



The Prober

Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club
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Club Meetings:

Oct 28th.....7:30 p.m. **Silent Auction**
Nov 25th.....7:30 p.m. **Holiday Party**
No meeting or Prober Newsletter in December
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

Oct 26th (Sun) 1:00 p.m. **Token Hunt** at
Belleville High School, 501 W. Columbia Ave
(aka Huron River Drive), Belleville, MI. Take
I-94 to Belleville Rd (Exit 190), go South 1.5
miles to Huron River Drive (A 5-point inter-
section), then turn right onto Huron River
drive and go about 0.5 miles to Belleville H.S.
Huntmaster: Chuck Williams 734-740-0668

Michigan Treasure Hunters 2008 Officers

President... Paul C. Leonard
Vice President.....Mark Branton
Secretary.....Bonnie Klisz
Treasurer.....Larry Prested

Board of Directors

Dave Picard: Chairman
Cheryl Jester Jeff Kerner,
Tom Klisz Chuck Williams,
Alternate: Jerry Wickens

**The Milan Hunt 2008 close out meet-
ing for all committee members is
scheduled for October 23 at the
Livonia DPW at 7 PM. We hope all
committee members can make it to
the meeting.**

Vince Tremain

**Congratulations go out to Dave
& Marjorie Picard on the birth
of a grandson, Jackson Grey
Lewis, to their daughter Katie
on September 26, 2008.**

**Refreshments for October: Cider &
donuts furnished by the MTH**



PRESIDENT PAUL C. LEONARD'S OCTOBER MESSAGE

I don't know about you
the cooler Michigan
relates to metal detecting
football thrown in as
this time of the year and I



but I've certainly been enjoying
weather lately, especially as it
and maybe even a little bit of
well! I really enjoy detecting at
honestly believe that it's become
my favorite time of the year as well. Years ago, I loved to detect in the
summer heat--the hotter the better--and it didn't seem to bother me
much. Not so these days. I passed up detecting on many days this sum-
mer primarily because of the excessive heat and humidity--but I'd like to
think that a little more common sense was at work here. I hope so.

I must tell you that if you missed the September 23rd meeting and you're
into the Civil War--you missed one of the finest presentations that I've
certainly seen in my 14+ years in MTH. Thanks to the efforts of Bill
Whitman and Tom Klisz, who met Mr. Paul Boduch and convinced him
to come to our meeting at Faith Lutheran, I was able to see one of the
best private collections of anything that I've ever seen before (and it was
only a portion of his collection!). Paul admitted that public speaking
wasn't his forte but he did a very fine job of informing us about his col-
lection as well as some of the history--or provenance--of many of the
items on display: pistols, rifles, carbines, uniforms, buttons, buckles, sa-
bers, bullets, a small cannon and much, much more. Truly a remarkable
collection and our thanks go out to Paul for a great evening. Also at the
meeting: Cindy Shadeck received her silver round for putting on a very
successful September Token Hunt and Chuck Williams was the lucky
token finder. Chuck's October Token Hunt particulars are in this edi-
tion of *The Prober*.

Jerry Wickens served as Huntmaster for our Annual Fishbowl Hunt,
held on October 5th at Rotary Park. Jerry and his trusty crew planted
almost 2000 coins, which kept about 50 MTH members quite happy in
the digging department. I was one of them and was able to walk away
with almost 70 coins worth about \$14.00 and a token for a crisp \$2.00
bill. The weather was perfect, the bees were busy annoying us, but it was
a great day to detect. Thanks Jerry for your fine efforts!

Our thanks go out to Sharon and Larry Prested for organizing MTH's
Annual Autumn Weekend, held on October 10th to 12th at the Kimball
YMCA Camp in Reading, Michigan. Almost 40 MTH members were in
attendance for this event, whose location is kept in secret until a few days
before the event is actually held. I'm told that the food was good and
plentiful, the weather was great, socializing was an art form, and metal
detecting was objective of the day---and some nice jewelry finds were
made as well.

Round 1 of nominations in the MTH election process begins at the Octo-
ber 28th meeting, If you'd like to run for an MTH office you can either
nominate yourself or have someone else do it for you. And if you're
elected , it's a great way for you to contribute to your Club's future suc-
cess. Also at the October meeting will be our 2nd Annual Silent Auction,
with Tom Klisz once again serving as Auctioneer. Tom has received
many fine items for this event but it's not too late for you to contribute.
If you'd like to donate an item just bring it to the meeting and Tom will
put it to good use. Remember, all auction proceeds go directly into the
MTH treasury.

I hope to see you at the October 28th meeting!

Paul



THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

Michigan Treasure Hunters
Board of Directors Meeting
September 30, 2008

The meeting started at 7:10 p.m. All board members were present.

Topics Discussed:

Treasurers Report
Coin purchases (increase in silver and gold prices)
October meeting format
Prober deadline questions, articles, advertising and etc.
Committee and job assignments
Winners Circle (change) and Anniversary pins (distribution)
Possible MTH shirts and etc for merchandise sales
Token Hunts
Autumn Weekend date October 10, 11, and 12th
Fishbowl Hunt Oct. 5th at 1:00 p.m.
Holiday Party Nov. 25th at 7:00 p.m.
January Potluck January 27th at 6:30 p.m.
Find-of-the-Year
Nominating Committee:
Dave Picard, Tom Klisz and Bonnie Klisz

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Next board meeting Thursday, Nov 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Leonard, at 7:38 p.m. Paul introduced our guest speaker, Paul Boduch, right off the bat with his fascination collection. Mr. Leonard then introduced all present Board Members and Officers and welcomed our one guest and eighty-one members. The 50/50 Raffle, Silver Raffle, Coin Raffle, Membership Raffle, President's Raffle, Escalating Membership Raffle, club library, name tags, and no smoking rule were explained. Paul also expressed condolences to Doris and Harry Dayner on the recent death of Doris's sister. Chuck Williams, Prober Editor, was introduced and thanked for doing a fine job. Any Prober concerns see Chuck.

Treasurer, Larry Prested, gave the treasurer's report and also spoke on the upcoming Fall Weekend.

Jerry Wickens passed around the fishbowl and spoke on the upcoming Fishbowl hunt to be held October 5th at Rotary Park in Livonia. Jerry asked for help to bury the over \$400.00 that has been collected over the past year.

Paul thanked Joanne Rundell, Sophia Froelich, and Peggy Collins for bringing the refreshments tonight.

Vince Tremain spoke on the Fall Hunt that was held September 6th at Milan. There were fifty-five hunters attending the successful hunt. The wrap-up meeting will be announced at a later date.

New member, Cindy Shadeck, spoke briefly on her token hunt held September 21st, with eleven people attending. Cindy received her silver round. The token was found by Chuck Williams. Details of the next token hunt will be in the October Prober.

Dave Picard spoke briefly on the nominating committee trying to fill all positions. Nominations for the 2009 Board of Directors and Officers will be taken at the next two (i.e. October and November) meetings. Please consider volunteering for a position.

Paul spoke on his Presidential Raffle.

Break for refreshments at 7:57 p.m. Meeting resumed at 8:25 p.m.

Bill Whitman introduced our guest speaker, Paul Boduch. Bill met Paul at a coin show and decided he was a perfect speaker for our club. Paul is the collector of all collectors. Most of his collecting is not done with a detector, but is still unbelievable. He started collecting twenty-four years ago while working for Ford Motor Co., in Atlanta, GA. Paul took many questions from the floor. Paul Leonard presented Paul with a check, hat, patch and an invite to come again.

Find-of-the-Month winners were presented with plaques and ribbons.

Winners of the 50/50 were Ray Koski and Joanne Rundell. Winners of the Silver Raffle were Larry Pirochta, Earl Hansen, Chuck Williams, Fred Christensen and Fred Klemm. Escalating Raffle winner of \$57.00 was new member, Cindy Shadeck. Membership Draw winner was Fred Klemm. Presidents Secret Raffle winner was Ray Dutton with consolation prizes going to Earl Hansen and Ron Stiefel. The winner of the 8 oz. Silver Round Raffle was Bill Locke.

Next board meeting September 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Next general meeting October 28, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

FIND OF THE YEAR RETURNS TO MTH!

This year your board of directors voted to re-install our Find of the Year Awards in all four categories: coin, jewelry, token and relic. These prestigious awards will be voted on during the January Potluck Dinner and Elections. Everyone present (Members & Guests) at the January event will be allowed to vote for what they see as the Best of the Best.

To qualify for the Find of the Year, you must first have won a 1st place in a Find of the Month Contest, and you must personally bring your winning FOTM find and associated plaque to the January meeting for which you will also receive a newly designed Silver Winners Circle Pin.



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

JEWELRY:

- 1st:** Bill Whitman.....14 K Gold Ring w/
Aquamarine &
6 Diamonds
- 2nd:** Mark Rogers.....1981 Northville Girls
Class Ring
- 3rd:** Fred Klemm.....14K White Gold Band
- Others:**
Stan Cebulski.....Star Sapphire
Matt Prested..... 925 Silver Ring w/ Garnet
Bob Haas.....Ring
Lorraine Haas..... Silver Bracelet
Terry Clark.....Silver Ring w/ Praying
Hands
Clarence Herberholz.Big Silver Ring
W.....Gold Ring w/ Light
Blue Stone
Larry Prested.....10K Gold Ring w/
Diamonds

TOKEN:

- 1st:** Mark Rogers.....Michigan 4H Horse
Show Medallion
- 2nd:** Terry Clark.....New York Bus Token
- 3rd:** Chuck Williams.....Colorado Avalanche
Joe Sakic Bronze Token
- Others;**
Doug Gries.....1982 World's Fair Token
Bill Whitman.....T. Jefferson Piece
Brian Hastings.....Pachs-Slo Slot Token
Mark Branton.....Discount Video Token
Unknown.....Wayside Food & Spirits
Entertainment Token

COIN:

- 1st:** Clarence Herberholz...1858 Flying Eagle Cent
- 2nd:** Terry Clark.....1924 Standing Lib. Qtr.
- 3rd:** Brian Hastings.....1905 Canadian Quarter
- Others:**
LeBlanc.....1917 Mercury Dime
Doug Gries..... 1919 Canadian Dime
Dennis Redigan.....Greek 10 Drachma Coin
Sharon Standish.....1905 Liberty Nickel
Dave Mayer.....1981 Australian Dime
W.....Standing Liberty Quarter
Mark Rogers.....1952-D Wash. Quarter
Debbie Gries.....1948 Wash. Quarter
Mark Branton.....1952-D Wash. Quarter
Unknown.....1914 Barber Dime

RELIC:

- 1st:** Fred Klemm.....Marine Hat Pin
- 2nd:** W.....Old Pin
- 3rd:** Bill Whitman.....Lead Soldier w/ Sword
- Others:**
Mark Rogers.....Daisy Cap Gun
Clarence Herberholz...Shoe Buckel
Dave Picard.....AAA Safety Patrol
Dave Gries.....1960's Boy Scout
Neckerchief Slide
Chuck Williams.....U.S. Military Lapel Pin
Mark Branton.....Old Toy Truck
Tom Sniezek.....2 1890's Colbalt
Bromo-Seltzer Bottles
Sharon Standish.....Old Table Knife
Terry Clark.....Tootsie Toy Howitzer
Dave Mayer.....2000 Jr. Girl Scout Pin
Unknown.....Teamsters Local 406 Pin

Club Benefit Silent Auction Set for October Meeting

Last year we had our first club benefit auction and raised almost \$300.00 for the club. I've been asked to run this auction again this year and to make it bigger and better with all proceeds going to the club treasury. This is your chance to donate anything you want to put on the auction tables. All donations become club property and cannot be returned if not sold. Can you bake a dozen cookies? Fine! Donate them. Think creatively as the holidays are approaching. Any detecting equipment or anything else will be sold to help keep our club in the black. The auction works this way: You register your item with a suggested opening bid (low please). There will be a strip of paper for each item and you will be given ample time to sign your name and your bid on a slip that you wish to bid on. Full names written legibly are important. After a pre-determined time, a bell will ring and the last name and bid on the list wins the item. Bring lots of creative stuff and make this silent auction a big success. We will still accept donation items at the October meeting. Thanks, Tom Klisz

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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 meeting is held at:

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
30000 FIVE MILE ROAD
LIVONIA MICHIGAN
(between Middlebelt & Merriman)

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MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB
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LIVONIA MI 48151-6237

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able for review and downloading
from the MTH website at:

www.michigantreasurehunters.com

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www.michigantreasurehunters.com
for club information.

Remember, "We leave it cleaner than
we found it."

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also be Emailed to you. Just send your Email ad-
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OTHER THINGS

1 MTH Nametags are available from the treasurer
for \$4.00.

2 Tom Klisz is still accepting donations for the Octo-
ber 28th Silent Auction.

3 President Paul Leonard is interested in buying gold
and silver coins from members for use in club events.
Especially 2.5 Gold Pesos. Bring your gold and silver
to sell to the meetings.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are need for several club functions.
Please contact any club officer if you are willing to
take a part in MTH meetings and events.

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 the 10th of the
month.