



Have a Happy and Healthy New Year

Southwest Airlines/Closed

Jan 19th



The Arizona Gold Mining Experience

Jan 27th



ESCAPE FROM IT ALL

Mar 2th



Spring Picnic

April 25th





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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

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



Keith's Thoughts



By the time you read this it will be New Year and another year has flown by. We are fortunate that all our children and grandkids live in the valley so we were able to get together easily. Hopefully you were able to spend time together with friends and family as well.

Our Christmas Lunch was a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. I am pleased to say some recent retirees I had worked with years ago had just joined the club and came to the lunch. Since COVID our attendance numbers have increased. Last year we had 40 members attend, so we booked a small room. This year we maxed out at 56 and had to turn people away. I am sorry that happened but it does help us if you book early so we have a chance to make adjustments.

At the luncheon I circulated a survey to get feedback for future events. Thank you for your inputs and I look forward to some new events in the fall.

I have **closed the Southwest Airlines** event as interest is greater than we can accommodate. This popular event is our 7th visit and some members are repeat attendees as each time is different. If you were unable to attend contact me and I will put you on a wait list for next time.

There are only 3 spaces left for the Arizona Gold Mining Experience. This is unique with its display of the complete hard rock ore extraction process, with the mine shaft, tramway, ore carts, crushing and extraction in addition to a fascinating museum.

ESCAPE FROM IT ALL is in March where a team try to escape from a room by solving puzzles. See Kevin for more details.

As stated last month membership dues are due for some of you. Check your email or hard copy and if it says "Your dues are paid through "2023" as it is time to renew. This newsletter and our website have forms to renew. Membership is only \$5 a year so to save time and money for you and the club please send multiyear subscriptions like \$20 for 4 years.

The newsletter also has a flier on the back to recruit new members. Please feel free to share it with your friends who are not yet members and are missing out on our activities.

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

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



Merry Christmas Lunch Success



Great Association



Great Food

Lots of Fun drawings





SOUTHWESTSM

Friday January 19th at 10 am

Filled/Closed - *Southwest Airlines Tour*

Back by Popular Demand

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 7th 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 or call 480-320-0456 for details.

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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.

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](#)



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ESCAPE FROM IT ALL - AGAIN 😊

Sat March 2, 2024

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 Steakhburgers, 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. You may also want to check out the escape room’s website at www.IncredibleEscapeRooms.com

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



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Spring Picnic 2024 Aero Activities Club & HRSC Members

“There IS such a thing as a free Lunch”

Thursday April 25th (some changes may occur)



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|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 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 AM. |
| Prizes: | 50/25/25 drawing |
| 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 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 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

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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Down Memory Lane

If you have memories & you would like to share them. Please submit them to Joyce Colella - ic8246@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.

Honeywell, NASA team up in attempt to reduce air-traffic delays

By Dale Willis

Have you ever waited in good weather for a flight delayed by poor weather at a hub airport?

Or missed a connection because your inbound flight was held due to inbound traffic build-ups?

Well, help may be on the way in the form of a new application for Honeywell's differential global positioning system technology.

Honeywell Airport Systems and NASA technology are joining forces in an attempt to reduce systemwide air traffic delays generated during instrument landing conditions at hub airports that have closely spaced parallel runways.

Improved traffic flows would benefit the traveling public and help airlines to meet schedules.

In November, in-flight demonstrations of Closely Spaced Parallel Approaches and Airborne Information for Lateral Spacing were conducted at

the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

The system uses modified production avionics equipment and local area differential GPS technology to safely enable simultaneous approaches to parallel runways even during inclement weather.

Federal Aviation Administration officials, government and industry representatives, members of the Honeywell Local Area Augmentation System Government Industry Partnership and invited media participated in demonstration flights featuring an "intrusion" scenario.

On board a NASA Boeing 757 and a Honeywell Gulfstream IV, participants observed cockpit displays, traffic alerts and experienced the avoidance maneuvers flown.

Today, the minimum parallel runway separation during low visibility is 4,300 feet, which means that some of the nation's largest airports have to

shut down at least one of their closely spaced runways when weather conditions deteriorate.

The resulting delays can cascade through airports across the nation, further delaying travelers and increasing the cost to airlines.

"We look to our GPS-based Satellite Landing System technology to increase operating efficiency and safety at airports worldwide," said **Walt McConnell**, recently retired vice president of Airport Systems. "In eventual deployment, the system we've demonstrated can safely provide capacity and efficiency improvements to numerous airports with closely spaced parallel runways benefiting both airlines and passengers."

Airports that are candidates for improved traffic by CASPER/AILS technology are Detroit, Phoenix, Memphis, New York City, Minneapolis and Indianapolis.

CASPER/AILS uses local area dif-

ferential GPS technology provided by Honeywell's Satellite Landing System.

It also features the automatic dependent surveillance broadcast capability of Honeywell's mode S transponder and new alerting algorithms in the Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System.

SLS-2000 is being certified and deployed as part of the FAA's Local Area Augmentation System program and is part of Honeywell's WorldNav.

"This represents only one of a number of potential future applications for our differential GPS and related technologies," said **Bill Corwin** of the Honeywell Technology Center.

"Once you have it in place a myriad of possibilities opens up, such as using it for departure guidance for noise abatement, for capacity improvement and safety improvement by tracking, monitoring and alerting ground vehicles operating on the airport surface. The possibilities are almost endless."

Honeywell Pride - January 2000



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](#)

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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.

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| <i>East Valley</i> | | |
| | Frank Holman | |
| | | |
| <i>West Valley</i> | | |
| Bob Farney | Lee Rippstein | Dan Schott |
| Paul Wiley | Kevin Vetter | |
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Cynthia Kramer

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 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

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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