



The Prober

Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club

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MEMBER OF THE FMDAC

Annual Auction August 26th

AUCTION GUIDELINES

As in the past, our August MTH meeting will be devoted to a treasure hunter auction. You may use this service to turn all that duplicated and/or expendable equipment, finds, prizes won, books read, bundles of magazines, etc. into reusable cash. All items must be somehow related to our detecting hobby. Any used items must be clean and in good repair or any flaws noted on your entry sheet. The number of items auctioned shall be limited by meeting time restraints. The auctioneer, Mr. Sellsalot, will decide when and which item will be presented for the auction to maintain a variety of offerings. You decide the low starting bid for each item you enter as in our past auctions.

Arrive early to enter your items. Sit back and enjoy bidding for all those items you've wanted to become the complete treasure hunter, at the price you want to pay.

\$5 Gold Coin Raffle at Club Meeting on August 26th

Welcome New Members

Waylon Hinman
Michelle Lincoln
Betsy Wood
Matt Prested



and 16 Mile roads, and is west of Groesbeck. Call Virginia Chojnowski at 810-415-6605 with any questions. A map is posted on the MTH website.

The August Token Hunt will be held on Saturday, August 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. It will be at Walt Disney Elementary School. The school is on Kelly Road, between 15

- All members are permitted to offer up to four lots to be auctioned. No fee is charged. All money is paid out after the auction is over and all items are claimed. Members only may enter items for sale. Visitors may bid and purchase any items.
- All sale items must be clean and in good repair or faults noted on entry slip and, if clothing, sizes shown. New and/or used items are accepted for auction. They must somehow be detecting oriented. Minimum starting bid must be printed on each entry slip. Lower starting bids usually bring more bidders and higher sale prices.
- Enter your sale items as soon as you arrive at the meeting so potential bidders will have a

chance to examine your items. There will also be time during the break to view the items which will be auctioned. Lots will be auctioned in random order, at the auctioneer's discretion, to maintain a balance of interest. Bidding will be by show of furnished bid card only. All sales are final. Look before you bid. Cash and approved personal checks to original owner will be accepted. No credit cards.

- Remember, no cash payment until all funds are collected and items disbursed.

Upcoming Events ...

August Token Hunt
Saturday, August 23rd
10:00 a.m.

Cache Coin Hunt
Sunday, August 24th
2:00 p.m.

Club Meeting
Tuesday, August 26th
7:30 p.m. - Auction

Milan Fall Hunt
Saturday, September 6th
KC Campground

Club Meeting
Tuesday, September 23rd
7:30 p.m.

Autumn Weekend
October 10th-12th
Details in This Newsletter

“Message from the President . . . FRED KLEMM”

It's hard to believe but my calendar says that it's August already and there is only another month of summer left! For those of us who water detect, that means there is only another few weeks of searching for that elusive diamond ring. Of course, there are always those dedicated few who keep hitting the water until the ice begins to form.

But what is bad news for the water detectorist is good news for those who prefer to detect on land. The rock hard ground that you cannot even begin to dig in will soon begin to moisten again so that we can get to those deep silver signals.

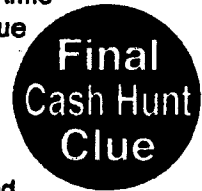
Fall is an exciting time for the Club and this year is no exception. The Milan Fall Hunt is nearly upon us and we have what sounds like a great fall hunt coming up at a campground in October. I am especially looking forward to both of these events because I was unable to attend either one last year. I had a death in the family during the Milan Fall Hunt and my wedding anniversary fell on the Autumn Weekend Hunt. For some reason my wife did

not feel that camping with the Club would be an appropriate anniversary trip. Go figure!

For those of you who are newer and have never attended the Milan Fall Hunt or a Autumn Weekend Hunt, I would strongly encourage you to sign up for both. They are really great ways to get to know fellow members, spend time detecting and just get away for a day or two.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Once again it is time to put the cache clue to rest. Thanks to everyone who participated in the search. I hope you enjoyed looking and that you found treasures along the way. So meet me at Nash Park, Sunday, August 24th, at 2:00 p.m., to help me recover my lost money. Nash Park is on Henry Ruff, west of Middlebelt, south off Five Mile Road and north of Lyndon. A gold coin will be rewarded the finder at the August meeting.



– Riley Saylor

Milan Madness

Every organization at some time or other must turn inward if the character and will to participate together as a common goal assemblage would survive. It's now your turn to put a value on what being part of the Michigan Treasure Hunters Club means. Alphabet soup wouldn't be nearly the same if 2/3 of the consonants and two or three vowels decided to just not hop in the mix this time and watch to see just how the broth turns out without them. Membership dues just can't begin to cover the type of MTH programs we all have enjoyed in the past. Our only true fund raiser has been an activity filled weekend (now one day) open hunt. This till now has kept our finances, if not adequate, at least manageable. Unfortunately, the last few years our member support and enthusiasm seems to have declined to where we now haven't quite broken even. This means as our cash flow fades, our programs may also be limited. So, look at your mailing address. If your last name has two consonants and at least one vowel, you are the essential ingredient we need. It's time to get back

to the mix, before we're limited to four-letter words about MTH's future. It's time a lot more of us found a way to get to Milan, Michigan on Friday evening and Saturday, September 5th and 6th, and showed up intending to help MTH continue to grow instead of settling for a smaller portion of a thinner soup du jour.

Our one-day event consists of four main hunts for silver, gold coins, collector coins, prizes and one detector in each hunt. Tokens are buried for many, many prizes and also for an extra small fee you can support the Michigan Kidney Foundation summer camp. This fee entitles you to enter a special hunt for about 30 pieces of gold jewelry (rings, bracelets and necklaces). Bring the youngsters for a free hunt, for contestant's families, with coins and toy prizes. Check your hunt flyer that was included in May's newsletter for more details or call any one of the MTH board members. If you don't plan on coming to hunt, please support MTH by coming to give us a helping hand.

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Club Meeting

MINUTES

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lorraine Haas, Secretary*

The meeting was called to order by Fred Klemm at 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 2003 and the Club officers and board members were introduced. There were no guests present that evening and approximately 75 members were present.

The various raffles were explained.

Kris Seaburg is now in charge of the Club Library.

Virginia Chojnowski showed the new Club t-shirts that are now for sale. Any Club name tags that were ordered are ready to be picked up.

Barb Whitman gave the treasurer's report.

The \$5 Gold Coin Raffle was run by Clarence Herberholz and the Progressive Raffle was headed by Harry and Doris Dayner.

The Fish Bowl was passed around.

FMDAC Raffle tickets were also sold.

The Club Picnic was held the prior weekend at Pontiac Lake and those who attended had a good time detecting and playing games.

Marcia Reiser spoke about the Ladies' Hunt that will be held on Saturday, August 9. A breakfast at Big Boy will be held before the hunt.

Larry Prested talked about the Milan Fall Hunt. A lot of coins and tokens for prizes and jewelry will be buried. He also spoke about the Autumn Weekend which will be held at an 80-year-old camp. Both land and water hunting will be held. This

event will take place on October 10, 11, and 12, 2003.

Fred also reiterated how much fun the Autumn Weekend and Milan Fall Hunt are.

Next month's meeting is the Club's annual auction. Please get those items ready to bring in.

The Club's annual potluck will be held in January. Volunteers are needed to assist with this project.

The FMDAC newsletter was discussed.

A break was held from 8:05 p.m. until 8:35 p.m.

The speaker for the evening, Mr. Mark Oppat, was introduced by Riley Saylor. The topic of discussion was antique tube radios. The speaker's knowledge was very informative and enjoyed by all.

The Find of the Month awards were presented by Ray Koski and Fred Christensen.

The Mystery Find was for a gold necklace. There were no winners.

Riley Saylor said that the Cache of Coins final hunt will be announced in *The Prober*.

September's speaker will be a privy digger.

Cathy Soderberg and Chuck Froelich won the 50/50 raffle. The Silver and Gold Coin Raffle winners were Marie Hornaoff, Lorraine Haas and Larry Clarrocchi, who won twice. The Membership Draw winner was David Picard. There was a drawing for a silver round for the Ladies Hunt and was won by Lorraine Haas. The \$5 Gold Coin winner was Terry Clark.

The next Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2003.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Autumn Weekend
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
October 10, 11 and 12, 2003
Cost: \$75.00

The park is approximately 80 plus years old. The agenda will be very similar to the other hunts that Larry and Sharon Prested have organized in the past. Both land and water hunting are allowed.

This is an adult, members-only weekend.

As in the past, there will be no meals or hunting allowed on Friday, October 10th. As always, no alcohol is permitted.

Space is limited to have 40 people go on this outing. Get your application in early. Thank you.

Make checks payable to MTH and indicate Autumn Weekend. Send to: MTH

P.O. Box 510237
Livonia, MI 48151-6237

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone Number: _____

Member No. _____ No. Attending _____

Amount Paid _____

Next Club Meeting – Tuesday, August 26, 2003 - 7:30 p.m.

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at the BOARD MEETING ...
Respectfully Submitted, Fred Klemm, Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order
by Chairperson Clarence Herberholz
on Tuesday, July 29, 2003.

Barbara Whitman and Lorraine
Haas were absent.

Topics discussed:

- Treasurer's Report
- Committee and Job Assignments
- Coin Status
- Merchandise Update
- Ladies' Hunt
- August Meeting Format
- Fall Hunt at Milan
- Speaker for September Meeting
- Nominating Committee Assigned
- Autumn Weekend
- Fish Bowl Hunt
- Speaker for October Meeting

- November Meeting – Holiday Party
 - January Meeting – Potluck – at Faith Lutheran Church
 - Deadlines for Newsletter
- The meeting was adjourned.

The next Club meeting will be
Tuesday, August 26, 2003 at 7:30
p.m.

The next board meeting is sched-
uled for Wednesday, August 27,
2003 at 7:30 p.m.

*If you have any articles to
submit for the The Prober,
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of the month.*

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