



# The Prober

**Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club**  
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## PRESIDENT PAUL C. LEONARD'S MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY

My thanks to those members who cast their votes for me last month—even though I ran unopposed for the second year in a row. Congratulations to Tom Klisz, Cheryl Jester, Larry Prested, Clarence Herberholz, Harry Dayner, Tom Weaver and Dave Picard on their being elected as well; Vince Tremain is our alternate board member. Our first Board meeting was held on February 1st and I personally found it to be very productive; consequently, I believe that 2007 will be a *great* year for the Michigan Treasure Hunters Club. My first objective is to make our meetings and events *fun* and *enjoyable* for all members (and, yes, there is the possibility that I'll pick on you as well!); I want speakers for our meetings who are informative and have a subject-matter that relates to our hobby of metal detecting—a hobby that we all have a deep passion for. I also envision some changes in the way MTH operates—possibly more hunts throughout the year and my biggest hope is for greater member involvement in MTH activities. You'll be hearing a lot more on all that as the year progresses.



I'd like to take a moment to thank those members who ran for office but didn't get elected. Don't get discouraged, get *more* involved in MTH and your stock will definitely rise as far as electability is concerned. Many thanks to the folks that served as your Club's officers last year: Nate Larson, Lynn Walker, Bonnie Klisz, Chuck Williams, Mark Branton, Rich Mucha, Clarence Herberholz and Larry Prested. Their service was invaluable, as was the service of all those in MTH that volunteered of their time. That means if you ran a hunt, sold something, fed us, made something for us, booked a speaker, printed something, helped us get ready for a meeting, brought some desserts or refreshments, provided us with reading materials, burned your gas to help us, organized a table of finds, etc. etc.—and just gave of your time for the benefit of Michigan Treasure Hunters—I **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!** Special thanks are in order to Virginia Chojnowski, who served for a number of years as editor of our newsletter, *The Prober*. Many thanks to you Virginia, and good luck Chuck!

Last, I'd like to briefly address the elimination of the forum on the MTH website. Your Board was faced with a difficult decision concerning many back-and-forth interactions—perceived by *many* (and not just your Board) to be a negative reflection on our MTH Club. Your Board voted unanimously to shelve that portion of the website—but the MTH website itself will still serve as a vital function of our club and will continue as an informational source for those who wish to access it. Speaking for myself, the very last thing that I want the MTH website to convey is an attitude of hostility and negativity within our ranks. That's not what we are about, my friends! MTH is a family-oriented organization, dedicated to metal detecting for the last 33 years in a fun, informative and positive environment. I intend to see that that commitment, made by MTH founder Al Temple, continues under my watch!

Call me at 313-582-6740 if anyone has any questions! I hope to see all of you at the February 27th meeting!

Paul

### Upcoming Events!

#### Club meetings:

February 27th.....7:30pm  
Guest Speaker on Hobo Nickels.  
March 27.....7:30pm  
April 24th.....7:30pm  
Doors open shortly after 7:00pm

#### Michigan Treasure Hunters 2007 OFFICERS

President.....Paul C. Leonard  
Vice President.....Tom Klisz  
Secretary.....Cheryl Jester  
Treasurer.....Larry Prested

#### Board of Directors

Clarence Herberholz.....Chairman  
Harry Dayner Dave Picard  
Tom Weaver Tom Sniezek  
Vince Tremain.....Alternate

#### Welcome Guest: Doug Young

Refreshments for February: Darrin Mendrick, Jeff Kerner and Larry Pirochta

#### SILVER COINS WANTED

Looking to cash in some of your silver coins? If so, the MTH Club is looking to buy silver coins at market price to be used for prizes and in the token hunts. Contact any club officer if interested.

# THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

**Congratulations 2006  
Winner's Circle Pin Winners**



Silver Winner's Circle Pins were awarded to members who took 1st place in a Find-of-the-Month Contest during 2006 and displayed their find at the January meeting..

Randy Arceri	Nov Token	1864 Boot & Shoes
Terry Clark	Nov Coin	1834 Large Cent
John Jaynes	Oct Jewelry	10K Gold Ring
Fred Klemm	May Coin	1891 Seated Dime
Tom Sniezek	June Relic	1800's Cinco Cigar Sign
Ross Soderberg	Sept Relic	Dog Whistle
	April Token	1937 Ford Token
	Aug Jewelry	Gold Ring w/ 5 Rubies
Sharon Standish	Aug Relic	Spirit of St. Louis Pin
Tim Standish	Aug Coin	1899-O Morgan Dollar
Tom Weaver	Sept Token	1857 Can. Bank Token
	Oct Token	Chief of the Six's Token
	April Coin	1807 Large Cent
	Sept Coin	1773 British Half Penny
	July Relic	Old Walking Cane

## Remember You Name It Metal Detectors?

Well, Barbara M. Latshaw, who owned it, has MS, was involved in an auto accident and has closed shop and moved. In case anyone wants to send her a card or say hello, her new address is 21171 Armada Ridge Road, Armada, MI 48005. We all wish her well.

Many thanks to Virginia Chojnowski. Without her help I would have had a much harder time producing this my first edition of the Prober. She directed me to the correct software, contacts, Adobe converter, back issues of the Prober in MS Publisher format to cut and paste from, and address lists.

Chuck Williams

Visit our web page at [www.michigantreasurehunters.com](http://www.michigantreasurehunters.com) for more club details.

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

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## How You Can Save the Club About \$7.00 a Year!

By agreeing to download your Prober from the MTH website at [www.michigantreasurehunters.com](http://www.michigantreasurehunters.com) rather than having it mailed. It will also be Emailed to you. Just send me an Email with your Email address at [chuck7739@comcast.net](mailto:chuck7739@comcast.net). Also, let me know if you would like a trial copy Emailed to you.

## February's Speaker-Joe Goode

on

### The Art of Hobo Nickels

My name is Joe Goode and I began to collect coins back in the middle 1960's when I worked for my uncle on a milk truck. We delivered Wilson milk to stores and the owners always let him go through their change. This got me interested and I slowly began to collect odd coins myself. Well marriage, family, work and other commitments put coin collecting on hold. After teaching school for a third of a century, I retired in 2002. Then my wife told me to do something! So I began in earnest to collect coins. About three years ago I joined the Northwest Detroit Coin Club and someone auctioned off a book on hobo nickels. I had never heard of these and the more I read the more I got sucked in. I have managed to sink a few dollars into this hobby in a very short time. I hope to interest some of you in this phase of coin collecting and in return learn more about treasure hunting. Thanks very much for your time and patience.

Please plan on attending this month's meeting and learn about hobo nickels (art from buffalo nickels).

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 1, 2007**

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.  
All Board members were present.

**The topics of discussion were:** Coin inventory, coin and silver purchases, plaques and ribbons, speakers for upcoming meetings, website page, Autumn weekend, Fall hunt.

**Other topics that were addressed:** Committee assignments, upcoming open house, church dates.

The next board meeting is 7:00 P.M., March 6th at Tom Klisz's home.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Jester, Secretary

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**FOR**  
**MILAN FALL HUNT**

After running the Milan Fall Hunt for several years, Larry Prested would like for someone to step up and run the hunt in 2007.

Several other volunteers are also needed to help out with the hunt.

If you are willing to take over the hunt or help out, contact Larry Prested or any other club officer.

Since Larry is the club treasurer, he can be found seated at the front table at the meetings.

**HALF POUND SILVER BAR OR ROUND TO  
BE RAFFLED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING**

**MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS**  
**2007 VOLUNTEER POSITIONS**

**Volunteers are Needed for the Following Jobs/Activities:**

<b>Prober Editor:</b>	Chuck Williams
<b>Webmaster:</b>	Ross Soderberg
<b>Refreshment Stand at Monthly Meetings:</b>	Chuck & Sophia Froelich
<b>Photographer (Digital) at Meetings &amp; Events:</b>	
<b>Silver Raffle Table:</b>	
<b>50/50 Raffle Table:</b>	Earl Hansen
<b>Escalating Jackpot:</b>	
<b>Find of the Month Table (3 Volunteers &amp; 1 Alt.):</b>	Mark Branton, Vincent Trenain, Chuck Williams Alt. TBD
<b>Merchandise &amp; NameTag Sales Table:</b>	Dominic Fustini
<b>Library Table:</b>	
<b>Hunt Master at Spring Warm-Up Hunt:</b>	Tom Weaver
<b>Hunt Master of Ladies Token Hunt:</b>	
<b>Organizer of Club Picnic:</b>	
<b>Organizer of Autumn Weekend:</b>	Larry and Sharon Prested
<b>Organizer of Fall Hunt (Milan, MI) (Many Positions):</b>	
<b>Organizer of Holiday Party:</b>	
<b>Organizer of January 2008 Potluck:</b>	
<b>Nominating Committee:</b>	
<b>Guest Book:</b>	

These positions are held annually. If there are no volunteers for an event, then it may be cancelled.  
**Please contact any club officer to volunteer.** Let's all do our part for our MTH club.

# THE PROBER NEWSLETTER

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

The MTH Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm  
The meeting is held at:

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

**February 27th meeting @ 7:30pm**

**Next Meeting March 27th @ 7:30pm.**

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

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$18.00 PER YEAR  
WITH AN INITIATION FEE OF \$5.00  
Membership includes all club functions, meeting &  
a monthly newsletter.

## CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 23, 2007

President, Paul C. Leonard called the meeting to order at 8:00pm. Paul introduced all the current present Officers and Board members and the one guest, Doug Young. Mr. Leonard explained the no smoking rule, small child rule, club raffles, membership draw, "Find of the Month", club merchandise, name tags, fish bowl, guest book, wooden box raffle, refreshment sheet, escalating jackpot, token hunts and the Library. Larry Prested gave the Treasurer's report.

Bill Whitman conducted the elections and swearing in of the new 2007 Officers and Board members. The new 2007 Officers and Board members are listed on the first page of this newsletter.

Paul C. Leonard was awarded a lovely MTH Jewelry box, handcrafted by Glenn James, for serving as President in 2006.

50/50 raffle winners were Stan Cebulski and Bill Whitman.

Coin raffle winners were Chuck Williams (1945 Gold 2.5 Peso), Larry Pirochta (2003 Silver round), Manny Gauci (1944 Standing Liberty Silver Half Dollar and Richard Allen (1964 Silver Quarter).

Membership Draw winner was Dennis Redigan (Silver Quarter since no nametag).

Lovely Crafted Wooden Box Winner was Bill Whitman.

Escalating jackpot wasn't held.

Next board meeting is March 6, 2007 at 7:00pm at Tom Klisz's home.

Mr. Leonard adjourned the meeting at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Cheryl Jester.

**If you have any ads or articles you would like to post in the Prober, please contact Chuck Williams, editor. A fee may apply for an ad to be placed in the Prober.**