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President **Ed Taschner** welcomed members and guests to the meeting on March 2, 2011. **Frank Holman** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A reminder: the Club Operating Guidelines are currently being reviewed and up-dated for membership review and approval in April. One new feature encourages members to attend and participate in Board meetings that are held at the Plant approximately 1 week prior to the monthly meeting (you also get to help us stuff the envelopes). If interested in attending, please contact **Ed Taschner**.

With **Dick Dippold's** announcement, the Club finds itself, one again in need of a Vice President. If interested, please contact any board member.

This is of particular importance as we have learned that the **Prescott Employees Club** has disbanded. We believe that this was due to the lack of members willing to step up and serve as Officers or Board Members. Prescott area retir-

ees will be offered the opportunity to join our club

Our featured speaker was **Jay Smythe**. Jay last spoke to us at the November, 2009 meeting along with representatives of the Southwest Rail Corridor Coalition. **Shannon Scutari**, Director, Rail and Sustainability Services, ADOT, was introduced by Jay. Shannon's first comment was to pay tribute to Jay for his 30 years of work in behalf of rail transportation in Arizona.

Shannon reported that \$6.5M is now available for Arizona to complete the transportation plan and to conduct environmental assessments of the various passenger rail routes between Phoenix and Tucson.

Latest survey data indicates that the quality-of-life values of Arizonans are changing in the direction that supports new transportation infrastructure. It is predicted that by 2050, 85% of Arizona's population will reside in the Sun Corridor Mega-Region extending from southern Yavapai to northern Cochise Counties.

Upcoming Events

- **Apr 6 – Meeting – Tim Mahoney – Honeywell Aerospace**
- **Apr 11 – Spring Roundup – Rock Springs**
- **May 4 – Rob Gillette – CEO, First Solar**

Although summarized here, much more detail can be found at www.azdot.gov/bqaz/rail_plan.asp. Rail planning is underway for short through long (20 years+) terms.

Short term planning includes:

- Commuter rail
- Sunset Limited Improvement (Amtrak)
- Phoenix to Tucson
- Rehabilitation of Welton branch
- High Speed Corridor (Phx-LA, PHX-Las Vegas)

Intermediate term plans consist of:

- Phoenix-Las Vegas multi-mode corridor
- Transcontinental corridor
- Short Line assistance program

And for the long term:

- Phoenix-Tucson intercity
- Extension of intercity to the entire Sun Corridor
- Intermodal and freight logistic centers

The 50/50 winners were **Cheryl Smith** and **Karl Roberts**.



President's Column

This month marks the first of a series of articles from your Club President, Ed Taschner.

The intent of these articles is to inform you of events that affect you as members and of initiatives the Executive Committee makes on behalf of the membership in general. We encourage your feedback by contacting any member of the Executive Committee

or by contacting Ed at EdTaschner@cox.net.

Elections & Membership Participation

This is normally an off year for elections for Executive Committee officers, but Dick Dippold recently announced that he will be withdrawing from the post of Vice President. While Dick will continue to perform his official duties, the club will need to replace him as soon as we can. To that extent, the Executive Committee requests the Membership to nominate someone of Dick's caliber for the position. Please provide us your thoughts and recommendations for our consideration.

Operating Guidelines

Your Executive Committee has been reviewing the Operating Guidelines over the past few months with an objective to bring them up to date and to include previously unpublished procedure and guidance. You will be asked to vote on these changes at the May Member's Meeting.

The proposed changes are included with this newsletter or you can find the complete proposed Operating Guidelines at <http://www.garrettreteesaz.com/>.

Yavapai Club Dissolves

The Yavapai Garrett Retiree's Club dissolved February 25, 2011. The club was unable to find a president to replace George Standley after his recent passing. We have extended an invitation to the former Yavapai members to join our club and participate with us in our activities.

Which Brings Me to ...

... Participation!

Over the years this club has enjoyed great friendship and leadership. However, in the past 18 months of my active participation, there seems to be little interest in serving the club as an officer or other capacity.

I want you to search your conscience to see if you're willing to help. We are in need of a new Vice President and in dire need of an additional officer to unload some of the work that Diane Bennett has picked up over the years. We have asked in the past, without a single person coming forward ... and that surprises me. With all the talent and good folks in this group of almost 850, it seems that someone would volunteer their talent and want to serve the club membership.

The problem I foresee is that we could fall into the same sort of malaise that the Yavapai Club experienced. Without fresh leadership coming to the fore, I can't envision the Club growing and continuing to contribute to our communities.

We members have benefitted from good leadership in the past. We financially support charities. We're part of a good scholarship program. We conduct 8 membership meetings per year with interesting presenters. We have social events. We take trips and cruises. We have a good relationship with Honeywell. All that takes leadership.

We aren't asking for a lifetime commitment ... just that some of you take a turn on the Executive Committee.

So, how about it? We NEED help for Diane. Unless we find a capable Vice President, there will be no one to lead the club when my term expires on June 1, 2012. Let's not follow the footsteps of

the Yavapai club. Let's get going. Contact me if you have questions or you think you can help.

Ed

This month's charitable donations went to **Wellcare** and **St. Mary's Food Bank**. Thank You notes were received from **Child Crisis Center, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic** and **Hospice of the Valley**. Club guidelines now dictate that we support local charities exclusively.

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 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.

Richard McNatt, who now lives in Florida, gave the Club a nice collection of photographs (with identifications!) and several brochures.

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 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.

Monday, Feb. 28th., Betty Brickie, Joanne Nandin, Lupe Castro, JoKay Kessler, and Arloa Siers (former Planners) met for lunch, then had dessert and wine at Arloa's house. They had many laughs and story telling, and as Walt West said..."he would have liked to been a fly on the wall."

Also, every other Tuesday, many retirees meet at the Home Buffet on Scottsdale Road. Richard Scates is in charge of that, and have around 107 on the roster. Anyone is welcome to attend, and you may contact Richard at: Richardscates@aol.com

It is wonderful to be with our ex co workers and share the closeness that was AiResearch, Garrett, and Allied Signal.

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):

- April 7 Spring Golf Tournament
- April 27 Arizona Broadway Theater

More info at WWW.HRCAZ.ORG

Other Stuff

I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history when you die.

Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.

I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.

There is great need for a sarcasm font.

How the hell are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?

Was learning cursive really necessary?

MapQuest really needs to start their directions on #5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.

Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.

I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.

Bad decisions make good stories.

You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.

Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue Ray? I don't want to have to restart my collection...again.

I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-page technical report that I swear I did not make any changes to.

I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.

I think the freezer deserves a light as well.

I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night more kisses begin with Bud Lite than Kay.

Sometimes I'll look down at my watch 3 consecutive times and still not know what time it is.

Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating

their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone, and Pining the Tail on the Donkey - but I'd bet everyone can find and push the snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time.

The first testicular guard, the "Cup," was used in Hockey in 1874 and the first helmet was used in 1974. That means it only took 100 years for men to realize that their brain is also important.

I know I'm not going to understand women. I'll never understand how you can take boiling hot wax, pour it onto your most intimate part, rip the hair out by the root, and still be afraid of a spider.

In Memory of our departed friends and co-workers

**KEITH BOYD
RICHARD CORNELL
BERNARD FOX
ROGER FRERICHS
ARTHUR HORNER
LUCILLE LEA
RAYMOND ROGER
EDWARD ROGERS
LEWIS ROWE
ARTHUR SEGARD
JOHN SULLIVAN
WILARD WALDO
EDWARD WOOD**