

Scout Leader Pins

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Part 2 - Varieties of Hat, Collar and Lapel Pins

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VARIETIES OF HAT AND COLLAR PINS - 1920-1968 SCOUTMASTER/ASSISTANT; SPL/JASM; WREATH PINS



Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster

Four major types exist for Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster. The First Class (FC) series of SM/ASM pins uses the first three varieties. [A rare variety has been found that resembles SPL variety #5 below.] (The fourth variety has been found in First Class ASM pins.) All round SM/ASM pins use the TNC13 variety. In all cases, silver denotes Scoutmaster and gold denotes Assistant Scoutmaster. (NOTE: These distinctions do not apply to lapel pins.)



SQUATTY CROWN, LARGE STARS (SCLS5) below wings pointing up, **five stars** in shield, dark green color. Exists with screw post back. Both squatty crown versions have a larger gap from the scroll to the FDL and a smaller scroll. Believed to be issued from 1920 to circa 1928. A Type 5.5 SCLS5 has been found which indicates that perhaps they were issued as late as 1933.

	<p>SQUATTY CROWN, MEDIUM STARS (SCMS0) below wings pointing up, zero stars in shield, cut out scroll above the BE and ED in the scroll. Exists with screw post, unknown if it has vertical locking clasp variety. Seen in both SM and ASM light green so far. RARE. For a similar but not identical badge, see the Senior Patrol Leader variety #5. Estimated to be circa 1924-28, based on presence of VICTORY screw back. There are conflicting clues here, any assistance would be appreciated.</p>
	<p>SQUATTY CROWN, SMALL STARS (SCSS4) below wings pointing up, four stars in shield. Exists with screw post and vertical locking clasp. Comes in dark and light green shades. Screw post believed to be issued from circa 1928 to circa 1930, vertical locking clasp circa 1930-34.</p>
	<p>TALL WIDE CROWN, WIDE SHOULDER, LARGE STARS (TWC7) below wings on an angle, seven stars in the shield. Vertical locking clasp. Circa 1934-1937. Note also the larger scroll with less gap to the bottom of the FDL. Some people use this as a distinguishing characteristic.</p>
	<p>TNC13 ASM. Very few of these exist, and are believed to have been produced in 1938 only.</p>
	<p>TALL NARROW CROWN, SMALL STARS (TNC13) below wings on an angle, two rows of stars (13 dots) in the shield. Mounted on a green circle, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA around the edge. Circa 1938 until 1968. For circular pins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. First pins are believed to be a rotating lock (1938-??). B. Next pins are believed to be similar to a safety pin, during World War II. C. Next pins are believed to be a crude bent wire clasp, also during World War II and perhaps immediately afterward. D. Final pins are believed to return to the rotating lock, from about 1948-circa 1956. E. Dual clutch back, circa 1956-68. <p>(See Glossary for illustrations.)</p>

	<p>LAYMAN ONLY, SQUATTY CROWN, 13 SHIELD STARS (6/7), THICK KNOT. Two upright stars of Truth and Knowledge, relatively large. The upper row of stars is six, the lower seven, and somewhat uneven. I think this may be the first edition of the Layman pin beginning in 1927. It is illustrated in the 1935 catalog. Line drawings appear to have been used before. I also have a record of a TWC7 version, but no photo.</p>
	<p>LAYMAN TNC13. This is the most common front, essentially unchanged, believed to be from 1938 on. We have found these with screw back, locking pin, safety pin and dual post, vertical and horizontal. In addition, I have a photo of a painted version which may be a squatty crown variety.</p>



Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

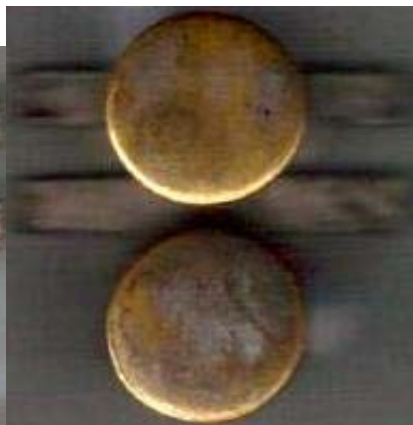
Paul Myers has identified the following kinds of SPL hat pins. They follow the same general pattern above, with slight variation. Observe the several different kinds of stars, upright or slanting, and several different shapes and sizes. These have the widest variety. Dave Paterson has looked carefully at a number of these pins, found a new one, and persuaded me of a couple changes. These and other changes are in blue, of course.

1. SCMS5 (silver 1st Class with enamel in First Class, squatty crown, upright **medium** stars beneath the wings, **five** stars in shield) in dark green enamel, with a dual screw post back (uncommon, 5-6 minimum are known). Not made in JASM. A silver SPL badge is mentioned in the May 6, 1920 catalog.

1A. SCMS5 (bronze 1st Class with enamel in First Class, squatty crown, upright **medium** stars beneath the wings, **five** stars in shield) in dark green enamel, with either double or single screw post back (rare). Not made in JASM. Paul Pindel sent the double post photos.



#1 front w/enamel



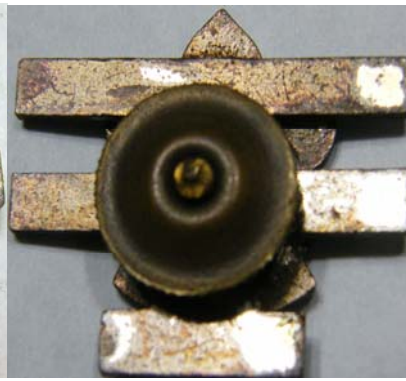
#1 reverse two posts



#1A front w/enamel



#1A back w/2 posts



#1A back w/1 post



#2 SCLS5 dk grn

2 and 2A. SCLS5 no enamel on dark green enamel, with a single screw post back. Some have slightly different large stars. The November 1921 catalog illustration does not show any enamel on the First Class badge. JASM pins in gold were made after 1926. SCLS5 were made by N. S. Meyer & Co., a company that is still in existence.

2B. SCLS5 no enamel on light green enamel, with screw post back. JASM not yet seen.

3. SCSS4 (silver 1st Class, squatty crown, upright small stars beneath the wings, **four** stars in shield) in dark green enamel, screw post back. Paul sees three stars, I see four stars and a poor die. JASM pins in gold were made.



#2 SCLS5 slightly different



#2a SCLS5 lt grn



#3 SCSS4 silver dk grn

4. SCSS4 silver in light green enamel. JASM pins in gold were made.

5. SCMS4 (silver 1st Class, squatty crown, upright **medium** stars beneath wings, [thinner than large stars, taller than small stars]), light green enamel, screw post back. Note that the scroll is cut out just above the B and D. He sees three stars, I have four. No corresponding JASM yet found. [6/15/14, I think I found one.](#)



#4 SCSS4 silver lt grn



#5 SCMS4 silver lt green



#5 Myers

5.5 SCLS5 (gold 1st Class), light green enamel, screw post back, no cut-out scroll. The JASM pin has been seen. This particular variety leads me to believe that there were two manufacturers operating roughly simultaneously for the later part of the 20s/early 30s. The SPL SCLS5 variety came after the switch from silver to gold in 1933. This indicates that N. S. Meyer continued to make these simultaneously with the SCSS4 version. Perhaps it was just a matter of who bid the lowest on the next lot.

6. SCSS4 (gold 1st Class), light green enamel, screw post back, beginning 1933. This also has the cut-out scroll. JASM pins in gold were made.

7. TWC7 (gold 1st Class, tall wide crown, wide shoulders, larger stars on an angle beneath the wings, seven stars in shield) in light green enamel, single screw post. JASM pins were made. Beginning about 1934.



#5.5 SCLS5 gold

#6 SCSS4 gold

#7 TWC7

8. TNC13 (gold 1st Class, tall narrow crown, stars on an angle beneath the wings, 13 stars [dots] in the shield) in light green enamel, single screw post. TNC13 1st Class are 1/8" shorter than TWC7. JASM pins were made. Beginning about 1938.

9. TNC13 in light green paint, horizontal crude clasp. Believed to be war years, beginning about 1942, ending in 1945. JASM pins were made.



#8 TNC13 screw

#9 TNC13 painted/pin

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster Pins all have gold FDLs and come in the following types: #2 SCLS5 dark green; #3 SCSS4 dark and #4 light green; #5.5 SCLS5 light green; #6 SCSS4 light green cut out scroll; #7 TWC7; #8 TNC13 screw; #9 TNC13 painted/pin. Some #4 made by Robbins Co.

Wreath Pins, Commissioner and Professional

The same pattern of SCLS5, SCSS4, TWC7 and TNC13 follows in the wreath pins. To make the comparison somewhat easier, I have here several enlarged scans of wreath pins, detailing the differences. See the glossary for illustrations of the wreath pin backs.

	<div style="text-align: center;">  Five Star </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Four Star </div>	
<p>SCLS5. Squatty crown, large stars upright below wings, five stars in shield. Believed to be the first type, from circa 1920-1928 (26-30). Comes with unsupported screw back only.</p>	<p>Five stars vs. four stars. The two very enlarged scans show what five and four stars look like. Use a 10X glass. As the dies wore, some stars filled in, but the central star in the five is a key identifier.</p>	<p>SCSS4. Squatty crown, small stars upright below wings, four stars in shield. Believed to be the second type, from circa 1928 to 1934. This example with unsupported screw back.</p>
		
<p>SCSS4. Squatty crown small stars with four stars in shield. This example with horizontal locking pin. Unsupported back.</p>	<p>TWC7. Tall wide crown, large stars slanted below wings, seven stars in shield. Sometimes called “wide shoulders.” Has a small gap and large scroll. Third type, 1934-37. Horizontal locking pin with unsupported back.</p>	<p>TNC13 US. Tall narrow crown, small stars slanted below wings, thirteen stars in shield. Fourth type, first variety, about 1938. Unsupported (US) was the initial issue for a short time. Horizontal locking pin.</p>
		<p>Note: The SCMS0 variety has not been seen in commissioner or professional pins.</p>
<p>TNC13 VS. Tall narrow crown, small slanted stars, 13 in shield. Fourth type, second variety, 1938-<1954.</p>	<p>TNC13 FS. Tall narrow crown, small slanted stars, 13 in shield. Fourth type, third variety, <1954-68. First Class pin is</p>	


Vertical bar support (VS) visible in scan provided needed rigidity. Vertical crude bent wire pin.	attached to a full smaller backing for support (FS). Has three different pins, bent wire (rarely), horizontal locking, and dual post or clutch.
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Rover Hat Pins






		
Type 1. Relatively large S on the shield. TWC style crown, though 13 stars. Vertical locking pin, smooth back.	Type 2. Smaller S on shield. TNC style crown, 13 stars. Vertical crude pin, hole in back.	1970s. Kentucky Rover crews who continued after BSA abolished Rover Scouting. Not official. Clutch back.






VARIETIES OF LAPEL PINS 1920-1954

Lapel pin varieties are a problem! There are a lot of them! In George's relatively small collection, there are few duplicate varieties. We're sure that other varieties will surface as collectors tell us about them. Send George a color scan at a minimum of 300 DPI, and a verbal description as well, please. The varieties we know about are shown and described below. One of the key identifiers is the number of stars and stripes in the shield. It will often take a 10X glass to see this. We have expanded the scans, but these are best viewed at 200%. Lapel pins were discontinued before 1954 (but some later resurrected). In the June 1, 1954 *Official Uniforms and Equipment* some offices have miniature pins, some do not, within the same class of offices, indicating a clearance of those left in stock. The January 1, 1956 booklet had none. It is not often remembered that wives of Scouters were authorized to wear the lapel pin of their husband's badge of office as a recognition of their support.

	“(...cut-out pattern ... Sold only to First-class Scouts and Commissioned Scout officials.) No 37. ...oxidized sterling silver. Used by First-class Patrol Leaders.” 1921 Catalog.
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	<p>Enamel First Class (FC), wire knot, 15x11mm, RWB shield 13? stars (hard to count), 5 stripes, upright “Truth and Knowledge,” dark green, believed early, 1920-circa 1930. Seen in SM (silver/dark green), ASM (gold/dark green) and troop committee (gold/blue).</p>
	<p>Enamel FC, wire knot, 15x11mm, RWB shield, 13? stars (hard to count), 5 stripes, upright “truth and knowledge,” light green, believed later, circa 1930-34. Seen in SM and ASM. Troop committee pin would have changed by this time.</p>
	<p>Enamel FC, wire knot, 17x12mm, RWB shield 12 stars, 5 stripes, slanted “truth and knowledge,” light green matches later collar pins, circa 1934-1938. The stars of truth and knowledge match the TWC collar pins, which is why I conclude the time of issue is about the same. Seen in SM and ASM.</p>
	<p>Enamel FC cast knot, 14mm, shield damaged, likely RWB, 2 stars, 3 stripes</p>
	<p>FC cast knot, 16mm, 21 stars, 5 stripes, squatty crown, clear stars 2 points to wing (ASM)</p>
	<p>FC cast knot, 16mm, 9 blob stars, 5 stripes (Layman)</p>

	<p>FC cast knot, 15mm, 21 stars, 5 stripes, 2 upside down stars (JASM)</p>
	<p>FC cast knot, 15mm, 8 stars, tall crown, blob stars (Used on JASM pin, 1948-1954) (ASM)</p>
	<p>FC cast knot, 15mm, 21 stars (3/9/9), 5 stripes, 1 upside down, one slant star (SM)</p>
	<p>Round, FC cast knot, 15mm, 13 stars, 9 stripes, 2 clear upright stars (Layman)</p>
	<p>Outfit and Explorer lapel pins. The top left is an Advisor pin. Note the all silver color and blue enamel on the FDL. The top right is an Assistant Advisor, note the all gold color and blue enamel on the FDL. The second row center is a very rare red Advisor tie clasp medallion of the same general make. I have notes that there were lapel pins for EA and AA in red. The lower middle left is the blue universal pin (prior to 1954), note the gold FDL and silver wings/anchor. The lower middle right is the red universal pin (1954-58), note the same gold FDL and silver wings/anchor. It has been observed on a chain tie clasp as well. In addition, bottom, there is a similar Silver Award lapel pin (1949-54), without any enamel and the wings protruding as they do on the cloth badge and the medal.</p>

	
	<p>Wreath, FC cast knot, 15mm, 5 stars, 3 stripes, 2 upside down stars (SE).</p>
	<p>Post-1970 Lapel Pins, Tie Tacs and Tie Bars The “plain language” commissioner and other emblems came out in 1970. Lapel pins/tie tacs and tie bars came out in blue in the two years following. In 1973, commissioner and professional badges were produced with a red background. We see mostly tie tacs, but a tie tac could be used as a lapel pin. I have not been able to find any of these in the catalogs of the day.</p>
<p>1. Post-1970 plain text lapel pin (Council President) 2. Post-1970 Council Past President tie tac. 3. Institutional Representative tie tac.</p>	<p>1.  2.  3. </p>
<p>4. Post-1973 Council Commissioner tie tac. 5. 1970-1973 District Commissioner tie bar. 6. Post-1973 Assistant District Commissioner tie tac.</p>	<p>4.  5.  6. </p>
<p>7. Post-1973 National Executive Staff tie tac. 8. Post-1973 Scout Executive tie tac.</p>	<p>7.  8. </p>

<p>9. Post 1973 Council Executive Staff tie tac. 10. District Executive Staff. This is an actual pin.</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>9.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>10.</p> </div> </div>

This monograph is continued in Part 3. We have broken it up for easier downloading.

We hope this exposition has been of interest. As you can see, there are still some gaps to fill in. If you have information that would help, please contact George at George@Crowl.org or 832-467-1998 or 16213 Congo Ln, Jersey Village, TX 77040-2011.

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