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Club Meetings- Held at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month,  
at the Thomas Twp. Fire Station on the corner of Dice and Thomas.

**This Meeting-14<sup>th</sup>**



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*VIPs This Meeting; COL  
Atkins Presentation  
Back Yard Free Diving  
Rate Increases*

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*also selected short subjects*



Bill Atkins; presenting at the March meeting

(English Language Version)

**Remember Our Troops!**

## March Mtg Business Shapes April Mtg at FS !

V.P. Piazza assumed control of the March meeting as Pres. Fabish was unexpectedly called away on other matters. Tony brought up our previous discussion on necessary increases in air fills and VIPs. We are going to need some new inspectors trained, and the compressor will be soon due for an overhaul. The membership voted on an average increase of about \$1.00 over previous fill charges, and a VIP increase to \$4.00. It should be noted that new VIP stickers are \$1.10 alone. Eddy testing on aluminum tanks was also discussed, and will be brought up again during the April meeting.

NOTE that '09 VIPs will be performed at the April meeting! VIPs will begin at 6:00; then business matters will begin at approximately 7:00. The meeting will be held at the compressor site, behind Thomas Township FS #1 (Miller Rd N of Gratiot). Bring empty tanks, and remember your air card...

After completion of the club business, VP Piazza introduced the guest presenter, our own Bill Atkins. Bill gave a fine talk/slide show on the wreck of the Alvin Bradley.



Bill beginning Bradley slideshow



Sommers and Piazza researching their legal notes...



slide; Schooner Bradley



March presenter Bill Atkins setting up after business completed



slide; Bradley on bottom...

## Exclusive- DIY FreeDive Training

Jimmie and Bobby read about free diving, and decided they wanted to try it. Jimmie and Bobby don't live near a lake, so they planned their own training. Jimmie says he's up to holding his breath for 23 sec, but it really makes him sneeze. Bobby has a harder time, so he's planning on getting a snorkel. Both are looking forward to using a spear gun. The team says that to make it real; they've placed gold fish in the water for something to see. Jimmie and Bobby are no longer allowed in the club.



Next?

## The Cyprus

On a more honest story, the wreckage of the ore carrier Cyprus has recently been discovered 460 ft deep in Lake Superior. It sank on only its second voyage, Oct 11 1907, in a moderate gale that apparently didn't bother other ships. Some suspect water came in through new hatch covers that had flaws. Further, the ship was found about 10 miles from where the sole survivor stated it went down.



Ore carrier Cyprus; down in 1907



slide; Bradley crew



Bill answering questions; life member John Garner looks on

**Good Show, Bill; Thanks!**



Tony showing scenes from his dive trip to Riviera Maya

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## Announcements-

**Pool Swims '09 -CANCELLED!**  
**VIPs this meeting!**

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## S.U.E. Anniversary Planner

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

## FOR SALE :

**New Performance** wet suit top xx \$50.00  
Aqualung rocket fins new straps size large \$25.00  
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-Mike Kowalski @ 892 2028

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