



The WV STEM Club is a social organization which meets monthly for lunch with a speaker on a topic of interest. Short field trips are occasionally scheduled. Membership is open to anyone who has worked in or has an interest in Engineering, Science or Technology. Meetings are held at 11:30am on the first Friday of each month (unless otherwise noted), October through June, at Grandview Terrace, in the fourth-floor ballroom, at 14515 W. Granite Valley Drive, Sun City West, AZ. **Guests and visitors are always welcome.** Contact Phil Main: maintwin3@gmail.com, 623-826-0101 (cell).

JUNE 5 PROGRAM

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport current Capital Improvement

Jason Gitkin

**Community Outreach and Events Manager
City of Phoenix Aviation**



Jason Gitkin is the Community Outreach and Events Manager for the City of Phoenix Aviation Department. Jason has worked in the Public Relations Division since 2010 and is responsible for organizing various events, such as the Aviation Academy, PHX AERO Club, and Wings for Autism. Additionally, he oversees airport tours, events, sponsorships, volunteer program, the division budget, and contracts along with aviation speaking engagements.

Before joining the Aviation Department, Jason worked for more than 20 years in the Parks and Recreation field, focusing on special events as well as youth and adult programs.

Jason has a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Science in Recreation and Tourism Management from Arizona State University West. He is also a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional from the National Parks and Recreation Association and a Certified Public Manager from Arizona State University.

Come learn about Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport current Capital Improvement Projects, new west terminal, construction of Taxiway U, Air Service Development and passenger amenities.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 2

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gary Graunke

Summer is here! And many of us (especially those that are still here!) are thinking of travel. For many of us, our travel begins and ends at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. This month our speaker will demystify the significant construction now under way at the airport.

We know that traveling can be challenging—road (and airport) construction, severe weather phenomena, cancelled or delayed flights, and inflated hotel, fuel, and on-the-road food costs.

Speaking of inflation, Grandview Terrace has been holding the line on food prices this year. However, we expect increased costs as we return in the fall. Once we know the new prices, the board will hold a special meeting to make some hard choices. Our options include raising meal costs or moving to a buffet format along with provisions to assist our less mobile members. We will be asking for your concerns and general input.

This month we will meet three more of our scholars. It is our privilege to provide them with some financial assistance—college is a lot more challenging financially than when we attended!

Our regular board meetings will resume September 21st, and our lunch meetings in October. Whatever your plans, we wish you safe and happy summer, and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

SPEAKERS NEEDED

If you or someone you know will provide a STEM presentation for a future meeting, please contact

Jim at js3820@msn.com.

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Email the Board at: js3820@msn.com

OCTOBER 2 PROGRAM

Future Exploration: Artemis, Lunar Bases, and On To Mars

David A. Williams, Ph.D.
Research Professor
School of Earth and Space Exploration
Arizona State University

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Nancy Azaouneh graduated from GCC with a degree in Biological Sciences. She will be attending ASU this fall with a major in Biology. Nancy is the \$3000 scholarship recipient.

TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 2026

Gross General Fund Balance	\$15,460
Net Fund Balance (after payment of obligations)	\$7,241
Membership	109

The 50/50 was won by Robert Paul. Thank you for your support!

MAY 1 PROGRAM

Mosquitos and Monitoring in Maricopa County

Conni Griffith

Educational Outreach Specialist, Maricopa County
Environmental Services Vector Control



Daniel Badiu graduated from GCC with a degree in Engineering and will be attending ASU in the fall to complete a degree in Electrical Engineering. Daniel is a \$1500 scholarship recipient.



Adrian Jimenez graduated from GCC with a degree in Engineering and will be attending ASU in the fall to complete a degree in Electrical Engineering. Adrian is a \$1500 scholarship recipient.