



The Prober

Newsletter of The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club
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Club Meetings:

Sept 23rd.....7:30 p.m. **Civil War Relic Speaker**
Oct 28th.....7:30 p.m. **Silent Auction**
Nov 25th.....7:30 p.m. **Holiday Party**
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

Sept 20th (Sat) 1:00 p.m. **Token Hunt** at Rotary Park in Livonia. North of 6 Mile Rd at Hubbard (Between Farmington and Merriman). Huntmistress Cindy Shadeck assisted by Don Jaeger.
Oct 5th (Sun) 1:00 p.m. **Fish-Bowl Hunt** at Rotary Park in Livonia. Huntmaster: Jerry Wickens.
Oct 10 to 12th. **Autumn Weekend** See page 4

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

An one-half pound Silver Walking Liberty coin will be raffled at the September 23rd meeting.

Our condolences go out to Doris and Harry Dayner on the passing of Doris' sister, Sandra Madison.

Welcome Guests: Les & Carol Toffen, Scott Duleteck, Kerry Weigle, Jim Carlson and Don Hadden
Refreshments for August: Vincent Tre-main

PRESIDENT PAUL C. LEONARD'S SEPTEMBER MESSAGE

I know that I'm putting begin this article with my Hunt, held on September Milan. Suffice it to say weather was perfect, and



the cart before the horse when I take on MTH's 35th Annual Fall 6th at the K.C. Campground in that I had a great time, the I found a bunch of coins in addition to 3 tokens for some nice prizes, including one for some gold earrings in the *Diamonds Are Forever* hunt. It was a lot of fun to interact with MTH members and hunters from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin and Ontario and everyone seemed to have had a great time as well. My thanks go out to everyone in MTH who worked so hard to make the event the success that it was. It will be a little while before we get the bottom line on the hunt's finances but I've got a good feeling about that and I know the National Kidney Foundation will benefit just fine. Once again, thanks to everyone who worked to make it a great day for me and 54 other hunters as well!

Peggy Collins, Ross Soderberg and Doug Gries put on the August 24th Token Hunt at Pontiac Lake in memory of MTH member Tom Weaver. Tom's son, Zachary, was presented with a silver round for finding the token on June 22nd and MTH newcomer Cindy Shadeck was lucky enough to find the token. Cindy will be putting on the September Token Hunt and details of her hunt are in this edition of *The Prober*. This will be Cindy's first MTH hunt as a Huntmistress, so let's see if we can have a nice turnout and give her our support and encouragement because I know that she's looking forward to the hunt!

Our Annual Auction on August 26th went off without a hitch (except for the added length of the meeting) and all lots that were submitted were put up for bid. Not everything was sold and that's certainly not unusual at an event like this, however, many good bargains were in abundance. Our auctioneer for the evening, Tom Klisz, did another fine job at the microphone and my thanks go out to all those members who worked the event and made it the success that it was!

At this point in time, it looks as though our October 28th Silent Auction could be another home run! Auctioneer Tom Klisz continues to receive many fine donations for this second-year event and Tom's quite excited (and so am I!) at the prospect of meeting or exceeding last year's \$362.00 addition to the MTH treasury. If you'd like to donate an item or two (or more!) -- and believe me when I say that the proceeds benefit everyone in MTH -- Tom will gladly accept your generous donation for this exciting and sometimes frenzied event. Just bring your items to the September 23rd meeting and Tom will definitely put them to good use.

I can't believe that I'm about to write that MTH election time is just around the corner! Where has the year gone and why does it have to go so fast is the question of the day for me (and, for many of you as well, I suspect). Nominations begin at our October 28th meeting and close at our Holiday Party on November 25th, so if you'd like to run for office please inform one of the three members of the nominating committee of your intentions. Cheryl Jester, Dave Picard and Tom Klisz are the ones to talk to if you're thinking about running for office. Collectively, they have a lot MTH experience and should be able to answer any and all questions you might have. Additionally, if you'd like to nominate someone for an office, please get the "OK" from that person before you nominate them. I look forward to seeing you at the September 23rd meeting!

Paul

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THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

Michigan Treasure Hunters
Board of Directors Meeting
September 4, 2008

The meeting started at 7:10
p.m. All board members
were present. The alternate
Jerry Wickens also was
present.

Topics Discussed:

Treasurers Report

Sept. speaker and raffle

Coin purchases (increase in
silver and gold prices)

Prober deadline questions,
articles, advertising and etc.

Committee and job assign-
ments

Winners Circle (possible
changes) and Anniversary
pins (distribution)

Possible MTH shirts and
etc for merchandise sales

Token Hunts

Autumn Weekend date Oc-
tober 10, 11, and 12th

Fishbowl Hunt Oct. 5th at
1:00 p.m.

November Holiday Party
Nov. 25th at 7:00 p.m.

January Potluck Jan 27th

Nominating Committee:

Dave Picard, Tom Klisz
and Bonnie Klisz

Meeting adjourned at 9:25
p.m.

Next board meeting Sept
30th

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 26, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Leonard, at 7:40 p.m. He introduced all Board Members and Officers and welcomed our 7 guests and 112 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 thanked members who brought refreshments for the meeting. The fishbowl was passed around by Jerry Wickens.

Treasurer, Larry Prested, gave the treasurer's report.

Jeff Kerner, Larry Pirochta and Darren Mendrick talked about the Club Picnic held August 3rd at Dodge Park. They volunteered to do next year's picnic. Paul spoke on why we held the picnic at Dodge Park despite hunting restrictions by Park Systems. Please have constructive criticism of club functions.

Tom Klisz spoke about the Shipwreck outing to the Detroit Science Center on August 17th. Seven members attended. Tom also spoke on the Oct. Silent Auction. Please bring in items to be donated to auction. MTH will benefit from the proceeds.

Nominations are now being taken for 2009 Board of Directors and Officers. Please consider running for a position. Nominations start in October and the Election is held in January at the Potluck. Ballots may be mailed.

Peggy Collins, Ross Soderberg and Doug Gries put on the August Token Hunt in place of Tom Weaver. Subs were provided with deserts and extras. Twenty-four people attended the hunt. Tom's son Zachary was presented with the coin since he was the official huntmaster. New member Cindy Shadeck found the token and will put on the next hunt.

Paul introduced Vince Tremain, co-chair of the Milan Hunt, who reminded everyone to please sign up for the hunt. Harry and Doris Dayner need help with the Progressive Raffle. There are 41 hunters preregistered already. Next committee meeting Thursday, August 28th at LDPW at 7:00 p.m. Need help Friday night and Saturday planting coins. Free Kids Hunt.

Break for refreshments at 8:15 p.m. Meeting resumed at 8:45 p.m.

Auctioneer Tom Klisz began the auction which ended at 10:15 p.m.

FOTM winners were presented with plaques and ribbons.

Winners of the 50/50 were Carol Redigan and Ron Ritzler. Winners for the Silver Raffle were Howard Smith, Joanne Rundell, Bud Church, Duayne Sequin (twice) and Larry Pirochta. Escalating Raffle had no winner this month. Membership Draw winner was Robert Smith (no badge). Presidents Secret Raffle winner was Sally Crouch. The winner of the Tesoro µMax Raffle was Marge Picard.

Next board meeting September 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Next general meeting September 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

Calling all Civil War Relic Members

This month you will receive a real treat in hearing about and seeing one of the best private collections of relics of the Civil War that I have ever seen. You will also see Roman and Egyptian relics and a plate from the Atocha (Mel Fisher's greatest find) plus a Portuguese cannon from a recovered wreck. I can't say enough about this presentation, but if you love history and relics, hold on to your hat! Feel free to bring any Civil War relics you may have found for identification by our speaker.

Tom Klisz

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.



JEWELRY:

- 1st:** Lee Mathiak..... 14 K Ring w/ 54 Diamonds
2nd: Ross Soderberg.....14 K Ring w/ 9 Diamonds
3rd: Dave Picard.....Army Air Corp Ring Circa 1926-1946

Others:

- Larry Ciarrocchi.....Stainless Steel Ring
 Mark Rogers..... Silver Garnet/Onyx Ring
 Don Jaeger.....18K Gold Ring w/ 3 Stones
 John Jaynes..... Man's 14K 12.5 g. Ring
 Terry Clark.....Silver Spoon Ring
 Mark Branton.....18K Gold Ring w/ Blue Sapphire from 1920s
 Chuck Chandler.....Ring
 Dennis Redigan.....Man's Silver Ring
 Tom Sniezek.....Antique Brooch
 Larry Prested.....14K Gold Woman's Ring w/ Diamond Chips
 Fred Klemm.....14k Gold 13.9 g. Ring

TOKEN:

- 1st:** Dennis Redigan.....Italian Phone Token
2nd: Sharon Standish.....Good for 5¢ When Returned w/ Bottle
3rd: Mark Branton.....Farrel's Ice Cream Parlor

Others;

- Larry Ciarrocchi.....Batting Cage Token
 Mark Rogers.....Marvelous Mechanical Museum Token
 Fred Klemm.....Sunoco Landmarks of America - Niagara Falls
 Dave Picard.....Buena Vista Holiday Inn Game Token 1999
 Ross Soderberg.....Sunoco Classic Car Token

COIN:

- 1st:** Fred Klemm.....1864 Indian Head Cent
2nd: Clarence Herberholz....1941-D Walking Liberty Half Dollar
3rd: Dave Picard.....\$5 Liberian Coin

Others:

- Sharon Standish.....1903 Canadian Large Cent
 Dennis Redigan..1923 Mercury Dime
 Terry Clark.....1887 Indian Head Cent
 Mark Branton1959-D Washington Quarter
 Chuck Chandler.....5 Yen Japanese Coin
 John Jaynes..... Kennedy Half Dollar
 Mark Rogers.....Old Chinese Coin
 Ross Soderberg.....Iranian Rial

RELIC:

- 1st:** Tom Sniezek.....Antique Top
2nd: Mark Rogers.....Sharpshooter 50 ft. Award Pin
3rd: Clarence Herberholz....Old Hopkins Belt Buckle

Others:

- Rich Mucha.....Top Medal for Language Arts Competition
 Don DeGeorge.....Child's Hockey Award
 Dennis Redigan.....Girl Scout Bicentennial Pin
 Steve Kunder.....Ford
 Chuck Froelich.....Tootsie Toy truck

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 accept donation items at the August and September meetings. 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)

Don't send any mail to the church. Address all mail to:

MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB
PO BOX 510237
LIVONIA MI 48151-6237

AUTUMN WEEKEND

\$60.00 per person

October 10, 11 & 12th

NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED

It will be very close to home this year.

To signup, send the information below along with a check for \$60.00 made out to:

Sharon D. Prested
13358 Neff Rd.
Clio, MI 48420

For information, call Sharon at 810-686-3498.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

How many attending: _____

OTHER THINGS

- 1 MTH Nametags are available from the treasurer for \$4.00.**
- 2 Tom Klisz is now accepting donations for the October 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.

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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.

Visit our web page at www.michigantreasurehunters.com for club information.

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

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