



Pin Trading Club of Connecticut (P.T.C.CT)

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Message from the President

As President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Lions and fellow pin traders, who supported me in my efforts to start a pin traders club in Connecticut.

A special thanks to PDG Lion Bill Smith who took time to share his expertise with me. Lion Bill answered many questions and made sure that I was on track with the legal department of Lions International, with his guidance a lot of time was cut from the process. Thanks again for all of your help and Friendship.

As most of you know we cut our charter membership by date rather than by membership numbers and we ended up with 140 members.

It does not seem possible that it is going on two years since we got our



The new 2004 CT Pin is now available. It features the Stonington Harbor Lighthouse.

1962 CT pin

This metal pin features an outline of the state with a raised graphic of a Nutmeg, and the words "CONN LIONS". This particular pin was discolored, but the state should have a blue color.



1964 CT pin

This rectangular pin is a plastic coated cardboard button. The pin features a gold background with purple lettering. (Not to scale)



1969 CT pin

This metal pin is features the shape of the state with the Lions Emblem in the center. The emblem is not a raised application. The pin has a single stick pin on the back, placed near the top to help keep the pin upright. The blue field of the Lions Emblem is a darker blue then the state outline.



Pin Trading Club of Connecticut

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please print all of the following applicable information

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Spouse: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

City: _____

Email Address (show exactly as it should be typed) _____

Lions Club: _____ District: _____ Multiple District _____

Send check for \$10.00 to P.T.C.CT; Ralph Dolan, P.O. Box 1594; Torrington, CT 06790.
(Membership renewal is \$5.00 per year)

approval from International.

We have a good group of Lions working as Lions do, to make our club a viable part of our International organization.

We have many items on our agenda such as, a committee working on our NE American native pin, with hopes that it will be out for the Tennessee swap, we are also looking into a subject for a series of pins to issued annually.

We will be encouraging each of our three districts to design an annual pin. We are trying to arrange a short seminar and pin swap at our mid-winter conference.

We are encouraging all of our members to join the International Pin Trading Club.

We will be sponsoring the northeast pin swap in 2004. Lion Rose Marie is hard at work with the hotel making sure that all is in order so that we all will have a great time. Lion Rose Marie has a couple of surprises in store for us. She says all details and bulletins will be out for the Tennessee pin swap.

My wife and I and all of us from Connecticut wish you all a very happy holiday season.

PDG Lion Curt Fitch
President of PTCCT



2003 Connecticut Pin was available throughout 2002-03 at many of the Pin Swaps and Lions International Convention. It features the Sheffield Island Lighthouse in Norwalk, Connecticut. This pin is the second in the series of Lighthouses in Connecticut, where the first pin featured the New London Lighthouse.

Another PTCCT pin for the new year is "in the works". Districts and Clubs in Connecticut are encouraged to participate in making pins, and joining our club.

P.T.C.CT Officers

- President: PDG Curt Fitch
- Vice Pres. Chris Porter
- Secretary Ralph Dolan
- Treasurer Blanche Sewell
- Two Year Directors: PDG Dan Uitti, Rose Marie Spatafore, and Trish Holmes
- One Year Directors: Joe Poirier, PDG Syd Schulman, and Len Johnson

Pin Classified

This is a free section for notices from any member of (P.T.C.CT) Pin Trading Club of CT. Contact Lion Dan Uitti with your submittal at dan@uitti.net or at 223 Buckingham St.; Oakville, CT 06779. The newsletter will be published following each meeting with the minutes.

Connecticut Pins are available for sale through Lion PDG Curt Fitch, MD 23 Pin Chairman. Many pins are available from the mid 1980's.

I am searching for CT- MD23 pins for the 1970's to trade, if are looking for pins from the UK and Europe. Lion Deryck Chambers - U.K. deryck.chambers@ntlworld.com

If anyone is looking to trade with us they can also send us an E-mail at Pedzzz@snet.net. Lion Phil & Elaine Dzurak - Connecticut

Looking to trade pins, email atoma@att.net - Paul Lathem, Ohio

Looking for CT Pin Trade email: HGWARREN@aol.com - Lion Gerald Warren, West Virginia

How many pins does it take to be a Pin Trader?

Just one! When you have just one pin, and are attending a Pin Swap or other gathering of Pin Traders; you will have a terrific time. While that ONE pin that you have may not traded right away, you will meet many terrific Lions along the way. That pin will be traded for another. That new pin will be traded again. I know that some of your new Pin Trader friends will give you some more, so that one pin won't be so lonely.

While attending the Pin Swap, you will see huge collections. You will see odd and beautiful, sets and series, large and small, from nearby and far away. I remember the pin that I received from a friend. I remember the challenge to get all 50 states.

So attend a Pin Swap with just ONE, and you will be surprised at all the fun.

Connecticut Pin Trading Club Minutes: Meeting 10/30/2003

Attendance:

PDG Curt Fitch and spouse Jane, Chris Porter, Ralph Dolan, Blanche Sewell, Elaine and Phil Dzurnak, Trish and Gordon Holmes, Len Johnson, Neil St. Onge, PDG W Keith Wuerthner, Dan Uitti, Joe Poirier, Rose Marie Spatafore, Marie Ortiz and Francesco Medina

President PDG Curt Fitch opened the meeting at 7:15PM at Angelica Restaurant, New Britain, CT.

Secretary Ralph Dolan presented the minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion to approve minutes as read made by Phil Dzurnak, second by Blanche Sewell.

All approved.

Treasury had \$2603 with income of \$210 and expenses of \$12.95 since previous meeting.

Motion to approve Treasurers report made by Chris Porter, second by Elaine Dzurnak.

All approved.

We discussed holding a pin swap or similar activity at Mid-Winter Conference.

A separate room solely for Pin Trading activity was recommended. We will also hold our next meeting at that time. Ralph Dolan will bring the request to the Mid Winter conference committee.

Next Pin: Progress has been negligible because neither the Indian Museum in Washington or at the Casino have assisted with an image of a Conn. Indian woman.

Curt will continue to work on it.

Rose Marie Spatafore and Curt Fitch combined to report on the Northeast Pin Swap to be held in Connecticut next August. Nine hotels were approached. Three hotels negotiated seriously, however the Stamford Marriott has offered the best combination of location, facilities, and price.

The Hotel is adjacent to a lot of shopping and other opportunities for the spouses.

Connecticut Limo services are in the same location. So airports may be easily reached.

They will provide a large room for the swap plus hospitality room with "finger food."

Breakout rooms are available if we want them.

Rates: \$84 per night, \$2 per day parking

Motion by Phil Dzurnak, second by Trish Holmes to proceed with the Stamford Marriott as the site for Northeast Pin Swap. All approved.

As brief outline of the plans were provided:

Thursday: Traders set up tables

Thursday night: an Evening at Mohegan Sun

Friday ALL DAY: Trading

Friday Night: BBQ "Inexpensive" social event

Saturday: More trading

Seminars for Lions on Pin Design and Trading

Also: An auction of Pins will be held.

Usually 10% is retained as a "fee" for the Club.

Donated pins may be auctioned for LCIF, CLERF, or Low Vision Center.

Shirts with Logo: Rose Marie reported little had been done.

The Club was still interested in a shirt with the same logo as our Charter Member pins.

Membership Pin: We will use the same design as the Charter Member pin (dropping "charter member") Quantity to order was the concern.

Minutes: Meeting 10/30/2003 (continued)

A Quarterly Bulletin is a critical item.

Minutes of the meeting, membership list, discussion of future plans are all to be included.

PDG Dan Uitti will do it very shortly.

Info on the Pin Trading Club should be included in all three District Bulletins.

The State Pin Design Committee representatives were designated:

District A: Joe Poirier

District B: PDG Curt Fitch

District C: Ed Tanguay

Club Pins were encouraged;

A contest for best "Club" pin was suggested.

PDG Dan Uitti disclosed that Watertown Lions do an annual pin for less than \$2 each.

PDG Curt is trying to collect a catalogue of all CT Club pins.

Our members were encouraged to spread the word.

Motion to adjourn made by Chris Porter, second by Ralph Dolan.

All approved.

Next meeting of the Club is scheduled for the Mid Winter Conference on Saturday, February 6th.

Respectfully submitted, Ralph Dolan, Secretary/Treasurer

Early History of Pins in CT

The earliest known Multiple District 23 Pin is the "1959 leather". There is no history written about this pin. In District 23-B, Marshall Golden was District Governor. Years ago, I spoke with PDG Marshall about some of those days. He made no mention of the pin, but discussed a much smaller District. PID Joe Ganim was the Governor in District 23-A. For those of us that knew Lions Joe, he was a Lion that started many innovations.

The 1960 and 61 pins were buttons.

The 1963 pin is a really terrific tie clip, which features the Sikorsky Skycrane helicopter.

Again, in 1965, the Connecticut pin was just a large rectangular button. All of these early pins are in great demand, regardless of their detail or style. The motive for making a pin was probably quite different. Pins were not designed around the idea of trading until much later. My first pin was the '79. Being a new Lion at the time, I did understand that these were TRADED. So for me, it all began. - Editor Lion Dan Uitti

Highlights from previous minutes

Minutes: Meeting 08/10/2003

Carolyn Messier asked the Pin Trading Club to design a pin honoring PID Scott Storms. A rainbow and the globe were suggested. All approved of taking on that task. VDG Carolyn volunteered to be part of the design committee.

Curt reported that the Northeast group has accepted our offer to do the 2004 Northeast Pin Swap somewhere in CT. Rose Marie Sparafore will report on it later.

We discussed broadening the base of Pin traders in Connecticut.

- 1) We need to arrange for beginners to have initial pins to swap.
- 2) Need to explain what the rules and nature of pin swapping is.

Need to entuse Club members, possibly by encouraging "Club" pins.

Minutes: Meeting 05/03/2003

PDG Curt made some announcements:

1. The "Charter Member Pins" are NOT for trading. Only PTCCT members should have these pins. Members will only be given one or two.
2. A quarterly bulletin is necessary. Dan Uitti volunteered to do one on the Internet.
3. The 1st Indian pin is made and available. CT members of PTCCT can have as many as they wish.
4. The "second" pin is not ready for discussion.
5. A CTPCT official Logo was discussed. The outline of CT showing the 3 districts was proposed. Rose Marie Spatafore and PDG Dan Uitti volunteered to complete the design. Golf and Tee shirts will be priced.
6. All members should encourage further membership in PTCCT throughout Conn.
7. PDG Curt is trying to collect a catalog of every Lions pin from Conn.

Future new members of PTCCT be charged \$10 membership fee, renewal of membership be a \$5 fee. Only new members from Connecticut may be regular members. New members from outside of Connecticut will be Associate Members. (The Charter membership is closed, but was \$15 since it included the cost of the Charter Pin).