



# The Prober

Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club

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**MEMBER OF THE FMDAC**



The April Token Hunt will be held by Dan Tomala. \$2 entry fee. **Please bring exact change.** 15 extra silver halves! Held at Country Homes Park. Between Farmington & Levan South of Plymouth Rd. Off of side street called Yale.  
**Sunday April 25th @ 2:00pm!**

Bring your displays of your favorite finds to the April 27 meeting. Show off your awesome finds and tell great stories. There will be a raffle for those that bring in a display. Winner gets a **Gold Coin!** Let's put on a good showing for the meeting. Let's see what you got! **'SHOW & TELL'!** Great time to meet and talk to other members.

**Don't forget to bring your "Find of the Month" for April.** April 27th meeting at 7:30pm.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.....ROSS SODERBERG**

Spring is in the air. You almost can't smell the rock salt left over from the winter months. Even Belle Isle is looking good without her blanket of white fluff. Some of us have already been visiting the local parks & schools. How we have longed to feel that dirt (or shall I say mud) under our fingertips. It won't be long before we take a dip in the local ponds. I know it is Michigan & I am pushing it a bit, but what do you expect from a guy with a bad case of cabin fever.

As in previous years, there are a lot of events coming up in our club to do list this month.

1. The first token hunt of the year. I am really excited about our new format. There will be a lot more coins buried due to the new \$2 entry fee. In this 1st hunt we will have 15 extra silver halves buried. WOW, that's a lot of silver! With a big turn out, the next hunt will be just as good if not better.
2. April "Show & Tell" meeting. This is one of our best meetings of the year. However, this greatly depends upon member participation. So please bring in those displays. It can be one item or a whole table full of stuff.
3. Spring Warm Up Hunt. (May 2nd) - Our 1st club main event outdoors. Riley Saylor has agreed to be the hunt master. If you would like to help out in this event, please contact Riley. Donated prizes & a little of your time are always welcome!
4. MTH Club Picnic - Will be held at Walter J Hayes State Park (Wamplers Lake) on July 17th if we can **find someone to volunteer as hunt master**. Hot dogs will be provided. Everyone brings a dish to pass around. There will be no shelter provided this year. Bring your own protection. (Like a canopy)
5. Ladies Token Hunt - Marcia Reiser has agreed to be the Hunt Master again this year. From what I am told by my wife Cathy, Marcia did a fantastic job last year. Please support her through one of our raffles for this event.
6. Milan Hunt - Last years "One Day" event went over big! So much that the board has approved to bring it back again this year. Please see Larry Prested for details. Again, he will be looking for volunteers to help out. If you can, check out our web site for info regarding the "Kid's Hunt" part of this program.

As president of this club, I am doing all I can to help organize these events. I know with the support of our club members, we can make this another successful year. One to be shared by all. So while you are out enjoying the Springtime air, remember to take note of all the volunteers that help run this club. Like the beautiful seasons that we enjoy here in Michigan, don't take for granted the efforts of these volunteers. Please help in any way you can.



**MILITARY**

- 1st** Joe Talbot...Civil War Breast Plate
- 2nd** Ken Brown...War of 1812 Button
- 3rd** Chuck Williams...Military Police Pin
- Other Entries:**  
Sue Talbot.....69 Caliber Bullet Civil War  
Jim Abercrombie...Smashed 45-70 Bullet

**TOKEN**

- 1st** Tom Weaver...Ronald Reagan Coin
- 2nd** Nate Larson...5 cent Wooden Nickel
- 3rd** Chuck Williams...Franklin Pierce Token
- Other Entries:**  
Ken Brown.....Good Luck Token  
Dan Alli.....Peoples Token  
Don Majeske...Say no to Drugs Token  
Tim Standish.....Aata Token  
Mark Branton.....Lansing Token

**RELIC**

- 1st** Don Majeske...Silver Lighter Case
- 2nd** Nate Larson....Dearborn Coach Button
- 3rd** Bruce Baron....Old Button
- Other Entries:**  
Tom McCue.....Copper Dish  
Tim Standish.....Carte Blanche Lighter  
Mark Branton.....Toy Plane  
Larry Ciarrocchi.....Insulator with branch  
Chuck Williams.....Tear Gash Shell Casing  
Sharon Standish.....Piece of pocket watch

**JEWELRY**

- 1st** Chuck Williams.....14k Ladies Diamond Ring
- 2nd** Sharon Standish....12 1/2 Jostens 1897 Ring
- 3rd** Bill Locke.....Gold Ring with Diamonds

**Other Entries:**

- Tim Standish.....Gold Medallion
- Dan Alli.....Tie Clip
- Mark Branton.....Sterling/Pearl Ring
- Bev Robertson.....14k Bracelet
- Don Majeske.....925 Silver Ring
- Nate Larson.....Antique Platinum Ring
- Bob Smith.....10k Gold Coin Ring

**COIN**

- 1st** Jim Abercrombie....1899 Barber Half
- 2nd** Ross Soderberg....1927 Standing Lib Quarter
- 3rd** Nate Larson.....1888 Seated Dime

**Other Entries:**

- Bruce Baron.....1939 Mercury Dime
- Virginia Chojnowski.....1913 Barber Dime
- Chuck Williams.....1996 Jamaican Dollar
- Fred Klemm.....1941P Walking Lib Half
- Tom McCue.....1938 3 Pence
- Sharon Standish.....1929 Standing Lib Quarter
- Tom Weaver.....1908 Barber Quarter
- Don Majeske.....1951 Wheat penny
- Tim Standish.....1945 Silver War Nickel
- Mark Branton.....1945D ??

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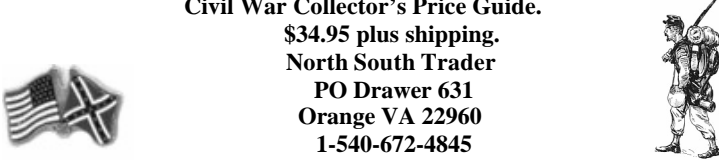
**APRIL REFRESHMENTS**

↓ Doris Dayner  
↓ Virginia Chojnowski  
↓ Bev Robertson  
↓ Thank You Darlene Ciarrocchi, Joe Parrinello  
↓ & Sue Talbot for March's refreshments.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

↓ Howard & Jacqueline Schultz  
↓ Randy Smith  
↓ Welcome Guests, Donald DeGeorge & Delores  
↓ Church.

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**Upcoming Events!**  
 Club Meeting  
**April 27.....7:30pm.**  
 April Token Hunt  
 Sunday April 25th @ 2:00pm  
  
 Spring Warm-up Hunt May 2nd  
 Register at **Noon.** Rotary Park -  
 Livonia.  
 Club Meeting  
**May 25.....7:30pm..**  
  
 Club Meetings  
**June 22.....7:30pm.**  
**July 27.....7:30pm.**  
  
**Board meeting**  
 Tues May 4 @ 7:30pm

Michigan Treasure Hunters  
**2004 OFFICERS**  
  
 President.....Ross Soderberg  
 Vice President.....Fred Klemm  
 Secretary.....Bev Robertson/  
 Bonnie Klisz  
 Treasurer.....Barbara Whitman  
  
**Board of Directors**  
 Ken Brown.....Chairman  
 Larry Ciarrocchi      Tom Sniezek  
 Nate Larson          Chuck Williams



***IT'S ABOUT TIME!***

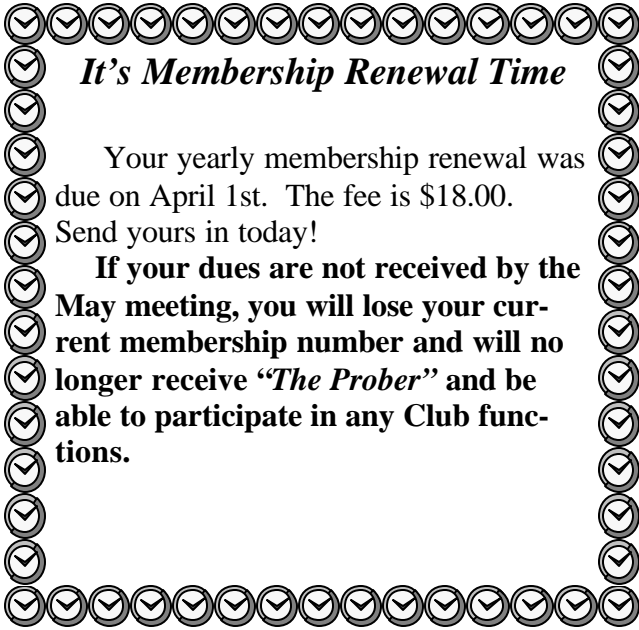
It's about time to check out our great Web Site! The web page is - [www.ross-soderberg.com](http://www.ross-soderberg.com) or [www.michigantreasurehunters.com](http://www.michigantreasurehunters.com). Keep up to date on all the club events. There is info on Token hunts (when & where). There is info on the club spring warm-up hunt, the club picnic, the up-coming Milan hunt, the Ladies hunt, etc. etc. etc. You can view a slide show of March's meeting. Ask any question on the Forum and I am sure you will get a quick answer. Ross has done an excellent job! Our Web Site is interesting and informative. Well worth checking out.

***FUTURE CLUB SPEAKERS***

For the May 25th meeting, the guest speaker will be, **Cheryl McGuire**. Cheryl is City Liaison to the Commission of The Citizen Corp Council for Emergency Preparedness. This council is part of the city of Farmington Hills. She will do a presentation on emergency preparedness.

For the June 22nd meeting guest speaker will be Attorney **Steve Lehto**. Steve is a Michigan Attorney and a avid metal detectorist. He will be speaking about Michigan laws regarding metal detecting. Topic: **"Metal Detecting and the Law."** Steve also has a web site at [www.dfxonly.com](http://www.dfxonly.com).

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 Space  
 Available**  
  
 Contact  
 Site Administrator  
 For Info



***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.**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

Respectfully submitted, Bev Robertson, Sec. Chairperson, Ken Brown called meeting to order at 7:40pm on March 30. All present.

**Topics Discussed:**

- Treasurer's Report
- Committee & Job Assignments
- Coin Status
- Club Merchandise
- April, May, June, July meeting formats
- Spring Warm-up Hunt (see Riley Saylor & Andrew Yeh)
- July Picnic (still need volunteers)
- Ladies' Hunt (Marcia Reiser) July 24th.
- April Token Hunt (April 25, 2:00pm)

Meeting adjourned @ 10:05pm. Next board meeting is on 05-04-04 at 7:30pm.

**Membership Renewal Form**

**Member No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City & State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Include my name, city, phone# & Email address in the new directory.**

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**Remember to Renew your Membership!**



**FMDAC**

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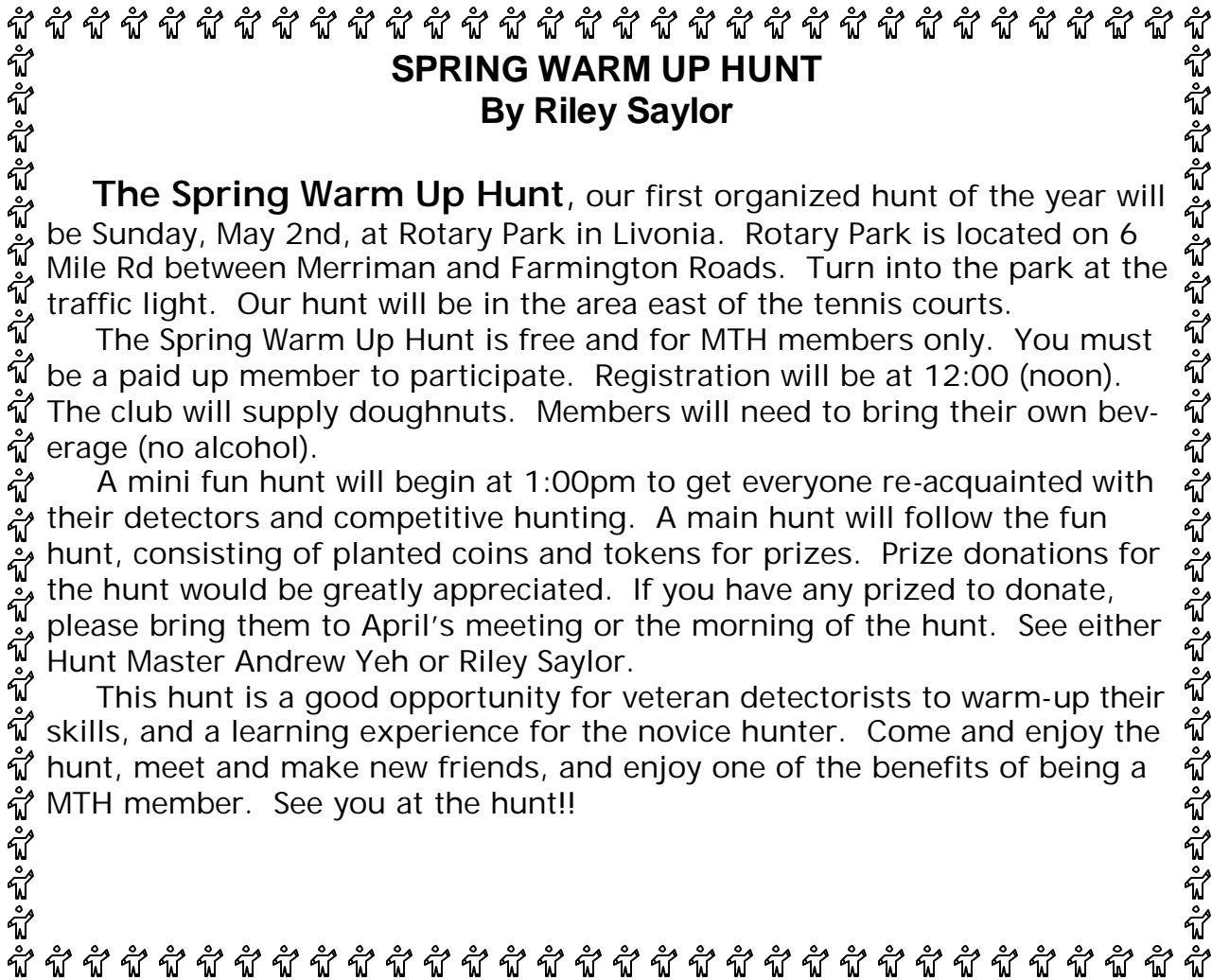
Name \_\_\_\_\_

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 ASAP. We have to send in these form & money soon.



## SPRING WARM UP HUNT By Riley Saylor

**The Spring Warm Up Hunt**, our first organized hunt of the year will be Sunday, May 2nd, at Rotary Park in Livonia. Rotary Park is located on 6 Mile Rd between Merriman and Farmington Roads. Turn into the park at the traffic light. Our hunt will be in the area east of the tennis courts.

The Spring Warm Up Hunt is free and for MTH members only. You must be a paid up member to participate. Registration will be at 12:00 (noon). The club will supply doughnuts. Members will need to bring their own beverage (no alcohol).

A mini fun hunt will begin at 1:00pm to get everyone re-acquainted with their detectors and competitive hunting. A main hunt will follow the fun hunt, consisting of planted coins and tokens for prizes. Prize donations for the hunt would be greatly appreciated. If you have any prized to donate, please bring them to April's meeting or the morning of the hunt. See either Hunt Master Andrew Yeh or Riley Saylor.

This hunt is a good opportunity for veteran detectorists to warm-up their skills, and a learning experience for the novice hunter. Come and enjoy the hunt, meet and make new friends, and enjoy one of the benefits of being a MTH member. See you at the hunt!!



### **BIG! BIG! BIG! NEWS!**

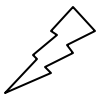
Get um while their hot! Starting at the April meeting, the club will be selling tickets for a chance to win a **MINELAB EXPLORER II!** It will be called "The year end detector raffle".

Tickets will be \$2.00 each. Tickets will only be sold at Club meetings and Club events. Need not be present to win. The drawing will be at the November meeting/holiday party. Here is your chance to win an awesome detector!

### **THANK YOU!**

By Ross Soderberg, President MTH

Thanks to all who participated it the MTH clean-up day at Belle Isle. MTH clean-up day was posted on the Web Page for all to volunteer and clean-up Belle Isle. A very large area was covered, and volunteers cleaned up a whole lot of trash! Thanks to Tom Weaver, Monty Cogswell, Ryan & Seth Cogswell, Richard Allen, Greg McConoughey, Larry Ciarrocchi, & Chuck Williams. The volunteers will be in a drawing to win a 1908 Silver Half for their contribution to the clean-up.



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**PO BOX 510237**  
**LIVONIA MI 48151-6237**  
**Next Meeting May 25th @ 7:30pm.**

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**April 27th meeting @ 7:30pm**

The MTH Club meets the fourth  
Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm  
The meeting is held at:  
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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than we found it.”**

Prober Editor: Virginia Chojnowski

### **MARCH CLUB MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm. Officers & Board members were all present. Ross explained the no smoking rule, 50/50 raffle, silver raffle, Club library, Club Merchandise & the detector raffle. There were three visitors present. MTH is asking for donations to off-set the cost of the Web site. Any donations would be appreciated. George Timmerman explained the about the detector that was being raffled off. Barb Whitman gave the Treasurer's report. The Fishbowl was passed around. Counted 111 members present. A \$2.00 fee will be collected at the April Token hunt for extra silver halves buried. Please bring exact change. There will be a MTH Clean-Up Day at Belle Isle on Sat. March 27 @ 10:00am. It will last 4 hours, and then you can detect afterwards. Be sure to wear something with the club logo or name on it so we can promote the good image of detectorists. A new detector raffle was explained. Beginning in April, tickets will be sold each month and a “top of the line” detector will be raffled off. If anyone has an article they would like published, see the Prober Ed. Virginia Chojnowski. The April meeting will be a “Show and Tell”. All participants will receive a chance to win a gold coin. A Chairperson is still needed for the July Picnic. Please see Ross. The Spring warm-up hunt will be held at Rotary Park in Livonia on May 2nd. Riley Saylor is the Hunt Master. Prize donations accepted. Riley also agreed to put on the “Cache Hunt” again this year. Thanks to Lorraine Haas and Mark Branton for their wonderful stories about returning lost items. See Web page for stories. Break-time was extended so members could look at club member Dealer Displays. Chuck Williams won the Web Site Treasure Hunt. 50/50 winners were Bruce Baron & Virginia Chojnowski. Silver raffle winners were: Marvin Hojnicky, Don DeGeorge, Donald George, & Leianna Dutton. Milan Hunt's Kid's raffle winners were: Tom McCue, Fred Christensen & Glen Chojnowski. The membership draw winner was Clara Mooradian. The Find of the Month awards were presented. Bill Whitman reminded the club of the Boy Scout Fix-Mix during Mother's Day weekend. The detector winner was Greg Plouff. The meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Bev Robertson, Co Secretary.