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The Encyclopedias of Our Hobby - The Catalogs

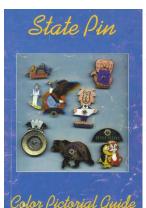
Most pin traders can remember that period of time in the pin trading community that can be referred to as "BC" - before catalogs. In those early and hectic days of pin trading, it was not uncommon for one to attend a swap or convention and return home with loads of duplicate pins simply because we had no point of reference during our search for those elusive pins. Now, it's rather common to see the serious traders consulting their growing stack of catalogs to make sure they are on the right track in getting the pins needed, either in trades or at the pin auctions. Many pin traders now look at their catalogs as the encyclopedias of the hobby. A majority of the catalogs that we all use are those that have been developed by individual pin traders who are willing to devote hours upon hours and a considerable amount of financial investment to publish these vital aids. One particular group of catalogs, the ones devoted to what we refer to as The Series Catalogs, have been subsidized in varying degrees by the *Pin Traders Club of Virginia* and published by PCC **Bill Smith**, Virginia. We mention this only to distinguish the difference between those that are financed and sold by individual catalog makers. The bottom line for both types are that they are made available to anyone in the pin trading community who wishes to purchase them for a nominal price.

The Black and White Multiple District Pin Catalog by PDG Amos Shatzer, Pennsylvania.

This catalog was published by Lion Amos Shatzer, Pennsylvania, and contained only the official pins that were issued each year by the multiple districts within the U.S.A. and Canada. The first such catalog was issued in 1988 and continued until Lion Amos realized that subsequent color catalogs by other publishers had affected his customer base to the point that it was not economically feasible to continue. Although his early catalogs were limited to regular issues only, Lion Amos did expand his coverage to prestige and special issues in the last couple of years before discontinuing publication. It can be safely said that Lion Amos was the first to provide a comprehensive pictorial listing of the pins that most pin traders were seeking. This catalog went a long way in being singularly responsible for so many pin traders deciding to collect this category and to begin their search for the older pins in the series. Prior to this catalog, not too many pin traders were overly concerned about collecting older pins. The catalog also was responsible for bringing a degree of organization to many of our collections



The Color Catalog of Lions Trading Pins by Lion Joe Trezza, California. In keeping with the general theme started in Lion Amos Shatzer's catalog, Lion Joe Trezza decided to raise the bar, so to speak, by developing a



comprehensive color pictorial catalog of the trading pins issued by the multiple districts in the U.S.A. and Canada. Lion Joe decided to expand the coverage by including variations and, in some instances, extremely limited issues that most pin traders would find almost impossible to locate. In spite of this, Lion Joe's catalog quickly became known as the "bible" for pin traders. It was considered THE authority and was used extensively by those seeking to complete collections of every pin issued within a given multiple district. Unfortunately, the catalog was a bound one that did not lend itself too easily to updates. Lion Joe did issue several quick copy updates that made references to the various pages and parts of his basic catalog. Eventually, the updates ceased and the catalog has not been maintained since then. It continues to be cited often by those who are conducting pin auctions, particularly when there is a question about a pin that might not otherwise be included in subsequent catalogs.

The Color Catalog of Pin Trading Club Pins by Lions Chuck Weldon and Dick Hall, California. This catalog was originally published for the California Lions Pin

Traders Association (CLPTA) by then Lion **Mike Barskey**. Lion Mike left Lionism and the catalog was taken over by two CLPTA members, Lions **Chuck Weldon** and **Dick Hall**. With the untimely passing of Lion Chuck, Lion Dick has full responsibility for the catalog. The original catalog by Barskey contained many pins that have since been dropped by Weldon and Hall in their reissue of the catalog in 2002. In this connection, we understand that several serious collectors of this category of pins are urging the return of many of the dropped pins on the basis that they were in fact legitimate issues of the various pin trading clubs. There are basically two versions of the catalog. One is offered on a compact disk and the other is a hard copy. Although the quality of the printing is very good, the layout of the catalog is such that subsequent updates to the originals are in fact new catalogs in themselves. There are no provisions for cut-and-paste that is provided in most catalogs and one must look in multiple locations to find full coverage of the pins issued by any given pin trading club. This makes it extremely difficult to use when one is trying to determine their needs at a pin swap. One of the negatives about this catalog is that one must belong to the CLPTA in order to obtain it.

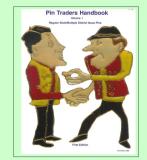
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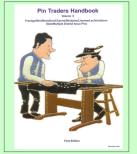
The Catalogs (Continued)

Lion Dick Hall is said to be very open to suggestions for changing the manner in which the catalog can be used more effectively. In this connection, LITPC President Larry Shaull appointed a Standards Committee with the specific goal of developing standards governing pin trading club pins. The Committee is chaired by Lion Harry Fulwiler, Virginia, and the members are PDG Jerry Townsend, Mississippi, Lion Jim DeRouchey, Texas, Lion Dick Hall, California, Tim McCaulley, Pennsylvania, Lion Bill Sour, Colorado, and PDG Jim Minnich, Delaware. In addition, PCC Phil Schrack and PCC Bill Smith of Virginia are deeply involved with Chairman Harry in scanning and documenting the pins for display on the LITPC website. When finished, all who have access to a computer can log on to the site and view the complete collection of pin trading club pins.

The Catalog of Non-USA Pins. Lion Jim DeRouchey, Texas, is arguably the authority on those pins that are issued by multiple districts outside of the United States. His personal collection of these pins is the most extensive that we are aware of today and has been used as the basis for the issuance of his color catalog of this category of pins. He has periodically updated the catalog and has offered both the basic and the updates at the going rates for reproduction. His efforts are obviously a labor of love and his contributions to the hobby cannot be overstated.

Pin Traders Handbooks





The Color Catalog of Multiple District Lions Trading

Pins. Lion **Verle Malik**, Virginia, has spent hundreds of hours in the development of one of the finest color productions that you could hope for. He has diligently researched the pins, borrowed pins from other traders to make sure of complete coverage within each multiple district, and has spent considerable dollars in pursuit of data to include in the catalogs. He is presently working on developing a similar catalog to cover the pins from multiple districts outside of North America. More and more, his catalogs are being quoted as the source to go to view the pins one is searching for and may or may not ever be able to find.

The Series Catalogs. We mentioned in the beginning that PCC **Bill Smith**, for the Pin Traders Club of Virginia, has issued to date, three separate catalogs that are referred to as "Series" catalogs. Each has a single theme and includes a number of updates to reflect those pins that were issued since the last issuance. Beginning with the one on the *American Civil War*, these catalogs have helped to bring a degree of excitement to the hobby that seemed to have been miss-

ing. The frenzy of activity at any given pin swap by those involved in the collection of these pins certainly helped to sustain interest in attending these events. Beginning in 1998 and ending in 2002, there were 1,345 different Civil War pins issued by individual traders, pin trading clubs, Lions clubs, and other organizational entities within Lionism. The next series was one that was referred to as the *Indian Series*. This one, which was started immediately after the ending of the Civil War series in 2002 and ending late in 2005, caused a whopping 1,597 pins to be issued. After a six month hiatus, the third series was introduced and it involved *Motorized Land Transportation*, or simply called the *Transportation Series*. This one generated 1,157 in seven updates, with the final one being issued in conjunction with the LITPC 2007 Alternate Site Meeting in Jefferson City, Missouri. As a result of a survey of the subscribers to the Transportation catalog, it was decided to once again take a hiatus. Although a *Bird Series* was introduced in 2009, there has not been the same enthusiasm shown for the previous series. The absence of a printed catalog on a periodic basis certainly has been a contributing factor. The images are being shown independently on the LITPC web site and the Pennsylvania pin traders website, without consideration to those pin traders who do not, for whatever reason, have access to a computer. Even the images on the two sites are not the same and the numbering system to identify the images are different.

Subjective Theme Color Catalogs. PDG **Jerry Romig,** Missouri, has issued small, quick copy type catalogs on subject or theme pins. They include one each on Advertisements, Bands, Barns, Covered Bridges, Forts, Grist Mills, Leo Clubs, Lighthouses, Rail Road Depots, School Houses, Scottish items, and Windmills. For a nominal fee, one can obtain a quick guide to the subjects of their interest. Lion Jerry periodically updates the catalogs, once again for a nominal fee.

State and Multiple District Catalogs. A number of outstanding catalogs, both black and white and color, have been issued to document the pins that have been issued by the various clubs and districts within the entity. The one in Virginia includes every known pin to have ever been issued in that State, including all the personal pins. Other states and multiple districts are aggressively seeking pins to include in their catalogs. Eventually, collectors will be able to widen their interests as a result of these types of catalogs.

LITPC First "Official" Seminar

To some, it is surprising that the first "official" seminar at an LCI convention was not held until 2007 in Chicago. To those of us who have been involved almost since the beginning, it is understandable considering the general feelings that existed for years at the international levels about pin traders. As we have already documented, the wonderful relations with LCI that we presently enjoy were not always true in the early days of our existence as an organization. Taking advantage of all the hard work by a number of LITPC leaders to create a peaceful existence between LCI and the pin traders, Lion Harry Fulwiler, Virginia, approached LCI with the idea of a seminar that would tell the world what the hobby is all about. With the help of Lion Dave Harris, Virginia, who was the appointed LITPC Liaison with LCI, Lion Harry was successful in scheduling the seminar for Chicago. A power point presentation was developed, with the tech-



nical assistance of PCC **Phil Schrack**, Virginia, that outlined the pin history of Lionism. Beginning with slides that showed the early plastic giveaways, Lion Harry traced the evolution and creation of pins up to the time of the 2007 seminar. The room that was provided by LCI for the presentation was packed, and although there was a preponderance of active pin



traders that made up the audience, the success of this seminar cannot be overstated. The pin trading world for all intents and purposes finally gained the recognition that so many pin traders had yearned for over the years. Although many seminars at an LCI convention may attract large crowds, it is doubtful that any could claim the enthusiasm of the attendees at this one. To recognize these attendees for this historic event, PCC **Phil Schrack** designed a special pin that was given

to each person. Although it's almost impossible to predict the collectible strength of any pin, this one will no doubt attract a lot of attention in the future. The LITPC Board of Directors, in 2007, adopted the design as the official logo of the organization. You will see it used throughout this publication.

Lion Harry and PCC Phil provided the entire seminar on a disc that can be used by pin trading organizations throughout Lionism. The LITPC underwrote the cost and has encouraged each of the several multiple district pin trading clubs to use the discs as they are or to make adjustments to meet their local needs. The results so far have been most encouraging.



Protection of the Lions Emblem



The pictured logos are registered trademarks of Lions Clubs International (LCI). Only the Club Supplies Division of LCI or licensed manufacturers have authorization to produce and sell products bearing these trademarks. As a result of the Manassas Meeting that is documented elsewhere in this publication, the LITPC has agreed in principal to help protect these logos from being misused. If there is any doubt about purchasing items from an authorized source, the best action to take is to contact the Club Supplies Division in Oak Brook.

The basic reason why it is to the advantage of the LITPC membership to be of assistance in enforcing the trademark rights of LCI is that all revenue from the sales of items by authorized manufacturers go to help defray the cost of operating the headquarters of LCI. This in itself contributes significantly to help in keeping our dues the lowest of any like service organization in the world.

One of the worst "offenses" that we as Lions can commit is to support the use of the so-called "dog-faced" emblems that seem to crop up from time to time. If that awful-looking creature pops up in your area, we hope that you will let those responsible know that the thing is truly an embarrassment to all Lions. Should it be found on trading pins, it is obvious that the pin is what we call a "bandit" pin and

one that should be rejected by all LITPC members. As a matter of principal, all LITPC members should object to any Lion who uses unauthorized pin makers in the manufacture of pins that include the Lions emblem.

All of this coverage on the use of the Lions emblem is in keeping with our pledge during the Manassas Meeting to give wide coverage to ways we as pin traders can assist LCI in protecting this valuable trademark.

State Flags at Swaps

PDG **Jim Minnich**, Delaware, during his service to the LITPC as a Director in 2005, came up with the idea for displaying State/Province/Country flags. Lion Jim was proud of his State flag from Delaware and began displaying it as a drape in the front of his table at the various swaps he attended. Because of the positive reaction he received, he suggested that other traders might like to do the same thing by displaying their flags. Well, the idea caught on and it's a delightful addition to many swaps to walk down the aisle and witness the many colorful flags of not only the States, but in some instances, the flags of the countries of some of our members outside of North America. Costs for these colorful flags are minimal since they can be purchased on-line for as little as \$5.00. They certainly help to highlight the fact that our membership comes from all parts of North America and beyond. Here's a shot of Lion Jim at a swap in Winchester, Virginia.



Rentals of Tables and Chairs

You probably never thought of our documenting the program initiated by LCI for the rental of tables and chairs at an International Convention. Well, if you had been with us back in the 1970s when it was difficult, if not impossible, to find space at a table, you would better appreciate why this is such a big deal. There were times when there were absolutely no tables or space provided for pin traders. As you will read elsewhere in this history, we even experienced one convention in Hawaii where pin trading was reduced to those who were willing to sit on the ground outside of the convention center to trade pins. Pardon the pun, but that's all history now.

Beginning with the 2001 LCI convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, the Convention Division offered a plan to rent tables (\$25) that would be an individual's "personal spot" for the duration of the convention. In addition, a chair or stool for \$20 was included in the plan. In the past, when there were a limited number of tables available on a first-come, first-served basis, pin traders had to almost break their neck getting to the convention center each morning to find a space. To provide for a maximum number of pin traders, the tables were often divided, which left most folks with less than a full table. This new program not only was designed to improve the life for pin traders at a convention, it also helped LCI to better organize and control the space in the center for this activity. In theory, once a pin trader was assigned his/her personal table and chair, that trader did not have to worry about fighting the crowds to get to the convention center early each morning. They could walk in any time and their table and chair was awaiting them. Well, as we found out, when there is an empty chair or a vacant table in one of those centers, the temptation is just too much for some folks. Arguably, this entire program would have collapsed had it not been for the diligent efforts of our LITPC Liaison, PP Dave Harris, Virginia. Since he was instrumental in getting this very innovative program started, he was like a pit bull in protecting those tables and chairs during the first two conventions after it was initiated. Many found out that they had better be able to prove their rights to those tables or Lion Dave would "invite" them to abandon their claims.

The folks at the LCI Convention Division obtain a set of LITPC mailing labels and send an order form to every member of the LITPC, giving them the opportunity to reserve a table/chair. Although the area for pin trading is not reserved solely for LITPC members, we obviously have a tremendous advantage, thanks to the efforts of the Convention Division. The disputes over the rights of a particular table or chair is lessened by the fact that each table has the name of the individual attached to the table by LCI Convention Division personnel. If there is a dispute later, the Sergeant-at-Arms in the area can usually resolve the differences.

An added feature of this program has evolved whereby an individual representative of the LCI Convention Division meets with the pin traders on the day before the actual start of the convention to brief the traders on the procedures to be followed in the pin trading area. This also involves a walk-through of the area and the distribution of "PIN TRADER" ribbons that can be attached to the registration badges. In this connection, pin traders are also given an opportunity to obtain their badges at this same time and thus avoid the "crush" that takes place on the first day of a convention. This also permits the pin traders to enter the convention center early each morning.

All of this wonderful program adds up to just another step in the progress that we have made over the years. Cooperation between the LITPC membership and LCI has been the key to the success of every single step.



Trading Pin Area in Minneapolis at the 2009 LCI Convention

The LITPC Committees

The LITPC President is responsible for the appointment of members to the various committees deemed appropriate to oversee the various activities of the organization. There are two types of committees - - standing committees and ad-hoc committees. The ad-hoc committees generally function at the pleasure of the President and the number of such committees vary according to the determination of the President, with consent and advice by the LITPC Board of Directors. The standing committees are prescribed by LITPC policy and are outlined below.

Standing Committees

LITPC Policy 42 provides for a Legal Committee, Newsletter Committee, Policy Committee, and a Website Committee as standing committees of the LITPC. The chairperson of the standing committees shall be appointed by the LITPC President, with advice and consent of the Board of Directors. The chairpersons shall be full voting member of the LITPC Board of Directors.

Legal Committee

The Legal Committee, chaired by an active LITPC member who is also an attorney-at-law, shall be responsible for providing legal counsel on all matters brought before the LITPC Board of Directors and shall serve as a principal advisor to the LITPC President on all other matters. The first Legal Counsel, Lion Charles R. "Chuck" Weldon, California, was appointed in 1991 by President Dick Lindelof, Massachusetts. Lion Chuck served until his untimely death in 2007. President Larry Shaull, Pennsylvania, appointed PDG Robert "Bob" Libin, New York, as Legal Counsel in 2007.

Newsletter Committee

The Newsletter Committee, chaired by an Editor, shall be responsible for the publication of the official LITPC Newsletter. The committee may also be assigned other responsibilities of an editorial nature. The LITPC Editors to date have been:

Lion Jack Zepp, Ontario, Canada, 1975-1977

Lion Ken Rhinevault, Illinois, 1977-1985

Lion Bill Vaughan, Florida, 1985-1988

PCC Bill Smith, Virginia, 1988-1990

Lion Mike Barskey, California 1990-1991

PCC Bill Smith, Virginia, 1991-2009

Lion Ken Jones, Indiana, 2009 - To Present

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee is responsible for the development of all policies governing the operation of the LITPC Board of Directors and for maintaining the currency of all such policies. The LITPC Board of Directors has final approval authority of all such policies and may rescind any such policy at their discretion. The membership of this committee shall be the appointed Chairman, the two LITPC Vice Presidents, and a Director chosen by the Chairman. The Policy Chairmen to date have been:

PCC **Bill Smith**, Virginia, 1989 - 2009 Lion **Harry Fulwiler**, Virginia, 2009 - 2013 PCC **Jim Schiebel**, New York, 2013 - To Present

Website Committee

The Website Committee is responsible for the development and maintenance of the LITPC website. This committee shall be chaired by the LITPC Web Master. The LITPC President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor serve as advisers/members on the committee. Other LITPC members may be appointed by the LITPC President, as deemed necessary or appropriate. The initial website was monitored by PDG **Bob Libin**, New York. President **Chuck Weldon**, California, appointed Lion **Lane Opkins**, California, as Web Master in 2003. The position of Web Master was elevated as a voting member of the LITPC Board of Directors in 2007 when the committee was made a standing committee. Concurrently, President **Larry Shaull**, Pennsylvania, appointed PCC **Phil Schrack**, Virginia, as Web Master.

The LITPC Annual Pin Contest

In July of 1983, LITPC President **George Weaver**, Florida, directed First Vice President **Bill Smith**, Virginia, to develop a set of rules that could be used to govern the inaugural LITPC Pin Contest which President George had announced would be held during the 1984 San Francisco, California, LCI International Convention. President George was concerned that there were many pins being designed by pin traders but were not being recognized at the LCI level where an annual pin contest was conducted and judged by non-pin traders. President George felt, and the LITPC Board agreed, that peer recognition for excellence in design would only encourage more and more traders being involved in this very important aspect of our hobby. Interestingly, the initial Contest rules provided for the judging by the entire LITPC Board of Directors. Another unique rule provided for a Chinese type auction to determine who would get the pins that had been entered. The Inaugural Contest Rules are shown below. These rules are subject to change on an annual basis, and have been changed considerably.

CATEGORIES:

Multiple District Pins - District Pins - Club Pins - Personal Pins

- 1. Only LITPC members are eligible to enter this contest.
- 2. Pin MUST have been designed by the LITPC members entering the pin in the contest. If more than one LITPC member contributed to the design, the name of each member MUST be submitted.
 - 3. Pin MUST have been produced and available for trading between now and 1 April 1984.
- 4. The pin MUST be submitted to the Judging Committee by midnight 15 April 1984. Send all entries to Lion Bill Smith, 1st Vice President LITPC, 5394 Summit Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.
 - 5. Pin MUST be an original design.
- 6. Pins which depict commercial products (e.g. food items, beverages, trademark items, etc.) MUST be accompanied with a copy of the authorization letter from the commercial organization concerned.
- 7. Only the pins produced by the Pin Makers authorized by Lions Clubs International will be considered for judging. The authorized pin makers are shown in the Lions Supply Catalog. The name of the Pin Maker of each pin submitted for judging MUST be furnished the judging Committee at the time the pin is submitted.
- 8. Preliminary judging will be conducted by a panel of LITPC members chosen by the Judging Committee Chairman. The top five (5) pins in each category will be selected for final judging. Final judging will be conducted by the LITPC Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting in San Francisco.
 - 9. All pins submitted become the property of LITPC. No pins will be returned.
- 10. One separate "Chinese" auction will be conducted at the Annual Breakfast Meeting of LITPC in San Francisco. The winner of the auction will receive the complete set of ALL of the pins submitted for judging. Bids at the auction will be in \$1.00 increments, with the maximum number of bids not to exceed the number of members in attendance at the breakfast. Individual members may make as many bids as desired. The proceeds from the auction will be used to offset the cost of the awards for winning entries. All excess monies will be donated to LCIF in the name of LITPC.
- 11. An appropriate plaque will be awarded to the winner in each category.
- 12. This contest is conducted solely for members of LITPC and should not be confused with the trading pin contest conducted by Lions Clubs International, which is open to all Lions and Lioness and is judged by non-LITPC judges.
- 13. LITPC Members can enter as many separate pins as designed during the period of the contest and in as many categories as appropriate.

It is noteworthy to mention that the first Contest in San Francisco was not a smashing success. It had to be assumed that the novel ideal of having our own contest just did not capture the imagination of all that many members. As a result, we can report that there was barely enough money collected from the Chinese Auction to purchase the plaques for the winners. Consequently, there was no surplus of funds for LCIF. However, thanks to President George's leadership and his strong desire to be able to recognize the expertise within our own ranks, the Contest continued the following year and has grown in volume continuously since its inception. One of the major changes that has led to so much success is the elimination of the "Chinese Auction" concept. The Contest pins are now raffled and all the proceeds are first used to pay for the plaques and the remainder to help offset the costs incurred by the LITPC during the conduct of activities at the LCI conventions.

We normally would have included a copy of the rules as they are at the present. However, the rules are constantly being changed, almost on a yearly basis and showing them here would serve no useful purpose.

The Annual LITPC Pin Raffle

An accounting of the LITPC Annual Pin Contest would certainly not be complete without documenting the Pin Raffle that



Terry Smith

goes hand-in-hand with the overall success of this event. The first question that was raised when the Pin Contest was originally conceived was how are we going to afford to buy plaques or other mementos to give to the winners in each category. Being Lions at heart, it didn't take long to strike on the idea of raffling the winning entries and then using the money raised to purchase the plaques. In the beginning, as is the case with any new venture like this, the income from the raffle was barely enough to cover the overall cost of running such a Contest. It was at this point that then President Bill Smith asked his wife, Terry, if she would take charge and recruit some of the other ladies to help her in "sweet-talking" the pin traders who were in attendance at the Breakfast to buy the raffle tickets. It didn't take but one convention to convince the LITPC leadership that "this is the way to go". Over the years, Terry has volunteered to head up this activity and the results continue to amaze everyone. The ladies not only raise enough money to pay for the plaques, they provide us with a reliable source of income to help offset some of the other costs that are involved in running a first-class Breakfast each year. At a recent convention, the income from this raffle exceeded \$1,000, which went a long way in helping the LITPC

to offset the cost of subsidizing the meals. In this connection, it should be noted that the LITPC has, beginning with the LCI Convention in Boston, subsidized some very expensive meals. The LITPC Board is convinced that their Annual Breakfast is the "glue" that holds the organization together at such events. Without the Breakfast, there would be no other way to pull everyone together in one audience to conduct the annual elections and other business of the organization. Also, the "warm, fuzzy feeling" that most everyone gets from these events is almost impossible to duplicate in any other setting. To make all this happen, it takes some extra money, and without a doubt, the tremendous success of the Annual Pin Raffle has provided us with an invaluable source of income. All the thanks for the success of the Raffle go to the wonderful ladies who seem to thoroughly enjoy enticing a few extra dollars out of the already generous pin traders. Thanks a bunch, ladies!!!!

LITPC CONTEST WINNERS

1984

Best Multiple District Pin - Ken Fike, Alabama Best District Pin - Argene Hodge, Texas Best Personal Pin - Al Stack, California Best Club Pin - Peter Giffin, Ontario, Canada

1985

No Data Available

1986

Best District Pin - Bob Huckelberry, Washington
Best Club Set - Larry Anderson, Colorado
Best Personal Pin - Curt Barnhill, Virginia
Best Personal Pin Set - Bill Shaw, Michigan & Harry Fulwiler, Virginia (Tie)

1987

Best Multiple District & District Pin - Bob Huckelberry, Washington Best District Set - George Weaver, Florida Best Club Pin - Bill Cooper, Missouri Best Club Set - Joe Lipomi, Virginia Best Personal Pin - Sandy Hodge, Texas

Best Personal Pin Set - George Weaver, Florida Best Pin Trading Club Pin - Harry Fulwiler, Virginia

1988

Best District Pin - Bob Huckelberry, Washington

Best Club Pin - Bill Cooper, Missouri

Best Lioness Pin - Hilda Weaver, Florida

Best Personal Pin - Dr. O.J. Rarcliff, Arkansas

Best Personal Pin Set - Larry Shaull and Amos Shatzer, Pennsylvania

Best Pin Trading Club - Dick Lindelof, Massachusetts

1989

Best District Pin - Bob Huckelberry, Washington

Best Club Pin - Tom Irons, Massachusetts

Best Club Set - George Weaver, Florida

Best Lioness Pin - Betty Shaw, Michigan

Best Personal Pin - Bob Huckelberry, Washington

Best Pin Trading Club Pin - Paul Viano, Massachusetts

1990

Best Multiple District Pin - Bob Walker, South Carolina

Best Club Pin - Dutch Blair, Pennsylvania

Best Lioness Pin - Dorothy Fogelman, Washington

Best Personal Pin - (Tie) Bill Shaw, Michigan, and Bruce Strome, Ohio

Best Personal Pin Set - Larry Shaull and Amos Shatzer, Pennsylvania

Best Pin Trading Club Pin - Paul Viano, Massachusetts

1991

Best District Pin - Don Montlack, New York

Best Club Pin - Bill Pieper, Arizona

Best Club Pin Set - Larry Shaull, Pennsylvania

Best Lioness Pin - Kaye Stack, California

Best Personal Pin - Al Stack, California

Best Personal Pin Set - Larry Shaull and Amos Shatzer, Pennsylvania

Best Pin Trading Club Pin - Frank Mihalik, Michigan

1992

Best Multiple District Pin/Set - Bob Walker, South Carolina

Best District Pin/Set - Bill Collins, Texas

Best Club Pin - Bill Pieper, Arizona

Best Club Pin Set - Larry Hammond, California

Best Lioness Club Pin - Dorothy Fogelman, Washington

Best Personal Pin - Joe Hinton, California

Best Personal Pin Set - Larry Shaull and Amos Shatzer, Pennsylvania

Best Pin Trading Club Pin/Set-Terry Boldt, Iowa

1993

Best Multiple District Pin/Set - Harold Fryman, Ohio

Best District Pin/Set - Larry Shaull, Pennsylvania

Best Club Pin - Art Strader, Virginia

Best Club Pin Set - Dutch Blair, Pennsylvania

Best Personal Pin - Curt Barnhill, North Carolina

Best Personal Pin Set - Tim McCaulley, Pennsylvania, Bill Prucha and Angelo Strazzante, Illinois

Best Completed Set/Series - Bob Walker, South Carolina

Best Pin Trading Club Pin/Set - Terry Boldt, Iowa

1994

Best Multiple District Pin/Set - Paul Viano, Massachusetts

Best District Pin/Set - Francis Wall, Pennsylvania

Best Club Pin - Bill and Gerri Pieper, Arizona

Best Club Pin Set - Harry Fulwiler, Virginia

Best Personal Pin - (Tie), Bob Anderson, California, and Bob Meyer, Tennessee

Best Personal Set - Al and Kaye Stack, California

Best Completed Set/Series - Tim McCaulley, Pennsylvania, Bill Prucha and Angelo Strazzante, Illinois

Best Pin Trading Club Pin/Set - Bill Phifer, New Mexico

1995

Best Multiple District Pin/Set - Paul Viano, Massachusetts

Best District Pin/Set - Bill Karcher,-Washington

Best Club Pin - Paul Smith, North Carolina

Best Club Pin Set - George St Amend, Ontario, Canada

Best Lioness Pin - Donna Evans, Virginia

Best Personal Pin - Bob Meyer, Tennessee

Best Personal Pin Set - Terry Boldt, Iowa

Best Completed Set/Series - Paul Viano, Massachusetts

1996

Best Multiple District Pin/Set - Larry Hammond, California

Best District Pin/Set - George Weaver, Florida

Best Personal Pin - Argene Hodge, Texas

No other awards given

1997

Best Multiple District Pin - Joe Trezza, California

Best District Pin - Bob Leininger, Iowa

Best Club Pin - Chuck Sanderson, Colorado

Best Club Pin Set - Jay Puls, California

Best Personal Pin - Charles Jennings, Missouri

Best Personal Pin Set - Argene and Sandy Hodge, Texas

Best Overall Pin Set Not Otherwise Covered - Lionel Frame, Australia

Best Completed Set/Series - Reg Gemmill, Pennsylvania

Best Pin Trading Club Pin - Joe Trezza, California

1998

Best Multiple District Pin - Joe Trezza, California

Best Multiple District Set - Larry Hammond, California

Best District Pin - Kenneth Reed, Iowa

Best Club Pin - Francis Hensel, Ohio

Best Personal Pin - Dave Harris, Virginia

Best Personal Pin Set - Ken Straus, Ontario, Canada

Best Overall Pin Set Not Otherwise Covered - Terry Boldt and Yogi Braet, Iowa

Best Completed Set/Series - George Weaver, Florida

Best Pin Trading Club Pin - Terry Boldt and Yogi Braet, Iowa

1999

Best Multiple District - Larry Hammond, California

Best District Pin - Larry Hammond, California

Best Club Pin - Milton Kaderli, Texas

Best Personal Pin - (Tie) Two Entries by Bill Smith, Virginia

Best Personal Pin Set - Kaye Stack, California

Best Completed Set/Series - Chuck Weldon, California

Best Overall Set Not Otherwise Covered - Bob Leininger, Iowa

Best Pin Trading Club Pin - Doris Patke, Oregon

2000

Best Multiple District Pin - John Talone, Rhode Island

Best District Pin - Mick Kline, Pennsylvania

Best Club Pin - Milton Kaderli, Texas

Best Personal Pin - Mick Kline, Pennsylvania

Best Personal Pin Set - Bob and Marian Libin, Dan Ryan, and Jim Schiebel, New York

Best Completed Set/Series - Larry Shaull, Pennsylvania

Best Overall Set Not Otherwise Covered - Larry Hammond, California

Best Pin Trading Club Pin - Bart Phillips, Idaho

2001

Best Multiple District Pin - Don Caauwe, Nebraska

Best Club Pin - Robert Jackson, Illinois

Best Personal Pin - Tom Johnston, Missouri

Best Personal Pin Set - Bob Hoover, Oregon

Best Completed Set/Series - Larry Anderson and Bill Sour, Colorado

Best Overall Set Not Otherwise Covered - Harvey Rose, California

Best Pin Trading Club Pin - Bob Hoover, Oregon

2002

No Data Available

2003

Best Multiple District Pin - Ed Harris, Nevada

Best District Pin, Joe Hinton - California

Best District Set - Bob Woomer, Florida

Best Personal Pin - Oddie Lilgreen, Minnesota

Best Personal Pin Set - Kaye Stack, California

Best Completed Set/Series - Bill Hadden, Henry Reeves, Bill Wood, Virginia

Best Overall Set Not Otherwise Covered - Don Caauwe, Nebraska

Best Pin Trading Club Pin - Bart Phillips, Idaho

2004

Best Multiple District Pin - Don Caauwe, Nebraska

Best District Pin - Joe Hinton, California

Best Club Pin - Bill Smith, Virginia

Best Personal Pin - Dickie Wood, Virginia

Best Personal Set - Jimmy Thompson, Texas

Best Personal Pin Set by 5 or Less Traders - John Leggett, England

Best Personal Pin Set by 6 or More Traders - Tom Johnston, Missouri

Best Pin Trading Club Pin - Bill Phifer, New Mexico

2005

Best Multiple District Pin - Don Wagner, Georgia

Best District Pin - John Leggett, England

Best Club Pin - Bob Thompson, Virginia

Best Personal Pin - Pete Kosmopoluos, Florida

Best Personal Pin Set - Deryck Chambers, England

Best Personal Pin Set by 5 or Less Traders - John Leggett, England

Best Personal Pin Set by 6 or More Traders - John Leggett, England

Best Completed Set/Series - Don Caauwe, Nebraska

Best Pin Trading Club Pin - Marvin Hankinson, New York

2006

Best Multiple District Pin - Harry Fulwiler and Bill Smith, Virginia

Best District Pin/Set - Joe Hinton, California

Best Club Pin/Set - Norma Shoemaker, Virginia

Best Personal Pin - Bill Hadden, Virginia

Best Personal Pin Set - Jimmy Thompson, Texas

Best Personal Pin/Set by a Group - Mark Mahovlich, Ontario, Canada

Best Special Projects Pin - Deryck Chambers, England

Best Pin Trading Club Pin/Set - Larry Shaull, Pennsylvania

2007

Best Multiple District Pin/Set - Marcia Shaull, Pennsylvania

Best District Pin - Gene Miller, Pennsylvania

Best Club Pin/Set - Harry Fulwiler, Virginia

Best Personal Pin - Lana McCaulley, Pennsylvania

Best Personal Pin Set - Bob Libin, New York

Best Personal Pin Set by a Group - Bob Thompson, Virginia

Best Special Projects Pin - John Leggett, England

Best Pin Trading Club Pin/Set - (Tie) Susan Evans, Virginia, Yves Leveille, Quebec, Canada, and Jim Schiebel, New York

2008

Best Multiple District Pin/Set - Trish Holmes and Curt Fitch, Connecticut

Best District Pin/Set - Randy Taylor, Utah

Best Club Pin/Set - Jim Moffit, Idaho

Best Personal Pin - Jim Minnich, Delaware

Best Personal Pin Set - Jimmy Thompson, Texas

Best Personal Pin Set by a Group - John Leggett, England

Best Special Projects Pin/Set - John Holland, Nevada

Best Pin Trading Club Pin/Set - Yogi Braet, Iowa

2009

Best Multiple District Pin/Set - Paul Viano, Massachusetts

Best District Pin/Set - Rod Wright, MD-N

Best Club Pin/Set - Bill Smith, Virginia

Best Personal Pin - Verle Malik, Virginia

Best Personal Pin Set - Jim DeRouchey, Texas

Best Persona Pin Set by a Group - Phil Sharpe, Virginia

Best Special Projects Pin/Set - Rich Koch, Wisconsin

Best Pin Trading Club Pin/Set - Harry Fulwiler, Virginia

2010

Best Multiple District Pin/Set - Mike Gutyan, Indiana

Best District Pin/Set - Clive Reid, Australia

Best Club Pin/Set - Rich Koch, Wisconsin

Best Personal Pin - Rich Koch, Wisconsin

Best Personal Pin Set - George Weaver, Florida

Best Personal Pin Set by a Group - Fred Leach, Virginia

Best Trading Pin Club Pin - Joe Trezza, California

Best Special Projects Pin/Set - Clara Crawford, Tennessee

2011

Best Multiple District Pin/Set - Mike Gutyan, Indiana

Best District Pin/Set - Robert Kelsey, Pennsylvania

Best Club Pin/Set - Rich Koch, Wisconsin

Best Personal Pin - Clive Reed, Australia

Best Personal Pin Set - Dan Ryan, New York

Best Personal Pin Set by a Group - Jim DeRouchey, Texas

Best Trading Pin Club Pin - Joe Trezza, California

Best Special Project Pin - Rich Koch, Wisconsin

2012

Best Multiple District Pin or Set - Mike Gutyan, Indiana

Best District Pin or Set - Bill Smith, Virginia

Best Lion or Lioness Pin or Set - Rich Koch, Wisconsin

Best Personal Pin - Doug Bailer, West Virginia

Best Personal Pin Set Individual - Larry Anderson, Colorado

Best Personal Pin Set Group - Larry Shaull, Pennsylvania

Best Trading Pin Club - Cathy Walton, Florida

Best Special Project Pin - LITPC Plant a Tree - Rich Koch, Wisconsin

2013

Best Multiple District Pin or Set - Harry Fulwiler, Virginia

Best District Pin/Set - Al LeMaire, Michigan

Best Lion or Lioness Pin or Set - Bill Guthrie, Minnesota

Best Personal Pin - John Gillham, Tasmania, Australia

Best Personal Pin Set by an Individual - Larry Anderson, Colorado

Best Personal Pin Set by a Group - Mark Mahovlich - Ontario, Canada

Best Trading Pin Club Pin/Set - Joe Trezza, California

Best Special Projects Pin - John Leggett, Lincoln, England

2014

Best Multiple District Pin or Set - Gary Boisseau

Best District Pin/Set - Rich Koch, Wisconsin

Best Lion or Lioness Pin/Set - Rich Koch, Wisconsin

Best Personal Pin - Ed Barry, Texas

Best Personal Pin Set by an Individual or Group - Don and Meg Ager - New Hampshire

Best Trading Pin Club Pin/Set - Phil Dzurnak, Connecticut

Best Special Projects Pin - Rich Koch, Wisconsin

2015

Best Multiple District Pin or Set - Mel Tom, Hawaii

Best District Pin/Set - PDG Joe Hinton, California

Best Lion or Lioness Pin/Set - Marcia Guthrie, Minnesota

Best Personal Pin - PDG Lance Leak, Australia

Best Personal Pin/Set by an Individual - Tim McCaulley, Pennsylvania

Best Personal Pin/Set by a Group - Ed Barry, Texas

Best Trading Pin Club Pin/Set - PDG Ron Jordan, Missouri

Best Special Projects Pin - Jay Puls, California

2016

Best Multiple District Pin or Set - PDG Shirley Roberts, United Kingdom

Best District Pin/Set - PDG Joe Hinton, California

Best Lions/Lioness Pin/Set - Marcia Guthrie, Minnesota

Best Personal Pin - Barbara Anderson, Colorado

Best Personal Pin/Set by an Individual - PDG Larry Anderson, Colorado

Best Personal Pin/Set by a Group - Jim DeRouchey, Texas

Best Trading Pin Club Pin/Set - ID Bob Libin, New York

Best Special Projects Pin - PDG Frank Tucker - Nebraska