



*ROCHESTER, NY (WROC) – The phrase “April showers bring May flowers” is a popular saying used often during the month of April. In Western New York this is typically the time when the last bit of snow turns to all rain as temperatures climb, and increased rain shower activity sparks the beginning of flowers and plants to really start blooming in the area. Despite the way the phrase goes, our spring so far has been anything BUT “showery,” until today... April showers are now finally getting into full swing after a dry start to spring in Rochester. Since March 1st, we’ve been running a precipitation deficit of -2.25” as of yesterday (April 10th.) The rain that we saw today will definitely be a huge help to these numbers, and will begin to contribute to the typical “April showers” we see according to the famous phrase.*

*Spring Picnic  
“Come join us”*

*April 25th*



*Scottsdale Museum of the West*

*May 9th*



*ABT -Beauty & The Beast – matinee*

*Dec 5th*



**The AeroActivitiesClub.com website is in transition to the new website for  
Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club starting May 1st.**

**To reliably access the site, use the future URL [hracaz.org](http://hracaz.org)**



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## Keith's Thoughts



It is the beginning of April and the third month of working on merging the Honeywell Retiree Social Club and the Aero Activities Club. During the past month we have made significant progress and approvals that have now been put in place for key documents, processes, and procedures. The transition will be effective May 1, 2024. Our new Club name will be the Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club (HRAC). **The name for our new merged newsletter will be the Navigator and will be effective May 1st.** This name represents the history of all of the Honeywell sites and their accomplishments. The same accomplishments that we are looking forward to continuing to have as a merged club.

To answer some members questions:

- We want to reassure our AAC members that your membership will automatically be transferred to the new club. Also, when your membership is up for renewal, you will be able to renew your membership following the same process as before. The renewal form may look a little different but the renewal process will remain the same.
- If you are a member of both clubs your membership time will be extended by the overlapped years.
- Membership eligibility is automatic for anyone who is or was employed by Sperry Corporation, Honeywell International, Inc. and/or other companies that have or have had an ownership relationship with Honeywell International, Inc.
- Individuals who worked for Honeywell through a subcontract or third-party labor contract are also eligible, as well as individuals who are employed by the Aero Federal Credit Union.
- Membership eligibility is automatic for the spouse or partner of an active member.
- There will be a new URL (i.e. address) for our website and some E-mail addresses will change

I am pleased to say that almost all of the committee members from both clubs are continuing on to the new club so, at present, our merged committee is fully staffed. For practical reasons, we have slotted existing committee members into the roles to run the club and elections will start next year.

The Navigator newsletter will feature articles from our members, so please think of stories you can tell.

Now for the fun stuff! **Our annual picnic is April 25<sup>th</sup> and we are using it as our first new club event.** The food is free for our members and we would like to see you all there. Last year we had 125 people sign up. So far this year we have 92 with a month to go so we would like to see the record broken. Please ensure that you RSVP so we have sufficient food for all.

Before the summer break we have a visit to **the Scottsdale Museum of the West in May.** The Committee will be taking the summer off so will not be meeting during June, July, or August. The newsletter will also be put on hold during that time as well. We will resume our committee meetings and newsletter starting in September. I am hoping our September newsletter will be full of Fall events for you to enjoy.

Keith Hughes. [keith8411@cox.net](mailto:keith8411@cox.net)  
Aero Activities Club Chairperson,

[hracaz.org](http://hracaz.org)- Come and take a look at all of our activities



# 2024 Spring Picnic Aero Activities Club & HRSC Members

*“There IS such a thing as a free Lunch”*

Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>



<b>Location:</b>	Rio Vista Park, 8866 Thunderbird Rd,
<b>Peoria Ramada</b>	9 & 4 & 5
<b>Time:</b>	11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
<b>Lunch Served</b>	around 11:30
<b>AM. Prizes:</b>	50/25/25
<b>Coordinator:</b>	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 125 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](mailto:lbowsr@gmail.com) or call 602-615-7150

**“Name, number of attendees, your club (Aero or Honeywell) & cell phone number”**

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

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

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*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*

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## Scottsdale's Museum of the West Guided

3830 N Marshall Way Scottsdale

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:30PM**

**SIGN-UP DEADLINE: April 22nd**

**Admission: \$20**



Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West is a premier cultural institution situated in Old Town Scottsdale, Arizona. Established in January 2015, the museum resides on the historic grounds of the Loloma Transit Station (N Marshall Way and E 1st St). With a sprawling two-story layout encompassing 43,000 square feet, the museum showcases the art, culture, and rich history spanning 19 states in the American West, Western Canada, and Mexico. complex.

*Follow this Link to learn more:*

**[Scottsdale's Museum of the West](#)**

### What to Expect:

- **Museum Tour:** We have arranged for a guided tour of the museum which will take approximately 2 hours. Guests will then be welcome to view exhibits at their leisure.
- **Address:** 3830 N Marshall Way Scottsdale
- **Parking:** City of Scottsdale underground parking garage can be accessed from the driveway located just south of Main Street, on the north side of the museum building. Look for the blue parking sign on Marshall Way.

**SIGN-UP:** Please reserve spots for you and your guests using one of these two options:

Contact Barbara Brockett at 623-251-0221 OR [b.brockett@cox.net](mailto:b.brockett@cox.net).

Sign-up on the AAC Website: [Scottsdale Museum](#)

**PAYMENT:** We are requesting payment in advance. The cost is \$20 per person.

Make check payable to Aero Activities Club

**MAIL CHECK to:** Barbara Brockett, 22623 N. 72<sup>nd</sup> Drive, Glendale AZ, 85310

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## ARIZONA BROADWAY THEATRE SHOWS!

FOR THE 2024-25 SEASON, WE ARE OFFERING TWO PLAYS AT THE ARIZONA BROADWAY THEATRE (ABT) IN PEORIA. ALTHOUGH DETAILS WILL NOT BE FINALIZED WITH ABT UNTIL SUMMER, THE THEATRE OFFERS LUNCH AND THE PLAY AT A GROUP RATE, WITH AN ANTICIPATED COST OF \$75 - \$85 PER PERSON. SEATING IS AT TABLES OF 4 OR 6 WITH OTHER CLUB MEMBERS. PLEASE SEE SHOW DESCRIPTIONS BELOW.

### **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST – THURSDAY 12/5/24 MATINEE**

*ABT brings this revered fairy tale to life on stage. This “tale as old as time,” reminds us to look beyond one’s exterior and find the beauty from within. Belle finds herself in the middle of a daring and magical adventure, attempting to rescue her beloved father from a terrible beast and offering herself in exchange for his freedom. She soon discovers that she is not the only prisoner held in the beast’s extraordinary castle. All of the fanciful characters, such as a talking tightly wound clock (the butler), adorable teacup (a young boy), kindhearted candelabra (maître d’), are trapped in this spellbound form until the beast, who is actually a young prince, can learn to love and have his love returned.*

### **PHANTOM THURSDAY 3/20/25 MATINEE**

*“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 Gaston Leroux and provides a deeper insight into every character, their motivations, and their backstories. 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, on which he subsists, is shattered. When seeking a voice and a singer to restore the beauty, he finds himself falling in love with Christine Daaé. This version of the beloved story 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.*

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We would like to get a headcount of who would be interested in either or both of these shows so that we can purchase the right number of tickets. This does not commit you – we are just looking for your interest at this point in time. In the past, we have had to disappoint people because we did not purchase enough tickets.

**Think you might want to attend?** Please email Kevin Vetter at [snuffles@Q.com](mailto:snuffles@Q.com). Let him know which show(s) you are interested in, and how many tickets you might want. No money now, please - tickets will not be available for purchase until later on in the year.

Hope you can join us at the theatre!



# Insight into our History

MAY 2000 **2** HONEYWELL PRIDE

## TAIS receives FAA approval

By Alison Bendler

In the past, the most prominent perks of an airplane ride were honey-roasted peanuts, soda and movie headphones. With the aid of Honeywell's Total Aircraft Information System that all could change in the near future.

The ability to check e-mail, use a credit card and receive a sports and weather updates may soon be added to the list.

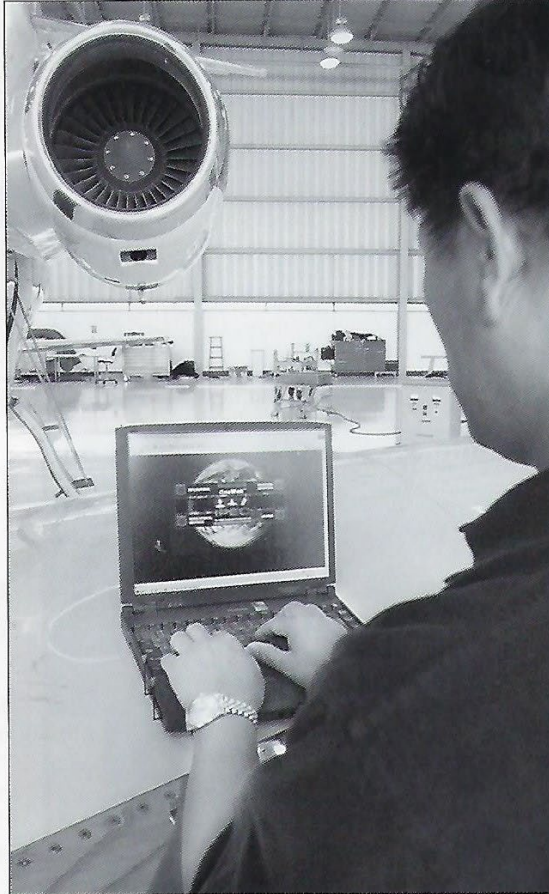
In early April, the Federal Aviation Administration issued the first supplemental type certificate for TAIS.

Because it's the first FAA STC for an airborne information system in the commercial aviation industry, it was a significant achievement for Aviation Information Services.

The successful completion of the FAA certification ground and flight tests opens the door to a new era of airborne e-business opportunities for Honeywell.

"This certification was a great achievement for Aviation Information Services. We are very excited about the possibilities for future business," said **Mahmud Kahn**, CES-Deer Valley engineer.

As a part of this FAA STC program, Honeywell TAIS successfully demonstrated a number of new high tech applications, including In-Flight mail, IEEE 802.11 based cabin wireless Local Area Network operation, on-board credit card processing, flight operations



and quality assurance type data collection.

New concepts for a number of other passenger and cabin services functions were also validated during this STC program.

These functions include passenger profiles, "news-sports-weather" updates and "e-books."

Certification is important because most airlines can not install any new equipment without it, which is basically a "seal of approval" from a recognized regulatory authority.

An FAA certification provides airlines with the confidence that the equipment and installation is safe for that particular aircraft type.

TAIS provides an end-to-end solution for customers who want to network their aircraft with ground operations or directly establish a communications link between the on-board aircraft network and the ground-based communications networks.

TAIS is based primarily on commercial off-the-shelf equipment components and software, and on open-system architecture design.



Above, **Jang Lee**, connected via wireless LAN, uses a laptop computer to test the TAIS onboard the Cessna Citation III in the CES-Deer Valley hanger.

From left, **Mahmud Khan**, **Gary Houghtaling**, **Janguk Lee** and **David Haga** work inside the Cessna Citation III cabin testing the TAIS.

*Pride photo by George Tenney*



## April Fun!

**Wildlife World Zoo** - [www.wildlifeworld.com](http://www.wildlifeworld.com) - 623-935-WILD (9453)

**Aquarium & Safari Park** - 16501 W. Northern Ave. Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

*Aquarium & Safari Park Wildlife World Zoo & Aquarium & Safari Park displays Arizona's largest collection of exotic animals, White Tigers, Lions, Jaguars, Leopards, Giraffe, Monkeys, Kangaroos, Sharks, Penguins, Stingray, and over 6,000 other exotic species. Take the Log Flume ride through the Aquarium, have an African Safari Train ride, skyride over animal exhibits, Australian Boat ride and kid's exotic Animal Carousel. **Open every day of the year!***



1202 W. Encanto Blvd. Phoenix, AZ 85007

Wednesday & Thursday 11AM - 4PM

Friday & Saturday 10am - 8PM

Sunday 12pm - 8PM, 602-254-1200 -

[info@enchantedisland.com](mailto:info@enchantedisland.com)



**Market Place -Greenway High School**

3930 W Greenway Rd - Phoenix, AZ - (480) 703-1463

April 20th Saturday 9AM-4PM

April 21st Sunday 9AM-3PM

Here is another great link:

<https://phoenix.kidsoutandabout.com/content/birthday-party-locations-and-around-phoenix>

### Newsletter...

Do you know where to find you dues paid through date?

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

If you have no changes to your account, **just send in a check**, Thank you

- **Pay** : Make a check out to: Aero Activities Club
- **Mail to**: Barbara Brockett, 22623 N 72nd Dr. Glendale, AZ 85310

For any changes to your account (address, email, phone), see last page of this newsletter to make these changes your information.





*Sounds of the Southwest Chorale*  
*with Sounds of the Southwest Singers*

**Sanctuary: A Cantata of Hope and Peace**

**SPRING**  
*Concert Series*

- **Sunday, April 21 - 3 PM**  
**American Lutheran Church**  
17200 N Del Webb Blvd. - Sun City
- **Sunday, April 28 - 3 PM**  
**Crown of Life Lutheran Church**  
13131 W Spanish Garden Dr, - Sun City West
- **Thursday, May 2 - 6:30 PM** (Chorale Only)  
**Lakeview UMC -10298 W Thunderbird Blvd, - Sun City**

**Matt Deller, Founding Director**



**FREE  
ADMISSION**

Sounds of the Southwest Singers, Inc. is a  
501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization  
[www.soundsofthesouthwestchorale.com](http://www.soundsofthesouthwestchorale.com)



## 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.

Information: [Botanical Gardens](#)

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

### 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.

Information - [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.*

<b>East Valley</b>		
	<b>Frank Holman</b>	
<b>West Valley</b>		
<b>Bob Farney</b>	<b>Lee Rippstein</b>	<b>Dan Schott</b>
<b>Paul Wiley</b>	<b>Kevin Vetter</b>	



James (Jim) Hurst  
Vance Bradley

**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](http://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](http://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 Aero Activities Club currently has 9 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 Aero Activities Club could be in jeopardy. To keep AAC 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
- Trips 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



# Aero Activities Club

The Aero Activities Club (AAC) is for current and retired Honeywell employees who want to have fun and stay connected.

AAC coordinates events targeted for retired and late career employees. AAC helps members stay connected through newsletters and events. Joint events are held with all Phoenix Valley Honeywell retiree clubs. Primary membership is from the Deer Valley, Bell Road and Glendale sites. ALL current and retired employees from ALL Honeywell sites are welcome! *Membership cost is only \$5 a year.*

Explore our website and join!  
[AeroActivitiesClub.com](http://AeroActivitiesClub.com)

Here are just a few of the exciting past and planned AAC 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

*Join AAC and Join the Fun!*





### Aero Activities Club Membership Forms

To JOIN, RENEW or UPDATE your membership information, use the following options.

**Option 1:** Print and Mail Form & Mail Membership Dues if applicable.

New Member  Renewal  Info Update  Date \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Home# \_\_\_\_\_

Cell# \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$5 Annually For payments: Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Amount \_\_\_\_\_

- Make checks payable to: **Aero Activities Club (AAC)**
- Mail to, **Barbara Brockett, 22623 N 72nd Dr. Glendale, AZ 85310**
- *Paying for more than 1 year at a time saves administration costs.*

To encourage socialization and communication, AAC periodically shares the roster's email addresses within our membership. The list is only for AAC and is NOT made public.

Do we have your permission to share your email address with the membership? Yes  No

Our preferred method of distribution of the Wings Newsletters is email\* (full color).

Do you require a hard-copy (black and white only), or will email receipt suffice?

Wings newsletter distribution? E-mail  Mail, Hard-copy

\*The newsletter is always on the website: [AAC newsletters](#)

**Option 2:** Complete On-line Submission. Mail Membership Dues as applicable.

For Current Members: [hracaz.org](http://hracaz.org)

For New Members: [Join AAC](#)

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You are welcome to join if you ever worked at Sperry/Honeywell: **(You do not need to be retired)**

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