## Firsts!

1825 -First lucifer match made in America -(Piso cover) (possibly early 1894) In 1950co Weller, K. Macuhamics W. Wson M. Built his first Holiday Inn motel in Memphis, Tenn. With Wilson's successful overnight stay formula, Hollid894IhrFsirste ganvsstakengrectaomsnathhbooghsut Mho N1825 est Fibering the staime, than the waited patiently to be the Yout to cation for this Anniving mote chais. Joplin watern deriver and early in 1960 dto ber of 1957 when three days we have been a larger for the grand opening of a Holiday Inn at 2600 Range Line. **1826** -First friction match, John Walker, Eng-1902 -First large scale order of matchbooks (10 New Miship Mankanistegend Mickey Mantle wrote a book in ill 1986 force Alling Bris nin vold we fine in Natithaline Joplin motel. In his book, The Mick, Mantle said he and local businessman, friend and financial adviser H830d - Found maniphformed at charge or ation Capital at left 903 defends this ideal through the first of the 125 percent (of familton), licenvanta building in Joplin at the end of the tolk that the building in Joplin at the Mantle's Holiday Inn. I paid 5 cents a share for my stock." **1836** - Alonzo Phillips took out first U.S. patent 1915 -Diamond Safety First appeared The prignific Minkey to Mantle's Holiday Inn contained 53 guest rooms. The \$500,000 motor lodge offered a slew of amenities including a "pleasure-e1922" restaurinate Quadictinfontooninstoppidanted 175 plande - Fridsa \$ planden of 5,000 - fridlions wim at the plan was an intimate lounge known as the DugoufaClubedThidUsecame Joplin's first sports1922 harto Whate to fferacht soft dighting, appadreound tables, and the walls were lined with sports memorabilia. The sports theme was further enhanced with sband du Estrandin fetyt infactish from strickers Mans ledinis 1923 -First US Navy Ship cover (U.S.S. Sirius) The Joplin Globe reported that two display cases wt924onsFinsttedions Safety Anther scortcard Grome Shisp ch845 in efficient telan 256 schlie knockt chrosses signal John botte of the Meires Award. Valued at over \$10,000, this impressing alweater-skin belt was accompanied by a solid gold buckle, a four-carat diamond and 26 gem chips. In addition, the case contained a silver big 14 whitsing of battsings chapter on ship in 1956, al 1854 (100) if stot trapentocks upon that towns give thor Mantle for hitting a 585-foot home run at Washington, in May of clipped. The other, thankfast, extibited a silver 1904 flo Brill breakts straite and threse strategies of the Year in 1956, and the ball from his 1,000th hit dated July 2 B955 ard Match Co.) 1857 | -First parlor match (using paraffin rather Additionally 1 thermotel offered bonded baby sitters 1925 se Fhysi Diamson ob Quisting 6,0 vertex premise, 24 -hour switchboard service, bellhop service and free advance teletype reservation service. The Holiday Ith 86ath d-Ainstricain i Honel Astsote in Phontoure Mita called system 26as-Fringsta Core with 16at constituted apply concent, food and beverabs wifts to charged to the individual's room. Each guest room had its own radio, telephone, 21 -inch television and a private all-tile bath with a sllding 2 dass Footrself-extinguishing match (Drunkard's -First Diamond State Parlor Matches, Match) appeared, Lion Match Co. 1864 After Sworfths Ofoconservation and much anticipation, grand opening ceremonies began at 3 p.m. Oct. 18. Tolm DeArman, manager of the Joplin Charlibet 927 Corinstellack & textes master of ceremonies. Jb87ih Maiystr Er. Sempart choteds on a tech wite alcles m Dr.D.-Stokes of Gideon International, who presented Bibles to the heunen@70r18671, we concessed in the control of the heunen@70r18671, we control of the heunen@70r18671, which is the heunen which is t colleaguesy.— New York Yankees pitcher Whitey Ford, Yanaceh Gotfielder Hank Bauer, Kansas City Athletics pitcher Ralph Terry and Milwaukee Braves 21-game winner and recent World Series classople First Union Quality footer appeared, Unapplied only to match tips) ion Match Co. Door prizes such as autographed baseballs from the New York Yankees along with free gift classificates for dimacis interpretation the control of the contro winners that detablishes wanted from the fall at the liden's still distill known as the "Flaming Shish Kebab" served at

the table in dramatic fashion on flaming swords.

1931	-First 40-strike appeared, Advance Match Co.		peared.
1933	-First World's Fair covers appeared (Century of Progress), Chicago	1939	-First set of Madcap Maids issued, Match Corp.
1933	-First Group I Football sets, Diamond	1939	-First matchcover collectors' meeting, Henry Rathkamp's home, Newport, RI
1933	-First Petty Girl	1940	-First Display by Lion appeared
1934	-First CCC covers appeared, Maryland Match Co.		-12Up first appears
1934	-First Midget appeared, Lion	1941	-First issue of RMS Bulletin
1934	-First Group I Baseball sets, Diamond	1941	-First Mirro-Gloss from Universal appeared
1934	-First Ten-Strike by Universal appeared	1945	-First Post-War Navy Ship covers appeared
1935	-First commercial matchcover albums - by Gromey of NY [date approximate]	1946	-First Outstanding Collector Award - Horace Rush was recipient
1936	-First Billboard 40-strike from Universal appeared	1946	-
1936	-First Manhattan Safety First footer appeared, Manhattan Match Co.	1948	-First matchcover exhibits at a convention
1936	-First Royal Flash from Universal appeared	1948	-First matchcover exhibits at a convention
1936	-First Giant appeared, Lion Match Co.	1948	-First Ever-Glo appeared, Maryland Match Co.
1937	-First collectors club appears in England.	1948	-First Hillbillies appeared, Chicago Match Co.
1937	-First contact set - Dickens Christmas Carol set	1948	-First Petty Girls appeared, Superior Match Co.
1938	-First 10-strikes (by Universal)	1948	-First Best Western covers appeared, by
1938	-First wide appearance of reverse strikers, Ohio Match Co.		Diamond Match Co.
1938	-First Girlie set (Elvgren Girls), Superior Match Co.	1948 1949	-Perfect 36 by Diamond appeared -First Safe-T-Lite by Universal appeared
1938	-First Hilton Hotel covers appeared	1951	-First Lion Contour appeared
1939	-First ADVERAP from Universal ap-	1951	-First Universal 30-strike appeared

1951	-First Jewelite appeared, Universal Match Co.		(Canada)
1952	-First Convention auctions	1967	-First Foil-Fab appeared, American Match Co.
1953	-First Thompson Girls appeared, Superior Match Co.	1967	-First Bryant & May Soverign trademark appeared, England
1954	-First Match shucking contest at RMS convention	1969	-First Universal Filigree appeared
1954	-First Animatches	1972	-First Camera Color appeared, Monarch Match Co.
1955	-First Holiday Inn covers appeared	1972	-First Granada appeared, Monarch/ Superior
1955	-First Jewel by Universal appeared	1972	-First Orleans appeared, Monarch Superior
1956 1956	-First Universal Matchoramas appeared -First Model by Lion appeared	1972	rior -First Universal Uniglo appeared
1956	-First Poster Feature by Lion appeared	1972	-First disposable lighters introduced to US market
1956	-First Lion True Color appeared	1974	-First Atlas Lenticular appeared
1956	-First AMCAL Convention ("AMCOC")	1975	-First Diamond Stop-Lites appeared
1957	-First Perkins Americana appeared, Ed Perkins, Maryland Match Co.	1976	-First Therm-O-Bossed covers from Strike-Rite Match Co., Canada
1958	-First Universal Sticky Backs appeared	1977	-First Universal American Ace boxes
1959	-First Diamond Pocketbox appeared		appeared
1959	-First Lion Easel Back by Lion appeared	1979	-First Universal Rainbow appeared
1962	-First Grant-Mann color covers appeared, Canada	1979	-First Universal Matchtone appeared
1963	-First Universal Signet appeared	1980	-Atlas 45 first appeared, Atlas Match Co., TX
1964	-First Century Lite by Universal appeared	1980	-First 24-strike appeared (Eagle 24), Columbia Match Co.
1964	-First Universal Foilite appeared	1981	-First Pockectbox Slim introduced by
1964	-First plastic matchboxes appeared, Van Deylan, West Germany (never caught on)	1002	Diamond
1965	-First RMS convention outside US	1982	-First Universal Extend-N-Ad appeared

-First Hall of Fame inductees - Austin	1984	-First RMS Area Awards?
Rohrer Russ Fink, Isabel Lord, Duke		
	1985	-First Universal Classique 180 appeared
-First UES, Reading, PA	1005	
-First Pocketbox Ultra-Slim appeared,	1985	-First Universal Jupiter One-Eight appeared
Diamond Match Co.	1995	-First appearance of Camel 30-strike singles
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