



# The Prober

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MEMBER OF THE FMDAC

## “Message from the President . . . FRED KLEMM”

Well, let me begin this month's message by saying, "If you were not at the May meeting, you really missed a good one."

Not only were the Finds of the Month better than usual, but our speaker was excellent. I have never heard so many members make a point to mention how much they liked the speaker. Mr. Paul Hostes' talk about glass insulators had everyone excited about the possibility of looking for insulators at garage sales and flea markets or along old telegraph and phone or electric lines, while we're out swinging our detectors. One member even mentioned that they had purchased a couple at a garage sale already since the meeting! I think one reason everyone was so happy with his presentation was that most of us had only a vague idea of what insulators were, let alone some of the things to look for to determine value, and were surprised to find them so interesting. If you need to get a hold of Paul Hoste to see if you have something of value, he asked that we publish his phone number. It is 269-657-0599.

We are still in need of speakers for later in the year. If you know of, or hear of someone you may think would be a good speaker, please let

### **June Token Hunt**

This month's Token Hunt will be held on a soccer field in Warren. The field is located at 28111 Imperial, south of 12 Mile Road, between Hoover and Schoenherr. The hunt will begin at 10:00 a.m. Primo Veggian will be the hunt-master and can be contacted at 586-977-7480 with any questions.

me or one of the officers or board members know about them.

Make sure you check out pictures of the meeting, including many Find of the Month pictures, at our website. Between the pictures that Clarence Herberholz took, along with those of Ross Soderberg, there are a total of 65 pictures from the meeting posted there!

Well, it is June and the weather has been just about perfect for land detecting. But this has been one of the worst months every for me since I began detecting. In the last couple of weeks I have attended no fewer than eight parties or events of some sort – graduation, retirement, confirmation, going away, etc. More are coming up in the next couple of weeks, including my daughter's graduation party. While I enjoy parties and especially am excited about my daughter's graduation, this has left very little time for detecting. I am counting on all of you to fill up the Find of the Month table this month so I at least have something to look at!

See you at the meeting!

### **Upcoming Events ...**

Token Hunt  
Saturday, June 21st  
10:00 a.m.

Club Meeting  
Tuesday, June 24th  
7:30 p.m.

Club Picnic  
Saturday, July 19th  
Details in July's Prober

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

## When Can An Error Be A Good Thing?

**Answer:** When it's an error on a coin in your pocket or purse.

Clipped coins, planchets, doubled die varieties, overstrikes, off center coins – these are just a few of the many types of errors that can be found in circulation. Some of the errors found on coins can be extremely obvious and noticeable at first glance, while others take a good hard look, sometimes even under the magnifying glass, by a knowledgeable expert to see the error. Some are worth a little and others may be worth thousands.

Our speaker for the June meeting is Mr. Ken Potter, an avid collector in error coins. He will be discussing some of the common and not so common errors that can be found in circulation or collections.

Mr. Potter, as it turned out, spoke to our Club about 20 years ago. Of course, most of our members were not MTH members at that time. If you were a member at that time and can remember everything that Mr. Potter had to say . . . well, let's just say I want to go to Vegas with you sometime. And besides, I am sure that there have been a number of error coins minted in the last 20 years.

If you have a few coins stuck away that didn't look quite right to you, bring them along with you to the June meeting and have Mr. Potter tell you if you might have something.

**Detector Raffle at  
June Club Meeting**



Congratulations to the winners of the FIND OF THE MONTH for MAY.

## COIN

- 1st** Primo Veggian  
1881-O Morgan  
Silver Dollar
- 2nd** Gus Dombrowski  
1847 Large Cent
- 3rd** George Timmerman  
1863 Indian Head Cent

**Other Entries:**

- Sharon Standish . . . . .Half Cent  
 Marcia Reiser . . . . .1891 Indian  
   Head Cent  
 John Jaynes . . . . .1960 Silver  
   Canadian Dime  
 Tim Standish . . . . .1895 Indian  
   Head Cent  
 Terry Clark . . . . .1902 Barber  
   Quarter  
 Chuck Williams . . . . .1978 Eisenhower  
   Dollar  
 Jim Abercrombie . . . . .1936 Buffalo  
   Nickel  
 Clarence Herberholz .1953-D Half Dollar  
 Kris Seaburg . . . . .1911 Barber Dime  
 Larry Ciarrocchi . . . . .1899 Indian  
   Head Cent  
 Fred Klemm . . . . .1897 Barber Dime

## RELIC

- 1st** Chuck Williams  
Old Beaded Purse
- 2nd** Kris Oswald  
Anatomical Human  
Arm & Hand
- 3rd** Terry Clark  
"Hubley" Cast Iron  
Fire Truck

**Other Entries:**

- Chuck Evola . . . . .Hair Clip  
 Ross Soderberg . . . . .Old Lost & Found  
   Key Holder  
 Gus Dombrowski . . . . .Ypsilanti Badge  
 Jim Abercrombie . . . . .1909-1923  
   Oakland Car  
   Hub Cap  
 Virginia Chojnowski .1934 GS Pin  
 Sharon Standish . . . . .Shoe Buckle  
 Kris Seaburg . . . . .Watch Fob  
 Robert Chomontowski . "Uncle Henry"  
   Pocket Knife  
 Ernie Herring . . . . .Horseshoe  
 Jeff Talbot . . . . .Goodrich Silver-  
   town Safety  
   League Emblem  
 Clarence Herberholz .Bottle Stop  
 Tom Sniezek . . . . .1904 Comp-  
   tometer (Model A)  
 Riley Saylor . . . . .Toy Army Jeep  
 Don Horanoff . . . . .Hammer  
 Fred Christensen . . .1965 Wrestling  
   Medal  
 John Jaynes . . . . .1967 Westland  
   Dog Tag  
 Tim Standish . . . . .Old Revlon  
   Lipstick  
 Joe Talbot . . . . .Victorian  
   Umbrella Handle

## MILITARY

- 1st** Nate Larson  
D-Company, 8th Infantry,  
12th Engineer Battalion
- 2nd** Joe Talbot  
Spanish-American War  
Suspender Clip
- 3rd** Ernie Herring  
Winchester 12 Gauge Brass

**Other Entries:**

- Riley Saylor . . . . .Nike Missile Pin  
 Jim Abercrombie . . . . .69 Cal. Musketball  
 John Jaynes . . . . .ET Army Lapel Pin  
 Kris Seaburg . . . . .Round Shot

## JEWELRY

- 1st** Fred Christensen  
Man's 1/4 Carat Ring
- 2nd** Ernie Herring  
14K (585) 25" Necklace
- 3rd** Cathy Soderberg  
Gold Amethyst Ring

**Other Entries:**

- Ross Soderberg . . . . .Necklace  
 Terry Clark . . . . .Silver & Zirc  
 Cheryl Jester . . . . .Silver Heart Ring  
 John Jaynes . . . . .3 Joined Rings  
 Kris Seaburg . . . . .Sterling Ring  
 Chuck Williams . . . . .Man's 14K Gold  
   Wedding Band  
 Sharon Standish . . . . .Necklace  
 Riley Saylor . . . . .Silver Mickey  
   Mouse Ring  
 Paul Leonard . . . . .14K Earring with  
   .2 Pt. Diamond  
 Marcia Reiser . . . . .2000 Gold  
   Class Ring

## TOKEN

- 1st** Ken Brown  
1832 Quebec Token
- 2nd** Tim Standish  
Bell Telephone Token
- 3rd** Gus Dombrowski  
1863 Merchants Token

**Other Entries:**

- Ernie Herring . . . . .Jeff Bagwell Token  
 Terry Clark . . . . .Dodge Truck  
   Good Luck Token  
 Chuck Williams . . . . .1933 Gold  
   Seal Award  
 John Jaynes . . . . .Slammer &  
   Whammer Metal  
 Tom Sniezek . . . . .Dinosaur Token  
 Jim Abercrombie . . . .1981 Chuck E.  
   Cheese Token

Don't forget our upcoming trip to the Titanic Exhibit at the Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R. We have a total of 27 people who have signed up and paid to go.

Date: Saturday, June 28th  
 Arrive by 10:30 a.m. at the Science Center entrance. Tickets will be handed out there.

Titanic tour starts at 11:00 a.m.  
 - IMAX show at 12 noon.

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## Club Meeting

# MINUTES

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorraine Haas, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Klemm at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2003.

Fred introduced the Club officers and welcomed everyone. There were approximately 90 members and one guest present. The building rules and raffles were announced. A \$10 Gold Coin raffle was held at the evening's meeting. Tickets for the Progressive Raffle to be held at the Milan Fall Hunt will continue to be sold during Club meetings.

The Club library will continue to be open as long as someone volunteers to hold that position.

Club merchandise and name tags are sold at every Club meeting.

Barb Whitman gave the treasurer's report.

Ken Brown explained the Coin Raffle for the evening.

The Fish Bowl was passed around for the hunt that will be held in the fall.

The May Token Hunt, held on May 22nd, was won by Primo Veggian. Lynn Walker put on this hunt and was awarded a gold coin. The hunt was held during the week and provided to be a good turnout.

The Club's annual picnic will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2003, at Pontiac Lake Recreation Area and should be a good site as in the past. Tim Standish volunteered to be the chef.

Larry Prested spoke about the Milan Fall Hunt and reminded everyone that tickets for the Progressive Raffle were being sold. A Fall Hunt application was included in May's newsletter and said he

would like to see a greater MTH Club member participation. If anyone has any questions, please see Larry. Barbara Whitman took applications at the meeting.

Ray Koski asked for donations and announced a raffle that was held at this meeting to benefit the Milan Kid's Hunts. We were all asked to support this worthwhile cause. The first place prize was a beautiful wooden display case.

Fred asked for a volunteer to put on the Ladies' Hunt.

Workers then took a break.

Next month's speaker will be Ken Potter and will be talking about error coins. Fred contacted him about speaking and found him on the internet.

The refreshment sign-up sheet was left at the front table.

If anyone needs a deposit returned from the library, they should contact Larry Ciarrocchi. Also, other club newsletters will be at the library for those wishing to browse through them.

Marcia Reiser spoke about a 1913 V-nickel that is worth a large amount of money.

Fred announced that there were still some openings for the Titanic

Exhibit on Saturday, June 28, 2003. Forms were available and maps were passed out for those people that signed up.

A break for refreshments was held from 8:00 p.m. until 8:35 p.m.

After the break Riley Saylor asked if anyone found the cache of coins. No one had as yet. He then introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Paul Hoste. His topic was glass insulators. He gave a very informative speech and if anyone had any questions to call him at 269-657-0599 or 269-720-1027 (cell phone).

The Find of the Month awards were presented by Fred Christensen and Ray Koski.

The Mystery Find of the Month Drawing was for a World War II button. No one was a winner.

50/50 Raffle winners were Bill Whitman and Bruce Baron.

The Coin Raffle winners were Ray Serpa, Virginia Leonard, Paul Leonard and Robert Ponchart.

Membership Drawing winner was Barbara Whitman.

Ray Koski drew Greg McConoughey's winning ticket for the display box. Robert Ponchart and Larry Prested were second and third place winners, respectively.

The winner for the \$10 Gold Coin Draw was Barbara Whitman.

Marcia Reiser volunteered to do the Ladies' Hunt.

The next Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2003, and the board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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Fish Bowl collection:



May 2003	.....	\$32.42
Total	.....	\$183.57

**Welcome New Members**

Sara Jones  
David & Judy Young

**Next Club Meeting – Tuesday, June 24, 2003 - 7:30 p.m.**

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**at the BOARD MEETING ...**  
**Respectfully Submitted, Lorraine Haas, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order  
by Chairperson Clarence Herber-  
holz at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June  
3, 2003.

All board members were present.

Topics discussed:

- Treasurer's Report
- Committee and Job Assignments
- Coin Status
- Club Merchandise
- Speaker for June Meeting
- Club Picnic – July 19, 2003
- Speaker for July Meeting
- Fall Hunt at Milan
- August Meeting – Auction
- Speakers Needed for September and October Meetings
- Autumn Weekend Camp Out
- Fish Bowl Hunt
- November Meeting - Holiday Party

- January Meeting – Potluck
- Nominating Committee
- Prober Articles for June

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

The next Club meeting will be  
Tuesday, June 24, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

The next board meeting is  
scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 2003  
at 7:30 p.m.

Michigan Treasure Hunters  
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**3rd Clue** *to the hidden cache:*

Crosby, Stills and . . . . . Ogden . . . . .  
. . . . . Automobile

Are you getting the picture? Now  
you know the park – please find my  
missing cache.

**P.S. Please fill in your holes and take the  
trash with you. I'm getting feedback that  
some people are leaving a mess while  
searching for the cache.**

**Refreshments for June Meeting**

Bonnie Klisz  
Leianna Dutton  
Cheryl Jester

**On the Web . . .** Virginia  
Chojnowski was the lucky winner of  
a silver quarter. It was our first  
treasure hunt held on our website.