



The Prober

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

July 22nd.....7:30 p.m. Speaker on Railroads
Aug 26th.....7:30 p.m. Auction
Doors open shortly after 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

July 19th (Sat) 11:00 a.m. **Ladies Hunt** at Beverly Park, in Livonia. On Flamingo (Between Merriman and Middlebelt) and S. of 7 Mile to Park.. Meet for breakfast at 10:00 a.m. at Leon's on S. side of 7 Mile, just E. of Middlebelt. Huntmistress: Joanne Rundell (734-261-9167)

July 20 (Sun) **Token Hunt** at Pontiac Lake Rec. Area **HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND NOT RESCHEDULED.** There are hydro-plane races there all weekend.

Aug 3rd (Sun) 10:00 a.m. **Club Picnic** at Dodge 4 State Park in the Hill Pavillion. Put on by Jeff Kerner, Darrin Mendrick & Larry Pirochta. Bring a dish to pass. (See Pg. 3)

Aug 17 (Sun) 10:00 a.m. **Shipwreck Exhibit** at Detroit Science Center

Sept 6th (Sat) **Milan Hunt**

Oct 5th (Sun) 1:00 p.m. **Fish-Bowl Hunt** at Rotary Park, Liv.. Huntmaster: Jerry Wickens

Oct 10 to 12th....**Autumn Weekend**

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

Our sincere condolences to the family of Thomas E. Weaver who passed away on July 5th, and especially to his fiancée, Peggy Collins and his children Megan and Zachary.

Welcome Guest: Dennis Haney
Refreshments for June: Chuck & Sophia Froelich, Joanne Rundell, Bev Robertson and Cindy Shadeck

PRESIDENT PAUL C. LEONARD'S JULY MESSAGE

It is my sad duty to report to the membership the untimely and tragic passing of MTH member on July 5, 2008 while wagan, and, as of this writing was due to drowning. children: Megan, 14, and MTH member Peggy Collins, were anxiously awaiting a February, 2009 Las Vegas wedding, and if you've spoken recently with either Peggy and/or Tom, chances are the wedding was a part of your conversation.



Tom Weaver. Tom passed away after detecting in Caseville, Michigan, it appears that his passing Tom leaves behind two young Zachary, 9. Tom and his fiancée,

Tom's funeral took place on July 8, 2008 at the Lake Orion Chapel of the Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home and I'm proud to say that MTH was very well represented. Tom, an MTH member since 2004, was -- like many (actually most) in MTH -- addicted to metal detecting. His passion for our hobby resulted in his winning many plaques and ribbons over the last 4 years for some very nice metal detecting finds. Tom was a very outgoing and generous individual and if you've ever attended a hunt where Tom was the Huntmaster, you know exactly what I mean! I know that Tom will be sorely missed and I ask each and every one of you to keep him, his children, his parents and siblings and Peggy in your thoughts and prayers.

Joanne Rundell will be the Huntmistress for the Ladies Hunt on July 19th at Beverly Park in Livonia. Even though it's a hunt designed just for the ladies of MTH, that doesn't mean that the men can't go to breakfast with the ladies or assist in the planting of coins. I hope that many of you can make it (Joanne will be happy!) and directions are in this *Prober*.

Ross Soderberg and Doug Gries have graciously volunteered to put on Tom Weaver's July 20th Token Hunt and all the details of the hunt are contained in this edition of *The Prober*. Let's try to have a great turnout in Tom's honor! (Editors Note: The July Token hunt has been cancelled.)

Mr. Ken Schramm of Warren will be our speaker at the July 22nd meeting. Ken will give a presentation on his 25 years of collecting railroad memorabilia, including the old Detroit Streets and Railways (DSR) system. Ken and his father have written a number of books on the subject and he encourages our membership to bring in any/all railroad artifacts for an appraisal or a possible sale.

Jeff Kerner, Larry Pirochta and Darrin Mendrick, MTH's Fearsome Threesome, are again putting on our Annual Picnic, August 3rd, at Dodge #4 State Park, same venue as last year. This year we will be in "The Hill" pavilion (high ground in the center of the park) and nothing else should be different except the fact that we'll have an even better time!

Remember that next month is MTH's Annual Auction. There will be no speaker and your Auctioneer, Board member Tom Klisz, will put up for bid any and all metal detecting-related items with a maximum of four (4) lots per membership. There is no charge for this service so bring those unwanted detectors, diggers, magazines, wetsuits, etc., etc., get to the Church early and register your items, and, have yourself a good time!

I look forward to seeing you at the July 22nd meeting!

THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

Michigan Treasure Hunters Board of Directors Meeting July 1, 2008

The meeting started at 7:05 p.m. All board members were present. The alternate Jerry Wickens was also present.

Topics Discussed:

Treasurers Report

Coin purchases (increase in Silver and Gold Prices)

Prober deadline questions, articles, advertising and etc.

Committee and Job Assignments
Winners Circle (possible changes) and Anniversary Pins (distribution)

Merchandise Sales & Nametags

Ladies Hunt July 19th

Club Picnic August 3rd

Escalating Raffle

Mini Hunts & Out-of-State Hunts

Possible MTH Shirts and etc for Merchandise Sales

Outing to Detroit Science Center to see Shipwreck Exhibit. Aug 17th

Token Hunts (Change in Coin Format)

Autumn Weekend date Oct 10-12th

Milan Hunt Sept 6th. Early registration recommended. Next committee meeting July 22nd (25 Registered to date)

Fishbowl Hunt Oct. 5 at 1:00 p.m.
November Holiday Party Nov. 25 at 7:00 p.m.

January Potluck

Nominating Committee

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 24, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Leonard, at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Leonard introduced all present Board Members and Officers and welcomed our one guest and 78 members. The 50/50 Raffle, Silver Raffle, Coin Raffle, Membership Raffle, President's Raffle, Escalating Membership Raffle, Club Library, name tags, and no smoking rule were explained. Paul explained how the club is trying to be proactive on the rising costs of running the club including stamps, coins and etc. The fishbowl was passed around by Don Jaeger since Jerry Wickens wasn't present. The Grand Raffle tonight is a 4 oz. Silver Coin.

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

Doug Gries spoke on the Token Hunt held on June 22nd with 22 people in attendance. Tom Weaver's son Zack found the token and will be putting on the next Token Hunt on July 20th. Details will be in the July Prober. A silver coin will be raffled with proceeds going to the Ladies Hunt. Vince Tremain co-chair of the Milan Hunt reminded the Hunt Committee about a meeting July 22nd at 6:30 p.m., in the parking lot, just prior to the regular meeting. He also needs a photographer for the Milan Hunt. There are already 21 hunters pre-registered. June 30th is the cutoff date for the lesser rate of \$95.00. Please signup soon.

Paul read a letter from the White House on behalf of President Bush by Chara Bray, Deputy Associate Director of Honorary Chairs and Awards. The letter thanks us for our correspondence requesting that the Congressional Metal of Honor be awarded posthumously to Mr. Guy Gabaldon. Our request is being referred to the Dept. of Defense for consideration.

Tom Klisz spoke about the August Auction and the Silent Auction in Oct. The August Auction should be metal detecting related and the money goes to the seller. The Silent Auction items can be almost anything and the money goes to the club. Jeff Kerner gave a report on the Club Picnic. Date Sunday, August 3rd at Dodge Park #4. Check Prober for details.

Break for refreshments at 8:07 p.m. Meeting resumed at 8:40 p.m.

Paul introduced our guest speaker Lawrence Grey and his wife Cynthia. Mr. Grey is an investment specialist who is an authority and appraiser of gold, silver, rare coins, old jewelry, antique watches, collectibles and old toys. Joe Leblanc, from the Numismatic Society, invited our Club to earn money by setting up tables, cases and etc at their Fall or Spring convention.

Winners of the 50/50 were Dennis Haney and Barb Whitman. Winner of the Milan Hunt Silver Dollar was Jack Dalton. Winner of the Ladies Hunt Silver Dollar was Chuck Williams. Silver Raffle winners were Ross Soderberg, Fred Christensen, Larry Prested, Brian Hastings, Steve Kunder, and John Kiblinger. Escalating Raffle winner was Rich Mucha. Membership Draw winner was Ray Serpa. Presidents Secret Raffle (Including Milan Hunt Entry) winner was Arlene Jaynes. Four oz. Silver Coin Winner was Bill Whitman.

Next board meeting July 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Next general meeting August 26, 2008. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. Respectively submitted, Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

MILAN HUNT will be held on Saturday, September 6th. The entry fee is \$95.00, but it will increase to \$100 after June 30th and to \$120.00 after August 31st. Therefore, get your entry in soon to save money and also to aid the organizers to plan and get silver, gold and other prizes at the best prices.

There will also be a final committee meeting at 6:30 p.m., just before the general meeting on July 22nd.

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

JEWELRY:

- 1st:** Debbie Gries.....18K Gold Ladies Ring
2nd: Carol Redigan.....10K Gold Ring with Red
Heart Shaped Stones
3rd: Ross Soderberg.....Tiffany Sterling Silver
Ring
Others:
Terry Clark.....Silver Ring
Dennis Redigan.....Hard Rock Café Collector's
Pin
Mark Branton.....Sterling Silver Love Ring
Rich Mucha..... Orchid Pin
Mark Rogers.....Old 14K Woman's
Heart Ring
Lorraine Haas.....Silver Earring

TOKEN:

- 1st:** Larry Preste.....Masonic Token
2nd: Mark Branton.....5 Cent Play Money
3rd: Carol RediganFootprint in the Sand
Others;
Dennis Redigan.....Game Token
W.....Cracker Jack Token

COIN:

- 1st:** Randy Smith.....1921 Silver Dollar
2nd: Brian Hastings.....1901 Barber Dime
3rd: Dennis Redigan.....Kuwait Coin
Others:
Manny Gauci.....1918 Wheat Cent
Larry Prested..1904 Barber Dime
Mark Rogers.....1945 German Penny
W.....\$20 Bill

RELIC:

- 1st:** Joe Talbot.....Crossed Rifles
2nd: Mark Rogers.....Band Metal 8th Dist.
3rd: Dave Picard.....1960 Mich. Dog Lic.
Others:
Manny Gauci.....Compass
LeBlanc.....Matchbox Type Car
W..... Zippo Lighter

SPECIAL:

- 1st::** Matt & Betsy Prested...7 lb. 7 Oz. Baby Boy
Cody Wood Prested
Born early June 24th

MTH CLUB PICNIC - August 3rd 10:00 a.m. to ?

Dodge#4 State Park/Cass Lake. Same park as 2007, but Hill Pavilion this year.

(Park opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 10 p.m.)

Volunteers are welcome early

State Park Permit fees can be found at:

<http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10365-82938--,00.html>

Members should bring a dish to pass per the following schedule:

If your last name starts with A – H, please bring a salad.

If your last name starts with I – R, please bring a main dish.

If your last name starts with S – Z, please bring a dessert.

MTH will provide brats, hot dogs, plates, plastic ware.

Please bring your own beverages. NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED.

There is to be ABSOLUTELY NO METAL DETECTING IN THE PARK. We will have a designated area along the beach and water area. If you are caught detecting in any other areas, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

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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)

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

July's Speaker

The speaker for July will be Ken Schramm who has written a book on Detroit Railroads and Street Cars and is also an avid collector of any items associated with railroads. Please bring any railroad items that you would like to sell or have appraised to the meeting. They do not have to be made of metal nor necessarily found while metal detecting.

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.

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.

AUTUMN WEEKEND

\$60.00 per person

October 10, 11 & 12th

NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED

It will be very close to home this year.

Contact Sharon or Larry Prested (Treasurer) for details or to signup.

OTHER THINGS

1 MTH Nametags are available from the treasurer for \$4.00.

2 Tom Klisz is now accepting donations for the October 28th Silent Auction.

3 President Paul Leonard is interested in buying gold and silver coins from members for use in club events. Bring your gold and silver to sell to the meetings.

4. Don Jaeger will be planting coins for the Ladies Hunt at Beverly Park at 9:30 a.m. and could use help.

5. June's Speaker, Lawrence Grey, Investment Specialist, can be reached at 313-543-2515 or lawrence_grey@yahoo.com

Visit our web page at www.michigantreasurehunters.com for club information.

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

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