



The Prober

Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club

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MTH Website: www.michigantreasurehunters.com

Club Meetings:

March 25th.....7:30 p.m.
1st Find-of-the-Month & MTH

Buying Gold & Silver Coins

April 22nd.....7:30 p.m.

Open House - Member's Displays & Seller's Tables

May 27th.....7:30 p.m.

Speaker on the Purple Gang

Doors open shortly after 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

March.....1st Token Hunt

See inside for details.

May - Date TBD.....Spring

Warmup Hunt by Don Jaeger

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

Welcome Guests: Steve & Bunny Kunder

Refreshments for March: Jeff Kerner, Darrin Mendrick & Larry Pirochta

PRESIDENT PAUL C. LEONARD'S MARCH MESSAGE

I don't know about you but I've just about had it with this Michigan winter weather: snow, ice, snow and ice and cold -- what winter is all about. something to do with it that means (right!).



45 dedicated MTH

and cold in order to attend our February 26th meeting. Even with the understandably low attendance, I thought that it was a great meeting! Since we had no speaker (and that's pretty par for February), Tom Klisz put together a mixer for everyone and did a great job to boot! People were running around like chickens with their heads cut off, banging in to one another, scrambling for signatures and more. It was a sight to behold!

Don't forget to bring your 2 ½ gold peso coins and your silver coins to the March 25th meeting, *IF*, you'd like to do *your* Club a favor and sell them to MTH. Your Officers and Board know full well that we can't possibly pay what the coins shops are paying, but, as in the past, we endeavor to pay a fair price so that you can make a nice profit and MTH can bolster its coin reserves as well. Commodity prices, which includes gold and silver, have been going through the roof in recent years and you know as well as I do that MTH relies heavily on these two precious metals. Don't forget, it's still the members that make MTH what it is today, but think what MTH would be like without our gold and silver (personally speaking, I know it wouldn't be as much fun!). We won't know what we'll be paying until the day of the meeting, March 25th, because what we pay will be governed by that day's gold and silver spot prices. We'll have a special table set up to accommodate you, we'll write you a check for your coins and we'll certainly thank you for helping MTH. There's also the possibility that we may have too many people bring in their gold and silver. If that happens, we'll buy what we can on a first-come, first-serve basis and if we need additional coins, we'll buy them at a later date since we do have financial limitations. Thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Getting a speaker for our March 25th meeting has been easier said than done but we're still working at it. It seems as though more people have been ill than anything else. If you think you might know of someone who can give a great presentation, call me at 313-582-6740. Thanks!

April 22nd is our Annual Open House and this is an event where MTH truly shines. We have no speaker for this meeting so that members and guests alike can take their time and see what MTH is all about. And that can be accomplished pretty well by checking out the displays that MTH members assemble each year. I know for a fact that some members have been setting up their displays for twenty-five or more years. That's a lot of rings, bracelets, coins, relics, tokens and you name it! So start organizing your displays today and impress the gang next month. Remember, we'll have a special drawing for those members that display their finds.

Some upcoming events: Tom Weaver is waiting for the permafrost to go away so he can put on his Token Hunt (date to be announced as soon as possible), Don Jaeger is starting to get things organized for our spring Warm-Up Hunt at Rotary Park, and your Officers and Board are working to come up with some new ideas for 2008! Help us out in that regard if you can because we always need member input!

I hope to see you at the March 25th meeting!

THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Leonard at 8:10 p.m. The meeting time was later due to lent. Mr. Leonard introduced all present Board Members and Officers and welcomed our guests (2) and members (45). The 50/50 Raffle, Silver Raffle, Coin Raffle, Membership Raffle, President's Raffle, club library, name tag, and no smoking rule were explained. Larry will be taking membership dues (\$20.00) increased effective Feb 2008.

Treasurer, Larry Prested gave the treasurer's report. Larry also presented Paul with a gift certificate as a thank you from the club for his 2007 Presidency.

Paul talked about gold and silver prices. The club may be interested in buying coins from club members at a discounted price. We cannot compete with coin shops. If you are interested see a board member. Paul officially swore Bonnie Klisz in as secretary since she was unable to attend the January meeting.

The fish bowl was passed around by Jerry Wickens.

Dave Picard is stepping down as Milan Hunt co-chair due to the fact that he will be taking over as treasurer. Vince Tremain, the other co-chair asked for a replacement for Dave, and Jerry Wickens volunteered to help Vince as co-chair. The first meeting for the Fall Hunt was held February 14, 2008 and there are a lot of concerns regarding fee increases and needing volunteers to run the hunt. Dave has contracted Bright House to run an ad for free for six months and contacted the Livonia Observer to come to our open house meeting in April. He is also looking at Craig's list. The next Fall Hunt meeting is March 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Livonia DPW.

Paul presented certificates of appreciation to present members for jobs done in 2007.

Break for refreshments at 8:40 p.m. Meeting resumed at 9:00 p.m.

Paul read a letter sent to our members from Toys for Tots thanking us for our generosity during the Holiday season. Tom Klisz ran our mixer for the evening that he called a Human Treasure Hunt. Prizes were awarded to first place winner, Peggy Collins and second place winner, Mark Branton.

Vince Tremain again donated a roll of Presidential Dollars to be used in future raffles.

50/50 Raffle Winners: Gus Dombrowski and Ray Serpa

Silver Draw Winners: Tom Weaver, Dwayne Seyuin, Gus Dombrowski, Jerry Wickens and Darrin Mendrick

Four Ounce Silver Certificate Raffle Winner: Bill Whitman

Membership Drawing Winner: #876, Mark and Diane Rogers

President's Raffle Winner: Jerry Wickens

Next MTH Meeting is March 25th at 7:00 p.m. and the next Board Meeting is March 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Paul is still looking for volunteers to fill positions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR GOLD & SILVER COINS TO SELL TO THE MTH AT THE MARCH MEETING.

Michigan Treasure Hunters
Board of Directors Meeting
March 4, 2008

The meeting started at 7:10 p.m. all board members were present including the alternate.

Topics Discussed:

Treasurers Report
Budget for 2008
Coin purchases (increase in Silver and Coin Prices)
Find-of-the-Month, Ribbons and Plaques
Prober Deadline and Questions
Committee and Job Assignments
Winners Circle and Anniversary Pins
Merchandise Sales and Name Tags
Ladies Hunt
Mini Hunts
Token Hunts (change in coin format)
Monthly Meetings Formats
Autumn Weekend
Milan Hunt
Fishbowl
November Holiday Party
January Potluck
Nominating Committee

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Klisz,
Secretary

**2008 DUES RENEWAL
DUE MAY 1, 2008
AND
INCREASED FROM \$18.00 TO
\$20.00**

Increased cost of gold, silver and everything else has made it necessary to increase the dues by \$2.00.

SELL YOUR SCRAP GOLD AT OPEN HOUSE
Dan Tomala and his associate Martin Weberman will be buying scrap gold, silver and other precious metals at the April 22nd Open House. Top dollar paid.
For information, contact Dan at 734-637-0493.

Visit our web page at
www.michigantreasurehunters.com for club information.
Remember, "We leave it cleaner than we found it."

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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.

How You Can Save MTH \$9.00/Year!

By agreeing to download your Prober from the MTH website rather than having it mailed. It will also be Emailed to you. Just send your Email address to Chuck7739@comcast.net

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.

THE PROBER NEWSLETTER

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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

MARCH TOKEN HUNT

I think with all the cold weather we're having, that the ground will more than likely still be frozen come March 30th. Even so, I have tentatively scheduled MTH'S first Token Hunt of the year on March 30th at 1:00 PM at Star Park in Royal Oak off 13 mile RD. I've been given 40 silver dimes and 4 silver quarters for the hunt. I thought I'd add some more to the hunt to sweeten it up a little. I found about 16 more silver quarters, and a 1953 1/2 dollar I could spare for the hunt. I also thought I'd throw in a 1922 BU Peace Dollar (not buried). This is the same park where numerous large cents and Indian Head Pennies have been found in the wild. I will say this so listen up, You don't want to miss this hunt. If the ground is still frozen it will be rescheduled for the second Sunday in April at 1:00 pm. If it's still frozen then, I will most likely postpone it until the second weekend in May as I will be in Daytona. Hope to see everyone on the 30th.
Tom Weaver (248-349-8993)

Editors Note: I will update those getting the Prober via email of date changes. Others can contact Tom.

MILAN HUNT SET-UP MEETING

March 13, 2008

7:00 PM

Livonia DPW Yard

All Concerned and Volunteers are
Welcome

Contact: Dave Picard 734 464-6366

OTHER THINGS

- 1 The May Prober will be the last one sent to members who haven't renewed.
- 2 MTH Nametags are available from treasurer for \$4.00.
- 3 Bring your displays of finds to the April 22nd Open House.
- 4 Sellers are welcome to set up tables at the April 22nd Open House.
- 5 Tom Klisz is now accepting donations for the October 28th Silent Auction.
- 6 The Autumn Weekend will take place October 3rd to 5th.
- 7 Starting with the March meeting, president Paul Leonard is interested in buying gold and silver coins from members for use in club events. Bring gold and silver to the meetings.