



*Daffodils are one of the first perennials that bloom in spring. These trumpet-like flowers signify warmer and brighter days are just around the corner, especially with their cheerful and bright yellow petals. Because of this, daffodils are often associated with rebirth and new beginnings.*

***Sun, Sea, and Fire Cruise***

***Mar. 16th***



***Spring Picnic***

***April 25th***



***Scottsdale Museum of the West***

***May 9th***





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## Keith's Thoughts



During the past month we have made a lot of progress towards the merger between the HRSC and AAC clubs. Subcommittees were formed to address the business side of the club which has been very successful so far. One of our recent accomplishments was that we have decided on a new name for the merged club which is Honeywell Retiree and Activities Club (HRAC). We are still working on a name for the new merged newsletter and hope to announce it in the March Wings newsletter. We still have more work ahead of us but are moving forward at a good pace and are confident that we will meet our merger deadline scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank all of the members from both clubs who have stepped up to the task and dedicated a lot of time to preserve the best from each club. To do the job right takes time but we hope all major issues will be resolved by the end of March.

As stated last month, we hope to use the Spring picnic as our first new club event to celebrate the merger. Last year the clubs worked together and 125 people signed up. I am hoping we can meet or beat that number this year. There is a lot involved in catering for that many people so if you arrive early and have a little time please ask if there is anything you can do to help.

We have started to publish members articles and stories about their time at Honeywell. These have been received well and I look forward to seeing more of them in the future. The new club will be more diversified in its membership so future articles might include additional sites.

*Before the summer break we have a visit scheduled to the Scottsdale Museum of the West in May. The information on this event has been included in this month's Wings. The committee will be taking the summer off so will not be meeting during June, July or August. There will be a newsletter in May and then it will also be put on hold during the rest of the summer as well. We will resume our committee meetings starting in September and the next newsletter will be sent out in September.*

There will be updates regarding the merger as they become available and will be provided in the upcoming newsletters.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me.

Keith Hughes.

Aero Activities Club Chairperson,

[Keith8411@cox.net](mailto:Keith8411@cox.net)



## SUN, SEA, AND FIRE

Hawaiian Cruise by Barbara Rippstein

**March 16 through March 30, 2024**



My husband and I have traveled to Hawaii three times by cruise ship and four times for hotel stays. It is a lovely state to visit! All of the islands are beautiful: however, my favorite has always been Maui. News of Lahaina's fire was very upsetting. Every trip to Maui meant some time spent in Lahaina almost every day, lunch, dinner, shopping, and sightseeing. The town is organizing and planning for housing, shops, and restaurants. They will rise again! Princess sent our cruise group E-mails to announce a change to our itinerary. They cancelled our stop in Maui and substituted an additional stop in Kona.

Later Princess changed other cruises that had stops in Lahaina with a stop in Kawi, another beautiful island. Princess really has kept its cruisers aware of their changes.

Our cruise is still 15 days long. We leave the Port of San Pedro at 3:PM on Saturday March 16th, 2024. We spend March 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th at sea. What is there to do at sea for so many Days. There are ukulele lessons, a choir looks for volunteers (it's fun), dance classes. Movies Under the Stars, jewelry store sales, and the casino is open while at sea.

Next, we spend two full days in Honolulu. There is a lot of history in Honolulu. Princess offers many tours for their passengers including whale watching and hop on-hop off. There are also tours that you can arrange yourself. I recommend the tour of the ship USS Arizona. You can make reservations at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). From anywhere in Waikiki or the Ala Moana Shopping Center, take the #20 or #42 public bus (called The Bus), which will take you to the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center. If you're not sure where to get off, just ask the driver. A ticket costs \$2.50.

The Polynesian Culture Center offers travel through time and space as you experience thousands of years' worth of culture from six different island nations.

Our last port is Kona on the big island of Hawaii. There is one Hawaiian historical site we enjoyed which was The Place of Refuge. It tells stories about the culture of the earlier Hawaiians and their gods. Another private tour is to the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park & Black Beach.

The return trip home starts on March 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th This segment is slower to give you time to recover from the long Hawaiian ports. There are leis making classes and Hawaiian entertainment in the common areas of the ship.

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, there is a quick stop in Ensenada, Mexico. Several excursions are offered by Princess. Then it's back to our Port of San Pedro early on March 30th.

**There is still time to join us! Call our travel agent at Ford's World Travel at (623) 933-8256.**



# 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>	<b>Rio Vista Park, 8866 Thunderbird Rd, Peoria</b>
<b>Ramada</b>	<b>9 &amp; 4 &amp; 5</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>11:00 AM to 2:00 PM</b>
<b>Lunch Served</b>	<b>around 11:30 AM.</b>
<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>50/25/25 drawing</b>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	<b>Larry Bowe</b>

**“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 [lbowesr@gmail.com](mailto:lbowesr@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***

**[AeroActivitiesClub.com](http://AeroActivitiesClub.com) - Come and take a look at past & present events**



## *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



# Insight into our History

## FMS begins trans-Atlantic service on 747

By Harry Weisberger

Sperry's Flight Management System, soon to enter airline service aboard the next generation of commercial transports, has begun flying across the Atlantic in a British Airways Boeing 747.

The first flight of the FMS in revenue service was between London and New York in March, returning the following day. It was the first in a series of flights leading to planned certification of a dual system later this year, with retrofit of the FMS into the British Airways entire 747 fleet to follow.

Frank Hopkins, Sperry engineering section head and program manager for the British Airways 747 FMS certification effort, noted that only a year separated the start of system design and development for the retrofit application and the first flight. "That was a schedule challenge that industry in general, and our competitors in particular, thought couldn't be met," Hopkins said.

He credited the achievement to the eight Sperry engineers who worked closely with British Airways engineers to install and systematically check out the FMS installation, using sophisticated test equipment shipped from Phoenix to London. The group included Ranga Desiraju and Mike McCrite, principal engineers; Jim Watson, senior project engineer; Mark Johnson, Brian Aungst, and Curt Walters, project engineers; and engineers Jim Langley and Mike Reed.

Hopkins also cited Keith Hughes, engineering section head, and Steve Rickaby, senior project engineer, from Sperry Gyroscope, Ltd., Bristol, England, for providing systems and software engineering support.

The equipment flown March 4-5 was approximately half of the dual system which will comprise the certificated installation, according to Hopkins. On that first flight the British Airways pilots used one flight management computer, a data adapter unit to interface the digital FMS with analog 747 systems, a single cockpit control display unit, and a thrust/air temperature indicator.

The FMS was engaged shortly after takeoff from London's Heathrow Airport and automatically flew the airplane over the entire route through the Sperry SPZ-1 automatic flight control system. This single system provided lateral navigation

and guidance only. Full dual system lateral and vertical control, exercising the full FMS capability, will be demonstrated beginning in May, Hopkins said.

He noted that, "Except for a few expected 'teething' problems, the system performed flawlessly. The flight crew was particularly impressed by the smoothness of turns commanded by the FMS, feeling that it is a significant improvement over the relatively sharp, quick turns executed by the existing inertial navigation system-only guidance."

Crew response to visibility, readability and ease of FMS operation

was summed up by BA chief technical pilot Peter Riley, who said, "I'm flying this plane to LA next week. I'd sure like to have the FMS on board."

Hopkins added that perhaps the commercial potential of the FMS in existing widebody aircraft was best revealed by a cable from Tony Ashford, BA senior development engineer, to Bill Grice, his superior in London, after the first flight arrived in New York. It read: "FMS is fine...all B747's should have two..."

Sperry is engaged in a similar program with United Airlines to retrofit the FMS into United's 747 and McDonnell Douglas DC-10 fleets.



SPERRY PROJECT ENGINEER Curt Walters checks out Flight Management System aboard British Airways Boeing 747 before the system's first trans-Atlantic test flight. FMS control display unit is at upper left of center console, above Walters' left hand.



## March Fun!



### *Haru in the Garden - the Heart of Spring*

Japanese Friendship Garden located at 1125 N. 3rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85003...**Haru Admission: General \$20/ \$22 at Gate - Youth 6-17: \$18 / \$20 at Gate - Member \$15 / \$17 at Gate**  
**March 23rd & 24th 10am - 4pm (last admission at 3:30 pm)**

"Haru in the Garden" is our annual spring event celebrating the rich culture of Japan. Walk through our paths showcasing various spring holidays, participate in cultural festivities, and immerse yourself in

the beauty of Japan. This year, or theme is "Haruno Kokoro" meaning "the heart of Spring." It encapsulates the essence or spirit of springtime, which include themes of renewal, rejuvenation, vitality, and the beauty of nature awakening after a long winter. <https://www.japanesefriendshipgarden.org/haru>



### *Arizona Renaissance Festival*

*Dates: February 3, 2024 - March 31, 2024*

*Time: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM*

*Recurrence: Recurring weekly on Sunday, Saturday*

[Arizona Renaissance Festival](#)



*1202 W. Encanto Blvd. Phoenix, AZ 85007*

*Wednesday & Thursday 11am - 4pm... Friday & Saturday 10am - 8pm and Sunday 12pm - 8PM, 602-254-1200 - [info@enchantedisland.com](mailto:info@enchantedisland.com)*

#### **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.





## 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.

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### *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	



*Maxine Rainer (Jim's wife)*

**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**

**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**

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

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

Dues are \$5 Annually. To make payments:

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- Mail to: **Barbara Brockett, 22623 N 72nd Dr. Glendale, AZ 85310**
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You are welcome to join if you ever worked at Sperry/Honeywell: **(You do not need to be retired)**

Aero Activities Club  
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