



The Prober

Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club

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MTH Website: www.michigantreasurehunters.com



Club Meetings:

March 24th.....7:30 p.m.
Civil War Speaker, Bob Zaetta
April 28th.....7:30 p.m.
Open House & Detector Raffle
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

April 19th (Sun) 1:00 p.m.
Token Hunt at Rotary Park in Livonia. North of 6 Mile Rd. at Hubbard (Between Farmington and Merriman). Hunt Master: Don Jaeger
May 17th (Sun) 1:00 p.m.
Spring Warmup Hunt at Rotary Park. Hunt Master: Terry Clark.

Michigan Treasure Hunters 2009 Officers

President.....Mark Branton
Vice President..Vincent Tremain
Secretary.....Bonnie Klisz
Treasurer.....Jerry Wickens

Board of Directors

Dave Picard: Chairman
Don Jaeger, Tom Klisz
Joani Rundell Chuck Williams,
Alternate: Harry Dayner

Sincere Get-Well Wishes go out to Ray Koski and Jim Lynam

Refreshments for March: Darlene Ciarrocchi

PRESIDENT MARK BRANTON'S MARCH MESSAGE

I'd like to open up "whew"! I'm glad my now let's move forward. I am so proud of a the plate, when it comes to now have Don De George Hunt, Terry Clark to be hunt master for our Spring Warmup Hunt and Charles Chandler to take care of the library. That will be nice, the members are always wanting to utilize the reference books, and pick-up new tips from the magazines. This is what I alluded to earlier, volunteering is one thing that makes our club work.



this message with one big first meeting is behind us, ward. I am so proud of a the plate, when it comes to now have Don De George Hunt, Terry Clark to be hunt master for our Spring Warmup Hunt and Charles Chandler to take care of the library. That will be nice, the members are always wanting to utilize the reference books, and pick-up new tips from the magazines. This is what I alluded to earlier, volunteering is one thing that makes our club work.

March, is upon us now, and when I put my detector away in November, I told myself I was going to research this park and that, now I'm going back to the same parks. Just, didn't turn out like I thought it would. I do know one thing most of you have put batteries back into your machine, and have been out at least once in this month of March.

In which this brings me to a reminder, don't forget to bring your finds from December till now for the "Find of the Month". It begins for 2009 at the upcoming meeting with Riley Saylor's original "Mystery Find".

We will be instilling something new to our Prober. The idea was brought to us by Tom Klisz, who in turn got the idea from an Illinois metal detecting club. It works as follows, if you should see you're membership number in any article in the Prober, bring yourself to the following meeting, and tell us where you spotted your membership number and win a silver half.

I would like everybody to pray for one of our club members, Ray Koski, to have a speedy recovery from his illness. He has been such an attribute to this club for years, hands on, volunteering and just plain participating.

In closing I will just say, I hope I will see you all at the March meeting



Welcome Guests at the February Meeting: Bob Marl, Terry Baller, Eugene & Kathy Rorabacker, Debbie Armour and Michael Kennedy

March Meeting Raffle

A Proof Commemorative Lincoln Silver Dollar will be raffled at the March meeting.

THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MARCH 3, 2009

The meeting started at 7:05 p.m. with all Officers and Board Members present except Dave Picard.

Topics Discussed:

Treasurer's Report

Committee and Job Assignments

FOYM Ribbons, Anniversary Pins and Silver Dollars

Prober Deadline and Questions

Winner Circle Pins and Anniversary Pins

MTH Website

Coin purchases

March Meeting: Speaker, Bob Zaetta

Club Checkbook Signatures

Party Committee

Spring Warmup Hunt

April Token Hunt: Don Jaeger

April 19th Rotary Park

April Meeting Format

May Meeting format

June Meeting Format

July Meeting Format

August Meeting : Swap Meet

September Meeting

October Meeting: Silent Auction

Autumn Weekend

November Meeting: Holiday Party

January Potluck and Election

Ladies Hunt : Joanne Rundell,

Hunt Master Date to be announced

Milan Hunt Setup Meeting Mar. 19th at Bonnie Klisz's home

Fishbowl Don De George, Hunt Master

Next Meeting March 24th and next Board Meeting March 31, 2009.

Meeting Adjourned 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order by newly elected President, Mark Branton, at 7:30 p.m. with 90 people in attendance. Mark introduced all new Board Members and Officers and welcomed all guests (6) to our meeting. He also introduced our Prober Editor and Board Member, Chuck Williams. The no smoking rule, 50/50 Raffle, Silver Raffle, Membership Draw, Escalating Raffle and the Special Raffle were explained. Mark is looking for volunteers for positions still open especially the Library. The Suggestion Box and the Mystery Drawing will be brought back this year. The club has printed up business cards that can be used by all members to give out to non-members. Please help yourself to some during the meeting. The Fish Bowl was passed around by Jerry Wickens. The Fish bowl Hunt Master for 2009 is Don De George.

New Treasurer, Jerry Wickens, gave the treasurers report.

Past President, Paul Leonard, presented appreciation certificates to those who did not receive them in January. Mark presented anniversary pins to present members. Chuck Williams spoke on an outdoor event "Go Outdoors" Dates May 15-17 and 22-24th. Bass Pro Shop would like an MTH member to speak at this event on detecting. The location is in Waterford/ Great Lake Crossing area see Chuck for more details. Don De George an MTH member for four years wants to start a Search and Recovery Team to work with local Police Departments. He asked if our club would want to form such a team. Don explained the format. He was doing this in Lancaster, PA prior to coming to Michigan. There was a favorable response and Don will be the contact person. Please sign up so Don can contact you.

Mark read a letter from Bitary Cent. Tree Amateur Treasure Hunting Club in the Philippines inviting us to come and hunt in the Philippines they are also asking for used detectors. Vince Tremain, Fall Hunt Chairman Spoke on the next hunt meeting to held March 19th 7:00 p.m. at Bonnie Klisz's home. Phone calls will be made prior to meeting if you are interested. Tom Klisz spoke on the Livonia Public Library's upcoming speaking events. Next event is Mar. 3rd with Dr. Richard Crownover speaking on the Polar Bear Division. These events are free and dates will be posted in the Prober.

Break for refreshments 8:10 pm. Meeting resumed 8:35 pm.

Joe LeBlanc, MTH and Mich. State Numismatic Society member, straightened out the confusion on the money that MTH and Northwest Coin Club will receive volunteering at the fall (Nov). convention. Each club will receive \$3000.00 for helping set up and take down the displays, etc for the two day event. Mr. Le Blanc also introduced our guest speaker, Larry Sekulich. Mr. Sekulich, a member of MSNS and a retired Art Teacher from Garden City Schools, spoke on the upcoming April 7th MSNS convention. Metal detecting is a new category and MSNS would like to encourage our members to enter displays on their interesting coin finds. There are strict rules regarding the displays and Mr. Sekulich is willing to help anyone interested in entering a display. You must be a member of the MSNS.

Winners for the 50/50 raffle: Joanne Rundell & Roger Suter. Silver Raffle winners: Dennis Redigan, Lorraine Haas, Gus Dombrowski & Larry Pirochta. Membership Draw winner: Joanne Rundell. Special Raffle Winner: Ron Stiefel. Next meeting March 24, 2009. Next Board Meeting Mar. 3, 2008 Meeting adjourned 9:10 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

EVENTS OF INTEREST LIVONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday, March 23, 2009

General George Armstrong Custer

Steve Alexander has been recognized by the Michigan and Ohio Senates and the U.S. Congress as the foremost "Custer Living Historian." George A. Custer will come to life and relate his experiences.

Monday, April 6, 2009

A History of Firefighting in Detroit

Cheryl Anderson, author of the book *Detroit Firefighters*, will present an insightful look into the long standing history and traditions of firefighting in Detroit.

Monday, May 18, 2009

Willow Run Bomber Plant

One of the greatest industrial plants in America during World War II was the Willow Run Bomber Plant in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Gary Wlosinski will present and discuss its history from inception to wartime transformation to present day.

All programs are at Civic Center Library and begin at 7:00 p.m. For more information call the library at 734-466-2480.

A NEW CONTEST HAS BEEN ADDED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Starting with this issue of the Prober, one MTH Member's member number, out of context and without a # symbol, will be hidden somewhere within the Prober. If that member finds it and comes to that month's meeting and can reveal where in the Prober it was found, he will receive a Silver Half Dollar.

"GO OUTDOORS" EVENT AT BASS PRO SHOP IN AUBURN HILLS

Steve Kunder (MTH Member #879) works part-time at the Bass Pro Shop in Auburn Hills. His team leader, knowing that he was interested in metal detecting and belonging to a local club, asked him if the MTH might be interested in promoting metal detecting at the stores upcoming "GO OUTDOORS" event in May. The event takes place over two weeks and they were looking to have someone set up a table and show their finds, along with handing out any club information we might have, during the weekends, 5/15 5/16, 5/17 and 5/22, 5/23 5/24. Bass Pro Shop sells Bounty Hunter Metal Detectors, but this event is not to promote one brand or any brand, but to promote outdoors and the hobby of metal detecting. Brad Ziegler who is the camping department team leader would be best to answer any specific questions regarding this event. He can be reached at Bass Pro Shop 248-209-4200 or by email @ BJZiegler@basspro.com. Steve can also intercede with getting more details and can be reached at 248-937-1840 or smkunder@comcast.net. If anyone can assist Steve in this matter, please give him a call.

MILAN HUNT COMMITTEE MEETING

The second Milan Fall Hunt Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Klisz, 41073 Southwind, Canton, MI 48188.

For information call Vince Tremain at 248-858-7955

THE PROBER NEWSLETTER

Chuck Williams, Prober Editor
220 W. Columbia Ave.
Belleville, MI 48111

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$20.00 PER YEAR
WITH AN INITIATION FEE OF \$5.00
Membership includes all club functions, 535 meeting & a
monthly newsletter.

The MTH Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month
at 7:30pm. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

The meetings are held at:

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

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

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

MTH SEARCH AND RECOVERY TEAM FORMED

The MTH board has approved and Don De George made a presentation, at the March meeting, on the formation of an MTH Search and Recovery Team. The team would assist local police departments to recover items at crime scenes and etc, both on land and in up to waist deep water. There was a signup sheet at the meeting and several people signed up. Team leaders are Don DeGeorge, Randy Smith and Lynn Walker.

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 metal detecting related 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 the 10th.

OTHER THINGS

1. MTH Nametags are available from the treasurer for \$4.00.
2. The club needs volunteers to take over a number of club functions. See any club officer to volunteer.
3. Don De George has volunteered to run the Fishbowl Hunt. Thanks Don!
4. Chuck Chandler has volunteered to handle the Library. Thanks Chuck!
5. Terry Clark has volunteered to be Hunt Master for the Spring Warmup Hunt. Thanks Terry!
6. The Mystery Drawing associated with FOTM entries has been reinstated.
7. Tom Klisz is already accepting donations for the October Silent Auction.
8. Displayers at the April Open House will receive a ticket for a Morgan Silver Dollar Raffle.
9. The first FIND-OF-THE-MONTH will take place at the March meeting. Bring your finds found since the Nov. mtg.

BACK ISSUES OF PROBER ARE AVAILABLE ON MTH WEBSITE
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Remember, "We leave it cleaner than we found it."
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