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2024

Club Officers

President Jack Rowe
Vice President Fred Kulka
Secretary Bonnie Klisz
Treasurer Jerry Wickens

Board of Directors

Bonnie Klisz, Chairman
Bobby Justice Mark Branton
Robert (Bob) Smith Fred Pegan

Club Meetings

4th Tuesday of the month
(except December)
Doors open @ 7:00 pm
**Holy Cross Evangelical
Lutheran Church Hall**
30650 Six Mile Rd.
Livonia, Mi 48152
Use East Entrance

Yearly Dues

Paperless Prober

New Member \$35
Renewal \$30

Mailed Prober

New Member \$50
Renewal \$45

Renewals due in April

President's Message

Hello fellow Treasure Hunters,

Last month we had our Find of the Year. We had some of our newer members win the find of the year and we had one member, Ross Soderburg, win for the eighth time.

This month we are having our annual chili-cook off. Bring your best pot of chili for a chance at a trophy and bragging rights for a year. We have a great time tasting all of the different chili's and everyone votes on their favorite. Some people bring cheese, some bring crackers, some bring sour cream, and some bring all of the above. The chili ranges from mild to hot. Some are made with beef and some are made with venison. Every entry will receive a raffle ticket for a prize.

If you are out hunting and people come up and ask about metal detecting, be sure to tell them about our club and point them to the website or Facebook page. Let them know that guests are always welcome and can participate in our raffles, participate in voting for find of the month and talk with other members.

We are also planning a trash or treasure hunt this year during a future meeting where items will be in envelopes and you try to determine if the item is either trash such as a bottle cap or pull tab or valuable like a coin or jewelry.

This month's Find of the Month is for items that were found between the last meeting in November and the 27th of February while metal detecting. Items found while not metal detecting are not eligible .

We are look forward to celebrating our Golden anniversary this year.

It's a great time to be a member.

As always, Happy hunting

Jack Rowe
President

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"We leave it cleaner than we found it"

Michigan Treasure Hunters

About Our Club

The Michigan Treasure Hunters club has been active for over 45 years and is one of the largest clubs of its kind in the United States. Whether you're a seasoned detecting pro, or a relative newbie to the hobby, we invite you to join us at one of our monthly meetings for fun and friendship. Membership to our club comes with many annual "perks", such as private and club-sponsored hunts, giveaways and the ability to interact with over 1000 years of collective metal detecting experience from our current members. Guests are "Always" welcome!

Our Motto

"We leave it cleaner than we found it"

Meetings and Events

Monthly Meetings: We meet monthly 11 months out of the year where we have a "Find of the month/year, various events planned such as an Open House, Ice Cream socials, swap meets, Bingo, and a Chili Cook off. We typically have guest speakers who talk about various metal detecting areas or history in the area. In addition, we have raffles for silver and other valuable prizes. The proceeds from one of the raffles goes to a charity selected by the club. During our Christmas meeting, we collect toys for Toys for Tots and make the donation for our charity raffle to the selected charity. We also have a drawing for a silver quarter for members in attendance and if you are wearing your club name tag, it's a fifty cent piece.

Token Hunts: We hold monthly token hunts typically March through November where a club token and silver coins of various denominations are planted. The club provides the initial seed money and monies collected from the hunt fees are planted back in the ground in the next hunt.

You must be a paid member to participate in the hunt. Dues can be paid at the hunt, or sent to the PO Box in advance.

If you are skilled enough (or lucky enough) to find the token that is also planted, you "*get the honor*" of selecting the location and planting the coins in the next hunt. Afterwards, you are awarded a silver dollar, typically at the next meeting when you announce the date and time for the next hunt.

Spring Warm-up Hunt - We have a hunt early in the season where a large quantity of coins (normally clad) and other prizes are planted. This gives everyone a chance to warm up their detecting skills. The warm-up hunt is free to members.

Fishbowl Hunt: During our indoor meetings, a fishbowl is passed around during the meeting and all monies collected are planted in the ground for a free hunt in the fall.

Can-Am Hunt: This year the Can-Am hunt will be at Stymelski park in Livonia. The hunt is open to all members and each hunter must have their own detector. There will be three hunts with the third one costing \$5 with more valuable targets. Note that this is also a pot luck so please bring a dish to pass.

Presidents Token: Joe Leblanc, a former club president, continues to hide "The President's Token". Clues are given as to its location during each meeting until it is found. When it is turned in, the finder is awarded a silver fifty cent piece and the token is replanted. In the past, the token has been found in fields in Livonia, Northville, Farmington Hills, Plymouth and Dixboro often near schools, as well as city parks. Look for the clues elsewhere in the future.

Fall Hunt: Every fall, a location is selected for a weekend hunt. Arrival is on Friday and hunting starts Saturday. You can also hunt Sunday if you want. The location is sent out a few days before the hunt. Food is provided Saturday and breakfast is provided on Sunday. Space is limited so sign up before all of the spots are taken.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Club Meetings - (The fourth Tuesday of the month)

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church Hall

30650 Six Mile Rd.
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Feb 27th - Meeting agenda

February will bring our Annual Chili Cook off. Bring your best pot of Chili and see if you can win a trophy. Find of the Month will be open to any items found between our November meeting and the February meeting.

Mar 26th - Meeting agenda

TBD

Apr 23rd - Meeting agenda

Open House

Token Hunt -

The next token hunt will be put on by Don Yeager. Details will be announced once the weather warms up.

Spring Warm up hunt

The Spring warm up hunt date will be announced as soon as possible. We are waiting for the ground to thaw and the weather to warm up. The Spring Warm up hunt is open to all current members and is a free hunt. Hundreds of dollars worth of clad coins will be planted

One Silver dime is currently worth \$1.637
One Silver quarter is currently worth \$4.0926
One Silver half is currently worth 8.1852
One 40% silver half ('65-'70) is currently worth \$3.3468
One Silver dollar is currently worth \$17.503

<http://coinapps.com/silver/coin/calculator/>

Silver Price per Troy Ounce:

\$

Silver Spot Price Last Updated on Server:
Mon Feb 12 2024 18:26:01 GMT-0500 (Eastern
Standard Time)

President's Token Clue

The presidents token will be planted once the weather warms up. .

The next clues will be sent out when the token is replanted.

MTH General Meeting Minutes

MTH General Meeting

January 23, 2024

Our Potluck/Election meeting was called to order by President, Jack Rowe at 7:31 p.m. with 80 members and two guests present.

Jack noted that this is our 50th year as a club. A celebration will be coming soon.

Jack explained that there is no FOM tonight, only FOY. FOM starts next month.

All raffles were explained Main raffle, 50/50, Silver, Can-Am., Seedlings and a free raffle tonight.

Jack introduced all the Officers and Board members, no election needed since no one wanted to run for these positions. There is an opening for two board members.

Present Officers are staying with board members, Fred Pegan, Mark Branton, Bobby Justice staying. That leaves two openings for board. Bob Smith accepted a board position tonight which leaves one more board opening. Thanks, Bob, for stepping up.

Jack said the Presidents Token will be starting in the spring. Don Jaeger will be putting the next token hunt in the spring.

Jack called table numbers for the buffet with volunteers and guests going first in line at 7:45p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:11p.m.

Anniversary pins were awarded to Jack Lewis 10 years , and Joey Mullins 10 years.

Silver raffle winners: F. Pegan, T. Swenskowski, C. Urqahart, R. Deer, M. Drum and L. Ciarrocchi. 50/50 raffle winner: L. Ciarrocchi.

Can-Am. raffle winners: M. Garrett, T. Sniezek, M. Garrett, Ciarrocchi, K. Newman, M. Smith and M. Drum.

Seedlings raffle winners: C. Urqahart and T. Swenskowski.

Membership number winners: M. Branton **no name tag on** and S. Plivelich.

Free raffle winners: D. Geis and N. Sniezek. Joni Rundell donated the snowman.

Chicken winners: F. Pegan, K. Newman, J. Lewis, M. Smith, T. Clark, B. Lessnau and J. Rowe.

Winners circle pins are presented to tonight's winners.

FOY awards were presented to the winners.

The main raffle winners: A. Mann and J. Rowe.

Reminder February meeting is our Chili Cookoff. Free to enter and the club will supply cups, spoons and napkins.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Klisz, Sect.

MTH Board Meeting

February 6, 2024

The board meeting was called to order by board chair, Bonnie Klisz at 7:01 p.m. with all members present except Fred Pegan.

Topics discussed:

Welcome new board member, Bob Smith

Treasurer's report: Jerry W.

Prober: Jack R.

Website/Facebook: Jerry W. Update for 2024

Critique Jan. meeting:

50th MTH anniversary/Open house: April 23, 2024.

Token hunt: D Jaeger DTBD in spring.

President token hunt: DTBD in spring.

Merchandise sales: Kristen W. and Barb R. will help Cooks when absent.

Feb. meeting: Chili cookoff. Club will supply sampling cups, spoons, napkins and drinks..

March meeting: agenda TBD

Magnifier/light: FOM table, Jerry ordering

Next board meeting: March 5th

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Klisz, Sect.

Find of the Year Winners



Find of the Year Winners Entrants



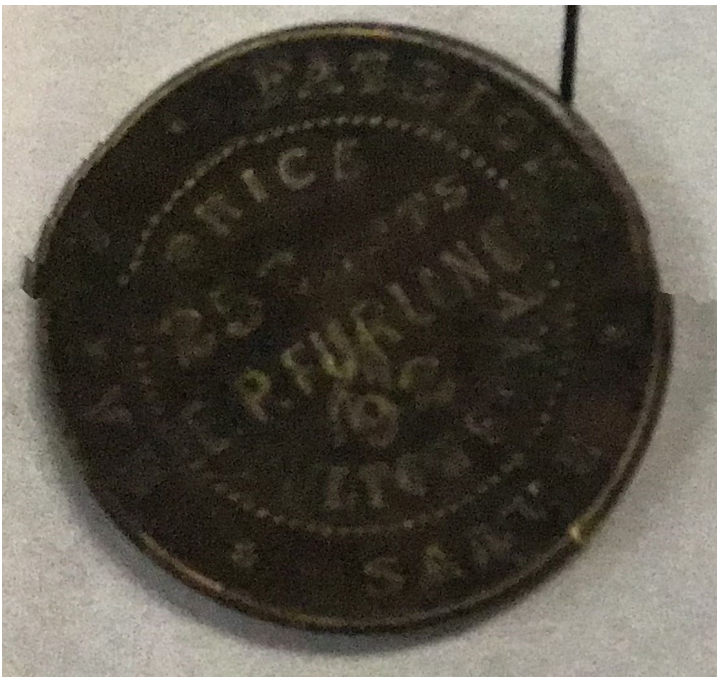
Finds Of The Year winning entries



Jewelry Alan Mann
White gold ring



Coin Marty Drum
Peace Dollar



Token Ross
1850 Pre Civil War



Relic Military Buckle
Shawn Kelly