



The Prober

Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club

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MTH Website: www.michigantreasurehunters.com

Club Meetings:

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

May 25th.....7:30 p.m.

Vernor's History and Memorabilia
Speaker, Keith Wunderlich
With Vernors and Ice Cream Served
Also, ACE 250 Detector and Gray
Ghost Headphones Raffled

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

Bring Detectors for a Trash or Treasure
Mystery Hunt with 6 Prizes

Upcoming Events:

May 22th (Sat) 1:00 p.m

Token Hunt at Elwell Elem. School,
17601 Elwell Road (South of Bemis),
Belleville. Hunt Master:
Sharon Standish (734-480-0153)

June 12th (Sat) Ladies Hunt See
details elsewhere on this page.

July 25th (Sun) at Pontiac Lake
State Park in Waterford, MI.

Windsor, Ontario Club to participate.

Michigan Treasure Hunters 2010 Officers

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

Board of Directors

Dave Picard: Chairman
Don Jaeger, Tom Klisz
Joni Rundell Chuck Williams,
Alternate: Tim Standish

Condolences go out to the family of Cynthia Bailiff, a past president of MTH, who passed away on April 20th

Welcome March Guests: Irene & Doug Cox, John Duprie, Brian Malnar, Michael Rhoads and John Virkar

Refreshments for April: Vernors and Ice Cream provided by the MTH

PRESIDENT MARK BRANTON'S MAY MESSAGE

Hello one and all. I in your detecting en- found my first Buffalo Elizabeth silver dime



hope you are having a good year deavors. I know I am, I've in 3 years, and my first Queen ever.

Our Open House in think that each and

April was a huge success, and I every club member should give

themselves a pat on the back. You, as members are always there to help our novices and guests with answers and helpful hints.

The displays this year were awesome, and I want to thank everyone that participated, even Andie our demonstrator. Dave Hackett my hat is off to you for bringing in the rail bar. I wouldn't have had enough patience to dig that up, let alone carry that to my vehicle. To all that attended the April Open House a big thank you for continuous support of our raffles.

This coming month we will once again be raffling off a detector. It will be a Garretts Ace 250. It has gotten a lot of good reviews for an entry level detector. We will also be serving Vernors and ice cream to coincide with our guest speaker on Vernors, Mr. Keith Wunderlach. So try to make it a point to attend the May meeting.

I want to take the time to thank Dave Picard and his volunteers for doing a superb job on the Spring Warm-Up Hunt. He took this on not knowing what circumstances were lying ahead for that day. The weather was overcast, the threat of rain was imminent. Yet we had a window of clear weather hanging in the balance and they were able to pull it off.

I would have hoped that everyone did good. I walked away with a cool \$7.00 in clad, and I was very happy.

A big thank you to Ross as well. Ross put out an e-mail looking for someone that was interested in writing an article for "The Thumbpring News," in the area. The paper wanted a personal view from a detectorist on how a novice would get started and obtain information. Diane Kodet the editor was impressed with my article, it was not edited, they put the article in the paper word for word verbatim.

Well gotta go hunting till we rendezvous at Faith Lutheran Church at 7:30 on May 27th. Happy Hunting, Mark Branton

LADIES HUNT SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH

Ladies it is time for us to get together for a fun filled day of detecting and spending time with new and old friends. Joni and I have planned a ladies hunt. We will have a signup sheet at the May meeting. The fee for the hunt is \$3.00 per lady. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER TO JOIN US AND YOU MAY ALSO BRING FRIENDS.** The hunt date is June 12th "Saturday". We will meet for breakfast at 10:00 A.M at Elias Brothers Big Boy on Plymouth Road just west of Farmington. Everyone is responsible for their own bill. Following the breakfast we will meet at Mies Park in Livonia on W. Chicago between Merriman and Farmington. The hunt will begin around noon. If you can't sign up at the meeting you may do so at the hunt sight on June 12th. We will need a few gentlemen to plant the coins and tokens for us. Any questions feel free to call. Joni Rundell 1-734-261-9167 or Lynn Walker 1-313-537-8864

THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

Michigan Treasure Hunters Meeting - April 27, 2010

President, Mark Branton started the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and welcomed everyone to our Open House. There were one hundred and forty-eight members including six guests in attendance. Mark introduced the officers and board of directors. He explained the no smoking rule, Merchandise sales, Library, 50/50 Raffle, Silver Raffle, the Special Raffle, with 1st place a Minelab Detector and 2nd place a \$50.00 Visa card, and the Vice Pres. Raffle for a 5ozt silver bar. Members with displays were entered into a coin raffle and all members and guests were entered into a free raffle to be announced at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer, Jerry Wickens, gave the treasurer's report. Don De George, Fishbowl Hunt Master, passed around the fish bowl. Sherry Klisz spoke briefly on the Spring MSNS convention held this past weekend, where there was again a Metal Detecting category contest. She stated more of our club members need to enter this contest as it is well worth the experience and hard work. V.P., Vince Tremain and Milan Hunt Master spoke on the up-coming Hunt Sept. 11th. The next hunt committee meeting will be May 25th at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. This is before the regular meeting and all members are welcome to participate. Board Chairman, Dave Picard, spoke on the club picnic to be held July 25th. We still need more volunteers. The Warmup Hunt will be held May 2, 1:00 p.m. at Rotary Park in Livonia, \$250.00 dollars will be planted. Please come early and help plant the coins. You must be a club member to attend.

Mark presented to Barb Whitman her 30 year service pins.

Break for refreshments 8:05p.m. Meeting resumed 8:50 p.m.

Fourteen free raffle prizes were awarded to fourteen lucky people. The display raffle winners were: 1) Dave Hackett and 2) Mark Branton. The 50/50 Raffle winners: 1) Randy Smith and 2) Andrew Parks. Milan Hunt raffle winners: 1) Vince Tremain 2) Don Jaeger. Silver Draw winners: 1) Bev Robertson 2) Dan Pugh 3) Joe Casey 4) Larry Ciarrocchi and 5) Greg Sepanski. Membership name tag winner was Bev Robertson but she did not have her name tag on. Prober membership number winner #608 was not present. Penny Raffle winners: 1) Judy Cook and 2) Stan Rajca. Candy Raffle winner: Bonnie Klisz and V. P. Raffle winner Art Benko. Special Raffle winners: 1) Jerry Morrone and 2) Ken Brown. Mark asked the membership to please help put away the chairs before leaving at the end of the meeting.

The next MTH meeting is May 25th at 7:30 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be May 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

Michigan Treasure Hunters Board of Directors Meeting May 4, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. with all Officers and Board members present.

Topics Discussed: Treasurer's Report; Committee and Job Assignments 2010; Prober Deadline and Questions; April Open House critique; Spring Warm Up Hunt: 1st weekend of May. Rotary Park Livonia; May Meeting format: Speaker will be Keith Wunderlich (Vernors History & Memorabilia); June meeting format: Mystery hunt; Club Picnic date: July 25th at Pontiac Lake; July meeting format: Bingo; August meeting format: Auction; Ladies hunt: Date June 12th Joni Rundell, hunt master; Sept. meeting format: The Detroit Police Dive Team; Oct. meeting format: Silent auction; Four-Hundred-Forty-Eight; Fish Bowl Hunt: Don De George is the hunt master, date not yet decided; Autumn Weekend: Larry Prested is the hunt master, date not yet decided; Nov. meeting/Holiday party/Nomination of officers and board; Mini hunts and possible out of state hunts; January Potluck and Election

The next MTH meeting is May 25th and the next Board meeting is June 1st.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

You probably own metal detecting books by Dick Stout and have read his articles in popular treasure hunting magazines. He now has a website that you will want to checkout. It's: www.stoutstandards.com



JEWELRY:

- 1st: Ted Langlois.....10K Gold Ring
with Amethyst and
Four Diamonds
- 2nd: Dennis Haney... ..14K Gold Ring
with Star Sapphire
& 5 Small Diamonds
- 3rd: Paul Leonard.....30 Inch Silver Chain

Others:

- Don De George.....Horse Charm
- Doug Miller.....Lady Elgin 14K
Filled Watch
- Chuck Williams.....Man's Sterling Silver
& 12K Gold Ring
- Joe Casey.....Silver Ring
- Sharon Standish.....Culver Military Aca-
demy Sterling Ring
- Doug Gries.....Silver Ring
- Ross Soderberg.....14K Man's Band

TOKEN:

- 1st: Chuck Williams.....Chevrolet You Get
the Dime - Now Go
After the Whole Dollar
- 2nd: Randy Smith..... 1862 Stebbins & Wil-
son Business Card
- 3rd: Ross Soderberg.....1902 Good Luck

Others;

- Sharon Standish....No Cash Value
Freedom Token
- Larry Prested.....1930 Indian Head
- Andy Songal.....1927 Canadian
Confederation
- Dave Hackett.....Dog License

COIN:

- 1st: Ross Soderberg.....1909 Barber Half
- 2nd: Sharon Standish.....1802 Two Cent Piece
- 3rd: Jeff Kerner.....1883 Indian Head Cent

Others:

- Andy Songal.....1935 Quarter
- Greg Sepanski.....Dated 1928 SLQ
- Randy Smith.....1884 V Nickel
- Chuck Williams.....1942 Walk Lib Half
- Doug Holliday.....1942 Walk Lib Half
- Dave Hackett.....1907 V Nickel

RELIC:

- 1st: Dennis Haney.....Bob Lo Badge
- 2nd: Ross Soderberg.....Late 1800s-Early 1900s
Vintage Sterling Stan
Hope Binocular San
Francisco Charm
- 3rd: Tom Sniezek.....Civil War Era
Russette

Others:

- Dave Hackett.....Railroad Johnson Bar
- Doug Miller.....1911 Hubley "Champ"
Cap Gun
- Sharon Standish.....War Dept. Face Plate
- Chuck Williams.....101st Airborne Air Ass-
ult Challenge Medalion
- Mark Branton.....Toy Gun
- Dave Picard.....Queen Elizabeth II
Medal
- Danny Pugh.....Spear Head
- Don De George.....Dope Pipe
- Unknown.....Brass School Bell

FINAL MILAN HUNT COMMITTEE MTG.

The third and final Milan Hunt Comm. Mtg. will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at the Faith Lutheran Church, prior to the MTH Meeting. All MTH members are invited to attend this final meeting.

A Garrett ACE 250 Detector 1st place and Gray Ghost Headphones 2nd place will be raffled at the May Meeting.

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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 7:30 pm. 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

HIDDEN MEMBER NUMBER CONTEST FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

One MTH Member's Number, *out of context and written out*, will be hidden somewhere within the Prober. If that member finds it and comes to that month's meeting and can reveal where within the Prober it was found, they will receive a Silver Half Dollar. April's hidden Number was #608 but Jim Thomas wasn't present.

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www.michigantreasurehunters.com
Remember, "We leave it cleaner than
we found it."
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Are you aware that all issues of the MTH Prober back to 2003 are
available for review and downloading from the MTH website at:
www.michigantreasurehunters.com

OTHER THINGS

If you have any metal detecting re-
lated 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 placed in the Prober.
Deadline for articles is the 10th.

1. MTH Nametags are available from the treasurer for \$4.00.
2. The club needs volunteers to help with the Picnic and Holiday & Potluck Parties See any club officer to volunteer.
3. New MTH Aprons are available from Debbie Gries for \$5.00.
4. Debbie Gries will also be selling Atlases for \$4.00.
5. People are really needed to sign up to bring refreshments.
6. Bonnie & Tom are accepting donations for the Silent Auction.

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