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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is finally arriving in North Carolina. Daffodils have come and gone, as have most of the dogwoods. Azaleas are in full bloom as is wisteria and a multitude of other flowers. Of course, with this beauty and renewal comes pollen...lots of pollen this year from trees, grass, flowers and various other sources.

The North Carolina Lions Pin Traders are excited about the upcoming ASM in Asheville in June. Much of this newsletter will be dedicated to information about this. We hope many of you will join us.

Western North Carolina is still reeling from the effects of Hurricane Helene, but the Asheville area is strong and resilient and bouncing back beautifully. Come see for yourself.

In Lionism,

Lion Lyle



Check out our website: <https://nclptc.org/>

Thanks to PCC Phil Schrack of Virginia for updating and maintaining this for us!!

LITPC Annual Meeting

(Article repeated from earlier TARHEEL TRADER)

Greetings from Asheville!

Get your registrations in soon so you can find out about all the surprises we have planned for the Annual Meeting and Pin Swap, June 11-13, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza, 1 Resort Drive, Asheville, NC.

Room rates are \$155 per night for Double/Queen and \$175 per night for King. Register by May 1st to receive the early bird pin and a \$5 discount on your registration!

Pastries, Juice & coffee will be available Wednesday & Thursday mornings. There will be a breakfast pin for all who register for the breakfast on Friday, June 13. Lunch will be available Wednesday & Thursday and features a make-your-own deli sandwich bar including red potato salad, slaw, chips, and cookies for a low cost of \$20 per person.

Please register by May 20, using this link: <https://www.litpc.org/2025ASMAshvilleregistrationFillin.pdf> and return the completed form with your check payable to **NCLPTC** (not LITPC as shown on some of the forms) to PDG Gene English.

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Lion Randy Hall

Asheville



FROM THE SECRETARY

I want to start by commending Lions Randy and Pat Hall for their outstanding work on the upcoming Annual Swap and Meeting coming up in Asheville and June. Gloria, Dale and Laraine Dupree and I toured the facility along with Randy and Pat earlier this month. The trading area is very spacious. The hospitality room and guest rooms are in a separate building, but connected by a covered walkway. There are two entries with very easy access for loading and unloading your pins. This promises to be an exciting and fun-filled event. Registration Forms can be found on our NCLPTC website as well as the LITPC website and various other Pin Traders sites.

Next, I wish to thank and congratulate the Lions of the Pennsylvania Pin Traders for an outstanding event in March. We were treated to great hospitality and fast and furious pin trading. In addition to the normal hunt for current state and MD pins, and for those elusive oldies some of us are still searching for, the Wild West series offered a great selection of pins to chase. The auction was certainly a highlight with lots of goodies and a great auctioneer.

Just a reminder, if you have not done so already please take a few minutes and **send in your Registration for the ASM**. Deadline for Early Bird registration, which includes an early bird pin and \$5.00 discount is **May 1**. The block of rooms will also be released on that date. Hope to see many of you there

Lion Gene



In Our Prayers

We are sad to report the passing of Lion Don Wagner from Georgia. Lion Don was a very active trader, involved in his local club, district and state, as well as a former officer of LITPC. Lion Don was a frequent attendee at our North Carolina Swaps. Please remember his wife Roberta and family during this time.

If you know of situations that need to be shared with our members please let Secretary Gene know.

2025 NCLPTC Pins Still Available

There are still a limited number of 2025 NCLPTC pins available (picture below). The cost is \$3.00 per pin. An order form is included in this newsletter.



Dues

We included a current roster in our summer/fall newsletter. If you have not done so, please check it to determine your status. Dues are still only \$6.00 per year. You may pay ahead for as many years as you like.



ADDITIONAL 2025 NC PIN

In light of the 2025 International Convention being changed from Mexico City to Orlando, FL, NCLPTC has issued a third pin, featuring NASCAR Legend Junior Johnson. It will indicate "Orlando" rather than "Mexico City."

These were initially made available only to North Carolina Traders. We have quite a number left so are offering them to anyone interested while supplies last. Cost is \$3.00 each plus postage. Order form is included in this newsletter, along with order form for 2025 NCLPTC Indian.



Things to do in Asheville in June

- The Biltmore House, a must if you have never been. Lion Randy has arranged for discounted tickets.
- The Art District
- The Moose Café near the Asheville Farmer's Market
- The Asheville Farmer's Market
- Cherokee Village, approximately one hour from Asheville.
- Cherokee Casino, again approximately one hour from Asheville
- Lots of shops, restaurants and boutiques

Go to www.exploreasheville.com for more information.

Reflections from the Editor

Springtime has arrived .. no wait ..it's summer .. no wait .. it's still winter! The weather in North Carolina this time of year can change daily,.. but at least we have flowers and trees blooming and the world looks like it is coming alive again! We are like butterflies, coming out of the dark, cold cocoon of winter! Despite the pollen that covers everything in a cloud of yellow and causes everybody to sneeze, I love springtime!

It means putting away sweaters, thick socks and heavy coats and pulling out short sleeves and sandals! Whew! The warmer weather just makes me feel good!

Gene and I just completed our 20th season volunteering with the AARP TaxAide program and it was our last! We decided last year that we would retire at the end of this tax season. We have worked with a lot

of the same folks for a number of years and they all feel like family. When we got together last Thursday to celebrate a successful year, we were overwhelmed with their expressions of love and kindness. We will certainly miss them all next year but felt it was time to move on to other things.

The one thing we had in common was our desire to serve others and make a difference .. and I think we did make a difference to man people .. sorta like Lions! I am proud to call these people our family and they will always be so very dear to us both!

Enjoy this beautiful Springtime and go out and make a difference to somebody today!

... Gloria

