



The Prober

Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club
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Upcoming Events!

Club Meeting

March 22nd.....7:30pm

1st token hunt in April, no date set yet.

Meeting:

April 26th.....7:30pm

May 24th.....7:30pm

**\$5 GOLD COIN RAFFLE
AT MARCH MEETING!**

Michigan Treasure Hunters 2005 OFFICERS

President.....Riley Saylor
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MTH PRESIDENT, RILEY SAYLOR'S MESSAGE.

Spring is gradually working its way to Michigan. Although some of you die hard detectorists have flown south for the winter to detect, and others have braved the cold here detecting ski and toboggan runs, the rest of us have been patiently waiting to start our detecting season.

Before the ground is completely thawed and the fun begins, now is a good time to get any necessary permits for certain parks. **Wayne County Parks require a permit.** You can obtain their permit at the Nankin Mills office located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. The fee is \$5.00 for one calendar year. You can also obtain the permit by mail. Send in your name, address, phone number and fee to Wayne County Division of Parks-Department of Public Services. Use the street address above. Zip code is 48185.

The area **Metro Parks also require a permit** and detecting is restricted from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Permits are available at the Park Office.

Don't forget that Michigan State Parks are now restricting detecting. Better check with each park to see what they allow before going in to detect. Last year we had a Cache hunt at a local park in Livonia. However, because of the number of unfilled holes and uncovered trash left on the ground we have decided to hold off on any future Cache hunts for now. In order to protect our privilege to detect we need to make sure we make a good impression on the public. That means we need to take the time and care to fill our holes completely, preferably with the grass intact on top. Returning rings and lost items to their owners is a good thing, but that usually only affects a few people. When you leave holes and trash on public property where a large number of the public can see, the overall view of metal detecting is a negative one. Every newsletter I've read from different treasure hunting groups around the country are stressing the same thing. So when you're hunting parks and schools please do what our MTH motto says- **WE LEAVE IT CLEANER THAN WE FOUND IT!**

NEW ESCALATING 50/50 JACKPOT

We will be having a new jackpot at our membership meetings. It is called the **Escalating 50/50 Jackpot**. To enter and be able to win the jackpot each member must pay \$1 and sign the "Sign in Sheet". Near the end of the meeting a members name will be pulled from the MTH membership. If you have paid and signed the "Sign in Sheet" you win half the money collected. If the person drawn did not enter the jackpot then the pot will not be won. The money will carry over and build with the next month's meeting. Since one membership to MTH includes both spouses, membership numbers will not be used. Everyone's name, husband and wife separately will be in the can and be capable of being drawn. This will allow each spouse to enter separately and have a chance to win the money on their own. And if you pay your \$1.00 to enter and your spouses name is drawn and they did not enter, then the pot is not broken and will carry over to next month. This jackpot is in addition to the regular 50/50 raffle held at each meeting. I hope you will support both. Riley.

NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB



MTH Loses a Good Friend

MTH lost a good member and friend. Erin Biscup passed away on February 16th. Erin and wife Evelyn joined Michigan Treasure Hunters in 1986 and took an active part in the club, helping out at various club functions. Erin who enjoyed woodworking made the ballot box we use each year for our elections. So the next time you vote and put your ballot in the box, think of Erin. Erin loved metal detecting and was one of the better hunters in the club. Until recently it was a rare time that he did not have a find entered in the Find of the Month (which he often won). He seemed to have an extraordinary ability for finding good detecting hotspots (cache of silver dollars in an Inkster park for one), finding the token at our token hunts, winning our silver and gold raffles, our 50/50 raffles, and finding the better gold ring in the lake the day after Labor Day, even winning a new detector last fall in our detector raffle. And from what I hear he did well at his coin club too. Most of us should remember his presentations on coming up with a design for the new Michigan quarter. Erin was a class act, always friendly and willing to share his time. Club meetings, hunts, and outings will not seem quite the same without Erin. But I'm sure those of us who know Erin will miss him, and will remember him fondly. MTH wishes Erin's wife Evelyn and family the best.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Kris & Allison Meyers, Richard & Julia White, Thomas Hollis, Jim & Pat Lewis, John Kokoulen.

WELCOM GUESTS: Don Williams, Duke Relyeu, Steve Green, Richard White.

MARCH REFRESHMENT: Richard Allen, Peggy & Tom Weaver, Darlene Ciarrocchi.

Thank You Nate Larson for February refreshments.

Winners for the February Presidents Find of the Month:

1st place ...Tom Sniezek, 1860 Lincoln Camp. Token

2nd place...Kris Seaburg, Abe Lincoln Plaque

3rd place...Harry Dayner, Carter Peanut.

Condolences go out to the family of Pete Salazar who passed away on 3-3-05. Club member since 2001. Deepest sympathy to his wife Shirley and family.

FIND OF THE MONTH (FOTM) TABLE STARTS AT THE MARCH MEETING!

Yes folks, starting at the March meeting the FOTM table will began again! You can bring your finds from November 2004 thru March 22nd. March meeting is a great chance to win the Find of the Month. Be sure to bring your finds. Jewelry, Coin, Military, Token, Relic. Bring them all!

FIRST TOKEN HUNT FOR 2005

The first Token Hunt for 2005 will be in April. Tom Sniezek will be the hunt master. The hunt promises to be a good one with plenty of silver in the ground. Look for the date and more details in the upcoming Prober.

APRIL OPEN HOUSE

Our annual Open House will be happening at the April membership meeting. Now is the time to start getting your displays ready. Any MTH members that are Metal Detector Dealers are welcome and encouraged to display their products. More info to come in April's Prober.

SPRING WARM UP HUNT Just around the corner! May 15th, at 1:00pm. Rotary Park at 5 Mile. Mark your calendars.

NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

Board Meeting Minutes March 1, 2005

The board meeting was called to order at 7:23pm. All board members present., except Harry Dayner. The topics of discussion were: Meeting dates with the church. Coin inventory and purchases. Treasurer's report. February meeting review. March speaker, Plaques, coins and ribbons. Club merchandise and inventory, and token hunts. Committee assignments.

Other topics that were addressed: 50/50 raffle, coin raffle, mystery find of the month, winner circle pins, Prober articles, membership forms and dues by April 1st. Detector raffle & guest speakers for upcoming meetings. The board voted that a club member might request their old membership numbers back if they wish during registration. Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm. Next board meeting is 3-29-05 at 7:00pm at Bonnie Klisz's house.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Lynn Walker.

Your yearly membership renewal is due on April 1st. The fee is \$18.00. Send yours in today!

Membership Renewal Form

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Livonia MI 48151-6237

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Our Guest speaker for March will be a representative from the Michigan Kidney Foundation. They will talk about the kid's camp for children with kidney disease. The money we raise each year at the Fall Hunt in Milan from the "Diamonds are Forever" Hunt goes to this great foundation. Please attend the March meeting to find out more.

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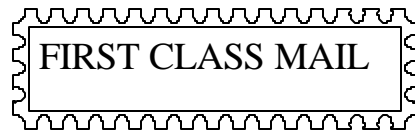
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Next Meeting April 26th @ 7:30pm.

The MTH Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm
The meeting is held at:
**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
30000 FIVE MILE ROAD
LIVONIA MICHIGAN
(between Middlebelt & Merriman)**



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March 22nd meeting @ 7:30pm

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$18.00 PER YEAR
WITH AN INITIATION FEE OF \$5.00
Membership includes all club functions, meeting &
a monthly newsletter.

Visit our awesome web page for more club details. Remember, **“We leave it cleaner than we found it.”**

Prober Editor(: Virginia Chojnowski :)

CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2005

President, Riley Saylor called the meeting to order at 7:45pm. Mr. Saylor introduced all the present Officers and members and guests. Mr. Saylor explained the no smoking rule, club raffles, membership draw, the “Find of the Month”, Club Merchandise, fish bowl, guest book, detector raffle, token hunts and the Library were explained. There was a gold coin raffle included in tonight’s meeting. There will be more coin and detector raffles again throughout the year. Watch your Prober for the next upcoming raffle. Mentioned to the members , the loss of one of our club members, Erin Biscup. Cheryl Jester gave the Treasurers report. A reminder to renew Membership dues by April 1st. You may mail in or renew at the meeting. Mr. Saylor mentioned the Upcoming Events. Ross Soderberg talked about metal detecting restrictions. Marcia Reiser talked about a class ring she returned. Please remember the refreshment sign up sheet will be at every meeting. We always need volunteers for refreshments. Break for refreshments at 8:20pm. Meeting resumed at 8:40pm. Anniversary Pins were passed out. Our Mixer for this meeting was nursery rhyme deciphers. Coin raffle winners were Fred Christensen, Richard Allen, Virginia Chojnowski & Earl Hansen. The 50/50 raffle winners were Sharon Standish & Kris Meyers. The gold coin raffle winner was Nate Larson. The new escalating raffle winner was Roger Scott. Membership Draw winner was Evelyn Bryant. Winners of the President’s find of the month were, Tom Sniezek, Kris Seaburg, & Harry Dayner. Our April meeting will be the open house. Please make a display to show at the open house if possible. Next Board Meeting March 1st at Bonnie Klisz’s house at 7:00pm. Mr. Saylor adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm. Respectfully submitted, Lynn Walker, Secretary.

Beginning at the March meeting there will be a progressive raffle for a Fisher CZ20 underwater detector. The tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Included will be a Hard Case for the detector. The CZ20 is submersible to 250 feet underwater! More details at the March meeting.

TARGET ID



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If you have any ads or articles you would like to post in the Prober, please see either Virginia Chojnowski or Ross Soderberg. A fee may apply for an ad to be placed in the Prober.