

Michigan Treasure Hunters
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Welcome to the **“Michigan Treasure Hunters Club”**. Our club is a family-oriented club whose members enjoy metal detecting for coins, jewelry, or other artifacts, and in addition has members who enjoy bottle digging and collecting. Our club motto is: **“WE LEAVE IT CLEANER THAN WE FOUND IT”**.

The club meets on the **4th Tuesday** of each month at 7:30 P.M. except the month of December. Our club has many functions and events to encourage and promote metal detecting among its members. A description of these functions and events are shown below:

FISH BOWL HUNT

At each meeting, a fish bowl is passed among the members and guests and is similar to a collection taken at church. Each member or guest may put in donations of change or bills and may include coins found while treasure hunting. The purpose of the fish bowl is to build up a fund that will be buried in total during the fall season (usually October) at the annual **“Fish Bowl Hunt”**. This is a **member’s only** hunt.

50-50 DRAWING

50-50 tickets are sold prior to the start of the meeting and then during the break period. The price is \$1.00 for two (2) tickets. After the break, the total amount sold is divided with 50% going to the Club Treasury and 25% given to each of two ticket holders who have their tickets drawn.

DETECTOR OR MAIN PRIZE RAFFLE

At each meeting the club raffles off a Big Ticket prize e.g.; a detector, silver and or gold. This is a chance to win big.

FIND OF THE MONTH

Starting with the March meeting through to the November meeting, members enter their best find that in each category they have found since the last meeting. During the break, members and guests vote on the best find in each of the four categories: 1) Coin: 2) token: 3) jewelry: 4) relic. A prize is awarded for the best find in each category. Ribbons are awarded for 2nd and 3rd place. **YOU MUST BE A PAID UP MEMBER FOR ONE MONTH TO ENTER A FIND.**

SILVER RAFFLE

At each monthly meeting a Silver Raffle will be held. Tickets are priced at a dollar each. At least five (5) prizes will be raffled. The top prize will generally be a Silver Dollar or a Silver round. The remaining prizes will be at the discretion of the MTH President. Members and Guests are invited to purchase.

SPRING WARM UP HUNT

Early each year the club offers a warm-up hunt for the members to tune up on their detecting abilities and get reacquainted with their equipment and fellow members. This is for members of all ages and is a free hunt.

MINI HUNTS

Various mini-hunts may be held during the summer and early fall on an informal basis for members that wish to hunt with a group. Sites and dates are announced in the Prober. These are **members only** hunts.

THE PROBER

The club newsletter is called "The Prober" and is published, mailed and or e-mailed to all members once a month except for December. The Prober keeps everyone informed of all the happenings and events going on in the club.

TOKEN HUNT

Each month usually started in March or April, the club holds a special hunt for its members in a schoolyard or local park called a token hunt. The Hunt Master buries a token as well as other coinage for the members to find. A small fee per hunter is collected and allows the club to include more targets in next month hunt. The token is redeemable at the next club meeting for a silver prize. The person who finds the token must put on the next hunt.

PICNIC

The MTH Picnic is generally held on a Sunday during the summer months. A state park is chosen where Land, Beach, and Water Hunting are allowed. Seeded Hunts occur on the beach and in the water. Members and guests bring a dish for twelve (12) to pass and their non-alcoholic beverage of choice. The club furnishes hot dogs, condiments, plates, and utensils. Raffles and games further make for an enjoyable day. This event is not exclusive to club members.

AUTUMN WEEKEND

Each Oct. the club hosts an adult (18 or older); **members only** hunt at a campground. This takes place on a Friday evening and thru Sunday 12:00 noon. Snacks are provided Friday night with 3 meals provided on Sat. and a breakfast on Sunday. You are allowed to hunt this campground and keep what you find. One fee covers the food, shelter and hunting. This is a great way to get to know your fellow members and pick up some great hunting tips and finds.

HOLIDAY PARTY MEETING

This is our November meeting format. The meeting is the same as all regular meetings except the election slate is presented. There is a Potluck buffet provided by all **members and guests**. The Prober gives all details for this event and nominations for Club Officers and Board of Directors are closed.

JANUARY POTLUCK AND ELECTION MEETING

The January meeting is a potluck supper and election. The newly elected Officers and Board are presented to the members. All members contribute food with the Club supplying a main dish, plates, utensils, and beverages. Find of the year is also voted on at this meeting. Winner Circle pins and Service pins are presented to qualifying members.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

All guests are asked to sign our **"Guest Register"** at each meeting so that they may be sent a complimentary newsletter.

Dues are currently **\$20.00** per year for a renewal membership fee and **\$20.00** plus **\$5.00** dollar a new membership. A membership includes the parents with children under 18 and living in the same household. Dues are due by the **April meeting** each year.

Please remember our club can survive and flourish only as long as we can collectively police our activities, show one and all our respect for the environment and the property of others. This can best be accomplished by all of us conducting ourselves in the proper manner, filling all holes and picking up all the trash we uncover and properly disposing of it. At all club hunts an apron, small diggers are required. Shovels are banned. Head phones are suggested.

Remember our Motto: We leave it cleaner than we found it!

WELCOME TO THE CLUB!