



The Prober

Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club
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Club Meetings:

Aug 26th.....7:30 p.m. **Auction**
Sept 23th.....7:30 p.m.
Oct 28th.....7:30 p.m. **Silent Auction**
Doors open shortly after 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

Aug 24th (Sun) **Token Hunt** at Pontiac Lake Recreation Area at 1:00 p.m. on the beach. It will be in memory of Tom Weaver. It is being put on by Peggy Collins assisted by Doug Gries and Ross Soderberg. Peggy will be bringing a large sub sandwich. Others should bring their own drinks, chips, dinnerware, plasticware and an extra dish if desired.
Aug 17 (Sun) **Shipwreck Exhibit** at Detroit Science Center. Meet at the DSI at 10:00 a.m..
Aug 28th (Thurs) **Final Milan Hunt Committee Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia DPW. They will be counting out the coins for the hunts and separating the prizes.
Sept 6th (Sat) **Milan Hunt**
Oct 5th (Sun) 1:00 p.m. **Fish-Bowl Hunt** at Rotary Park, Liv.. Huntmaster: Jerry Wickens
Oct 10 to 12th....**Autumn Weekend** (See page 4 for details)

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

**A Tesoro Silver uMax Detector
will be raffled at the August
26th meeting.**

Welcome Guests: Harry Beckwith,
Verna Piper and Joe Rebmann
Refreshments for August: Tim &
Sharon Standish and Vincent Tremain



PRESIDENT PAUL C. LEONARD'S AUGUST MESSAGE

Lots of stuff to cover...

Joanie Rundell did a the Ladies Hunt held on Livonia and the day began rant just down the road



great job as Huntmistress for July 19th at Beverly Park in with breakfast at Leon's Restau- from the park. While the ladies were eating (along with a few of the guys), Don Jaeger and Dan Tomala were busy planting coins and other goodies (not to mention hanging dollar bills from trees!). Coins and some very nice prizes were in abundance and a dozen ladies participated in the hunt. Everyone had a great time and MTH thanks Joanie and her crew for a job well done!

Our July 22nd meeting saw Mr. Ken Schramm of Warren give us a very informative presentation on collecting railroad memorabilia. He and his father have written a number of books on the subject and this was evidenced by his knowledge of Detroit's old railroads, including the old Detroit Streets and Railways (DSR) system. My thanks to Ken for an enjoyable talk!

MTH's Annual Picnic was held on August 3rd at Dodge #4 State Park and Darrin Mendrick, Larry Pirochta and Jeff Kerner once again did a fantastic job of putting on this event. The food was great and there was plenty of it; the football was flying and so were the watermelon seeds; metal detecting was limited to the water and surrounding beach areas but that didn't stop anyone from having a good time and finding their share of coins and other goodies. A total of 200 water balloons also saw flight and for some unexplainable reason I was on the receiving end of about 50 of them but they felt good on the hot day. It was also fun to see the all the kids having a good time with their games and their preoccupation with the raffles. Many thanks Larry, Darrin and Jeff for a great day of fun on "The Hill"!

Ross Soderberg, Doug Gries and Peggy Collins will be putting on the August 24th Token Hunt at Pontiac Lake in memory of the late Tom Weaver. Tom's children, Megan and Zachary, will be in attendance in addition to members of Tom's family. I'm very sorry that I can't attend this meaningful event but on this particular weekend I have a wedding to attend and my daughter, Alexandra, goes back to Grand Rapids for her senior year at Aquinas College. Even though I won't be there in person, I'll be there in spirit.

Don't forget that our August 26th meeting is our Annual Auction. No speaker, but lots of good metal detecting-related items will be available to bid on and our Auctioneer, Board member Tom Klisz, will be very busy hawking all the metal detecting-related items that you bring in (maximum four (4) lots per membership). So get to the meeting a little early and register the goodies that you'd like to unload -- and --check out the items you'd like to buy. Also, remember to bring some extra cash and/or your checkbook. The Auction's a fantastic opportunity to acquire some needed equipment at a great price!

Also, don't forget that the MTH needs donations for the October Silent Auction. Tom Klisz has already received some valuable items for this year's event -- an event that added \$362.00 to last year's treasury. Everyone was very pleased with this unexpected amount so let's see if we can't top that figure this year by donating some of your unwanted items. By doing so, MTH and you will benefit.

Hope to see you at the August 26th meeting!

Paul



THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

Michigan Treasure Hunters Board of Directors Meeting July 29, 2008

The meeting started at 7:06 p.m. All board members were present. The alternate Jerry Wickens was also present.

Topics Discussed:

Treasurers Report

Coin purchases (increase in Silver and Gold Prices)

Prober deadline questions, articles, advertising and etc.

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

Merchandise Sales & Nametags

Club Picnic August 3rd

Mini Hunts & Out-of-State Hunts
Possible MTH Shirts and etc for Merchandise Sales

Outing to Detroit Science Center to see Shipwreck Exhibit. Date Aug 17th

Token Hunts (Change in Coin Format)

Autumn Weekend date Oct 10-12th

Milan Hunt Sept 6th. Early registration recommended. Next committee meeting August 28th. 33 registered hunters to date.

Fishbowl Hunt Oct. 5 at 1:00 p.m.

November Holiday Party Nov. 25th at 7:00 p.m.

January Potluck

Nominating Committee

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Next board mtg. Sept 4, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 22, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Leonard, at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Leonard spoke briefly on the recent death of member, Tom Weaver and made note of other deaths of family members in the club. He introduced all present Board Members and Officers and welcomed our 3 guests and 82 members. The 50/50 Raffle, Silver Raffle, Coin Raffle, Membership Raffle, President's Raffle, Escalating Membership Raffle, club library, name tags, and no smoking rule were explained. Paul introduced our guest speaker Ken Schram (Author on Railroad Train Collecting etc). The fishbowl was passed by Jerry Wickens. The Grand Raffle tonight is a 4ozt Silver Coin.

Treasurer, Larry Prested, gave the treasurer's report.

Joanne Rundell spoke about the ladies Hunt on July 19th. Twelve women attended. She thanked everyone for donations and the men who helped bury all of the coins and tokens. Doug Gries found the token after the ladies were done hunting. Jeff Kerner reminded everyone about the Club Picnic August 3rd. See Prober for details on food, location and etc. Tom Klisz spoke on both auctions in August and Oct. The August auction revenue is for members and the Oct. auction is for the club. Start bringing in items for the Oct. auction any time and give them to Tom. Vince Tremain, co-chairman of the Milan Hunt, reminded everyone to please signup for the hunt. There are 29 hunters preregistered already. The Rate is \$100.00 now. A new member volunteered to be our photographer.

Break for refreshments at 8:10 p.m. Meeting resumed at 8:45 p.m.

Rich Mucha introduced our guest speaker, Ken Schram, author and expert on railroads and streetcars. Mr Schram was very informative on this shrinking form of public transportation. His father worked for the Detroit DSR and also authored books on street cars. He gave ideas on what to look for collecting railroad paraphernalia.

Peggy Collins briefly thanked the club for their support on the passing of her fiancée, Tom Weaver.

FOTM winners were presented with plaques and ribbons.

Winners of the 50/50 were Randy Smith and Lorraine Haas. Winners for the Silver Raffle were Robert Ponchart, Howard Smith, Bill Whitman, Clarence Herberholz and Mary Czeszewski. Escalating Raffle had no winner this month. Membership Draw winner was Bonnie Klisz (no badge). Presidents Secret Raffle winners were Rich Mucha and Cheryl Jester. Silver Coin Winner was Chuck Williams.

Next board meeting July 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Next general meeting August 26, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

MILAN HUNT will be held on Saturday, September 6th. The entry fee is now \$100 but it will increase to \$120 after August 31st. Therefore, get your entry in soon to save money and also to aid the organizers to plan and get silver, gold and other prizes at the best prices.

Milan Hunt meeting at Livonia DPW on Thursday, August 28 at 7:30 PM. All committee members who are able to attend are asked to please join the meeting. This is the final meeting before the day of the hunt. Hunt coins will be counted out and prizes separated.

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

JEWELRY:

- 1st:** Peggy Collins..... Gold Ring Inscribed w/ The Lord's Prayer (Last Ring Found By Tom Weaver)
2nd: Sherry Klisz.....Silver Elephant Ring
3rd: Terry Clark.....14K Gold Wedding Band
Others:
 Tom Klisz.....Silver Cladded Ring
 Ross Soderberg..... Indian Chief Ring
 Mark Branton.....Sterling Silver Religious Chain & Medallion Cross
 Rich Mucha..... 19" Italian Silver Necklace
 Mark Rogers.....Silver Plated Cross
 Carol Redigan.....14K Gold Heart Necklace
 Sharon Standish.....Antique Silver Hair Comb
 Joe LeBlanc....."The Crow" Metal Ring

TOKEN:

- 1st:** Terry Clark.....1863 Civil War Token
2nd: Ross Soderberg.....Good for One Package of Mints Token
3rd: Mark Rogers.....Chester Authur 21st President Token
Others;
 Rich Mucha.....Happy/Sad Face Flip Token
 Sharon Standish.....Polesprayers 1953 Token
 Mark Branton.....Fudruckers Token
 Unnamed.....Toledo Zoo Pressed Penny

COIN:

- 1st:** Sharon Standish.....1847 Large Cent
2nd: Larry Ciarrocchi.....1936 Netherland 10 Cent
3rd: Carol Redigan..... 1949 Spanish Coin
Others:
 Chuck Chandler.....Panama Coin
 Dennis Redigan..1971 Kennedy Half
 Mark Rogers.....1893S Barber Dime
 Mark Branton1920 Wheat Cent
 Terry Clark.....1944D Walking Half
 Unnamed.....1912 Canadian Large Cent

RELIC:

- 1st:** Terry Clark.....Matchbox P51D Mustang Airplane
2nd: Carol Redigan.....1st Communion
3rd: Bill Whitman.....U.S. Naval Reserve Const. 20th Battalion Uniform Ornament
Others:
 Dennis Redigan.....Big Chief Cap Pistol
 Clarence Herberholz...Track Award Medal
 Ross Soderberg.....Crown of a "G-Man" Ring
 Mark Rogers.....Rival 12 Ga. Shotgun Shell circa 1920s

AUCTION AUCTION AUCTION at August Meeting

Remember that wet suit that you grew out of last year, that extra pair of water shoes, an odd scoop or probe? Now is the time to sell your extra detecting equipment, books or magazines at our August Auction. Again, all money goes back to the selling club members at the end of the auction. You must pick up a bid number from the auction staff to bid. Bring lots of money to make great purchases at auction prices. Every item will be sold or returned to the owner. Don't pass up this meeting and bring a new friend. Tom Klisz

Club Benefit Silent Auction Set for October Meeting

Last year we had our first club benefit auction and raised almost \$300.00 for the club. I've been asked to run this auction again this year and to make it bigger and better with all proceeds going to the club treasury. This is your chance to donate anything you want to put on the auction tables. All donations become club property and cannot be returned if not sold. Can you bake a dozen cookies? Fine! Donate them. Think creatively as the holidays are approaching. Any detecting equipment or anything else will be sold to help keep our club in the black. The auction works this way: You register your item with a suggested opening bid (low please). There will be a strip of paper for each item and you will be given ample time to sign your name and your bid on a slip that you wish to bid on. Full names written legibly are important. After a pre-determined time, a bell will ring and the last name and bid on the list wins the item. Bring lots of creative stuff and make this silent auction a big success. We will accept donation items at the August and September meetings. Thanks, Tom Klisz

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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

AUTUMN WEEKEND

\$60.00 per person

October 10, 11 & 12th

NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED

It will be very close to home this year.

To signup, send the information below along with a check for \$60.00 made out to:

Sharon D. Prested
13358 Neff Rd.
Clio, MI 48420

For information, call Sharon at 810-686-3498.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

How many attending: _____

OTHER THINGS

- 1 MTH Nametags are available from the treasurer for \$4.00.**
- 2 Tom Klisz is now accepting donations for the October 28th Silent Auction.**
- 3 President Paul Leonard is interested in buying gold and silver coins from members for use in club events. Especially 2.5 Gold Pesos. 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 a part in MTH meetings and events.

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

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

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