



The Prober

Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club

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MTH Website: www.michigantreasurehunters.com

Club Meetings:

April 22nd.....7:30 p.m.

Open House - Member Displays,
Seller Tables, Detector Raffle &
**MTH Buying Gold & Silver
Coins**

May 27th.....7:30 p.m.

Speaker Paul Kavieff on Detroit's
Purple Gang

Doors open shortly after 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

April 20th 1:00 pm Token Hunt

Devon Aire Park/Ice Arena Liv.

West Chicago & Sunset (1 Blk. E.
of Merriman)

Huntmaster Jerry Wickens

May - Date TBD.....Spring

Warmup Hunt by Don Jaeger

Michigan Treasure Hunters 2008 Officers

President... Paul C. Leonard

Vice President.....Mark Branton

Secretary.....Bonnie Klisz

Treasurer.....Larry Prested

Board of Directors

Dave Picard: Chairman

Cheryl Jester Jeff Kerner

Tom Klisz Chuck Williams

Alternate: Jerry Wickens

Welcome Guest: Ron Stiefel
Refreshments for April: Sally
Couch, Carol Redigan,
Lorraine Hass & Cheryl Jester

PRESIDENT PAUL C. LEONARD'S APRIL MESSAGE

Since I was so
article I promise
this one. Let me
March 25th meet-



longwinded in my last
you that I'll be brief with
begin by saying that the
ing had a very good turn-

out with 75 members in attendance. I enjoyed myself very
much and I hope that everyone else did as well. This was our
first meeting of the year with *Find of the Month* in place and,
as usual, there were some fantastic finds (OK Lynn, I will do
something that I don't normally do and tell you that your
ring was truly a fantastic, once in a lifetime find but you
know that more than I do.

Congratulations Lynn, I am jealous and happy for you at
the same time!). And Lynn Walker's find should serve as an
inspiration to all MTH members who metal detect because
you never know what you'll find on a given day when you're
out in the field (or water!).

On April 20th, Jerry Wickens will be putting on his April
Token Hunt with a number of silver coins supplied by MTH
and I know that Jerry plans on adding a number of other
coins to the mix. Details of his hunt are in this Prober so
come out and have a good time. I know that Jerry wants to
see you there!

April 22nd is MTH's Annual Open House and what more
can be said about this great event! I wrote about it in last
month's Prober but let me state once again that this event is
truly remarkable and members who have been around for
awhile know exactly what I'm referring to. If you want to see
lots of coins, relics, tokens, rings, bracelets and more...don't
miss the Open House where MTH truly shines! We'll also be
having our first metal detector raffle of the year, in addition
to a special drawing for the members that display their finds.
Try not miss this great MTH event!

Don Jaeger is the Huntmaster for our Warm-Up Hunt and
I know that he's looking forward to the hunt as much as any-
one else. To me, this hunt is always a sign that winter is fi-
nally gone (at least for another year) and the metal detecting
season is in full swing. I know Don will appreciate some help
in planting coins and marking off the hunt site so if you're
interested in giving him a hand, come out an hour or two
earlier and give him your support!

I hope to see you at the April 22nd Open House!

THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

Michigan Treasure Hunters Board of Directors Meeting April 1, 2008

The meeting started at 7:10 p.m. All board members were present except for Dave Picard and Jeff Kerner. The alternate Jerry Wickens was present.

Topics Discussed:

Treasurers Report

Coin purchases (increase in Silver and Gold Prices)

Find-of-the-Month problems

Prober deadline questions, articles, ads etc.

Committee and Job Assignments
Winners Circle (possible changes) and Anniv. Pins (distribution)

Merchandise Sales & Name Tags

Ladies Hunt

Mini Hunts

Outing to Det Sci Ctr to see Shipwreck Exhibit

Token Hunts (change in coin format)

Monthly Meetings Formats

Autumn Weekend (Date changed to Oct 10-12)

Milan Hunt Sept 6th

Fishbowl Hunt Date TBD

November Holiday Party

January Potluck

Nominating Committee

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next Board Meeting is April 29th

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 25, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Leonard at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Leonard introduced all present Board Members and Officers and welcomed our guest (1) and members (75). The 50/50 Raffle, Silver Raffle, Coin Raffle, Membership Raffle, President's Raffle, Escalating Membership Raffle, club library, name tag, and no smoking rule were explained

Treasurer, Larry Prested gave the treasurer's report.

Paul talked about gold and silver prices and directed anyone interested in selling coins to the club to Tom Klisz during the club meeting. Steve Plivelich donated a 2006 \$10.00 1/4 ozt. Gold American Eagle coin to the club. A nametag issue is being corrected. See Paul if you have ordered and not received a nametag.

The fish bowl was passed around by Jerry Wickens.

Don Jaeger is Huntmaster of this year's Warm-Up Hunt Date TBD. Paul presented Certificates of Appreciation to members present for jobs done in 2007. There was a discussion about having an outing to the Shipwreck Exhibit at the Detroit Science Center and a signup sheet was made available. The date and fee will be discussed at a later date when obtained. Twelve have signed up so far.

Break for refreshments at 8:00 p.m. Meeting resumed at 8:10 p.m.

Paul introduced Lorraine Hass who gave a story from her Winter Florida trip. The April meeting will be the Annual Open House. Please bring your displays and get entered into the gold coin raffle. The Token Hunt is March 30th with Tom Weaver as Huntmaster. There will not be a gold coin presented to the Huntmaster for Token Hunts after March due to the increased cost of gold.

FOTM winners were announced. 50/50 winners were Lynn Walker and Andie Klisz. Silver Raffle winners were Dave Saunders, Brian Hastings, Ronald Stiefel, Joanne Rundell & Dennis Redigan. Escalating Raffle no winner. Membership Draw winner Debbie Gries. Presidents Secret Raffle winners Jeff Kerner & Larry Prested. 4 ozt. Silver Bar winner Joanne Rundell.

Next MTH Mtg is April 22nd and the next Board Mtg is April 1st . Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

Book Review by Tom Klisz

I recently purchased a treasure book at Borders Book Store. I watched the price drop to 70% off and finally bought it. The title is Wall of Silver: A Treasure Hunters Dream by Richard Kellogg.

This is a tale of history and a hunt for a lost silver mine in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. According to the author the story begins in 1770 during the French and Indian War. Word reached England that Native Americans in the upper Great Lakes were seen wearing trinkets of gold and silver. An expedition set out in 1771 to check out these sightings and headed for the Ontonagon River basin in Lake Superior. The Crown geologist, a man by the name of Sabin Stone traveled with the group and unfortunately they only found copper which was nearly worthless then. On a second trip Stone, was befriended by an Indian chief and married his daughter. The chief gave him a belt of hammered silver as a wedding gift and the search for the source was on! Stone eventually found a rich lode of silver in the Keweenaw Peninsula. The word never got back to England because Stone drowned, but his journals were saved and languished at the home of his great great grandson in Sault St. Marie.

The secret of the mine remained hidden until on a cold day in 1927 a man from the Keweenaw named Jake Stoddard re-discovered this great Treasure. If you would like to know how he found it and brought 17 barrels of rich silver ore to the surface of the mine by hand, you will have to read Wall of Silver . This book is well documented and claims to be a true treasure story and the mine should still exist.

**Congratulations Find Of The Month
Winners "March"**

JEWELRY:

- 1st:** Lynn Walker.....14K Gold Lady's Ring w/
2Kt. Princess Cut & 8 Round
Diamonds
- 2nd:** Tom Weaver.....14K Gold Lady's Ring w/
Fire Opal & 5 Stones
- 3rd:** Donald Jaeger.....Gold Chain & Ring
- Others:**
Darrin Mendrick.....Bracelet
Chuck Froelich.....Sterling Silver Baseball
Charm
Chuck Williams.....23 in. Man's 925 Sterling
Silver Chain
Larry Ciarrocchi..... 14K Gold Ring w/ 3 Stones
Mark Branton.....10K Dolphin Ring
Manny Gauci.....Costume Jewelry Sterling
Silver Ring
Dennis Redigan.....Silver Ring
Sharon Standish.....Silver Medallion
Terry Clark.....Sterling Silver
Hockey Player

TOKEN:

- 1st:** Tom Sniezek....."The Star" 146-148
Woodward Ave. Token
Good for \$1.00 on Pur-
-chase of \$10.00 or More
- 2nd:** Chuck Froelich.....Free Trip to Virgin
Islands Token
- 3rd:** Sharon Standish.....7th President Andrew
Jackson "Old Hickory"
- Others:**
Mark Branton.....King Cash 5 Cent Token

COIN:

- 1st:** Terry Clark.....1913S Barber Half
- 2nd:** Chuck Williams.....1907D Barber Quarter
- 3rd:** Sharon Standish.....1869 Shield Nickel
- Others:**
Mark Branton.....1963 1/4 Grecien
Tom Weaver.....1899 Barber Dime

RELIC:

- 1st:** Tom Sniezek.....Double Ring Historical
Flask Circa 1872 Pat.
Aug 6, 1872 H. Frank
On Bottom
- 2nd:** Tom Weaver.....1940 War Relief
"Accessocrat" Pin
- 3rd:** Lorraine Hass.....Key
- Others:**
Rich Mucha.....1957 Car Plate
Mark Branton.....1983 Dog License
Sharon Standish..... "Be Prepared" Boy
Scout Pin
Chuck Williams.....256K Flash Drive w/
Two Ford Motor
Co. Excel Files

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR GOLD & SILVER COINS TO SELL TO
THE MTH AT THE APRIL MEETING.**

How You Can Save MTH \$9.00/Year!

By agreeing to download your Prober from the MTH website rather than having it mailed. It will also be Emailed to you. Just send your Email address to Chuck7739@comcast.net

THE PROBER NEWSLETTER

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MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$20.00 PER YEAR
WITH AN INITIATION FEE OF \$5.00
Membership includes all club functions, meeting & a monthly newsletter.

The MTH Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

The meeting is held at:

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
30000 FIVE MILE ROAD
LIVONIA MICHIGAN
(between Middlebelt & Merriman)

Don't send any mail to the church. Address all mail to:

MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB
PO BOX 510237
LIVONIA MI 48151-6237

2008 DUES RENEWAL DUE MAY 1, 2008 AND INCREASED FROM \$18.00 TO \$20.00

If you have any ads or articles you would like to post in the Prober, please contact Chuck Williams, editor at Chuck7739@comcast.net. A fee may apply for an ad to be placed in the Prober. Deadline for articles is 10th of the month.

Visit our web page at www.michigantreasurehunters.com for club information.

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

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SELL YOUR SCRAP GOLD AT OPEN HOUSE

Dan Tomala and his associate Martin Weberman will be buying scrap gold, silver and other precious metals at the April 22nd Open House. Top dollar paid.

For information, contact Dan at 734-637-0493.

FOR SALE
SUNSPOT LONG-HANDLED BEACH SCOOP
STAINLESS STEEL STEALTH for \$175.00
CALL JOHN AT 313-336-7655

OTHER THINGS

- 1 The May Prober will be the last one sent to members who haven't renewed.**
- 2 MTH Nametags are available from treasurer for \$4.00.**
- 3 Sellers are welcome to setup tables at the April 22nd Open House.**
- 4 Tom Klisz is now accepting donations for the October 28th Silent Auction.**
- 5 The Autumn Weekend will take place October 10th to 12th.**
- 6 President Paul Leonard is interested in buying gold and silver coins from members for use in club events. Bring your gold and silver to sell to the meetings.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are need for several club functions. Please contact any club officer if you are willing to take an active part in MTH meetings and events.