



# The Prober

**Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club**

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## **PRESIDENT PAUL C. LEONARD'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH**

Every month newsletters from United States and reading them as I nor-President's Message.



MTH receives a number of metal detecting clubs across the Canada and I've just finished mally do before I write my

It's quite interesting to read how these other clubs operate, how large (or small) their membership is, what types of hunts they put on, what they're finding, etc., etc. For instance, I just read in the newsletter of the Thames Valley Metal Detectors Association of London, Ontario that if you find, or lose, a high school or college ring, there's a website that provides a directory of lost and found class rings. I went to the website at [www.classringfinder.com](http://www.classringfinder.com) and found it can be a very useful tool—especially for people in our hobby—for returning rings to their rightful owners. As a matter of fact, I've got a few rings that I've tried to return without luck. Maybe this will do the trick and thanks Thames Valley for your helpful information!

I hope that all of you can make it to our March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting because our speaker will be Mr. Jon Oliver of Ferndale, an expert on the life and death of one of the most famous magicians of all time: Ehrich Weiss, AKA Harry Houdini. Not only will Jon tell us about Houdini the magician and performer, he'll show us some of the items (handcuffs, etc.) that Houdini personally used in his performances. This should prove to be quite a presentation and my thanks go to MTH member Chuck Chandler (our resident lock expert) for telling us about his good friend Jon.

I'm sure many of you are chomping at the bit to bring in your finds for Find of the Month, which resumes at our March meeting. Remember, any item found after the November meeting and up to the March meeting is eligible for entry. I'm sure that there will be some Florida finds, maybe some from Aruba or the Bahamas, or maybe some from out West—and I do look forward to seeing them all.

Don't forget that our annual Open House is just around the corner, April 24<sup>th</sup> to be exact! If you'd like to show off your past finds and exercise a few bragging rights, this is the time and place to do it. And remember, every individual who sets up a display will receive a raffle ticket to be entered in the drawing for a gold coin. So start early at getting those displays ready!

One last but very important reminder: THE MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> MEETING STARTS AT 8:00PM DUE TO LENTEN SERVICES AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH.

I hope that you can make it to the meeting!

Paul

### **Upcoming Events!**

#### **Club Meetings:**

March 27.....8:00 pm (**Later time due to Lenten Service**)

April 24th.....7:30 pm

Doors open shortly after 7:30 pm

March 27 and 7:00 on April 24th.

#### **Board Meeting:**

March 6th

**April Token Hunt: Date TBD**

#### **Michigan Treasure Hunters 2007 OFFICERS**

President.....Paul C. Leonard

Vice President.....Tom Klisz

Secretary.....Cheryl Jester

Treasurer.....Larry Prested

#### **Board of Directors**

Clarence Herberholz.....Chairman

Harry Daynor Dave Picard

Tom Weaver Tom Sniezek

Vince Tremain.....Alternate

**Welcome Guests:** Carl Hoheisel  
& John Kablinger

**Refreshments for March:** Tim &  
Sharon Standish, Vincent Tremain  
and Carol Redigan

#### **SILVER COINS WANTED**

Looking to cash in some of your silver coins? If so, the MTH Club is looking to buy silver coins at market price to be used for prizes and in the token hunts. Contact any club officer if interested.

# THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

The MTH send Get Well Wishes to **Regina Dombrowski, Al Temple, Doris Temple, Jake Markley and Marie Horanoff.**

Our sympathy is also sent to **Dan Tomala** on the passing of his mother, **Shirley O'Connell**

Welcome to new members **John Kiblinger** and **Carl & Dolores Hoheisel**

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 6, 2007

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. All Board members were present with the exception of Tom Weaver.

Treasurer's report was given.

**The topics of discussion were:** purchasing coins from members, Silver coin report, guest speakers, coin/detector raffle for March. New ideas for April open house.

**Committee assignments-** most have been filled

**Other topics that were addressed:** Up close and personal column returns, church times and rent, New find of the month category:

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Jester, Secretary

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MILAN FALL HUNT

After running the Milan Fall Hunt for several years, Larry Prested would like for someone to step up and run the hunt in 2007.

Several other volunteers are also needed to help out with the hunt.

If you are willing to take over the hunt or help out, contact Larry Prested or any other club officer.

Since Larry is the club treasurer, he can be found seated at the front table at the meetings.

Visit our web page at [www.michigantreasurehunters.com](http://www.michigantreasurehunters.com) for more club details.

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

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## How You Can Save the Club Over \$8.50 a Year!

By agreeing to download your Prober from the MTH website at [www.michigantreasurehunters.com](http://www.michigantreasurehunters.com) rather than having it mailed. It will also be Emailed to you. Just send me an Email with your Email address at [chuck7739@comcast.net](mailto:chuck7739@comcast.net). Also, let me know if you would like a trial copy Emailed to you.

**A Garrett ACE 250 Metal Detector will be raffled off at the March meeting.**

**March's Speaker—Jon Oliver**

**On**

**HARRY HOUDINI**

Read Paul C. Leonard's President's Message for details on the presentation.



## NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

### UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

By Tom Klisz

Several years ago we had a column in the club paper that was devoted to getting to know more about our fellow club members. Perhaps, it is time to bring it back again.

Our first club member who agreed to talk to this reporter was David Picard, a newly elected board member.

Dave and his wife, Marjorie, joined the club about five years ago. They have a daughter Katherine who is an attorney and a son, Christopher who is in his last year at Madonna University majoring in business. Dave is a retired Lieutenant from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and has degrees in Biology and Chemistry which he put together with a Master's degree in Criminology while working in the crime lab for the county.

Dave heard about MTH from a hobby shop on Five Mile in Livonia and he and Marjorie came to a meeting to check us out. After joining MTH, Dave has sharpened up his Whites MXT and Fisher Aquanaut at their summer home in Naples, Florida. While still looking for his first good ring or coin, he feels it will just be a matter of time until he scores a big one. It's the thrill of the hunt.

Besides, treasure hunting, Dave collects coins and does woodworking around the house. When asked about the club, Dave said he was sorry to see some events like the Fall Hunt and the January Potluck cancelled due to a lack of interest. As a new board member, Dave will work actively to try to create interest in all our events and help create some new ones. He loves the camaraderie of our club and especially the Autumn Weekends where he feels everyone treated their family with genuine friendship. Dave also feels that the club returns many fold benefits for the low cost of membership. With members like David and Marjorie Picard, MTH is on the right track.

## MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS 2007 VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

### **Volunteers are Needed for the Following Jobs/Activities:**

<b>Prober Editor:</b>	Chuck Williams
<b>Webmaster:</b>	Ross Soderberg
<b>Refreshment Stand at Monthly Meetings:</b>	Chuck & Sophia Froelich
<b>Membership List:</b>	Larry Prested
<b>Photographer (Digital) at Meetings &amp; Events:</b>	
<b>Silver Raffle Table:</b>	Dave Picard
<b>50/50 Raffle Table:</b>	Earl Hansen
<b>Escalating Jackpot:</b>	
<b>Find of the Month Table (3 Volunteers &amp; 1 Alt.):</b>	Mark Branton, Vincent Trenain, Chuck Williams, Alt. TBD
<b>Merchandise &amp; NameTag Sales Table:</b>	Dominic Fustini
<b>Library Table:</b>	Manny Gauci
<b>Hunt Master at Spring Warm-Up Hunt:</b>	Tom Weaver
<b>Hunt Master of Ladies Token Hunt:</b>	
<b>Organizer of Club Picnic:</b>	
<b>Organizer of Autumn Weekend:</b>	Larry and Sharon Prested
<b>Organizer of Fall Hunt (Milan, MI) (Many Positions):</b>	
<b>Organizer of Holiday Party:</b>	
<b>Organizer of January 2008 Potluck:</b>	
<b>Nominating Committee:</b>	
<b>Guest Book:</b>	

These positions are held annually. If there are no volunteers for an event, then it may be cancelled. **Please contact any club officer to volunteer.** Let's all do our part for our MTH club.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

The MTH Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm, except for 8:00 pm in March due to a Lenten Service at the Church. The meeting is held at:

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
30000 FIVE MILE ROAD  
LIVONIA MICHIGAN  
(between Middlebelt & Merriman)

**March 27th meeting @ 8:00pm**

**Next Meeting April 24th @ 7:30pm.**

Don't send any mail to the church. Address all mail to:

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$18.00 PER YEAR  
WITH AN INITIATION FEE OF \$5.00

Membership includes all club functions, meeting &  
a monthly newsletter.

## CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2007

President, Paul C. Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. Mr Leonard explained the no smoking rule, small child rule, club raffles, membership draw, "Find of the Month", fish bowl, guest book. Mr. Leonard thanked Chuck Williams for his work on putting the Prober together and printing his first issue this year. He then introduced the new officers and Board Members for 2007. There was then a swearing in of the new officers and the new board members who were not present at the January meeting. Larry Prested gave the Treasurers report. Larry also brought up the Fall Hunt , on whether to continue it, a meeting will be held March 15, at the DPW in Livonia. Tom Klisz spoke about the Campground (at Milan) and the beginning years of the fall hunt, and the past 33 years of Fall Hunts. Recent years the numbers and participation has been down. There were 75 people in attendance. We had 2 guests tonight, Carl Hoheisel from Livonia, John Keblinger from Northville. Passing of the fishbowl. Service pins were given out. Tom Klisz give a short story about his recent trip to Hawaii. Meeting broke for refreshments at 8:15 p.m. and resumes at 8:45 p.m. Mr Leonard thanked Dominic Fustini, Darrin Mendrick, Jeff Kerner, Larry Pirochta for bring refreshments tonight. Riley Saylor introduced guest speaker Joe Goode who gave a very interesting talk on Hobo Nickels. There was not a find of the month tonight. 50/50 winners Gerald Grusendorf, Ross Soderberg. Silver Draw Larry Pirochta, Tom Weaver, Marcia Reiser, Earl Hansen Membership Draw Howard Smith Detector/Silver raffle Vince Tremain-10 oz silver bar. Bottle of Coke winners Ken Brown, Tom Klisz, Tom Weaver, Sharon Standish. Next Board Meeting March 6, 2007 Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Cheryl Jester.

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