



# The Prober

**Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club  
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MTH Website: [www.michigantreasurehunters.com](http://www.michigantreasurehunters.com)

## Club Meetings:

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

May 22nd.....7:30 p.m. Speaker,  
Joe Peruski on U.S. Bank Notes.

4 Ozt. Silver Round raffled

June 26th.....7:30 p.m.

Hot Dogs, Pop & Chips

July 24th.....7:30 a.m.

Ice Cream Social

## Upcoming Events

May 20th (Sun): Token Hunt at 1:00  
p.m. To be held at Rotary Park, in Livonia.  
Hunt Master Ray Wakenell

June 16th (Sat): Ladies Hunt & Break-  
fast at Big Boy in Livonia, MI.

Huntmaster: Sherry Klisz Details on Pg. 2.

July 15th (Sun): MTH Picnic at Brighton  
Rec. Area State Park at 10:00 a.m.. Hunt-  
master: John Vitkay. Park Permit Required.  
Details on Pg. 3

**2012 DUES RENEWAL OF \$20.00 WAS  
DUE BY THE APRIL MEETING.  
PLEASE MAIL YOUR PAYMENT TO  
THE MTH P.O. BOX OR PAY AT THE  
MAY TOKEN HUNT OR MEETING.**

## Michigan Treasure Hunters 2012 Officers

President.....,.....Dave Picard

Vice President....Chuck Williams

Secretary.....Bonnie Klisz

Treasurer.....Jerry Wickens

## Board of Directors

Don Jaeger: Chairman

Mark Branton Stan Rajca

Joni Rundell John Vitkay

Alternate: Darlene Ciarrocchi

Welcome April Guests: Jim Clancy,  
Rick Dean, Ben Miller & Bruce  
Young

Refreshments for May: Gus Dom-  
browski, Dave Hackett, Chuck  
Williams & Mike Vojovich

## PRESIDENT DAVE PICARD'S MAY MESSAGE

Cowabunga!

Open House.

prizes, and plenty

Congrats to

the Minelab De-

Chuck Froelich

MS66 38D Buffalo Nickel in the Presidents raffle. Thank  
you to everyone for participating in the raffles.

The crowd was estimated to be about 125. I thank each  
and everyone for making the MTH 2012 Open House a  
success.

Sunday April 29th was the Can-Am Hunt in Livonia.  
The weather was on our side for this one. Another job  
well done by Jerry Wickens and Family. The Club also  
thanks everyone that assisted in making this hunt a suc-  
cess. Between 85 and 90 members participated. Approxi-  
mately 15 members from the Canadian Club(s) were also  
in attendance. I saw a lot of coins, a lot of smiling faces,  
and a lot of food. Thanks everyone.

Sunday May 6th is the annual Spring Warmup Hunt.  
Stan Rajca is the Huntmaster for this year's event. Ap-  
proximately 50 members and family turned out for an ex-  
cellent hunt.

May's MTH meeting will feature guest speaker, Joe Pe-  
ruski. Joe is from Monroe Currency and Coin. Joe's  
specialty is in U.S. Bank Notes (Michigan) , Currency, and  
paper documents. Joe also has a variety of other interests  
and collections.

If you desire, you may bring in your own personal  
banknotes, currency, or paper documents for Joe's  
evaluation. We look forward to this speaking engage-  
ment.

I hope that this month's Prober finds everyone in good  
health.

Happy Detecting, Dave Picard



What a fantastic MTH  
Plenty of raffles, plenty of  
of happy faces.

Andy Songal for winning  
tector: and congrats to  
for winning that nice

Bonnie Klisz has started accepting donations for the  
October MTH Silent Auction where member's do-  
nations are auctioned to raise funds for MTH activi-  
ties. Bring your donations to any meeting.

May's Main Raffle is a 4 Ozt. Silver Round (1st place), a  
Complete Set of Ike Dollars (2nd place) & a Minelab Back-  
pack loaded with goodies (3rd) place.

**Michigan Treasure Hunters Meeting - April 24, 2012**

President, Dave Picard opened the Open House meeting at 7:33 p.m. The FOTM was closed at 7:43 p.m. There were one-hundred-twenty-five people including eight guests in attendance. Dave gave an update on Marsha Reiser who is still recovering and Sharon Prested is doing well and is in attendance tonight. The Fishbowl was passed around by Don Jaeger. The Fishbowl hunt is in Oct. Dave recognized Ross Soderberg for his hard successful work on the MTH website and also thanked the two Minelab Sales dealers for their gift certificate donations and the sale of the Detector that will be raffled off tonight. He also thanked all workers tonight at our Open House. Dave then explained the no-smoking rule, 50/50 Raffle, Silver Raffle, Special Raffle, Presidents Raffle and two extra raffles, one for the Ladies Hunt and one for the NKFM Kids Camp.

Treasurer, Jerry Wickens gave the treasurers report and also talked about the Can-Am Hunt which will be held on April 29th at John Stymelski Park in Livonia. Check the Prober for food items to bring. The Club is supplying hot dogs, pop and chips. Dave Hackett gave a report on silver and gold prices. Sherry Klisz, Ladies Huntmaster, explained the idea of the hunt as a social and noncompetitive hunt. The date is June 16th. Ask Sherry or check the Prober for more details. Terry Clark put on the Token hunt this month with 28 members in attendance. Ray Wakenell found the token and will put on the next hunt. The Super Committee is looking into possible hunt sites in and out of state. If you have any ideas check with any board member. The Spring Warmup Hunt with Stan Rajca as huntmaster will be 1:00 p.m. May 6th at Rotary Park. John Vitkay, Club Picnic chair, stated the date is July 15th at a Brighton area state park and he can use volunteers. More details to follow. A state park permit is required. Dave had a surprise gift for the person(s) with a sticker under their seat. The winners: Ron Robinet and Larry Belsley.

Break for refreshments 8:10 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:32 p.m.

Club Member, and MSNS Treasurer, Joe LeBlanc gave a brief explanation on the MSNS Coin show that will be held April 25-27 at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency. This is a free event.

Guess-number-of-candies-in-a-jar winner: Ken McDonell. FOTM winners presented with ribbons and first place coins. The mystery FOTM item was a Susan B. Anthony dollar with no winner. President's Raffle winner: Chuck Froelich. Membership draw was #314, John Jaynes. He was present and had his nametag on. Can-Am. Winners: Gary Smith, Tom Dorr, Dennis Masterton, Joni Rundell, Mike Garrett, Fred Kulka, Bruce Baron and Bob Sulkowshi. The 50/50 Raffle winners: 1) Riley Saylor and 2) Pat Saylor. Ladies Hunt Raffle winner: Kathy Warm. Silver Draw winners: 1) Clarence Herberholz 2) Dennis Masterton 3) Larry Belsley 4) Stan Rajca 5) Ray Wakenell. Display winners: Dave Picard, Chuck Williams and Andie Klisz. NKFM winners: Cheryl Jester, Ally Wickens and Bob Haas. Main Raffle winners: 1) Andy Songal, Pat Saylor and Chuck Froelich.

The next MTH meeting is May 22, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be May 1, 2012 at 7:00p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

**Michigan Treasure Hunters Board of Directors Meeting - May 1, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by chairman, Don Jaeger. All officers and Board members were present.

Topics discussed: Treasurer's report; Committee and job assignments; Prober deadlines; FOTM ribbons and silver rounds/Silver purchases; Token Hunts; Super Committee; Can-Am Hunt; Spring Warmup Hunt; Ladies Hunt Club merchandise; May, June, and July meeting format & New Business

The next MTH meeting is May 22nd and the next board meeting is May 29th. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m..

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

**Ladies Hunt: Saturday, June 16, 2012**

All novice and experienced women detectorists mark your calendar for a special Ladies Hunt. The hunt will start out with a breakfast at the Big Boy Restaurant located at Newburgh and Six Mile in Livonia. We will meet for breakfast at 9:30 AM and then proceed to the site of the former Hull School at Lyndon and Fairlane in Livonia. (This park is on Lyndon about a 1/2 mile east of Levan.) Bring your detectors and a pouch. A few extra detectors will be available.

We will be selling raffle tickets at the May meeting to defray the cost of this event. I will also have a sign-up sheet at the meeting. This has always been a fun hunt and a wonderful way to meet new friends.

For any questions call Sherry Klisz at 734-422-6345.

# THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB



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

## JEWELRY:

- 1st: Rich Mucha.....Silver Heart Locket  
with Diamonds  
2nd: Tim Holiday.....Turquoise & Silver  
Ring  
3rd: John Vitkay.....Sterling & Opal Ring  
Others:  
Chuck Williams.....Old Brooch  
Dan Alli.....Earring  
Cathy Wurn.....Sterling Silver  
Religious Ring  
Andy Songal.....Old Costume Jewelry  
Les Cottingham.....Pewter Angel  
Terry Clark.....Silver & Black Onyx  
Ring

## TOKEN:

- 1st: Terry Clark.....1863 Civil War Token  
F-Hewitt & Bros. Dry  
Goods-Ypsilanti, Mich.  
2nd: Chuck Williams....1844 Prov. of Can Bank  
of Montreal 1/2 Penny  
3rd: Andy Songal.....1844 Prov. of Can Bank  
of Montreal 1 Penny  
Others:  
Tom Sniezek.....NOVD Nordick  
Rich Mucha.....Aladin Game Token  
Steve Foster.....Lyndon Johnson Brass  
Les Cottingham....Presidential Mint  
Tim Holliday.....Sprague Spinner Token

## COIN:

- 1st: Chuck Williams.....1850 Large Cent  
2nd: Dave Hackett.....1831 Large Cent  
3rd: Tim Holliday.....1923 Standing Lib. Qtr.  
Others:  
Mark Branton.....1896 Indian Head Cent  
Lisa LeBlanc.....1948 Wheat Cent  
Ross Soderberg.....1870 Belgium 2 Cent  
Lyle Cook.....1856 Seated Quarter  
Ron Robinet.....1923 Peace Dollar  
Rich Mucha.....Counterfeit 1912-D  
Barber Half Dollar  
Tom Sniezek.....Buffalo Nickel  
Terry Clark.....1908-D Barber Half  
Andy Songal.....1888 "V" Nickel

## RELIC:

- 1st: Tim Holliday.....S. Kirk & Son Sterling  
Baby Spoon  
2nd: Sharon Standish.....Belle Isle Bathhouse Tag  
3rd: Ray Dutton.....35¢ Knife Combination  
Others:  
Tom Sniezek.....1890's Standard Wine  
Co. Detroit Bottle  
Stan Rajca.....Bow-Wow Tag  
Rich Mucha.....Cub Scout Metal  
Chuck Williams.....Sterling Salt Shaker  
Jason Cartagena.....Old Spoon  
Mart Povirk.....Jeep Tootsie Toy 1941  
Andy Songal.....Imperial Order of Dau-  
ghters of the Empire  
Terry Clark.....Silver Bomb Cap Blast  
Fred Klemm.....Police Car

## MTH Picnic – Sunday July 15, 2012 –Brighton Rec. Area

Directions: Take I-96 West to the Spencer Rd. exit #147. Turn right at the stop sign. Go over the X-way. Spencer Rd. will turn to the right heading West (Now called Main St.). Go past Brighton High School to the traffic light. Continue West. Spencer/Main turns to Brighton Rd. West of town. Go about 5 miles to Chilson Rd. and turn left. About 2 miles turn left onto Bishop Lake Rd. Approx. 3/4 of a mile you'll see Bishop Lake on the right. A short way past the lake turn right onto Cabin Rd. Just past the booth turn right into the parking lot. Walk about 200 yards past the rest rooms to the Trillium Pavilion.

What to Bring: Soft Drinks and a Dish for 12 to Pass:

Last Name: A-D: Bring a Salad; E-R: Main Dish (Vegetables, Beans, Casseroles, etc); S-Z: Dessert

Time: Starts at 10:00 a.m., Socialize 10:00-11:00 a.m., Lunch at 11:00 a.m., Water Hunt at 12:00 a.m.

For Information Call John Vitkay at 734-421-2355

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**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, 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)

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

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**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](mailto: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. Judy & Lyle Cook are selling MTH aprons for \$5.00, MTH Tees for \$10.00 and Atlases for \$4.00.**
- 4. People are really needed to signup to bring refreshments.**
- 5. Bonnie Klisz is now accepting donations for the October MTH Silent Auction**

## **BACK ISSUES OF THE PROBER ARE AVAILABLE ON THE MTH WEBSITE**

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