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Upcoming Events

- Feb 6 - Meeting - Steve Welker, Chairman of the Board, AZ Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired
- Mar 5 - Meeting - George Gascon, Chief-Mesa Police Dept
- April 2 - Meeting - Rob Gillette
- April 8 - Spring Roundup - Rock Springs

George Davis, President, welcomed members and guests to the meeting on Nov. 7, 2007. Jack Kida led the Pledge of Allegiance. George read a brief note from Richard Scates on the status of the lawsuit. The club offers congratulations to the Garrett Retiree's Action committee in achieving a partial settlement of pension and SBA claims with potential benefit to all retirees. For more detail, contact Richard or check the website at <http://garrettaction.com>.

The Spring Roundup at the Rock Springs Café is coming up on April 8. We are again the host club. Diane will be selling tickets at the next 2 meetings. The price is the same as last year, \$16.00. Mark your calendars.

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.

Early next year we will be looking for candidates for offices listed at the left. Please think about the opportunity and consider serving your fellow club members.

Our featured speaker was Al Stimac. His topic was Native Michigan Copper, a type of copper found in the Keweenaw Peninsula of upper Michigan and nowhere else in the world. This copper formed uncombined and is found with purities ranging from 2 - 100% copper. Between 1900 and 1918, 8.2 billion pounds of copper were extracted from this area. The largest mass of copper ever found weighed ~ 400 tons and measured 52 x 16 x 9 feet. The Quincy mine, no longer operating, had a depth of 9000 ft. Native tribes from 10,000 years ago mined this area and were estimated to have extracted from 20 to 940 million pounds of copper.

Next month's speaker will be Steve Welker, Chairman of the Board for the AZ Center for



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the Blind & Visually Impaired. He will be talking to us on the subject of Uncovering the Resiliency from Within to live your dream life. Steve is eminently qualified to talk on this subject since he has overcome the adversity of loosing his sight in an automobile accident only two weeks before the birth of his twin sons. Time permitting, he will have a book signing after the meeting for those who might want to read about his compelling story, "World at My Fingertips"

50/50 winners were **Jerry Nelson** and **Jesse Lee**.

This month's charity donations were given to the **Phoenix Indian Center** and the **American Heart Assn.** A list of the charities from which the board chooses for our 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.

The Club issues new membership rosters each year. We would like to remind you to properly destroy (shred) old rosters. This information is provided for the sole use of our members so that they 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** can make you a new one for a \$2.00 charge.

We need volunteers to call members to remind them of our meetings. Please contact Diane if you can help out.

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**.

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. We have a social hour beginning at **1:00 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 you may have 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.

Historian's Report: I received what must have been a special badge used by the LA plant many years ago. It is a small numbered Garrett badge for "SATURDAY". I never knew that we had specials for overtime work. **Richard Meese**, Military Customer Support, found it at a Park and Swap in an old tool box he purchased. I also received a large four drawer filing cabinet and several boxes other items from Dick Hosler, our former Photographer. His brother, who is visiting, helped load, unload his truck. He then helped me install all into my spare bedroom. It is becoming crowded! It will require some time for reviewing and cataloging the new data.



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Gary Papas, retired engineer, is currently writing a book about the JFS-100 series starters that have become quite popular with hobbyists. He would be very happy to talk with anyone who has knowledge about this engine and its capabilities. He will fully credit anyone supplying information in his book. Contact him at gary.papas@neosystemsusa.com or at 717-586-5040 EST.

The Club periodically receives information about employment opportunities that may be of interest to our members. We will post these on the website and will put notices in the newsletter 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 scholarships.
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.

Friday, February 8, 2008 will be Honeywell's Third Annual **"Bring Your Ride to Work Day"** for the 34th St. & Washington and Air Lane campus. Car show participants must be Honeywell employees (full or part time) or retirees. Participating vehicles must be registered, insured, and street legal.

Due to event liability and company policy, only vehicle participants are invited to attend (i.e., no extra friends or family members please). A picnic-style lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, chips and soda) will be served near the designated show site from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Retirees interested in participating can sign up by contacting Tim Eull at 602-231-7469 before Thursday, January 31, 2008.

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.



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On Jan. 23 cell phone numbers were released to telemarketing companies and you may start to receive sales calls. **YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS.**

To prevent this, call **888-382-1222** from your cell phone. It is the National 'DO NOT CALL' list. It will only take a minute of your time. It blocks your number for five (5) years. You must call from the cell phone number you want to block.

Safety Tip

Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house.

It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around...after

a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.....

Ed Gammill has written a series of short stories about his personal experiences on various programs. We will try to post the entire volume on the website. Keep looking for it.

The **Oak Street Gleaners** are looking for a few more volunteers. They perform their service activity on the last Friday of every month. Contact **Al Stimac** 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.

The **Honeywell Volunteer Worksheet** is available on our website.

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

- Feb 6 Dinner Theater (Fiddler on the Roof, AZ Broadway Theater)
- Mar TBD Spring Training Baseball

More info at WWW.HRCAZ.ORG

Other Stuff

<i>In Memory of our departed friends and co-workers</i>
R ANDERSON
WILBUR BELLES SR.
CLETUS CARRICART
PAUL CHARBONEAU
HAROLD COCHRANE
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JIM DIAS
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