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A separate catalog has been developed for each of the Lions Single and Multiple Districts within the pin trading community. Up until now, the approach to documenting the pins for these entities has been limited to those pins generally accepted as the "official" pins that are issued on an annual basis. The categories were the regular issues, mini pins, prestige pins, and the Lionesses and Leo pins for each entity. Other pins that have been issued, either with or without the blessing of the various Council of Governors, have been ignored for the most part. In some instances, the publishers of pin catalogs have alluded to this last category of pins but have not provided visual evidence of them. This invariably leads to many question when the pins surface within the pin trading community. To eliminate as much confusion as possible and in response to numerous inquiries about these pins, we are committed to document ALL pins that have or appear to have been authorized within a given multiple or single district within the pin trading community. When there is a question about the authenticity of a particular pin, we make a notation to that effect. Also, we make notes, when appropriate, about unusual circumstances regarding both the "official" pins as well as the other pins.

Hopefully, the above will explain the unusual approach to our documenting ALL pins that can be construed as being "official" issues of a given entity. For instance, when a pin includes a name like "TEXAS" or has wording like "MD-2", along with the Lions emblem, we have included those in the appropriate catalog and have provided a commentary about them. They are not the "official" pin for the given entity, but are collectible and are included in many traders' collections. One should not assume that by our including these pins that we encouraging their issue in the future. We merely are trying to document the pins of our hobby and to eliminate the confusion that can be caused by the issue of some of the less than official issues.

The uniqueness of our approach to documenting the pins should clearly differentiate these catalogs from all existing ones. It is NOT our intent to discourage others from issuing catalogs and we do not view our catalogs as being in competition with any others. There were clearly two pioneers in the issuance of catalogs for multiple and single district pins. In the black and white era, PDG Amos Shatzer of Pennsylvania was the dominant force. The first known color approach was Lion Joe Trezza of California. Neither one of these catalogs are being maintained at the present. The pioneer work of these Lions has been very helpful in completing these catalogs. In recent years, Lion Verle Malik of Virginia has been responsible for a truly outstanding presentation on his personal web site and, if you are one of his "customers", we encourage you to continue. At the present time, Lion Verle charges a very reasonable fee for users of his web pages.

The catalogs that follow are presented in alphabetical order, beginning with Alabama and ending with Wyoming. The pins for the several numerical districts such as MD-22 and MD-37 can be found at the end of the "M" catalogs.

If you feel that we have mislabeled an item or that we have included incorrect data, we encourage you to let us know. Also, if we have left something out that you feel would enhance the presentation, we would like to know. In this connection, you should address your inquiries to the LITPC Web Master. It is not our intention to include sample pins in these catalog. If we show a pin that can be proven to be a sample, please notify us so that it may be removed.