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Upcoming Events

- Apr 1 - Meeting - Tony Pietsch - Enhanced Oil Recovery
- Apr 21 - Spring Roundup - Rock Springs Café
- May 6 - Meeting - Paul Messinger - Stories and Personal Experiences in Scottsdale History

Frank Holman, President, welcomed members and guests to the meeting on March 4, 2009. Mary McGonigle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

You can still buy tickets for the **Spring Roundup** at next month's meeting

The club is seeking a volunteer to perform as Recording Secretary. The function of this position is to record Board meeting business conducted prior to each monthly meeting. Please consider taking on this important function.

Diane Bennett informs us that the next big trip planned for October 2009 is to Thailand.

During the social hour, selected photos from last year's Spring Roundup were shown on the monitors. We will be providing more 'mini presos' in the future during this hour.

Al Stimac rose and gave a tribute in the passing of **Art Delesandro** and **Bob Von Flue**.

Our featured speaker was **Rob Gillette**, President, Honeywell Aerospace. A key point made was that the lack of available financing is having a major impact on the Air Transport business and that this situation is expected to persist through 2010. Although some areas have been slowing due to completion of major programs, software is in place to allow excess labor in one organization to help meet the labor needs in other locations. This new capability, and the use of furloughs is significantly lessening the need for head-count reductions.

The slowing economy is resulting in reductions in flight hours in both the air transport and business and general aviation sectors. This is impacting aftermarket programs.

Rob was very positive on the future of Honeywell and specifically Aerospace, noting that since 2005, Aerospace has logged \$70B in contract wins.

We have lost track of the whereabouts of the following member -

Bob Rhodes

If you have any info, please contact **Diane Bennett**.

Next month's speaker will be Tony Peitch. His topic will be 'Enhanced Oil Recovery'.

This month's charity donations were sent to **St. Vincent DePaul** and **United Food Bank**. The 50/50 raffle winners were **Bill Waggoner** and **Karl Pfitzer**.

A list of the charities from which the board chooses monthly donations is posted on the website. If you have a favorite charity you would like the club to consider for donations, please bring it to our attention.

We welcome any member who wishes to speak to the meeting on a topic of general interest. To do so, please contact any Board Member immediately prior to the start of the meeting.

The Club issues new membership rosters each year. We ask you to properly destroy (shred) old rosters. This information is provided so that our members may stay in touch with good friends. We do not wish this information to fall into the hands of solicitation organizations or worse.

Please remember to wear your badge to meetings and functions. It sure helps in remembering names. If you have lost your badge, **Diane Bennett** can make you a new one for a \$2.00 charge.

Reminder - we no longer charge dues for the spouse of couples who are both retirees from AiResearch/ Garrett/ AlliedSignal/ Honeywell.

We are looking for **volunteers** to bring some of our non-driving West Side members to and from the meetings. If you are willing to help, please contact Al 480-218-7199.

Our monthly meetings are held at the **Scottsdale Senior Center, 1700 N. Granite Reef**, (just north of McDowell). The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month, September - May, except for December - our Holiday Luncheon. Our social hour begins at **1:00 pm**, club business is conducted at **1:45 pm**, the presentation starts at **2:00 pm** and adjournment is at **3:00 pm**.

A board meeting is held prior to the regular meeting and all members are invited to attend.

We welcome any input and please send the editor any items that may be of interest to our members.

HELP EACH OTHER

If you need some assistance, e-mail s.mitnik@worldnet.att.net with your need and contact information.

AiResearch/Garrett Historical Information - **Ed Gammill**, Historian, asks that if you send /give him photos, please write on the back the names of everyone in the photo. Ed's contact info is on page 1.

The Club periodically receives information about employment opportunities that may be of interest to our members. We put notices in the newsletter and post them on the website when new opportunities become available.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START PLANNING. It's time to encourage your family member/college student to inquire about the **HRC Scholarship Program**. Each of the three state universities have information on their web sites about their application process. An award of \$1000.00 is available at each university annually. Since 1999, the first year of the program, twenty scholarships have been awarded. Check with the college scholarship office for application deadlines (normally in March). The requirements for application are as follows:

1. The applicant must be a family member of an active member (current dues paying) or associate member (spouse of deceased active member) of the **Retirees**. Family members are defined as children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc. of the retiree. On all applications the submitter must include the company, division, year of retirement, and the current phone number of the retiree or associate.
2. Only students that will be entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year are eligible.

3. Students applying must have evidence of **cumulative 3.0 or higher grade point average.**

4. Applicants must re-apply annually.

5. Receipt of this scholarship does not restrict the student from receiving other school- arships.

6. Students **majoring in Science and Technology related fields will be given preference**, but if there are no approved applicants in related fields, then all majors will be considered. In the case of equal qualifications, financial need will be the deciding factor.

ASU

<http://students.asu.edu/node/1184>

NAU

http://www4.nau.edu/finaid/types_of_aid/scholarships/donor_scholarships.html - scroll to Honeywell

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https://financialaid.arizona.edu/scholarships/outside/Honeywell_Retiree_Club_Scholarship.aspx

ARE YOU APPROACHING AGE 70 ½? DO YOU HAVE A SECURED BENEFIT ACCOUNT? If so, you need to contact Honeywell to determine your options for the distribution of these funds. Remember, the Secured Benefit Account is 'qualified' money (i.e. you never paid taxes on that money) and the law requires distribution from qualified accounts upon reaching age 70 ½.

The **Oak Street Gleaners** are looking for a few more volunteers to perform service activity on the last **Wednesday** of every month. Contact **Al Stimac** 480-218-7199 for more info.

Honeywell Health and Wellness Center memberships are available for retirees and their spouses at just \$10 per month per person. Get together with some of your buddies! Call them! Phoenix 602 -231-7920, Tempe 480-592-1389. **Wellness Center** info is also posted on our website.

----- 2008 Activity Calendar Honeywell Retirees of Arizona (Honeywell North):

- April 6 Spring Golf Tournament, Sun City Country Club
- April 14/15 TBD Spring Pot Luck

More info at WWW.HRCAZ.ORG

Other Stuff

A man wanted to get married. He was having trouble choosing among three likely candidates. He gives each woman a present of \$5,000 and watches to see what they do with the money.

The first does a total make-over. She goes to a fancy beauty salon, gets her hair done, new make up and buys several new outfits, and dresses up very nicely for the man. She tells him that she has done this to be more attractive for him because she loves him so much.

The man was impressed.

The second goes shopping to buy the man gifts. She gets him a new set of golf clubs, some new gizmos for his computer, and some expensive clothes. As she presents these gifts, she tells him that she has spent all the money on him because she loves him so much.

Again, the man is impressed.

The third invests the money in the stock market. She earns several times the \$5,000. She gives him back his \$5,000 and reinvests the remainder in a joint account. She tells him that she wants to save for their future because she loves him so much.

Obviously, the man was impressed.

The man thought for a long time about what each woman had done with the money he'd given her.

Then, he married the one with the biggest boobs.

Men are like that, you know.

There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer's research. This means that by 2040, there should be a large elderly population with perky boobs and huge erections and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them.

During a commercial airline flight a Navy pilot was seated next to a young mother with a baby in her arms.

When her baby began crying during the descent for landing, the mother began nursing her infant as discreetly as possible.

The pilot pretended not to notice and, upon debarking, he gallantly offered his assistance to help with the various baby-related articles.

When the young mother expressed her gratitude, the pilot responded, 'Gosh, that's a good looking baby...and he sure was hungry!'

Somewhat embarrassed, the mother explained that her pediatrician said breast feeding would help alleviate the pressure in the baby's ears.

The Navy pilot sadly shook his head, and in true pilot fashion exclaimed.....'And all these years I've been chewing gum.'

Ninety-nine percent of all lawyers give the rest a bad name.

One good thing about Alzheimer's is you get to meet new people every day.

Xerox and Wurlitzer will merge to produce reproductive organs.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

The more I learn about terrorism, the more I understand the phone company.

The latest survey shows that three out of four people make up 75% of the population

A man and his wife, now in their 60's, were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. On their special day a good fairy came to them and said that because they had been such a devoted couple she would grant each of them a very special wish.

The wife wished for a trip around the world with her husband.

Whoosh! Immediately she had airline/cruise tickets in her hands.

The man wished for a female companion 30 years younger.

Whoosh...immediately he turned ninety!!!

Gotta love that fairy!

Aviation Axioms

It's better to be down here wishing you were up there, than up there wishing you were down here.

If you're ever faced with a forced landing at night, turn on the landing lights to see the landing area. If you don't like what you see, turn them back off.

A check ride ought to be like a skirt, short enough to be interesting but still be long enough to cover everything.

Speed is life, altitude is life insurance. No one has ever collided with the sky!

"Unskilled" pilots are always found in the wreckage with their hand around the microphone.

Always remember you fly an airplane with your head, not your hands.

If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger; if you pull the stick back, they get smaller. (Unless you keep pulling the stick back...then they get bigger again.)

In Memory of our departed friends and co-workers

ERNEST BROWN

THOMAS CHAVEZ

HENRY CORNELL

FRANK CULHANE

WILLIAM CUSHING

DAVID GERMAN

D. HARRACH

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