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MEMBER OF THE FMDAC

Happy Holidays

Our annual Holiday Party will be held at our November 25th Club meeting. The doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Please bring your BEST dessert or hors d'oeuvres to help us start off the holiday season. Coffee, tea and punch will be provided. A guideline for what to bring is as follows (to serve 12):

A-N – Hors d'oeuvres (Hot or Cold) I-Z – Dessert

We are asking members to donate a new, unwrapped toy for a boy or girl. All donations will be given to the Toys for Tots program sponsored by the U.S. Marines. Thank you for your continued support in making this event as successful as it was in the past years.



We plan a social, relaxed type of evening with a short business meeting; our Find of the Month and Raffles will still take place. Also, don't forget to wear your name badge as we will hold our normal member draw.

On behalf of all the Officers and Board of Directors of MTH, we would like to extend our Holiday Greetings to all the members and their families.

Upcoming Events ...

Club Meeting
Tuesday, November 25th
Holiday Party – 7:30 p.m.

**No Club Meeting in
December**

Club Banquet
Tuesday, January 27th
Faith Lutheran Church
6:30 p.m.

Welcome New Member

Richard Allen

“Message from the President . . . FRED KLEMM”

November already? I can hardly believe it. It seems like it was just a couple of months ago that the board and officers were making plans for the year and I was stumbling through my first meeting as President.

All in all, it's been a pretty good year. We've had great speakers at our monthly meetings, steadily rising attendance numbers as the year went on, a lot of members at the monthly token hunts, great finds at the Find of the Month table, new merchandise at the Club merchandise table, a trip to the Titanic Exhibit, and a lot of new additions to the library. All of that,

besides our usual raffles, Club hunts throughout the year, a beautiful Autumn Weekend Hunt, good refreshments and a chance to swap stories with fellow members about our favorite subject – metal detecting. For those of us who don't get enough detecting talk at the meetings, we now have a new web site, thanks to Ross Soderberg, that's getting more and more use each day by members and visitors alike. And let's not forget our Fall Hunt in Milan, which everyone involved in seemed to agree was a complete success, even with the one-day format.

Thank you to everyone who

helped throughout the year. You really made my job and those of our officers and board members go very smoothly.

But with the end of one year quickly approaching, we need to look forward to another year, soon to follow. At this time we are lacking people to serve in some of the officer positions. The fact is that without officers there can be no club. Let's hope we can come up with some folks to fill these important positions before the next meeting.

Well, there should still be a few weeks left to detect before that "S" word becomes a factor. So until then, keep swinging that detector. Hope to see you at the Find of the Month table in a few weeks.

DETECTOR RAFFLE

to be held at the November 25th Club Meeting



Congratulations to the winners of the FIND OF THE MONTH for OCTOBER.

JEWELRY

- 1st** Fred Christensen
Diamond and Ruby Ring
- 2nd** Michelle Lincoln
10K Gold Bracelet
- 3rd** Rick Cleveland
Gold Initial Ring

Other Entries:

- Joe Carey Initial Ring
Bev Robertson 925 Cross
with Chain
Sharon Standish Rolex Watch
Chuck Williams Elgin Quartz
Watch
Gus Dombrowski Silver Ring
Dave Picard Costume Jewelry
Waylon Hinman Buckle
Terry Clark Silver Roto Ring
Tom Sniezek Men's Gold Filled
Wedding Band

TOKEN

- 1st** Terry Clark
1815 Half Penny Token
- 2nd** Waylon Hinman
1863 Civil War Token
- 3rd** Mark Pietka
Good Luck Medallion

Other Entries:

- R. Chomontowski 1996-97 Hockey
Token
Nate Larson 5¢ Play Money
Fred Klemm 1935 New Mexico
Tax Token
Larry Prested Token
Manny Gauci Reader's Digest
Sweepstakes
Anniversary Token
Rick Carey Southwestern
Gold Award Token

RELIC

- 1st** Tim Standish
1919 Michigan Chauffeur
- 2nd** Virginia Chojnowski
Dossin Great Lakes
Museum Detroit Ring
- 3rd** Kris Oswald
Late 1800s Native
American Fishing Spear

Other Entries:

- Mark Branton Pepper Shaker
Ross Soderberg Mother & Child
Medallion
Larry Ciarrocchi Match Safe
Fred Klemm Old Ball Peen
Hammer
Ray Koski Schen's Pop
Bottle
Joe Talbot Indian Arrowhead
R. Chomontowski Toy Handcuffs
Sharon Standish Button
Bev Robertson Bib Overall
Fastener
Nathan Larson Junior Fire
Marshal Ring
Lorraine Haas Michigan Pin
Waylon Hinman 1931 Chauffeur's
Badge
Tom Sniezek Antique Cup
John Jaynes Timex Watch
Chuck Williams Old Ford Toy Truck

COIN

- 1st** Jim Abercrombie
1859-O Seated Half Dollar
- 2nd** Gus Dombrowski
1875 Seated Dime
- 3rd** Terry Clark
1893 Barber Triple S Mint

Other Entries:

- Clarence Herberholz 1905 V Nickel
Waylon Hinman Wheatie
Sharon Standish 1943 Silver
Quarter
R. Chomontowski One Deutsche Mark
Sue Talbot 1861 Indian
Head Cent
Timmy Standish 1958 Dime
Fred Klemm 1903 Newfoundland
Dime
Mark Pietka 1904 V Nickel
Nathan Larson 1900 Barber
Quarter
Ross Soderberg 1902 Barber
Quarter
Bev Robertson 1972 Ike Dollar
Larry Prested 1906 Canadian
Dime
Michelle Lincoln \$1000 Mexican
Piece
Mark Branton 1918 Mercury Dime
Chuck Williams 1845-1857
Large Cent

MILITARY

- 1st** Joe Talbot
Civil War Confederate
Archer Shell
- 2nd** Waylon Hinman
1821-1827 Naval
Surgeon Button
- 3rd** Kris Oswald
Spanish American War
Soldier Suspender Clip

Other Entries:

- Nathan Larson U.S. Marine
Corps Round
Sue Talbot69 Caliber Bullet
Tim Standish Great Seal Button

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Club Meeting

MINUTES

**Respectfully Submitted,
Lorraine Haas, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by Fred Klemm at 7:35 p.m. He introduced the officers and board members. Two guests and 112 members were present. *The Prober* is also posted on the internet. The no smoking and building rules were announced and the various raffles were explained. A \$10 (1894) gold piece was raffled. The library was open for the evening's meeting. New books are being added every month. Virginia Chojnowski reported that sales were going well on the new T-shirts and more need to be ordered. Various other merchandise ideas were discussed. Name tags can be ordered at the Club meetings.

Barbara Whitman gave the treasurer's report.

The Fish Bowl was passed by Tom Sniezek as a start for next year's hunt.

Larry Prested gave a recap on the Autumn Weekend, which was held at Mystic Lake. Forty members attended. Some great finds were found and even gold jewelry was found in the water. Larry hopes to see more people at the hunt for next. Barbara Whitman explained the "Alphabet Hunt" that was held and presented a few winnings to Dave Picard who had to leave early.

Tom Sniezek reported on the Fish Bowl Hunt and that there were about 40 Club members who participated. A good time was had by all that attended.

Lynn Walker gave a recap on the Token Hunt and was presented a gold coin. Twenty people attended. The token was found by Dan Tomala. The next token hunt will be held in April and Dan will be responsible for that hunt.

The worker's took a break.

Next month's meeting will be the

Holiday Party. Details will be in the next newsletter.

Clarence Herberholz is looking for help for the Banquet to be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2004.

Fred opened the floor for nominations. No one was nominated for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Board Members nominated were Ross Soderberg, Ken Brown and Tom Sniezek. More nominations will be taken at the November meeting.

Larry Prested explained the Diamonds Are Forever Hunt that was held at the Milan Fall Hunt. A representative from the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan explained how the funds that were raised are used. A certificate of appreciation for the last 10 years was presented to Fred Klemm for the Club. A check for \$1700 was presented to the Foundation. Complementary T-shirts and cups were given by the Kidney Foundation.

A break for refreshments was held between 8:00 and 8:40 p.m.

The speakers for the evening were Bill and Barb Whitman. They talked about Geo-caching, a computer-based, treasure hunting. All those attending were very interested in this "new kind of treasure hunting."

Find of the Month awards were

presented by Fred Christensen and Ray Koski.

The web winner was Chuck Williams. The 50/50 raffle winners were Larry Prested and Tom Sniezek. The Coin Raffle winners were Lynn Walker, Nate Larson, Kathy Wolshom and Kris Seaburg. The Mystery Find of the Month was for an emerald ring. There was no winner. The Membership Draw was won by Bonnie Klisz. The Gold Coin Raffle was won by Leianna Dutton. Consolation prize winners were Nate Larson and Dave Picard.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

The Next club meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2003.

The Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.



Where has all the time gone?

The first newsletter that I produced was February 1996.

As of this issue, I am resigning as editor of *The Prober*.

I would sincerely like to thank all of you who have helped me in any way with this task. If I should try to name all of you, I would no doubt miss someone. I couldn't have done my job without your support.

Looking back to May of 1995 when I first joined the Club, I knew that I wanted to contribute my time, in some way. Each of us has something to give. My professional background was in the print media and because of this, I was able to use many resources that I had.

Your continued support to my successor during this transition will benefit the future of the Club.

Thanking you again and as always,

Lorraine Haas, Editor

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Milan Fall Hunt Sponsors and Donors

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the following people for donating all that they did to the Milan Fall Hunt for 2003. Their generosity is greatly appreciated! A special thank you to all those who were so generous with the donations for the Kid's Hunts

at the BOARD MEETING ...

Respectfully Submitted, Lorraine Haas, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Clarence Herberholz at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2003.

All board members were present.

Topics discussed:

- Treasurer's Report
- Committee and Job Assignments
- Coin Status
- Club Merchandise
- November Meeting – Holiday Party

- Nominations
 - January Meeting – Banquet
 - Confirm Meeting Dates with Church for Next Year
 - Plaques and Ribbons
 - Prober Articles for November
- The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

The next Club meeting will be Tuesday, November 25, 2003.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9th.
Location to be determined.

First Texas Products
Garrett Metal Detectors
Whites of the Great Lakes (Mike Brighty)
Western & Eastern Treasure Magazine
Lost Treasure Magazine
Tesoro Electronics, Inc. (Kenny Wray)
Donegan Optical Company
Wilcox All-Pro Tools and Supply
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