



**We wish you all a Happy & Healthier New Year**

*AAC Spring Picnic*

*May 6, 2021*



*Sanderson Ford Museum*

*May 14th*



*AAC Kick-Off Luncheon*

*Sept 16th*



*Tovrea Castle tour*

*Nov 4, 2021*



*ABT/ Play to be decided*

*TBD*



*Christmas with Santa*

*Dec 9th*





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**You can go to <https://aeroactivitiesclub.com/> to use the  
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**IF YOU ARE ONLY USING YOUR CELL PHONE NOW - Please call 623-363-2969  
or email me at [aeroactivitiesclub@yahoo.com](mailto:aeroactivitiesclub@yahoo.com) to update our records**



As I write this on New Years Eve I am so glad 2020 is over with the endless COVID issues and political dramas. We should thank the first responders and essential workers for their tireless service to keep us safe. I hope you continue to stay safe, wear a mask and follow the CDC guidelines. Hopefully we will be able to get the vaccine soon and resume our normal lives.

We were only able to host 4 events in 2020 but they were all well attended. The committee is working to put on several events this year starting in the Spring in the hope we will be vaccinated and conditions improve.

One event is the return of the AAC Picnic that will be outside in an area big enough for social distancing. To make it COVID safe we will provide all the food and you just bring drinks as buffets are currently banned. RSVP will be required to ensure we have sufficient food.

Another popular event is a visit to Sanderson Ford Village and Museum. This is housed in a 20,000 sq ft building but we will limit numbers to ensure social distancing so do not delay your sign up.

Most of our other events will be in the Fall and Winter in the hope COVID issues will be behind us but stay tuned in case we have to cancel an event.

On a brighter note I would like to welcome Gregg Geske to our all volunteer committee. We will publish his Bio next month. All of our committee members work hard to create and run the events so new blood and ideas are welcome and I thank the committee for all their support and hard work.

As many of our events were canceled in 2020 we gave all our members a free year. This year we will resume events and I encourage members who have dues to pay this year to pay promptly and help us keep the club running smoothly.

Have you moved in the past 5 years? Canceled your home phone and/or got a new cell phone number? There have been several instances where we had to phone for a member, only to find the number is disconnected.

With COVID as a big issue... this year it is possible we may have to cancel an event at short notice so correct membership data is vital. If you have changes, please go to our website [aeroactivitiesclub.com](http://aeroactivitiesclub.com) and select Membership, Current members and fill in the Member Info Change Form.

Finally on behalf of the committee we wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year and look forward to seeing you at future events.

Keith

Our website address for signing up or paying your dues: [AeroActivitiesClub.com](http://AeroActivitiesClub.com)



The website [aeroactivitiesclub.com](http://aeroactivitiesclub.com) is very user friendly; when you go to the website...

At the top on the page click on:

- Membership - Current Members

Then down scroll to:

- Member Info Change Form:

After you have completed your information changes - Just click on submit

**To Reiterate:**

If you have any of the changes below...

- New home addresses
- New phone numbers
- New Cell phone numbers
- New email Addresses

**Thank you**



## *“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 85351 623-815-8246.**

**We will take a look to determine if we can publish them. <https://www.facebook.com/Sperrymember/?ref=bookmarks>**



**St Louis... NBAA back in the 1980s.**





**The date I started as a board member was May 2010,  
And that summer, I asked if I would take over the newsletter!**



**First Sperry Luncheon at Palmbrook with memorabilia**



*Joyce Colella*



***The tour to the Commemorative Air Force Museum;  
Mesa's Falcon Field, on November 12, 2020, had 16 retirees in attendance.***

Due to COVID considerations, the group was divided into two tours. This allowed a more personal walk back through military aviation history. Our own Tom Leard, a docent at the museum, led one of these groups.

The museum focuses on military aviation exhibits from WWI to the present. So, the tour started with those WWI exhibits where the use of air assets, as a military weapon, really got its start. The several aircraft, and many mostly peopled focused individual exhibits, progressed from there, especially through the WWII, Korea, and Vietnam (S.E.A.) conflicts.

POW/MIA table, founding of Falcon Field as a WW II British training field display, and the many air combat aspects depicted in the S.E.A. exhibit, were part of the tour. Video based displays told the stories of, among others, the Doolittle Raid, Tuskegee Airman, and the Flying Tigers.

Each tour was able to go inside two WW II aircraft: the "Sentimental Journey," a B-17G, long range bomber; and a C-47, the primary, multi-purpose, transport.



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## “AAC Spring Picnic”

**Thurs. May 6th**



- Location:** Rio Vista Park, 8866 Thunderbird Rd, Peoria
- Ramada** 4-5
- Time:** 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Lunch** Served around 11:30 AM.
- Prizes:** 50/25/25 drawing
- Coordinator:** Larry Bowe - 602-615-7150 - [lbowsr@gmail.com](mailto:lbowsr@gmail.com)

**“AAC will provide all food & Desserts due to Covid”**  
“RSVP” will be needed for food quantity

*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 if you would like.  
**Absolutely NO glass containers in the park**

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

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**TWO WINNERS IN OUR RAFFLE - 50/25/25**

**(One ticket for \$1.00 or seven tickets for \$5.00)**



Again, this year we will be offering a chance to win cash. You can purchase ticket/s and win cash.

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 deposited into the Aero Activities Club will be used for Club Activities.

***Come join the fun & association***



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## *Tovrea Castle*



### **Club Activity Outing to Tovrea Castle Tour on November 20, 2020**

The Tovrea Castle tour is organized and conducted by a totally volunteer group. We were impressed and appreciative of the way the tour was conducted during this pandemic period. Our group of twelve individuals was split in to two groups of six. Each group had a dedicated tour guide who drove us to the castle and around the grounds on a stretched golf cart style vehicle. Throughout the tour all participants were asked to wear masks throughout the tour, and each of the tour groups toured the site along a slightly different route to insure as much separation as possible. Our guide was well versed in the history of the site and its prior inhabitants enabling her to provide a very informative presentation and answer all questions.

While the castle was the main focus of the tour there are other structures and ground formations at the site. Due to a lack of funding only the castle has been restored. However all site structures are included in the tour presentation lending a much better picture of the multiple individuals and times contributing to the original castle property development.

The majority of the tour time was spent in the castle's main and basement floors. There are three additional levels topping off the castle, but due to safety concerns because of the single access/exit paths to the upper levels, tour groups do not access those floors. Multiple pictures and floor plans are on display to provide a clear image of the upper floors.

When originally built the building served as a hotel with a lobby, kitchen and dining area on the main level. The basement provided additional space for guest activities and the coolest spot in the house during the summers. Tour guests will find the restoration of the kitchen includes a unique blue cobalt sink (ref. pic. 1) along with other appliances specific to the era. In addition, the eating area contains a beautifully restored wall mural (ref. pic. 2) and fireplace. The basement boasts a ceiling with an inverted cake frosting texture (ref. pic. 3) as well as a bank vault which also served as the wine cellar (ref. pic.s 4 & 5).

We found the Tovrea Castle Tour to be very interesting and informative about the development of Phoenix and the three families that sequentially contributed to its development.

Pat and Darrel Golic

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## Tovrea Castle pictures





## *The Sanderson Village and Museum*

May 14<sup>th</sup>

**Due to Covid Precautions; Tour size is limited so sign-up quickly**

You are invited to tour a private, invitation only, museum. The Sanderson Village and Museum, contains dozens of cars and nostalgic items, such as a beautifully recreated old mercantile store, a kitchen from the '40s and a '50s diner with oodles of chrome and period furnishings and accessories such as Coca Cola items from the '30s through the '50s. The 20,000 square-foot warehouse has one of the best ford collections anywhere and has something for everyone to enjoy.

This free tour is at 9:30 am in Glendale. The tour lasts 60 - 75 minutes. Afterwards you may visit the Starliner Diner on the same site and purchase a late breakfast or lunch. **For reservations contact Keith Hughes at [keith8411@cox.net](mailto:keith8411@cox.net).** Please tell me if you are staying for a meal as space is limited to 30 people. No limit if not eating.



Diner Menu. <http://sandersonford.com/Starliner-Diner>

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## Kick-off Luncheon

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

*You're Invited!*



### **Palmbrook Country Club**

9350 W. Greenway Road  
Sun City, AZ 85351

**\$20.00 per person?**

**11:00AM - 2:00PM**  
(Luncheon beginning at 11:30am)

*This is just a  
sample menu.*

### **Deli Buffet**

Garden salad with Raspberry & Ranch dressings  
Potato salad

Sliced Ham & Turkey and Assorted Breads  
Assorted cheeses with Onion - Lettuce - Tomato  
Mayo

Ice Tea & Water - Hot Coffee

### **Desserts**

Brownies & Cookies

**Deadline for this event is: Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Contact: Joyce Colella @ 623-815-8246 or [AeroActivitiesClub@yahoo.com](mailto:AeroActivitiesClub@yahoo.com)

Make Checks out to AAC and mail them to:

**Joyce Colella - 11128 W Mirandy Ct. Sun City, AZ 85351**

Raffle - \$1 for one ticket and \$5 for seven tickets.. Our 50/25/25 drawing

There will be two lucky winners who will be able to walk away with 25% of the monies collected  
The other 50% will go to back into the AAC budget, which is used to subsidize out activities and events.

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## Tovrea Castle

Friday Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Event is on with COVID Precautions



*"We will be taking every precaution to ensure the health and safety of our Guests and Staff. Everyone is required to wear a mask, will practice social distancing, with tour sizes broken into smaller groupings." Most of the tour is outside riding on Golf Carts. This maybe relaxed by the tour date.*

This is a private tour for Aero, Honeywell, Garrett clubs. Tours are approximately 2 hours and include the historic Castle's main floor and basement, extensive grounds and cactus gardens surrounding the Castle. Most of the tour is outside riding a tram so dress warm. The tour starts at 10.00 am and the grounds are cool. The tour is wheel chair accessible but no electric scooters are allowed. There are seats inside the building to rest so it is not a strenuous tour.

Guests are greeted by Tovrea Carraro Society volunteers at the Visitor Center and taken through the Carraro Cactus Gardens on a tram with a docent. The tour winds through the beautiful 44 acres, viewing the outer buildings, before arriving at Tovrea Castle.

The Society has increased the price to \$25 and the club is using a special price of \$22 each.

This will be our last tour for 12 months so please do not delay in booking the last tickets. We have had over 400 members visit on 17 different dates and the event is still popular.

Only a limited number of tickets are available so book early to avoid disappointment.

If interested send the following to [keith8411@cox.net](mailto:keith8411@cox.net).

Name, number of tickets, club affiliation and cell phone number in case of last minute changes.

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## *Christmas with Santa*

**Thurs Dec. 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**Arrowhead Country Club**  
19888 N. 73rd Avenue  
Glendale, AZ - 623-561-9600

**More information to come  
as the date gets closer...**

**Come join the festivities and  
Socialize with the friends  
11:AM to 2:00 PM**

**Santa will be there  
to take your picture**



**Coordinator: Steve Flood @ [Azrat@aol.com](mailto:Azrat@aol.com) - 602-717-0990**

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## TO TRAVEL OR NOT TO TRAVEL... **That is the Question**

### **With Barbara Rippstein**

As much as most of us want to leave the house and go wherever we want without a mask, we also know that it isn't wise or healthy right now. But this quarantine will not last forever. Then what will we each plan to do? I miss seeing my family and friends. The telephone and email are not the same as face-to-face meetings. There are just so many email messages, face time and puzzles we can do. But, besides seeing family and friends, what do I miss? VACATIONS!

Because I have very few hobbies, planning vacations and cruises has always been my late-night interest. I would like to share my hobby and give you some hints about cruising and car trips that may interest you when you can travel.

It's no secret that the cruise industry got really hit when the corona-virus was found in a ship on a Japanese harbor. Beginning January 20, 2020, 567 out of 2,666 passengers were infected. By March 1<sup>st</sup>., all passengers had disembarked from the ship and on their way home. By then the reputation of all cruise ships was decreasing, followed by hotels and restaurants. That hasn't made traveling something we are ready to jump into for an extended period of time.

How soon can we go out to eat at a restaurant? Good question. It depends on how safe you feel, your own health risk, and how much you trust state and federal officials trying to make decisions about your health. People in southern California are eating at restaurant tables set outside in parking lots and some streets. All are spaced to federal standards. We will watch how that works out. It could be a good start in Arizona as soon as the weather cooperates. Each of us has to make that personal decision alone. I try to stay abreast of what is going on around the country. It may be some time before we go to a sit down restaurant. In the meantime, my husband and I will continue with our Saturday date night take out for a while longer. Cruises are more difficult. There are hundreds of cruise ships around the world belonging to multiple cruise lines.

I am more familiar with three of those lines - Princess, Royal Caribbean, and Celebrity. I will concentrate on ships that dock in the United States or carry US passengers. The CDC (Center for Disease Control) typically posts travel health notices for countries and other international destinations. The U.S. government is currently advising U.S. travelers to defer all cruise travel at this time; however, many major lines are booking cruises for Christmas and thereafter. Security and health changes are being made on cruise ships, restaurants, and hotels. I will discuss these changes in future months.

**If you have any questions or suggestions:**

**Please contact me by phone at: 623-566-1572 or Email me at: [rippy60@yahoo.com](mailto:rippy60@yahoo.com)**

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## Honeywell Clubs Fix-It Guys Program

*Sponsored by Honeywell, Garrett and 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 **Gary Kains**, Gary at 480-835-6060 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 Gary at - 480-835-6060.

**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>Bob Davenport</b>	<b>Frank Holman</b>	<b>Stu Mitnik</b>	
<b>North Valley</b>			
<b>Bob Farney</b>	<b>Lee Rippstein</b>	<b>Dan Schott</b>	<b>Paul Wiley</b>





George Winkler  
 James Albert Barrett Jr.  
 Dallas Horn  
 Karl Eklund  
 Curtis Dan Andes  
 John David Warfield  
 Gary Preston Fields  
 Lillian Moore  
 Lucy Dale Benjamin  
 Lewis Robert Formanek II  
 Frank Daly  
 Charles Krieger (Husband of Shirley)

### *Welcome New Members*

Lancea Stephen  
 Mike Schwartz

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 The Woodlands, TX 77381  
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or  
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### **Questions for 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**

### **Unisys Pension**

Pension Plan - **1-877-864-7972**  
 Service Center - **1-888-560-1782**  
**701-221-7565**



### *Jump on board*



Looking for new board members

The Aero Activities Club currently has 11 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
- Cruises**
- Penske Racing Museum Tour
- Ping & PXG Factory Tour**
- The AZ Highways Collection
- Barry Goldwater's Photography**
- Rio Salado Audubon
- Commemorative Air Force Museum**



## Application for Aero Activities Club Membership

*"Remember you can pay for more than one year at a time"*

New Member  Renewal  Dues are \$5 Annually Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

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

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Checks are payable to: Aero Activities Club & mail to:  
Joyce Colella, 11128 W Mirandy Ct. Sun City, AZ 85351 or call #623-363-2969*

**Note:** If you Change ANYTHING OR you want to go from a Hard Copy to Email copy  
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⇒ Do you want your email published to members only, so friends may contact you? Please  Yes  No

⇒ Do you need the Black and White copy in the mail only? Please  Yes  No

***If you are 50 and worked at Sperry/Honeywell: (You do not need to be retired) you are welcomed to come join***

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