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Club Meetings-
7:30pm on the 2d Tues
of each month. Held at
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Club Dues-
\$25 per year

next meeting?: May 8

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Scratch-n-Sniff

Inside....

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New 2501 Search
Items from the UK*

*also selected short
subjects*

Remember Our Troops!

(English Language Version)

**This
Meeti**

New Officers

The March meeting was the scene of heavy political maneuvering, but once the dust settled the club had gained some new officers. The new VP is Tony Piazza, Treasurer is now Mike Fabish, and Board Member At Large is Bill Atkins. On behalf of the membership, the SCOOP extends thanks to these individuals and wishes them a successful year! Now let's get behind them and make this a better club.

March; Last Pool Swim!

That's not 'last' in the sense of last month; that's 'last' in the sense there will be no more this year... For the folks attending, it was another comfortable setting to work cobwebs out of their systems. Of course it's a time to bring out the toys; featured was an underwater camera suspended in the deep end, with a monitor on the deck. It was also nice to see some members who haven't been out in a while. And we talked about you who weren't there... **Next pool swim- Next Year!**



Bill A. getting suited- OUCH!



John B. just come up; Don S. just wet



John B., Don S., Don C.



Tom VDB. up to see the uw cam monitor



Tom F. acclimating his eyes to the chlorine

VIP's- 6:30? 7:00? This meeting!

April is our regularly scheduled meeting to start tank VIP's for the season. Come early enough to be at the front of the line. Bargain @ \$1/tank!

Search On- Flight 2501

Faithful SCOOP readers will recall an article a while back about the loss of Flight 2501, a Northwest passenger plane that went lost on a stormy night June 23, 1950 with 58 souls on board somewhere in southern lake Michigan. The plane was a DC4, with four prop engines. In the days after it went missing, some debris and body parts were found floating, and washed up on the beach; there was no doubt it had gone down. It was the worst aviation disaster of the time.

In 1979, a novelist by the name of Clive Cussler became interested in shipwrecks, and started the National Underwater Marine Agency. He heard about the search for Flight 2501, and in 2004 teamed up with a local search group, the Michigan Shipwreck Research Associates to renew the exploration. They started searching in the fall of 2004, but bad weather caused them to wait until 2005 to continue. They were looking in a region off South Haven MI, and although they did not find what they sought, they did discover two other wrecks; the car ferry Ann Arbor #5, and the freighter Hennepin. As time progressed, they were gathering more information, and feel more confident as to the possible location. Using the skills of Valerie and Jack Van Heest of the MSRA, and sonar expert Ralph Wilbanks, they are about to search an area about 20 mi out from South haven. The SCOOP will try to follow the story; this is a non-profit expedition and we wish them the best. More information available on Valerie's website <http://www.northwestflight2501.org> and the MSRA's site <http://michiganshipwrecks.org>



Ralph Wilbanks dropping his sonar -from the website

FYI- On May 5, the MSRA will be hosting "Beneath The Inland Seas" at the Knickerbocker Theatre; Holland.

Hyperbaric Chamber

Too late to be included in the March SCOOP, GOSCUBA of Holland offered a visit to the Hyperbaric Chamber at the Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo on **March 17**. Sounded interesting; the chamber is the only "multi-place" chamber in Michigan. Perhaps they'll schedule another trip in the future.. See GOSCUBA's address on the back..

International News

(courtesy of <http://www.scubatravel.co.uk>)

Pelagic Recalls Dive Computers

When performing a switch from one gas to another during a dive, the Oceanic or AERIS dive computer's display will lock up and not return to the main dive screen that displays dive times. This can cause divers to enter decompression unknowingly or the diver could ascend prematurely, resulting in decompression sickness. Oceanic-brand ATOM 2.0 dive computers with serial numbers 1 through 2,079 and AERIS-brand EPIC dive computers with serial numbers 1 through 712 have therefore been recalled. You should stop using the recalled dive computers and take them to an authorised Oceanic or AERIS dealer to get a free software upgrade. <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml07/07117.html>

A new book sheds light on more than 300 undiscovered wrecks

Lost Treasure Ships of the Northern Seas takes a closer look at some of the thousands of wrecks that still lie undiscovered in the relatively shallow waters of the North Sea and the Baltic, and identifies more than 300 such sites, giving concise details of ship, voyage, cargo and current state of knowledge.

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/asin/186176250X/1286>

Next book- Deep Descent: Adventure and Death Diving the Andrea Doria -Kevin F. McMurray

"A great insight into the early developments of deep wreck diving stateside, if you can get past a bit of the U.S flag waving" (reviewer's comment, not the SCOOP)

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/asin/0743400631/1286>

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Bayliner- 1988, 28', 460 Ford V8 w/ trailer. Set up for diving. \$15900. Call Mike at 989 892 2028

1989 Carver Santego; asking \$22,950. 27' with a 10' beam (OAL is 30') Twin 4.3 Mercruisers I/O (205hp) Very low hours, and meticulously cared for; completely set up for diving. Many more features! rburkhard@charter.net

Whitefish Bay property for sale on Whitefish Bay, 2 miles north of Paradise. Listed for \$109,900. L Michele Whitaker" <emwhitak@hotmail.com>.

Check <http://www.macmasterrealty.com/paradise>

S.U.E. '07 Event Planner

Apr	10	Club Mtg	
May	8	Club Mtg	
Jun	12	Club Mtg	
Jul	10	Club Mtg;	TBA Picnic ?
Aug	14	Club Mtg	
Sep	11	Club Mtg	
Oct	9	Club Mtg;	TBA- Pumpkin Carve
Nov	13	Club Mtg	
Dec	11	Club Mtg;	TBA Christmas Party

Gilboa? Higgins? Tawas? Otter? Haithco? _____?

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