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PRESIDENT PAUL C. LEONARD'S MESSAGE FOR APRIL

Upcoming Events!

Club Meetings:

April 24th.....7:30 pm

May 22th.....7:30 pm

Doors open shortly after 7:00 pm

April Token Hunt: April 21th at 1:00 pm in Rotary Park, Livonia.

Huntmaster: Don Jaeger

Spring Warmup Hunt: May 6th at 2:00 pm in Rotary Park, Livonia

Huntmaster: Tom Weaver

Milan Fall Hunt: Sept. 8th

Autumn Weekend: Oct. 5-7th

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Vince Tremain.....Alternate

Welcome Guests: John Buzuvis, John Oliver and Warren Bennet
Refreshments for March: Doris Daynor, Sally Crouch and Lorraine Haas

Our sympathy goes out to **Gustave Dombrowski** on the April 1st passing of his mother, **Regina Dombrowski**. Get well wishes to **Sherry Serpa**.

I thoroughly enjoyed give you three reasons Oliver, gave us a very tation on the life of one cians—Harry Houdini. personal friend of the



of the tools from Houdini's trade—including a pair of French handcuffs valued at almost \$20,000.00. Member feedback on Jon's talk has been very positive and I hope to see more of him in the future. Secondly, I'm proud to have played a small role in the return of a silver ID bracelet that had been lost for more than 45 years. John W. Bezuvis of Brighton had received the bracelet from his parents, misplaced it shortly thereafter, and then chalked it up as a lost item. Enter Terry Clark who found the bracelet in Rouge Park (leave it to Terry!); he showed it to me at the November meeting, I knew the name on the bracelet and confirmed that it belonged to John. Terry presented the bracelet to John at our meeting and it was an emotional moment for John and many of us as well! Thanks to Terry, that bracelet on John's wrist is where it truly belongs. Good job Terry and we're glad for you, John! Lastly, it was fascinating to hear Lorraine Haas tell a story of how she and Sally Crouch visited a number of Florida banks recently, looking for mint-error Washington dollars. Upon opening one \$25 roll they discovered 5 such coins and by the time their little hunt was complete, they had about a dozen of these very desirable coins. Is it any coincidence that at the last two MTH meetings the first coin picked in the coin raffle was the roll of Washingtons? Open House is next month and I look forward to seeing some great displays. I never tire of looking at all the gold, silver, coins, jewelry, toys, tokens, Civil War relics, and everything else you can think of. And don't forget that by setting up a display you'll receive a raffle ticket for a gold coin drawing!

the March 27th meeting and I'll why: First, our speaker, Jon informative and spirited present- of the world's greatest magi- Jon, an expert on Houdini and a Houdini family, showed us many

For the third year in a row Tom Weaver will be the Huntmaster for our Spring Warm-Up Hunt, scheduled for 2:00 pm, Sunday, May 6th at our usual venue, Rotary Park in Livonia. Tom's goal is to again make this an enjoyable event for all members—hunting or otherwise—and his track record speaks for itself. For our new members who haven't yet attended one of our hunts: Get ready!! I'd like to close my column on a sad note.

I just learned of the passing, on April 1st, of MTH member Regina Dombrowski, mother of member Gus Dombrowski. During her 25 years of membership, Regina contributed much for the benefit of Michigan Treasure Hunters and she will certainly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Dombrowski family.

I hope too see you on April 24th!

Paul

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Silent Auction to Aid MTH

Have you ever attended a silent auction? Items of value are placed around a table where you get to sign your name with an opening bid. After a certain amount of time, a bell rings and the last person's bid wins the item.

MTH is planning such an event in the future. This silent auction will not be in competition with our regular auction. Instead, it will be a "donation" auction with all proceeds going to the club treasury to help keep our membership fees from increasing. How can you help? Search through some of your finds that you think would sell and donate them to the auction. You can recommend an opening bid if you would like. All donated items become the property of MTH and can't be returned. No large items like wet suits or detectors, please. Small items like a ring that you could part with, or a civil war Minie ball, a military button or old coin would be perfect. This could be your chance to donate and help our club and perhaps win a bid for some neat items for your collection. Be as generous as you can. We can use multiple donations. Please bring your donations and label them with your name, if you like, to the next few club meetings. The auction will be held later in the year. All donations will be collected at the front table by Tom Klisz and Cheryl Jester. Thanks for your help and let's all make this a great success!
Tom Klisz

MICHIGAN STATE PARK RULES

From
Dennis Rahn

I got Representative Tim Melton of the 29 Th. District to get involved in the State Parks rules for metal detectors. We won't get the rules changed right away, but the rules will change soon on the DNR's website. It's maps will be updated soon and not show just parking lots are open to detecting. Watch the DNR site for an update. Might take a while, you know how slow the wheels turn when there is no trough to feed in.

Tell your club the mailing address of the head of the DNR is: Mrs Rebecca A. Humphries, Mason Building, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, MI. 48909. Tell the club to write about the unfair discrimination against metal detectorist and seniors in the State Parks by not allowing us to recover coins in the grass. Don't mention relics or artifacts. Posting her address in your club paper might be a good idea.

Hopefully she will listen to the lack of State funds from lack of tourist dollars in visitors coming to our State Parks. Hey, it might work.

Welcome to all of the new members who joined during the month of April.

Visit our web page at www.michigantreasurehunters.com for more club details.

Remember, "We leave it cleaner than we found it."

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MTH to Honor World War II Veterans

Set your calendar for our June 26th Club meeting. We are going to invite all World War II Veterans to come to our meeting and be honored for their service to our country. If you know any veterans from this war, please invite them to come to this event. If they have any memorabilia such as medals etc. from that era 1941-45, have them bring them along (No weapons, please). Several veterans will be seated at tables and will be glad to share their experiences with club members. All branches of the armed forces are invited. Please encourage any other veterans from Korea, Viet Nam or Desert Storm to come and share a memorable evening with, as Tom Brokaw former anchorman called them, "The Greatest Generation". Tom Klisz

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL By Tom Klisz

This month I have chosen our club secretary, Cheryl Jester. Cheryl and her son, Doug, joined the club in 1992 and have number 355. Cheryl heard about the club from her good friend, John Jaynes, a long time member. Cheryl and John worked for the Dearborn branch of the U.S. Post Office with Cheryl retiring after 35 years of loyal service.

It was at our Fall Hunt in 1994 that Doug, who was prepared to hunt, was listening to the welcome speech when he twisted his leg and broke it. Needless to say Doug has healed up and he and his girlfriend, Erica, helped us run the picnic last year.

Cheryl has a Tesoro UMax, a Fisher 1280X, and a White's Detector and she loves them all. Her favorite find was a diamond and sapphire ring found in Cancun, Mexico. She also found a silver thimble which was engraved with a campaign slogan "Vote for Garfield for President". (That was the President, not the cat!)

Cheryl likes to bake cakes and does a very professional job of decorating them! To say that her cakes are tasteful is an understatement. They look wonderful and are YUMMY!

Cheryl has always contributed to our club. She has run the Kids Hunt at the Fall Hunt, Ladies Hunt, Holiday Party, and the January Potluck. She has served as Treasurer for three years and currently serves as Secretary. Cheryl has been a board member since 1993.

When asked how our club could improve she said she would like to see more "off site" hunts and mini hunts, perhaps down south like our Antietam Civil War Hunt.

Cheryl never says "no" when the club asks for her help and all members should follow her lead and do all you can to help our club out. Cheryl will always be there to support you!

Congratulations Find Of The Month Winners "March"

JEWELRY:

- 1st:** Chuck Williams.....15" Chain w/ Ladies
Diamond Ring & 3
Charms. All 14K Gold
2nd: Ross Soderberg.....1980 Class Ring
3rd: Tom Weaver.....Black Onyx Silver Ring

Others:

- Mark Branton.....Dog Tags
Terry Clark.....Silver Ring
Tim Standish..... Old Silver Ring
Chuck Froelick.....Silver Elephant Ring with
Gold Band
Sharon Standish.....Small Charm
Tom Sniezek.....Man's Bracelet

TOKEN:

- 1st:** Tom Weaver.....1857 Upper Can. 1/2 Penny
2nd: Ross Soderberg.....1901 Pan American Games
3rd: Tim Standish.....1907 Buffalo Old Home
Week

Others:

- Sharon Standish.....Apollo 13
Chuck Froelick.....Family Amusement
Tom Sniezek.....Wooden Nickel—5 Cent
Soo Locks
Mark Branton.....St Christopher Medal

COIN:

- 1st:** Sharon Standish.....1909 Barber Dime
2nd: Tim Standish.....1905 Canadian Dime
3rd: Ross Soderberg.....1916 Barber Dime

Others:

- Mark Branton..... 1937 Mercury Dime
Terry Clark.....1913 Barber Dime

RELIC:

- 1st:** Joe Talbot.....Civil War Hotchkiss
Shell Solid Shot
2nd: Sharon Standish.....Men's Suit Chain
3rd: Tim Standish.....Disney's Official Davy
Crocket Belt Buckle

Others:

- Chuck Froelick.....Cell Phone
Many Gauci.....Tootsie Toy Mustang
Terry Clark.....CS Gas Rocket
Mark Branton.....Jewelry Box Key
Tom Sniezek.....1890s Hires Root
Beer Bottle
Ross Soderberg.....JL Hudsons Key
Return Tag
B. Whitman.....1997 Red Wings
Comm. Ring
Chuck Williams.....Mich Band & Orch.
Assoc. Pendant

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 3, 2007

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. All Board members and officers were present except for Tom Sneziak.

The Topics of discussion were:

Buying of silver, token hunt for April, membership renewal, Spring warmup hunt and Autumn Weekend-date-price.

Other Topics discussed:

April open house meeting, raffle, the displays and gold coin drawing for displays.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Jester, Secretary

The MTH Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Doors open at 7:00 pm.
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CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 27, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by President Paul Leonard. There were 95 people in attendance with 3 guests., Warren Bennet, Ryan Hastings, John Buzuvis. Paul explained the no smoking rule, the club raffles, the escalating jackpot, and merchandise for sale.

Larry Prested gave the Treasurers report. Larry also told us he has a great place for the Autumn Weekend, which will be the first weekend in October.

Next meeting April 24th is Open House. We would like members to bring in their displays and interesting finds. Participants will be given a ticket for a Gold Coin drawing.

Terry Clark found a sterling silver I.D. Bracelet, engraved with the name of John W. Buzuvis at Rouge Park. Paul Leonard recognized the name as a neighbors and contacted him. Terry Clark presented the bracelet to a grateful John W. Buzuvis at the meeting. John has lost the bracelet 45 years ago shortly after his parents had given it to him as a teenager. He was Very Happy to get it back. THANK YOU Terry.

Larry Prested spoke on the 34th Annual Fall Hunt. We will be have the hunt. We do need lots of participation from the members. The hunt will be held Sept 8,2007 at K.C.Campground in Milan. It will be a one day hunt.

Passing of the fishbowl.

Lorraine Haas spoke about a recent trip to Florida. Lorraine and Sally Crouch bought 3 rolls of the new George Washington coins from a bank in Florida. In the rolls they found 9 rimless coins which are rare and valuable. Not all good finds are in the ground.

Break, meeting resumed at 9:05 p.m.

Paul thanked Tim & Sharon Standish, Vince Tremain, Carol Redigan for the meeting's refreshments.

Paul then introduced our Guest Speaker, Mr. John Oliver. Mr. Oliver gave a Very enthusiastic talk on the Great Houdini.. Also a demonstration with some original handcuffs used by Houdini. He talked about Houdini's life, performances, family and death. He then did a question and answer. He was very entertaining, and knowledgeable.

50/50 winners: Joe Talbot, Chuck Williams

Silver Draw: Dick Sinclair, Jeff Kerner, Virginia Leonard, Joni Rundell

Membership- Tom Weaver

Detector Raffle-Ron Roberts

No escalating jackpot winner.

Respectfully Submitted
Cheryl Jester, Secretary