



The Prober

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MEMBER OF THE FMDAC

Two Big Raffles Detector Raffle & Gold Coin Raffle

(1/10 OF AN OUNCE U.S. GOLD)

at the

Club Meeting – Tuesday, April 22nd

ShowⁿTell

at the April Club meeting
Tuesday, April 22, 2003

By Fred Klemm



The April Token Hunt will be held in Lola Valley by the old ice skating pond. The park is located on Kinloch, just south of Six Mile Road and west of Beech, in Redford. If you have any questions, please call Joni Rundell at 248-476-0117.

Upcoming Events ...

Club Meeting
Tuesday, April 22nd
7:30 p.m. – Show 'n Tell

April Token Hunt
Sunday, April 27th
2:00 p.m.

Spring Warm-Up Hunt
Sunday, May 4th
Rotary Park – Livonia
1:00 p.m.

Club Meeting
Tuesday, May 27th
7:30 p.m.

Ever since I have been a member of this Club our April meeting has been the Club's annual open house. I have always looked forward to and enjoyed seeing the displays assembled by our members with some of their favorite finds. Gold coins, silver coins, jewelry, tokens, toys, relics and war memorabilia and the likes of which anyone who has ever swung a detector dreams about, are all on display.

Perhaps you can tell that this is one of my favorite meetings of the year. So, I was a little surprised to hear that some of our members do not share my enthusiasm for this event (possibly because they have seen some of these items displayed for many more years than I have)! So this year we decided to add a bit of a twist that should add a little more interest to our displays. Seeing the displays is one thing, but hearing the story behind some of these items is often more interesting than the item itself.

We are still asking members to bring in displays with some of their favorite finds from over their many years of detecting. We would like everyone to bring some item or items, even if you are fairly new to this hobby and don't have a lot to display. Everyone has some favorite finds, and a story to go with some of them, even if you only began detecting last year. Now here's the twist. Anyone who has a display may be called upon, at random, to come up and do a "Show 'n Tell" on one of, or a group of items that you have brought. It is totally your decision to pick what item you would like to talk about. I don't mean the usual, "I found it at a local park, four inches deep." Pick an item that has an interesting story behind it and take a few minutes to tell us your story. It may be that the item itself is not that interesting, but the story behind it is what we are looking for. It may be a funny story about the hunt, or research that led you to the site, or interesting facts that you may have learned about an item after you had it in your possession. Time will probably not allow everyone with a display to tell about a find, but we'll get to as many as we can.

Here is a hint to help you. When your neighbor stops by the house and asks you if you have found anything interesting, what items do you show them and what story do you tell? Hope to see you and your display at the April meeting.

As we have in the past, we will give everyone who brings in a display a raffle ticket for a drawing at the end of the night for a gold coin. Also, even though this is no longer called our Open House, we still encourage you to bring friends or relatives, who have an interest in the hobby and may like to see the displays and hear the stories.

Spring Warm-up Hunt – Sunday, May 4th

By Rich Mucha

Well, it's finally arrived, treasure hunting season! After a long and unusually cold winter, our patience

will finally be rewarded. Ironically, as I write this article, the weatherman is forecasting six inches of snow for the

next day. However, the best way to bring an end to this winter is to hold our first major hunt of the year – the Spring Warm-Up Hunt.

This year's hunt will be held on Sunday, May 4th at 1:00 p.m. It will be held at our usual location, Rotary Park in Livonia on Six Mile and Hubbard, a few blocks west of Merriman Road. The main portion of the hunt will consist of searching for and digging up clad coins of various denominations along with buried tokens that will be exchanged for prizes. To tune and warm up our detectors, a mini-hunt will be held first. It will consist of searching for special coins that will allow the finders to enter a special hunt for buried treasure chests. At least three treasure chests will be buried that will contain coins, tokens, jewelry, relics and other small-sized items. Remember, the treasure chests will be buried, not tokens for the treasure chests. So, you will need to use all your skills to find and dig up the treasure chests without damaging them.

Donations: More treasure chests will be buried if you can bring at least one interesting or valuable coin-sized item to our next Club meeting in April. I'll put the treasure chests together and bury them along with the other three.

If anyone would like to help bury coins, please come to the park at around 11:00 a.m. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Snacks and drinks will be provided by the Club, so come early and enjoy the camaraderie and excitement of the best hobby in the world, Treasure Hunting!

Any questions, suggestions, or volunteer help, please call me, Rich Mucha, at 313-255-3041 or email me at:
rich_mucha@ameritech.net.

Good luck and good hunting.



Congratulations to the winners of the FIND OF THE MONTH for MARCH.

RELIC

- 1st** Jim Abercrombie
Wayne County Sheriff's
Badge (1925-26)
- 2nd** Stan Cebulski
Old Car
- 3rd** Ernie Herring
1930's Cow Tag

Other Entries:

- Timmy Standish Old Bowling
Trophy
- Riley Saylor Old English
Model Car
- Joe Talbot Tip of a
Walking Cane

JEWELRY

- 1st** Chuck Williams
14K Gold Men's Ring with
Black Onyx and Two Diamonds
- 2nd** Ray Koski
Sterling Necklace
- 3rd** Bob Haas
Silver Ring

Other Entries:

- Chuck Froelich Toe Ring
- Sophia Froelich Sterling Silver Ring
- Terry Clark Silver & Onyx Ring
- Lorraine Haas Silver Chain with
Religious Medal

COIN

- 1st** Terry Clark
1843 Seated Dime
- 2nd** Ernie Herring
1890 Indian Head Cent
- 3rd** Fred Klemm
1904 Barber Quarter

Other Entries:

- Mark Pietka 1902 Canadian
Large Cent
- Chuck Evola British Coin
- Riley Saylor Large Cent
- Clarence Herberholz . 1895 Barber
Quarter
- Jim Abercrombie 1905 V Nickel

TOKEN

- 1st** Fred Klemm
5¢ Brunswick Trade Token
- 2nd** Chuck Williams
3¢ Chrysler Bottle
Deposit Token

MILITARY

- 1st** Joe Talbot
Civil War 12-Pound
Solid Shot
- 2nd** Terry Clark
1812 Uniform Button
- 3rd** Fred Klemm
U.S. Insignia

Other Entries:

- Ernie Herring 44 Caliber Pistol
Bullet
- Chuck Williams 54 Caliber, Three
Ring Minnie Ball

DISPLAY ONLY

Officer's Belt Buckle found by Kris Oswald

Club Meeting MINUTES

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lorraine Haas, Secretary*

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Klemm at 8:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2003.

Fred spoke about his trip to Florida. He then introduced the Club officers and board members. There were two guests present. The no smoking rule, no children to be in hallways, raffles, Club merchandise, and library were explained.

Barb Whitman then gave the treasurer's report.

The Fish Bowl was passed around. Fred explained the disbursement of the funds.

The April Token Hunt will be held the last weekend in April. The Spring Warm-Up Hunt will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2003. Rich Mucha explained that there will also be three treasure chests buried for that hunt.

Workers were then asked to take a break.

Fred spoke about the Titanic exhibit. A tentative date of Saturday, June 28th, for a group to attend is being set. Various rates will be charged according to age. A show of hands indicated that there were at least 15 people interested in attending. A sign-up sheet was then left for those interested.

The next Club meeting will be Tuesday, April 22, 2003. The April meeting will be a "Show and Tell". Those bringing in displays may be asked to tell about their finds with a story.

Fred explained what is needed for those signing up for Club refreshments.



The Club still needs help in some areas – the picnic, ladies' hunt, etc.

Barb Whitman spoke about the Progressive Raffle. This year, tickets can be purchased not only at the Milan Fall Hunt, but also at Club meetings. The winners need not be present at the Fall Hunt. She also reminded the members that their membership renewal is due by April 1st.

A break for refreshments was held from 8:25 p.m. to 8:55 p.m.

Roger Scott then reported on Jake Markey's health. He said that Jake is doing well and will be home soon and to please keep him in your prayers and thoughts.

Barb Whitman introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Marty Bertera, author. He spoke about the 4th Michigan Volunteer infantry during the Civil War era from June 1861 through June 1864.

Fred explained the Find of the Month table. Riley Saylor announced that there will also be a special drawing that would try to match something that was on the Find of the Month table. The Find of the Month awards were then presented.

The winners for the various raffles were:

50/50 Drawing: Ron Curio, Ray Dutton

Coin Raffle: Ray Dutton, Dan Alli, Joan Christensen, Chuck Williams

Silver Bonanza Drawing: One Pound Winner was Catherine Rachilla; Half Pound Winner was Leianna Dutton

Membership Drawing: Jim Abercrombie

The next Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2003. The next Board meeting will be held at Riley Saylor's house on Tuesday, April 1, 2003.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

1st Clue to the hidden cache:

Once again, I can't find the cache of coins I buried. I'm having a hard time remembering where I was when I buried it. Please help me find it.

All I can recall is that I buried it in a park in the city of Livonia and the park is next to an elementary school between Inkster and Farmington roads. The school is located on a half-mile road with the same name (first) as a former president. I can't remember which school it was. I'm really anxious to get my money back. I need to buy a cappuccino (yes, I'm still drinking them).

If you find my cache and return it to me by April's meeting, I will reward you with a **gold coin, silver dollar, silver round, silver half and a silver quarter.**

I'm sure that as time goes by I will remember more about where I planted my cache. When I do, I will give you more clues in future *Probers*. Of course, as **each month goes by and I get closer to remembering where the cache is myself, the reward I will be giving will decrease until only a gold coin will be rewarded to the finder.**

Good luck! **"Show Me the Money!!"**

– Riley Saylor



Here's the totals thus far from the Fish Bowl collections:

October 2002	.....	31.81
November 2002	.....	34.34
February 2003	.....	21.99
March 2003	.....	28.36
Total	.....	\$116.50

at the BOARD MEETING ...

Respectfully Submitted, Lorraine Haas, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Clarence Herberholz at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2003.

All board members were present.

Topics discussed:

- Treasurer's Report
- Committee and Job Assignments
- Coin Status
- Sales and Merchandise
- Bonnie Kilsz will bring FMDAC newsletters to the April meeting
- April Token Hunt
- April Meeting - Show 'n Tell
- Spring Warm-up Hunt
- Speakers for May, June, July, September and October Meetings
- Club Picnic

- Fall Hunt at Milan
- August Meeting – Auction
- Autumn Weekend Campout
- Fish Bowl Hunt
- November Meeting - Holiday Party
- January Meeting – Potluck

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

The next Club meeting will be Tuesday, April 22, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

April Refreshments

Clarence Herberholz

Sally Crouch

Lorraine Haas

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to several Club members in the loss of their family members. Our thoughts are with Ron Ritzler, who lost his mother, Al and Pat Robertson, who lost their father and Deanna Brame, who lost her mother-in-law.

Get-Well Wishes

The Club would like to let Jake Markey know that he is still in our thoughts and hope he is on the road to recovery.

If you have any articles to submit for the The Prober, please contact Lorraine Haas at 248-437-9915 by the first of the month.

“Message from the President...FRED KLEMM”

April showers bring May flowers. Somehow I don't think the author of that little poem meant snow showers! Just as we thought the weather was going to cooperate with our detecting plans, Mother Nature decided she wasn't quite finished with our winter yet. Sooner or later we should be able to do a little detecting without our winter coats and long underwear.

Nevertheless, our Board has been looking ahead to the Spring Warm-Up Hunt, the Club Picnic in July and the Fall Hunt in Milan in September. My thanks to Rich Mucha for taking the reins on the upcoming Spring Warm-Up Hunt. It sounds like he has some great ideas to help make this hunt a success. Hope to see all of you there.

I am still looking for someone to head up the Picnic in July and the Ladies' Hunt, assuming the ladies would like to continue this annual event. I will be making the reservation for the shelter at Pontiac Lake State Park again for the picnic. Whoever takes this job will only have to be concerned with the food and getting the coins planted (with the help of volunteers, of course). If you would like to do these tasks but don't know exactly what to do, we will make sure that you are given whatever info you need to do the job. Just let me know if you have questions.

I was glad to hear that our Fall Hunt Committee determined that this event would take place once again this year, with a few changes. We are hoping that making it a one-day event instead of two, will help to bring the attendance figures back up to where they were several years ago. It's not too early to mark your calendars now for Saturday, September 6, 2003. Let's all get behind this important Club event and make this a day of fun that all of our Club members can be proud of.

Michigan Treasure Hunters
2003 OFFICERS

President Fred Klemm
Vice President Ken Brown
Secretary Lorraine Haas
Treasurer Barbara Whitman

Board of Directors

Clarence Herberholz, Chairman
Larry Ciarrocchi Tom Sniezek
Riley Saylor Tim Standish

Welcome New Members

- Mark & Julie Branton
William & Marjorie Dahlin
Wayne & Sharon Bacchetti
Jeannie Scafero

Find the Last Names of the 22 Presidents That Have Served MTH for the Last 30 Years

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| AL TEMPLE - 1974, 75, 76 | WALT PIPER - 1989 |
| VERN ROWE - 1977 | TOM KLISZ - 1990, 91, 96 |
| BUTCH TUBBS - 1978 | RILEY SAYLOR - 1993 |
| JIM LAWSON - 1979, 80 | CLARE WILSON - 1994 |
| RAY SERPA - 1981 | LEE MATHIAK - 1995 |
| GARY GRINN - 1982 | BARBARA WHITMAN - 1997 |
| BOB HATMAKER - 1983, 84 | PAUL LEONARD - 1998 |
| JOHN WELSHER - 1985 | LARRY PRESTED - 1999, 2000 |
| BILL WHITMAN - 1986, 87, 92 | CINDY BAILIFF - 2001 |
| JESS McCOMAS - 1988 | HARRY DAYNER - 2002 |
| TERRY CLARK - 1988 | FRED KLEMM - 2003 |

Titanic – The Artifact Exhibit – Update

By Fred Klemm

Based on a large show of hand at our last meeting, I have proceeded with starting the reservation process for group rates at the Titanic Exhibit at the Detroit Science Center. We need to make our reservations with firm numbers of attendees as soon as possible to guarantee that we can get the date we want. Unfortunately, they also require that we have our payment in soon after we make the reservation. For this reason, we must have the money with the order form below in our hands by April 25, 2003.

You can either bring your order form and payment to the April 22nd meeting or mail it in time to be in our P.O. box by April 25th.

Date: Saturday, June 28, 2003
Where: The Detroit Science Center
 5020 John R, Detroit, MI
Time: Arrive by 10:30 a.m.
 Titanic Tour begins at 11:00 a.m.
 IMAX Show begins at 12:00 noon

TITANIC EXHIBIT ORDER FORM

Name _____

Rates include general admission to The Detroit Science Center, Titanic Exhibit and the Titanic IMAX show.

_____ Adults (13-59) @ \$15.95 ea. = \$ _____

_____ Seniors (60+) @ \$14.95 ea. = \$ _____

_____ Youth (2-12) @ \$12.95 ea. = \$ _____

_____ Children (0-2) @ \$ 4.00 ea. = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to Michigan Treasure Hunters and write "Titanic" in the memo.

It's Membership Renewal Time . . .

Your yearly membership renewal was due on April 1st. The fee is \$18.00. Send yours in today!

If your dues are not received by the May meeting, you will lose your current membership number and will no longer receive *The Prober* and be able to participate in any Club functions.

Membership Renewal Form

Member No. _____

Name _____

Address _____

City & State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone No. _____

E-mail Address _____

Please: DO DO NOT
 include my name, city, phone number
 and e-mail address in the new directory.

Mail to:

**Michigan Treasure Hunters
 P.O. Box 510237
 Livonia, Michigan 48151-6237**

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 please check box:*

Replacement Card

**Be Sure to Include a Stamped, Self-Addressed Envelope
 if You Need Your Card Mailed**

Federation of Metal Detector and Archeological Clubs, Inc. (FMDAC)

Name _____ MTH Member No. _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

If you would like to join the FMDAC, the cost will be \$5.00 per person. Joining will be optional for all Club members; but, if you do plan on joining, please get your membership form and \$5.00 dues in as soon as possible. We have to send in these forms and money soon. **Please make checks payable to MTH.**