

Match Manufacturers:

LONE STAR MATCH CO. (1955-1956)

Oh, be still my beating heart!...It's our own...*Lone Star Match Company!* You know, come to think of it, I believe we're the only matchcover club that has a manufacturer named after it (!).

No, it wasn't exactly an industry giant...No, it wasn't exactly a long-lived entity...And, no, it didn't exactly produce many covers...But, hey! It's our namesake! Actually, it's somewhat embarrassing to see just how little we know about it. I have it starting in 1955; the only known dated cover is from 1956; and the company was no longer listed in the 1957 San Antonio directory...not even a thousand days! [*groan!*] But, in its tiny span of existence, it did manage to leave us *some* covers.

Located in San Antonio, there are currently 55 covers listed, and our own late Stuart Bergman was responsible for reporting a significant number of those. All 55 covers are 20-strikes, and, upon examining those, although you won't be struck by their beauty or craftsmanship, at least you know you have something of a rarity there. And, each and every manumark of those 55 little gems has "MADE IN TEXAS" as part of it. [*Hoorah!*]

If you're one of our members who actually lives in the great state of Texas, your chances of running across Lone Star Match Co. covers are substantially better than, say, mine, over here in California. So, be sure check out local flea markets, accumulations, antique shops, and the like. You never know, YOU may be the discoverer of cover number...56!

