to help with the administration of this please contact any of the wardroom located on the front of the newsletter. To bring this column to a close it is with great pleasure that we announce the new position of Base Chief Of The Boat and that Jim Nelson has accepted this position. It is with pride that we welcome him to this position. His duties will include but not be limited to ensuring that Perch Base has an adequate meeting place and arranging for the necessary equipment to hold the meetings. If you would be interested in assisting Jim, please contact him. Dave Harnish, Commander Perch Base

Minutes from August's Meeting The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans – Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #6; Prescott, AZ at 1313 hours, 11 August 2001. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander - Dave Harnish. The members were led in the "pledge of allegiance"; followed by the dedication, moment of silence for our departed shipmates and "tolling of the boats". There were 24 members and 5 Guests attending the meeting according to the sailing list. The members welcomed new members Roy Miller and Brent Nelson (Jim' Nelson's Submariner son). Reading of the minutes from the July 14 meeting was waived - since they are printed in the Base Newsletter "Midwatch". The motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote that the minutes be approved as printed in the August newsletter. The Treasurer's report was read to the members. A motion was made and seconded that the financial report be accepted as read. The motion carried by voice vote of the members. Prior to the start of business, Dave Harnish thanked the membership for the kind words, cards, flowers and calls received while his wife Kay was in the hospital for surgery.

**Old Business** 

Dave Harnish informed the members that the revised Perch Base Constitution and By Laws has been approved and sanctioned to be in consonance with USSVI Constitution and By Laws, by the District 8 Commander. Therefore the revised document is approved and issued. Copies will be mailed to all members.

New Business

Base Commander Dave Harnish informed the membership of a letter the Base

received from the American Legion Post 29. In the letter, the Post Commander informed Perch Base that the Board of Directors for the American Legion Post considered the contribution made by Perch Base in appreciation for use of the facilities for monthly meetings, was insufficient to even pay the utilities for that period of time. Therefore, they would insist on a contract whereby Perch Base would pay the same daily use rate as others (\$75 per use). Perch Base Executive Board has approved an action by Dave Harnish to respond to the letter and ask to negotiate the contract and review it before presenting to the membership for approval. Dave announced that everyone interested in attending the Perch Base Christmas Party at Luke Air Force Base should let Donald Wannamaker know right away. Accommodations are limited and only a given number of attendees will be allowed to attend. The word is; "get your name in early". The party will be on December 8, 2001. The price to attend is \$15.00 per person. Dave informed the membership of the Executive Board's decision to suspend the September general meeting. He also briefed the membership on the offer to hold a meeting and plant tour at Palo Verde Nuclear Power Station (Arizona Public Service) during the month of November. Indicating that it looks like the best time would be on November 17th. He asked for membership to approve the event. A motion was made and seconded to hold the November meeting at Palo Verde. The motion carried by a show of hands vote. Without some unexpected event that acts to override the plan, the November meeting of the Perch Base will be held at Palo Verde Nuclear Station; Goodyear, Arizona. It was also announced that the Base will invite members of Submarine Veterans - WWII to attend the meeting and participate in the tour. Dave informed the membership that the new position; Chief of the Boat – Perch Base has been filled with Jim Nelson's accepting the position. Jim's service as Perch Base's Chief of the Boat has officialy began.

## Good of the Order

Congratulations were extended to shipmate Kenny Wayne for his daughter Collette having been selected to receive a \$750 college scholarship award from USSVI national scholarship committee. The members gave Kenny and Collette a rousing round of applause. Dave Harnish read a

proclamation prepared to thank and recognize Mrs. Tonnette Herold for her work in designing and producing a logo/plaque for the Perch Base. Her design was approved by the membership at the June, 2001 meeting and will be reproduced in the forms of an embroidered patch and cast plaque. Both will be sold in the Perch Base ship's store. Kenny Wayne announced that he will have completed twelve of the submarine dolphins in the Rakoo medium by the October meeting. These are to be sold by the ship's store with all proceeds going to the, soon to be established, Gary Patterson Scholarship Fund. Dave Harnish informed Kenny and the membership that he will contact the Bremerton Base to acquire a copy of their procedures for running a scholarship program. Dave Harnish briefed the membership on the efforts in progress toward establishing a bonafide building program for a Perch Base meeting facility. He also informed the members of the decision made by Arizona Submarine Veterans - WWII to donate \$10, to a Perch Base building fund with certain accommodations for the WWII group. Dave indicated that the Perch Base is continuing to pursue gathering information with regard to property and arrangements to acquire or build a facility. The next meeting (October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2001) will be at the American Legion Post 29, Glendale, AZ. The 50/50 drawing was won by Dave Harnish. Dave donated the winner's share to the Base Treasury. Adjournment

Roger Cousin was asked to lead the membership in a closing prayer after which it was moved, seconded and approved by voice vote that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 1343 hours.

Welcome Aboard New Crewmen: For the month of August we welcome aboard four new members. two of them being Associate Members. The first we all know, as he has been to several of our meeting. Tom Tilley is sponsored by Shipmate Glen Harold. With his wife Karen, they reside in Chandler. Tom has given freely of his time in heading up the USS Bang Atlantic Sail, that will adorn our parade trailer. This is gonna be really something to see. Our other associate member is a retired Air Force Colonel having served 30 years. Roy Miller and his wife Mary reside in Phoenix. Roy is a member of the Phoenix Society and has held a interest in

Submarines for many years. Roy is also sponsored by Glenn Harold. We also have two new Submariner's in the crew by name of Charlie "Chuck" Emmett. Chuck with his wife Karen live in Glendale. USS SEA LEOPARD (SS483) was his qualifying boat in 1963. Also served on USS BARB (SSN596), USS PERMIT (SSN594), and USS SCULPIN (SSN590). Our second submariner Brent Nelson is an active duty MM3(SS) on the USS SALT LAKE CITY (SSN716) who was recently "pined" with his Fathers "Shipmate Jim Nelson" Dolphins. We welcome all of these men to our group and look forward to seeing them at our meetings, and events.

A Word from Midwatch Writer:

I believe I have the consent of the Wardroom when making this statement, if not, there will be bits and pieces of my "aftersection" spread all over Sun City. Associate Members are a important and instrumental part of any organization. Any group that would "turn off" their associate membership are on a path of self destruction. All volunteer groups need the help and expertise of anybody they can get their hands on. It is a fact that most if not all the necessary work and accomplishments are a result of 25% of the memberships efforts. Without the efforts of our Associate Membership, the thoughts we had a year ago would not be the model of realization today. BZ's to all .....

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Perch Base Booster Club 2001: Thank you gentlemen, Thank you very much:

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