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Bear News

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Pin Trading Events

North Carolina
PTC Pin Swap
Sherrills Ford NC
4/24-26/17

LITPC Pin Traders
at the International Convention
Chicago IL 6/30-7/4/17

Missouri PTC Swap
Branson MO 8/10-12/17

Northeast Pin
Swap Cramwell CT
8/15-18/17

Kentuck PinFest
Cave City KY 9/14-15/17

Colby Pin Swap
Colby WI 9/28-29/17

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

Presidents Message

Hello Pintraders,

How's everybody doing on those animal & train theme pins? Even if you don't collect theme pins, you will probably still find something you like. Besides, they sure make great traders.

Speaking of trading, I had a nice time at the MD-4 convention in Redding. Came across some cool pins as usual, including the new anniversary Lions Rose Parade pin and a special MD-4 Council pin being used for fundraising for MD-4's parade participation at the Chicago Convention. I was told they are available from our Dist. Governors. Also picked up some MD-4 Chicago pins from Lion Fred Bunch. I would suggest you order yours sooner than later, especially if you're going to the Convention this summer. I'm bringing some with me to my Dist. Convention too, with some order forms (and C.L.P.T.A. membership forms) so hopefully nobody gets left out. Believe it or not, some of our fellow Lions don't know they can order pins (aside of their Club pins) for trading. Let your fellow Lions in your Dist. know how to get started. Remember, a new pin trader usually means a new friendship too.

We also had our board meeting while at Redding. I'd like to thank our new



2 year Directors Lion Jay Puls and Lion Joe Trezza as well as the rest of the Board for their continuing service to the C.L.P.T.A. One of the items we addressed at the meeting was membership through having more exposure at the MD-4 Conventions. This time we were put in a room behind the hotel restaurant along with some of the information booths. I didn't hear any positive comments about the situation from any of them. Through this discussion I think we got the ball rolling on having a much better experience next year at San Diego. Thanks to Lion PDG Brad Weeks and Lion David Williamson for their input and for taking this challenge on, as they are already making contacts with the San Diego people and organizing information. I'm sure they

would appreciate any suggestions and help in this endeavor.

On a different subject, I wanted to thank 2nd Vice Pres. Lion Richard Silveria for his article "Why I Got Started in Pin Collecting". I hope others will be willing to contribute to our "Bear News" in this way. It's a great way to get to know each other and share our spirit with each other. Lion Jay has also been doing a great job as always.

On a sad note, one of our members has passed away. I remember Lion Virginia Offutt as being one of the first pin traders I had the pleasure of getting to know. Both her and her husband were blind yet showed how much any Lion could enjoy a hobby that we all know is really about Lionism and friendship. I also will miss Past Pres. Mike Okamoto's wife Penny very much. I am very thankful I got to see her in Redding. You have our condolences Lion Mike.

In whatever challenges we face in our lives, I'm glad we have our friendships and service to those in need to keep us going. Looking forward to trading with you and the friendships that come with that.

Yours, Lion Carl Miller
Pres. C.L.P.T.A.

Editor's Note by Lion Jay Puls

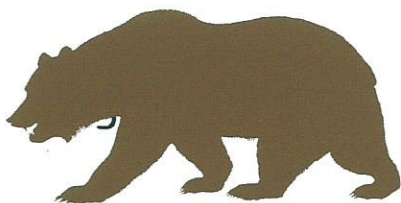
Here it is Mid March and I am trying to think of something to write about for the April Bear News. Have been home bound for two months due to a broken hip. I missed the MD4 convention in Redding. Pin trading was slow is usual I was told partly due to location. I understand that the board had a good meeting Brad Weeks and David Williams had some good ideas on membership and having a booth at the next MD4 convention. They hope to have enough information to make a presentation to us at WPS Reno. One of their good ideas is to have each member of Calif. club write and article about how they got into pin trading. That would be 26 articles and as Editor I think this would be just great. Got a note from Lance Leak about CLPTA history. He has all the Bear News from 2002 which is when he joined. He sent me the list of officers [Pres Sec Treas and

Editors] and offered to send more, but am not too sure as to what to ask for. I will see him in Chicago in June so can talk about it then. Any ideas as to what I might request? Kaye said she had some information also. I do not know if she was going to send it to me or bring to Reno. If you are going to write How I got into pin trading send a copy to me and to Richard Silveria his email address is in our directory.

Manteca

The original reason for going to Manteca was to attend the memorial for Mike's beloved Penny. What happened on the way back is the reason for this article. Fred Bunch was driving and I was in the front seat with him. In the back seat were three lovely ladies, Mary Ann, Marie and Marie's sister. Fred needed to make a stop before we headed back so we went to the Bass Pro Shop. Fred parked then got some-

thing out of the back of the car and headed for the store. I asked Marie the reason for this stop and she answered I said I had to write about it for the Bear News. From that point on the three ladies in the back seat became Stand Up Comics, actually Sit Down Comics. Poor Fred became the blunt of all kinds of jokes, possible jokes and crazy happenings. Just sitting there listening to them made the 20 or 30 minute wait pass quickly. It seems that as a joke Marie's sister purchased two pairs of work socks for Fred one Christmas some years ago. Part of the joke was that they had a life time guarantee and she had purchased them 25 years ago. Fred had been exchanging those two pairs of socks all these years, just old for new. If that was not funny to you, you had to be there with the Three Sit Down Comics and their comments



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

Were on the Web
Clpta.org.

How I got Started in Pin Collecting

by PDG Brad Weeks

I was asked to write how I got started with "Pin Trading". The idea actually started after I was finding Lions Pins around the house and began wondering what I was going to do with them. I was receiving pins from the various 4-L6 District Governors, from their Conventions and when visiting Clubs throughout my 20 odd years as a Lion. I knew of Lions that had produced pins, PDG Roy Perry had the "Blue Angle" series of pins and I found out later he did a "Carousel Horse" series as well as several "personal" pins. A fellow Lion from the Lakeside Lions Club, Lion "Woody" Underwood, did a series for the Club consisting of what I call the "Sheriff Badge" series, a "Chili Cook Off" series and I found out later he did several "Civil War (Confederate)" pins. I knew of "Woody" as a Lion while he was alive, I never knew he was into pin trading. He was a great story teller. I saw Lion Harvey Rose once when he did a display at one of my early District meetings I attended, but was never introduced nor did I ever see him again. I never saw or met his wife Patsy. Lion Harvey has probably put

out more pins than anyone else in the District combined. Where I am now in pin trading, I wish I knew them all better. They have joined the Great Lions Club in the sky. Bet they wished they could have brought their pins with them.

There are no known or self-proclaimed "pin traders" in District 4-L6. I classify myself as a collector. I am into collecting pins of my District only. I currently have my collection organized into 12 loose leaf binders organized by District Pins, PDG Pins, Club Pins, District Lioness Pins, Personal Pins, Harvey's Ship Pins, Club Pin Sets and LCI Convention Pins. This may not be the best way to organize my pins, it's the best way I've found so far as I have not seen anyone else's collection.

As I continued collecting, I began getting interested in the District's history. The District has a storage site filled with boxes from past Cabinet Secretaries and Treasurers. None of it is organized. Somehow, I became the "Historian" because I am trying to organize all these boxes into file cabinets we obtained so if you needed information, you could

find it. This is where I really got into pin collecting. Working with Lions Clubs International, I was able to find out what Clubs were ever formed, when they folded. I found a booklet from the San Diego Host Lions Club. They are the oldest and still the largest Lions Club in our District and the booklet explains how they were formed. When I attended a MD-4 Convention, I learned about the California Lions Pin Traders Association (CLPTA), a club of fellow Lions throughout the State of California and their web site which listed what I thought were every pin made in my District. I have found several that the web site does not show.

My current goals within pin trading is to put on a display at the 2018 MD-4 Convention and to work with my fellow pin traders to host a forum to explain to potential new members how to get into pin trading/collecting. My idea is to get them to start small and hopefully expand into other collections. I have already agreed to work with the membership and hopefully have a plan to present at the Western States Pin Swap.

29th ANNUAL WESTERN STATES PIN SWAP

Circus Circus in Reno, Nevada

OCTOBER 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2017

*Early registration pin if you register prior to September 15th, 2017

*Events; Besides pin trading we'll have our Championship Nine Hole Golf Tournament, pin auction, 50/50 raffles, hospitality and breakfast.

*To place pins in the auction send them to PDG John Holland no later than September 15th, 2017.

*Hotel information- We'll be at the Circus Circus Hotel in Reno, Nevada. The room rates for our event are \$82.00 for the weekend and \$39.00 Sunday thru Thursday, in the Sky Tower and in the North Tower \$87.00 for the weekend and \$42.00 Sunday thru Thursday. To make reservations call 1-800/648-5010 and be sure to mention you are with the Lions Western States Pin Swap. The cut off date for reservations is September 11, 2017.

*For those of you who do register and would like a set of pins from our 2016 swap we do have a limited number of sets available for \$15.00. These sets will be issued on a first come first serve basis.

*All registration fees will remain the same as last year. First timers do not have to pay the registration fee of \$30.00.

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration includes Table, Swap Pin Reg. Pin and early Reg. Pin if timely (9-15-17)
Breakfast includes a Breakfast Pin. Extra tables are available at a reduced rate, no pins.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP: _____

GUEST NAME: _____

Registration, No. _____ @ \$30.00 each = _____

Extra Table, No. _____ @ \$20.00 each = _____

Breakfast, No. _____ @ \$20.00 each = _____

2016 WSPS Pin Set _____ @ \$15.00 per set = _____

TOTAL _____

Will you be staying at the Circus Circus? _____, if yes, how many nights _____

Are you sharing a room? _____, if yes, with whom _____

Make check payable to CLPTA and mail check and this form to PDG John Holland, 1770 Autumn Rust Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89119. Phone 702/614-8654. Email newlife69@cox.net

29th ANNUAL WESTERN STATES PIN SWAP
RENO, NV. OCTOBER 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2017
Swap agenda

- Oct. 8, Sunday Registration, 11:00 am in the hall 3rd floor of the Sky Tower.
Hospitality noon in the Sky Tower Carson, Sierra & Tahoe rooms.
- Oct. 9, Monday Pin Trading, Mandalay A, 2 & 3 8:00am until 5:00pm.
Hospitality 5:00pm Tahoe Carson rooms in the Sky Tower.
Golf 6:30pm Carson room in the Sky Tower.
- Oct. 10, Tuesday Pin Trading, Mandalay A, 1 & 2 8:00am until 3:00pm.
Auction, Mandalay A beginning at 3:00pm, items will be on display on the Holland's tables at 1:00 pm.
Hospitality 5:00pm Tahoe Carson rooms in the Sky Tower.
Golf 6:30 Carson room in the Sky Tower.
- Oct. 11, Breakfast 7:30 Mandalay B

AUCTION RULES

1. All items must be given to PDG John Holland by Sept. 15th.
2. Bids on all items will begin at \$5:00, no bid the item will be returned to the owner.
3. Any bidder bidding on his/her item and winning, will only have to pay the 10% fee.
4. Checks will be mailed, less 10%, to everyone submitting items to the auction within three weeks of the close of the swap.



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 Phone: (559) 683-8616
Oakhurst, CA 93644 E-mail: rwfeex@sti.net

LIONS INTERNATIONAL PIN TRADERS ASSOCIATION

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 :

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