

WHERE THERE'S A NEED
THERE'S A LION



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Western Pin Swap
Reno NV 10/8-11/17

Virginia PTC Pin Swap
Winchester VA
11/9-11/17

Southwest Pin Swap
Ardmore OK
1/19-20/18

Pennsylvania Pin Swap
York PA
3/14-19/18

Michigan Pin Swap
White Cloud MI
5/4-5/18

Presidents Message



Lions, Pin Traders and Friends,

Welcome to autumn. I hope everyone had a nice summer. I know some of you have had some challenges, including hurricanes or worst. I'm sure we all wish the best for our fellow Lions and their families. Remember, when we say "Where There's A Need There's A Lion", sometimes we're referring to the needs of our own fellow Lions. Wishing you well and hoping to see you all soon. Maybe in Reno!

Did somebody say something about Reno? Believe it or not, it's that time again (Oct. 8-11). Amongst all the activities, we will continue our tradition of the 9-Hole Golf card game. I'm sure the warm spirit of our "Commish" will be keeping an eye on us. We are also on the same weekend again as the Italian Festival, so enjoy, or as they say in Italian- Mangia, Mangia (Eat, Eat).

I am also of the understanding that there will be a few trading pins at the event. All joking aside, I know I

will be on the hunt for the LITPC Chicago Train Set and the new MD4 Las Vegas pins. May all attending find a treasure or two and have a great time!

I would like to thank Lion Jay for being honest with his feelings about our relationship with the Council of Governors in the previous Bear News editorial. Maybe if we keep at it, we may start coming up with some solutions. It could happen.

Also thanks to Lion Joe Trezza for his reflections in the last "How I got Started in Pin Collecting" article. It made me think about how the pin trading heyday of long gone District Conventions doesn't have to be a thing of the past. Again, it could

happen. Remember, as Lion Joe found out, if you let Lions know that you will usually be bringing pins to a visitation, District convention, etc., they may surprise you with what they may have to trade.

That brings me to the end of my message. As always- new traders, new friends, and who knows, maybe new members. See you in Reno!

Yours,

Lion Carl Miller

Pres. C.L.P.T.A.

Editor's Note

by Lion Jay Puls

Chicago came and gone. I had a good time and saw a lot of old friends. I went with more pins than I had thought. So I came home with more than I had planned on. So much for careful planning. Part of my planning was to take extra pins to give to the band kids who always come around. After a total of four came around, that plan went out the window. China to the rescue!! Most of my extra pins were Santa from the holiday series. I found out that Santa is very popular in China. It turned out that most of my pin trading became China and LEO pins.

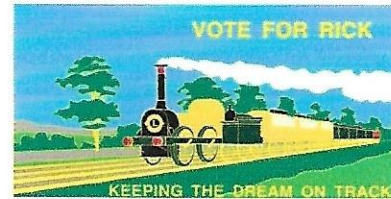
Time to rethink just what I

want to do with my pin trading direction. Down Size!! I kept the pins that I want to take to Reno pin swap and put the rest into a couple of piles. Pile A goes to the Live Oak Lions and Pile B goes to the Live Oak LEOS. Pile A had 250 pins and Pile B had 270 pins. The pins for the Live Oak Lions was for them to take whatever they wanted at no cost and the balance to be given to the LEOS. The LEOS can do whatever they wish with them, but I did have a couple of suggestions. Down Sized Started!!! My Reno pins fit into one briefcase. Now that is down size. How long will it last? Nobody knows not even the Shadow. You have to be of a certain age to understand what that

means "Only the Shadow Knows". It did not last long as I wrote the article last month and I am now working on a second briefcase for Reno. Hope it does not become a box.

YIL Jay

The Pin Corner

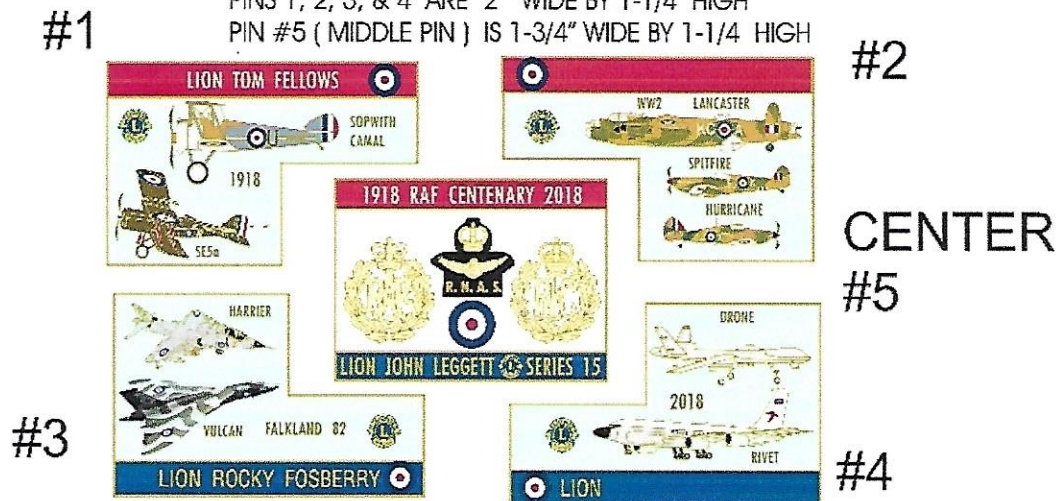


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ZINC ALLOY HARD ENAMEL + OFFSET PRINTING, + EPOXY
ONLY PHOTOS TO HAVE EPOXY.

ALL PINS MUST FIT TOGETHER AS SHOWN

ALL ORDERED AT SAME TIME AND SHIPPED TO SAME PERSON

PINS 1, 2, 3, & 4 ARE 2" WIDE BY 1-1/4" HIGH
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	PMS 293 C		PMS WHITE C
	PMS 186 C		PMS 4515 C
	PMS 427 C		PMS 444 C
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	PMS 628 C		

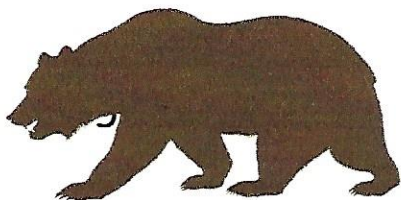
Fellow Pin Traders,

The 2017-18 Arizona pins are now available. The cost is as follows:

reg. pin 3.00
prestige pin 4.50
PT pin #42 7.00

Plus postage.

Lion Phil Castrovinci



California Lions Pin Traders Association

PO Box 1908, Oakhurst, CA 93644

The California Lions Pin Traders Association was formed in 1984 with the purpose of promoting fellowship through the hobby of pin trading. CLPTA is one of many clubs across the national and through out the world in Lions.

Lion First Pin Trader Second



How I got Started in Pin Collecting

by John Leggett

How (WHY?) I got started Pin Trading

As a kid I had no spare money so we picked a 'free' hobby. We had American servicemen in the city so saw usual cigarette packets and match boxes so we started to collect them and started albums. We searched the streets especially on Sunday mornings to find them. Then as I made 12 years I worked and did jobs, joined the army cadets and started to collect military badges and medals!

The collecting dropped off as a teenager and when I worked, got married and had kids. I did continue with the medals and started on police badges! Whilst in the police I started on producing and collecting charity pins. That's where Rupert Bear started, in the early years we would sell over a million a year!

Then over 30 years ago when I made it into the lions it was natural I started on those pins. The 1998

convention in Birmingham got me in big time and also the LITPC, my brain must have got fogged up as here I am today with an office full, 30,000 plus, who knows, and considerably poorer!

I live in bomber county, we had 100 airfields in the state during WW2, so that got me into planes. Next year is my series 18, fitting as it will be the 100th anniversary of the formation of the RAF from the RFC (army) and RNAS (navy).

In those early years of flying many well off americans had learned to fly but you had no air force. Many wanted to fly and fight, america was not in the war so many came to England via Canada and joined the RFC here. So you find many american aces with British medals. Such pilots were Hibert Bair DFC (GB) and DSC(USA) and Lawrence Challaham DFC(GB) and Silver Star (USA). When America entered the war in 1917 they had no Air Service so these guys all transferred over

and were the backbone of the new USA Air Service. Once again we colonials helped you out!

That's enough History, 13 years I have been coming to Reno and a lot of great people I have met there, not enough time or space to relate the stories. Suffice to say that SOAB still will not let me have a pin in the annual set! (but I still drink his beer!) Love you Joe.

Hope you enjoy the 35 pin set for A Knight of the Blind I put together, see you all in Chicago or Reno maybe, Have fun collecting, John L



THE CALIFORNIA LIONS PIN TRADERS ASSOCIATION

Application for Membership (New ___ Renewal ___)

Lion/Lioness (Please Print) _____

Address: _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Regular Member _____ Home Phone() _____ Bus. Phone() _____

Associate Member _____ E-mailAddress _____ Fax _____

Signature _____ Club Name _____ District _____

Membership Dues: \$10. per year (July 1 to June 30)

(Membership entitles member to 4 Issues of The BEAR NEWS each year)

Checks payable to:CLPTA (California Lions Pin traders Association)

Please return completed form & dues to:

Lion Marie Bunch

P.O. Box 1908

Oakhurst, CA 93644

Phone: (559) 683-8616

E-mail: rwfeex@sti.net

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Membership Application New ___ Renewal ___

Name (please print) _____ Spouse _____

Address (St. & No.) _____

State/Province _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Res. Phone () _____ Fax _____

E-mail address (exactly as typed) _____

Club _____ District _____ Multiple District _____

Name of sponsoring Lion _____ year joining LITPC _____

Trade by mail? Yes ___ No ___ Trade outside your country? Yes ___ No ___

Annual dues are \$15.00 per fiscal year (July 1 to-June 30: U.S. funds)

Make checks payable to L.I.T.P.C. and mail to :

PDG Richard Durham

LITPC Treasurer

411 Green Drive

Goldsboro, NC 27534

MIDWEST PIN SWAP

HOSTED BY: 5M Pin Trading Club

April 4-7, 2018

TRAVELODGE DAVENPORT (Formerly Hotel Davenport)

5202 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa 52806

- ☐ PIN TRADING ALL DAY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
- ☐ SILENT AUCTION (As our Service Project, proceeds to LCIF. You are invited to bring Donations)
- ☐ LIVE AUCTION FRIDAY NIGHT
- ☐ LUNCH AVAILABLE THURSDAY AND FRIDAY NOON
- ☐ BREAKFAST SATURDAY MORNING

HOTEL RESERVATION BLOCK: \$81.59 PLUS TAX for 2 Doubles or a Standard King.

Room rate includes breakfast buffet Thursday and Friday mornings

To make hotel reservation call: Travelodge Davenport at 877-325-7666.

Mention you are with the Lions Midwest Pin Traders group.

Room reservation block deadline is March 15, 2018.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please list each attendee using name you wish on the name badge.

Registration of \$40.00 includes: 1 trading table for Thursday & Friday and the Annual Midwest Swap pin.

HIGHEST OFFICE ATTAINED IN LIONISM: _____

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROV: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

GUEST NAME: _____ Lion; Lioness; Leo; Non-Lion

ARRIVAL DATE: _____

REGISTRATION (Includes Swap Pin & Hospitality): \$40.00 per trader- _____ X \$40.00=\$ _____

GUEST HOSPITALITY: \$15.00 per Guest----- X \$15.00=\$ _____

BREAKFAST (Includes Breakfast Pins) \$18.00 per person----- X \$18.00=\$ _____

EXTRA TABLES: \$10.00 per Table----- X \$10.00=\$ _____

(Payment in US Funds Only please)----- TOTAL \$ _____

AVAILABILITY OF EXTRA SWAP PINS ON SATURDAY: SEE PRESIDENT TIM NEWELL

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 5M Pin Traders Club

MAIL REGISTRATION & PAYMENT TO: Lion Jim Hazeltine, 155 Cardinal Lane, Clearwater MN, 55320

QUESTIONS CALL: LION JIM at 320-558-1106, or E-MAIL jim4166@hotmail.com