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The purpose of this historical summary of the LITPC is to provide not only words about our past but to capture some of the pictorial moments that reflect a few of the folks who contributed so much to our beginning, our recent past, and hopefully, our present. This is what we refer to as a “living history” whereby we will be able to continually update the happenings of our organization. We recognize that without the help and cooperation of all of our members, we will not be able to give you a broad view of what has happened, what is happening, and who has or is helping to make this a dynamic organization. We very sincerely solicit your contributions of facts and pictures so that we might be able to expand our coverage. We recognize that no two individuals will develop such a presentation in the same manner. There has never been a history written that couldn't have been reported in a different manner. Even though I have endeavored to keep my personal views and feelings out of this summary, I admit that I might have given emphasis to certain events that others might not feel as inclined to cover. However, I accept full responsibility for the contents herein and express my hopes that you will find the presentation interesting and worthwhile.

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In Memory

In 1999, LITPC President **Dave Harris**, Virginia, appointed Past LITPC President **Bill Cooper**, Florida, as the LITPC Historian. President Dave specifically directed Lion Bill to gather all available information that might help in the actual development of a written history of the organization. President Dave made it very clear that the data to be accumulated by Lion Bill would, hopefully, help to expedite the process of documenting this history. To his credit, Lion Bill spent hours upon hours researching and accumulating a large volume of information. Much of what Lion Bill collected has either been included in this publication or it has been used as a basis for initiating further research. We in the LITPC are indebted to Lion Bill Cooper for his work in this area, and to that end, we are pleased to dedicate this publication to his memory. Lion Bill passed away in December of 2007 from the ravages of cancer. We hope that this tribute to him will, in some small way, be a lasting LITPC memorial to his memory.



Lion William R. Cooper
1942 - 2007

A Living History

We need to establish from the very beginning of this publication that much of the contents outlining the early days of pin trading and the LITPC in general are based on unofficial records, and to a very limited degree, rather skimpy “official” records. As a matter of fact, it is unfortunate that what “official” records we had from the early days were destroyed in a fire at the home of PDG **Ed Fogelman**, Washington, who was serving at the time as the LITPC Secretary. Consequently, we have had to rely on bits and pieces of information that have been maintained by individual members, as well as the printed record copies of the official LITPC newsletter, “*The Trading Post*”. We are unable to provide 100% documentation of the individuals who have served over the years on the LITPC Board of Directors. Also, we are no doubt missing some of the details of significant events that have affected the organization over the years. We have tried our best to give you an honest and unbiased accounting of the LITPC based on many hours of research and discussions with as many people that we were privileged to have known over the years.

The LITPC is a dynamic organization and the constant changes and new events will need to be documented as the years go by. It is our hope that this accounting will continue in what we envision as a “living history” of the LITPC. It has been accepted by many that a true history of any organization cannot be accomplished for at least 100 years after the fact. That time frame helps to eliminate the biased reporting of facts that can invariably creep into such an accounting. However, to achieve that, it is absolutely essential that we begin the process so that others who follow will have a better basis upon which to present their accounting.

William A. “Bill” Smith, PCC
Historian and Past LITPC President

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