



The Prober



Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club

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Upcoming Events!

Club Meetings:

November 27th...7:30 p.m. **Holiday Party,**

Toys for Tots and Nominations

No Meeting or Newsletter in December

January 22nd.....7:30 p.m. **Elections**

Doors open shortly after 7:00 p.m.

November Token Hunt: Sunday, Nov

11th at 1:00 p.m. in Rotary Park, in

Livonia. Located N. of 6 Mile at Hubbard

(Between Farmington & Merriman).

Huntmaster: Chuck Williams (Call Chuck

at 734-699-5166 for information.)

Michigan Treasure Hunters 2007 OFFICERS

President.....Paul C. Leonard

Vice President.....Tom Klisz

Secretary.....Cheryl Jester

Treasurer.....Larry Prested

Board of Directors

Clarence Herberholz.....Chairman

Harry Dayner Dave Picard

Vince Tremain Tom Sniezek

Welcome Guests: Richard L. Ziminsky
Refreshments for November: Holiday
Party

Our Condolences go out to the family of **Vivian Rowe**, who passed away on October 16th. Vivian was a longtime member of the MTH and carried membership number 2.

PRESIDENT PAUL C. LEONARD'S NOV. MESSAGE

I thought that our October 23rd meeting went exceptionally well, even though we had only 64 members in attendance. The Silent Auction was a big success and Auction Coordinator Tom Klisz is to be commended for another job well done! Frankly, I thought the Auction would bring in maybe \$150-\$200, but I was way off on that one. Member participation was frenzied, the bidding was fierce and the money was flowing! As a result, the MTH treasury now has an additional \$361.00 in its coffers, which will help to fund future MTH events. Thanks to everyone who participated (contributing, bidding or both) and I hope that you enjoyed yourselves! Also, I believe that this event could (and should) become an annual event, so let your Officers know what you think about it.



The nominations process began at our October 23rd meeting and it was encouraging to see that a number of members have stepped up to the plate and accepted a nomination for an MTH office. It's also encouraging to note that some of those members who were nominated are relatively new to the Club. That's nothing but good! Every organization--MTH included--needs new blood and new ideas to keep ahead of the curve. Nominations will continue, and conclude, at the November meeting and elections will take place in January, 2008. Good luck to everyone running for office!

The November 27th meeting is our Holiday Party (where has the year gone?) and that means that U.S. Marines will be in attendance for our annual *Toys For Tots* toy drive. If you attend the November meeting we'd like you to bring a new, unwrapped toy so that our Marines can distribute them to kids who will be in need of them this Holiday season. MTH has been proud to participate in *Toys For Tots* for many years so I encourage you to continue in that tradition and be generous in your donations. Remember, those that participate will be entered in a drawing for a gold coin! Michigan Treasure Hunters lost one of its founding ladies last month with the passing of Vivian Rowe. Vivian and her late husband, Vern, were there when MTH went from a dream to reality some 35 years ago. Their contributions to the Club were enormous and MTH is what it is today--strong and thriving--because of their involvement and dedication to the Club. Keep them both in your thoughts and prayers.

This will be my last message to you for the year so I'd like to wish everyone in MTH Happy Holidays! I hope to see you at the Potluck Dinner on January 22, 2008. And remember to vote during MTH elections!

HOLIDAY PARTY NOVEMBER 27, 2007— TOYS FOR TOTS



Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30. Don't forget to bring a new unwrapped Toy to donate for Toys for Tots - or you can do a cash donation.



The Marines will be there to take the Toys and Donations and make sure they are delivered to deserving Children.

This is our Holiday Meeting where we enjoy each others company and food that is brought by our members. Please bring a dish to pass for 12 people.

A thru K --- Desserts L thru Z ----- Appetizers We will provide punch, coffee, plates and silverware.

THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 23, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Paul Leonard. Paul introduced Board Members and Officers. He announced the various raffles and the Find of the Month. Larry Prested gave the treasurers report. Sixty-four people in attendance. Two guests. Steven Foster gave a report on the token hunt this past week-Chuck Williams found the token and will be putting on the next token hunt. Tom Klisz of the Nominating Committee asked for nominations for our January Election. Paul announced the Passing of Vivian Rowe a longtime member and Founder, membership #2. Bonnie Klisz talked about the upcoming Holiday Party in November. She asked for volunteers to help set up tables at the November 27 party. Toys for Tots will again be here and we are asking members to bring an unwrapped Toy. Break at 8:20 p.m. Resumed meeting at 8:45 p.m. Tom Weaver and Peggy Collins talked about the Ladies Hunt that was held. Eleven Ladies attended. Peggy presented Lynn Walker with a 3 diamond necklace for the token she found at the hunt. Clarence Herberholz (put on with Dominic Fustini) talked about the Fishbowl hunt. There were over 2,000 coins buried. It was a great hunt. Tom Klisz told how the Silent Auction would be ran. All proceeds from the donated items would go to the club. Thanks to all that donated. It was a fun event. The Auction finished at 9:30 p.m.. The event brought in a total of \$361.50. 50/50 Ron Roberts, Larry Prested Silver Draw Vince Tremain, Earl Hansen, Chuck Froelich, Dan Alli, Earl Hansen, Escalating Jackpot -no winner Presidents Secret Raffle- roll of quarters- Matt Prested Gold coin/detector Raffle- Chuck Williams

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Jester, Secretary

BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 30, 2007

Meeting started 7:03 p.m. All members and officers were present with the exception of Tom Sniezak. Treasurers Report Topics of Discussion Nominations (Committee), November Holiday Party and budget, Milan fall hunt wrap up meeting., Autumn weekend. Other topics addressed January Pot luck party and budget, Prober. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Jester, Secretary

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NOMINATIONS FOR JAN. ELECTIONS

Nominations will continue at the November meeting. Those nominated to date include:
For President: Paul Leonard
For Vice President: Vince Tremain
Mark Branton
For Treasurer: Larry Prested
For Secretary: Bonnie Klisz
For Board of Directors: Dominic Fustini
(Five to be Elected) Cheryl Jester
Tom Klisz
Dave Picard
Dave Sanders
Jerry Wickens
Chuck Williams

MTH Membership List Now Available

Our long awaited membership, address and phone number lists will be available for members to pick up at the January Potluck. To save money the club will not mail out these lists as in the past. **Important:** these lists are for club members use only and may not be shared with any other non club person/group. The club does not share this list with any company or club. **Important:** If you do not want your address or phone number listed **you** must call Tom Klisz at 734-422-6345 to have it removed before publishing. If you can't make the November meeting you can request a list by sending a Full size self-addressed stamped (required 2 first class stamps) envelope to:

Michigan Treasure Hunters
PO Box 510237
Livonia, MI 48151-6237

MTH Goes Green

In this day and age of recycling the board of directors has decided to ask any club member that has won a first place plaque and feels that they would like to donate it back to the club for future use, to bring it with them to the November meeting or January Potluck. If the program is successful enough, we could save the club hundreds of dollars each year and still give out first place plaques in the future.

How You Can Save MTH \$9.00/Year!

By agreeing to download your Prober from the MTH website rather than having it mailed. It will also be Emailed to you. Send your Email address to Chuck7739@comcast.net

If you have any 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 to be placed in the Prober. Deadline for articles is 10th of the month.



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



JEWELRY:

- 1st:** Tom Weaver.....14K Gold Ring
- 2nd:** Fred Klemm.....10K Gold Class Ring
- 3rd:** Terry Clark.....Silver and Gold Cross

Others:

- Bill LockeSterling Silver Chain
- John Jaynes.....Sterling Silver Ring
- Chuck Williams.....Man's Sterling Silver
Wedding Band
- Clarence Herberholz Religious Medal
- Mark Branton.....Italian Silver Soccer
Necklace

TOKEN:

- 1st:** Clarence Herberholz 1804-1904 Louisiana
Commemoration From
St. Louis Worlds Fair 1904
- 2nd:** Dennis Redigan.....Good for 50 Cents in Trade
Token Vogel Bros, Forest
Park, Il
- 3rd:** Fred Klemm.....Red Ryder Lucky Coin
1940's

Others:

- Larry Prested.....United Arab Emirates
Token
- Mark Branton.....Chuck E. Cheese Token

COIN:

- 1st:** Clarence Herberholz1853 Seated Dime With
Arrows
- 2nd:** Terry Clark.....1820 Large Cent
- 3rd:** Fred Klemm....Ronald Reagan Half
Dollar

Others:

- Mark Branton.....1939D Mercury Dime
- Doug Gries.....1912 Barber Dime
- Bill Locke.....1951 JapanCoin
- Matt Prested.....1923 Mercury Dime
- Unknown.....1902 Barber Dime

RELIC:

- 1st:** Bill Whitman.....Samori Sword
- 2nd:** Terry Clark.....1866 G.A.R. Seal
- 3rd:** Mark Branton.....Horseman Game Piece
or Cracker Jack Toy

Others:

- Nate Larson.....Bell
- Steve Plivelich.....Sleigh Bell
- Clarence Herberholz. Old Sleigh Bell
- Doug Gries.....1894 Rally Pin
- Fred Klemm.....Hutchinson Soda Bot.
H. Westphal Detroit
- Chuck Williams.....Schrader Univ. Tire
Pressure Gauge-1909
- Unknown.....Religious Artifact

2007 FALL WEEKEND

Hello Everyone,

First I will say thank you to the folks that attended our 2007 Fall Weekend outing. I think it was a great success. The weather was unbelievable. Who would have thought that we would have 80 plus degree weather this late in the year.

The camp was a beautiful place. The camp staff was exceptional, making sure we had whatever we needed. The finds were very good. All kinds of things were found, from gold rings, to Canadian large cents, to arrowheads and silver coins.

For the ones of us that did not detect there were plenty of other things to do. We could walk, paddle a boat, fish in the beautiful lake, ride a bike, or sit in a wooden swing down by the lake. There was even a tribal council ring that we could have sat around with a fire blazing if it hadn't been so very warm..

Once again, thank you to all of you that attended.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon D. Prested



MTH Silent Auction

Our October meeting saw the first annual silent auction with all funds going to the club. Thanks to your generous contributions the auction raised \$361.50. Thanks go to each and every person that bid or donated items. Special thanks goes to Sherry Klisz, Bonnie Klisz, Cheryl Jester, and Barbara Whitman for their work at the event. If you liked this format, please let the board members know.

Tom Klisz

THE PROBER NEWSLETTER

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$18.00 PER YEAR
WITH AN INITIATION FEE OF \$5.00

Membership includes all club functions, meeting & a monthly newsletter.

Up Close and Personal by Tom Klisz

This month we have selected a dynamic couple that knows more about MTH than any other members, Al and Doris Temple. Al and Doris have club number "1" which tells you that they have been members for a long time. Al started the club in 1974 along with his good friends Vern Rowe, Matt Timmons, and his son-in-law Bill Kennedy. Al and Doris had owned a manufacturing company in Plymouth for awhile when their son-in-law, Bill, opened an archery, equipment, and antique store in downtown Plymouth's Olde Village. Al helped out at the shop and ended up running it when tragically his son-in-law, Bill Kennedy was killed in an auto accident. Al and Vern had some of their metal detecting treasures on display in the store and enough people were interested that they put out a slip of paper to see if anyone wanted to join a metal detecting club. The year was 1974 and 11 people formed the nucleus of a club. The first meetings took place at East Middle School in Plymouth. After drafting a constitution for the club, Al decided to enlarge the membership by having a club show at the Livonia Mall. This show was so interesting and well attended that the Mall managers allowed MTH to have their community room and the membership grew to sixty-three people. The rest is history.

Al and Doris have three daughters: Elizabeth, a Lincoln Mercury car dealer, Shelly who is self-employed and Lori who heads up 5 radio stations out of state.

Al and Doris retired in 1993 and started to enjoy all their varied interests. Al is a "all line" metal detector dealer who is always available to help all persons with their detectors even if not purchased from him. Al likes his Fisher 1280X for the water and uses a Tesoro Golden Sabre on land. Doris also uses a Fisher 1280X in water and a Compass on the land.

Asking these two for offices held in the club shows a wide variety. Al was president for 2 1/2 years, a member of the board of directors, and Fall Hunt Chairman. While starting the Fall Hunt, Al used his own money (a jar of coins saved for a hunting trip) to bury the hunt.

Doris has been President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board, and member of the Fall Hunt Committee for many years. Doris started the Ladies Hunt, the Holiday Party, and organized the Rose City Hunt. Both Al and Doris represented the State of Michigan while participating and working at Treasure Week held in Indiana for ten years.

When asked about best finds, Al found a ring with 4 diamonds and 4 sapphires which had been lost for 11 years underwater. Doris claims a seated 1800's half dollar and thought it was a "seeded" dollar. Where were those seeds?

When asked what they would like to see in the future, Al would like to see the club return to mall shows and make sure that we continue the Fall Hunts. Doris would like to see the recognition of "Treasure Hunter of the Year". This would be an award not based on finds or their value but on service, personality and volunteerism. She would also like to see the continuation of our social events like the Holiday Party, the Potluck, and Autumn Weekends.

Al and Doris have left a great example of what makes MTH Great!