



# The Prober

**Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club**

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## Upcoming Events!

### Club Meetings:

May 22nd.....7:30 pm

June 26th.....7:30 pm

Doors open shortly after 7:00 pm

**May Token Hunt:** Saturday, May 19th at 1:00 pm at the Play Field (Formerly Bryant School), East of Merriman, between 6 and 7 mile.

Huntmaster is Terry Clark. Any Questions Call 734-522-0799.

**Milan Fall Hunt:** Sept. 8th

**Autumn Weekend:** Oct. 5-7th

## 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:** Larry Nichols, Eloise Huston, Robert Hunter, Bob Goodwin, John & Laurie Raymond, W.J.M. and John & Shari Kustra.

**Refreshments for May:** Names unavailable at time of printing.

## PRESIDENT PAUL C. LEONARD'S MESSAGE FOR MAY

Open House was a big success with almost 130 people in attendance, including a number of guests. The displays, as usual, were unbelievable and I thank those members who took the time to assemble their finds and present them to us all. I doubt very much that there's another metal detecting club in the country that can match what MTH members can put together! Thanks again everyone for making Open House the great event that it is!



Also at the meeting: Don Jaeger received his 2 ½ peso gold coin for putting on the April token hunt. Thanks very much for your efforts, Don. Terry Clark found the token so he'll be putting on the May hunt and details will be in this Prober.

Our spring Warm-Up Hunt was held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Rotary Park and for the third year in a row Tom Weaver was the Huntmaster for this annual event. The weather was perfect and about 40 members hunted for gold coins, silver halves, as well as Washington and Sacagawea dollars. We were treated to a cookout, had a number of silver coin raffles, had a lot of good conversation and Tom is to be commended, once again, for a job well done!

At our May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Vice-President Tom Klisz will give us another presentation on the Civil War. Tom has given us a number of great presentations in the past and I know that this one will be no different. As a matter of fact, Tom and wife, Sherry, just recently returned home from a trip down South where they visited a number of Civil War venues.

Also at the May meeting: MTH will be buying silver dimes from the membership at what we hope will be a price somewhat lower than the spot price. If you'd like to help your club, be sure to bring along those dimes. Your Board is still working on plans for our annual Picnic, to be held either in late July or early August. We'll have all the details for you as soon as possible.

In closing, I'd like you to keep longtime MTH member Sherry Serpa in your thoughts and prayers. Sherry's been battling some health problems and we hope to see her back at MTH as soon as possible.

I hope too see you at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting!

Paul

**Bottle Digging: An Introduction - By: Matthew J. Forss** Here's a link to the very informative and interesting article: [http://ross-soderberg.com/dload.php?action=file&file\\_id=23](http://ross-soderberg.com/dload.php?action=file&file_id=23)

# THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

## UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL By Tom Klisz

This month we have selected an alternate to the Board of Directors of our club. Vince Tremain and his wife Tina joined MTH in August, 2006. They have 3 children: Kaol their 10 year old son, Tea an 8 year old girl and Quinn a 6 year old son. Their first meeting was our "auction" meeting where we sell metal detecting equipment for our club members. As an alternate to the board, Vince volunteered to come to the board meetings to learn about the job. While the whole family detects, Vince is the serious detectorist. He is still looking for his first silver coin or 1800's penny. He has found zinc cents at the coinstar "reject" slot in grocery stores. Vince also works on our "Find of the Month" and the Fall Hunt Committee. Other hobbies include music, movies and on line surfing. Vince works for a network support computer company for a health care organizations

The whole family enjoys our club's fun atmosphere and Vince uses his Bounty Hunter Tracker "4" during our hunts. When asked for any new ideas or suggestions, Vince thought carefully. As a new member he would like to see a list of do's and don'ts for club members. Perhaps they could receive this when they sign up. He would also like to see the "Forum" re-added to our club website. He realizes that only club members could participate and there would have to be a panel of moderators to oversee the general tone of the forum. Our club has to remain positive and we are all volunteers working for a better club. Vince and his family are what this club is looking for, new blood that steps up when asked and helps keep MTH fresh and exciting.

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

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 1, 2007

Meeting called to order by President Paul Leonard at 7:15 p.m. All members were present.  
Treasurers report given by Larry Prested.

Topics of discussion were:

- Inventory of coins
- Recently purchased coins
- Open house-Surprise Presidents Raffle
- Spring Warm up hunt
- May detector raffle
- Club merchandise re-order?

Break at 8:15 pm.  
Meeting resumed at 8:30 pm.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Jester, Secretary

## MTH to Honor World War II Veterans on June 26th

If you know a veteran of any era, but especially World War II, invite them to come to our June 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Please bring medals, uniforms, flags or other memorabilia. No weapons, please.

Thanks, Tom Klisz

## MTH Silent Auction at October 23rd Meeting

Reminder: to bring your voluntary contribution for our silent auction which will be at our October meeting. Any rings, buttons, bullets, or other small metal detecting items will be auctioned off at a silent auction. Bring your donation to the meeting and see Cheryl Jester or Tom Klisz. All items will benefit MTH Treasury and cannot be returned.

Thanks, Tom Klisz

If you have any ads or articles you would like to post in the Prober, please contact Chuck Williams, editor. A fee may apply for an ad to be placed in the Prober.

**Congratulations Find Of The Month Winners**  
**“March”**

**JEWELRY:**

- 1st:** Chuck Williams.....Lady’s Old Sterling Ring  
 With 5 Green Stones  
**2nd:** Sharon Standish.....Antique Pin/Broach  
**3rd:** Manny Gauci.....Onyx Stone 925 Sterling  
 Ring

**Others:**

- Clarence Herberholz...Brownie ring 1961-1983  
 Mark Branton.....Snake Sterling Ring  
 Tim Standish..... Old Silver Ring  
 Dave Picard.....Silver Ring with Blue Stone

**TOKEN:**

- 1st:** Donald Jaeger.....1850 Canadian 1/2 Penny  
**2nd:** Tom Weaver.....1933-34 Chicago World’s  
 Fair Token “Safety Glass”  
**3rd:** Ken Cazabon..... ..Pontiac Chief of the Sixes

**Others:**

- Dave Picard..... ..Good for One Reply  
 Sharon Standish.....Good Luck with 1946  
 Wheat Penny  
 Jim Abercrombie.....15 Cent Off Merchandise -  
 Saginaw St., Flint  
 Manny Gauci.....Shell’s Mr. President Coin  
 Game William H. Taft  
 Terry Clark.....Western Land RR Token  
 U.P. Michigan

**COIN:**

- 1st:** Bill Whitman.....1822 Large Cent  
**2nd:** Terry Clark.....1880 Silver 5 Cent Can.  
**3rd:** Doug Gries.....1835 Large Cent

**Others:**

- Chuck Williams... 1949 French 5 Francs  
 Matt Prested.....1918 Can. Large Cent  
 Bruce Baron.....1893 Barber Quarter  
 Jeff Kerner.....1942 Walking Liberty  
 Half  
 Mark Branton..... 1945-S Silver War  
 Nickel  
 Manny Gauci.....EGP 2000 Quadricen  
 tennial Quarter  
 Sharon Standish.....1901 Barber Dime  
 Unknown.....1943-P Silver War  
 Nickel

**RELIC:**

- 1st:** Tom Weaver.....1955 Wyandot Hoppa  
 long Cassidy Cap Gun  
**2nd:** J. Wicking.....Midget Toy Airplane  
 50s/60s  
**3rd:** Dave Picard.....Heart Lockett Love  
 Forever

**Others:**

- Many Gauci.....United Way Torch  
 Button  
 Matt Prested.....1982 Navy Recruiting  
 Metal  
 Tom Sniezek.....1858 Mason’s Patent  
 Nov. 30th.  
 Ross Soderberg.....1938 Cub Scout Pin  
 First Year Made  
 Gus Dombrowski.....Toy Gun  
 Chuck Williams.....Old Military Brass  
 Scovill Button  
 Mark Branton.....1957 Penguin Play  
 Money  
 Sharon Standish.....Tin Carnival Cup

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

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

The meeting is held at:

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WITH AN INITIATION FEE OF \$5.00

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

## CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 24, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:44 pm by President Paul Leonard. There were over 100 people in attendance., with 10 guests, Larry Nichols, Eloise Huston, Robert Hunter, Bob Goodwin, John & Laurie Raymond, W.J.M., John & Shari Kustra. Paul explained the no smoking rule, the club raffles, the escalating jackpot, and the merchandise for sale.

Paul held a Presidents Perogative Secret coin raffle. Each member was allowed to buy only one ticket per member for a dollar. No one knew what the prize was until he drew the winning ticket. He sold tickets himself throughout the meeting.

The club took a moment of silence to give our respect to Regina Dombrowski who passed away April 1st. She was an established member since 1982, who contributed much and will be greatly missed. Our sympathy goes out to Gustave Dombrowski and his family.

Larry Prested gave the treasurer's report.

Next meeting is May 22, at 7:30 pm.

Passing of the Fishbowl.

The club is appreciative of Rich Mucha who sold the club some of his nice silver coins at a very discounted price. Lee Mathiak also sold us coins.

Paul also thanks Doris Dayner, Sally Crouch and Lorraine Haas for the meetings refreshments.

Ross Soderberg spoke about how the club will be mentioned in the June issue of Lost Treasure Magazine.

Break--Meeting resumed at 8:50 pm.

Paul was astonished by what the club members brought in to share for the Open House.

Tom Weaver talked about the upcoming Spring Warm-up, May 6 at 2:00 pm.

The hunt will take place at Rotary Park in Livonia. Hotdogs and refreshments will be provided.

Paul resented Don Yeager with a 21/2 gold peso for putting on the Token Hunt which was the first of the season. Thirteen people showed up for the hunt last Saturday.

Terry Clark found the token after someone else started to dig the hole. Terry said you need to check the rest of your holes. Or they did check it and did not want to put on the hunt next month.

Raffles

50/50 Drawing: Marge Picard and Stan Cebulski

Silver Drawing: Bruce Baron, Clarence Herberholz, Jeff Kerner, Joanne Rundell, Robert Hunter, Earl Hansen, Lorraine Haas

Membership Drawing: Gus Dombrowski

Tesoro U-Max Detector Raffle: Virginia Leonard; 2nd place-camping chairs: Earl Hansen and Robert Hunter

Escalating Jackpot: Carol Redigan

Pauls Secret Coin Raffle (1 oz. silver round, Franklin Half and Mercury dime): Jim Abercrombie

Display Drawing- Gold 2 1/2 Peso: Terry Clark

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betsy Prested- Acting Secretary