

## From the Wardroom Base Commander's Message

Shipmates:

First of all, let me thank you for the confidence you have expressed in me by electing me Base Commander. In addition, you have elected three other officers: Howard Doyle as Vice Commander; Dave Harnish as Treasurer; Tim Moore as Secretary.

This past weekend, four base members, including me, participated in the Harvest Festival at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in Del Mar CA. BRAVO ZULU to Walt Blomgren, Howard Doyle and Chuck Emmett for their able assistance.

By having our float on display, we raised over \$300 toward the Save Our Sail project and the purchase of our storage van. We made a lot of good contacts and hope to be able to attend more of these Festivals in the future. The experience was terrific and I hope that more of our base members will participate as we move forward.

I am excited about being your Base Commander and I want to invite each and every one of you to become more active in base activities. I look forward to the challenges that we face.

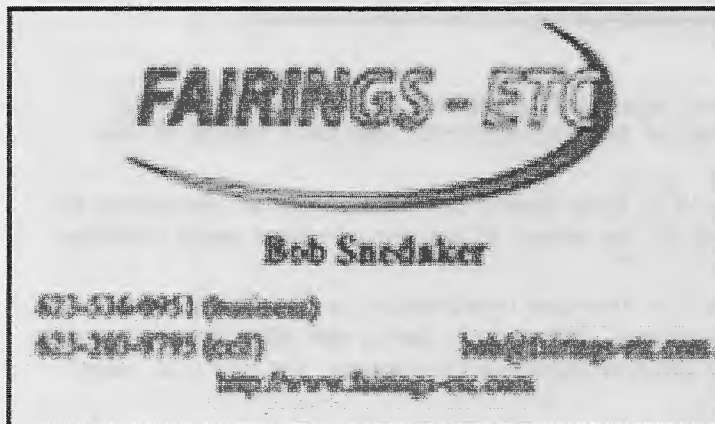
Fraternally,

Jim Denzien, Base Commander

## March Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans, Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #105, Phoenix, AZ at 1230 hours, 14 Mar 2009. The meeting was called to order by Stan Reinhold, Base Commander.

The "Call to Order" was led in a prayer of invocation by Howard Doyle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and standard ceremonial opening. The tolling ceremony was conducted for all boats lost in March and a moment of silence was observed for our shipmates on eternal patrol.



According to the sailing list, thirty-two (32) members and guests were present.

In addition to a number of other guest introductions, our featured speaker, Les Parsons, CDR USN, was introduced and gave us a brief bio of his Navy career. After the general meeting Les gave us an outstanding presentation including a 70mm slide presentation relating to his experiences while serving as Commanding Officer of the Bathyscaph Trieste.

Butch Deshong was introduced and he is the gentleman who has contributed a covered storage facility for our float, for the interim, until we procure our Sea Van for permanent storage. Butch has been a member of Perch

Base for six or seven years.

### **Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen**

**Base Vice-Commander** – Jim Denzien, had nothing to report.

**Base Secretary (Interim)** – Tim Moore had nothing to report.

**Base Treasurer** – Dave Harnish had nothing to report.

**Base Chief of the Boat** – Jim Edwards had nothing to report.

**MidWatch Editor** – Chuck Emmett reported that the write-up he did for our float in the Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade was published as a full page article in the current edition the American Submariner.

**Base Storekeeper** – DeWayne Lober had nothing to report.

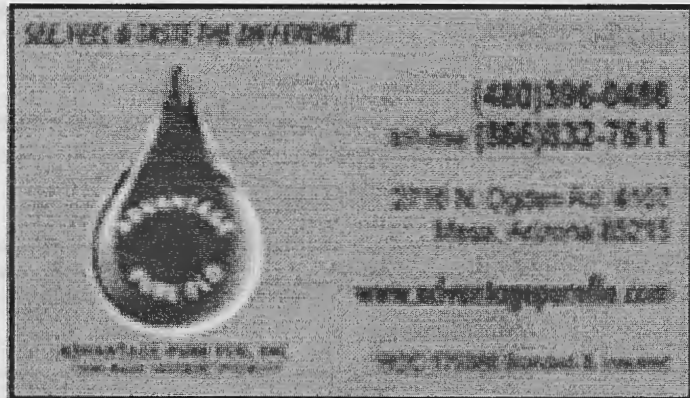
**Membership Chairman/Webmaster** – Ramon Samson reported that some years back we invited the surviving crewmembers of the USS Perch SS-176 to be honorary life members of Perch Base. At that time there were six surviving crewmembers. Two of those members have gone on eternal patrol with the most recent being Thomas Moore who lived in Florida. There are now only four surviving crewmembers who we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers.

**Base Chaplain** – Howard Doyle had nothing to report.

**Historian** – Jim Newman had nothing to report.

**Float Coordinator** – Barry Bowers was not present.

**Public Relations** – Ben Acosta was not present.



A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the February 2009 regular meeting be approved as published in the MidWatch monthly newsletter. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Base Treasurer Dave Harnish reported the Base's financial status as of 28 Feb 2009. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **Old Business**

Stan asked if there were any more nominations from the floor for the slate of officers. The current nominees include; Jim Denzien, Base Commander, Howard Doyle, Vice Commander, Tim Moore for Secretary and Dave Harnish for Treasurer. The other board positions are appointed by the Commander. A motion was made and seconded that we accept the slate as published. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote. The new officers will begin serving immediately.

The spring picnic will be on Saturday, 28 Feb 2009 at the White Tanks Recreational Area. All hands were reminded that it will cost \$7.00 per person for the picnic lunch and \$6.00 per carload to get into the park. Also it will be BYOB for those who wish to consume alcoholic beverages. Ray Samson reported that six (6) of the eight (8) Holland Club inductees will be present at the picnic to participate in the Holland Club induction ceremony. The picnic will be from 1000 until 1400 with the induction ceremony to be held at noon.

Stan reported that the amended Bylaws will be published for review on the website and a link will be published in the newsletter. We will discuss the Bylaws at the next general membership meeting. Chuck Emmett mentioned that we will also vote on the re-write of the Bylaws at the next general membership meeting in April.

### **New Business**

No new business discussed.

### **Good of the Order**

The SubVettes will be conducting a Garage Sale/White Elephant Sale at the picnic so bring donations for the sale and money to make purchases.

Jim Denzien reported that we received a donation of \$1000.00 from the WWII SubVets "Pigboaters" organization. This donation was presented by Billy Grieves to the Arizona SubVets Perch Base Foundation to help with our SOS project.

Billy Grieves also donated a WWII 16 power long glass like the ones used aboard WWII submarines. He purchased it at a war surplus store in 1945 for \$35.00. The current historical value should be much greater. We will accept Billy's offer and use the long glass as a fundraiser for the SOS project.

Dave Harnish reported that in June of 2008, when we conducted a Perch Base meeting at the Happy Trails RV Resort in Surprise, someone brought a guest named Ed Kolomoski, a retired Capitan. Another person who has read our newsletter on line but is not a USSVI member said he is a fishing buddy of Ed's brother and that his brother is very sick



and he is trying to contact Ed. If anyone knows Ed Kolomoski, who he is or his whereabouts, please let Dave Harnish know.

For the Good of the Order, Tim Moore, on behalf of the crew, extended our thanks and sincere appreciation to Stan for his last two years of dedicated duty and kudos for the great food he provided. Thank you Stan.

#### 50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Rick Simmons who donated his winner's share of \$68.00 to our Sea Van fund.

#### Adjournment

All the outstanding business having been concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The benediction was offered by Howard Doyle and the meeting was adjourned at 1414 hours.

Tim Moore, Secretary, Perch Base USSVI



## From the Desk Of the Sea Hag

*Perch Base SubVettes*

Ah, spring is upon us! Have you noticed all the flowers in bloom? I, for one, am relishing still having the windows wide open! All too soon, it will be air conditioning time. Ah well, the joys of living in Phoenix.

Those of you not at the meeting this month missed a great corned beef dinner by Stan. Yum! It certainly put me in a good mood for St. Patrick's Day.

Question; short of getting a dog, how do I keep cats out of my yard? E-mail me with your suggestions - [mdenzien@cox.net](mailto:mdenzien@cox.net). Better yet, come to a meeting a let me know.

Ladies, remember, annual dues were due in January - \$10.00 for Perch Base Membership and \$10.00 for National Membership. Those who are remiss will be dropped from our roster.

What can we do to entice you ladies to attend our meetings? The men seem to have a good turn out – why are you not coming along? We won't volunteer you for anything! Any and all suggestions are welcome. E-mail me!

Please join us at the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting!

See you there,

Mary

### SUBVETTES MEETING MINUTES - April Meeting

Present: Mary Denzien, Nancy Nelson, Jan Reinhold, Muriel Grieves, JoAnne Norwood, Irene Parsons. The meeting was called to order by President Mary Denzien at 12:30pm.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Minutes were read by Nancy Nelson and accepted with corrections. No treasurer's report. Jane will have a current report for the April meeting.

Mary reminded everyone about the March 'yard sale' at the picnic at White Tanks Mountain Park. Bring your treasures, price them, if not sold, take them home.

Carolyn reported there was no correspondence this month.

Updated By-Laws will be distributed at the April meeting.

A reminder will be sent to the members, who have not renewed their membership. This should have been completed in February. Carolyn explained she had forgotten, but will work with Mary to get it done in March.

Nancy reported that she had been in touch with Ella Blado, and Carol Boyle. They were the original President and Treasurer of the National SubVettes. Rita, the current president has moved to Melbourne FL., lost her mother and her son had brain surgery. Nancy received her address and telephone number and trying to get an E-mail address. Joan Peters will be taking the President position next year - she will be great. Carol said Rita would help when you call, but Nancy stated to date nothing has happened.