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President **Ed Taschner** welcomed members and guests to the meeting on April 6, 2011. **Bill Gerros** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A terrible boo boo was made with the printing of the membership roster. What you have received was the mailing roster. A re-print of the membership roster is in the works and will be mailed separately later this month or early next month. They will also be available at the October meeting.

Our Recording Secretary, **Faye McDonald**, is experiencing a medical problem that prevents her from supporting the club at this time. She vows to return, but until then we are asking for a volunteer to step in. If interested, please contact any Board Member

Ed indicated that we are looking for an individual to set up volunteer activities at which club members could participate (think Habitat for Humanities etc.) If interested please contact **Ed**.

Ed also announced that 2 At Large Members have joined the Board – **Dick Dippold** and **Al Stimac**.

Al Stimac rose to speak to the memory of **Larry Sheaks** and **Shirley Jacobs Jabon**.

At this point, **Ed** introduced our new Vice President, **John Lester**, who introduced our featured speaker **Leigh Dechaine**.

Leigh, a Honeywell retiree, became interested in the National Championship Air Races, currently held every September north of Reno Nevada.

Upcoming Events

- Oct 5 – Meeting - Don Robins, Executive Director of Engineering Design, GM Truck Group, Ret'd - A World in Motion
- Nov 2 – Meeting - Ed Antonowicz, ComForcare Senior Services - ComForcare Home Care Services
- Dec - Holiday Luncheon

The National Championship Air Races is the last event of its kind, carrying on the tradition of the Cleveland Air Races of the 1920s, 30s and 40s. In 1964, Bill Stead organized an air race near Reno, Nevada, and the Reno National Championship Air Races were born. The event that Bill Stead started in the Nevada desert more than 47 years ago is still going strong. The event has only been interrupted once in September of 2001 when all aircraft in the United States were grounded following the terrorists attacks in New York and Washington.

For one week, the high desert north of Reno becomes home to hundreds of aircraft, their pilots and crews. In the past ten years, the event has attracted more than 200,000 spectators and generated more than \$80 million a year for the region's economy. The event features six racing classes, a large display of static aircraft and several military and civil flight demonstrations. More information is available at <http://www.airrace.org>.

Held at the same time as the air races is the National Aviation Heritage Invitational. This event promotes aircraft restoration via friendly competition, bringing valuable aviation treasures together in one venue. This endeavor is a joint effort under the auspices of Rolls-Royce North America Inc., the National Aviation Hall of Fame, the Reno Air Racing Foundation and the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. This competi-

tion is open to all types of aircraft that are 45 years old or older and that are in flyable condition. More information at <http://heritagetrophy.org/>.

Our speaker at the next meeting will be our own **Don Robins**, former Executive Director of Engineering Design, GM Truck Group, and current SAE AWIM Coordinator - State of Arizona. This SAE award program "A World in Motion" (AWIM) provides youths ranging from grade school age through high school the opportunity to work alongside real engineers as they create projects such as toy cars and fuel cells. This innovative educational partnership, launched in 1991, pairs volunteers from a range of technical industries with schools and teachers to provide hands-on instruction through exciting projects that help spark interest in science and math.

The 50/50 winners were **Jerry Nelson** and **Jack Lawrence**.



President's Column

This month, I'm devoting most of our conversation to our options for Medicare for those over 65 years old. The annual enrollment period (AEP) begins October 15 ... a month earlier than in the past. The AEP is your opportunity to enroll and/or change Medicare options and remains in effect until December 7.

As most are aware, last year Honeywell decided to drop group health insurance cover-

age for those of us who are over age 65. This resulted in a cost savings to the company and offered significant savings to us by allowing us to move to Medicare and/or shop for Medicare Health Plans /insurance.

Honeywell has provided an out-of-state agent to assist in your shopping endeavor. However, we have and still do recommend you shop locally in the interest of receiving personal customer service.

Here's a VERY BRIEF description of your options this AEP season:

1. **You can enroll in Original Medicare, Parts A & B** which offer hospitalization benefits (A) and doctors and other outpatient benefits (B). You are enrolled automatically into part A upon attaining age 65 (assuming you have been employed and paying Medicare taxes), but you must apply for Part B. Part A usually has no premium and Part B always requires a premium. This Part B premium has not yet been determined for 2012, but can be expected to be in the range of \$115 to \$125 per month. If you earn more than \$85,000/year, you can expect to pay more.

2. **You can obtain Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) coverage** (Medicare Part D) which is sold by insurance companies. This coverage is usually advisable because Original Medicare covers very few prescription drugs. There will likely be a premium in addition to your Part B premium. The co-

verage has a formulary (allowed drugs) and a rather complex benefit schedule, so ask your insurance professional for the details.

3. You can add to your Original Medicare a supplemental health insurance policy, known as Medigap insurance. This insurance generally pays for most deductibles, co-insurance, and copays required for Original Medicare. This insurance requires a monthly premium (in addition to your Part B premium) and generally requires health background underwriting (they want you to be healthy). However, there are exceptions to this rule, so ask your insurance professional for the details. With this coverage, Medicare pays first, and then your Medigap insurance pays (mostly) the rest. If you want drug coverage, you must purchase Part D coverage separately.

4. You can choose to purchase a Medicare Advantage (MA) Plan, Medicare Part C. This plan may or may not have a premium although you will be required to continue to pay your Part B premium. It is also unique in that it replaces your Original Medicare Part A & B coverage and takes you out of the Medicare health services arena. In other words, you become insured solely by the insurance company you choose to do business with. An MA may or may not include a part D (drug) element. It also is local area specific, meaning that if you travel outside their coverage area, you will be treated and covered on

an emergency basis. Finally, with only one exception, this plan does not require you to be healthy to enroll. Your insurance professional will have the details you need to make a good choice.

Last year, we introduced three insurance professionals who can help you with your choice and I'll re-present them here:

Ed Taschner
(602) 300-6262

Nikki Crouse
(480) 558-3465

Catherine Bennett
(480) 368-6178

One quick mention about our Holiday luncheon this December: Last year we held it in a new venue and the attendees voted overwhelmingly to have it again in the same place in Fountain Hills. Please plan on coming. It's a well spent afternoon and benefits needy families with food and children's gifts for the holiday season. More on this subject next month.

Best to all of you who enjoy the club. Hope to see get together with you, in some fashion, each month.

Ed

This month's charitable donations went to the **Hospice of the Valley** and **WellCare**. Club guidelines now dictate that we support local charities exclusively.

A list of the charities from which the board chooses donations monthly 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 are looking for volunteers to call members to remind them of upcoming meetings. If willing to help, please contact **Diane Bennett**.

Have you moved? If so provide your new address to **Diane Bennett** in order to continue to get this terrific newsletter et. al.

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.

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**.

Board meetings will no longer be held prior to the regular meeting. However, we do welcome your input and please contact any board member or send the editor any items that may be of interest to our members.

HELP EACH OTHER

If you need some assistance, e-mail smitnik@cox.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. **Jack Bigus** sent a pile of old AiR-reporters and some old Employee Club Newsletters from when he was Jr. Bowling Director to be added to the stack of historic data.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

The Granite Reef Senior Center is hosting the 28th annual **Senior Arts and Crafts Fair**, on Saturday, November 19, 2011 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. If you interested in selling homemade crafts, paintings, jewelry, photography, holiday decorations, clothing etc. at the Senior Arts & Crafts show, visit the City of Scottsdale's tax & li-

cense website for detailed information on becoming a special event vendor within the City of Scottsdale. No computer, Call the Senior Center at 480-312-1700 for more info.

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.

The Retirees Club Board has decided that for sale or trade items will not be published in the newsletter. However, we will provide a bulletin board at each meeting where any club member may post for sale or trade items for the duration of the meeting. All postings will be discarded at the conclusion of the meeting.

If you would like to honor or provide information about a member with a newsletter blurb, please e-mail the information to smitnik@cox.net.

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.

2011 Activity Calendar Honeywell Retirees of Arizona (Honeywell North):

- October 6 Volunteer at Food Bank

- October 26 Oktoberfest
- November TBD Financial Seminar
- November 22 Arizona Science Center
- December 8 Honeywell/Sperry Christmas Party
- December TBD Fall Golf Tournament

More info at WWW.HRCAZ.ORG

Other Stuff

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62.

My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

In Memory of our departed friends and co-workers

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JOSIE DEROSIER
WALLIS FLEMING
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MICHAEL GRENLEY
LESTER HOADLEY
JEFFREY HADDEN
WALT HULL JR
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