



# THE PROBER NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

## MTH CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 25, 2009

In Mark Branton's absence, Vice President Vince Tremain started the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with 95 people in attendance including four guests. The meeting started earlier due to the Swap Meet and food sale agenda. The Board wanted everyone to be able set up and start selling and also have time to enjoy the hotdogs, sausages etc. The business meeting started at 8:10 p.m. Vince reminded everyone about helping to put away the tables and chairs after the meeting. He also reminded everyone about the rule of not turning over the FOTM sheets. If you do your ballot will be forfeited. Vince introduced all Board members, Officers and Prober Editor and also Debbie Gries who sells our merchandise and name tags and Charles Chandler the new Librarian. The no smoking rule, 50/50 Raffle, Silver Raffle, Membership Draw, Escalating Raffle, Special Raffle, FOTM Mystery Draw, Presidents raffle, Find of the Month and all other activities tonight were explained. The Special Raffle tonight is a gold coin worth over \$300.00.

Treasurer, Jerry Wickens gave the treasurers report.

Don DeGeorge, chair of our Search and Recovery Group, stated that he had a call from the Lansing State Police who had a 20 year old case. Fifteen team members attended and found a lot of items. The police presented the team with shirts, hats and a written thank you for their work. Please sign up we still need more team members. Don is also our Fish Bowl Chair and he passed the fish bowl. The hunt is in Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Bob Myer, from the Nat. Kidney Foundation of Michigan, presented to Vince on behalf of the club, a plaque as a thank you for all the years the clubs has help raised money for the Kids Camp. He also presented a plaque to Bonnie Klisz for her work with the NKFM.

Co-chairs, Darren Mendrick, Larry Pirochta and Jeff Kerner gave a rundown on the Club picnic held August 8<sup>th</sup> at Dodge Park. The weather was cold and wet with only 15 club members attending. Money and food that was not used was returned to be used for another club function. We are looking for a new picnic committee next year. A detailed list has been made for the next committee. Next token hunt will be Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm Champaign Park in Allen Park. Doug Gries is the huntmaster. Jerry Wickens and Vince Tremain's Canadian hunt held Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> in Leamington, Ontario went very well with 40 people attending. Vince reminded everyone that the Milan Hunt is Sept. 12 not Sept.22. Still need donations for both kids' hunts. Next meeting for this hunt is Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 pm at Bonnie Klisz's house. Larry Prested spoke on the Fall Weekend which will be held Oct 2, 3, 4 at a 100 year old camp details later. The fee is \$70.00 per person and includes all meals please sign up soon. Tom Klisz is taking donations for the Oct. silent auction all proceeds will be going to the club.

Joe Le Blanc, Treasurer and Sect. of the MSNS spoke about the upcoming coin show convention Nov. 25-29<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up for the work schedule. The club will be getting \$3000.00 for assisting this year. Also there is another Education Display with Metal Detecting as a Category. Please enter very good prizes.

Vince stated there will be a mini hunt Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 174 year old business (virgin property). Members only allowed with a \$10.00 charge for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 this price includes food, bathroom facilities, drinks and snacks. You may keep anything you find. More information will be provided at the Sept. meeting. Please sign up. The Livonia Library has show cases for our club to use if we want to display information etc about Metal Detecting. See Mark for details.

Break for continuing Swap Meet sales: 8:40 .pm. Meeting resumed: 9:07 p.m.

Club raffled off extra food paid for by the club. Winners: Ray Dutton, Lyle Cook and Dianne Kerr. Milan Hunt raffle winners: Jerry Wickens and Andie Klisz. Silver raffle winners; Dave Picard, Dennis Haney, Carol Redigan, Al Robertson and Fred Christensen. 50/50 raffle winners: Cathy Kerner and Don Jaeger. Membership Draw winner: Charles Chandler no name tag. Special Raffle winner: Chuck Evola. Escalating Raffle: no winner present. No winner for the FOTM mystery draw. The mystery number was #54. It was Bev Robertson and she was present. Watch for next month mystery number and you must be present at the meeting to claim your prize. The winners for FOTM 1st place were awarded a Silver Round with case and for second and third places were awarded ribbons.

Next MTH meeting is Sept.22, 2009. Next Board Meeting Sept. 1, 2009

Meeting adjourned 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

## MTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

The meeting started at 7:06 p.m. All Officers and Board members were present.

Topics Discussed: Treasurer's Report, Committee and Job Assignments, Lifetime Membership, Membership update list, Emergency Contact List, Prober Deadline and Questions, Coin purchases, Detector purchases, Six Hundred Seventy Three, Winner circle and anniversary pins. Find of the Year, International Hunt: August 22, 2009, Picnic August 8<sup>th</sup> Dodge Park, August Meeting: Swap Meet and food vendor, September Meeting: Metal Detecting Hunt in Church lot put on by Vince Tremain and Jerry Wickens, October Meeting: Silent Auction, Autumn Weekend Oct. 2, 3,4<sup>th</sup>, November Meeting: Holiday Party, January Potluck and Election, Milan Hunt Meeting Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Location Bonnie Klisz's home, Milan Hunt Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, Fish Bowl: Oct. 18 Rotary Park Liv. Don De George, huntmaster, Mini Hunt: Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Vince Tremain, huntmaster, Nominating Committee

Next MTH meeting is Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> and next Board meeting is Sept. 29, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Klisz, Secretary

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## Congratulations Find Of The Month Winners "August"

### JEWELRY:

- 1st:** Ross Soderberg.....14K Wedding Set With  
21 Diamonds  
**2nd:** Carol Redigan.....Arrowhead Pendant  
**3rd:** Chuck Williams.....30 inch 925 Silver Chain  
with 2008 Class Ring

### **Others:**

- Matt Prested.....925 Silver Claddagh Ring  
With Abalone  
Larry Prested.....10K Diamond Earring  
Doug Gries.....Silver Ring  
Andy Songal.....925 Silver Ring  
Debbie Gries.....1972 Class Ring  
Dennis Redigan.....Silver Cross  
Lorraine Haas.....Silver Ring

### TOKEN:

- 1st:** Ross Soderberg.....1933 Cracker Jack Token  
**2nd:** Andy Songal.....Moon Landing Token  
**3rd:** Debbie Gries.....1936-1952 Mississippi Tax  
Token Used To Pay Sales

### **Others;**

- Carol Redigan.....Gold Coin Token

### COIN:

- 1st:** Doug Gries.....George VI Penny  
**2nd:** Andy Songal.....Small Cache Of Coins 1926 25 Cent  
**3rd:** Ross Soderberg.....1935-D Buffalo Nickel

### **Others:**

- Tom Sniezek.....1776-1976 Silver Quarter  
Carol Redigan.....1936-D Indian Head Nickel

### RELIC:

- 1st:** Ross Soderberg.....1930's Lighter Bottle  
**2nd:** Andy Songal.....War Of 1812 Button  
**3rd:** Debbie Gries.....1933 Detroit Dog License

### **Others:**

- Paul Leonard.....Horn Coral Fossil From The Dev-  
onian Era 350 Million Years Ago  
Dennis Redigan.....Bicycle License  
Jerry Wickens.....Harley Davidson Emblem  
Ray Wakenell.....Winchester Pocket Knife  
Tom Sniezek.....Garland Sad-Iron Heater

## BRING YOUR DETECTOR!!

For the meeting in the month of September remember to bring you detector. Your board has put together a fun challenge for all club members. During the meeting 20 plain numbered envelopes will be placed randomly on the ground outside the church. You will use your detector and try to determine what is in each envelope. You will have a sheet to fill out with a listing of 20 items. You will place the number of the envelope you feel corresponds to each item. Items will include US coins such as clad dollars and silver quarters, Canadian 1 dollar and 2 dollar coins, fishing lures, crumpled foil, a bottle cap and so on.

The person being correct in figuring out the highest number of items will win a 2.5 peso gold coin. Second place is a slabbed silver dollar coin. Third place is a basic silver dollar and fourth place is a silver 50 cent piece.

There will be a 30 minute time limit for the challenge. Bring your detector and have fun!

## NEW CONTEST ADDED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

One MTH Member's Number, *out of context and written out*, will be hidden somewhere within the Prober. If that member finds it and comes to that month's meeting and can reveal where within the Prober it was found, they will receive a Silver Half Dollar. August's Number was fifty-four and Al & Bev Robertson won.

A Teknetics Gamma 6000 metal detector will be raffled at the September meeting.

# *THE PROBER NEWSLETTER*

**Chuck Williams, Prober Editor**  
**220 W. Columbia Ave.**  
**Belleville, MI 48111**

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 meetings are 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

## **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. Just  
send your Email address to  
Chuck7739@comcast.net

**If you have any metal detecting related 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.**

## **BACK ISSUES OF THE PROBER ARE AVAILABLE ON THE MTH WEBSITE**

Are you aware that all issues of the MTH  
Prober back to 2003 are available for review  
and downloading from the MTH website at:  
[www.michigantreasurehunters.com](http://www.michigantreasurehunters.com)

## **OTHER THINGS**

- 1. MTH Nametags are available from the treasurer  
for \$4.00.**
- 2. The club needs volunteers to take over a number  
of club functions. See any club officer to volun  
teer.**
- 3. Tom Klisz is still accepting donations for the Si-  
lent Auction. Bring your donations to the Auc-  
tion at the October club meeting.**
- 4. The Find-Of-The-Year Contest will be a part of  
the January meeting again in 2010.**

Visit our web page at [www.michigantreasurehunters.com](http://www.michigantreasurehunters.com)  
Remember, **"We leave it cleaner than we found it."**  
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### MINI-HUNT

On October 17, 2009 the Michigan Treasure Hunters will be holding a mini-hunt for club members only. The hunt is being held at a location to be disclosed on the day of the hunt. It is a little over an hour from where we hold our club meetings in Livonia. We recommend members carpool where possible. The hunters will meet in the Southwest corner of the Walmart parking lot on Owen Rd in Fenton. Take US 23 North off I-96. Take Exit 78, go west off US 23 about 2 tenths of a mile. Vincent Tremain will be in the parking lot at 9:45 AM to meet the hunters and to hand out maps to the hunt location. The group will leave the parking lot and drive to the hunt location at 10:15 AM. Anyone that has not arrived by that time will unfortunately be left behind.

This is a hunt of virgin property, in the wild, at a location that has had businesses on it almost continuously since 1835. It has a medium sized shallow creek running through it and so some water detecting will possibly produce some interesting items. The property owners are providing lunch, snacks, beverages and restroom facilities to all who are attending. The cost is \$10.00 per person. \$5.00 for children under 12 years old. You will be able to keep all that you find. There are no land restrictions. You can use any size of digging tool you wish as long as it is human powered. The property is about 3 to 3.5 acres. Club rules are to be observed. All trash is to be disposed of correctly. You **MUST FILL ALL HOLES**. Anyone observed not filling their holes will get one warning. If you still do not fill your holes you will forfeit your entry and be asked to leave. This is a beautiful location and we want to leave it that way. Please fill out the form below. It can be turned in to Vincent Tremain at the club meeting or mailed to his home. Payment by Cash or Check is acceptable.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

No. adults: \_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ No. children under 12: \_\_\_ X \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total submitted : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:

Vincent Tremain  
11487 Reid Rd.,  
Swartz Creek, MI, 48473

### AUTUMN WEEKEND HUNT

OCTOBER 2, 3 & 4, 2009

COST IS \$70.00 per person

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a check for \$70.00 per person to: Sharon Prested  
13358 Neff Road  
Clio, MI 48420  
810-686-3498