



## *“Beautiful Fall”*

*Commemorative Air Force museum/ Covid safe*

*Nov 12<sup>th</sup>*



*Tovrea Castle / Covid safe*

*Nov 20<sup>th</sup>*



## ***Canceled Events***

~~*Hall of Flame Museum/HRSC*~~

~~*Sept 17<sup>th</sup>*~~

~~*AAC Kick-Off Luncheon*~~

~~*Sept 24<sup>th</sup>*~~

~~*Musical Instrument Museum*~~

~~*Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>*~~



~~*Negotiating Retirement/Canceled till 2021*~~

~~*Oct 20<sup>th</sup>*~~

~~*Panama Canal Cruise/HRSC*~~

~~*Nov 10<sup>th</sup>*~~

~~*Christmas with Santa*~~

~~*Dec 10<sup>th</sup>*~~

~~*PXG Factory tour*~~

~~*Fall/TBD*~~

~~*Shamrock Farms*~~

~~*Fall/TBD*~~



## *Keith's Thoughts*



I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and virus free. 2020 had turned out to be a tough year for all of us. In the last newsletter we assumed we could restart events in September, but most of the venues are still closed or not taking bookings.

So far we had to cancel the Spring Picnic, Kickoff Luncheon and Christmas Lunch as well as other visits. I was particularly disappointed we had to cancel the lunch with the “Real” Santa, or what the kids think when he visits them in hospital every year.

I asked the committee to write the newsletter as though all the events are happening to show the membership what was planned. Most events are marked canceled with two exceptions. The **Commemorative Air Force Museum visit is still on** with limited numbers, masks required and social distancing. This is a very interesting tour and well worth the visit. **The Tovrea Castle Tour still has vacancies.** Most of the tour is outside in small groups. Both tours are following State COVID 19 guidelines for your safety.

As most of our events have been canceled; this year the committee is extending your membership by one year. Most of our expenses are subsidizing the Spring Picnic, Kickoff Luncheon and Christmas Lunch which were canceled. However if you want to extend your membership that would be most welcome and you still get a free year, but it keeps our funds full and better able to plan events.

Starting this year you do not have to leave your armchair to pay your subscription. Go to [AeroActivitiesClub.com](http://AeroActivitiesClub.com), Select the membership tab, Select Current Members and scroll down to the bottom to find Membership Renewal. There you can use PayPal and any credit or debit card to make a secure payment.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all the committee for their hard work this year and understand the disappointment that our events are severely limited. The events you see canceled in this newsletter will be setup as soon as can in the new year and we have several new events that were planned for next year so stay tuned.

Have you canceled your house phone in the last 5 years? New cell phone number? With the cancellations we have had we have found several dead phone numbers. Please update your information by either filling in and mailing the last page of this newsletter or going to [AeroActivitiesClub.com](http://AeroActivitiesClub.com) and select the Membership tab.

As the extent of the COVID-19 virus is unknown this newsletter will cover September 2020. Check our website for the latest information. [Aeroactivitiesclub.com](http://Aeroactivitiesclub.com)

Take Care and stay healthy,

Keith Hughes



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**“Aero Activities Club”**

**Hard copies** which are in black & white is under the address.  
**Email copies** in the body of the email

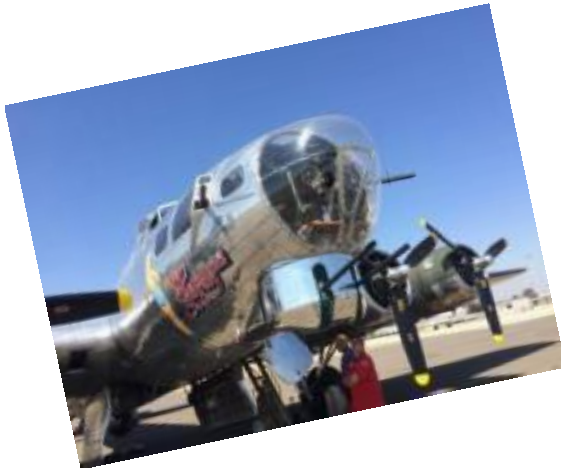
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**Please just send in a check, thank you**

**=WE NEED TO STAY IN TOUCH=**  
**“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”**



## Commemorative Air Force Museum @ Air Base Arizona

Thursday November 12, 2020



**COVID-19 AWARE**  
● Mask required  
● 6' Distancing

No need to pay until the day !

**BUT** reserve NOW !

Limited to ~~25~~ people.

**Only 10**

\$ 10 per person .

**CASH ONLY !!**



**Where:** 2017 N Greenfield Rd, Mesa, AZ 85215 (480 924 1940)

**Time :** Arrive 12:45 p.m. Tour starts : 1:00 p.m.

- Meet at front door
- Tour will last approximately 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours
- Free parking
- Limited scooters/wheel chairs

To reserve, please contact: Tom Leard : [tomflyer12@hotmail.com](mailto:tomflyer12@hotmail.com)



## *Tovrea Castle*

Friday Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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 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 \$20 and the club is adding \$2 per ticket for expenses for a total 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 16 different dates and the event is still popular.

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.





## ~~Hall of Flame Museum Of Firefighting~~

~~Thur. Sept 17, 2020~~



**Where:** Hall of Flame Museum, 100 East Van Buren  
**Time:** Arrive at 9:45 a.m., guided tour starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$15.00 per person, which includes the guided tour and lunch  
**Coordinator:** Kay Nye

**Cancelled**

Please contact Kay by E-mail at [kaynye@aol.com](mailto:kaynye@aol.com) or by phone at 623-974-9258.  
 If there is no answer, please leave a message with your name and number of people attending.



*You're Invited!*

### Buffet Lunch

- Sub sandwiches with smoked turkey, roast beef, or ham
- White or Honey Wheat bread
- Chips, Pickle spear, Condiments
- Cookies
- Iced Tea (lemons and sugar packets will be provided)

### Reservations Due and Payable by **Sept 9, 2020**

Make checks payable to the **HRSC Treasurer** and mail to the  
 Honeywell Retiree Social Club at  
 1860 West Rose Garden Lane,  
 Phoenix, AZ 85027-2704

The museum is all on one floor and handicap accessible. There are a limited number of wheel chairs and scooters available; however, they are first come, first serve.

Sponsored by the Honeywell Retiree Social Club



## *AAC Kick-off Luncheon*

Thursday, Sept. 24th



**Palmbrook Country Club**  
9350 W. Camelback Road  
Sun City, AZ 85351

**Cancelled**

**\$20.00 per person**

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

### **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. 21th**

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.

Sponsored by ACC



## ~~(MIM) Musical Instrument Museum Tour~~

Sat. Oct 3, 2020



*You're  
Invited!*



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

Event: Experience Japan, Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Experience the music of the "Land of the Rising Sun", one of MIM'S signature events, with a guided tour. From the excitement of Taiko drums to the pure tones of the shakuhachi flute, Japanese music has something for everyone.

**Time:** 10:00 AM arrival at a designed location near MIM entrance.

**Format:** Attendees will participate in the one-hour guided group tour (with headsets). Afterwards, you can purchase lunch in the MIM cafe and visit with fellow club members, and then tour the full museum at your leisure. Visit <https://mim.org/> to see all this enriching venue has to offer.

**Cost:** \$20 per person: \$15 for ages 13 to 19; \$10 for ages 4-12.

**Other Info:** Parking is free. MIM has complimentary wheel chairs on a first-come-first-served basis. If you have your own mobility scooter, you can use it. They also have assistive listening system available upon request.

**Reserve Your Ticket:**

*Members and non-members are welcome.*

To reserve your ticket, please email Barbara Brockett at [b.brockett@cox.net](mailto:b.brockett@cox.net).

Then send your check made out to: **Aero Activities Club,**  
**Mail to:** Barbara Brockett, 22623 N. 72<sup>nd</sup> Drive.  
Glendale, AZ 85310

All checks must be received by **September 3<sup>rd</sup>.**





## 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)***



## ~~Christmas with Santa~~

Dec. 2020



**Arrowhead Country Club**  
19818 N. 73rd Avenue  
Glendale, AZ - 623-561-9600  
11:AM to 2:00 PM

*\$35.00 per person*

Single persons are always welcome

**Dinner served at 12:00 PM**

**Cash bar**

Served Dinner Menu choices

**Chicken Florentine / Roast Beef / Vegetarian Plate**  
**Au Jus & Creamy & Horseradish sauce**

**Served with**

**Garlic Mashed potatoes w/gravy**  
**Garden Green Salad**

**Raspberry Vinaigrette & Ranch Dressing will be on the table**

**Fresh Vegetable Medley**  
**Warm Rolls and Butter**  
**Dessert - Apple Pie**

**Freshly Brewed Coffee - Iced Tea - Iced Water on the tables**

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

*Pictures with Santa by the tree*





"I move that we debate whether to vote to decide whether to discuss bringing this meeting to an end."

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"Whew! That was close!  
We almost decided something!"



## 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, **Warren Koepsel** at **(480) 510-9304** 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!*



Since the passing of Clint Langford;

Our group of North Valley handymen has experienced a significant decline. So 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 Warren (480-510-9304).

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





## Memoriam



Carol Joan "Joie" Heller/Harry's Wife	Richard Frank Newlon
Denise Major	Richard V. Ellstorm
Adrian A Seller	Joe B. Stokes
Greta Berg/Jim' Wife	Greg Nieciecki
Carolyn Daly	Bill Rogers
Michael J. OToole	Richard Louis Kuelbs
Jerry Berntsen	David Evans
John Stepanek	Thomas Ohlin
Edward "Skosh" Moore	Nancy Lee Behie
Elaine Neilsen Barry Acri	Matthew Jon Mclure
Deborah Yeaton McWhorter	Lillian Passage
Daniel McGuire Campbell	Manuel C.Vasquez Sr
Patricia B. Wingerning	Bruce Paul McConnell
Mitchell (Mitch) Scott Fletcher	Gail Hink (wife of Bob)
Bill Dearing/Husband of Betty	

## Welcome New Members

Richard Horn  
Larry Wells

**NEW-HR Direct Honeywell**  
Dept. 09796 - 2601 Research Forest Drive  
The Woodlands, TX 77381

**Phone number: 1-877-258-3699**

**Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday  
9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. Eastern Time**

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**<https://directaccess.ps.honeywell.com/cwa/mobilelogin.jsp>**

## **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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**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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