



The Prober

Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club

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Club Meetings:

Jan 27th.....**6:30 p.m.** Potluck Dinner and Elections

Feb 24th.....7:30 p.m.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

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

Refreshments for January: Furnished by the MTH

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIONS

For President: Mark Branton
For Vice Pres.: Vince Tremain
For Treasurer: Jerry Wickens
For Secretary: Bonnie Klisz
For Board of Directors:
(Five to be Elected)

Terry Clark
Peggy Collins
Harry Dayner
Don DeGeorge
Don Jaeger
Tom Klisz
Dave Picard
Joannie Rundell
Chuck Williams



PRESIDENT PAUL C. LEONARD'S JANUARY MESSAGE

I'd like to begin my hoping that every- throughout this everyone a Happy



last *President's Message* by one in MTH is blessed Holiday season and I wish New Year as well.

In the past, I've had little difficulty knowing what I'm about to write for my monthly message, however, this one's been a little tougher than I thought it would be. Suffice it to say that for the past three years I've truly enjoyed being the president of such a fine organization. But even more than that, for the past 14+ years I've truly enjoyed just being a member with such a fine group of people. I've made many, many friends during that time, I've learned more about coins, jewelry, tokens and you name it than I sometimes care to know--and I look forward to meeting new friends and learning even more as time goes on.

The only *words of wisdom* that I will offer in this message is for everyone to vote and vote early for the 2009 slate of officers. Last year's ballot returns were 50% greater than the previous year and I'd like to see an even better number for this election. So when you get your ballot in the mail (and everyone will get a ballot by mail), cast your important votes and then promptly mail it back to MTH.

That way, you can't forget the ballot either at home, work, or wherever and it will be counted!

Lastly, thank you for all the support that you've shown me and all the Officers and Board members that I've been fortunate enough to serve with. I hope that you enjoyed the meetings that I presided over as much as I did and I look forward to sitting with you in front of the podium rather than behind it. And, good luck to all who will serve MTH in 2009!

I look forward to seeing you at the January 27th meeting!



FIND OF THE YEAR RETURNS TO MTH!

This year your board of directors voted to re-install our Find of the Year Awards in all four categories: Coin, Jewelry, Token and Relic. These prestigious awards will be voted on during the January Potluck Dinner and Elections. Everyone present (Members & Guests) at the January event will be allowed to vote for what they see as the Best of the Best.

To qualify for the Find of the Year, you must first have won a 1st place in a Find of the Month Contest, and you must personally bring your winning FOTM find and associated plaque to the January meeting for which you will also receive a newly designed Silver Winners Circle Pin.

**Michigan Treasure Hunters
Board of Directors Dinner/Meeting
December 13, 2008**

The dinner/meeting started at 7:00 p.m. at Angelo's Restaurant. All board members were present except for board alternate, Jerry Wickens.

No business was covered except, for the treasurer's report and Cheryl Jester withdrew from running for the Board of Directors. Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

Michigan Numismatic Society Show A Big Hit!

My wife, Sherry, and Granddaughter, Andie, joined me and attended the Michigan Numismatic Society Bi-Annual Coin show at the Hyatt in Dearborn the Saturday following Thanksgiving. We responded to the article in our Prober that invited MTH members to the show and a special enticement was a program for children. After locating the show, there were two large rooms. We found that one room contained displays of every type of coin, medals, and paper currency. The other, a main hall, had several hundred exhibitors each with hundreds of gold and silver coins with a variety of coins from ancient Rome to new proof sets. I selected a Civil War token with President Andrew Jackson on one side and a serpent on the other with the word "beware" above it and the date 1863. On the obverse side around the bust of Jackson were the words "The Union - it must and shall be preserved". We had seen the Statue of Jackson in Jackson Park in New Orleans with the same quote which was "added" after the city fell to Union Troops.

A special "kids" program was given by MTH club member Joe LeBlanc who is also a Numismatic Club member. There were about 25 children that received great coin prizes when they answered questions about coinage. The coin club feels that their existence as a group depends on recruiting new and younger members to keep their hobby alive. Sound familiar? For \$5.00 a special youth rate, Andie joined on the spot and has been an avid coin collector with a specialty in State Quarters. I would recommend that our members attend their Spring show as well as the Fall one. You won't be disappointed.

Tom Klisz

CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR NOV. 25, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Leonard at 7:45 p.m. He introduced all present Board Members and Officers and welcomed our special guests Marine Col. Thomas M. Doman and Chief Officer Edward Ford. The Livonia/Redford Toys for Tots Coordinator, Linda Rankin, and her family were also present and brought boxes and posters for our evening collection. Col. Thomas M. Doman gave a thank you speech to our members and gave a brief history on how the Toys for Tots originated over 50 years ago. The fishbowl was passed around for next year's Fishbowl Hunt.

Don DeGeorge, huntmaster for the November token hunt, was presented with a silver Morgan dollar. Don Jaeger found the token and will put on the next token hunt in the spring.

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

President Leonard explained about the new winners circle pins. They are being redesigned this year. You must be present at the January Potluck to win a new pin. You must also bring your first place plaque and winning item in order to qualify. You can only receive one pin no matter how many first place plaques you have received.

Break for appetizers and desserts.

Nominating chairperson, Dave Picard, opened nominations from the floor. No new nominations were made so the nominations were closed. The nominations for officers are: Pres.: Mark Branton; Vice Pres.: Vince Tremain; Treasurer: Jerry Wickens and Secretary: Bonnie Klisz. For the Board: Terry Clark, Peggy Collins, Harry Dayner, Don DeGeorge, Don Jaeger, Cheryl Jester, Tom Klisz, Dave Picard, Joannie Rundell and Chuck Williams. Paul Leonard and Rich Mucha dropped out from the original list.

Find of the month winners were presented with plaques and ribbons. Winner for the 50/50 raffle was Vince Tremain. Silver Draw Winners were Jerry Grusendorf, Larry Pirochta, Andy Songal, Jerry Grusendorf and Chuck Williams. Membership Draw winner was Marsha Reiser. President's Raffle winners were Cathy Kerner and Doug Gries. Four Ounce Silver Round winner was Al Robertson.

Next meeting January 27, 2009 Potluck.

Next Board Dinner/Meeting December 13, 2008.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

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

JEWELRY:

1st: Dennis Redigan.....Silver Locket - Royal
Canadian Navel Volunteer
Reserve founded 1923
2nd: Carol Redigan.....Silver Cross Necklace
3rd: Dave Picard.....Silver Cross 2 - Pac
Exodus 18:11

Others:

Mark Branton.....Stegosaurus Charm
Terry Clark.....10K Gold Wedding Band
Chuck Williams.....Man's Sterling Silver Ring
Mark Rogers..... Man's Sterling Silver Ring

COIN:

1st: Clarence Herberholz..1865 Two-Cent Coin
2nd: Mark Rogers.....1903 Indian Head Cent
3rd: Dennis Redigan....."V" Nickel

Others:

Terry Clark.....1942 Half Crown -
England
Carol Redigan....1949 50 Centavo Coin
Mark Branton.....1941 Wash. Quarter

TOKEN:

1st: Mark Rogers.....Spanish Piece of Eight -
Court of Ferdinand
2nd: Paul Leonard.....Wholesale Grocer,
Detroit, MI Token
3rd: Dennis Redigan.....Wayside West Entertain-
ment Token

RELIC:

1st: Clarence Herberholz...1932 Black & Blue
Detective Radio Show
Giveaway from Iodent
2nd: Fred Klemm.....William Tell Pocket
Knife
3rd: Randy Smith.....Warner's Kidney &
Liver Cure Med. Bottle

Others:

Mark Rogers.....Indian Firetruck Fuel
Cap - Circa 1930
Dennis Redigan.....Uniform Button
Chuck Williams..... Silver "St Christopher
Protect Us" Pendant
Mark Branton.....45 Caliber Black Power
Bullet
Terry Clark....."BIG" Quarter Dollar
Dave Picard.....1968 Rambler Model Car

January Potluck

To All MTH members,

The potluck in January is fast approaching. The Potluck will start at 6:30 PM (not 7:30) on January 27, 2009. I would like to request some help to set up tables, chairs etc. for that night. If you are able to volunteer, please plan to be at the church auditorium by about 5:30 PM.

I would also like to request some help in providing dishes for the meal. The Michigan Treasure Hunters is providing chicken, buns and drinks for every one. If you are able to bring a dish, please refer to the following list to get an idea of what is needed.

If your last name starts with A – G, please bring a salad.
If your last name starts with H – R, please bring a main dish.
If your last name starts with S – Z, please bring a dessert.

If we all bring a small dish, it will allow us to partake in a wide array of tastes and give us an enhanced level of enjoyment for the evening.

I look forward to seeing all of you there.
Vince Tremain

THE PROBER NEWSLETTER

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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
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MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB
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able for review and downloading
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Remember, **"We leave it cleaner than
we found it."**
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also be Emailed to you. Just send your Email ad-
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OTHER THINGS

- 1 MTH Nametags are available from the treasurer
for \$4.00.**
- 2 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
coins to sell to the meetings.**
- 3. Voters will be asked on the January ballot whether
they prefer to have a plaque or silver dollar/round in
an inscribed holder for FOTM 1st place awards.**

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.**

**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 the 10th of the
month.**

2008 CANDIDATE PROFILES

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

Mark Branton

Member since: 1976 - 1987 & 2003 - Present

Other Interests: Church, Nascar, Collectibles, Coin Collecting and Reading

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: Board Member, Library, Find of the Month and Vice President. Also did the Fish Bowl Hunt in the early eighties.

Reason for Running for this Office: I want to let myself accept this challenge. I also feel that with the strong members running for the board we can all face our problems tantamount. I will serve in the interest of the club not mine. It will be hard to incorporate new ideas ,after the former president gave us a rather good bit of change, and he was good in his endeavors, but, I am up to the challenge.

OFFICE OF TREASURER

Jerry Wickens

Member since: 2006

Other Interests: Traveling, collecting coins, movies, sports, spending time with family

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: Co-Chair Fall Milan Hunt; Fall Fish Bowl Hunt; Find Of The Month; Alternate Board Member

Reason for Running for this Office: I feel we have a great club and would like to continue to contribute my time whenever possible. Being Treasurer is just a natural extension of my everyday life as a controller at Ford Motor Company. We accomplished several positive goals as a club in 2008, and I would like to continue that pace for 2009.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Terry Clark

Member since: 1980

Other Interests: Model Building, Die-Cast Toy Car and Truck Repairing, Traveling and Metal Detecting

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: President, Vice-President, Board of Directors.

Reason for Running for this Office: Being retired from Ford Motor Co., looks like I'll have time on my hands to help organize and run new hunts for the Club. Lets all make 2009 a great year.

OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT

Vincent Tremain

Member since: August 2006

Other Interests: Computers, Music and Movies

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: Board Member, Co-Chair of Milan Hunt Committee, Find-of-the-Month and put on January Potluck in 2008 and doing it again in 2009.

Reason for Running for this Office: I want to give of myself and my time to the club. I believe that it is important for each member of the club to give what they can to benefit the club.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Bonnie Klisz

Member since: 1990

Other Interests: Collecting, Gardening, Garage Sales & Auctions

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: Secretary, Fall Hunt, Board Member, Board Chairperson, and Potluck & Holiday Party Chairman

Reason for Running for this Office: I really enjoy the club and I have made many friends. I want to keep the club moving along and doing my part to ensure that.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Peggy Collins

Member since: 2004 I think

Other Interests: Art, Community Service, Riding Horses

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: I have put on the ladies hunts two times, I have helped with the holiday party decorating in 2006. I assisted Tom with the hunts that he put on. I also helped with the hunt in honor of Tom this summer.

Reason for Running for this Office: To help give back something to the club for all the help and support that everyone has given me over the last few months.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Harry Dayner

Member since: 1986

Other Interests: Fishing & Hunting

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: President, Vice President & Board six times

Reason for Running for this Office: To help out the club

2008 CANDIDATE PROFILES

OFFICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Don DeGeorge

Member since: 2005

Other Interests: From 1985 to 2004 was a member of the Lancaster Research & Recovery Club of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Served as vice president for two years and as membership chairman for 5 years. Also, formed a local police search and recovery team which has been called out seven times in 2008.

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: I have been hunt master in two MTH Token Hunts.

Reason for Running for this Office: I have been sitting on the sidelines and realized I have a lot to contribute to the club. As a board member I would like to form a Michigan search and recovery team to assist at crime scenes or for local police departments. As a board member I would be better able to put this plan across.

Please support me with your vote for Board Member.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dave Picard

Member since: 2002

Other Interests: Coin Collecting, Wood Working and Old Automobiles

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: Two years on the Board of Directors, Milan Hunt Co-Chairman and Silver Draw

Reason for Running for this Office: MTH is a great club. I would like to see the membership increase, the number of activities increase and be more diverse and I would like to be part of the pro-active approach to these ends.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Don Jaeger

Member since: 2006

Other Interests: Anything to promote detecting and old cars

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: None

Reason for Running for this Office: Help out MTH.

Have held all offices in Masonry. Was Mason Treasurer for over 15 years.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joannie Rundell

Member since: 1982

Other Interests: Garage Sales, Walking, Coins, Animals and Reading

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: Board Member twice, served on just about all MTH Committees and put on Ladies Hunts.

Reason for Running for this Office: Now that I have more spare time, I'd like to do more to help out the MTH.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Klisz

Member since: 1986

Other Interests: I enjoy coin collecting, antique hunting, fishing and reading (especially American History).

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: I have been a Board Member, Vice President, President, Fall Hunt Chairman, Co-Chair Autumn Weekends and MTH Auctioneer.

Reason for Running for this Office: I feel that MTH is one of the best clubs I have ever joined. The club is well run and offers many different activities for our hobby. We have to keep the club and hobby strong and strive to keep it fiscally sound. I feel that I can help our club in these areas. MTH is a family club and it is important to encourage participation of all our members.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chuck Williams

Member since: 2002

Other Interests: Scuba Diving, Disc Golf, Coin Collecting, Travel, Reading, Computers and Woodworking

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: Board of Directors (2004, 2005, 2006 & 2008), Prober Editor in 2007, 2008 and Continuing in 2009, Club Merchandise Table, Nametags, Find-of-the-Month, and maintain the MTH Memberlist.

Reason for Running for this Office: As 2008 Prober Editor, I would be able to get news for the Prober firsthand.

I would like to see more activities that all members can take part in, such as group trips to local and distant hunts and other events.

I would also like to help implement improvements to increase communications between members outside of the meetings. To this end, the membership list and forum should be restored on the MTH website. There should also be more details in the Board Meeting Minutes and clarification of the many unwritten rules.