



Chapter 5

LITPC Alternate Site Meetings (ASM)

The LITPC Constitution provides that when the LCI Annual Convention is to be held outside of North America, the Board of Directors of the LITPC must determine whether there will be sufficient numbers of the LITPC membership in attendance to conduct the business of the Club. This determination is based on a survey of the total membership. The LITPC First Vice President is responsible for initiating the survey and for presenting the results to the LITPC Board of Directors. When it is determined that there will be insufficient attendance, the LITPC First Vice President is responsible for soliciting bids from interested pin trading organizations. To assure a fairness in the selection process, the geographical area of North America is divided into three parts, i.e., the Midwest, the West, and the East, in that order of priority. The Alternate Site Meeting (ASM) cannot be held during the two weeks prior to or two weeks following the LCI Convention. This gives all LITPC members who wish to attend the LCI Convention sufficient time to travel to and from that Convention.

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Introduction

Priority consideration in the selection of a site may be given to holding the ASM in conjunction with an established pin swap. Should this not be possible, there are no restrictions against the LITPC from selecting a site that will be exclusively for the LITPC. While it is recognized that it may be necessary on occasion to select a site that favors one part of North America over all others, it shall be the goal to select a site on a rotational basis within North America, beginning in 2008 with the region in the central part of North America. The rotation will then be to the western region of North America and then to the eastern region of North America. If there are no bids from the region of North America scheduled in the rotation, the next scheduled region will then be considered. Final selection of the site for the meeting in question is made by the LITPC Board of Directors approximately two years prior to the need for such a meeting.

The Meetings

Sudbury, Ontario, Canada - 1987. The first LITPC Annual Meeting designated as an “Alternate Site Meeting” (ASM), was held in the Northern city of Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, in May of 1987. For the first time, a survey of the entire LITPC membership proved that there would be insufficient attendance of LITPC members at the 1987 LCI convention in Taipei. It suffices to say that this was the beginning of organized LITPC meetings in North America when it could be predetermined that there would be insufficient attendance at scheduled LCI conventions outside of North America. The survey indicated that there would be less than 20 members of the LITPC in Taiwan and that would clearly not be a representative meeting for the organization. It was in Sudbury where, for the first time ever, a candidate for LITPC Vice President was nominated from the floor in opposition to the candidate presented by the Nominations Committee. Details are covered on page 3-12.

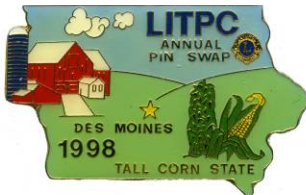
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada - 1991. Based on the required organization-wide survey of the LITPC membership, it was determined that there would be insufficient representation attending the 1991 LCI convention in Australia. It was at this ASM that the revised LITPC constitution was approved by the members in attendance. The most significant change was the documentation of ASMs as a viable solution to the continuing problem faced by the LITPC when the LCI conventions are held outside of North America. The overwhelming majority of the LITPC membership is from the U.S.A. and Canada.

Golden, Colorado - 1992. The Pin Traders Club of Colorado invited the LITPC to the absolutely beautiful Rocky Mountains since there would be insufficient LITPC membership attendance for the LCI convention in Hong Kong. Close to 100 of our members descended upon the city of Golden, Colorado, a suburb of Denver. The exact location for the meeting was the Colorado School of Mines, which was close to the actual location of the MD-6, Colorado, State Convention. Arguably, the highlight for this gathering was the evening that the Coors Brewing Company opened up their doors to us for a magnificent tour of their facilities. To commemorate this event, the Pin Traders Club of Colorado, together with the Coors Brewing Company, gave each guest during the tour the pin shown here. It has become a highly collectible item within pin trading circles because of the very limited issue. In addition to this pin, according to PDG **Larry Anderson**, Colorado, the most sought-after pin during our stay in Golden was the Holly Colorado Lions Club set that was a part of their Christmas theme series. That set is shown here, even though the true beauty of the set could not be captured.



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Windsor, Ontario, Canada - 1995. Once again, a survey confirmed that there would be insufficient attendance at the LCI convention scheduled for Seoul, Korea. Although this meeting did not produce anything of historical significance, a good time was had by all who did attend.



Des Moines, Iowa - 1998. The **Lions Pin Trading Club of Iowa** was the host for this meeting and provided the special pin that is shown to the left. A new idea (by PDG **Larry Shaull**, Pennsylvania) in pin trading came out in Des Moines and it was called the “combine pins”. This referred to a set of pins issued simultaneously by several traders, with the understanding that all must be present at the gathering. This restriction was essential for the success of the combine as it afforded all other interested traders an opportunity to obtain the entire set, without having to trade by mail or wait until a later time. As you will see later in this publication, the combine and series pins have gone a long way in creating and maintaining the trading interest at a multi-day pin swap.

Ocean City, Maryland - 2002. The geography of this place is hard to beat, and for sea food lovers, it’s an absolute must for places one would like to visit. However, for pin traders, it was not what one would like to see in the future in terms of the exposure that we gained (or lack thereof) during our stay. We were in an isolated area that allowed limited access to the hundreds and hundreds of MD-22 Lions that were in the city for their convention. Those who did find their way to our area seemed to thoroughly enjoy their visit. This is not intended to be negative, it’s just reporting it the way it was. The members of the **MD-22 Pin Trading Club** certainly went the extra step to accommodate us where they could, and there is no doubt that most of the LITPC members enjoyed the fun and fellowship provided in the LITPC Hospitality Room. The LITPC Third Vice President, PDG **Larry Shaull**, and his dynamic staff, gave us all the treats that anyone could ever ask for in the “Room”. The pin or pins that won our hearts, thanks to the efforts of the MD-22 Pin Trading Club, are shown below.

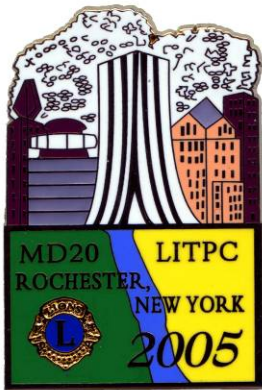


This is the special set of pins issued by the MD-22 Pin Traders to commemorate the LITPC ASM.

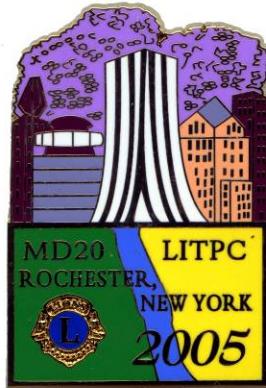
Rochester, New York - 2005. In a closely contested bidding process, the LITPC Board of Directors chose this “*City of Roses*” in upstate New York. The Pin Traders Club of New York and Bermuda bested the Missouri Pin Traders Club for the right to host the 2005 ASM in lieu of our going to Hong Kong for the annual meeting. Once again, we need to emphasize the positive in terms of opportunities that MD-20, New York, gave us to participate in the functions of their convention. We were invited and encouraged to attend their general sessions, their banquets, and the many seminars that were made available. Unfortunately, very few of the LITPC membership in attendance took advantage of the offers. It was the signal to the LITPC leadership that the membership is focused on trading pins at these gatherings and not on trying to get involved in the inner workings of a multiple district convention. To this end, the LITPC policy on ASMs was amended to eliminate the requirement that we must have these meetings in conjunction with a multiple district convention. Now back to the pin trading aspects of this meeting. Although the size of the pin trading area was huge, and much greater than we actually needed, it was in such a distant location from all the other convention activities that we had little or no access to the Lions and Lionesses of MD-20. Consequently, we had loads of time to enjoy the fellowship that we pin traders seem to enjoy the most. To wrap up this report on a very positive note, PCC **Jim and Donna Schiebel** opened up their home in the suburbs of Rochester for all the pin traders who could make the trip. The big tent in their back yard added to the festive afternoon and the food was clearly outstanding. The pins for this ASM were produced for the LITPC by the *Pin Traders of New York and Bermuda*, and are shown on the following page.

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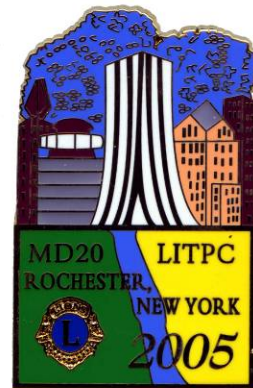
These are the pins that were produced for the ASM in Rochester, New York.



White Top - All Attendees



Purple Top - Breakfast



Blue Top - LITPC Board

Jefferson City, Missouri - 2008. Chair, PDG **Nan Blakemore** and the *Missouri Lions Pin Traders* exceeded our greatest expectations for an ASM in the capitol city of Missouri. Being in the middle of the U.S.A. certainly made it so much easier for a bigger group of pin traders from every region of North America to attend, and the location didn't inhibit too many of the "regulars" from outside North America from attending. There were approximately 220 in attendance. This was the first time that an ASM was held independently from a multiple district convention. As you saw from reading about the previous ASMs, there was absolutely no advantage to the pin traders to be associated with such a convention since we were usually detached from the convention and therefore attracted little or no interest outside of other pin traders. The pin traders in Missouri had made a bid for the 2002 ASM and when that failed, the incentive was greater for them than normal to bid on this one and prove to the LITPC that there's just no place like middle America. Well, it's frequently said that the "proof is in the pudding," and if Missouri is the "pudding", then our stay in the *Show Me State* will rank up among the very best for years to come. Here are the pins that were issued to commemorate our stay in Missouri.



The Early Bird Pin

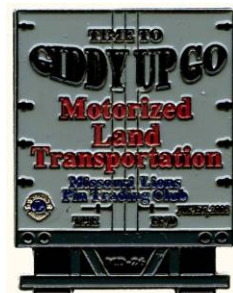


Pair of Retro '59 Missouri Mules



Commemorative Pin for the LITPC Annual Meeting

"The End" of the Transportation Series



**BASIC HOST(S) REQUIREMENTS
FOR LITPC
ALTERNATE SITE MEETING (ASM)**

The results of the survey that were made of the entire LITPC membership reveal that there will be insufficient numbers attending the 2xxx LCI convention scheduled for _____ to properly conduct the business of the LITPC. Accordingly, and in keeping with our Constitution, it will be necessary to designate an area within North America to host our 2xxx Annual Meeting. To provide assistance to any and all who might choose to bid on the ASM, the following guidelines are furnished. To enable the LITPC Board of Directors to make an expeditious decision and to allow sufficient time by the eventual host for the ASM, all bids must be in the hands of the LITPC First Vice President, Lion _____, by _____. Representatives for all bidding parties will be asked to make a presentation at the LITPC Board of Directors Meeting in _____ during the 2xxx LCI Convention. The name or names of the representatives should be furnished VP _____ in advance of the LITPC Board meeting.

1. There must be adequate trading facilities/area to accommodate up to 150 traders.
2. There must be adequate facilities to accommodate the LITPC Annual Meeting and Breakfast for up to 150 traders. In addition, we require a meeting room that will accommodate between 30 and 40 persons for our Board Meetings.
3. It will be extremely important to have all known costs at the time of the presentation, including registration fees, hotel room charges, and any other charges that might impact upon the attendees.
4. We will need a Hospitality Room if it cannot be accommodated within the trading room area.
5. There must be enough six foot tables to accommodate up to 150 traders, including one chair per table, and the costs for these items to the individual pin trader must be provided at the time of the presentation.
6. A special pin commemorating the event would be highly desirable. The pin could be designed and offered by the host. Although a reasonable profit for each pin is expected to help offset operating costs, it would be contrary to our basic policy if the price charged is considered to be excessive.
7. The ASM Committee will be expected to provide the LITPC Editor with adequate Convention material that can be reproduced, i.e., registration forms and other promotional material.
8. The LITPC Second Vice President is the LITPC Convention Chairman and will need to work closely with an individual designated by the host for this specific purpose. Should the need arise, the LITPC Second Vice President must have the authority to communicate directly with any and all officials of the host committee.
9. The Multiple District pin trading club shall be expected to provide broad coverage among the Club membership with the objective of encouraging maximum attendance by all pin traders. The Multiple District pin trading club should be encouraged to host one evening in the LITPC Hospitality Room, and work very closely with the LITPC Second Vice President.
10. It shall be understood that the LITPC retains full responsibility for the conduct of the Annual Breakfast that will be held during the ASM. This includes, but is not limited to, the arrangements for and seating at the head table. The ASM Committee may have a reserved table or tables for individual committee members.
11. It shall be understood that the LITPC cannot guarantee specific numbers of traders to attend this event.
12. The LITPC should be given an estimate of the number of active pin traders in the Multiple District.