



# The Prober

**Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club**

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MTH Website: [www.michigantreasurehunters.com](http://www.michigantreasurehunters.com)

## **Club Meetings:**

April 28th.....7:30 p.m.  
Open House & Detector Raffle  
May 26th.....7:30 p.m.  
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

## **Upcoming Events:**

April 19th (Sun) 1:00 p.m.  
**Token Hunt** at Rotary Park in Livonia. North of 6 Mile Rd. at Hubbard (Between Farmington and Merriman). Hunt Master: Don Jaeger  
May 17th (Sun) 1:00 p.m.  
**Spring Warmup Hunt** at Rotary Park. Hunt Master: Terry Clark.

## **Michigan Treasure Hunters 2009 Officers**

President.....Mark Branton  
Vice President..Vincent Tremain  
Secretary.....Bonnie Klisz  
Treasurer.....Jerry Wickens

## **Board of Directors**

Dave Picard: Chairman  
Don Jaeger, Tom Klisz  
Joani Rundell Chuck Williams,  
Alternate: Harry Dayner

**Sincere Get-Well Wishes go out to Ray Koski who is in the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI.**

**Refreshments for April: Darlene Ciarrocchi, Cheryl Jester and Chuck Williams**



## **PRESIDENT MARK BRANTON'S APRIL MESSAGE**

I find myself  
our April meet-  
emphasis on every  
meeting requires a bit  
house. As you all  
jewel" to welcome and embrace new members. This is the club's time to shine.



thinking ahead already to  
ing. We have got to put  
meeting. The upcoming  
more since it is our open  
know this is our " crown

Now what I am asking is for all club members, at our next meeting to be helpful to our new guests and new members.

I would like to extend an invite to not only members setting up a display for "show and tell" but to those that might want to display gold panning or bench testing. Last, but not least, we will welcome club dealers.

At the March meeting, I said the prize for the best display was yet to be determined. Well my thoughts at this present time are to award a silver round and this is not etched in stone, but you can bet that it most likely will be.

There is one more thing I would like to mention. My wish is that we could have a handful of members show up early to set up the tables and chairs, that would be very much appreciated. Hopefully, we might have the media with us again this year.

Moving on, at the last meeting we talked briefly about Ray Koski. He wanted me to give the club a big thank you from him for the card.

I think by now most all of our members have been out, and I have heard complaints about how cold it is. This is the time you want to get out with the ground so moist. We should all know that water is a conductor of electricity, so we are going to get deeper penetration. Also the fact that the ground has let go of frost, it has also rotated that coin that wasn't there on you're headphones the previous year. Just wanted to share my feelings on why I like to hunt in the spring. Good luck and keep on detecting.



**Welcome Guests at the March Meeting: Paul Boduch, Dave Hackett, Marcus Metz, Mike Pucker, Danny Pugh and J. Rick Smoot**

## **TOM E. WEAVER MEMORIAL HUNT**

The DFXONLY Club will be hosting a hunt in the memory of MTH member Tom Weaver, who drowned while water detecting last July. The hunt will be at Camp Owasippe in Whitehall, MI on April 24-26. Proceeds will benefit Tom's children. For information consult their website at: [dfxonly.com](http://dfxonly.com)

# THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

## MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA FOR MARCH 31, 2009

(Only agenda since editor was on vacation)

Treasurers Report  
Committee and Job Assignments  
FOTM, Ribbons, Anniversary Pins  
and Silver Rounds  
Prober Deadline and Questions  
April Meeting Format...Open House  
April Milan Hunt Meeting  
April 16<sup>th</sup>...Bonnie Klisz' House  
April Raffle Items  
Rules Committee and Update Status  
Volunteer Status for Milan Hunt  
April Token Hunt...Don Jaeger  
Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>-Rotary Park  
April Meeting Format  
Open House...Club Dues are Due  
May Prober is last sent W/O renewal  
Detector Raffle for April Open House  
Spring Warm Up Hunt... May 17, 2009  
Rotary Park 1:00 PM...Terry Clark  
May Meeting Format  
Vince working on speaker  
June Meeting Format...???  
Picnic Date and Location TBD  
Jeff, Larry and Darrin  
July Meeting Format...Speaker on Dog Tags  
August Meeting Format..Treasure Hunters  
Swap Meet Format...Limit 20 Tables  
Ladies Hunt...Joanne Rundell  
Need date/location  
September Meeting Format...???  
Fall Hunt...Need update  
on Volunteers/Committee  
Autumn Weekend  
Location locked in Larry and Dave  
October Meeting Format...Donation Auction  
We need Donations-Tom Klisz  
Fish Bowl Hunt...Don De George  
November Holiday Party...Bonnie K/Cheryl J.  
January Meeting Format  
Pot Luck Dinner...Combines Committees  
Winner Circle and Anniversary Pins  
Mini Hunts  
Out of State Hunts  
Nominating 819 Committee  
Comments: Desserts for next Meeting...

## CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President, Mark Branton at 7:46 p.m. with 82 people in attendance. Mark introduced the Board Members and Officers and welcomed the 6 guests to our meeting. He also introduced our Prober Editor and Board Member, Chuck Williams. The no smoking rule, 50/50 Raffle, Silver Raffle, Membership Draw, Escalating Raffle and the Special Raffle were explained. Mark thanked Chuck Chandler for volunteering to run the Library this year and Terry Clark for running the Spring Warm-up. The club has printed up business cards that all members can use. Help yourself to some.

The Fish Bowl was passed around by Don De George.

In Treasurer Jerry Wickens absence, Cheryl Jester gave the treasurer's report.

Mark introduced Ross Soderberg, our Web site coordinator. The club presented Ross with an American Silver Eagle in a holder as a thank you for doing a great job with our web site. Our web site has promoted our club functions and brought in many new members.

Larry Prested, spoke on the Autumn Weekend Hunt. This Hunt will be held on Oct. 2, 3, & 4. The camp is old with lots of land and water hunting possibilities. Meals are included in the \$70.00 fee. The ladies will have two cabin options this year. See Larry for details.

Vince Tremain spoke on the Milan Hunt which will be held Sept. 12, 2009. The fee this year is \$75.00 until July 31<sup>st</sup> and \$90.00 after. Next committee meeting is April 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. at Bonnie Klisz's home and everyone is welcome to attend. Still looking for volunteers for the hunt.

Our best wishes go out to Ray Koski and his family.

Don De George, our Search and Recovery Team Coordinator, would like to have more volunteers and team leaders. Please sign up if you are interested. Letters have gone out to 18 local police departments.

Mark reminded everyone about our Open House on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a display and get a chance to win a prize. Hope to have coin cleaning, detecting techniques, free raffles and etc as part of the format. Dave Picard is hoping to have local advertising in papers like last year.

Break for refreshments 8:10 pm. Meeting resumed 8:50 pm.

Joe Le Blanc, MTH and Mich. State Numismatic Society member, spoke briefly on the April 23, 24 & 25<sup>th</sup> convention to be held at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency. Mr. Sekulich, a member of MSNS, is at our meeting tonight to help anyone who is interested in entering a display at the April MSNS convention. Metal detecting is a new category and MSNS would like to encourage our members to enter displays on their interesting coin finds. There are strict rules regarding the displays and Mr. Sekulich is willing to help anyone interested in entering a display. You must be a member of the MSNS to enter a display. Admission and parking are free.

Mark presented anniversary pins to present members and also presented the Winner Circle Pins to the winners present.

Paul Leonard presented the last certificates of appreciation to present members.

Chuck Williams introduced our guest speaker Bob Zaetta "Old Sarge". Mr. Zaetta is a retired Teacher and he reenacts the life and times of Civil War Soldiers. He spoke on the Michigan regiment he portrays. He gave a very informative demonstration on the military times during the civil war.

The FOTM Mystery Draw item was a "Hard Times Token". No winner.

Milan Hunt raffle winner: Steve Kunder. Winners for the 50/50 raffle: 1) Matt Prested 2) Paul Leonard. Silver Raffle winners: 1) Chuck Froelich 2) guest, Danny Pugh 3) Gus Dombrowski 4) Ron Roberts 5) Joe Le Blanc. Membership Draw winner: Joe Le Blanc. Special Raffle winner: Vince Tremain. Escalating Raffle: no winner present. The mystery number was 535 (McKinnon) since the member was not present no prize was awarded. Watch for next month mystery number you must be present at the meeting to claim your prize. The winners for FOTM 1st places were awarded the new first place Silver Round in a holder and 2nd and 3rd places were awarded ribbons.

Next meeting April 28, 2009. Next Board Meeting March 31, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Klisz

**April Meeting Raffle**  
**A Metal Detector will be raffled at the April meeting.**

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

**JEWELRY:**

- 1st:** Bill Locke.....14K White Gold Ring w/  
1.5 Carat in Diamonds  
**2nd:** Carol Redigan.....14K Gold Diamond Ring  
**3rd:** Sharon Standish.....Jewish Star of David  
w/ Symbol

**Others:**

- Tim Standish.....Silver  
Chuck Froelich.....14K Gold Man's  
Wedding Band  
Mark Branton.....18K White Gold Ring  
w/ 5 Diamonds  
Dave Saunders..... Necklace, Gold Ring  
And Nice Stone  
Terry Clark.....Narmi Watch  
Chuck Williams.....Man's 925 Sterling Ring  
Dennis Redigan.....Silver Ring  
Unknown,,,,,.....Ring

**TOKEN:**

- 1st:** Chuck Williams.....Sunoco Antique Car  
Coin Series - 1921  
Detroit Electric Car  
**2nd:** Mark Branton.....Andy W. Good for  
5 Cents Token  
(Hard Times Maverick)  
**3rd:** Fred Klemm.....Roy Rogers & Trigger  
Token

**Others;**

- Don Jaeger.....Toledo Zoo Token  
Dennis Redigan.....Token  
Larry Pirochta.....Old 10 Cent Osborn  
Token Cincinnati, OH  
Tim Standish.....Leon & Eddies Token  
1920's to 1940's

**COIN:**

- 1st:** Steve Plivelich.....1876-CC Seated Dime  
**2nd:** Ross Soderberg.....1819 Large Cent  
**3rd:** Fred Klemm.....1935 Simon Bolivar Sil.  
**Others:**

- Ted Langlois.....1902 Indian Head Cent  
Larry Ciarrocchi.....1926-S Standing Lib Qtr  
Tim Standish.....1900 Barber Quarter  
Sharon Standish.....1912 Barber Half  
Dennis Redigan.....1972 Kennedy Half  
Terry Clark.....1895 Indian Head Cent  
Mark Branton.....1902 Indian Head Cent  
Joe Le Blanc.....1943 Canadian Cent  
Chuck Williams.....1788 to 1808 Silver  
Charles IV Spanish-  
American 1/2 Reale  
Doug Gries.....1941 Walking Lib Half

**RELIC:**

- 1st:** Terry Clark.....Sterling Silver WWI Air  
Force Wings  
**2nd:** Sharon Standish.....United Mine Workers  
Assoc. Key Fob - 23rd  
Annual Conf. 1-16-1912  
**3rd:** Fred Klemm.....Toy Truck

**Others:**

- Rich Mucha.....Brass Marijuana  
"Protopipe"  
Carol Redigan.....Monopoly Game Piece  
Dave Picard.....Brachiopod  
Chuck Williams.....Stainless Steel Knife  
Tim Standish.....Old Whistle  
Chuck Froelich.....Coral Encrusted WWII  
50 Cal. Mach. Gun Bullet  
Tom Sniezek.....1890's Kid's Tea Set.  
Ted Langlois.....Old Spoon  
Dennis Redigan.....Mich. School Band &  
Orch. Pin Music Fest.  
Don Jaeger.....Foot

**MILAN HUNT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next Milan Fall Hunt Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Klisz, 41073 Southwind, Canton, MI 48188. The 36th Milan Hunt will be held on Saturday, Sept 12, 2009.

For information call Vince Tremain at 248-858-7955

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**220 W. Columbia Ave.**  
**Belleville, MI 48111**

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 meetings are 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

## "GO OUTDOORS" EVENT AT BASS PRO SHOP IN AUBURN HILLS

MTH Member Steve Kunder works at the Bass Pro Shop in Auburn Hills. They are holding their Go Outdoors event during the weekends, 5/15 5/16, 5/17 and 5/22, 5/23 5/24. Bass Pro Shop is looking to promote outdoors and the hobby of metal detecting and would like for someone to come to the event with a display of their finds and talk about metal detecting. Brad Ziegler, camping department team leader, can answer questions regarding this event. He can be reached at Bass Pro Shop 248-209-4200 or by email @ [BJZiegler@basspro.com](mailto:BJZiegler@basspro.com). Steve can also provide information and can be reached at 248-937-1840 or [smkunder@comcast.net](mailto:smkunder@comcast.net). If anyone can assist Steve, please give him a call.

**2008 DUES RENEWAL DUE**  
**MAY 1, 2009**

## NEW CONTEST ADDED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

One MTH Member's member number, out of context and without a # symbol, will be hidden somewhere within the Prober. If that member finds it and comes to that month's meeting and can reveal where in the Prober it was found, they will receive a Silver Half Dollar. Last Month's number was for the McKinnons #535 but the prize wasn't claimed.

**MTH SEARCH AND RECOVERY TEAM**  
Don De George sent letters to 18 local Law Enforcement Groups. He is awaiting responses. Team leaders are Don De George, Randy Smith and Lynn Walker. Several more volunteers are needed.

## **OTHER THINGS**

1. MTH Nametags are available from the treasurer for \$4.00.
2. The club needs volunteers to take over a number of club functions. See any club officer to volunteer.
3. Tom Klisz is already accepting donations for the October Silent Auction.
4. Displayers at the April Open House will receive a ticket for a Morgan Silver Dollar Raffle and a Best Display Prize.

If you have any metal detecting related ads or articles you would like to post in the Prober, please contact Chuck Williams, editor at [Chuck7739@comcast.net](mailto:Chuck7739@comcast.net). A fee may apply for an ad to be placed in the Prober. Deadline for articles is the 10th.