



# The Prober

Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club

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MTH Website: <http://home.att.net/~ross.soderberg/MTH.html>

MEMBER OF THE FMDAC

## Upcoming Events ...

Token Hunt  
Thursday, May 22nd  
7:00 p.m.

Club Meeting  
Tuesday, May 27th  
7:30 p.m.

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

LOOK FOR YOUR MILAN  
FALL HUNT FLYER IN  
THIS NEWSLETTER



The May Token Hunt will be held on Thursday, May 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. Get out your telephone keypad to decipher the location.

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Any questions, call Lynn Walker at 313-537-8864 (home) or 313-283-1878 (cell).

## Guest Speaker at Club Meeting on Tuesday, May 27th Topic: Glass Insulators

By Riley Saylor

I realize that we will probably never find a glass insulator using our metal detectors, but we may come across them while detecting old home sites, bottle dumps, privys or garage sales for example. And since we are a treasure-hunting club, our guest speaker this month will open our eyes on the treasure in glass insulators.

"Glass insulators were first produced in the 1850's for use with telegraph lines. As technology developed, insulators were needed for telephone lines, electric power lines, and other applications. In the mid 1960's a few people began collecting these insulators. Today there are over 2,000 collectors, insulator clubs, and national shows . . ." See <http://www.insulators.com/>. Of course over time, new technology made the use of glass insulators unnecessary.

Our speaker this month is Mr. Paul Hoste. Mr. Hoste has been collecting glass insulators for six years. Originally, Mr. Hoste was introduced to treasure hunting by digging bottles with his father. After his father's passing, Mr. Hoste happened to buy a box of miscellaneous bottles and glass. Inside the box were some glass insulators and a new hobby began.

Mr. Hoste will have part of his collection on display and will gladly appraise (and possibly buy) your glass insulators – so please bring them to the meeting. According to Mr. Hoste, insulators can range in value from 50¢ to \$10,000. It should be a very informative and interesting meeting. Plan on attending.

# \$10

U.S. Gold  
Coin Raffle  
at May's  
Club  
Meeting

**2nd  
Clue** to the  
hidden  
cache:

I hope you're not getting too frustrated trying to find my cache of coins. Relax. No need to see your pastor.



Here's the totals thus far from the Fish Bowl collections:

April 2003 ..... \$34.65  
Total ..... \$151.15

### Welcome New Members

Gerald & Lois Locklear  
Greg & Margaret McConoughey  
Kevin & Eva McSorley  
Lynnae Ducharme



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

### MILITARY

- 1st** Tom Sniezek  
Sterling Army-Navy  
Production Award Pin
- 2nd** Joe Talbot  
12-Pound Civil War  
Confederate Shell
- 3rd** Sue Talbot  
58 Caliber Bullet

### COIN

- 1st** Ken Brown  
1855 U.S. Large Cent
- 2nd** Bruce Baron  
1866 Shield Nickel
- 3rd** Clarence Herberholz  
1893 Barber Dime

**Other Entries:**

- Tom Sniezek . . . . . 1887 Indian  
Head Cent
- Fred Klemm . . . . . 1902-O Barber  
Quarter
- No Name . . . . . 1903 Indian  
Head Cent
- Larry Ciarrocchi . . . . . 1930 Standing  
Liberty Quarter
- Ernie Herring . . . . . 25¢ Bahamian  
Coin

### JEWELRY

- 1st** Rick Cleveland  
Women's 14K Heart Ring
- 2nd** Ernie Herring  
.925 Cross
- 3rd** Chuck Williams  
Sterling Silver Crucifix

**Other Entries:**

- No Name . . . . . Frog-Heart Ring

### TOKEN

- 1st** Tim Standish  
One Cent Play Token
- 2nd** Chuck Williams  
June 29, 1941  
Expression of Love
- 3rd** Ernie Herring  
Alpena Power Co. Token

**Other Entries:**

- No Name . . . . . Unknown Token

### RELIC

- 1st** Ray Koski  
Wallet & 1959  
Sinclair Gas Card
- 2nd** Ted Langlois  
Indian on  
"Arrowhead" Medal
- 3rd** Bill Whitman  
Mickey Mouse Mirror

**Other Entries:**

- Sue Talbot . . . . . 4" Civil War  
Era Nail
- Tom Sniezek . . . . . Rose Watch Fob
- Tim Standish . . . . . Old Razor Piece
- Timmy Standish . . . . . Star of David
- Gus Dombrowski . . . . . Tootsie Toy Car
- Sharon Standish . . . . . Door Latch
- No Name . . . . . Bell
- Jim Abercrombie . . . . . 1934 State of  
Michigan  
Chauffeur Badge
- Chuck Williams . . . . . 18 lb. Aluminum  
Alloy from Ship
- Ross Soderberg . . . . . 5¢ Coca Cola  
Bottle Watch Fob

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

Well, it's May and metal detecting is now officially in full swing. I really enjoyed this year's Spring Warm-Up Hunt at Rotary Park in Livonia. What a great way to kick off the 2003 detecting season. Rich Mucha did a great job with the prizes and added a lot of interest, and treasure, to this year's warm-up with the three treasure chests he planted.

Unfortunately, before you could hunt for the treasure chests, you had to find a marked Sacajawea dollar in the pre-hunt. As many of you probably witnessed, I have a difficult time pinpointing anything on top or just a few inches deep with my Explorer. Rich walked by at one point and asked why I was digging 7 inches deep and a foot-and-a-half across! I think by the time I had my first two coins all 16 of the marked dollars had been found and the lucky finders were off to the next hunt field. Oh, well. I didn't get that Explorer to find the shallow stuff and it more than makes up for it when it comes to finding those old coins at 8" to 12". I guess if I don't win a smaller lightweight detector at one of our meetings this year, I might have to break down and buy one.

We had plenty of help with the planting and while it was a little cool

when we first arrived, it warmed up nicely. In fact, when I got home my wife, Debbie, pointed out that I even had a little bit of red on my neck from the sun. So as an added bonus, I am on my way to my usual summer farmer's tan (or Hank Hill tan for those of you who are "King of the Hill" fans).

If you couldn't be there, check out the pictures on our web site:

<http://home.att.net/~ross.soderberg/MTH.html>

Ross continues to make improvements on this site and I think it's a great addition to what our Club has to offer to our members.

In other matters, we have a total of 25 people going to the Titanic Exhibit on June 28th. I have had a few people tell me that they would like to go but were not at the meeting or did not realize they needed their money in by then. I will check with the Detroit Science Center to see if we can add a few people. I don't think it will be a problem. I will bring additional order forms to the May meeting, assuming they tell me we can add some more people. Make sure to bring a check or some extra cash if you want to sign up.

See you at the May meeting!

Next Club Meeting  
Tuesday, May 27, 2003 - 7:30 p.m.

## Club Meeting

# MINUTES

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorraine Haas, Secretary*

The meeting was called to order by Fred Klemm at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2003.

Fred introduced the Club officers and welcomed everyone. There were approximately 90 members and six guests present. The building rules were announced.

Fred explained the evening's raffles. The library was not set up because of the member's display. The Club merchandise and name tag table were open.

Barb Whitman gave the treasurer's report.

The Fish Bowl was then passed. Fred explained how the funds are used.

The May Token Hunt will be held before the next Club meeting and details will be in the May newsletter.

Also, the Spring Warm-Up Hunt was explained by Rich Mucha. Any prizes will be accepted before the hunt begins. Three treasure chests will be buried by Rich and any extra chests will be added if possible.

Fred recognized all those who brought in a display. Those members were then given a ticket towards a gold coin raffle.

Those workers and display participants then were excused to go to the Find of the Month table.

Fred also spoke about the Titanic Exhibit on Saturday, June 28, 2003.

Ross Soderberg spoke about the web site that he has set up for the Club. The web's content was explained and how each section of the site works. Anyone interested in finding out more information about the site can contact Ross. As Fred says, we would like to thank him for bringing us into the 21st century.

Larry Prested talked about the

Milan Fall Hunt. It will be held on Saturday, September 6th. This will be a one-day hunt. Any early entries will be appreciated. There will be no potluck dinner on Saturday evening. The location will remain the same as in the past. All the hunts will be held on Saturday and awards will be at 5:00 p.m. Contact Larry with any questions.

The FMDAC newsletter was distributed to those members.

A break for refreshments was held from 8:05p.m. until 8:35 p.m.

After the break Riley Saylor spoke about the clues for the Cache Hunt. He clarified any misunderstanding that anyone had. The cache is a glass jar containing clad coins.

Roger Scott was the dealer who furnished a Garrett Ace 300 detector for the detector raffle. Roger gave an update on Jake Markey's condition. Jake is still undergoing various surgeries.

Fred then started drawing tickets for a Show 'n Tell participant to tell what they had brought in. There was enough time for all the following to speak: Timmy Standish, Ross Soderberg, Ray Koski, Lorraine Haas, Mary Dean Campsie, Don Majeski, Sharon Standish, Clara Mooradian, Tim Standish, Rich Mucha, Glen James, Fred Klemm and Terry Clark. Everyone enjoyed all the stories of the finds that were told. However, the best story award of a gold coin went to Rich Mucha regarding his tale of finding a dog collar.

The Find of the Month awards were presented by Ron Curio and Fred Christensen.

The Mystery Find of the Month Drawing was for an earring. There was not a winner.

50/50 Raffle winners were Clarence Herberholz and Virginia Leonard.

The Coin Raffle winners were Wayne Bacchetti, Riley Saylor, Don Majeski and Ross Soderberg.

Ray Koski won the draw for a gold coin for the Show 'n Tell event.

Membership Drawing winner was Ray Koski.

The Gold Coin Raffle winner was Ernie Herring and the Detector Raffle winner was Wayne Bacchetti.

The next Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2003, and the board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at 7:30 p.m..

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



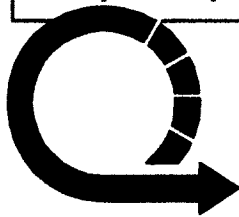
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There's a new kid on the block!! The recent retirement of the local (Windsor) area "White's" dealer left a void which Ken Brown (MTH member), has decided to fill. He hopes all his Canadian and American friends will give him a chance to try and fill their next detector and accessory needs.

**If your label is highlighted, your dues are not current  
and this will be your last newsletter.  
A Membership Renewal Form is enclosed.**



## FIRST CLASS MAIL

### at the BOARD MEETING ...

**Respectfully Submitted, Lorraine Haas, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Clarence Herberholz at 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2003.

Board Member Tim Standish was absent.

**Topics discussed:**

- Treasurer's Report
- Committee and Job Assignments
- Coin Status
- Club Merchandise
- May Token Hunt
- Spring Warm-Up Hunt
- May and June Meeting Formats
- Club Picnic
- MTH Web Page
- Speaker for July Meeting
- MTH Fall Hunt at Milan
- August Meeting – Auction

- Autumn Weekend Camp Out
- Fish Bowl Hunt
- Speaker for October Meeting
- November Meeting - Holiday Party
- January Meeting – Potluck
- Prober Articles for May

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

The next Club meeting will be Tuesday, May 27, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

#### **Refreshments for May Meeting**

Joe Parrinello  
Sophia Froelich  
Marie Horanoff

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$18.00 PER YEAR WITH AN INITIATION FEE OF \$5.00  
MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES ALL CLUB FUNCTIONS, MEETINGS AND A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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(between Middlebelt and Merriman)

The M.T.H. Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.  
The meeting is held at:

MAY 2003

MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB  
P.O. BOX 510237  
LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 48151-6237

### **Get-Well Wishes**

The Club would like to extend the best of health to Lynn Walker's husband, Randy. We hope that he is feeling better.

*If you have any articles to submit for the The Prober, please contact Lorraine Haas at 248-437-9915 by the first of the month.*

Michigan Treasure Hunters

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