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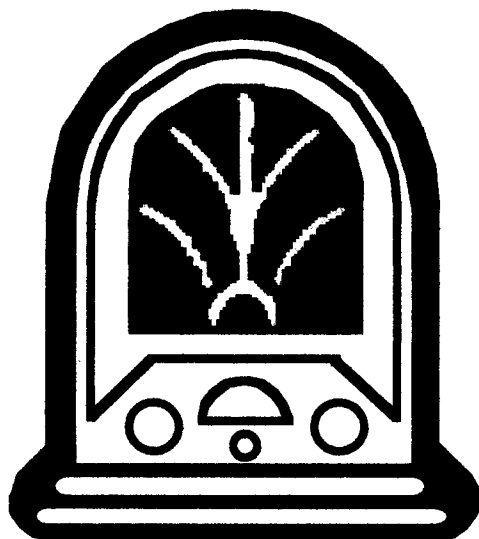
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MTH Website: <http://home.att.net/~ross.soderberg/MTH.html>

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Antique Audio

By Riley Saylor

There was a time not so long ago that families relied on their radios for entertainment and news of the world. Now we rely mostly on television, the internet, wireless phones or portable mp3 players. The radio today is mostly used while we are driving our cars.

Early radios operated with tubes rather than transistors or microchips and were installed in stylish cabinets. They ranged from tabletop models to floor standing pieces of furniture.

Our speaker for this month is Mark Oppat. Mr. Oppat has made restoring old radios his hobby and business (Antique Audio). He specializes in repairing radios and phonos for the public. He has bought out at least 15 repair shops to amass an inventory of parts and has been a member of Michigan Antique Radio Club (700 members) since 1985.

Mr. Oppat will be displaying some of his radio collection at the meeting and will be able to answer any question you may have on antique radio repair or restoration. Mr. Oppat also buys and sells antique radios. Feel free to bring in your antique radio to display. It should be a very informative meeting.

Upcoming Events ...

Club Picnic
Saturday, July 19th
Pontiac Lake
Recreation Area

Club Meeting
Tuesday, July 22nd
7:30 p.m.

Ladies' Hunt
Saturday, August 9th
9:00 a.m. Breakfast

Club Meeting
Tuesday, August 26th
7:30 p.m. - Auction

Milan Fall Hunt
Saturday, September 6th
KC Campground

Autumn Weekend
October 10th-12th
Details to Follow

Coin Raffle at

July 22nd Meeting

**\$5
Gold
Coin**



Be Sure to Stop By
The Merchandise
Table and See Our
New T-Shirts



Check out our
Club website.
Would you like to
receive your
newsletter on the
web? Just let a
board member
know.

JULY means: The Annual MTH Picnic!

It's that time again. Time to grab your water detector (or land detector for the beach), along with the suntan lotion and a hearty appetite, and head for the annual MTH picnic.

The date is Saturday, July 19th. Make sure to mark your calendars.

We have decided to hold the picnic at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area again this year. This site is just about perfect for our picnic and its proximity to our home base of Livonia. There is a nice large beach area where we can have a sizable area to ourselves, and a picnic shelter just a short walk

from the beach. Also, because of the high amount of use it gets, there is always a good possibility of finding a ring or two.

We will be at the South Shelter at 10:00 a.m. and will hold a simultaneous beach and water token hunt starting at 10:45 a.m.

Since this is a State Park, a daily or annual permit is required for entry to the park. The permit can be purchased at the gate.

Chef Tim Standish will be at the grill preparing everyone's favorite picnic food, the hot dog. Condiments, chips and other assorted goodies will also be


provided. Members should bring their own silverware, beverages and a dish to serve 12 people per the following schedule:

- A-F Main Dish
- G-K Dessert
- L-R Salad or Fruit
- S-Z Vegetable Dish

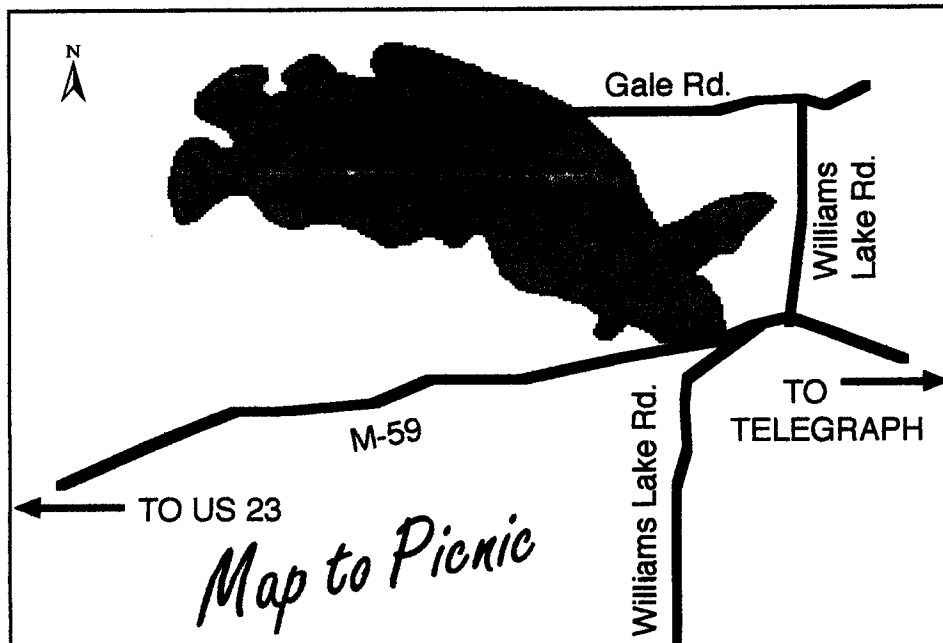

Remember however, no alcoholic beverages are permitted at MTH events.

You're welcome to invite guests, but they are also asked to bring a dish to pass.

See you there!



Directions to the picnic: Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located in Oakland County between White Lake and Waterford. Take M-59 (Highland Road) to Williams Lake Road and go north several blocks to Gale Road. Turn west. Take Gale Road to park entrance. As you go into the park, the pavilion is on the left side of the parking lot.



“Message from the President . . . FRED KLEMM”

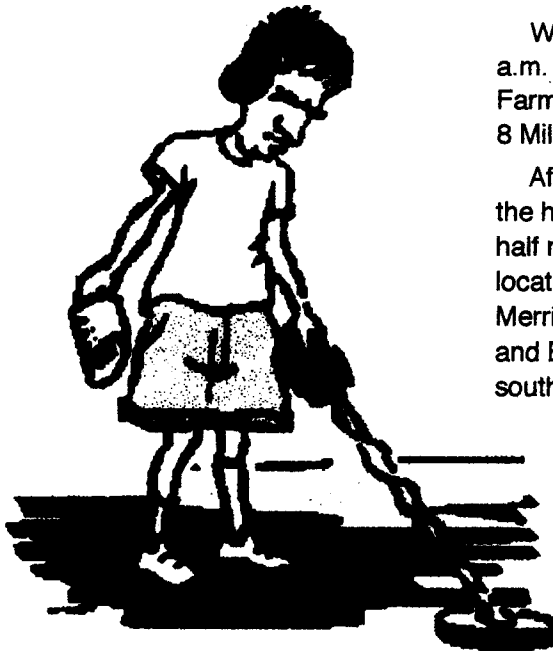
It's July and the metal detecting season is in full swing, especially for our water detecting members. It doesn't get much better than these temps in the high 80's for those who like to cool off by spending a few hours wading chest deep in a local lake, looking for that elusive gold ring.

July is also picnic month for the Club. Be sure to check out the article in this *Prober* for all the details. If you haven't been to one of the Club picnics, you're really missing out on a great time, great food and a great way to get to know some of your fellow Club members. I hope everyone is able to find the time to join us this year.

I keep finding myself reflecting on the "Titanic Artifact Exhibit" that our group visited on Saturday at the Detroit Science Center. I first read the book, "A Night to Remember," back when I was about 11 years old, I think. Since then I have seen numerous movies, magazine articles and TV documentaries detailing every known fact and theory about those last moments of this ship's maiden voyage, which also turned out to be her last. None of these, however, prepared me for the eerie feeling of actually seeing close up the many artifacts recovered and now on display. The condition of many of these items, such as leather goods, currency and clothing was astounding, and seeing them really made me feel a connection to those who died in those icy waters so long ago.

I'm glad we were able to do this as a Club function and I think we should keep offering things like this at least once each year. Perhaps our next trip would be to Greenfield Village or Ford Museum, Fort

Wayne or Fort Malden in Canada. We not only are able to use the size of our Club to get special group rates, but you get to share the experience with fellow Club members who share your interest in historical places and artifacts. Let me know what you think.



MTH Ladies' Hunt Saturday, August 9th

We will meet for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Farmington Road, one block north of 8 Mile Road, in Farmington.

After dining, we will proceed to the hunt field at Tyler School, one-half mile from Big Boy. The school is located on Parker (which is between Merriman and Farmington roads) and Bretton (which is two blocks south of 8 Mile Road).

This field will be planted with coins and prize tokens.

Iced tea and water will be provided.

The cost is \$3.00 per person.

Sign up and pay Marcia Reiser at the July 22nd meeting.

Maps will be available.

A silver round, donated by the Club, will be raffled at the July meeting to help defray the cost of prizes and coins to plant.



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Refreshments for July Meeting

Sara Jones
Cathy Soderberg
Darlene Ciarrocchi

Fish Bowl collection:



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Total\$212.98

**Look for
Club Picnic
Details
in This
Newsletter**



**Keep
on
looking!** *for the
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Congratulations to the winners of the FIND OF THE MONTH for JUNE.

COIN

- 1st** Ray Koski
1817 Large Cent
- 2nd** Bruce Baron
1912 Barber Dime
- 3rd** Jim Abercrombie
1943 Walking Liberty Half

Other Entries:

- Terry Clark1908 Counterfeit Barber Half
- Chuck Williams Standing Liberty Quarter
- Ross Soderberg 1923 Buffalo Nickel
- Leianna Dutton \$5 Mexicanos Coin
- Tim Standish 1919-S Mercury Dime
- John Jaynes Elizabeth II Two Pence
- Clarence Herberholz . 1897 Canadian Large Cent

JEWELRY

- 1st** Al Temple
14K Gold Pendant and Chain
- 2nd** Tim Standish
1961 Sterling Silver Class Ring
- 3rd** Terry Clark
Ladies' Wristwatch

Other Entries:

- Mark Branton Sterling Ring
- Ann LaChance 10K Gold Ring with Diamond Chip
- Manny Gauci Pendant Heart Charm
- Chuck Williams Sterling Silver Earring
- Ray Koski 14K Gold Ring with Diamond

RELIC

- 1st** Ross Soderberg
Pabst Beer Shield
- 2nd** Tom Sniezek
1880s Circa Cast Iron Cap Gun
- 3rd** Virginia Chojnowski
1951 Dog Tag

Other Entries:

- Tim Standish Emperor of Mexico
- Bruce Baron 1890s Bottle
- Chuck Williams Old Matchbox Truck
- Sharon Standish ... Lipstick Tube
- Mark Branton Old Mirror
- John Jaynes 1954 Livonia Bicycle License
- Gus Dombrowski ... Police Car Pin
- Ted Langlois Kid's Deputy Sheriff Badge
- Clara Mooradian ... Old Bottle
- Dan Alli Badge

MILITARY

- 1st** Tim Standish
R.O.T.C. Pin
- 2nd** Chuck Williams
Pre-1960 U.S. Army Enlisted Men's Collar Device
- 3rd** Gus Dombrowski
45-70 Case

TOKEN

- 1st** Bruce Baron
1863 Civil War Token
- 2nd** Ted Langlois
Commemorative Token
- 3rd** Chuck Williams
Token Good for One Package of Mints

Other Entries:

- John Jaynes Jeepers! Token
- Virginia Chojnowski . 1935 State of Washington Sales Tax Token

Club Meeting **MINUTES**

Respectfully Submitted, Lorraine Haas, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Fred Klemm at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2003.

Fred introduced the Club officers and welcomed everyone. There were approximately 93 members and seven guests present.

The *Prober* is now available online to those who wish to receive it in that format.

The building rules and raffles were explained. Harry Dayner spoke about the detector that was to be raffled. It was a Tesoro, which is a great lightweight machine.

The library is going to be manned by Kris Seaburg for the remainder of the year.

Virginia and Glenn Chojnowski sold Club merchandise at the meeting. Name tags can be ordered from them and those who ordered any name tags, are ready for pickup.

Barbara Whitman gave the treasurer's report.

Fred reminded everyone that the Find of the Month entries need to have a name on the back of the form.

FMDAC cards were ready to be picked up from Barbara Whitman at break.

The Fish Bowl was passed around for the Fish Bowl Hunt.

Primo Veggian put on the June token hunt. There was a good turnout. Virginia Chojnowski found the token. Primo was then awarded his gold coin. Virginia said that the token hunt she will put on will be on the east side of town. The July token hunt will be held at the Club picnic and Virginia will be responsible for the August token hunt.

Progressive Raffle tickets continued to be sold for the Fall Hunt during the evening.

Marcia Reiser will furnish information about the upcoming Ladies' Hunt.

Ross Soderberg talked about the website. A Treasure Hunt was held on the website. Virginia Chojnowski found the clue and was presented a silver quarter. Clues are imbedded on the web page. Any other suggestions are welcome.

The workers were then asked to take a break.

Next month's speaker will be talking about tube-type radios. The speaker is a Plymouth resident and will be bringing in some radios.

A special thank was extended to Cheryl Jester and Bonnie Klisz, who prepared the refreshments for the evening in the absence of Chuck and Sophia Froelich.

The Titanic Exhibit tour details were announced.

A mention was also made that the Find of the Month items need to have detail descriptions.

A member list was to be checked by members for the upcoming roster.

A break for refreshments was held from 7:55 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

The second half of meeting continued.

Riley Saylor said that the cache of coins had not been found as yet.

Mr. Ken Potter was the speaker for this meeting. He talked about error coins and gave a slide presentation. If anyone would like to contact him, his website is kpotter256@aol.com.

Find of the Month results and awards were presented by Bill Whitman and Ray Koski, who also shared a garage sale story.

50/50 winners were Bruce Baron and Manny Gauci. The Coin Raffle was won by Jim Edwards, Rich Mucha, Wayne Bacchetti and Fred Klemm. The Membership Draw winner was Ray Dutton. The Find of the Month mystery draw was for a wheat penny. There was no winner. The detector raffle was won by Kris Seaburg.

The next Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2003. The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, July 1, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

at the BOARD MEETING ...

Respectfully Submitted, Lorraine Haas, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Clarence Herberholz at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2003.

Tim Standish was absent.

Topics discussed:

- Treasurer's Report
- Committee and Job Assignments
- Coin Status
- Club Merchandise
- Speaker for June Meeting
- Club Picnic – July 19, 2003
- Ladies' Hunt – August 9, 2003
- Speaker for July Meeting
- Fall Hunt at Milan
- August Meeting – Auction
- Speakers Still Needed for

September and October Meetings

- Autumn Weekend – October 10th-12th – Cost: \$75.00 per person
- Fish Bowl Hunt
- November Meeting - Holiday Party
- January Meeting – Potluck
- Nominating Committee
- Prober Articles for July
- Web Page Contents

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

The next Club meeting will be Tuesday, July 22, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 29, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

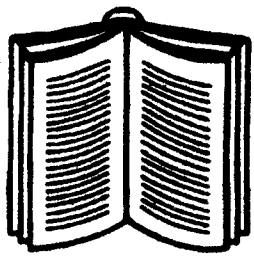
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If you have any articles to submit for the The Prober, please contact Lorraine Haas at 248-437-9915 by the first of the month.

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Next Club Meeting – Tuesday, July 22, 2003 - 7:30 p.m.