



The Prober

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PRESIDENT PAUL C. LEONARD'S FEB. MESSAGE

Many thanks to all our MTH members who cast their votes in last month's elections! Voter response was more than twice what it was last year and I'm grateful for that since I (and others) harped on the subject a good portion of the year. However, I believe that there's still room for improvement in that area and I know that I'll be addressing the topic at a future time.



Congratulations are in order to Mark Branton, Bonnie Klisz, Larry Prested, Dave Picard, Tom Klisz, Chuck Williams, Cheryl Jester, Jeff Kerner and our Board alternate, Jerry Wickens. Our first Board meeting was very productive and I believe that our 2008 group is a nice blend of experience and new blood as well. Thanks to your votes, ladies and gentlemen, 2008 looks like another great year for MTH! Also, my thanks to Nominating Committee Chairman Tom Klisz for a job well done!

As I've done in the past, I'd also like to thank those members who ran for office but fell just short of being elected. Trust me when I say that all of the voting was very concentrated and there wasn't a great distance in terms of votes between the top voter-getters and those that finished with the fewest. Everyone who ran distinguished him or herself very well and should be commended for participating in our election process! Many thanks also go out to Vince Tremain for such a fine job of putting together the Potluck Dinner. It was well organized, the food was great, it was plentiful and there weren't shortages/excesses in the various categories. Great job Vince!

Kudos to the men and women who served you as MTH officers last year: Tom Klisz, Cheryl Jester, Larry Prested, Clarence Herberholz, Harry Dayner, Tom Sniezek, Dave Picard and Vince Tremain. Thanks also go to *Prober* Editor Chuck Williams for a job well done! Their service was invaluable, as was the service of every MTH member who volunteered of his or her time. Thank you one and all!

As is customary at this time of the year, the various jobs and positions within MTH are starting to be filled. If you'd like to donate some of your valuable time to this great organization, please give me a call and I'll put you to work for the benefit of *your Club!*

I hope to see you at the February 26th meeting!

Paul (313) 582-6740



Upcoming Events!

Club Meetings:

February 26th.....8:00 p.m.

Doors open shortly after 7:30 p.m. Later times due to Lenten Services at the church.

March 25th.....7:30 p.m.

1st Find-of-the-Month

March TBD...1st Token Hunt

April 22nd.....7:30 p.m.

Open House

Doors open shortly after 7:00 p.m.

Michigan Treasure Hunters

2007 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

Welcome Guest: Pat Scott

Refreshments for February:

Cheryl Jester and Chuck Williams

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CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 22, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Paul Leonard. Paul welcomed everyone to the annual election and potluck meeting. He then introduced all officers and board members

There will not be a find of the month tonight, but Winners Circle Pins will be given out for the top finds of the month for the past year.

There were 63 people in attendance including one guest, Pat Scott.

The treasurers report was given by Larry Prested.

Paul told of the escalating price of gold and silver and if anyone would like to sell any gold pesos or silver half dollars to let the club know.

Break for dinner at 6:55 p.m. Great buffet!
Meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m.

Winner Circle Pins and Years of Service Pins were awarded.

50/50 Winners: Paul Leonard & Gerry Grusendorf
Silver Bar Raffle Winner: Don Jaeger
Silver Drawing Winners: Larry Ciarrocchi, Tom McMullen, Vince Tremain, Bill Whitman and Paul Leonard

Election Results:

President: Paul Leonard

Vice President: Mark Branton

Treasure: Larry Prested

Secretary: Bonnie Klisz

Board of Directors: Chairman (Tie between Tom Klisz and Dave Picard to be decided by Board), Jeff

Kerner, Cheryl Jester and Chuck Williams. Alternate is Jerry Wickens

Respectively submitted,

Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

Michigan Treasure Hunters Board of Directors Meeting January 29, 2008

The meeting started at 7:10 p.m. all board members were present including the alternate.

Topics Discussed:

Treasurers Report

Budget for 2008

Membership Dues – Increased from \$18.00 to \$20.00

Find-of-the-Month, Ribbons and Plaques

Prober Deadline and Questions

Committee and Job Assignments

Winners Circle and Anniversary Pins

Merchandise Sales and Name Tags

Ladies Hunt

Mini Hunts

Token Hunts

Monthly Meetings

Autumn Weekend

Milan Hunt

Fishbowl

November Holiday Party

January Potluck

Nominating Committee

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

Visit our web page at
www.michigantreasurehunters.com
for club information.
Remember, **“We leave it cleaner
than we found it.”**

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If you have any ads or articles you would like to post in the Prober, please contact Chuck Williams, editor at Chuck7739@comcast.net. A fee may apply for an ad to be placed in the Prober. Deadline for articles is 10th of the month.

MILAN HUNT SET-UP MEETING

February 14, 2008

7:00 PM

Livonia DPW Yard

All Concerned and Volunteers are Welcome

Contact: Dave Picard 734 464-6366

SILVER WINNERS CIRCLE PIN RECIPIENTS

Terry Clark Gus Dombrowski

Clarence Herberholz Don Jaeger

Larry Prested Matt Prested

Dave Picard Mark Rogers

**Ross Soderberg Sharon
Standish**

Joe Talbot Tom Weaver

Bill Whitman Chuck Williams

2008 DUES RENEWAL

DUE MAY 1, 2008

AND

INCREASED FROM \$18.00 TO \$20.00

**Increased cost of gold, silver and every-
thing else has made it necessary to in-
crease the dues by \$2.00.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Volunteers are need for several
club functions. Please contact
any club officer if you are willing
to take an active part in MTH
meetings and events.**

How You Can Save MTH \$9.00/Year!

By agreeing to download your Prober from the MTH website rather than having it mailed. It will also be Emailed to you. Just send your Email address to Chuck7739@comcast.net

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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

Up Close & Personal By Tom Klisz

Welcome to a New Year of Up Close and Personal. This month's candidate is our Prober editor and newly elected board member Chuck Williams. Chuck and his wife, Virginia, joined our club in 2002. Chuck was volunteering at the humane society and exercising afterwards at his fitness club when the topic of treasure hunting came up.

His friend said that he knew Terry Clark, who both he and Chuck had worked with at Ford Motor Co, and that Terry belonged to a treasure hunting club. Terry introduced Chuck to Nate Larson and a friendship was begun revolving around MTH.

Chuck had worked for Ford for 33 years as well as attended Wayne State University and received a Bachelors Degree and two Masters Degrees in electrical engineering. Using these talents at Ford, Chuck worked on the development of the air bag which protects us all. He retired from Ford in 2001 and now classifies himself as a full time treasure hunter.

Chuck's wife Virginia works at the University of Michigan where she creates costumes for all of their productions. They each have a son and a daughter, all in their forties. Together they share thirteen grand-kids and two great-grandchildren.

When it comes to detecting, Chuck has plenty of detectors. He has 2 Minelab Explorers, a White XLT, a Garrett 300, a Minelab Excalibur, a Fisher C220 and a Tesoro Tiger shark. Chuck hunts both water and land, as well as with scuba gear.

His favorite find was a combination diamond engagement and wedding ring found in the sand at Daytona Beach, Florida just South of where they own a home near the ocean. Also at Belle Isle, he found an 1857 "Bank of Upper Canada" bank token.

Along with treasure hunting, Chuck likes woodworking. He likes to create larger items such as a sewing cabinet and Murphy bed. He also likes reading and computers.

Chuck likes the camaraderie of the club and the excitement of seeing what other members find. He would like to see some form of the Forum restored to our website, election reform and more out of state trips by the club. Chuck has been Prober editor for the last two years, a board member three times, has sold club merchandise and names tags and worked on the Find of the Month. Chuck is an example of service to the club which we can all emulate.