



The Prober

Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club

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MTH Website: www.michigantreasurehunters.com

Club Meetings:

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

April 24th.....7:30 p.m. Open House with Cake. Bring your Displays. Drawing for entrants. Detector Raffle
May 22nd.....7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

April 22nd (Sun): Token Hunt at 1:00 p.m. To be held at a park between Inkster and Beech Daly, North of 5 Mile. Take Delaware North from 5 Mile to Midland. Hunt Master Terry Clark 734-522-0799
April 29th (Sun): Can-Am Hunt at 10:30 a.m. at John Stymelski Veterans Park in Livonia. See article on Page 2 for details.
May 6th (Sun): Spring Warmup Hunt at 1:00 p.m. in Rotary Park
Hunt Master: Stan Rajca
June 16th (Sat): Ladies Hunt & Breakfast at Cozy Café in Plymouth, MI.
Huntmaster: Sherry Klisz Details at the April Meeting.
July 15th (Sun): MTH Picnic at Brighton Rec. Area State Park. Huntmaster: John Vitkay. Park Permit Required. More detail sand directions in May Prober.

Michigan Treasure Hunters 2012 Officers

President.....,.....Dave Picard
Vice President....Chuck Williams
Secretary.....Bonnie Klisz
Treasurer.....Jerry Wickens

Board of Directors

Don Jaeger: Chairman
Mark Branton Stan Rajca
Joni Rundell John Vitkay

Welcome March Guests: Richard J. Solar, Eugene Swiecien, Phil Seance and Catherine Powers

PRESIDENT DAVE PICARD'S APRIL MESSAGE



WHEW!! The first 2012 was fantastic. Competition of the winners and to

Find of the Month for There were a lot of fine was tough. Congrats to all all of the entrants.

Quick recoveries to Marcia Reiser and Sharon Prested. Get well soon.

Mr. David Lowrie from Wayne State University was an excellent guest speaker. The main topic of meteorites seemed to be of interest to everyone in attendance.

Congrats to John and Arlene Jaynes for winning the President's Mystery Raffle and a nice 1924 Elgin pocket watch.

Kudos to Jerry Wickens for an excellent Token Hunt. Great weather, Great People, and a Great Hunt.

There are many events planned for the near future, please keep your calendars open.

This year's April 29th Can-Am Hunt will be larger than ever, as a result of the monthly Can-Am Raffles. Thanks everyone.

The May 6th Spring Warmup Hunt, a pillar of the MTH, will surely help kick-off the treasure hunting season.

April 24 th is the annual Open House for MTH. Please bring your finds (bad and good) for display. Prizes will be awarded by a random drawing.

I want to personally thank all of the MTH members that volunteer their services. Your efforts definitely help make this club a success.

**As Always,
Dave Picard**

A Metal Detector for 1st place along with 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be raffled at the April Meeting.

Refreshments for April: Cake provided by the MTH

Bonnie Klisz has started accepting donations for the October MTH Silent Auction where member's donations are auctioned to raise funds for MTH activities. Bring your donations to any meeting.

THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

Michigan Treasurer Hunters Meeting - March 27, 2012

President, Dave Picard opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The FOTM was closed at 7:32p.m. There were one-hundred-two people including seven guests in attendance. He explained the no-smoking rule, 50/50 Raffle, Silver Raffle, the Special Raffle (Two 2.5 gold pesos, a Silver round and a Lincoln coin set), and a Presidents Raffle. Dave noted that members Earl Hanson, Marsha Reiser and Larry Ciarrocchi are home and doing well after noted illnesses and also noted that members Verna Piper and Doug & Tim Holliday lost their mothers recently. Dave introduced Sharon, Tim Standish and Darlene Ciarrocchi who are running the FOTM. Judy and Lyle Cook are our merchandise sales people and tonight we have new T-shirts for sale. Dave gave out Anniversary Pins and Winner Circle pins for those present members who qualify.

Tonight's guest speaker will be David Lowrie a geologist from Wayne St. Univ. speaking on meteors.

Treasurer, Jerry Wickens gave the treasurers report and also talked about his token hunt which was held on March 25th with twenty-eight members in attendance. Terry Clark found the token and will put on the next token hunt in April.

Dave Hackett gave a report silver and gold prices. Sherry Klisz volunteered to run the Ladies Hunt. She explained the main idea of the hunt as a social and non-competitive hunt with the date being June 16th. More details at the April meeting. She is also selling raffle tickets to raise money for this hunt. The Fishbowl was passed. Please sign up for refreshments.

Dave introduced the Super Committee of five club members, Dave Hackett, Rich Mucha, Doug & Tim Holliday and Stan Rajca. Doug Holliday spoke on the the goals of this committee.

The Spring Warmup Hunt with Stan Rajca as huntmaster will be May 6th at Rotary Park 1:00 p.m. John Vitkay, Club Picnic Chair stated the date is July 15th at Brighton Rec. Area State Park. A permit is required. More details to follow . The Can-Am. Hunt will be in the U.S. this year. The date is Sun., April 29th at Livonia's John Stymelski Park. There will be over 1000 coins planted. Hot dogs will be supplied with club members bringing a dish to pass. Check Prober for details.

Dave had a surprise gift for the those with a sticker under their seat. The winners: Bobby Justice and Rick Solak.

Break for refreshments 8:16 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:45 p.m.

FOTM winners presented with awards. The mystery FOTM, a Silver pin, had no winner. President's Raffle winner was Arlene Jaynes. She won a 1924 Elgin pocket watch. Membership Draw was #753, Mark Branton. He was present but did not have his nametag on. Can-Am. Winners: Bruce Baron, Michal Brodzik, Marge Picard, Bruce Baron, Cheryl Baron, Tim Timon and Marge Picard. The 50/50 Raffle winners: 1) Arlene Jaynes and 2) Bruce Baron and Phil Szanto. Ladies Hunt Raffle winner: Darren Mendrick. Silver Draw winners: 1) Jerry Wickens 2) Ron Robinet 3) Chuck Williams 4) Dennis Haney 5) Verna Piper. Special Raffle winners: 1) Tim Standish 2) Darren Mendrick 3) Ron Starker.

Next MTH mtg is April 24th at 7:30 p.m. Next Board Mtg will be May 1st at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

Michigan Treasure Hunters Board of Directors Meeting - April 3, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by chairman, Don Jaeger. All officers and Board members were present except Joni Rundell.

Topics discussed: Treasurer's report; Committee and job assignments; Prober deadlines; FOTM ribbons and silver rounds/ Silver purchases.; Token Hunt; Super Committee; Can-Am Hunt; Spring Warmup Hunt; Club merchandise; April, May and June meetings; New Business

The next MTH meeting is April 24th and the next board meeting is May 1st at 7:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

4th ANNUAL CAN-AM HUNT- April 29, 2012

All MTH members are invited to attend the 4th Annual Can-Am Hunt. Alternating each year from U.S. to Canada, the hunt this year (or should I say hunts!) will take place in the U.S. on Sunday, April 29th at John Stymelski Veterans Park in Livonia MI, 14275 Stark Rd, Livonia, MI 48154. The park is directly behind Eddie Edgar Ice Arena. There are restrooms within walking distance. The 1st hunt of the day will take place at 11 a.m. Plan on arriving by 10:30 a.m. If you would like to help plant the coins, please arrive around 9 a.m. (I could use a couple helpers out there!)

The plan is to have a hunt starting at 11 a.m., followed by a break for lunch, and a final hunt in the early afternoon.

Literally thousands of domestic and foreign coins - old and new - will be found over the course of the two hunts. There will be silver and tokens redeemable for prizes in the ground as well. I will be displaying the coins you could find and prizes to be awarded at the April Open House Meeting. I invite you to come take a look at the display! We'll have a final raffle that night at the meeting and all proceeds will go towards coins/prizes as well.

The hunts are free to all members of MTH and the Windsor Detecting Club. Come on by and pay your dues -- I'll be collecting 2012 dues at the April meeting.

The club will be providing hot dogs, chips and beverages (pop/water). I ask that if you plan on attending the hunt this year, that all U.S. members/families bring a dish to share as part of a potluck lunch. Pot-luck Suggestions: If your last name starts with A – M bring an appetizer or something similar; N – Z salad, fruit or dessert.

Remember to also bring a small hand digging tool (please no large shovels -- the coins will not be buried that deep), an apron and headphones for your detector. Dress for the weather! Plan on the hunt taking place rain or shine -- unless a freak snow storm or unsafe weather conditions causes a postponement.

As a reminder -- remember to fill your holes on the day of the hunt. You will be asked to leave if you do not comply.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jwick01@yahoo.com or 734-591-6139.

Thanks and Happy Hunting! Hope to see you out there! Jerry Wickens MTH Treasurer and Can-Am Hunt Co-Host

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

JEWELRY:

- 1st: Bill Locke.....Men's White Gold
Ring with Diamonds
2nd: Tim Holiday.....1959 10K Class Ring
3rd: Don Jaeger.....Friendship Ring w/
50's Pennies Inside
- Others:
- Sharon Standish.....Silver "M"
Terry Clark.....10K Gold Ring
Andy Songal.....Silver Ring
Steve Foster.....Silver Ring with
Small Stones
Carol Redigan.....14K Gold Plated w/
Emerald Color Stone
Stan Rajca.....Sterling Silver Birth-
Stone (Heart) Ring
Lorraine Hass.....INOX Cross
Mark Branton.....10K Gold Ring
Chuck Froelich.....Sterling Silver Ring
with CZ Stones
Rich Mucha.....14K Gold Ring
Dave Hackett.....Best Friend Ring
James Lloyd.....Gold Plated Base
Metal Ring w/ CZ
Lonnie Taylor.....Silver Cross
Doug Holliday.....1940 Class Ring

TOKEN:

- 1st: Doug Holliday.....1852 Bank of Upper
Canada 1¢
2nd: Rich Mucha.....1933 Ford 35th Anniv.
3rd: Darrin Mendrick....1900's Cascarets "Best
For The Bowels"
- Others:
- Kim Francis.....Grass Lake Camp
Program 10¢
Tim Standish.....Minn. Paul Bunyan
Andy Songal.....Colasanti's Token
Tim Holiday.....Butter&Egg Men
Movie Circa 1925
Lonnie Taylor.....1931 BCRC
Terry Clark.....1939 Wabeek State
Bank of Detroit

COIN:

- 1st: Tim Holiday.....1887 Seated Dime
2nd: Andy Songal.....1866 Shield Nickel
3rd: Terry Clark.....1914-D Barber Dime
- Others:
- Ron Robinet.....Spanish 1/2 Reale
Tim Standish.....1904 Indian Head Cent
Rich Mucha.....1964 Kennedy Half
Steve Foster.....1936 Buffalo Nickel
Sharon Standish.....1921 Mercury Dime
Darrin Mendrick.....1971 2 Pence
Lonnie Taylor.....1939 Mercury Dime
Doug Holliday.....1888 Canadian Quarter
Unknown.....1958 Brass 3 Pence

RELIC:

- 1st: Sharon Standish.....Trench Lighter
2nd: John Vitkay.....Civil War Cannon Ball
3rd: Andy Songal.....Indian Arrow Head
Watch Fob
- Others:
- Bobby Justice.....Musket Ball from Brit.
Brown Bess in 1812
Battle of Morguagon
Lonnie Taylor.....Axel Cap - Veh. Unk.
Doug Holliday.....Brunne & Co. Badge
Rich Mucha.....Samsung Cell Phone
Tim Standish.....1901 Newsboy License
Chuck Froelich.....Tooth Picker
Dave Hackett.....Old Masonary Trowel
Terry Clark.....1934 Chicago World
Fair Ring
Randy Smith.....New Haven Pocket
Watch 1890-1910
Ron Ritzler.....Silver Knife-Nobility
Ray Dutton.....Revlon Lipstick Tube
Steve Plivlich.....WWII Mil. Compass
Mark Branton.....20's Chev. Grill Orn.
Unknown.....1901 PanAm Expo Pin

You probably own metal detecting books by Dick Stout and have read his articles in popular treasure hunting magazines. He now has a website that you will want to checkout. www.stoutstandards.com

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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 meetings are held at:

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Chuck7739@comcast.net. A fee may apply for an ad to be placed in the Prober. Deadline for articles is the 10th.

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. Judy & Lyle Cook are selling MTH aprons for \$5.00, MTH Tees for \$10.00 and Atlases for \$4.00.
4. People are really needed to signup to bring refreshments.
5. Bonnie Klisz is now accepting donations for the October MTH Silent Auction

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