

From the Wardroom

Shipmates,

It looks like we keep having better meetings each and every time. Thanks again to our lovely ladies in the Subvettes, they arranged not only a Color Guard of Peoria ROTC cadets, led by Air Force Lt. Col. Allan Gaugert, but we were also entertained by the Sun City's "Sweet Adeline's" giving us a rendition of some of the great patriot songs of the past, and present. This was to honor Submarine day April 11, 2004

Bravo Zulu Ladies, you keep doing it again and again.

We also had the youngest guests that we will ever have at a meeting. Miss Serria and Austin Nelson the beautiful twins of proud parents, Brent, and Kim Nelson, along with the proud grandparents, Jim, and Nancy Nelson. For those that don't know, Brent is our only active enlisted Perch Base USSVI member, serving on the fast attack Sub, USS Salt Lake City.

We were able to induct two of our members into the Holland Club. Alexander (Sandy) Martin and Ron Kloch were presented their awards and a letter of congratulations from Holland Club Commander Bill Brett. Dave Harnish, the Western Regional Commander, made the presentation.

Well the picnic was a great success for those that attended. Most everyone enjoyed the train rides, especially since the upgrades to the park seem to have doubled since our last visit. Dave Harnish is also a member of the Maricopa Live Steamers Inc.

I would like to thank him, and the railroaders, for allowing us to use their Park for our picnic. We again had more food than attendees. The COB tried to make certain that we didn't come up short on the grub. But the number that had signed up was greater than the turn out we had. I would hope to prevent this from happening in the future.

I just received word from Lee Cousins, Roger wife, that Rogers operation for a blocked artery in his neck. Surgery to correct the problem was a success, and Roger is home after his operation on Saturday. Our prayers are answered, and are still with you Roger.

This has been a very eventful month for Perch Base. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the May Meeting.

Fraternally yours,

Glenn Herold
Base Commander



April Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1300 by Base Commander Glenn Herold. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave Harnish and the invocation by Glenn.

Cmdr. Herold stated the purpose of the organization and conducted the tolling of the bell for that month's lost boats.

New members, Bob Nance — a transfer from Florida — and Bill Anderson, were introduced to the Base and warmly welcomed by the group.

The minutes of the last meeting as published in the Midwatch were approved by voice vote. Bob May presented the treasurer's report and it also was approved by unanimous voice vote of the members.

Cmdr. Herold announced that shipmate Adrian Stuke had to resign his post as Base Vice-Commander and that the Executive Board had accepted Tim Moore's offer to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

Officers Reports:

The Chief of the Boat, Bob Gilmore, announced plans for the picnic the following week, including attractions and the menu.

Membership/Wed Master Ramon Samson provided a membership report and told the members that the Base was just short of 100 percent membership renewal with 149 paid members.

Midwatch Editor Chuck Emmett announced that the first business-card sized ads had begun in the newsletter and encouraged all members to be on the lookout for advertisement opportunities. Roger Cousin suggested USSVI insignia might be placed in businesses that contribute.

Old Business:

Dave Harnish read a letter received from Michael Edwards, the British submarine speaker that was a guest of the Base at the March meeting. Mr. Edwards was most thankful for the reception he had received at the Base meeting.

Shipmate Harnish also spoke briefly about the 2004 Convention coming up in Albany and encouraged members to attend.

The topic then turned to the Memorial Park torpedo that the Base was to refinish. Shipmate Harnish discussed the available options to the base with basically two offers realistic.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Good of the Order:

Two members, Alexander Martin and Ronald Kloch, having

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met the requirements, were inducted into the Holland Club. They were sworn in by Dave Harnish.

Then, the Perch Base Subvettes joined in the meeting and both groups were entertained all members were entertained by nine members of the "Sweet Adelines." The Subvettes had arranged for the group's appearance in honor of National Submarine Day on April 11.

The group sang several songs and was roundly received by the group.

Glen Herold thanked the Subvettes for the singing presentation and for the auxiliary's contribution to the Base.

The 50-50 drawing was held and closing prayer offered by Dave Harnish.

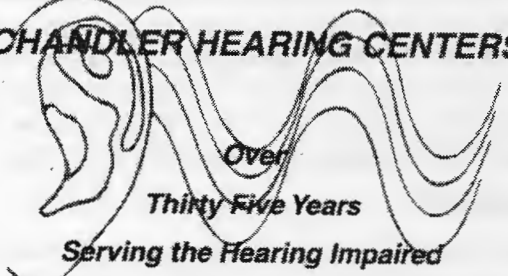
Meeting was adjourned at 1410 hours.

Bill Grieves (for) Ed Brooks, Base Secretary



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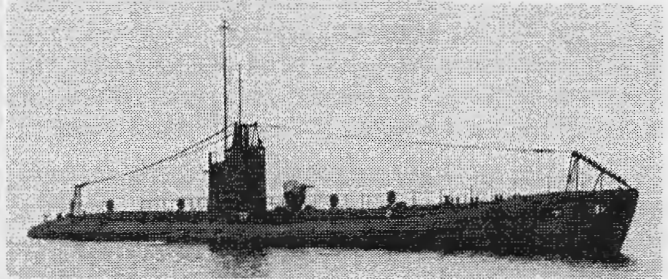
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This Old Boat . . .

Well, I'm now 2 for 2! No one guessed last month's boat either! It was the USS Sea Wolf H-1 (SS28.)

Is this feature getting a little long in the tooth? Shall we discontinue it? If I don't get any positive response, this will be the last time "This Old Boat" will run.

Now, those who dare . . . try your luck on this one. One clue: it ain't one of ours! And you don't need the boat, just the class.



Do you recognize this old boat? Send your answer to the editor
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Pictures of the Picnic



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