



The Prober

**Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club
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Club Meetings:

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

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

(Party setup at 6:00 p.m.)

Potluck Dinner, Elections, FOTY,
Bingo and Door Prizes

February 28th.....7:30 p.m.

March 27th.....7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

Sometime in the Spring: 1st Token
Hunt. Hunt Master: Jerry Wickens

Michigan Treasure Hunters 2011 Officers

President.....Mark Branton

Vice President.....Dave Picard

Secretary.....Bonnie Klisz

Treasurer.....Jerry Wickens

Board of Directors

Tom Klisz: Chairman

Don Jaeger Joni Rundell

John Vitkay Chuck Williams

Refreshments for January: Potluck Dinner

**Get Well Wishes to Tom Klisz,
who had surgery on January 4th
and is doing well at home.**

The White MXT Detector will be raffled at the January meeting with a Graded Morgan Silver Dollar and a Silver Dollar for 2nd & 3rd places.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

For President: Dave Picard

For Vice Pres.: Chuck Williams

For Treasurer: Jerry Wickens

For Secretary: Bonnie Klisz

For Board of Directors: (Five to be Elected)

Mark Branton Darlene Ciarrocchi Dave Hackett Don Jaeger

Stanley Rajca Joni Rundell John Vitkay

PRESIDENT MARK BRANTON'S JAN MESSAGE

Hello fellow treasure
presidential message
can give his perspec-



hunters, this is my last
until the new president
tive on the club.

I want to take this
heartfelt thank you to

time to extend a big
each and every one of

you that supported our designated charity "Toys for Tots".
I know just from having the Rankin family in our atten-
dance at our Christmas party that we were getting a multi-
tude of thank yous and as well from the two marines.

Once again, we had plenty of food and desserts to match.
I can't forget to mention the volunteers that helped to set-
up the party and those that stayed to tear down. Without
you our party would not have happened in a timely manner
thank you.

In January we will attend our potluck dinner and if eve-
rything should remain the same "La Rosa's Market" hope-
fully will have their chicken that has blessed our palette for
at least the past 3 years.

We will also be voting on our 2012 slate of officers. I
have asked Joe Le Blanc if he would swear in our new slate
which he has agreed to do. So, with that said I want to give
Joe Le Blanc an early thank you.

I know that in the time ahead Dave Picard will be the
club's new president. I will expect nothing but what is in
the club's better interest to come from Dave. With that
said, thank you very much for allowing me to be the presi-
dent for the past three years. Now, maybe I can do some
research on the areas I hunt rather than haphazardly get-
ting my detector and away I go!

Good Luck in 2012,

Mark Branton

Michigan Treasurer Hunters Meeting - November 22, 2011

President, Mark Branton opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and closed the FOTM at 7:38 p.m. There were over ninety, including many guests, in attendance. Mark introduced the officers and board of directors. He explained the no-smoking rule, 50/50 Raffle, Silver Raffle, and the Special Raffle. There are two detector raffles. The MXT detector will carry over to January's meeting and you do not have to be present to win. Tonight's meeting is our Holiday Party. Linda Rankin, the area Toys for Tots coordinator, was introduced along with the two Marines. Break for food with our guests going first started at 7:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:35 p.m.

Stan Rajca spoke on the token hunt that was held on Sun. Nov. 6th at Pastor Park in Livonia. With 27 in attendance all the coins were found except two. Jerry Wickens found the token and will schedule the next hunt in the spring.

Dave Picard, nominating committee chair, thanked everyone for coming tonight. He then presented the slate for the January election. Nominations were opened from the floor with only two additional nominations for the BOD. The nominations were closed.

The Fish Bowl was passed around by Don Jaeger. The Marines presented three winners from the raffle for The Toys for Tots. The Marines also presented the Board with Certificates of appreciation.

The 50/50 Raffle winners: 1) Doug Holliday and 2) Kathy Walker. Silver Draw winners: 1) Larry Pirochta 2) Jerry Wickens 3) Joni Rundell 4) Michael Brodzik 5) Dave Sanders. Member's number in the Prober was #994 Rick Ryan and the membership draw #930 Stan Rajca. Both were present and were awarded coins.

Treasurer, Jerry Wickens, gave the treasurer's report and mentioned the MXT Detector which will be raffled off at the January meeting. Mystery FOTM was a ruby ring but there was no winner. FOTM awards were presented to the evening winners. Special Raffle winners: 1) Steve Foster 2) Dave Hackett. Seventeen centerpieces were raffled off. The next MTH meeting is Jan.24 at 7:30 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be Jan. 31, 2012 at 7:00p.m. The Board/ Dinner meeting is scheduled Dec. 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

Michigan Treasure Hunters Board of Directors Dinner Meeting - December 8, 2011

The dinner meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. and adjourned at 9:15 p.m. It was just a dinner with nothing significant discussed. The next MTH meeting is Jan. 24th and next Board meeting Jan. 31st.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Williams, Editor

ANDIE KLISZ WINS MSNS AWARD

Andie Klisz, a member of MSNS (Michigan State Numismatic Society) and Michigan Treasure Hunters accepts her honorable mention award from MSNS Treasurer Joe Le Blanc. The award was presented at the recent MSNS Coin convention held at the Hyatt Hotel in Dearborn. Andie's display showed 20 new Presidential Dollars and illustrated some interesting facts about these coins. Michigan Treasure Hunters is a club with MSNS and will co-host the Coin convention in November of 2012.





Congratulations Find Of The Month Winners "November"

JEWELRY:

- 1st: Larry Ciarrocchi...Antique Silver Ring
- 2nd: Andy Songal.....14K Ring
- 3rd: Terry Baller.....Sterling
- Others:
 - Ross Soderberg.....Holy Communion Ring
 - Joe Talbot.....Sterling Silver St. Christopher Medal
 - Rich Mucha.....Copper Bracelet
 - Terry Clark.....Silver Ring
 - Unknown.....Sterling Ring w/ White Stone

COIN:

- 1st: Joe Talbot.....1854 Seated Liberty Qtr.
- 2nd: Terry Clark.....1899 Barber Dime
- 3rd: Andy Songal.....Very Worn Large Cent
- Others:
 - John Vitkay.....1908 Canadian Dime
 - Don Jaeger.....Barbados One Cent
 - Tim Standish.....Undated Shield Nickel
 - Ross Soderberg.....1905 Barber Dime
 - Doug Holiday.....1900 Barber Dime
 - Rich Mucha.....2009P Pres. Polk Dollar

TOKEN:

- 1st: Terry Clark.....Wonder Bread Token
- 2nd: Dave Picard.....Michigan Reformatory
- 3rd: Dennis Wurn.....1912 Simpley Speedster
- Others;
 - Joe Talbot.....1968 Shell Oil President
 - Rich Mucha.....Chuck E. Cheese Token
 - Ross Soderberg....Old Gold for Token
 - John Vitkay.....Z Comic Cap Corp.

RELIC:

- 1st: Ross Soderberg.....Plate from Old Horse-Drawn Lawnmower-1917
- 2nd: Terry Clark.....Arkansas Tooth Pick "Dagger"
- 3rd: Gary Smith.....1890's Drug Store Bottle
- Others:
 - Andy Songal.....WWI CDN Military Button
 - Mark Branton.....Tootsie Toy Car
 - Larry PirochtaOld Lead Toy Car
 - Doug Holiday.....Michigan Button
 - John Vitkay.....1917-1927 "Ford Made In The USA" Model-T Grease Cap
 - Rich Mucha.....Pair of Eyeglasses

FIND-OF-THE-YEAR CONTEST AT JANUARY MEETING

There will be 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 2011 Find-of-the-Month Contest, and you must personally bring your winning find and associated award to the January meeting.

You probably own metal detecting books by Dick Stout and have read his articles in popular treasure hunting magazines. He now has a website that you will want to checkout. It's: www.stoutstandards.com

2011 FOTM WINNERS ELIGIBLE FOR SILVER WINNER'S CIRCLE PINS

Larry Ciarrocchi	Terry Clark	Steve Foster
Chuck Froelich	Lorraine Haas	Doug Holiday
Don Jaeger	Jeff Jensen	Rich Mucha
Steve Plivelich	Larry Prested	Carol Redigan
Dennis Redigan	Kris Seaburg	Greg Sepanski
Randy Smith	Ross Soderberg	Sharon Standish
Joe Talbot	John Vitkay	Chuck Williams

(YOU MUST DISPLAY YOUR 1st PLACE ITEM & AWARD TO RECEIVE YOUR PIN)

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 meetings are 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

HIDDEN MEMBER NUMBER CONTEST IS DISCONTINUED IN 2012

November's hidden Number was #994 and Rick Ryan he found it.

How You Can Save MTH \$9.00/Year
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having it mailed. It will also be
Emailed to you. Just send your
Email address to
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If you have any metal detecting
related 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.

OTHER THINGS

1. MTH Nametags are available from the treasurer for \$4.00.
2. The club needs volunteers to take over a number of club functions. See any club officer to volunteer.
3. Judy & Lyle Cook are selling MTH aprons for \$5.00, MTH Tees for \$10.00 and Atlases for \$4.00.
4. People are really needed to sign up to bring refreshments.
5. The FOTM will resume at the March meeting.

BACK ISSUES OF THE PROBER ARE AVAILABLE ON THE MTH WEBSITE

Are you aware that all issues of the MTH Prober back to 2003
are available for review and downloading from the MTH website
at: www.michigantreasurehunters.com

Visit our web page at www.michigantreasurehunters.com
Remember, "We leave it cleaner than we found it."
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2012 CANDIDATE PROFILES

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

Dave Picard

Member since: 2002

Other Interests: Coin Collecting, Wood Working and Old Automobiles

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: Vice-President for one year, Five years on the Board of Directors (Four years as Board Chairman), Milan Hunt Financial Officers for four years, and Silver Draw for four years

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

OFFICE OF TREASURER

Jerry Wickens

Member since: 2006

Other Interests: Coin Collecting, Traveling and Spending Time with Family

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: Treasurer in 2009, 2010 & 2011, Board of Directors Alternate, Co-Chair Milan Hunt; Fish Bowl Hunt Hunt Master, FOTM Assistant, CAN-AM Hunt Master, Token Hunt Hunt Master and Mystery Hunt Hunt Master

Reason for Running for this Office: I'm running for MTH Treasurer again for 2012 because I truly enjoy helping out the club in various capacities. I'm proud of the direction the club is heading, and for the numerous activities that the club has been able to provide it's membership. Continuing to maintain and grow the club treasury will enable MTH to hold exciting new events for it's members in the future. I want to be a part of that... and I think helping out as treasure of MTH will help. If you agree, I'd appreciate your vote.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Branton

Member since: 2003

Other Interests: Nascar, Camping, Church, Volunteer & Coin Collecting

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: President in 2009, 2010 & 2011, Vice-President, Board Member, FOTM and Hunt Master for the Fish Bowl Hunt.

Reason for Running for this Office: I feel our club has made enormous steps toward a common goal of bringing treasure hunters together. I believe our hunts have gotten better and we have made better on our commitment to our raffles, yet I think there is room for still more improvement, and I love this club.

OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Chuck Williams

Member since: 2002

Other Interests: Volunteer with CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and FMAR (Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue), Coin Collecting, Scuba Diving, Travel, Reading, Computers and Woodworking

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: Board of Directors for 7 years, Prober Editor since 2007 and continuing in 2012, Club Merchandise Table, Nametags, FOTM, and Currently Maintain the MTH Memberlist, Mailing & Calling Lists..

Reason for Running for this Office: To take a more active role in the MTH. Also, as Prober Editor, I would get firsthand news for the Prober at the Board Meetings.

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

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Bonnie Klisz

Member since: 1990

Other Interests: Gardening, Drawing and Garage Sales.

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: Secretary for over 16 years, Holiday and Potluck Parties, Board Member for many years and Fall Hunt Committee.

Reason for Running for this Office: I enjoy this club very much, and I like to do what I can to keep it running smoothly, attracting new members and keeping seasoned members happy..

OFFICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Darlene Ciarrocchi

Member since: 1978

Other Interests: Animals, Yard Sales, Church Work and Collect Cookbooks.

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: Assisted on previous Holiday Meetings. Helped run our MTH Library for many years.

Reason for Running for this Office: I've been a member for a long time and never ran for an office, but know I'd like to see if I can help in any way.

DON'T FORGET TO MAIL OR BRING YOUR ELECTION BALLOT TO THE JAN. MEETING.

2012 CANDIDATE PROFILES

OFFICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Don Jaeger

Member since: 2006

Other Interests: Anything to promote detecting and old cars

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: Board of Directors in 2009, 2010 & 2011

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

Stan Rajca

Member since: 2009

Other Interests: Travelling Throughout the U.S., Vehicle Repair with Respect to Powertrain and On-board Diagnostics of Problems, Spending Time with Family.

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: Token Hunt Master and Helped with Fish Bowl Responsibilities.

Reason for Running for this Office: The MTH Club benefits from a great agenda of activities including: Hunts, Raffels, FOTM, Guest Speakers and etc. I want to take a more active part with the people who make all this happen.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joni Rundell

Member since: 1982

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

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: Board Member five years, 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

John Vitkay

Member since: 2010

Other Interests: Faceting, Mineral & Fossil Collecting, Bottle Collecting and Travel.

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: 2011 Board Member, Co-Chair for 2011 MTH Picnic and.

Helped plant coins at Fish Bowl Hunt.

Reason for Running for this Office: I want to be active in the MTH and not just a joiner. Try to come up with new ideas for club members.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dave Hackett

Member since: 2009

Other Interests: Music, Coin Collecting, Travel, Collecting and Selling Antiques

Previous MTH Offices or Committees: None

Reason for Running for this Office: I truly love metal detecting and want our club to entice new members especially younger people to join in our activity.



January Potluck Dinner

The January Potluck is fast approaching. The Potluck will start at 7:30 p.m. on January 24th. Help is requested 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 6:00 PM.

Attendees are requested to help by providing dishes for the meal. The Michigan Treasure Hunters is providing chicken, buns, deserts and drinks for everyone. 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 – R, bring a main dish; S– Z, bring an appetizer.

Since the MTH is providing the deserts, don't bring any.

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.