



Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club Newsletter

Cliff Notes

Club website: <https://www.garrettretireesaz.com>

Cliff Garrett - Founder

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The Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club (HGRC) is a 501(c)(3) organization. All dues and contributions are tax deductible.

President's Report – Dolf Strom – dolfstrom@cox.net – 480-430-8673



Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year and Happy any other Holiday.

This is my last President's Report.

I mostly enjoyed the last 4 years being your President.

There were many challenges and many achievements.

The biggest challenges was Covid 19. We had to cancel several monthly meetings.

Members did not attend meetings and a few Board members resigned.

The Scottsdale Granite Reef Senior Center went from free rooms and projectors to, \$50 for the room for 2 hours and \$25 for the projector. In addition, we are in a much smaller room.

The Club survived all that and currently have 400 members.

We revised our name from Garrett Retirees Club to Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club. Honeywell from today's Corporate name, Garrett from our founder Cliff Garrett. Our acronym is HGRC.

We made significant improvements to our Website such as showing many of our products, membership application, scholarship application, and contact us links.

The biggest change for the Club is that we took over the scholarship program ourselves. Club went from an organization to a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation registered with the Arizona Corporation Commission. All donations and dues are tax deductible. In addition, all donations now go to our students. Honeywell Aerospace doubled their donation to our Scholarship program and our members increased their donations. HGRC members are very generous.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel this year's Holiday Charity Luncheon due to insufficient participants. We still adopted two families like we have in the past. Five children will be receiving Christmas presents thanks to our generosity.

We will be having a Happy Hour on December 20. Dave Oman has the details.

Last item, Maureen van Dobben our Webmaster (full disclosure my Granddaughter) is becoming a very successful Software Engineer for Sprouts Farmers Market Headquarters Support Office. As our Webmaster she has been responsible for two functions. She will be resigning from one of the responsibilities by March 1, 2024. The Club needs a volunteer to take over part of Maureen's functions. Details are in the Webmaster Report.

Vice-President's Report – *Vacant position, volunteer needed*

The following provided by Al Stimac.

Coming up at the January 3, member meeting, Steve Hoza will present a PowerPoint of the history of all the airfields in Arizona that were used for military training during WWII. He will provide information on these bases and the training that went on there, along with artifacts to look at. Steve and his brother Mike spent four years flying across Arizona documenting these airfields.

Secretary's Report – *Mark Steele – mrdsteele@aol.com – 602-541-5360*



Since there was no Board meeting in December, I have nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report – *Jim Brink – azstbbjb@gmail.com – 602-510-6064*



Beginning balance on October 31	\$7446.04
November dues income	\$502.00
November expenses.....	\$484.72
November scholarship income	\$2785.00
Ending balance on November 30	\$10,248.32
Scholarship fund as of November 30.....	\$7300.88

A contribution of one hundred dollars was made to St. Mary's Food Bank as the selected charity of Matt Greenman, last month's guest speaker.

In closing, remember, "There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing." -- Aristotle

Scholarship Report – *Chuck Jonkosky – cjonkosky@gmail.com – 602-722-2571*



Every year, the Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club of Arizona (HGRC) awards scholarships to undergraduate and graduate college students who are descendants of HGRC members and award them money to help reduce their costs for a college education. The Scholarship program is a 501(C)(3) Nonprofit and all donations to the scholarship fund by members and non-members are tax deductible. Donations can be sent together with the Club annual dues submission or directly to:

Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club of Arizona
PO Box 11633
Scottsdale, AZ 85271-1633

Who is eligible for the Honeywell Retirees Club Scholarship and the online application is available on the HGRC website under the Scholarship Tab: <https://www.garrettreireesaz.com/scholarships/>

Scholarship applications must be received before April 1, 2024. Awards will be finalized once the applicant submits their "Official Transcript".

Fix-It Guys Report – *Frank Holman – frankholman@cox.net – 480-994-4590*



Fix-it-guys has only one request for assistance during this period and it was rejected due to the nature of the work requested.

Membership Report – *Diane Bennett – azbennett3@cox.net – 480-994-5243*



No report.

Events Report – *Diane Bennett with Cathy Bennett assisting*

No report.

Webmaster Report – *Dolf Strom – dolfstrom@cox.net – 480-430-8673*

Webmaster Maureen van Dobben has been doing two responsibilities for our Club.

One function is hosting and managing the website, keeping the website content current, adding historical information about Garrett & Honeywell, and acting as the technical contact. Maureen will continue doing this. This responsibility is included in her monthly fee.

Her other responsibility is club communication. This consists of sending out the club's "Cliff Notes" newsletter and other announcements via email using a tool called Mailchimp. This is not included in her monthly fee. This is what she is resigning from on March 1, 2024, due to her numerous new projects at her engineering job.

Maureen recommends that this job be done by a Club member. Maureen will train a member on how to do it and provide documentation for later reference.

Responsibilities include:

- Uploading a PDF of the newsletter to the website.
- Posting a short excerpt from the newsletter to the site under the "Newsletters" archive.
- Updating content on the homepage of the site with a short excerpt from the newsletter and a link to the PDF.

- Updating club member records in Mailchimp (via uploading contacts from a CSV or TXT file)
- Creating campaigns in Mailchimp. This includes writing a short excerpt for the email, linking to the newsletter or announcement, and sending it out to club members.

The tools you'll use are:

Mailchimp, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, WordPress.

If you like how our newsletter, Cliff Notes, is emailed to you this is a golden opportunity for a Club member to learn how to do it and be taught by an expert. Please volunteer.

Our official name is Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club of Arizona. “Retirees” with the “s” is used with AZ Corporation Commission, IRS Form 1023-EZ, IRS Employer Identification Number, and also with Wells Fargo Bank. I looked at our website and the name has “retiree” without an “s”. I asked our website maintenance people to update our name everywhere with “retirees” in place of “retiree”.

Outreach Report – *Diane Rencenberger – jannaeren@outlook.com – 480-775-8116*



No report.

At Large Report - *Dave Oman -928-256-8466 - agoodoman@gmail.com*



We’re planning a HGRC Happy Hour on Wednesday, December 20th at the Badlands Bar & Grill from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Badlands is located just off the 101 and Elliot - 7192 S Price Rd in Tempe.

If you haven’t RSVP’s already on Facebook, please email me if you plan to come so we know how many to expect.

The HGRC Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/916026582934338/>



Bob Davenport - wrd63@cox.net – 480-560-6273

Nothing to report.

Bylaws – *by Gollie*

The Club bylaws are posted on the Club website under the tab “About Us” and are often forgotten.

Although there was no Club meeting in December, our bylaws require the newsletter to include a “summary” of the previous Club meeting. So here is a description of the November meeting.

7.2.1 The Newsletter Editor shall publish the CLUB newsletter titled “Cliff Notes” to include a summary of the previous CLUB Member meeting and other information ...

Our November 1 meeting featured speaker was Matt Greenman, Program Director of the HTF 7000 growth engine programs family. Matt started with some history on the TFE731, that was certified in 1972 before he was born. 13,000 of these engines have been produced. It was the first geared turbofan propulsion engine in spite of what Pratt Whitney says about their "GTF."

Today’s business aircraft are growing in size and the HTF 7000 is for Super Mid-Size and Large Cabin versions. The goal of the Large Cabin aircraft is a range of 4200 nautical miles, speed of Mach 0.9.

Board member Dave Oman arranged this speaker. We had 28 attendees for this meeting.

Other Honeywell Retiree Clubs

There two Phoenix area Honeywell retiree clubs. HGRC members are invited to participate in events sponsored by these clubs.

Aero Activities Club (AAC) - AAC holds monthly events. Their website is AeroActivitiesClub.com and it allows for sign-up of events, pay online, and access to their newsletters.

Honeywell Retiree Social Club (HRSC) – The HRSC website is hrcz.org.

Rim Country Garrett Retirees - disbanded in March 2023 due to low attendance.

In Memoriam – *Al Stimac* – stimac@cox.net

Nothing to report, thank goodness.

Honeywell-Garrett \$5000 Death Benefit

The Garrett Corp provided a sum of money to cover funeral expenses of Garrett employee upon their death. The benefit is still available. The amount of money is \$5000. The benefit is recognized within the Honeywell system as a “death benefit” . When contacting Honeywell that term should be used, along with mention of the sum of \$5000. To request the benefit, call 1-877-258-3699. This is the number contained in the November 21, 2022 letter and postcard sent to participants. Press a phone key for option 5 to start the process.

Dillies from Diane – *Diane Bennett*

If only vegetables smelled as good as bacon.

When I lost the fingers on my right hand in a freak accident, I asked the doctor if I would still be able to write with it. He said, "Probably, but I wouldn't count on it."

I woke up this morning determined to drink less, eat right, and exercise. But that was four hours ago when I was younger and full of hope.