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Upcoming Events

- Dec 14 - Holiday Luncheon - Scottsdale Sr. Ctr.
- Jan 6 - Meeting - Greg Albert - Honeywell Aerospace -Airbus Programs

Frank Holman, President, welcomed members and guests to the meeting on Nov 4, 2009. **Glenna Roberts** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Frank opened discussion of the revised and up-dated Club Operating Guidelines. 'AiResearch' had been inadvertently omitted from the name of the Club. With the change to add "AiResearch" back in, the Guidelines were approved by the attending members

If you have interesting photos that you would like to share as a 'mini preso' during the social hour, please contact **Ed Taschner**. CD, DVD, or Flash Drives are all acceptable formats. Thanks to **Karl Pfitzer** for providing photos for this meeting.

Ed Gammill asked attendees to review photos displayed and please add names if you know them.

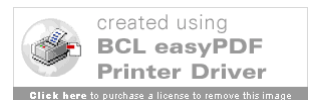
Frank announced that Rock Springs will continue to be the venue for the Spring Outing, Tuesday, April 13. Price will be \$16 and you will be given choice of sauce or no sauce.

Frank announced that the Club has authorized a not-to-exceed \$150 annually to provide gratuities to non-club-member speakers.

Dick Dippold showed an AiResearch oil temp control valve, made in the late '30s, found while exploring a 1944 B17 crash in the San Francisco Peaks area north of Flagstaff.

Our featured speakers were **Jay Smyth**, **Jim Zumpf** ADOT and **Marc Pearsall** MAG, representing the Southwest Rail Corridor Coalition. The mission of this coalition is to promote the development of intercity rail transportation.

Work done to date is a complete inventory of all Class I rail capability (heavy track) and identification of potential rail corridors: Hassayampa; North-South; I-11; Weldon branch. Also being evaluated are potential rail bypasses of Tucson, Phoenix and Flagstaff, to avoid the adverse impact that freight train transits have on these communities. Freight rail capability together with development of Mexican deep water ports has significant economic potential



for Arizona.

ADOT is actively studying strategic concepts for passenger rail:

- Intercity: Phoenix-Tucson; Sun Corridor north from Phoenix via Verde Valley to Williams
- High Speed: Phoenix-Albuquerque; Phoenix-Las Vegas; Phoenix-LA; Phoenix-San Diego (note: New Mexico has a new high-speed line between Albuquerque and Santa Fe.)

The next step is for ADOT to develop a complete State Rail Plan.

MAG (Maricopa Association of Governments) has the mission to study commuter rail with a final report due Spring 2010. Primary focus has been on routes from Wickenburg to Phoenix and Buckeye-Sky Harbor-Tempe.

See www.southwestrail.org for more info. The next decade could be very exciting

This month's charity donations were sent to **Welcare Foundation** and **Lung Transplant Support Organization**. The 50/50 raffle winner was **Bill Waggoner**. He held both winning tickets!

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 have lost track of the whereabouts of the following members -

Jeannine Walker

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

We are looking for volunteers to call members to remind them of upcoming meetings. If willing to help, please contact **Diane Bennett**.

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 AI 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. Ed indicates that he received two 1960s brochures from **Jim Brink** to add to our vast collection.

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



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.

**2009 Activity Calendar
Honeywell Retirees of
Arizona (Honeywell North):**

- Dec 3 Christmas Dinner and Dance
- Dec 7 Fall Golf Tournament. Download applications at their website.
- Jan TBD Day at the Races

More info at WWW.HRCAZ.ORG

Other Stuff

Ed and Dorothy met while on a singles cruise and Ed fell head over heels for her. When they discovered they lived in the same city only a few miles apart Ed was ecstatic. He immediately started asking her out when they got home.

Within a couple of weeks, Ed had taken Dorothy to dance clubs, restaurants, concerts, movies, and museums. Ed became convinced that Dorothy was indeed his soul mate and true love. Every date seemed better than the last.

On the one-month anniversary of their first dinner on the ship, Ed took Dorothy to a fine restaurant. While having cocktails and waiting for their salad, Ed said, "I guess you can tell I'm very much in love with you. I'd like a little serious talk before our relationship continues to the next stage. So, before I get a box out of my jacket and ask you a life changing question, it's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut. I play golf. I read about golf. I watch golf on TV. In short, I eat, sleep, and breathe golf. If that's going to be a problem, for us, you'd better say so now!"

Dorothy took a deep breath and responded, "Ed, that certainly won't be a problem. I love you as you are and I love golf too; but, since we're being totally honest with each other, you need to know that about the last five years I've been a hooker."

"Oh wow! I see," Ed replied. He looked down at the table, and was quiet for a moment, deep in thought then he added, "You know, it's probably just because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you tee off."

**PUNS FOR EDUCATED
MINDS**

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'

The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

A backward poet writes inverse.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.

When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

The small town's sheriff was also its veterinarian. One night the phone rang and his wife answered. An agitated voice inquired, "Is your husband there?"

"Do you require his services as a sheriff or as a vet?"

"Both. We can't get our dog's mouth open, and there's a burglar in it."

6 It was mealtime during a flight on Hooters Airline.

"Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked John, seated in front.

"What are my choices?" John asked.

"Yes or no," she replied.

5 A flight attendant was stationed at the departure gate to check tickets. As a man approached, she extended her hand for the ticket and he opened his trench coat and flashed her.

Without missing a beat, she said, "Sir, I need to see your ticket not your stub."

4 A lady was picking through frozen turkeys at the grocery store but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

3 The cop got out of his car and the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his

window. "I've been waiting for you all day," the cop said.

The kid replied, "Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could."

When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

2 A truck driver was driving along on the freeway. A sign comes up that reads, "Low Bridge Ahead." Before he knows it, the bridge is right ahead of him and he gets stuck under the bridge. Cars are backed up for miles.

Finally, a police car comes up. The cop gets out of his car and walks to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck, huh?"

The truck driver says, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of gas."

SMART ASS ANSWER OF THE YEAR 2006

A college teacher reminds her class of tomorrow's final exam. "Now class, I won't tolerate any excuses for you not being here tomorrow. I might consider a nuclear attack or a serious personal injury, illness, or a death in your immediate family, but that's it no other excuses whatsoever!"

A smart-ass guy in the back of the room raised his hand and asked, "What would you say if tomorrow I said I was suffering from complete and utter sexual exhaustion?" The entire class is reduced to laughter and snickering.

When silence is restored, the teacher smiles knowingly at the student, shakes her head

and sweetly says, "Well, I guess you'd have to write the exam with your other hand."

Instruction printed on US Rocket Launcher - "Aim towards the Enemy."

"If your attack is going too well, you're walking into an ambush." - Infantry Journal

In Memory of our departed friends and co-workers

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