



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

Winter 2004 Newsletter On-line Edition

www.lionwap.org/CTpinTrading



Message from the President

Our bulletin editor, Lion Dan, made me realize just how fast the year is going, when he called and reminded me that it is time for next bulletin.

It is a bright sunny day here in Connecticut, but the thermometer and the wind tells us that winter is not over; yet it is a great day for me to get this message out and to start getting my pins in order for the pin swap.

Next week Jane and I will be leaving for Nashville for the Tennessee swap, then we will be heading to Florida for a couple of weeks. Then we will stop in Myrtle Beach to see an old lion friend from Connecticut, who is also a Connecticut Lion Pin Trader. Then on to York,



Charter members of the Pin Trading Club of Connecticut received this pin with their membership; which commemorates the February founding of the club. The pin is in Red, White and Blue, showing the borders of Connecticut's three districts on a Connecticut Map.

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Lion H. Gerald Warren,
68, of Fairmont, West Virginia died
Thursday, January 29, 2004 at
Wishing Well Health Center. Lion
Gerald was a charter member of the
P.T.C.C.T. Please send a card to his
wife Martha Warren; 26 Hollen
Circle; Fairmont, WV 26554.

Pennsylvania for another pin swap, we will then return home to hopefully warmer weather.

We had our midwinter conference last week honored to have as our guest speaker Dr Tae Sup Lee, President of our International Lions Association, quite a rarity for Connecticut. Our meeting of the Connecticut Pin Traders was held there, we had a good attendance. Rose Marie reported on the upcoming Northeast pin swap to be held at the Stamford Marriott in Connecticut. She reported that every thing is on track, and that the information sheets and the registration forms are out. (I will have them at the pin swaps)

We also approved the design for the next Native American pin, which have been ordered. This year we tried something new at the conference; we held a seminar for Lions who were interested in learning more about pin trading. Topics covered were: Getting started in pin trading; and Designing your pin. I think it was well accepted with many positive comments.

Well that is about it for this time. Don't forget Northeast Pin Swap August 5th through 7th. Hope to see you all in Nashville.

PDG Lion Curt Fitch
President of PTCCT



P.T.C.CT Chief Big Eagle Pin Design

Lion Phil Castrovinci from Arizona assisted Lion Curt Fitch by providing this rendering for the P.T.C.CT Chief Big Eagle pin for 2004. At the February meeting, the membership approved the immediate reproduction of this pin, so that it could be available at the 2004 North East Pin Swap in August.

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.

"WANTED ITEM"

2000 Gene French's "British Rifle" pin found on 3-8 Lion Lyle Swenson
lws10@mit.midco.net

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

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

Let me know what sort of articles that you would like to see in the P.T.C.CT Newsletter - dan@uitti.net

Looking for OLD CT Pins: 59 through 79. Contact PDG Jack Longacre at jwlongacre@aol.com or toll free pager 1-888-344-0990.

There is space available for Pin Classified ads to all P.T.C.CT members. This space can be used to tell other members what your needs are, and what you have to Swap. It can be information about a collection of Lions Pins that have become available to you and others; or simply an announcement of a new pin that you have developed. This newsletter reaches our entire membership AND non members through the website.

Just email Dan Uitti at dan@uitti.net.

Connecticut Pin Trading Club Minutes: Meeting 2/07/2004

President PDG Curt Fitch opened the meeting at 10:30AM at the Farmington Marriot, Farmington Ct.

Minutes of previous meeting had been distributed with the Newsletter.

Motion by Chris Porter, Second Phil Dzurnak to accept the minutes as published.

All approved.

Treasurers report given by Blanche Sewell. It is attached.

Motion by Phil Dzurnak second Gordon Holmes to accept the Report as presented.

All approved.

President Curt proposed the design for the second Pin Trader's Pin, Big Eagle, first tribal chief of the Pawtucket Tribe from Connecticut.

Motion by Dan Uitti, second by Chris Porter, that we do not put a date on the pin.

All approved.

Motion by Chris Porter, second Rose Marie Spatafore that the Pin be made as proposed.

All approved.

Motion by Ralph Dolan second by Gordon Holmes to produce 500 of those pins.

All approved.

A pin celebrating the Pin Swap in August must be designed shortly.

A committee was assigned with Dan Uitti, Edgar Tanguay

Rose Marie Spatafore reported on our arrangements for the New England Pin Swap to be held the first weekend in August. It will be held at the Stamford Marriott since it is well located for transportation using I95 from New York, Boston, and even Va. It also has access to the NY airports, AMTRAK, and the train system. The negotiated rates are far below the usual rates for rooms, parking, and other charges.

The schedule includes:

Thursday:	Arrival and Set up
Thursday evening:	Mohegan Sun Casino trip
Friday (all day):	Pin Swap
Friday evening:	Barbeque
Saturday:	Pin Swap
	Seminars for Lions on Pin
	Design and Trading

There also will be an Auction held to benefit the Low Vision Centers and CLERF. 10% is retained as a "fee" for the Club.

Standing committees were formed:

Registration:	Led by Trish and Gordon Holmes
Banquet/Ballroom:	Rose Marie Spatafore and Ralph Dolan
Auction:	Dan Uitti
Hospitality	Edgar Tanguay



"Lions International President Dr. Tae-Sup Lee joined us for a few minutes of Pin Trading."

Shown are Lions Scott Storms, Gordon Holmes, Tae Sup Lee and Dick Stathers.

- Photo by Lion Chris Porter

The President reported that a professional travel agency has been used to assist in the negotiations and arrangements. We have paid a small fee for this invaluable assistance.

Lions International President Dr. Tae-Sup Lee joined us for a few minutes of Pin Trading. Everyone present was given one of his pins and he was given a few pins by us.

The Bulletin Editor, Dan Uitti was thanked for his excellent first edition.

He reported that the deadline for the second edition was 12:00 Midnight that evening.

Stories about a "pin swap" or how a pin originated were solicited.

Minutes: Meeting 2/7/2004 (continued)

Motion by Ralph Dolan, Dan Uitti, and Gordon Holmes, second by Elaine Dzurnak and Rose Marie Spatafore. The Pin Trading Club of Connecticut endorses PDG Curt Fitch as a candidate for 2 year director of Lions International Pin Trading Club. It was enthusiastically and unanimously passed. A letter will be written by the Secretary to the LIPTC reporting on the motion.

A nominating committee was appointed for the next years officers. Joan Bielizna, Edgar Tanguay, and Dan Uitti were named.

Next meeting will be held April 18th (a Sunday) at 3:00 PM at Bickfords Restaurant in Southington at the Queen Street exit off I-84.

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

Respectfully submitted

Ralph Dolan
Secretary

2004-05 Nominations

The Nomination Committee worked through the day on Saturday of the Mid Winter Conference to develop this list of nominees:

President Chris Porter
Vice President Ed Tanguay
Secretary Bob Senkow
Treasurer Blanche Sewell
Immediate Past President Curt Fitch

Two Year Directors
Joan Bielizna, Ralph Dolan, and Dave Burgess

One Year Directors
Dan Uitti, Rose Marie Spatafore, and Trish Holmes



1972 CT State Pin
Shown to the left, this pin shows the CT State Bird, the Robin and the CT State Flower, Mountain Laurel which booms in a light pink color at the



1984 CT State Pin
Shows the Old State House, which is located at the Isle of Safety in downtown Hartford, our state Capital.

For membership information, please contact
Lion Ralph Dolan, P.O. Box 1594; Torrington, CT 06790 or ralph.dolan@snet.net.



Northeast Pin Swap

Sponsored by the Pin Trader Club of Connecticut
Stamford Marriott, Stamford CT
August 5, 6 & 7, 2004

Registration Form

Registration package Includes:

One 6 ft trading table	Use of Hospitality Suite
Friday Night Caribbean Party – Bar-B-Q	Collectors Pin
Breakfast on Saturday morning Seminars	Admission into the Grand Prize Raffle
Pin Trading Friday and Saturday	

Price Pin Traders: \$55.00

Non Pin Traders: \$ 45.00
(table not included)

Please list each attendee

Name _____ Badge Name _____
 Name _____ Badge Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Club/District _____ Office _____
 Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Registration pin traders	\$55.00		\$
Reg. Non pin traders	\$45.00		\$
Extra table (upon availability)	\$10.00		\$
Trip to Mohegan Sun (Thursday evening)	\$20.00		\$
Total			\$

Please make all checks payable to the PTCCT and mail to:

Lion Curt Fitch, PO Box 1017, New Milford, CT 06776 860-354-8615

Make your room reservations with the Stamford Marriott direct at 800-228-9290

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY JULY 15TH, 2004.

Tell the hotel that you are with the **Northeast Pin Swap.**

ROOM RATE \$84.00 Plus tax

- Directly off I-95 exit 8 Downtown Stamford
- 45 min. from Manhattan / 1 hr from Hartford / within 3 hrs from Boston, Philadelphia and Providence
- Shuttle ride from The Stamford Train Station / Budget Rental Car in building
- Tri-state airports, Connecticut Limousine home base.
- All travel arrangements can be made by calling Rifkin Travel, Inc. 1-203-735-9574 ext 580, 1-800-922-2242 ext 580, fax 203-736-0542 or email rosemaries@rifkintravel.com
- Right in the heart of the Stamford Town Center. Best shopping malls and shops.

Any Packages shipped to the Marriott must be addressed to the attention of Douglas Simon, CHSP and marked with PTCCT on it. Shipments should not arrive any earlier than 3 days prior to event.

For more details, visit www.lionwap.org/ctpintrading

Pin Trading Club of Connecticut (P.T.C.CT) Pin Trader Vest Order Form

Initial Pre-order Deadline: March 31st

The Pin Trading Club of Connecticut is ordering custom made Pin Trader Vests. These are made to our specification and are not available without pre-ordering. Now is the time to place your order, so that you have your vest before the International Convention, Northeast Pin Swap and USA/Canada Forum in 3004.

This is a tan Pin Trader Vest, with the words "CONNECTICUT Pin Traders Club" embroidered on the back. A standard Lions Club embroidered patch is applied as shown. This is very similar to the Virginia Pin Traders Club Vest, which is BLUE.

Please CIRCLE your size (Men's sizes):

S M L XL 2XL _____ \$63 each

3XL 4XL 5XL _____ \$68 each

Order Total \$ _____

Please make our your check to **P.T.C.CT.** for the appropriate amount and send to:

Lion Dan Uitti; 223 Buckingham St; Oakville, CT 06779

Please fill out the information below:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Country _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Email: _____



NORTHEAST PIN SWAP

Hosted by Pin Traders Club of Connecticut

Thursday August 5th to Saturday, August 7th, 2004

Stamford Marriott Hotel

Two Stamford Forum, Stamford, CT. 06901 1-800-228-9292 for reservations.

Fun - Excitement - Fellowship & Seminars

Welcome to all Lions - Learn what Pin Trading is all about.

Optional trip to the Mohegan Sun Casino and shopping mall.

Hospitality - Pin Auction - Silent Auction - Caribbean Party

See Reservation form in this Newsletter

For more details, visit www.lionwap.org/ctpintrading

LITPC Event Calendar

Event Dates, Information & Contact Information

February 5-8, 2004
MD-4 Convention Swap
Primm Nevada - Buffalo Bills

February 26-28, 2004
Tennessee Pin Swap
Nashville TN.
Lion Carolyn Meyer
931-648-2520
papersupplyclk@aol.com

March 18-20, 2004
Pennsylvania Pin Swap
Holiday Inn Holidome
York, PA.
PDG Larry L. Shaul
717 845 1933
Lshpins@aol.com

April 1-3, 2004
MIDWEST PIN SWAP
MOLINE, IL
AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN
Lion Nan Blakemore
573-893-3730
lionNan@aol.com

April 16-18, 2004
30TH DISTRICT A-4
CONVENTION PIN SWAP
Ottawa, Ontario
Travel Lodge Ottawa West
PVDG Don Redtman
613-831-1054

April 22-25, 2004
NORTH CAROLINA PIN SWAP
ASHVILLE, NO CAROLINA
Ramada Plaza Hotel
PDG Gene English
919-772-4285
eeenglish@msn.com

April 30-May 1, 2004
DISTRICT U-2 CONVENTION
SWAP
Charny, Quebec
PVG Andre Durocher

May 21-22, 2004
DISTRICT U-1 CONVENTION
SWAP
Lachute, Quebec
PVG Andre Durocher

May 28-29, 2004
Lions of Oklahoma Pintraders
Regional Pinswap
Bill Middleton
516 NW 27th
Lawton, OK.73505
Phone 580 248 6626
Email: LIONBILL@SWBELL.NET

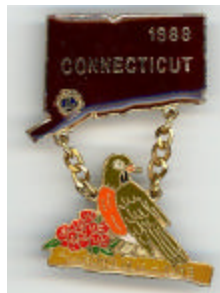
July 5-9, 2005
Lions International Convention
Swap
Windsor, Ontario and Detroit MI
Hotel Ponchatrain in Detroit

August 5-7
Northeast Pin Swap
Stamford, CT
Stamford Marriott
PDG Curt Fitch
860-354-8615
pdggcf@aol.com

August 5-7
Missouri Lions Pin Traders Swap
Branson, MO
Branson-Hollister Lions Building
Lion Ernie Schlichting
417-334-2219

October 10-13, 2004
Western States Pin Swap
Circus Circus Reno, Nev
Lion Tom Banyard
530-335-4643
tlban@c-zone.net

November 2004
Virginia Pin Swap
Winchester VA
Site to be announced
PDG Bill Smith
703-903-6301



1988 CT Pin
State Bird:
Robin
State Flower:
Mountain Laurel
State Song:
Yankee Doodle
State Fish:
American Shad

News from other Pin Trading Clubs

The British Isles and Ireland Trading Pin Club is just commencing it's fifth year, and is the club for MD105. We have just concluded our first series of pins which covered a four year period. Each year a pin in the dog series represented one of the four countries which makes up our MD. The theme for the next series is of "British Army Uniforms" from years gone by, and the 2004 pin is now available. This is an Officer from the Duke of Wellington's Foot Guards - 1808.

Lion Deryck Chambers
Secretary/Treasurer
email:
deryck.chambers@ntlworld.com

Pin Trading on the Internet

There are many resources about Pin Trading on the Internet. Pins can even be purchased as popular Auction websites. To meet Lions that trade pins and learn about pin traders around the world, the best place to find them is at LionNet.

Just visit the Lions Programs section and click on Pin Trading.
www.lionnet.com/program_sites.html

International Pin Trading Club
www.litpc.org

Australian Lions Pin Traders
augustacom.com.au/pins

Pin Traders Club Of New Jersey
(P.T.C.N.J.)
www.lionwap.org/ptconjknowltonwarnj

Pin Trading Club of New York
& Bermuda
www.ptcnyb.com

Pin Traders Club of Virginia
www.geocities.com/ptcveditors



1976 Connecticut pin

In celebrating the Bicentennial Celebration of the United States, the 1976 Connecticut trading pin features the revolutionary flag and current USA flag over the map of our state and an all white rendition of the Connecticut state seal in the middle.

Some pin traders collect any pin that features an American Flag. This is perfect for that collection



1978 Connecticut "Praying Mantis" pin

PDG Dick Stathers reports that Margaret Rybeck, the wife of Lion Charles Rybeck, formerly of the East Windsor Lions Club had designed the Connecticut's "Praying Mantis Pin" for 1978. The Multiple District Council selected this design for its uniqueness in preparation for attending the Lions International Convention in Tokyo, Japan in that year.



2003 Watertown Lions Club, Connecticut pin

This metal pin is features the United States flag. The design was the concept of Lion President Kathy Hanson and Lion Dan Uitti. Each year, the Watertown Lions Club develops a pin so that its members can share the idea of Lionism to others with this unique memento.

Lions everywhere are welcome to join the Pin Trading Club of Connecticut as a new regular member. This club meets several times a year. A meeting is held at our state's MD-23 Mid Winter Conference and State Convention. Other meetings are held throughout the year, at least quarterly. Members receive information about pin trading in our state; as well as highlights of Pin Trading activities around the world. Pins are a great way to show pride in our organization from publicity and personal points of view. The P.T.C.CT encourages Pin Trading at all levels and encourages Clubs, Districts, District Governors and other Lions related organizations to develop pins that bring a sense of pride to our organization in all aspects. We encourage members to attend meetings, Pin Swaps, Conventions and Forums for the improvement of Pin Trading and our movement of Lionism. Encourage your friends in your Lions Club to join us.



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) _____ Country: _____

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)