



Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club Newsletter

Cliff Notes

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

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

Next Event: Member Meeting, Wed May 1

Granite Reef Senior Center - 1700 N Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85257

See Vice-President Report for details.

President’s Report – *Vacant position, volunteer needed. – Frank Holman acting for the month of March.*

No report.

Vice-President’s Report – *Vacant position, volunteer needed – Chuck Jonkosky acting for the month of March.*

Other than the following information for the May meeting speaker, I have no report on March activity.

Our May speaker will be Peter Swan, explaining the Space Elevator concept as follows:

Leave the Rockets, take the Space Elevator! A space elevator can be thought of as a vertical railroad into space, or Space Elevators are Permanent Space Transportation Infrastructures. A tether stretches from the Earth to an Apex Anchor (counterweight) 60,000 miles into space. Elevator cars travel up and down the tether carrying cargo and passengers. Space elevators are not science fiction; they are, in fact, the most promising space/travel-related infrastructure on the drawing boards today. This discussion will introduce you to space elevators, discuss their history, design, mechanics, potential benefits, future plans and impediments. From a historical transportation perspective, interstate highways, bridges, and trans-continental rail systems are infrastructure - trucks and trains are the vehicles that use it. Inside a Space Elevator permanent space transportation infrastructure, climbers are the vehicles while tethers, Earth Ports, and Apex Anchors are permanent space infrastructures. This defines the future space superhighway’s main green road to space.



Peter A. Swan, Ph.D, is President of the International Space Elevator Consortium and leads teams to further the Space Elevator concepts. He is also a Senior Vice President for Galactic Harbour Associates. Dr. Swan is very active inside the National Space Society with leadership in each year’s International Space Development Conference, the Roadmap Document team, the SpacEdge Academy, and their Center of Educational Excellence on Space Elevators. Over 20 years he has published many books on space topics as author and/or co-editor. He is an Academician of the International Academy of Astronautics. He has edited three major Cosmic Studies on Space Elevators and space mineral resources for the Academy. He graduated from the US Military Academy in 1968, with a Bachelor

of Science degree, and served 20 years in the Air Force with a variety of research and development positions in the space arena. Upon retirement in 1988, he joined Motorola on the Iridium satellite program. He lead the team responsible for the development of the Iridium spacecraft bus. In 1998, he helped develop Teaching Science and Technology, Inc. a company that teaches space systems engineering. His classes emphasized engineering know-how and management techniques to successfully develop space systems. He teaches at Arizona State University within OLLI. He is a fellow of both British Interplanetary Society and American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Pete received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles in Space Systems Engineering. A few of his books are: Road to the Space Elevator Era; Space Elevators: An Assessment of the Technological Feasibility and the Way Forward; Space Elevator Architecture and Roadmaps; Space Elevators are the Green Road to Space; and, Space Elevators are the Transportation Story of the 21st Century.

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



Since there was no Board meeting in April, no meeting minutes to report.

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



Financial transactions for the month of March:

Beginning balance on February 29.....	\$11,353.37
March dues income	\$9.00
March scholarship income.....	\$66.00
March expenses	\$706.84
Ending balance on March 31	\$10,737.53

Scholarship funds as of March 31\$8546.28

Club charitable contributions for 2024:

- Jan 2024St. Mary’s Food Bank as requested by January meeting speaker Steve Hoza
- Feb 2024.....St. Mary’s Food Bank as requested by February meeting speaker Ron Rich.
- Mar 2024.....Arizona Humane Society as requested by March meeting speaker Steve Hoza.

Events Report – *Dave Oman -928-256-8466 - agoodoman@gmail.com*



Great time seeing old friends at the annual Spring Picnic. Captain Jim was the beverage man! Thanks to Diane Bennett, Diane Rencenberger, and Cathy Bennett for managing check-in. Fifty-two souls were in attendance on this beautiful day!



Jim Brink – Beverage sales



Check-In Team: Diane Bennett, Cathy Bennett, Diane Rencenberger



John Thurston and Angie Rose enjoying the BBQ lunch.

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



No activity in March.

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



At the Spring Picnic we registered three new members and one other member paid back dues. Welcome to the Club, Sheri Silk, Dale Bonadio and Stephen Pyle.

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



With the deadline having passed on April 1, 2024 we have received seven applications. The applications will be reviewed and awards determined after receipt of the applicants Official Transcript. The Official Transcript is released by the school registrar after final semester grades are completed, which is usually by mid-May.

The seven applicants and their member sponsor are: Makena Cook, related to Jim Brink; Ben Carlo, related to Dennis Riebe; Brent and Paige Cornell related to John Cornell; Walter Davenport, related to Bob Davenport; Christopher Kenehan, related to Jim Kenehan; Sean van Dobben, related to Dolf Strom.

Social Director Report – Diane Rencenberger – jannaeren@outlook.com – 480-775-8116



At the Spring Picnic, the 50-50 raffle winners were Joan Schenamsgruber and Kathy Reibe, each receiving twenty-eight dollars.

No cards were sent in March.

Webmaster Report – Dave Oman -928-256-8466 - agoodoman@gmail.com

I am working to clean up the HGRC mailing list and sync it to the membership list as well as reach out to retirees on Facebook. I have also begun utilizing the Network Solutions service for a central repository for the master club roster.

At Large Report



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

No report'



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

No report.

In Memoriam – Al Stimac – stimac@cox.net



William B. “Bill” Reavis, U.S. Army Vietnam Combat Veteran, Broadcast Professional and Aerospace Industry Media Relations Legend, age 77, passed away peacefully at his home in Mesa AZ on March 14 after a years-long battle with multiple bouts of cancer and chemotherapy. A beloved comrade to many in the broadcast journalism and aerospace industries, Bill retired from Honeywell Aerospace and legacy companies, AlliedSignal and Bendix King after a 25-years of service in 2013. Bill was known for promoting pioneering new safety technologies for the aviation industry and most aerospace leaders give credit to Bill for putting the Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) on the map. During his decades of working directly with business and industry journalists, Bill established himself as one of the most credible PR men in aviation history and was also known for his sharp wit and storytelling. Bill was a one-of-a-kind individual in every way and he left a positive and memorable imprint on all who were privileged to know him. Bill was born on May 31, 1947. He is survived by his brother, Andy Reavis and his nephew, Alex Reavis and niece, Bailey Reavis. Married for 42 years to Susan, who passed away in 2013, he is happily reunited with her now. Bill grew up in a loving

family in Missouri, where his father worked in the meat processing industry and his mother in the local public school system. Bill attended Park Hill High School, in Parkville, MO, where he played football (down lineman) and graduated in 1965. He then went to community college for two years and in 1967, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army. He did his basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, MO and subsequently

shipped out from Fort Lewis, WA, arriving in Saigon in 1968 at the height of the Vietnam war. Bill served for over 400 days on his self-described “walking tour” of Vietnam as a mortar man with the 199th Infantry Brigade. He was honorably discharged in 1969, just in time for Mother’s Day when his parents and he reunited in suburban Chicago. Later, he enrolled at the University Missouri, Columbia School of Journalism, earning his coveted degree in journalism. After Graduating in 1973, he took his first job working for a television station in Joplin, MO. From there, Bill worked briefly at Lear Jet in Wichita, KS in the early 1980’s, and then returned to the broadcast news business, working with several news outlets and television stations in Oklahoma. Bill had fond memories of these years and all whom he worked with and was especially proud of his role in shooting and producing the Barry Switzer Coach’s show for the University of Oklahoma Sooners football team. Bill returned to aerospace in 1988 joining Bendix-King in Fort Lauderdale, FL, where he served as a communications and media relations manager for a division that produced air transport/commercial aviation avionic systems. After a few years there, Bill transferred to serve as media relations manager for AlliedSignal Engines in Phoenix, AZ – where his legend extended to his larger-than-life status in the aerospace/aviation industry. Working with the AlliedSignal communications team, Bill served as a master expert in dealing with all matters of the press, crisis communication and in successfully promoting products and technologies for the balance of his career. Bill is credited for helping to demonstrate and launch pioneering safety technologies for the aviation industry, such as the Terrain Awareness Warning System (TAWS) and Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System (EGPWS) to help pilots to prevent aircraft from crashing into the ground or other airplanes. In addition, most aerospace leaders give credit to Bill for putting the Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) on the map. He was promoted to director of media relations in 2005 and served out his career in that role under several changes of leadership at AlliedSignal/Honeywell. During his decades of working directly with business and industry journalists, Bill established himself as one of the most credible PR men in aviation history and was also known for his sharp wit and storytelling. He was always “dialed up” and “dialed in” as he would say “cocked, locked and loaded,” meaning there was never a moment that Bill wasn’t ready to attack the next challenge coming his way or to jump in to help solve the next problem. Bill was a one-of-a-kind individual in every way and he left a positive and memorable imprint on all who were privileged to know him. On a more personal level, Bill was a lover of speed and the water. He was a fan of auto racing and boating. Along with Susan and his lifetime friends in Oklahoma, Bill loved to spend time on their boats. He also enjoyed baseball and was a long-time Kansas City Royals Fan and Kansas City Chiefs and Oklahoma Sooners football fan. Memorial/Celebration of Life Ceremonies are TBD. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to any local Boy Scouts of Americas Troop in Bill’s honor.

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.

Other Honeywell Retiree Clubs

There are two other 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 hrcaz.org.

We understand there are plans in the works to merge these two clubs.