

WHERE THERE'S A NEED
THERE'S A LION



Officers

- President: Lion Carl Miller
- Immed Past Pres. Lion Jerry Walden
- 1st Vice Pres: Lion Rick Silveria
- 2nd Vice Pres: Lion Greg Martella
- Secretary: Lion Marie Bunch
- Treasurer: PDG John Holland
- 2 Year Directors: Lion Brad Weeks, Lion Joe Hinton, Lion Mike Okamoto
- 1 Year Directors: Lion Jay Puls, Lion Emily Romero
- Director Emeritus: Kay Stack

Pin Trading Events

Lions 101st International Convention
Las Vegas NV
6/29-7/3/18

Branson Pin Swap
Branson MO
8/9-11/18

Northeast Pin Swap
Orms town QC Canada
8/21-24/18

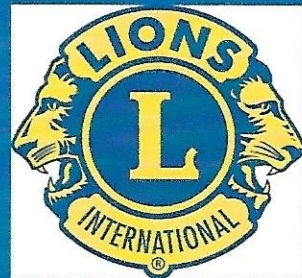
Kentucky Pin Swap
Cave City KY
9/13-14/18

Colby (WI) Pin Swap
Colby WI
10/4-5/18

Western States Pin Swap
Reno NV
10/7-10/18

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Presidents Message

Hello Traders,

Hope your health is okay. This winter's crazy weather probably hasn't helped, but I still won't complain about the rain... no drought. Right? Am looking forward to what spring has to offer. That reminds me, I had such a great time at the MD-4 convention in San Diego that I don't recall what the conditions were. Sunny and cool I think.

What was memorable was the perfect location for the C.L.P.T.A. pin-trading area. We had a good flow of Lions through the area and it was also near the meal events. Unfortunately, our pin-trading seminar was in the back forty across the parking lot. We (and a few other seminars) didn't have much of a turnout, but we held the seminar anyway so we could fine tune it for future events. Quite honestly, I think our C.L.P.T.A. members provided plenty of information about our organiza-



tion while pin-trading. Good job!!

I want to thank the Lions who signed up the 19 new members. It was a thing of beauty watching 2nd vice pres. Greg Martella making unsuspecting Lions an offer they couldn't refuse. Also, a great deal of thanks must go to Lion Brad Weeks and those who contributed in making this a serious start in the direction of building membership. Lion Brad secured our location and put together the seminar program. Kudos (and then some).

Since we're talking about mem-

bership, I want to make sure to welcome our new members, including the 19 who signed up at the convention. I'm sure you will soon learn that we truly believe in, and act on our motto "Lions First- Pin-trading Second". I invite you and the rest of the membership to attend the Western States Pin Swap in Reno. It is held in October and is a fun event. Remember, 1st Timers will not be charged the registration fee.

I'll finish by reminding members, don't be shy. Get out the word about who we are, and what we're all about. This is, in the end a Lions organization, and a great one at that!

Hope to see you in June-July at the International Convention in Las Vegas.

Yours,

Lion Carl Miller

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

Editor's Note

by Lion Jay Puls

I did not go to the MD4 convention but thank goodness some dedicated CLPTA members did. I see that there was a swap of positions between first and second place vice-presidents. I also understand there were 19 new pin traders signed up. Now it is up to us to make them active pintraders. I also saw that 6 new members were signed up by LIPTC. I sent an application for the CLPTA and Reno Western Pin Swap to them in hopes to interest them in our group. Three or four are from the town of Visalia so maybe incoming President Greg will visit them.

Lion Brad Weeks mentioned

membership pins. I had forgotten that we had them at one time. My question is do we still have some left over and if we do where are they? Maybe we should think about designing a new pin for all members old and new.

As a time waster I counted the membership of the LIPTC which is about 460. Of these I know or have traded with about 100. Wasting more time I counted the CLPTA Membership. We have about 90 members of which I know about 44 members. Where is this leading? I don't know other than I find it interesting that I know that many pin traders. I just

goes to show it is not the pin trading but the friendships you meet along the way, that are important.

For those of you attending the International Convention in Las Vegas I am sure you will have some comments about the convention. Email them to me and to Richard and we will have them in the Bear News

YIL Jay

Insights into Pin Trading

By PDG Lion Lance Leak, ALPTC Past President

Pin production when I first joined our Lions Club in 1975 was in its infancy, and almost not known Down Under. About the only pin was our M.D. annual pin for the International Convention, and they were not even well known. In those days, District Governor's and clubs mainly presented Bannerettes as their friendships and many continue to do so today. These days though, most District Governors have a pin, along with District conventions, sub districts and clubs are beginning to issue more and more. Sometimes it is difficult to catch up with clubs and their new pin. Approximately 80 seem to be issued annually throughout Australia.

When Did I Start Pin Trading??

My first International Convention was Brisbane 1992, attending with a small number of district racing car pins. Needless to say, these lasted few very short trades.

Starting from very little, I still did not have much idea on what to do. I joined LITPC just about then, and attended my first breakfast at Phoenix Convention. I was most fortunate to sit with 3 Lions, whom today I call not only my friends, but they have taught me much and continue their generosity to this day, legends, Lion Jay, Tim, and Angelo, great guys, great mates, great traders, great Lions, for which I am Most grateful.

MY REGRET I did not start trading earlier, **MY WISH**, to be able to trade for the MD 201 Tokyo Cuf-links.

Speaking of Pin Swaps... which ones have you attended?

Being fortunate to have attended International Conventions and Alternate Swaps, my first pin international pin was a pumpkin festival pin from New York. My collection has grown thanks to those many friendships I have made throughout the world and the generosity of in-numerable traders whom continue to be ever helpful.

Do you collect all pins or do you have favorite categories?

How did I do it? My first aim was to collect USA state pins from 1992 forward, then back a further 10 years and so on, until my collection is what it is today, growing larger and larger. Being my former vocation, I certainly am enjoying the Train part of the A/T series and am very keen to complete the series with the help of all. My set of my railway career was something I wanted to do for a long time.

After my 2-term as President of the Australian Lions Pin Trading Club, in conjunction with PDG John Gillham, we decided to try and locate and catalogue all pins issued within Australia. Minor catalogues had previously been issued covering MD issues only. In 2002, we located about 200 pins, a good start, receiving help from member's collections. Since then, we have identified over 2,500 Australian pins, and illustrated them on a CD with catalogue update #15 soon to be available, covering pins up to 2016/17 year. But we know there are more out there waiting to be discovered.

So, you get a lot of pleasure from pin trading?

I am now in my 17th year as Secretary of the ALPTC and continue to enjoy the contact and friendship with traders both in Australia and overseas.

Our friendships are our bond and pin trading "yes" We are Lions First, Pin Traders Next, it is this wonderful hobby of ours which will allow those friendships to blossom as well as serving our wonderful international club and communities is that common bond of service we all enjoy.

On a Personal Note:

In closing, recently I was inducted into the Australian Lions Foundation Hall Of Fame, a wonderful and Humbling honor, and my contribution to the Pin Trading Family I am sure was a contributing factor to my awarding of this prestigious honor.

New Years Resolution

PCC Lion Bill Smith

Several years ago, when I was the Editor of this newsletter (LIPTC), I wrote an article about the need for all of us to make a promise to ourselves in the form of a "New Year Resolution". Surprisingly, it was one of the few articles that I wrote over all those years that didn't illicit at least a few naysayers. I'm talking about the need for those of us who enjoy attending the several swaps within the pin trading community to change a bad habit that many of us are guilty about. When someone approaches us during the hectic times of our trying to find a missing pin for our collection, we need to stop and think before responding to their request for a pin for a pin on our table. I'm as guilty as most. Instead of going to my table with the trader who wants my pin, I tell that person to go ahead and take the pin and "I'll catch up with you later". Unfortunately, that trader goes back to my table and removes the pin and walks away as happy as can be. What he/she doesn't realize is that someone nearby notices the removal of the pin. That's when suspicions creep into the mix. The person, who sees the trader remove the pin or pins, can readily assume that a theft has just occurred in the absence of the owner of the pin. They have no idea that the person taking the pin was merely complying with the authority given them to do so.

Folks, reputations can be ruined when things like this occur. The person taking that pin may truly have enjoyed the respect and admiration of his fellow pin traders in the past, but he automatically risks losing the all of that in an instant. The golden Rule of pin trading should always be **DO NOT REMOVE PIN OR PINS FROM A COLLECTION WHEN THE OWNER IS NOT PRESENT**. This applies to your taking a pin from the table of your very best friend. Regardless of what you may think, not everyone in the room is aware of how close you may be to the person who owns that pin.

As we are well into 2018 Let's ALL keep in mind the resolution to help stamp out this bad practice. Further, let us resolve to NOT allow this to fade away like most of our other resolutions for the rest of this year. Going to a pin swap can and should be a delightful experience. However, throwing away our good name for the sake of saving a few minutes should Not be a factor.

Report of MD-4 Convention

By Brad Weeks

We have complained about our membership for the last 2 years I've been on the board and attended meetings. We held a seminar about pin trading and the CLPTAs attended. No one outside the membership attended so we were preaching to the choir on Friday afternoon. At this point we had brought in 2 new members. Greg started marketing to the Lions that were dropping by the tables that by joining CLPTA for \$20 they would get 40 pins for there collect. This caught on and by the end of the convention we had 20 new members. We are growing in California again. My personal opinion is to list each new member and where they are from, in the Bear News and send them a copy. I am also thinking we should come up with a new club membership pin. The current one is probably pricy as it is 3-D but I would stay similar. I am also thinking we should give these pins out to new members after the have received their first dues bill and have paid it. Initial membership dues do not count because we are not sure they became new members because of the give-a-ways. We want them to be sustaining members.

The slate of officers was changed and approved with Richard Silveria will remain as the 1st Vice President and Greg Martella becoming our new President. Both had agreed this will work out better for each one at this time. I think this was a great convention and we may want to go to future conventions prepared to increase our membership with a seminar and bags of pins for starter sets.

Special Pin Offer for All Members

Scholarship Benefit-LITPC

Some boxes may have duplicates or a stray pin, Have Club-MD-Pin Traders-Personal-LCI

Order while supplies last

(Shipping Cost) (Price/Box) (US Only)

Small box Club (80-100 pins) \$ 5.00 + \$ 7.00 = \$ _____

Small box MDS-Pin Trader-Personal \$10.00 + \$ 7.00 = \$ _____

Medium box Club (over 300 pins) \$10.00 + \$14.00 = \$ _____

Medium box Club MD-Pin Trader-Personal \$20.00 + \$14.00 = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery

Check payable to: Kaye Stack 301 Petaluma Blvd. N. Petaluma, CA. 94952 2819

Questions 707-763-5685 or 707-333-9323

Email: kayestack@yahoo.com Please print:

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30th ANNUAL WESTERN STATES PIN SWAP

Circus Circus in Reno, Nevada

OCTOBER 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2018

*Early registration pin if you register prior to September 15th, 2018

*Events; Besides pin trading we'll have our Lucille Romig Memorial Nine Hole Golf Tournament, Pin Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Hospitality and Breakfast.

*To place pins in the auction send them to PDG John Holland no later than September 15th, 2018.

*Hotel information- We'll be at the Circus Circus Hotel in Reno, Nevada. The room rates for our event are \$85.00 for the weekend and \$40.00 Sunday thru Thursday, in the Sky Tower and in the North Tower \$90.00 for the weekend and \$45.00 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 5, 2018.

*For those of you who do register and would like a set of pins from our 2017 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 (9-15-18)
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 = _____

2017 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

30th ANNUAL WESTERN STATES PIN SWAP
RENO, NV. OCTOBER 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2018
Swap agenda

- Oct. 7, 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. 8, 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. 9, 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. 10, 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

Oakhurst, CA 93644

Phone: (559) 683-8616

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 _____

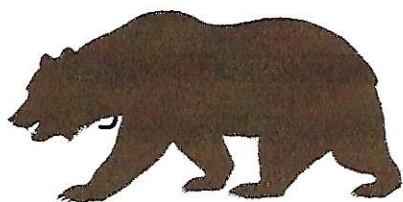
Name of sponsoring Lion _____ year joining LITPC _____

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 :

**PDG Richard Durham
LITPC Treasurer
411 Green Drive
Goldsboro, NC 27534**



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.