

Synopsis of Exhibit
**FIRST DAY OF ISSUES OF
U.S. BASEBALL COMMEMORATIVES AS THE U.S. FAVORITE PASTIME**

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS

- Ten 1 of 1 Cachets Rarity
- Unique FDOIs signed by Louis Clemente and Rachel Robinson
- Two Unique Tom Mueller Hand Painted Oil Add-ons
- Two Unique S. Desiree' Thompson Hand Painted Oil Add-on
- Two Full panes of twenty FDOI
- First Cachet of Leatherstocking Stamp Club of Cooperstown, NY of 1939 Baseball Centennial Commemorative
- Four Serviced FDOIs
- Registered Mail from Manila P.I. (U.S. Territory at the time) to San Diego CALIF on First Day of Issue
- First Day Ceremony of Babe Ruth program
- Two U.S.P.S. Souvenir pages

EXHIBIT PLAN

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- 2nd Inning Negro League
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- 5th Inning Legendary Fields and Parks
- 6th Inning Unique Events
- 7th Inning Mythical Characters
- 8th Inning Youth Sports
- 9th Inning Epilog Softball

INTRODUCTION

U.S. issued 67 baseball commemoratives to celebrate the U.S. favorite pastime, all of which are included in exhibit. The exhibitor added a baseball FDOI from Manila the Philippine island a U.S. territory at the time which could be arguably the First U.S. baseball stamp FDOI. Also, included is the Jim Thorpe commemorative, who was a football player besides a baseball player. There are two softball stamps as the epilog.

PURPOSE & SCOPE OF THE EXHIBIT

The goals of the exhibit are to first examine the production and use of the stamps through FDOI uses. Second is to show cachets, postal card (stamp imprinted on card), post card, postal service souvenir pages, first day ceremony program and a non-philatelic special event show the U.S. favorite pastime is baseball. The production and stamp usage with each commemorative FDOI.

TREATMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Exhibitor shows stamp reason issued, production, issuance, first day use, designer, cachet maker, cachet production, commercial use in exhibit.

Exhibitor chose to put these uses & such with each commemorative. The exhibitor chose pictorial postmarks to show FDOIs promote baseball as the U.S. favorite pastime & briefly discusses the stamp with the subject matter. Auxiliary text with supportive content is in **Bold** print. The exhibit starts with the 1st inning. Each inning begins with title in bold **BLUE**. The baseball itself is 1st. 2nd is the FDOI from Manila Island Philippines. Registered mail to San Diego CA. 3rd is the 1939 centennial. 2nd inning is the Negro League, & it was founded in 1920. Each is organized by the date it was founded. 3rd inning is the Puerto League. 4th inning is iconic players. Organized as the date the players started playing. 5th inning is Legendary Fields & Parks. Fields & parks are organized by dates the fields or parks were built. 6th inning are unique events. The events are organized by the date which they occurred. The 7th inning is mythical characters. The characters are organized by the date characters became into existence. The 8th inning is youth baseball. The 9th inning is the epilog Softball which came out of baseball played indoors in the wintertime.

There are currently 2 pro softball leagues, Athletics Unlimited Softball League (AUSL) & Professional Softball League (PSL). Each inning ends

Five postal route mileages are included. All FDOIs include date of 1st usage of rate of stamp. Over postage is included. This exhibit can display only a select number of items due to space restrictions. Rarities & Special FDOIs are bordered in **RED**.

IMPORTANCE

U.S. favorite pastime baseball is part of our culture. Baseball is important to philately because those who collect baseball memorabilia also collect FDOIs & stamps. The U.S. baseball FDOIs, most notably is the landmark 1939 Centennial of baseball stamp issue is important to philately because it sits at intersection of pop culture & postal history, serving as historical artifacts that launched modern topical stamp collecting & tied national pastime to civic tradition. Baseball encourages American civic by singing our National anthem at beginning of every game, honoring our military & others. Subject important information in **bold** text.

KNOWLEDGE AND RESEARCH

The exhibit demonstrates research regarding the subject of U.S. Baseball commemoratives as FDOIs. Research is from published

a book "First Day Cover Philatelic Exhibiting: A Master Class" resources & google the internet about the subject matter. There is one First Cachet in this exhibit. There are combinations, official FDOIs, unofficial FDOIs, & semi-official FDOIs in this exhibit. Combination FDOIs include additional stamps or labels with the new stamp. An unofficial FDOI is cancelled on the official FD date, but not an official FD city. A semi-official FDOI is cancelled but with something other than the usual FDOI slogan or bull's eye. As noted by Michael A. Mellone's 2005 U.S. FDC Catalogue & Checklist. A se-tenant pair, & two blocks of four, are included, offering a range of interesting facts related to the subject. One FDOI has a foreign stamp of the same player with the new stamp. Another FDOI has a Cinderella as an extra stamp & that is the only one. Also included are 2 FDOIs that have the selva of Legendary Fields & Parks, which is Sportsman's Park in STL. FDOI is of the Polo Grounds & Ebbets Field, but they are put with Sportsman's park that makes the 11th park. Exhibitor researched the dates, & production of each stamp & cachet. Also, the reason for issuance, why issued, first day use, cachet maker, commercial use & designer are shown with each commemorative FDOI. Open book for personal study . Magnifier for knowledge & new information. 

CHALLENGE

This exhibit is the result of 46 years of collecting and an inherited collection. It was a challenge researching different cancellations, killer bars when the usage started and choosing the right FDOIs to show baseball as the U.S. favorite pastime. Acquiring oil hand-painted by Tom Mueller and his daughter S. Desiree Thompson all are Rare.

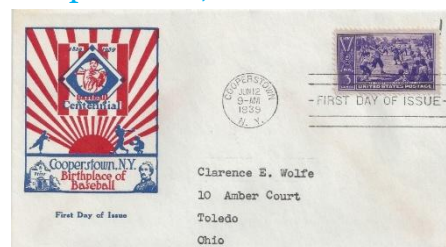
ONLY FDOIS USED

Usually, one expects the exhibit to show that the exhibitor understands the use and production of the stamp in addition to the FDOI use. While most exhibitors choose to demonstrate production and knowledge with unused stamps. Instead, this exhibitor chooses to use FDOIs as an additional challenge to make this a true FDOI exhibit. This exhibitor hopes, with the new challenge of all FDOIs in the exhibit, makes a more interesting and fun exhibit.

CONDITION

Most FDOIs are in excellent condition, like modern envelopes & their artistry. Certain FDOIs exhibit signs of yellowing & aging due to mailing & the passage of time.

Leatherstocking Stamp Club Cooperstown, NY 1st Cachet



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Purpose and Scope This is a five-frame First Day of Issue (FDOIs) exhibit that features baseball players, fields, & unique events, with philatelic material. This exhibit explains why the stamp was issued & how the stamp's issuance was tied to beginning civic celebrations in U.S. To show how FDOIs helps promote baseball as it's favorite pastime. To study how the stamp was issued, produced & used, only using FDOIs. FDOIs shown include postmark on its official date of issue.

Treatment This exhibit follows a modified "traditional" format for FDOI exhibits beginning with study of each stamp, then study each of FDOIs & ending with postal uses. Studies are with each commemorative FDOI. The main story text appears in a box. Text describing individual items are unboxed. To guide readers through exhibit each inning is in left-hand corner of page, & page number is in right-hand corner. Auxiliary text with supportive content is in **Bold** print. Each inning begins title in bold **BLUE** text. Each Inning ends in —————

Knowledge & Research

Of note, significant personal research regarding dates of each stamp rate, dates of each Field & parks were built, each players starting year, different cancellations, & margin printings. Open book for personal study . Magnifier is indicator for knowledge & new information. .

Importance

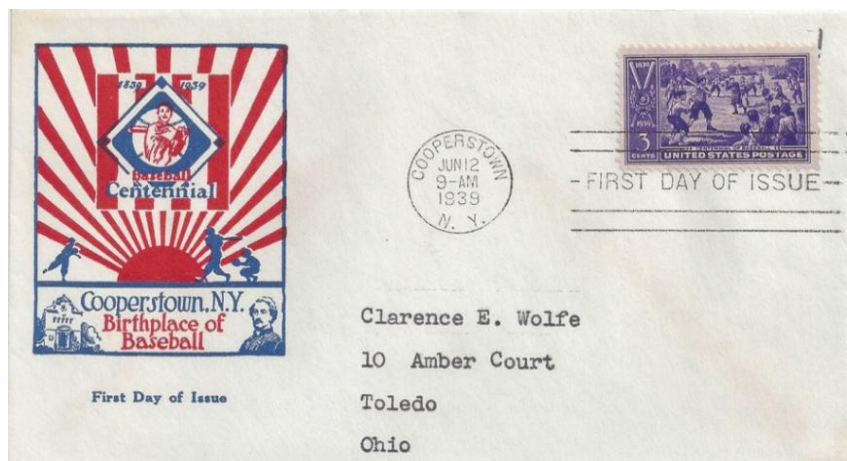
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Rarity

All rarity FDOIs 8 1 of 1, 14 FDOIs 2 thru 25 produced, 1 FDOI 1 of 50, 4 serviced FDOIs, 2 signatures FDOIs, 1 FDOI 1st Cachet, & 1 1st baseball stamp FDOI are in a **RED** border.

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