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NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW 2007
TO FEATURE FOUR PICTORIAL CANCELLATIONS

The USPS has authorized three separate western themed cancellations for each of the three days of the National Topical Stamp Show on June 15-17, 2007. Also, a pictorial cancel from the Commonwealth of Dominica will be used on First Day Covers from that island nation, to be released on Friday, June 15th at the show. These will honor the Texas Rangers and the 150th anniversary of the Remington Revolver.

Cachets to be used for each day include a Frederic Remington engraving from an article written by Teddy Roosevelt and published in Century Magazine in 1888, entitled "Dissolute Cowboys". The cancel on that day will simulate a Texas Ranger badge and will have the words, "Honoring the Texas Rangers" above the star on shield.

Saturday's cachet will be a black and white photo rendering of a Texas Longhorn cattle drive and will bear a pictorial cancellation showing a Texas Longhorn. On that day, the show will have a saddled Texas Longhorn Steer, The Red River Playboy, in the parking lot of the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Irving, Texas where the show will be held. Attendees will be able to take a tour on either Thursday, June 14th or Monday, June 18th to witness a Longhorn Steer cattle drive in the Ft.Worth Stockyards where the nickname, Cowtown, originated.

On Sunday, the cachet will be another Remington rendering. In this one he pictured Teddy \ Roosevelt atop a bucking bronco and the cancellation shows a rearing mustang against a Texas state shaped background in which the Texas Flag is shown. This will also be the show logo.

The show logo shows up again on both a sheet of nine stamps and a Souvenir sheet with one stamp. A cachet designed and donated to the ATA by stamp artist Chris Calle honoring Texas Ranger Charles Goodnight will be placed on the First Day of Issue covers. The cancellation will be a variant of another Remington work picturing a Texas Ranger and a gunman about to have a shoot out in the street.

The nine stamps each picture a different old black and white photo of groups of Texas Rangers of the 1800's. One includes an old steam locomotive. This sheet honors the Rangers and the Remington Revolver which is why the particular cancellation was used. The Souvenir Sheet features Texas Ranger Charles Goodnight as a young man in the selvedge and represented by a statue of him on the stamp.

The stamps are to be released through the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation. Artist Edith Song designed the sheet from photos that were passed along to the ATA by the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame in Waco, Texas. A Texas Ranger from Company "B" in Garland, Texas will unveil the stamps and tell the audience a little about the famous law enforcers of Texas. The First Day Ceremony will start at 9:15 AM and, like the show itself, is open to the public at no cost.

The stamps and covers will be available from the ATA Table at the NTSS '07 throughout the show. Any quantities of stamps or covers left over will be sold by mail following the show. The prices and ordering directions will be announced shortly before the show commences. To obtain the US Show cancels on your own covers, write to Postmaster, Irving, TX 75061-9998 with your request. Additional show information will continue to be updated on the [ATA website](#) .

For information on the world's largest all-topical philatelic organization, contact the ATA Central Office, P.O. Box 57, Arlington, Texas 76004-0057 (telephone: 1-817-274-1181; email americantopical@msn.com); or visit their website at www.americantopicalassn.org.

National Topical Stamp Show First Day of Issue Stamps plus
Dominica FD Cancel. Also, three USPS daily cancels for this show.

