



Lily-of-the-Valley and Hawthorn

MAY is known as a month of transition. If you live in the northern hemisphere, the fresh cold winds are gone, and the rains of early spring. By the time May comes around, the spring flowers are blooming, birds are chirping, and life is starting to seem a little more joyful day by day! If you're on the other side of the world, in the southern hemisphere, then it's a time when summer is long gone. The fall winds have swept by, and the nights are getting colder and darker. It's a time of change, yet still delightfully warm.

Again, May is a time of change, no matter where in the world you are. What is it about May that's so significant though? Let's take a look at this a-may-zing month! The name *May* is the modern-day English adaption of the Latin word *Maius*, which has origins going back to the time of the ancient Greeks. They named the month of May (or *Maius*) after the Greek goddess of growth. A Roman poet by the name of Ovid had different ideas surrounding the etymology of the naming of May. He claimed that it was from the word *Maiores*, the Latin for "elders," that the month gained its name.

Arizona Canal Bike Ride

May 9th



Musical Instrument Museum Tour

May 18th



Sanderson Village and Museum

Oct 10th



Arizona Broadway Theatre - White Christmas

Nov. 30th



"May this summer bring lots of happiness to your life"

Wishing you a wonderful summer... Keep it safe.

See you in September.



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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
 1. **To Pay**, Make a check out to: Aero Activities Club
 2. **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***

Well, we beat our record attendance at the Spring Picnic, kind of. Last year we had 125 people attend and this year 133 signed up including our partner host HRSC members but we had several no shows. Regardless the weather was great, the food was enjoyed and everybody had a great time. Several people came for the first time and were surprised how many people they knew at the event.

I would like to thank Larry Bowe for taking the lead to organize this event. Having helped I could see organizing (buying, transporting and cooking) food for so many people take a lot of work.

Also thank you the committees of both clubs who helped purchase and prepare the food and regular members who stepped in to serve for making this a success. Check out the pictures on our website and Aero Activities Club on Facebook.

We have two more events in May before the summer break. Kevin Vetter has organized the Arizona Canal Bike Ride and Barbara Brockett hosting a Musical Instrument Museum Tour. See the enclosed articles for details.

Each year we take a break from activities in the Summer as so many members leave town to beat the heat. Normally we start back up in September with our Kickoff Luncheon. At this event members have the chance to reconnect with their friends and we can preview the upcoming events. Unfortunately, we have decided to cancel this year due to declining attendance. Numbers have dropped over the years from 75 to 30 and because we have to subsidize the meal more each year, we decided it was not a good use of our limited funds.

However, we have several events planned for the rest of the year and into 2024 so stay tuned.

Retaining members and recruiting new ones is very hard for a retiree's club. Anyone who has ever worked in any division of Sperry, Honeywell or Allied can join. I am asking you to help us recruit new members and keep our club alive by sharing the recruiting poster in the last pages of this newsletter with your friends and neighbors who qualify. They can also use our website to join at AeroActivitiesClub.com and going to Membership or clicking [here](#).

The website address for past newsletters, event photos etc. is AeroActivitiesClub.com

Stay safe and out of the heat this summer and I hope to see you at future events,

Keith



Arizona Capital Museum Tour - April 18th



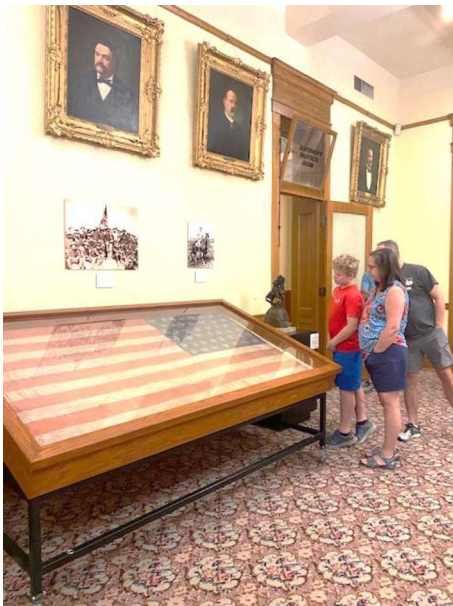
We had 21 attendees at this fun and enriching event.



We visited the historic house chamber, which has been restored to look as it did during the 1910 Arizona Constitutional Convention.



We saw exhibits and enjoyed the unique architecture on four floors



Back to school...and it was fun. Our tour guide helped us follow the journey from westward expansion through statehood to see how Arizona evolved.



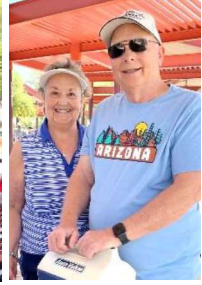
The museum tour was followed by a visit to Senate Building. They were not in session, but we learned how we can view our lawmakers at work.

We had time to visit with old friends after the tour.





AAC & Honeywell Spring Picnic



Lots of Laughs, good association and plenty of food



Raffle winners: Manny Francis & Mai Zaengle



Smile



*We want to give a special Thanks to Karen Thomas
For showing us her talent in designing these bag holders,
which she so graciously donated.*

They were a nice gift, everyone loved them.



Arizona Canal Bike Ride

Tues May 9th @11AM

Tuesday May 9th, starting at 11am at Granada Park, 6505 N. 20th St.

Interested in a nice flat bike ride, 5 miles one way, that follows the Arizona Canal through central Phoenix?

Path is fairly flat and goes past the Wrigley Mansion, the Biltmore Estates, the massive Phoenix Water Works, some very interesting back yards and OSHO Brewery, ending at the Arizona Falls power generating station at G.R. Herberger Park, 5802 E. Indian School.

Bring your lunch and stop for a noon break at Arizona Falls where you can sit by a waterfall and enjoy lunch and take a self-guided tour of the only hydroelectric power station on a canal.

Contact Kevin Vetter if interested. Email: snuffles@Q.com or call 602-300-7833





(MIM) Musical Instrument Museum Tour

Rediscover Treasures: Legendary Musical Instruments Exhibit Thursday, May 18th, 2023



4725 E. Mayo Boulevard (Tatum Road south of 101)

Experience MIM's newest exhibition, *Rediscover Treasures: Legendary Musical Instruments*. You can explore 28 new treasures from history and today. The world's first ukulele and a 14th-century flute owned by a Japanese emperor join a purple grand piano played by Prince and Eric Clapton's "Brownie" guitar. Visit [MIM Rediscover Treasures](#) to learn more about the exhibit.

Time:

- 1:15 – 1:45: Meet in the MIM café where you can purchase a beverage or snack and visit with other members.
- 1:45: Line-up for MIM's 2:00 Curator-Led Tour of Rediscover Treasures.
- After, attendees can tour the exhibits at their leisure. Museum closes at 5:00.
- *Your Aero Activities Club coordinator, Barbara Brockett, will be there to meet you.*

Format:

- Attendees will participate in the museum tour of *Rediscover Treasures*.
- The AAC tour coincides with an available curator-led tour (first-come-first-serve).
- Attendees can also purchase tickets that include entry to the other MIM galleries.
- *Member's guests are welcome.*

Cost and Location:

- **\$10 per person:** Rediscover Treasures ONLY
- **\$27 per person:** Museum Admission + Rediscover Treasures Exhibition
- No prepayment through AAC required. AAC attendees will purchase their own tickets.
- **Optional:** You can purchase Tickets on-line in advance: [MIM museum-admission](#)
- **Location:** 4725 E. Mayo Boulevard (Tatum Road south of 101)

Other Info: Parking is free. MIM has complimentary wheelchairs on a first-come-first-served basis. You can use your own mobility scooter. Assistive listening systems are available upon request.

Sign-up to Attend: There are 2 ways to sign-up:

- 1. Sign-up through the AAC Website: [MIM Rediscover Treasures](#)**
- 2. Contact Barbara Brockett to sign-up:
E-mail: b.brockett@cox.net OR call [623-251-0221](tel:623-251-0221)**



The Sanderson Village and Museum

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 on Oct 10th, 2023 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 tour reservations contact Keith Hughes at 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.





“Down Memory Lane”

Please submit them to Joyce Colella: aeroactivitiesclub@yahoo.com Mail to: AAC@Joyce Colella, 11128 W Mirandy Ct. Sun City, AZ 85351- 623-815-8246. We will look to determine if it can be published <https://www.facebook.com/aeroactivitiesclub>

Down Memory Lane: Sperry Defense Systems Division – Albuquerque New Mexico

by Barbara Brockett and Dave Maass

I enjoyed a 34-year career at Sperry Flight Systems / Honeywell Aerospace, and fate had a hand in my path. Sperry transitioned their Defense Systems business to Albuquerque in 1981; I got my first engineering job there in 1983. There I made lifelong friends, including my husband, Steve. Albuquerque won the QF-106 Drone contract in 1986 and I was assigned to the program. The breadth of experience I gained on drone programs led to opportunities, including a job in Phoenix in 1998.

It was also serendipitous to see Dave and Jackie Maass at the Aero Activities Club Picnic. Dave was on the Albuquerque start-up team and was one of the first to move his family to Albuquerque. He was also the department manager responsible for the QF-106 development program. I got the chance to thank Dave for his leadership and learn more about the Albuquerque start-up. Albuquerque Defense Avionics closed in 2019, but their strong legacy and Sperry’s move to Albuquerque is an important part of our history. I hope you enjoy this 1996 article by Dave Maass, one of our pioneers. – Barbara Brockett

Excerpts from Defense Avionics Systems Albuquerque Horizons Publication, July 1996

Honeywell’s Albuquerque Facility Marks 15th Anniversary - by Dave Maass

The aerospace industry and specifically Sperry Flight Systems in Phoenix experienced rapid growth through the 1960s and 1970s. Sperry leadership decided to realign the organization along customer lines (commercial versus defense) and seek additional facilities outside of Arizona. The site study narrowed to three possible locations: Colorado Springs, Austin and Albuquerque. It is rumored that Sperry Corporation CEO, Jerry Probst, liked Albuquerque because his daughter lived there. Two astronauts also factored into the selection. A Sperry sales managers and past astronaut, Bob Evens, had a friend and fellow astronaut named Harrison Jack Schmidt who happened to be the US Senator for New Mexico. Favorable tax law, adequate land, highway improvements, and direct access by air to Phoenix sealed the final selection of Albuquerque.

Walt Ballenberger was assigned as manager to oversee the transfer of Sperry’s defense aerospace business to Albuquerque. Ballenberger appointed the following people to help with the transition.

John Jackson (Engineering)
Joe Ivanisko (Quality)
Hal Modrow (Purchasing)
Mary Lou Atchison (Assembly)
Archie Romero (Facilities)

Dave Maass (Engineering)
Jack Washburn (Production)
Jesse Cress (Assembly)
John Kriegsmann (Personnel)

Technicians and assemblers were hired from the Albuquerque area and the team went to work at Aztec, a temporary building that had previously been a Levi Strauss blue-jeans factory. In January 1981 production on the division’s first manufacturing project for the AF-64 Apache helicopter began. Following close behind was the AV-8B development-to-production program.



Staying power! Division pioneers still employed at Defense Avionics Systems stand with retiree Dick Buvens (right front). They are (clockwise from front center) Sumlee Moyer, Mary Holguin, Martha Vigil, Dave Maass, Barbara Banks, Jack Washburn and Dorothy Padilla.



While the team built the operation, produced product, and focused on hiring, the build of the Phase I 112,000 Phoenix arrived in the summer of 1981, including the helicopter and drone engineering departments. There was a housewarming party almost every weekend. The whole Albuquerque team moved into the new San Mateo facility in August 1981 with a grand opening reception. New Mexico Governor Bruce King and state and Sperry corporate dignitaries attended.

The marching orders given to the division were to put the company on the defense aerospace map, and that was undertaken with unwavering fervor. The division's success led to the expansion and opening of the Phase II 182,600 square foot building in February 1983 and the Phase III 232,000 square foot building in March 1985. The division went through the Burroughs to Unisys to Honeywell transition and became **Honeywell Defense Avionics Systems**. At the peak Albuquerque had more than 3,000 employees. Here are just a few of the team's accomplishments to date:

- First Major new program win was the Advanced Helicopter Program / OH-58D Scout helicopter.
- QF106 drone program win in 1986. This was followed by the QF-104J international drone program for Japan and the win of US Army helicopter drone programs.
- B1-B bomber program including flight controls, displays and reference systems, which contributed to on-going bomber and cargo platform program wins including B-52, KC-135, and C-17.
- Belgian Air Force C-130 which led to P-3, C-130J and C-141 programs.
- First in the industry with production digital map system, installed on the F/A-18 and AV-8B. This led to additional digital map programs including F-15E and rotorcraft maps on the OH-58 and CH-47.
- F-16 display production – a major transfer from Phoenix - with the Upgradable Programmable Display Processor designed in Albuquerque and leading to decades of US and international upgrade programs.
- Industry's first color display on a fighter aircraft on F-15, followed by the F-16.

The period of the division's extreme growth ended when the US defense budget leveled off in 1980s, but the first fifteen years of successes are testimony to the talent and spirit of the employees.



NM Rep. Steve Schiff, Alb. Mayor Martin Chavez, and John Dewane Honeywell Space and Aviation President celebrate 15-year Anniversary



Aztec – Sperry's First Albuquerque Home

From the Albuquerque Defense Avionics Systems Archives



Honeywell Designed QF-106 Full-Scale Aero Target Drone



Kiowa Warrior Crews Fly in to Albuquerque Facility to Thank OH-58D Team



Events you may enjoy:



2023 Peoria Spring Farmers Market and Craft Fair

Event Location & hours - Free admission. Hours: 8am-1pm

9098 W. Pinnacle Peak Road - Campbell's Restaurant

Peoria, AZ 85383

[Get Directions](#) » 91st and Pinnacle

Description of Event and date: **May 20, 2023**

Peoria Spring Farmers Market and Craft Fair will be held on May 20th, 2023. Come shop and support local and small businesses. You will find fresh fruits and vegetables, local produce, homeopathic products, fresh eggs, canned goods, arts and crafts, and more.

For the summer... Here is link to AZ calendar which has lots of adventures. Enjoy

<https://www.fairsandfestivals.net/states/AZ/>





Memory Care and Music

Journey Through a World of Music



Designed to meet therapeutic goals for seniors



Attention and memory



Movement in sequence



Self-expression and social connection

MIM's Memory Care and Music life-enrichment series is designed for people with memory loss to enhance their memory skills in the company of friends and family. The series harnesses the powerful benefits of music making to promote emotional and physical wellness. Join us to explore the world through music while socializing and engaging with others.

Each session includes a 45-minute gallery tour led by a MIM museum guide followed by a 45-minute music-making workshop facilitated by a board-certified music therapist. Throughout each session, participants will interact and have a fun-filled musical experience.

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Session Dates and Gallery Focus

March 27 | Artist and Mechanical Galleries

April 3 | United States / Canada Gallery

April 17 | Europe Gallery

May 1 | Latin America Gallery

May 15 | Africa and Middle East Galleries

June 12 | Asia Gallery

June 26 | Artist and Mechanical Galleries

All sessions meet 1–3 p.m. Includes break times.

\$25 per session, or \$48 for two sessions

Purchase online at MIM.org/senior-programs.

If you have questions, contact adulthoodtours@MIM.org or 480.478.6031.

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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.

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



Janet Miller

Yvonne DePron (Ralph's Wife)

New Members & Renewing Members

Hoa Trin	Rich Oracheff
Huong Truong	John Bernal
Hue Phan	Patricia Edwards
Huong Hoang	Chris McKenna
Van K. Thi	Joseph Tripodi
Loretta Cameron	Nicholas Wilt
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**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 13 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)

Dues are \$5 Annually. To make payments:

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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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