hawker 1000s, with orders on the books for Citation VIIs, Citation EXCELS and Hawker 800XPs, not to mention Executive Jet International's Gulfstream program based in South Carolina — have another thing in common: They all feature Honeywell integrated avionics systems.

"It's no coincidence," says Richard Smith, executive vice president in charge of EJA's Columbus operation. "We buy

aircraft with Honeywell avionics — end of story."

Even in aircraft with options for Honeywell, as well as competitive systems, EJA has demanded that the equipment be from Honeywell. "We specially ordered Primus II radios for our ULTRAs, and we're ordering Honeywell flight management systems for our EXCELS," Smith says.

A pilot with more than 10,000 flight hours, Smith knows the importance of reliable avionics. "Reliability is the No. 1 reason we choose Honeywell," he says. He is impressed with how Honeywell keeps up with changing technology. And on those rare occasions that problems arise with Honeywell equipment, strong customer support has allowed EJA owners to keep their planes flying.

"That's important to us," Smith says. "We manage a fleet of 100 aircraft with another 142 on order. We average 100 rev-

enue flights per day and 8,000 hours of flying per month. The fleet dispatchability is 95 percent, and it's exceedingly rare that any of the aircraft are unable to be dispatched because of a Honeywell product.

EJA acts as aircraft manager for the planes' owners, supplying pilots and complete flight operations, including scheduling, dispatching and catering. "This works as a perfect transition for those who eventually want to own their own plane, or be able to upgrade to a larger plane," Smith says. "With our clients, we've seen Citation S-II owners move into ULTRAs, and we expect a number of them to move into EXCELS when they become available."

"As the single largest consumer of general aviation products in the world, EJA is very important to us," says Mike Smith, vice president and general manager of **Business and Commuter Aviation Systems**.

"The fractional-ownership business has helped sell more airplanes, and that's good for Honeywell and good for the entire industry."

Although EJA pioneered fractional-ownership, a number of airplane manufacturers have jumped into this market, including Bombardier and Raytheon.

"It's a great way for our OEMs to sell more aircraft," says Lance Fera, director of Honeywell Business Aircraft Programs. "It is easy to make a case for owning a business jet, but it's not as easy to come up with the capital. EJA and others offer an alternative. Fractional ownership opens the market dramatically, allowing more corporations and individuals to experience the advantages of ownership at a fraction of the cost."

Steven Henden is a communications representative for Business and Commuter Aviation Systems in Phoenix. He can be reached at (602) or HVN/436-5312.



Richard Smith, left, Executive Jet Aviation executive vice president, and Mike Smith, Business and Commuter Aviation Systems vice president and general manager, inside EJA's Columbus hangar.

From Honeywell World, December 1997

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Desert Botanical Gardens

Free admission days, Second Tues of each month - 8AM - 6PM



The Desert Botanical Garden has free admission on the second Tuesday of the month from the hours of 8-6 PM. The garden and the neighboring Phoenix Zoo are accessible from the bus line; however, not by the light rail.

Best advice is to check the bus schedule, as times and bus numbers are subject to change.

Desert Botanical Garden is a 140-acre botanical garden located in Papago Park, at 1201 N. Galvin Parkway in Phoenix, Central Arizona.

Founded by the Arizona Cactus and Native Flora Society in 1937 and established at this site in 1939, the garden now has more than 50,000 plants, in more than 4,000 taxa, one-third of which are native to the area, including 379 species, which are rare, threatened or endangered.

All guests (members or general admission guests) are required to register and have a timed- entry ticket prior to entry to the Garden.

[Botanical Gardens](#)

Culture Pass *is available at any Phoenix City Library*

Benefits:

Two-person admission passes, good for one week, are available to a variety of places including:

- Arcosanti - Sedona Heritage Museum
- **Cave Creek Museum, Desert Caballeros Museum,**
- Heard Museum, Superstition Mountain Museum,
- **Desert Botanical Garden, Pueblo Grande Museum**
- Cosanti - Cosanti is the gallery and studio of Italian-American architect Paolo Soleri
- **Phoenix Art Museum, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art,**
- Reid Park Zoo, U of A Museum of Art,

People with a Phoenix City Library card can go on the website for more information and may be able to reserve them online. Only a certain number of passes are given out each month.

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Honeywell Clubs Fix-It Guys Program

Sponsored by Honeywell, Garrett & Aero Activities 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: **Frank Holman @ 602-695-2565** 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!
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: **Frank Holman 602-695-2565** - We would love to talk with you!

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

Thanks guys—for all that you do.

<i>East Valley</i>		
	Frank Holman	
<i>West Valley</i>		
Dave Allen		Dan Schott
Paul Wiley	Kevin Vetter	

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Recurring Lunches

Bull Old-Timers Lunch Bunch:

We had a medium sized turnout at Manuel's last month replacing the now-closed Greenway Top Shelf last month. Those attending were pleased with the food and service, so we'll return in May. We learned from one of our regulars, Joe Schaebel, that the Greenway Top Shelf location opted to close due to an unacceptable rent increase. He learned that at lunch at their 83rd Avenue & Pinnacle Peak location in Peoria, where he saw some familiar faces from staff that transferred from Greenway. I think we'll continue to try to be within two miles of I-17 and fairly close to Thunderbird.

*We had a decent turnout at IHOP last month.
Everyone that has attended one of the luncheons at Lin's seems to like the place.*

DATE: See dates below
WHERE: IHOP, 4201 W Bell Road, Phoenix
TIME: 11:30 till whenever

THIRD Tuesday January thru April, THIRD Wednesday May through August, and THIRD Thursday September through December. 11:30 AM - Contact: Robert Hetrick honeybulloldones@gmail.com

Tuesday January 20 th	Tuesday February 17 th	Tuesday March 17 th	Tuesday April 21 th
Wednesday May 20 th	Wednesday June 17 th	Wednesday July 15 th	Wednesday August 19 th
Thursday September 17 th	Thursday October 15 th	Thursday November 19 th	Thursday December 17 th

Southwest Over the Hill Gang: - Golden Corral Buffet & Grill ***1318 North Cooper Road, Gilbert, AZ 85233***

FIRST Thursday of the month @ 10:30 AM

Contact: Joan Schenamsgruber - 602-526-0357 - roberta40joan@gmail.com

Thurs Feb 5 th	Thurs March 5 th	Thurs April 2 nd	Thurs May 7 th
Thurs June 4 th	Thurs July 2 nd	Thurs August 6 th	Thurs. September 3 rd
Thurs October 1 st	Thurs November 5 th	Thurs December 3 rd	

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Or via the website at www.medicare.gov
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Chicago, ill 60675 - 1 - 877 - 258 - 3699 # 5



Jump on board

Looking for new board members

The HRAC Club currently has 15 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 HRAC Club could be in jeopardy. To keep HRAC 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.

Managing Your HRAC Membership

Membership dues are \$5.00 per year, for May 1st through **April 30th.**

Your membership expiration date is provided with your Navigator Newsletter.

- **Hard Copy:** Printed under your mailing address.
- **E-mailed Newsletters:** Provided in the body of the e-mail.

On-line processing is available to join, renew or update your membership information:

[Membership Form and Payment](#)

Or print and mail your payment and membership form. The form and mailing instructions are in every newsletter.

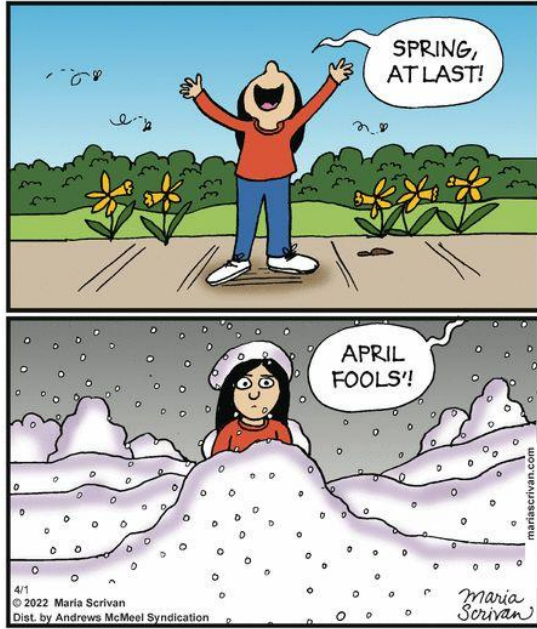
Contact Barbara Brockett with dues or membership questions.

- **Email:** hrac.membership@gmail.com
- **Phone:** 623-251-0221

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Laughter is the Best Medicine



Hi, Todd, nice to see you. This is my wife, April.

Greetings, Ben and April, and this is my wife, May.

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Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club (HRAC) of Arizona

Membership Application, Renewal or Change Form

- Visit hracaz.org for on-line applications, info updates or payments:
Manage Your Membership (hracaz.org)

Membership dues are \$5.00 per year, for May 1st through April 30th.

Membership is open to retirees and pre-retirees who work or worked for any Honeywell division, affiliate, or subcontractor.

Members are entitled to receive The Navigator newsletter and participate in club activities and functions. Member's spouses or partners are granted free membership.

New Member [] Membership Renewal [] Data Change []

Date: _____

First and Last Name: _____ Spouse/Partner First and

Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone No: _____ - _____ - _____ Landline No _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail Address _____

Spouse/Partner E-mail Address (for back-up contact) _____

Would your spouse/partner like to receive the newsletter? Yes [] No []

Dues: _____ (# of years) at \$5 per year \$ _____

(Multiple year payments are appreciated to save cost and effort.)

Make check payable to: Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club (HRAC)

Mail to: Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club, Honeywell Inc. 1860 West Rose Garden Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85027-2704

Do you want your e-mail address periodically listed in The Navigator member email list? Yes [] No []

Note: The E-mail list is NOT available on the website; only HRAC members will receive it.

Standard newsletter delivery is through e-mail, providing color content and live links to items of interest. Members who require a hard copy can receive a mailed, black & white copy.

Newsletter distribution: E-mail [] or Mailed Hard-copy []

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Members will be notified of their membership expiration date with their newsletter delivery. Contact Barbara Brockett at hrac.membership@gmail.com or 623-251-0221 with any membership, newsletter delivery or dues questions.

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Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club

Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club (HRAC) is for current and retired Honeywell employees who want to have fun and stay connected.

- HRAC coordinates events targeted for retired and late career employees and helps members stay connected through newsletters and events.
- ALL current and retired employees from ALL Honeywell sites, affiliates or subcontracts are welcome!
- *Membership cost is only \$5 a year.*

Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club

<https://hracaz.org/>

Here are just a few of the exciting past and planned events:

Entertainment and Enrichment

- Incredible Escape Room
- Verde Canyon Railroad Trip
- Arizona Broadway Theater
- Ocean Cruises
- Lake Pleasant Cruises
- Musical Instrument Museum
- Arizona Capital Museum



Touring and Exploring

- Southwest Airlines Maintenance Facility
- Amazon and Ping Factories
- Palo Verde Power Plant
- Sanderson Ford Museum
- Guided Bird Walk
- Bike Tours
- Hall of Flame Museum



Connecting with Others

- Christmas Luncheon
- Spring Picnic
- Newsletter and "Down Memory Lane" Articles



Come Join the Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club and keep active.

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