



*Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year*

*Merry Christmas Lunch/ Closed*

*Dec 13<sup>th</sup>*



*Southwest Airlines/Full*

*Jan 19<sup>th</sup>*



*The Arizona Gold Mining Experience*

*Jan 27<sup>th</sup>*



*ESCAPE FROM IT ALL*

*Mar 2<sup>th</sup>*





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**Do you know where to find your dues 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

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**For any changes to your account (address, email, phone), see last page of this newsletter**

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## Keith's Thoughts



I am saddened to say that Steve Flood, our Vice Chairman, died after a long battle with bladder cancer a few days ago. He was a true friend and avid supporter of our club and he will be sorely missed. Expect to see details of a Celebration of Life scheduled for the end of January.

As the Holiday Season approaches it is a time to spend with friends and family and reflect on the past year. From the club's perspective the attendance at our events has greatly improved since just post COVID when members were cautious about mixing with crowds.

This year we have had Arizona Broadway Theater twice, Spring Picnic, Escape Room Adventure, Arizona Capital Museum Tour, Arizona Canal Bike Ride, Musical Instrument Museum Tour, Sanderson Village and Museum, Lake Pleasant Music Cruise and an upcoming Christmas Lunch.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the tireless committee members for organizing the events and helping me keep the club running smoothly.

Getting back to spending time with friends, our Christmas Lunch is 40% bigger than last year and we had to add extra tables to fit everybody in. I am encouraged to see we have some new members attending the lunch.

We have 33 people signed up for the Southwest Airlines visit which is a large crowd to hear the host sometimes on the shop floor so if you intend to go now is the time to contact me as I am very close to closing the event.

**I still have space for the Cave Creek Museum tour.**

Membership renewal is going well, with one retired guy renewing for 10 years. We now have 6 members signed up through 2030 - 2032. Thank you for their confidence in the club. Paying for multiple years helps us budget better and you get less reminders. Looking at the latest membership list I see several people I have worked with, or known, on the list have just joined so word is getting out and thank you to our members who have used the flier at the end of our newsletter to recruit new members.

Even if you are not on the committee, we are always looking for new and interesting ideas for events. Please contact any committee member or fill in the ideas form on our website [Here](#).

The website address for past newsletters, event photos etc. is [AeroActivitiesClub.com](http://AeroActivitiesClub.com)

Happy Holidays and I hope to see you all at future events, Keith



# Merry Christmas Lunch -Closed

Aero Activities Club & Honeywell Retire Social Club

*Wednesday - Dec 13<sup>th</sup>*

Palmbrook Country Club  
9350 W Greenway Rd, Sun City, AZ 85351

**\$40.00 includes 22% gratuity and tax**

11:00 AM to 2:30 PM

**Staff served Buffett - 12:30PM**

Roast beef or Chicken Marsala  
Roasted Potatoes with herb & Butter  
California Medley Vegetable

**House Salad**

Dressing on the table Ranch & Raspberry Vinaigrette  
Rolls & Butter - Coffee, Tea, Water

**Desserts**

Cake



**Deadline for this event is: Nov 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Requesting a 14-day head count*

**Raffle - \$1 for one ticket and \$5 for seven tickets. We will have 2 winners who will each receive 25% of the drawings. The other 50% will go back to our club for more events**

**In your envelope:** there will be a door prize ticket per person, your name tag...

Three ways to sign-up:

- Sign-up at: **Christmas sign-up**  
**(1) Please indicate your choice of entree, on the sign-up form or on your check, we want to have enough of each entree.**
- Contact: Joyce Colella @ 623-815-8246 - [aeroactivitiesclub@yahoo.com](mailto:aeroactivitiesclub@yahoo.com)
- Make checks out to: AAC @ Joyce Colella, 11128 W. Mirandy Ct. Sun City, AZ 85351

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# SOUTHWEST<sup>SM</sup>

Friday January 19th at 10 am

## *Southwest Airlines Tour- Full*

Several members have requested this tour again so here goes. This is a unique opportunity to tour inside Southwest Airlines Maintenance Facility at Sky Harbor Airport. The last tour we had was one week after Southwest had an engine exploded so we spent time looking at engine compressor blades and discussed the inspection process.

What I have found interesting is that all of us have worked in some way to design and build avionics hardware, APUs and jet engines but have not seen them installed. Here you can poke your head in the electronics bay, undercarriage bay, jet engines and if you are lucky sit in the cockpit.

Every tour 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. You will find out why the first aircraft were painted those colors, how to fit an aircraft that is too tall into the hanger and maybe debate the correct part numbers of the APU we see in the store rooms.

One time we sat in an aircraft only 5 flight hours old and not yet entered service. Yes, it had the new aircraft smell.

This free tour is **planned for Friday January 19th at 10 am but names of all attendees are required in advance for security purposes**. This will be our 7<sup>th</sup> tour and spaces fill quickly. I have to limit the group to 40 for practical reasons.

To register send the full names of all in your party to Keith Hughes at [keith8411@cox.net](mailto:keith8411@cox.net) or call 480-320-0456 for details.





# *The Arizona Gold Mining Experience*

**January 27, 2024**

Ever wondered how gold was extracted from rock in the early days of mining. The Cave Creek

Museum's AZ GOLD MINING EXPERIENCE™ is unique with its display of the complete hard rock ore extraction process, with the mine shaft, tramway, ore carts, crushing and extraction, that are always on display, but operated on 2nd Saturdays. The highlight is Arizona's only fully operational ten-stamp ore crushing mill. The ten 1,000 lb. stamps slam down in synchronized motion to pound the ore removed from the mine into a fine gravel. The stamp mill was brought from its former location at the Golden Reef Mine on Continental Mountain to where it sits today.

This is the only operational mining stamp mill in Arizona today that sits only 5 miles from its original site on the mountain.

Cave Creek Museum 6140 E Skyline Drive, Cave Creek, AZ.

This experience gets booked up well in advance so the AAC has purchased 20 tickets so book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are \$15 each.

To sign up email Keith Hughes at [keith8411@cox.net](mailto:keith8411@cox.net).

Cave Creek Museum opens at 9:00 AM for event check-in, The ARIZONA GOLD MINING EXPERIENCE™ begins at 10:00 am. [A Video of the Experience](#)





## ESCAPE FROM IT ALL - AGAIN 😊

**March 2nd**

Join us for another Escape Room fun adventure. What is it???? An escape room is a family friendly game where you have to find clues and solve puzzles to move forward in a room or set of rooms. Each game has its own theme, clues, and puzzles. You can get clues or hints for help if you like, or try to solve it without extra assistance. You are never “trapped” in the room, and can exit the game at any time. The challenge takes a maximum of 60 minutes. Following that, there is a no-host lunch at Freddy’s Frozen Custard and Steakburgers, just across the parking lot. Each escape room holds a maximum of 10 people, and the more people that sign up, the cheaper it gets.

**Please note: this is a brand-new escape room – a different adventure than the one that we had so much fun with last year.**

- **WHEN:** Saturday, March 2, 2024, 9:45 a.m.
- **WHERE:** Incredible Escape Room, 4925 W. Bell Road, # C7, Glendale 85308
- **COST:** Maximum of \$33 per person. The more people that sign up, the cheaper it gets. The room(s) will be booked just for our group.

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP/PAY UP:** Saturday, February 3rd (one month prior). **Please send a \$33 per person check made out to KEVIN VETTER, 3111 W. Waltann Lane – Phoenix AZ 85053.**

Your check **MUST** be received by Feb. 3rd so we can be sure to get the room(s) that we want. Accompanying your payment, please include a way to contact you. Since the price varies based on group size, Kevin will prepay to book the entire room – if we have the right numbers, Kevin will refund your “overage” in cash when we all meet at the Escape Room.

**QUESTIONS?** Feel free to email Kevin at [snuffles@Q.com](mailto:snuffles@Q.com). You may also want to check out the escape room’s website at [www.IncredibleEscapeRooms.com](http://www.IncredibleEscapeRooms.com)

**COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT TIME!!!!!!**





## 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.



*Pride photo by Guy Mancuso*

*SHPE Conference – Samuel Granados, Ricardo Gurmendi and Geddy Moran of the Colorado School of Mines in Golden talk with Honeywell representative Paul Kline (left) during the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers' Conference in Phoenix Feb. 14. Three of Honeywell's largest divisions, Commercial Flight Systems Group, Industrial Automation and Control and Satellite Systems Operation, helped organize con-*

*ference events at the Phoenix Civic Plaza. More than 1,700 students, professionals, Hispanic leaders and educators attended. SHPE, founded in 1974 to help Hispanic students earn engineering degrees and locate employment, is the largest Hispanic engineering, scientific and high-tech organization in the U.S. Kline is a marketing trade show coordinator at Air Transport Systems Division.*

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## “Holiday things to do”



### “Glendale Glitters”

People pose for pictures with artificial snow at Packer Family Photography and Gift Boutique during the Glendale Glitters event, on Nov. 26, 2022, in Glendale.

[Glendale Glitters 2022: The beloved holiday light show is back. Here's what to expect](#)

5850 W Glendale Ave, Glendale, AZ • (623) 930-2000



### “Zoo Lights”

November 22, 2023 – January 14, 2024  
Member preview nights November 20-21

5:30 - 10:30 P.M.

<https://www.phoenixzoo.org/events/ZooLights/>

**PURCHASE ONLINE | \$30 General, \$25 Member**  
**PURCHASE AT GATE | \$35 General, \$30 Member**  
Children ages 2 and under are free - All ages

*Sounds of*  
**CHRISTMAS**

*Sounds of the Southwest Singers*  
**Sunday, December 17, 2023**  
**5 PM - FREE ADMISSION**  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**GARDEN LAKES**  
**2517 N 107th Avenue**  
**Avondale**

Sounds of the Southwest Singers, Inc. is a non-profit organization. All contributions are voluntary and are shared 50/50 with First Baptist Church/Garden Lakes.

[soundsofthesouthwestsingers.com](http://soundsofthesouthwestsingers.com)  
ssws@soundsofthesouthwestsingers - 623.308.9560



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



*Steve Yarborough*

*Ray Rush*

*Steven Flood*

**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 1<sup>st</sup>**

[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 Trip**
- Tovrea 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 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**



# 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: [Current Members \(aeroactivitiesclub.com\)](#)

For New Members: [JOIN AAC! \(aeroactivitiesclub.com\)](#)

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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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