



# The Prober

**Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club**

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MTH Website: [www.michigantreasurehunters.com](http://www.michigantreasurehunters.com)

## Club Meetings:

May 27th.....7:30 p.m.  
June 24th.....7:30 p.m.  
Doors open shortly after 7:00 p.m.

## Upcoming Events:

May 18th (Sun) 1:00 p.m. **Spring Warmup Hunt** at Rotary Pk. In Livonia. Located N. of 6 Mile at Hubbard (Between Farmington & Merriman). Huntmaster: Don Jaeger  
May 24th (Sat) 1:00 p.m. **Token Hunt** at Jaycee Pk. in Westland, Located on Hunter St. (Midway Between Ford Rd. and Warren) and East of Wayne Rd. Huntmaster: Ray Koski  
Sept 6th (Sat.).. **Milan Hunt**  
Oct 10 to 12th....**Autumn Weekend**

## 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:** Ten present, but names unknown

**Refreshments for May:** TBD

## PRESIDENT PAUL C. LEONARD'S MAY MESSAGE

I'll try not to boasting but I am that MTH's An-on April 22<sup>nd</sup> was and a lot of fun as



sound as though I'm very pleased to report nual Open House held a tremendous success well! If you couldn't

make it to the meeting, you missed a good one: We had about 115 people in attendance, 8 new members joined our MTH ranks, Faith Lutheran was filled with fantastic member displays (as usual!), we had Mr. Romain Blaquart taking pictures all evening for a great article about MTH that appeared in the *Detroit Free Press* (*Look What I Found!*, Livonia/Redford edition, Sunday, May 4, 2008), we had some great raffles with many happy winners, and I could on and on!

My thanks go out to our members who displayed their awesome finds and to all members who worked to make Open House the success that it was. Special thanks go to MTH Board Chair Dave Picard for all his work in getting MTH's Open House front and center on Livonia Cable TV as well as in the *Free Press*. Thanks for all your hard work Dave -- it really paid off!

Jerry Wickens held his April 20th Token Hunt with about 50 silver coins supplied by MTH, along with a number of coins that he himself donated to the hunt. Fifteen people attended the hunt and Ray Koski was the lucky token finder. Jerry was awarded a silver round for his efforts and the information on Ray's May Token Hunt is contained in this edition of *The Prober*. Congratulations to you both!

Don Jaeger will be the Huntmaster for the May 18<sup>th</sup> Warm-Up Hunt at Rotary Park and I know that Don has been gathering up a few thousand coins or so in order to make this hunt one that seems to last and last, in terms of digging coins, that is. I don't know about you, but I *like* to dig coins and the more the merrier! With a goodly number of coins planted, our newer members who aren't as experienced as some of us should be able to dig their fair share of loot just like the rest of us. I'm looking forward to Don's hunt and I'll report on it in the June edition of *The Prober*. (Continued on Page 2)

## THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

### Michigan Treasure Hunters Board of Directors Meeting April 29, 2008

The meeting started at 7:05 p.m. All board members were present except for Tom Klisz and Chuck Williams. The alternate Jerry Wickens was also present.

#### Topics Discussed:

#### Treasurers Report

Coin purchases (increase in Silver and Gold Prices)

Find-of-the-Month problems

Prober deadline questions, articles, advertising and etc.

Committee and Job Assignments

Winners Circle (possible changes) and Anniversary Pins

(distribution)

Merchandise Sales & Nametags

Ladies Hunt

Club Picnic

Spring Warmup Hunt May 18th.

Screen Approved for Church gym

Mini Hunts

Outing to Detroit Science Center to see Shipwreck Exhibit

Token Hunts (change in coin format) next on May 24th

May Meeting guest speaker, Paul Kavieff (Detroit's Purple Gang)

Autumn Weekend (Date changed to Oct 10-12)

Milan Hunt Sept 6th

Fishbowl Hunt Date TBD

November Holiday Party

January Potluck

Nominating Committee

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Next board meeting June 3rd

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

### CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 22, 2008

The Annual Open House meeting was called to order by President, Paul Leonard at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Leonard introduced all present Board Members and Officers and welcomed our guests (10) and members (110). The 50/50 Raffle, Silver Raffle, Coin Raffle, Membership Raffle, President's Raffle, Escalating Membership Raffle, club library, name tags, and no smoking rule were explained. A reporter/photographer from the Free Press was present taking photos of all our displays and activities of the night.

Treasurer, Larry Prested gave the treasurer's report.

Paul presented Tom Weaver with his gold coin for putting on the March Token Hunt of which 19 people attended. Next token hunt no gold coin will be presented to the huntmaster due to the price of gold. Jerry Wickens' token hunt held in April had 17 people attending. Ray Koski will be putting on the next token hunt on Saturday, May 24th at 1:00 p.m. at Jaycee Park in Westland. The fishbowl was passed around by Jerry Wickens. Jerry, co-chair of the Milan Hunt, spoke on incentives for early entries. Please signup.

Tom Klisz talked about signing a petition to honor posthumously a Silver Star WWII serviceman, Guy Cabaldi. He should have received a Medal of Honor for his heroism during the war. Anyone interested in signing the petition should see Tom during the meeting.

Paul introduced Don Jaeger, huntmaster of the Spring Warmup Hunt, which will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18th, at Rotary Park in Livonia. Joanne Rundell will be putting on the Ladies Hunt at a date to be announced later.

Gus Dombrowski and Terry Clark both spoke on recent Metal Detecting stories. Paul presented Certificates of Appreciation to present members for jobs done in 2007.

Break for refreshments at 8:25 p.m. Meeting resumed at 9:10 p.m.

Find-of-the-Month winners were presented with ribbons and plaques. Winners of the 50/50 were Jayson Perry and Fred Christenson. Silver Raffle winners were Earl Hanson, Marge Picard, Sharon Standish, Harry Dayner and Dwayne Sequin. Escalating Raffle had no winner. Membership Draw winner Cheryl Jester. Presidents Secret Raffle winner Mary Perry, a new member. Display coin winner Gus Dombrowski. Detector Raffle winner Tom Sniezek.

Next board meeting April 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Next general meeting May 27, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

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And speaking of hunts! Joanie Rundell has graciously volunteered (OK, I did twist her arm a *little!*) to be the Huntmistress for the Annual Ladies Hunt, date and locale to be announced at a later time. This event gets the MTH ladies together for breakfast at a restaurant of Joanie's choosing--with the hunt held afterwards. MTH men can attend as well, but only to eat breakfast and plant coins for the hunt. Hunting, though, is exclusively a ladies event! More on this in future newsletters.

That's all for now folks. I hope to see you at the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting!

Paul

**Congratulations Find Of The Month  
Winners "April"**

**JEWELRY:**

**1st:** Chuck Williams.....Ladies 925 Silver Ring w/  
a Large Amythest & 2 CZs

**2nd:** Terry Clark.....Old Style Silver Ring

**3rd:** Dave Picard.....Silver Flip Flop

**Others:**

Tim Standish.....Hello Kitty Earring

Mark Rogers.....Silver Ring w/ CZs

Rich Mucha.....Silver Ring w/ 21 Violet CZs

Tom Sniezek..... Silver Bracelet

Tom Weaver.....Silver Bracelet w/ Pearls

Mark Branton.....Sterling Ring

**COIN:**

**1st:** Tim Standish.....1898-S Barber Half

**2nd:** Gus Dombrowski.....1889 Indian Head Cent

**3rd:** Sharon Standish.....1935 Walking Liberty  
Half

**Others:**

Tom Sniezek.....Mercury Dime

Carol Redigan .....100 Drachma Greek  
Coin

Mark Branton.....1945-D

Fred Klemm.....1903-O Barber Dime

Mark Rogers.....1935 Canadian 5 Cent

Terry Clark.....1899 Barber Quarter

**TOKEN:**

**1st:** Fred Klemm.....Civil War Token  
A. Witgen Groceries  
Meat Market, Detroit 1863

**2nd:** Chuck Williams....."Good for \$5.00 on Purch-  
ase of a Used Car" C.  
Trubey Ford, Det, MI

**3rd:** Mark Rogers .....1935 Washington Tax  
Token

**Others:**

Rich Mucha.....Arizona Mining Copper  
Token

Mark Branton.....Caesarland Token

Tom Weaver.....Hot Springs Arkansas  
Good Luck Token

**RELIC:**

**1st:** Sharon Standish.....Junior Police Badge

**2nd:** Tom Sniezek.....Porcelain over metal  
Buick Advertisement

**3rd:** Larry Ciarrocchi.....Mattel "Thing Maker"  
Fighting Man Mold  
1965

**Others:**

Tim Standish.....The Eagle Pitcher  
Lead Co. Old Pencil

Mark Branton.....Tank

Dennis Redigan..... Tootsie Toy Car

Fred Klemm.....Fish Charm

Ernie Herring.....Virginia Milita Offic-  
er's Cuff Button 1800s

Dave Picard.....Cannister with  
Religious Metal

Andria Reynolds.....American Motorhead  
Lighter

Mark Rogers.....Something Off of an  
Old Horse Saddle

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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)

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

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

## MILAN HUNT MEETING

The next Milan Hunt meeting will be  
held on July 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. (Just  
prior to the MTH general meeting)  
in the Church parking lot.

**Vince Tremain**

If you have any ads or articles you would like  
to post in the Prober, please contact Chuck  
Williams, editor at [Chuck7739@comcast.net](mailto:Chuck7739@comcast.net).  
A fee may apply for an ad to be placed in the  
Prober. Deadline for articles is 10th of the month.

## 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.

There was to be a guest speaking on Detroit's  
Purple Gang at the May Meeting, but he had  
to cancel at the last minute. Hopefully, Mr.  
Paul R. Kavieff will be able to entertain us in  
the near future.

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

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

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## 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 Tom Klisz is now accepting donations for the October 28th Silent Auction.
- 4 The Autumn Weekend will take place October 10th to 12th.
- 5 President Paul Leonard is interested in buying gold and silver coins from members for use in club events. Bring your gold and silver to sell to the meetings.