



The Prober



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PRESIDENT PAUL C. LEONARD'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER

I'm *very glad* that my gut feeling was right last month when I thought that the number of entries would improve for our Annual Milan Hunt. When I wrote last month's column only 38 people had signed up—we ended up with, and correct me if I'm wrong, 69 enthusiastic metal detectorists. The numbers weren't even close to some of the Milan hunts of the past, but I'm glad nevertheless that it turned out well. Many thanks to Hunt Chairman, Larry Prested and crew for another job *well done!* The future of the hunt will be in the hands of the Fall Hunt committee early next year. Personally speaking, I'd hate to see it go kaput.

Many thanks also to Evie Bryant for her success with the Ladies Hunt, held on September 23rd. The day started out with breakfast at the House of Leon's Restaurant in Livonia and ended with the hunt itself at Beverly Park, also in Livonia. I had every intention of attending (in a support role, of course) but had to make an unexpected trip to Grand Rapids instead. Sorry I couldn't be there ladies!

The Fishbowl Hunt will be held on October 14th at Rotary Park in Livonia and I'll talk about it in my next column. There is one thing that I'd like to address now without having to wait until next month to do so. Until a few weeks ago, the Fishbowl Hunt was being run by Rich Mucha and Jake Markey, two loyal, long-standing members of MTH. Unfortunately, Jake had to withdraw from the hunt due to some health concerns. Jake, we wish you well and I call upon all MTH members to keep you in their thoughts and prayers. Get well soon, my friend!

Our October 24th speaker will be Mr. Steven Cameron, outfitter, guide, prospector and professional hobo. I've read his bio and it sound like Mr. Cameron has led (and is leading) a very colorful life. More on his presentation elsewhere in this *Prober*.

Also at the October 24th meeting will be nominations for MTH officers. The importance of this annual club function cannot be overstated. Without members who are willing to take on the responsibilities of being an MTH officer—there would be no MTH. After joining MTH in 1994, I started out by being in charge of the guest book. I then ran a couple of hunts, got a speaker or two and tried to contribute 110%. Before I knew it (and with no intent on my part) I was nominated for the Board and was elected. A year or two on the Board and much to learn, then VP and President in 1998. Many of you in MTH have contributed greatly to the success of the Club and many of you probably have a greater wealth of knowledge than I do. So take a moment and think about what you might be able to contribute as an MTH officer.

Congratulations to Doug Gries on finding the token at the September 16th Token Hunt at Rotary Park. Doug's got the honor of putting on the October hunt and details are included in this *Prober*. Can you believe that our Holiday Party is just around the corner? Where has the year gone?

Good metal detecting to all and I hope to see you at the meeting. Paul

Upcoming Events!

Club meetings:

October 24th.....7:30pm

November 28th.....7:30pm

November meeting is the Holiday Party. Toys for Tots.

Events:

October 14th, 1pm Fishbowl hunt, Rotary Park.

October 21st, Mini Hunt.

October 22nd Token Hunt.

(all event details are listed in the "Prober".)

Michigan Treasure Hunters 2006 OFFICERS

President.....Paul C. Leonard
Vice President.....Nate Larson
Secretary.....Lynn Walker
Treasurer.....Larry Prested

Board of Directors

Bonnie Klisz.....Chairman
Clarence Herberholz
Chuck Williams Mark Branton
Richard Mucha
Alt. Larry Ciarrocchi

Welcome Guests: Charles Chandler
THANK YOU: Vincent Tremain for September refreshments .
Refreshments for October: Cider and donuts provided by the club.

Token Hunt will be Sunday, October 22nd at 1:00pm at Rotary Park in Livonia. Your Huntmaster will be Don Gries. Don't forget your \$2.00 token hunt entry fee.



Congratulations Find Of The Month Winners "SEPTEMBER"



RELIC:

- 1st** Ross Soderberg.....Pre 1920 Dog Whistle
- 2nd** Dave Saunders.....Runners Medal
- 3rd** Tom Snizek.....1886 Duffy Whiskey Bottle

Others:

- Sharon Standish.....Flat Button 1824- 1840
- Tom Weaver.....1800's Bridal Rosette
- Tim Standish.....Bromo Seltzer Bottle

JEWELRY:

- 1st** Rick Cleveland.....3/4 kt Diamond Ring
- 2nd** Tom Weaver.....5\$ Gold Coin Pendent
- 3rd** Ray Koski.....14K 12 Diamonds Ring

Others:

- Ross S.....10K Class Ring
- Sharon Standish.....Old Ring
- Chuck Williams.....14K Gold Ring
- Tom KliszSterling belly button charm
- Jerry Wickens.....925 20" silver chain

TOKEN:

- 1st** Tom Weaver.....1857 Bank Token
- 2nd** Tim Standish.....Stage Coach Token
- 3rd** Sharon Standish.....Frankenmuth Token

OTHERS:

- Jerry Wickens.....Windsor Casino Token
- Chuck Williams.....AATA The Ride Token

COIN:

- 1st** Tom Weaver.....1773 British 1/2 Penny
- 2nd** Tim Standish.....1909 V Nickel
- 3rd** Ross S.....Australian 50 cent piece

OTHERS:

- Sharon Standish.....1900 Indian Head

MINI-HUNT OCTOBER 21st

Our October Mini-Hunt will be held at Patton Memorial Park in southwest Detroit. The hunt will start at 9:00am, but if you're running a little late, that's OK, come anyway, rain or shine. This is a large and old Detroit park that still sees a lot of human activity to this very day. I used to play there when I was a little kid back in the late 1800's! We will meet at the large parking lot next to the General George S. Patton Memorial Center, located on Woodmere St. near Vernor Hwy. On the south end of the park. Dix Ave runs on the north end of the park. It's a beautiful new building constructed of light and dark blue ceramic brick and is visible from most location near the park. Take Michigan Ave to southbound Wyoming Ave or take southbound Lonyo St. I-94 runs just one block north of Michigan Ave. Turn left form Wyoming onto eastbound Vernor Hwy to Woodmere. From Lonyo, turn left onto Dix for one block and turn right to southbound Woodmere to the parking lot. Holy Cross Cemetery is at the north end of the park and Woodmere Cemetery is at the south end of the park. The club is not providing any food or drinks so bring a lunch and we'll have a tailgate party at noon. A pouch is recommended for this hunt. Containers will be provided to collect trash, so please do not re-bury or leave trash on the ground. Remember, "We leave it cleaner than we found it"! Please fill in all your holes. This is a nice area and I'm sure the people from the neighborhood will be watching us. If you have any questions please call Rich at 313-255-3041.

Rich Mucha, Huntmaster.

OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker for October's meeting will be, Steven Cameron, owner of CAMEX Resources. Steven is an Outfitter-Guide and Prospector. He calls himself a Professional Hobo and has lived and worked coast to coast in Canada from the Yukon thru to Nova Scotia. Steven now lives here in Michigan. He is heavy into geology including mining. He will talk about prospecting for minerals etc. He will also talk about old ghost towns he has been to and many things that he has found through out his adventures. Plan on looking at some samples also.

Nominations for Officer begin at the October meeting. Please think about running or nominating another MTH member to run. We need nominations!!

The MTH club expresses their deepest sympathies to the Ken Brown family for the loss of Ken's mother (Mary Sztogryn). Deepest sympathies to Cindy Bailiff and her family for the loss of Cindy's mother.

Get well wishes go out to Jake Markey from all the MTH club members.



BOARD MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 3, 2006

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M.
All board members were present except Lynn Walker.

The topics of discussion were:

Coin inventory and purchases, treasurer's report, speakers for upcoming meetings, winners circle pins, club merchandise, September meeting.

Committee assignments: all have been filled except the nominating committee and pot luck.

Other topics that were addressed:

Coin raffle, Prober, anniversary pins, mini hunt, fish bowl hunt, autumn weekend, name tags, hunt guidelines, potluck dinner, nominating committee, the holiday party and the January Pot Luck.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M. Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Klisz, acting Secretary.

**PREMIUM PROGRESSIVE DETECTOR
RAFFLE AT OCTOBER MEETING**

Fisher CZ20 underwater detector will finally be raffled at the October club meeting. The tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Included will be a Hard Case for the detector. The CZ20 is submersible to 250 feet underwater! Push button ground balance and lots more. Premium detector raffle held later in the year. Don't miss your chance to win an excellent detector!



FISH BOWL HUNT OCT. 14TH

Hard to believe, but it's finally time for our annual Fish Bowl Hunt. It will be held on Saturday, October 14th at 1:00pm at Rotary Park in Livonia, 6 Mile rd between Merriman and Farmington Roads. At the September club meeting you contributed \$43.39 to the Fish Bowl to give us a total collection of \$336.00 for the year. With the club's donation of \$175, this gives us a grand total of \$511.30! Wow, that's a lot of coins. Buried in the hunt will be dimes, quarters, halves, and coin dollars, both clad and silver along with numbered prize tokens and other special items. Check-in time will begin at 12:00 noon, so come early and stay late to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow treasure hunters along with some cider and donuts. As always, this will be a members only hunt, payback for all the donations that you have made to the club during the year.

If any has prized to donate, please bring them at least 15 minutes before the start of the hunt. We have a couple of volunteers for the hunt, but if anyone would like to help bury coins and perform other small tasks, please come at about 10:00am. Many hands make for light and enjoyable work, and is greatly appreciated. Come one, come all, rain or shine.

Rich Mucha, Huntmaster.

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MTH 33rd Annual Fall Hunt Results

On September 9, 2006, we held our Annual Fall Hunt at Milan Michigan. We had 69 participants show up and we all had a great time. There were 52 people who entered the "Diamonds are forever hunt". Quite a few people who entered this event came away with more than one piece of gold. The weather wasn't to bad. We had only a short shower during the "Diamonds" hunt. Proceeds from the "Diamonds" hunt benefit The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. I want to thank all the volunteers who contributed. Thank you to KC Campground for their great hospitality. Thank you to all sponsors and thanks again to volunteers. Without you, there would be no Milan Fall Hunt.

Larry Prested, Fall Hunt Chairperson.

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Next Meeting November 28th @ 7:30pm.

The MTH Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm
The meeting is held at:
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
30000 FIVE MILE ROAD
LIVONIA MICHIGAN
(between Middlebelt & Merriman)



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October 24th meeting @ 7:30pm

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$18.00 PER YEAR
WITH AN INITIATION FEE OF \$5.00
Membership includes all club functions, meeting &
a monthly newsletter.

Visit our web page for more club details.
Remember, **“We leave it cleaner than we found it.”**
Prober Editor (: Virginia Chojnowski :)

CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2006

President, Paul C. Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:38pm. Paul introduced himself, and all the present Officers and Board members. Mr. Leonard explained the no smoking rule, small child rule, club raffles, membership draw, “Find of the Month”, club merchandise, name tags, fish bowl, guest book, detector raffle, refreshment sheet, escalating jackpot, token hunts and the Library. Larry Prested gave the treasurers report. He also discussed the Milan hunt of September 9th and the Autumn weekend on September 29, 30 and October 1st.

Mr. Leonard mentioned the upcoming events.

Rich Mucha talked about the fish bowl hunt and a mini hunt he will be running. Lynn Walker gave a synopsis of the ladies hunt that was on September 23rd. Barb Whitman presented a check to Bonnie Klisz for the National Kidney Foundation. K.C. Campground gave a \$100.00 donation to the club. Chuck Williams received a gold coin for the token hunt he put on. The next token hunt will be run by Doug Gries at Rotary Park on October 22, 2006 at 1:00pm. Bill Whitman talked about the nominating committee. Tom Klisz told a story about a bus tour to Maryland VA. Where Booth was killed.

Roger Scott had a story about a geo cache hunt near Lake Huron. Mr. Leonard introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Charles Chandler and expert on locks and hand cuffs.

50/50 raffle winners were Ray Serpa and Dennis Redigan.

Coin raffle winners were Larry Ciarrocchi, Tom Klisz, Paul Leonard and Cathy Soderberg.

Membership Draw winner was Clarence Herberholz.

Detector winner was Harry Dayner.

Escalating jackpot there was no winner.

Next board meeting is October 3, 2006 at 7:00pm at Bonnie Klisz’s house.

Mr. Leonard adjourned the meeting at 9:36pm.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Lynn Walker.

If you have any ads or articles you would like to post in the Prober, please see either Virginia Chojnowski or Ross Soderberg. A fee may apply for an ad to be placed in the Prober.