



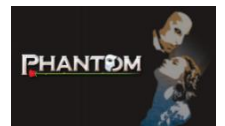
Southwest Tour

March 13th



*ABT – Phantom – Matinee- **Sold Out***

March 20th



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Air Base Arizona**

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Keith's Thoughts



After many years of service to the Honeywell Retirees clubs, Barbara Rippstein is retiring. Known most recently as the person organizing cruises, she has worked for several decades on behalf of retirees. In the past she was chairman of the Sperry Retirees Club that became the Aero Activities Club. She also was President of the Honeywell Retirees Social Club. On behalf of the Honeywell Retirees Clubs and all the members whose lives you've touched, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your many years of dedication and service. Your leadership, commitment, and tireless efforts have been truly inspiring.

It is election time for our club. Just over a year ago we combined the Honeywell Retirees Social Club and the Aero Activities Clubs.

In that process we slotted people into position on the board to get things going. Our Bylaws require us to hold elections every year and this year, Barbara Rippstein's retirement coincides with the need to elect a director for the club. Next year more officers' position will be open for election. Details of the election process is on a later page. I hope all of you participate and better still volunteer for the position. For those interested our Bylaws are on our website hracaz.org/bylaws.

Last month I discussed our annual picnic and told you that Peoria has increased the Ramada fees by 160%. This makes the Ramadas more expensive than the food we provide, but the board wants to continue to make the event free for our members and encourage participation. We will, however, have a donation jar available for those willing and able to contribute to offset the costs. This is purely voluntary and not a condition to attend.

We are in the process of planning the Fall activities so now is the time to send in your suggestions to any board member. We are always looking for new ideas to try as well as feedback on events you would like to do again.

Time is running out to sign up for the Southwest Tour on March 13th. This will be our 8th visit. Some members have gone more than once as each tour has been different and interesting. Last time we went they were just bringing their new hanger inline and fitting out the Garrett APU service room. Normally we are given free run to explore an aircraft both inside and out. Where else can you sit in the pilot's seat of a B737?

Check out the Museum of Illusions Exhibit on Saturday April 12th. There are illusions there that would captivate and amuse young children and teenagers alike as well as us old folks. So, take you grandkids.

We still have not received any articles or stories from Honeywell divisions other than Aerospace. I am sure that someone must have an interesting story or project that they worked on that is worth telling us about. Send suggestions to hrac.navigators@gmail.com.

HRAC sponsored programs and events, where payments are required in advance, will provide refunds anytime there is no cost to the Club. We will make every effort to provide refunds when requested; however, for some events funds will have been committed by the HRAC and will not be refunded.

Keith Hughes.
Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club (HRAC) President
Keith8411@cox.net, New website: hracaz.org



Call for Volunteers and Nominees for HRAC Board of Directors

Join the HRAC Board!

We will be selecting an elected director to fill a three-year term. Nominations for this position must be submitted by March 31st. Member voting will be completed in April.

In addition to this elected position, the Board of Directors is always seeking volunteers with diverse backgrounds and experiences to serve on the board.

Our Mission

The HRAC mission is to provide social activities, programs, projects, fellowship, communication, and information for the enjoyment and welfare of its members. The Board controls and manages the affairs of the Club to meet this mission.

About the Board

The Board consists of four elected officers, three elected directors, and multiple assigned directors. The Board of Directors will meet at least six times per year with the goal of monthly meetings from September to May. Virtual participation can be accommodated when needed. Each board member will have one vote on any issue brought before the Board of Directors.

To learn more about the HRAC board and their duties, the by-laws are available on our website: [Bylaws](#)

How to Nominate

Nominations of candidates for Board director may be made by any Active Member. Nominees must be verified and agree to serve before being placed on the ballot.

Nominee Information Required:

- Nominee's Name
- Nominee's Email
- Nominee's Cell Phone Number

Nominations should be submitted to the nomination focal point, Kirk Anderson, using one of the following methods:

- Phone: 602-708-9806
- Email: Kirk-Anderson@cox.net
- Mail to: Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club, Honeywell Inc., 1860 West Rose Garden Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85027-2704

Get involved and help shape the future of our club. We look forward to your participation!



Wrigley Mansion Tour on February 15th, 2025

The Wrigley Mansion in Phoenix, Arizona, has a fascinating history! Built between 1929 and 1931 by chewing-gum magnate William Wrigley Jr., it was a 50th wedding anniversary gift for his beloved wife, Ada. The mansion is also known as La Colina Solana, meaning "Sunny Hill," and features stunning views of the city and mountains.

One unique aspect of the mansion is its floor tiles, which were made from clay sourced from Wrigley's own factory on Catalina Island. These tiles were transported to Phoenix by mule, adding a personal touch to the mansion.

The mansion boasts ornate ceilings and beautifully detailed interiors, reflecting the opulence of the 1930s. Additionally, there's a charming story about the chair height being adjusted to accommodate Ada's shorter stature, ensuring her comfort.





Southwest Airlines - March 13th

It is the 8th time to tour the popular SW Airlines Maintenance Facility again. Last time we had a very interesting presentation on the origins of SW and toured the new hanger still under construction. The only 2 aircraft available to view were on the apron and closed up but our host pushed some steps up to one and opened the door for us. After that we are on our own so several of us sat in the cockpit, tried out the seats in the cabin and marveled at the small galley and toilets. Every tour is different. Once we sat in a brand-new aircraft with 5 flight hours and had not entered service.

This free tour is planned for Thursday March 13th at 10 am, but names of all attendees are required in advance for security purposes. This will be our 8th tour and spaces fill quickly. I have to limit the group to 40 for practical reasons.

To register sent the full names of all in your party to Keith Hughes at keith8411@cox.net or go to events for the Southwest Airlines tour to signup





ARIZONA BROADWAY THEATRE

7701 W. Paradise Lane, Peoria

Thursday, March 20, 2025. 12 noon.

Cost: \$70 per ticket. Details below - *Sold Out*



"Yeston and Arthur Kopit's Phantom" is a musical adaptation of Gaston Leroux's famous novel "The Phantom of the Opera." The musical follows the plot written by Leroux and provides a deeper insight into every character, their motivations, and their back stories. We begin by meeting Eric – disfigured from birth yet as beautiful on the inside as he is misshapen on the outside. He was hidden beneath the famous Paris Opera House to live out his years. When an untalented egomaniacal Diva takes over the Opera House, the musical environment so dear to his life, and on which he subsists, he is shattered. When seeking a voice and a singer to restore the beauty, he finds himself falling in love with Christine Daae. This beloved story version of "Phantom" features a score that blends elements of classical and contemporary musical theatre styles while providing a fresh take on one of literature's most iconic characters.

DETAILS: Lunch service starts at noon; the show begins at 2 p.m.

INCLUDED: Standard soup or salad, choice of standard entrée, coffee or tea and \$4 gratuity included in your ticket price.

Tickets are limited, and non-members are welcome to join us. To reserve your seats, email Kevin Vetter at snuffles@Q.com

Once he confirms there are tickets available, please send a check ASAP to secure your seats.

Make the check out to HRAC and mail to Kevin Vetter, 3111 W. Waltann Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85053
We typically have more ticket requests than tickets, so don't delay. If there's someone you want to sit with, please include that request in your email and try to send in your checks together.

Once your money is received, you will be assigned your seats – first come, first served 😊.

All the Tickets are non-refundable.

On March 20, please arrive at ABT no later than 12:15.

Kevin will be outside the theatre wearing a **RED Honeywell 777 ballcap** to hand you your tickets. Hope you can join us!



Museum of Illusions Exhibit

Grandchildren Welcome

Saturday April 12th, 2025 at 10AM

Join us for this look at the Museum of Illusions located in the same complex as Butterfly Wonderland and Odyssey in the Desert. This museum is a self-guided tour where you can truly experience the impossible. There are over 60 exhibits that will challenge you to see things differently and reveal a lot about how are our brain interprets reality.

- **When:** Saturday, April 12th, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
- **Where:** 9500 East Via de Ventura, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
- **Cost:** The cost is \$23 for person – grandchildren welcome
- **Parking:** Free parking on site and the museum is mostly wheelchair accessible
- **Afterwards:** After the museum there are places to eat in the complex

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: Saturday, April 5th (one week prior). Please either sign up online through [HRACAZ.org](https://hracaz.org) or send an email to **Kirk Anderson**, kirk-anderson@cox.net.

QUESTIONS? Feel free to email Kirk at kirk-anderson@cox.net. You may also want to check out the MOI website <https://www.moiscottsdale.com/>





2025 Spring Picnic Honeywell Retirees

"There IS such a thing as a free Lunch"

Thursday April 24th



Location: Rio Vista Park, 8866 Thunderbird Rd,
Peoria Ramada 9 & 4 & 5
Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Lunch Served around 11:30
Prizes: 50/25/25
Coordinator: Larry Bowe

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

Because of Health issues, we asked you to not bring personal
trays; ***"Please use the disposal 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 a record number of 135 attending

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

or send the following information to

Larry Bowe at lbowsr@gmail.com or call 602-615-7150

"Name, number of attendees & cell phone number"

- **Members + one are free - \$10 other attending guest**

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

We will have our raffle

TWO WINNERS IN OUR RAFFLE - 50/25/25

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

When the money is counted, two tickets will be
drawn;

Each of the two winners will receive 25% of the monies collected.

The other 50% is to offset the picnic costs.

Come join the fun and Association





Commemorative Air Force Museum @ Air Base Arizona

November 13, 2025



No need to pay until the day!
BUT reserve NOW! Limited to
25 people.

\$ 15 per person.
CASH ONLY!!



Where: 2017 N Greenfield Rd, Mesa, AZ 85215 (480 924 1940)

Time: Arrive 12:45 p.m. Tour starts: 1:00 p.m.

- Meet at front door
- Tour will last approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours
- Free parking
- Limited scooters/wheel chairs

To reserve, please contact:

Tom Leard: tomflyer12@hotmail.com



Insight into our History

distributor newsletter

Sperry Flight Systems, Avionics Division

July 1978



TERN 100 CERTIFICATION has been completed in Grumman Gulfstream II demonstrator (aircraft serial #173) at Page Gulfstream, San Antonio. This and just-completed certification in Lockheed JetStar II owned by Schlumberger at Continental Radio, Houston, bring to five the

number of aircraft types in which TERN 100 automatic navigation system is certified. Certifications gained in four different FAA regions include -731 JetStar, E-90 King Air, and Boeing 707.

Sperry to equip new MU-300 jet

The newly announced Mitsubishi MU-300 business jet will have a Sperry integrated AFCS, flight and air data instruments and gyroscopics aboard when it makes its U.S. debut in early 1979.

The Avionics Division is providing its new SPZ-900 flight control system, based on the SPZ-200A/500 series autopilot, for the first two prototype MU-300 aircraft. First flight of the MU-300 has been scheduled for August in Japan, with airframe certification flights in that country planned for completion by the end of the year.

Both prototypes will then be disassembled and shipped to the Mitsubishi plant in San Angelo, Tex., where first U.S. flights are planned beginning in April 1979. A decision on proceeding into production of the MU-300 is expected later this year.

Flight director instruments in prototype No. 1 will be the four-inch Sperry HZ-444 ADI and

RD-444 HSI. Aircraft No. 2 will be equipped with the five-inch Sperry AD-600 ADI and RD-600 HSI on the left side.

Other Sperry equipment in both prototypes will include C-14 compass systems, VG-14 remote vertical gyros, air data computers driving servoed baro altimeters and altitude alert/preselect units, and RH-444 RMIs.

SPZ-900 autopilot certification flights will begin from San Angelo about July 1, 1979, with certification expected by mid-October.

When complete, it will be the first production certification of a Sperry automatic flight control system in a Mitsubishi aircraft. The SPZ-200 system has been certified under STC in the MU-2 series for several years.

With the MU-300, Sperry's Avionics Division has captured the last four competitions to become standard flight control systems supplier on new business jets.



Things to do....

Arizona Musicfest - Through MARCH 30

This multi-month festival features the nation's top artists of classical, chamber, jazz, rock, country, bluegrass and pop. North Scottsdale/Phoenix venues, 480-422-8449, azmusicfest.org

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:

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.

[Culture-pass](#)



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	Lee Rippstein	Dan Schott
Paul Wiley	Kevin Vetter	



Recurring Lunches



Bull Old-Timers Lunch Bunch: Top Shelf Mexican Food & Cantina **3301 W Greenway, Phoenix 85053**

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 21st	Tuesday, February 18th	Tuesday, March 18th	Tuesday, April 15th
Wednesday, May 21st	Wednesday, June 18th	Wednesday, July 16th	Wednesday, August 20st
Thursday, September 18th	Thursday, October 16th	Thursday, November 20st	Thursday, December 18th

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

FIRST Thursday of the month at 10:30 AM -

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

Thursday, February 6th	Thursday, March 6 th	Thursday, April 3 rd	Thursday, May 1 th
Thursday, June 5 th	Thursday, July 3 rd	Thursday, August 7 th	Thursday, September 4 th
Thursday, October 2 nd	Thursday, November 6 th	Thursday, December 4 th	January 8 th 2026

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**NEW- HR Direct Honeywell**

Dept.09796 - 2601 Research Forest Drive
Woodlands, TX 77381 - 1 - 877- 258- 3699

Hours of Operation: Monday- Friday
9: 00 A.M.- 6: 00 P.M. Eastern Time

Checking your Pension After Jan 1st

www.benefitcenter.com/honeywell

or

Regular mail - Honeywell benefits Service
Center PO 18016 Norfolk, VA 23501

Overnight mail - 1434 Crossroads Blvd,
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Questions - 1-877-258-3699 #5

Retired members - Medicare contact

1-800-MEDICARE (1-800 633-4227)

Or via the website at www.medicare.gov
Northern Trust/ Pensions PO Box 92922
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.

Our Present & Past Activities

Sept Kick- off Luncheon

Verde Canyon Railroad

Tovrea Castle

Palo Verde Nuclear Plant

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 Fulfillment tour

AZ Science Museum

Musical Instrument Museum

Cerreta Candy Company Factory Tour

Butterfly Wonderland

University of Phoenix Stadium Tour

Dolly Steamboat Tour

Lake Pleasant SUNSET MUSIC CRUISE

Penske Racing Museum Tour

Ping & PXG Factory Tour

AZ Highways Collection

Barry Goldwater' s Photography

Rio Salado Audubon

Commemorative Air Force Museum

Scottsdale's Museum of the West



Laughter is the Best Medicine



"OF COURSE I HAVEN'T SPENT ALL OUR MONEY
— I ONLY USED YOURS."



"I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO SAVE 100%."



Board Members

Officers:

Keith Hughes - 480-320-0456
(President - Tours & Events)
keith8411@cox.net

Kirk Anderson - 602-708-9806
(Vice President)
Kirk-anderson@cox.net

Sherry Maxson Myers - 602-920-7374
(Secretary)
Shery-z@cox.net

Doug Metzger - 602-319-6637
(Treasurer)
hrac.treasurer@gmail.com

Elected Directors:

Kevin Vetter - 602-942- 0038
(Secretary/AZ Broadway Plays)
Snuffles@q.com

Don Nicholas- 480-282-3015
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Website Manager
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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 \(hracaz.org\)](http://hracaz.org)

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

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 ☐

Please print clearly:

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 ☐

Honeywell Affiliation (If multiple, please indicate main one only):

Aero: Avionics ☐ Aero: Space ☐ Aero: Engines/APUs ☐ Aero: Air & Thermal ☐ Aero: Other ☐

BULL ☐ HIS ☐ IAC/HPS ☐ Other ☐ _____

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.



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. HRAC helps members stay connected through newsletters and events.
- Joint events are held with all Phoenix Valley Honeywell retiree clubs. ALL current and retired employees from ALL Honeywell sites 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.



Navigator Newsletter...

Do you know where to find you dues paid through date for your **Navigator Newsletter**

- Hard copies: are in black & white and under the address.
- Email copies: in the body of the email

See the enclosed membership form for instruction on how to pay your dues or update your membership below (data (address, email, phone)).



**Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club, Honeywell Inc.
1860 W Rose Garden Lane.
Phoenix, AZ 85027-2704**