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Another pin trading year has come and gone, at least this one was almost back to normal. We did end the year on a high note with a tremendous Alternate Site swap in Williamsburg Virginia hosted by the Pin Traders Club of Virginia. Well over 80 traders attended the event with over 100 trading tables. The PTCV put together a great set of swap pins commemorating the event. A Thank you to Lion Chet Kramer who chaired the event.

We ended the weekend with our annual meeting on Saturday morning. Awards were presented for the pin contest winners and we recognized the pin traders we had lost over the past year. This is always the climax of our Pin Trading year and Lion PP Bill Smith has chaired the event for many years. He announced this would be his last year doing so and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his work. PP Kent Clovis will be chairing the event in Boston next year and I know he will do a great job just like Bill.

We closed off the Circus and Carnivals series with a bang. In all there were 1,043 pins produced in the series over the two-year period. The new series on farming looks to be off to a great start as a number of designs were circulating in Williamsburg. Another Thank You to PP Bill for the great job in updating the series catalogs before each swap.

It was also announced that we sent in over \$73,000.00 on our \$50,000.00 pledge to LCIF Campaign 100 and awarded \$10,000.00 in scholarship to some outstanding students. The scholarship committee continues to do an outstanding job.

One of the highlights of the board meeting was the approval of a budget to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the LITPC. Our

organization was founded in June 1973 and this will mark our 50<sup>th</sup> year. The board decided to make sure that the celebration was across the entire organization and not just a one-time event in Boston next June. A separate article in the newsletter outlines the board's action for the celebration.

As I write this article Mary Ellen and I are packing the pins for trade in Montreal. Although there will be a smaller than normal number of traders in Montreal, we look forward to signing up new traders and see old friends. This will be the first opportunity in three years to trade with Lions from around the world.

After that we have our reservations in for the Northeast Swap in Vermont after we take some time for a family vacation In North Carolina with the family in July.

It promises to be a great year for pin trading and we look forward to seeing you along the way.

Yours in Service and Trading.  
Sincerely, Steve Sherer, PID  
LITPC President