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NEW PIMA COUNTY RESIDENT ENTRY FEE AT TITAN MISSILE MUSEUM! PLUS NEW LOWER FEE AT PIMA AIR AND SPACE

Tucson—May 3, 2013. The Arizona Aerospace Foundation announced that beginning Jun. 1, 2013 a new Pima County resident fee will be introduced for the Titan Missile Museum (only \$8.50!). In addition, the Pima County resident entrance fee at Pima Air & Space Museum will be reduced to \$12.25 (from \$12.75). Yes, lower prices! That's a one dollar savings for adults at Titan Missile Museum and \$3.25 savings for adults at Pima Air & Space Museum versus regular adult admissions. Pima County officials and the AAF want local residents to explore and enjoy their local museums. "We are happy to see the Arizona Aerospace Foundation making a strong effort to invite Pima County residents to both of their unique and world-class museums," states Tom Moulton, Director of Pima County Economic Development and Tourism.

Yvonne Morris, Executive Director of the AAF states, "We are pleased to offer our neighbors lower pricing and are glad the new pricing takes effect during the summer when you and your family can 'beat the heat' at both of the museums." The Titan Missile Museum tours, included with every admission, take you thirty-five feet underground where it's temperate year-round. Pima Air & Space offers almost four football fields of indoor air-cooled exhibit space full of air/space craft, heroes' stories and scientific phenomena to explore.

Children age 6 & under are free at both museums.

Other summer "beat the heat" opportunities for local residents and visitors alike are our cool Saturday evening summer programs with special kids' activities from 5-9pm:

- Titan Missile Museum's "Moonlight MADness" (Jun. 8, Jul. 13, Aug. 10, Sep. 14) when adult admission is only \$7 and kids 12 & under (and members) are FREE. Space is limited for "Moonlight Madness;" advanced reservations are required, and are allotted on a first reserved, first served basis. For reservations email info@titanmissilemuseum.org or call 520 625-7736.
- Pima Air and Space Museum's "Night Wings" (Jun. 22, Jul. 28, Aug. 25) when adult admission is only \$10 and kids 12 & under (and members) are FREE. Touch 100 years of aviation history. Flight Grill will remain open.

More information regarding these events is forthcoming.

#### ABOUT THE TITAN MISSILE MUSEUM

The Titan Missile Museum is the only remaining Titan II site, open to the public, allowing you to relive a time when the threat of nuclear war between the U.S. and the former Soviet Union was a reality. The Titan II was capable of launching from its underground silo in 58 seconds and could deliver a nine megaton thermonuclear warhead to its target more than 5,500 miles away in less than thirty minutes. For more than two decades, 54 Titan II missile complexes across the United States stood "on alert" 24 hours a day, seven days a week, heightening the threat of nuclear war or preventing Armageddon, depending upon your point of view. To visit the Titan Museum, take I-19 to exit 69 Duval Mine Road west in Sahuarita, AZ. More information can be found at www.titanmissilemuseum.org

#### **ABOUT PIMA AIR & SPACE MUSEUM**

The Pima Air & Space Museum is one of the largest aviation museums in the world, and the largest nongovernment funded aviation museum in the United States. The museum maintains a collection of more than 300 aircraft and spacecraft from around the globe and more than 125,000 artifacts. Exhibits at the museum include some of the world's greatest aviation heritage, including military, commercial, and civil aviation. Among them are the SR-71 Blackbird (the world's fastest spy plane), a B-29 Superfortress (the WWII bomber that flew higher, farther and faster and carried more bombs) and a rare World War II German V-1 "buzz bomb." The museum has five large hangars totaling more than 177,000 indoor square feet—almost 4 football fields—of air/space craft, heroes' stories and scientific phenomena. In addition, the 390<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (Heavy) Memorial Museum is located on the museum grounds. Pima Air & Space maintains its own aircraft restoration center and offers exclusive tours of the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG), also known as the "Boneyard," on the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base grounds. Pima Air & Space Museum is located at 6000 E. Valencia Rd. in Tucson. More information about the museum can be found at <u>www.pimaair.org</u>, on Facebook, or by calling 520 574-0462.

#### ABOUT THE ARIZONA AEROSPACE FOUNDATION

Incorporated in the state of Arizona on November 20, 1967, as the Tucson Air Museum, the Arizona Aerospace Foundation is a member-based non-profit foundation, funded by gate admissions, concessions and donations. The Foundation operates the Pima Air & Space Museum and the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame in Tucson, Arizona, and the Titan Missile Museum in Sahuarita, Arizona. The AAF's mission is to create unlimited horizons in aerospace education through the preservation and presentation of the history of flight.





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SR-71 Spy Plane







Flight Grill open until 9pm with food specials!

## **SPECIAL KIDS ACTIVITIES**



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