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President's Message

Outgoing Presidents Message:

During the past Lion's year, it has been my personal pleasure to serve as President of the Pin Traders Club of Virginia. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to the PTCV Executive Board and the membership for your dedication and support during my tenure. For more than 25 years, PTCV has and will continue to play a significant role in support of the Lions of Virginia.

According to Volkswagen officials, the word *Fahrvergnugen* (Farfegnugen) means: *The Pleasure of Driving or Pure Driving Fun*. So as you see me drive out of sight, you might just hear me exclaim "Farfegnugen". What a wonderful ride! I hope you enjoyed it too! Now, the PTCV President's gavel has been passed to PDG Don Colley, as the Club embarks on a new journey under his leadership. Best wishes for good trading,

Ann Harris, Immediate Past President

Incoming Presidents Message:

I thank the members of the Pin Traders Club of Virginia for allowing me the opportunity to serve our club as President. Our two most recent presidents, Lions Phil Sharpe and Ann Harris, carried out their duties with enthusiasm and skill. I shall work to follow their lead.

Although I have been a member of PTCV for about 25 years, I discovered the world of pin trading in the mid-1960s when I was a Jaycee. The Virginia Jaycees was one of the first State organizations to switch from plastic to metal pins, expanding the creativity potential for pin designers. At my first Jaycee National Convention, I became hooked. Pins and pin trading were wonderful. After joining the Charlottesville Host Lions Club in 1980 and being mentored by PDGs Orin Larson and Julian Lingle, I naturally became a Lions pin trader and have immensely enjoyed the hobby and the other Lions who participate in it.

My principle objectives during the 2009-2010 year shall be to assure that the fellowship and camaraderie among our members continues unabated because those qualities provide a strong foundation for our hobby/obsession/mission/competition/quest; to promote pin trading and our club to all Virginia Lions and to encourage more Lions to join with us in the pin traders' universe; and to continue the standards of excellence of design and reasonableness of price for the pins we create.

At the Lions of Virginia State Convention in Tysons Corner last month, the future of PTCV was strengthened with the election of Lion Vrla Leach as 1st vice president, First Vice District Governor Susan



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President's Message, continued

Evans as 2nd Vice President, and Lions Emily Carnes, James Newman, and Randy Suslick as Directors. All of them are committed Lions and avid pin traders, who will work tirelessly for our club.

Many Lions unfamiliar with pin trading consider pin traders to be little more than over-aged children who failed to give up toys when we entered adulthood. This misperception is as much our fault as theirs because we pin traders rarely publicize our Lions activities. Few Virginia Lions attending this year's state convention, for example, knew that pin traders throughout our nation have raised over \$130,000 for Campaign Sightfirst II, which will be presented to International President Al Brandel at the pin traders' breakfast in Minneapolis. Virginia pin traders include PCCs, PDGs, state chairpersons, district officers and cabinet members, and club leaders. Every pin we trade reminds us that we are Lions because every pin we trade carries the Lions emblem. Indeed, we are Lions first; then we trade pins.

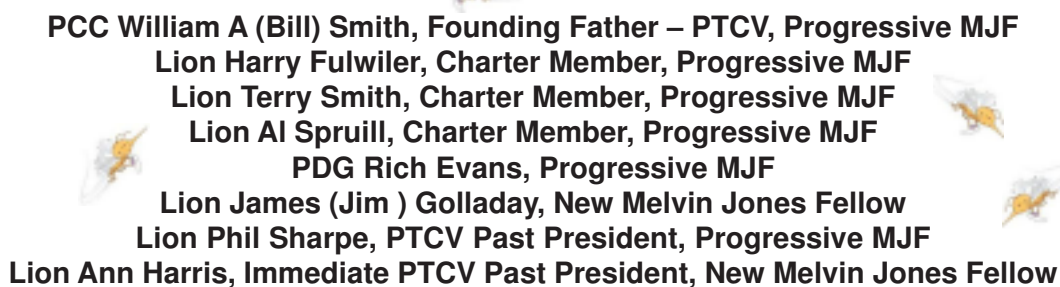
Enjoy a delightful summer, *Lion Don Colley, PTCV President*

Campaign Sight First II - Melvin Jones Fellows

The Campaign SightFirst II (CSF II) Project began in 2007. Since that time, the PTCV membership has contributed more than \$10,500 to Lions Clubs International through its agreed upon goal with LITPC. Altogether LITPC and associated pin trading clubs have raised more than \$130,000. This accomplishment has given PTCV the opportunity to recognize ten key PTCV members for their outstanding commitment and dedicated service to Lionism and the Club.

At the State Convention, Past International President Judge Stevenson, Past PTCV President Phil Sharpe and PTCV President Elect Don Colley joined then Lion President Ann Harris in presenting eight Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF) awards. These PTCV members received LCI's highest honor. An honor which was not sought by the individuals but rather nominated for the recognition by a committee of their peers.

The Melvin Jones Awardees are:



PCC William A (Bill) Smith, Founding Father – PTCV, Progressive MJF
Lion Harry Fulwiler, Charter Member, Progressive MJF
Lion Terry Smith, Charter Member, Progressive MJF
Lion Al Spruill, Charter Member, Progressive MJF
PDG Rich Evans, Progressive MJF
Lion James (Jim) Golladay, New Melvin Jones Fellow
Lion Phil Sharpe, PTCV Past President, Progressive MJF
Lion Ann Harris, Immediate PTCV Past President, New Melvin Jones Fellow

Several intended recipients were unable to attend the Annual Meeting. President Don Colley will make the remaining presentations at the Annual Pin Swap in November.

PTCV Constitution Amendment Passed

The PTCV members present at the 2009 Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with LOV State Convention, unanimously approved the proposed First Amendment to the PTCV Constitution regarding tenure limits.

The terms of office for the President and the Vice Presidents were changed in 2004 from two years to one. The original intent was to reduce the waiting time for an individual to work through the chairs from 2nd VP to 1st VP to the Presidency, however it became increasingly clear that we would deplete the pool of eligible talent that we presently have in the PTCV. Additionally, reestablishing the two year term concept is more in line with other Multiple District pin trading clubs and LITPC. Thus the approval of the proposed change means that our officers will, effective immediately, serve for two year terms.

2009-2010 PTCV Officials

On May 29, 2009, at the State Convention the following Virginia PTCV pin traders were election into the offices indicated below:



President	Lion A. Gordon Colley III, 24-C
1 st Vice President	Lion Vrla B. Leach, 24-C
2 nd Vice President	Lion Susan J. Evans, 24-B
Secretary	Lion Alexander R. Spruill, 24-D
Treasurer	Lion Phillip H. Sharpe, 24-C
Director 2-Year	Lion Emily L. Carnes, 24-A
Director 2-Year	Lion James J. Newman, 24-E
Director 2-Year	Lion Randall H. Suslick, 24-B
Director 1-Year	Lion Alex L. Caldwell, Jr., 24-C
Director 1-Year	Lion Arlen Eidson, PDG, 24-D
Director 1-Year	Lion William Hadden, 24-B
Imm. Past Pres.	Lion Ann Harris, 24-B

PTCV Pin Set

PTCV Pin Chairman, Lion Harry Fulwiler, has a couple slots remaining for Virginia members that would like to be a part of the annual swap pin set. Preference goes to members that will be attending the November 12-14th pin swap in Winchester. All you need to do to be a part of this 24-pin set is to contact Lion Harry at:

jenharf@comcast.net



Winchester-Shawnee (WSLC)

(The WSLC has issued its first in a series of pins to be released over the next three years. The pins are being passed out to potential Lions in the community, and speakers at Club meetings. The Tomahawk builds off the Club's name while the feathers in the series will be the color of the apples grown in the Winchester area.)

Electronic Newsletter Version

Printing and mailing costs are continuing to rise. If you are computer literate consider changing from the ecological "unfriendly" paper version to the more environmentally "friendly" and cost effective electronic newsletter. Not only will you be helping to save the environment you would be receiving it days sooner than the snail mail version.

Signing up for the electronic version is easy, just email PTCV Editor Lion Verle (lionverl@comcast.net) today so you can enjoy the next newsletter in vivid color.

Sneak Peak

The MD-24, Virginia, Council of Governors decided to forego the usual prestige pin for the coming year and substituted it with the first ever MD Leo pin. The pins share the same basic design with a couple minor differences. Here's a sneak peak of both these impressive looking pins:



Regular



Leo

(The Leo pin will also have a White base and the inscription reads "MD24 VIRGINIA LEOS")

Upon issuance, the regular State pin will be available from District Pin Chairman as usual. The Leo pin will be announced via a letter to all Lions and Lioness Club Presidents. The Leo Clubs will be informed via their District Leo Chairman. Remember there will be *no prestige pin this year.*

District Pin Chairmen Reminder

Possibly the best way 'to get the word out' about your District's newly issued pins is to let the Editor know it exists. (In fact, let the Editor know who you are because he's in the dark!)

To let your pins be known faster let me know when a pin is issued and some details about it.

Illustrating pins and including background information will increase awareness of your District, Governor, and Club pins. Remember there are a couple hundred members from around the world reading this newsletter!

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. - Mark Twain



July 4th



PTCV 2010 Pin

(Although already included in the recent Virginia catalog update, this year's pin was felt to be so nice that its illustrated here for everyone receiving this electronically to enjoy in vivid color.)

LITPC Membership

If you are not a member of the Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC), the PTCV Board of Directors encourages you to join our "parent" club today.

Over the years LITPC has made many positive enhancements to our hobby. So join and begin contributing to Lions Club pin trading.

All that you need to do is send a check in the amount of \$15.00 payable to "LITPC" and mail to:

Lion Harry Fulwiler, LITPC Treasurer
6755 Arthur Hills Drive
Gainesville, VA 20166.

Silent Auction

The Thursday Silent Auction this year will be "Sports". If you have any duplicate Sports related pins and would like to move them-now is the time.

There are only a few slots remaining due to the auction's popularity in the past, so get your pins in soon. No pins will be accepted at the pin swap.

Please contact Lion Rich Evans via email at lionriche@yahoo.com before sending any pins to:

Lion Rich Evans
10205 Navarre Court
Henrico, Virginia 23238

Life is a sexually transmitted disease.
- R. D. Laing

Membership Update / Dues

Check your envelope to see the expiration date of your subscription. If it reads "JUN 09" above the address your subscription has expired and needs to be renewed soon. The revised Membership Directory is currently being worked on, so if you want to continue to be listed act today.

Please complete the enclosed Membership Application form and mail with your payment to:

Lion Phil Sharpe
PTCV Treasurer
208 Governors Lane, Apt #6
Harrisonburg, VA 22801-4422

Dues are only \$7.50 per year which makes it easy to write a rounded dollar check if 2, 4, 6-years are paid at one time!



PTCV 2010 Pin

(Cave Spring has put out a nice train pin some of you that don't have the PTCV Virginia catalog might like to see. Star collectors may be interested in this one too! Happy Hunting.)

LOV Breakfast Pin

News Alert for all pin traders going to Minneapolis. The Council of Governors has approved a special pin to be given to all who attend the LOV Breakfast in Minneapolis. It is one of the most beautiful pins to come out of Virginia in a long time (in my opinion). It is small enough for ALL who wish to wear it on their lapel or dress, or even their vest. It's 1 1/8" wide x 3/4" high and looks like this:



Everyone needs to contact their respective District International Convention Chairperson to obtain details about *purchasing tickets to the Breakfast*. This will be well worth the effort to obtain what promises to be a highly collectible MD-24 pin that has been sanctioned by the Council of Governors.



Pin Trading Club of Virginia Membership Application

The First Multiple
District Pin Club

Please Print or Type.

Your Name _____ Lion___ Lioness___ PDG___ MJF___ LITPC___

Address _____ Spouse _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Country _____ Trade By Mail: Yes No (circle one)

Phone Number _____ FAX _____

Email _____ Newsletter Delivery: Email Mail (circle one)

Club Name _____ Multiple District _____ Sub-District _____

Application Type: New Member Renewal (circle one)

Submit this form with your Dues payment of \$7.50 to:
Lion Phil Sharpe
PTCV Treasurer
208 Governors Lane, Apt #6
Harrisonburg, VA 22801-4422



Pin Trading Events

Branson (MO PT) Pin Swap

Branson, MO
August 6-8, 2009
Contact: Dwight Reynolds
573-346-0075
bingochairman2000@yahoo.com

Northeast Pin Swap XXI

Dedham, MA
August 6-8, 2009
Contact: Paul Viano
508-668-1747
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5M Pin Traders Pin Swap

Big Lake, MN
September 19, 2009
Contact: Jim Hazeltine
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Wisconsin (LPTCW) Pin Swap

Colby, WI
October 1-3, 2009
Contact: Elwyn Beane
608-792-1251
ebeane@hotmail.com

Western States Pin Swap

Reno, NV
October 10-14, 2009
Contact: John Holland
702-614-8654
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Winchester (PTCV) Pin Swap XXX

Winchester, VA
November 12-14, 2009
Contact: Lion Bill Smith, PCC
1-540-349-2748
tabs52@comcast.net

(Contact the PTCV Editor to have your Pin Swap listed here. Large or small we'd like to list them all.)

(Copies of available Reservation Forms for these events are available on the PTCV Website.)



If you would not be forgotten as soon as
you are dead and rotten, either write
something worth reading or do things
worth the writing. - Benjamin Franklin



I am in the prime of senility.
- Benjamin Franklin

Pin Design Tip

When designing a pin, remember to give your Club AND District recognition. Although less frequent than in the past, Club pin designers are omitting their District designation which can lead to hours of research by pin traders to identify the Club that released the pin.

For example, the city name of Winchester is located in England, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, and many other States. To complicate matters further some of these cities have more than one Lions Club. So when a LC pin is located with just "Winchester" on it identification becomes very difficult.

So be proud of your pin and include your District number. Also remember to review your pin's artwork from the manufacturer because occasionally some key details get omitted!



Pin Swap Registration

Registrations for the 30th Annual PTCV Pin Swap are arriving at the usual rate--which means if you want a table you need to get your form and payment in soon. The tables have typically sold out and at least a couple pin traders are turned away.

Additionally, remember the popular Early Bird pin will be given to everyone that registers by September 1, 2009. Don't miss out of this pin or having your own table to spread your traders.

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

- James Dent



Labor Day

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Pin Review Tip

Recently a pin ordering mistake occurred locally that everyone should learn from and try to avoid.

The ordering official checked the basic design with the organization and all was approved and forwarded to the pin manufacturer for development of the official Artwork. The manufacturer submitted its Artwork including everything the ordering organization requested. Additionally the manufacturer reminded the ordering official that they would be able to change colors, without incurring any charges. However, if there was any changes that would result in the making of a new die/mold, then there would be what the manufacturer calls a "die charge". The ordering official approved the design for manufacturing of a sample.

When the samples came in, the organization was delighted with the pins BUT wanted to change a couple of words. When reminded of the charge to remake a die, the organization became unhappy.

In this instance, there were two separate pins and the manufacturer indicated that it would cost \$140 (\$70 for each pin) to make the changes desired. At this point, the organization called a friend that called in a lot of "favors" to get that charge cut in half. Were it not for this intervention, the entire proposal would probably have gone down the drain because a charge would simply be too great for the organization to absorb. Even \$70 is too much for a non-profit organization to absorb. Bottomline is this could have been avoided IF there had been proper organization review of the Artwork PRIOR to having the samples made.



July 4th

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PTCV Membership Roster Updates

New Members

PIN TRADERS CLUB OF VIRGINIA

Pin Swap XXX

Winchester, Virginia
Best Western (Lee-Jackson Motor Inn)
1-81 & U.S. 50
12-14 November 2009

- >> Early Bird Pin for ALL Who Register by 1 September 2009 <<<<<<
>> Special Registration Pin for ALL Attendees
>> Pin Trading-Selling-Buying in Main Ballroom ALL DAY Thursday and Friday and 'till Noon on Saturday
>> Virginia Party Thursday Evening in Hospitality Room
>> Fourth Annual 9 Hole Golf (Card) Tournament Thursday Evening
>> Silent Auction All Day on Thursday (Will end sometime Thursday Evening)
>> Live Auction on Friday Evening
>> Swap Pin Will be Available for Sale for ALL Attendees
>> Swap Breakfast on Saturday Morning (Special Pin for Attendees ONLY)
>> All Pins Displayed on Tables on Saturday FOR SALE for \$1.00 each or less

Please list each attendee, using the name you wish to have on Swap Badge and check YES or NO if you need a paddle.

Table with columns: NAME, AUCTION PADDLE, YES, NO. Includes horizontal lines for data entry.

Table with columns: Number, Amount. Includes items like Virginia Party, Tables, Box Luncheon Sandwich, Swap Breakfast.

Make checks payable to "PTCV" TOTALS \$

Mail to PCC Bill Smith, 3643 Osborne Dr., Warrenton VA 20187

We need your reservations in our hands by 31 October 2009. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Swap Chairman: Lion Jim Golladay
Registration Chairman: PCC Bill Smith
Regular Auction Chair: Lion Phil Sharpe
Silent Auction Chair: PDG Rich Evans

You MUST make hotel reservations by calling the Best Western Lee-Jackson between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday on 1-540-662-4154. Refer to LIONS CLUB PIN SWAP.

THE EARLY BIRD PIN WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL WHO RETURN THIS FORM BY 1 SEPTEMBER 2009

"The First Multiple District Pin Trading Club in Lionism"

