

CACHE VALLEY COUNCIL CSPs: AN OVERVIEW

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The CSPs of the Cache Valley Council, when compared to those of other Councils, are among the most sought after and difficult to find in mint condition. They are also among the most expensive whenever they come available on an auction bid list which is rare. In this writer's opinion, they are grossly overprice. The Cache Valley Council is one of the first councils to issue a shoulder patch beginning in 1957. Although it was not meant to be a JSP, Cache Valley Council's first CSP was issued in time for the 1957 Jamboree and was the only council represented at the Jamboree with its members wearing a CSP. The first patches were simple in design with a cut edge. The original beaver logo continues to the present time. After extensive research, I discovered and verified an error concerning the first Cache Valley Council CSPs in Prince Watkins' very fine publication, "A Guide to Collecting CSPs". Prince had T-01a and T-01b reversed. The 12mm COUNCIL letters issue actually came first. You'll notice that the 10.5mm COUNCIL letters cut edge and rolled edge red and whites are nearly identical in design and location of the beaver. They all have the beaver's hump located between the words CACHE and VALLEY. In contrast, the 12mm COUNCIL letters issue has the beaver's hump under the V in VALLEY and the beaver is larger and a slightly different design. Also, pictures of 1957 Jamboree participants from the Cache Valley Council clearly show the 12mm COUNCIL variety on the uniforms. I discussed this with Prince and he agreed to make the change. Unfortunately, he passed away before he was able to revise his guide. The cut edge varieties, of which there were two, were issued until 1962 when the original design was continued except with a merrowed border. The merrowed border red and white CSP also exists in a no-twill variety. There were only an estimated 1500 of the cut edge varieties and about 2000 of the merrowed border red and whites including varieties. This is a relatively small amount when you consider most of them ended up on uniforms with few being saved in mint condition. The first fully embroidered Cache Valley Council CSP appeared early in 1970 and is commonly referred to as the high-dome or high-arc skinny beaver. This CSP also had a relatively small issue (about 1000) and is extremely difficult to locate in mint condition, even for collectors living in Cache Valley. To my knowledge, collectors living in Cache Valley possessing a mint specimen can be numbered on the fingers of one hand. Some collectors believe the high-dome skinny beaver

CSP is more difficult to locate in mint condition than the earlier red and whites. During the later part of 1971, the CSP was changed so that its outside dimensions were longer and not as tall. It still had the funny-looking skinny beaver. Two varieties surfaced; one with a black line around the beaver and the other without the black line. It is not certain which variety appeared first although some former council leaders believe the patch company made both varieties in the initial order. It is also possible the Cache Valley Council ordered them that way. In any case, there is a general consensus among former Council leaders that both varieties were available at the same time. This CSP, especially the one with the black-outlined beaver, is also difficult to find in mint condition, mainly because it was only issued about a year. Of the estimated 1200 issued, only about 500 had the black line around the beaver. In early 1973, the Cache Valley Council CSP went through another change including a more realistic looking beaver and longer and narrower outside dimensions. It is relatively easy to find in mint condition since about 2000 were issued over a four year period. In 1980, the J. C. Penney Company in Logan, Utah found about 100 of the 1973 patches with the UTAH-IDAHO State designation in one of their storerooms. They were apparently pulled from the shelves when the new UTAH-IDAHO-WYOMING patches were made available. Rather than allow collectors to buy the patches, they were cut in half and discarded. This was done according to company policy at the time. In 1977, the National Council issued a directive that all official insignia had to display the fleur-de-lis in addition to the design. The Cache Valley Council followed suit by adding the fleur-de-lis and also the State of WYOMING to the patch design. The Council expanded to include Cokeville, Wyoming in 1976. The first issue of this patch had a cloth back. In 1979, the same patch design was reordered and came with a plasticized back to improve its durability. Also, the length of the lettering in the states was shorter creating two distinct varieties. The Cache Valley Council issued about 1300 75th Anniversary JSPs in 1985. The patch featured a new design reflecting the artistic talents of OA Advisor Jeffrey Barnes. Collectors will be interested to learn that the Cache Valley Council changed its CSP design and color in 1986 so that it was similar to the 1985 JSP. The first shipment of the new CSPs came without a fleur-de-lis, an obvious error on the part of the patch company. The patches were returned and supposedly destroyed. Later, a considerable number were reported in the hands of unidentified collectors in Texas and other parts of the country. The first order of 514 of the new patches arrived at the

Cache Valley Council Service Center in February, 1987. In 1989, the Cache Valley Council issued a JSP in two border colors that had the same design as the 1985 JSP except the 75th Anniversary logo was replaced with a fleur-de-lis. There were about 220 made with a white border and about 100 with a blue border. A CSP for collecting only was issued at the Cache Valley Council Tradoree in February, 1991. Its purpose was to offer an incentive for collectors to donate Scouting memorabilia that could be auctioned to raise money for Council camping improvement projects. Participants received one CSP for a specified amount of donated auction materials. There were exactly 100 of these CSPs issued.



588-T-01a; 1957; C.E.; TRS; LRG "COUNCIL";
12mm LTRS; ABT 1500 MADE ALL
VARIETIES



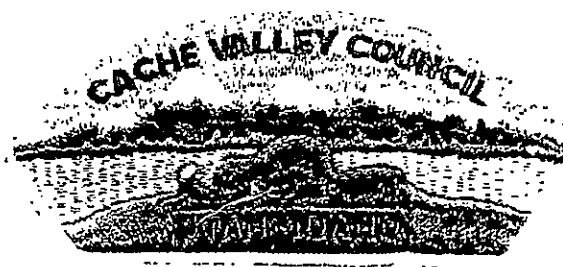
588-S-03; (N) 1970; 67 X 124mm
ABT 1000 MADE



588-T-01b; TLR; SML TAIL; SML "COUNCIL";
10.5mm LTRS



588-S-04a; (N) 1971; BLK LINE AROUND BEAVER:
61 X 134mm; ABT 500 MADE

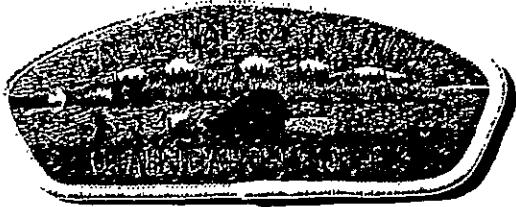
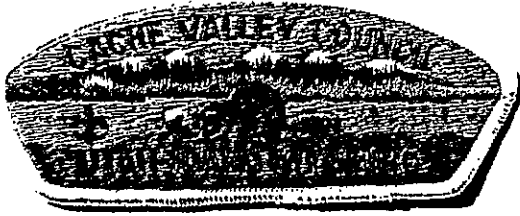


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61 X 134mm; ABT 700 MADE



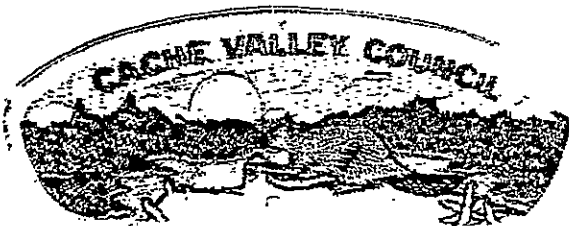
588-T-02; (N) 1962; MERROW BDR; TLR;
NT VAR; ABT 2000 MADE ALL
VARIETIES

588-S-05; 1973; ABT 2000 MADE



588-S-06a; 1977; FDL; STATES 85mm; DBRN LTRS

588-S-06b; 1979; FDL; STATES 81mm; BRN LTRS



588-S-07a; 1987; NO FDL; STATES GLD
.53 X 134mm; ABT 600 MADE



588-S-07b; 1987; FDL; STATES BRN
53 X 134mm