

# On The LIGHTER Side

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## AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR EDITOR RICH WEINSTEIN

As we come to the tail end of 2008, we put behind us a year of turmoil. We face a major economic downturn which translates to many facets of life. Not untouched by this is our own club. Weak turn-outs at most major lighter shows, including our own OTLS 2008 Convention, and decreasing values of most lighters have made many of us rethink our collections. Through all of this, our club still stands and we should be proud of it. The board has decided not to raise the club dues for 2009 even though membership continues to decrease & even though extra funds are badly needed. In lieu of raising the dues, the board is asking its members to include an extra \$1, \$2, \$5 or whatever you can to help ease our current considerable financial burden. It may sound insignificant, but if all members participate, it will greatly help. Please remember this when you pay your dues and please pay EARLY!

## LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

Supersonic speed doesn't even come close to how fast this year has gone by.. In the lighter world, we started off shocked by the rather sudden and surprising cancellation of the Zippo Swap Meet... But as is usual with the collectors, we just had to adapt..I think that the best way to deal with the situation was to concentrate on the original clubs including their swap meets..

As per usual, OTLS came though again with a super swap meet in June and the usual excellent newsletter that we have come to expect. I noticed that quite a number of members are contributing articles to the newsletter and I am sure that this is a big help for our overworked editor Richie..I think that the members need to continue to think of ways to participate directly in the club to help its continued success..We need to keep up with other mem- bers..Call the people that you have met at

the convention and continue that relationship..Talk lighters, share your experiences and your stories and drop a picture off to Richie of your latest acquisition..Don't think about it ..Do it...If we don't extend our friendships and relationships throughout the year, our very existence is under threat..There is a lot more to collecting lighters than just buying them on e-bay..Enjoy the experience through the club that you all have helped to build..If anyone shows the least bid of interest in collecting lighters, encourage them, show them lighters and try to actively recruit them into the greatest hobby in the world..Thanks so much for the honor of having me serve as your president for the last year..and PLEASE ..welcome that redneck Ozark Missouri boy to this great office..Seriously, I know that Tom will do a great job and join me in welcoming him as our incoming president..

Peggy Sheils, President

## LETTER FROM VP

Dear Fellow Collectors:

Another year has come and gone and it seems like yesterday that Dee and I attended our first convention. We didn't know what to expect, but our apprehensions quickly vanished when numerous members welcomed us to the convention and then quickly asked what we brought to sell or trade.

Since then, we have attended every convention. If you are looking to enhance your collection or just hang out with a great group of people, attend a convention.

Again, I'd like to thank the Board of Directors for their confidence in nominating me VP for the year 2008. I look forward serving as President in 2009 for this great club.

In closing, I would like to encourage members to attend the annual convention, get involved, write articles and become an active member of the Club. You might just find it a very enjoyable experience.

Tom Jones, Vice President

Contributed by Larry Visbisky  
Communications Coordinator

## The “Zippo Moment” Goes Digital

Zippo, in conjunction with Moderati Inc., has launched “Virtual Zippo Lighter”, a free, branded application available in Apple’s iTunes App Store for the iPhone and the iPod Touch.

The Virtual Zippo Lighter brings the look and feel of Zippo’s iconic lighter to the iPhone, with interactive action that mimics the real thing. It opens with a flick of the wrist and lights with a turn of the flint wheel and the truly windproof flame sways as the device is moved back and forth. The Virtual Zippo Lighter allows Zippo fans to experience the famous “Zippo Moment” for free, by holding their cell phones aloft and swaying to power ballads at concerts.

The Virtual Zippo Lighter features a selection of designs to customize the skin of the lighter, as well as an animated flame that reacts to movement of the phone. The application takes advantage of several features of the iPhone and iPod Touch developer platform, including the accelerometer to enable movement of the flame in response to motion. Realistic sound effects highlight the action of the lighter when it opens and closes, and the vibration feature lets you know when the flame is upside down.

“We are excited to launch the Virtual Zippo Lighter into Apple’s App Store,” said Pat Grandy, Marketing Communications Manager. “It’s a true representation of our brand in a virtual format bringing a digital alternative to the ‘Zippo Moment’ for the 21st century concertgoers.”

Currently, the Virtual Zippo Lighter is the only free and branded lighter in the App Store with fully interactive lighter simulation, a realistic looking flame and multiple case designs. Future releases of the application will include the ability to engrave on the lighter and blow out the flame. The Virtual Zippo Lighter represents the brand’s first foray into downloadable applications for mobile devices.

With more than 150,000 downloads in mid-October, the Virtual Zippo Lighter reached the Apple App Store’s top two most downloaded free applications in its first week.



## News From Around The World....

Amelia Cornelius was back in the hospital but is home now. Our Editor, Rich Weinstein was in the hospital, but is now back home and recovering rapidly. Judith got to see A LOT of OTLS members on her trip (see her story in this issue).

**YOUR OTLS OFFICERS AND BOARD WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**



# NET NEWS

by Larry Tolkin

## "Flat Advertisers on Ebay"

This issue of net news shows a handful of the more interesting flat advertisers recently sold on ebay.

The typical Japanese made flat advertiser is actually a copy of the Ronson Adonis first invented by Frederick Kaupmann in 1945. Flats first became important in the mid 1950's and are still manufactured today. Vintage flat ad lighters are important cross collectibles and have maintained strong value in todays soft economy. Sports - casino - beer and soda advertisers still rank as best. Serious collectors like the flats in mint condition. Flats are fun and colorful and can also be easily found in flea markets and antique shows. As many top business people state - "it pays to advertise".



Hotel Fremont Casino - \$104



Yoo Hoo Yogi Berra - \$449



1964 Pittsburgh Pirates - \$142



Coke - \$62



Coke - \$68



Coke - \$72



Harley Motorcycle MIB - \$76



Hamms Beer - \$75



Esso Gas - \$20



1964 Pittsburgh Pirates - \$142



Jax Beer - \$35



Krispy Kreme Doughnuts - \$54



Levis Jeans - \$105



Nugrape Soda - \$41



Reddy Kilowatt - \$47



Travel Lodge - \$34



Thunderbird Casino - \$202



Rainier Beer - \$77

## Lucky Finds

by Bob Gamboni

Obviously, what makes attending the annual OTLS convention such a wonderful experience is meeting with fellow collectors, and all the buying, selling, and trading of lighters at the show. Additionally, an advantage of driving to a lighter show is that you get to look for lighters to add to your collection along the way.

In past conversations with fellow collectors who drove to a show, they often tell me of lighters they found during their trip. On my recent road trip to the OTLS show in Las Vegas, I had plenty of opportunity to look for lighters at the flea markets and antique malls I came across.

In this article, I would like to show some of the better lighters and related items I found on this trip, with the exception of the last two which I found a few months ago in Florida. In all cases, I have not seen examples these lighters before either in books or on eBay.

First is a 'no-name' semi-automatic lighter (Fig. 1), that is marked 'Silver' on the bottom with the 'S' preceded by a small six-point star. This is a small lighter about 1 1/2 inches tall. It appears to be solid silver and has a unique encapsulated spring on the side. The only lighter I've seen similar to it was a larger version with a watch that sold on eBay about six months ago.



Next, is a gold plated Beckwith (Fig. 2 & 3) with applied pearls



Interestingly, it has a fuel screw on the bottom; something I've not seen before.



The lighter with an enameled sailboat scene is a Demley (Fig. 4).

At first glance, the bakelite striker lighters look like a group of 'Vogue' striker lighters (Fig. 5).



However, these strikers are marked 'Zip' and 'Pat. Pend' and were made by the 'Rex Mfg. Co. Prov. R.I.' as marked on one end of the lighter. Both the top and bottom caps unscrew. The gold bands on these lighters are marked '14K Gold Filled'.



The Zippo stands (Fig. 6) are for individual lighters as you can see. When I got these, I noticed the 'i' was not dotted. Until this time, I didn't realize the 'i' in the 'zorro' mark on Zippo lighters is not dotted. However, the 'zorro' mark is dotted on some early striped Zippo fuel cans, but not on later ones.

The Coca-Cola Scripto lighter (Fig. 7 & 8) was distributed by the 'Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Oakland, California'.



The John F. Kennedy flat ad lighter (Fig. 9 & 10) was probably produced before his death. Otherwise, this lighter would probably have a 'memorial' indication on it.





## Lucky Finds

by Bob Gamboni continued

The lighter that looks like a trench bullet (Fig. 11), is actually a pipe tool with an intergral lighter, or vice versa.



## A GREAT TRIP

by Judith Sanders



The enameled Evans lighter (Fig. 12) is very rare, I believe, because two collectors with the largest collections of Evans lighters each told me they do not have this version in their collection.

The last, but not least, lighter is a Movado pocket lighter with watch (Fig. 13, 14 & 15) that is marked 'Movado Factories Swiss' on the bottom. It contains a Movado Chronometre 'Ermeto' type watch movement. This is a 'self-winding' model: when the button is pressed to operate the lighter, the watch is simultaneously wound. It is made of brass and is about 2 x 1 5/8 x 1/2 inches in dimensions. I believe this particular lighter was produced circa 1930s. The watch dealer I acquired it from, and knowledgeable collectors I discussed it with, all believe this watch lighter is a prototype never put into production by Movado. The top fitment is reminiscent of the early Ronson De-light: i.e., the shape of the 'ears', the claw and gear flint-wheel operating mechanism, and the snuffer cap.



I have just come home from a delightful vacation - yes I actually went on a REAL vacation! This is a trip I have been planning for months. First my Cousins in CT had been asking me to come visit. Then Nancy Lloyd had asked me to come visit! So I decided to do BOTH!

First I went to Connecticut to see my Uncle and Cousins. Since my cousins are half Italian, the very first night I had AWESOME Italian food.

Wednesday morning Phil & Mary Sue had taken me to meet Uncle Leo for breakfast. I was so glad to see him again. After breakfast, we called Connie Smizer, who lives just a few minutes from my Uncle.

So we stopped by for a visit with Connie. It was so good to see her. She showed my cousins part of Ray's collection. The family is still deciding on how to divide his collection.

Thursday, my cousin Cathy took me to Boston to see her daughter, Kelly. While we were there I talked to Barry Hoffman. He offered to take us to lunch, but we ran out of time.

Saturday two of my cousins, Greg & Cathy, took me to Marlborough NH to see Greg's daughter and her new baby, Jared. After we visited with Crystal, Lance & Jared, we drove to Temple NH to see Leo & Dot Turini. I was SO glad to see them. Since they have had to miss the last couple of conventions, I really missed seeing them in person. Leo made lunch for all of us - more great Italian food! After lunch Ruth Runge stopped by to visit a few minutes. It is always so much fun to see OTLS members on my trips.

Leo & Dot gave me a lighter while I was there - all because I said I liked it! But it does fit my category of "People Lighters" (see photo). I'm not sure who this cute little man is, but I like him. Thanks, Leo & Dot!



The following week I flew to Greensboro NC, where Nancy Lloyd picked me up and we went to her house. We stayed a couple of days in Winston Salem. One night John & Susan Elster invited us to dinner at a great restaurant. After dinner we went to the Elster's house for dessert - great dessert Susan! Also I got to see Alison & Jack (their kids) who have grown a lot since I last saw them.

The next day Nancy and I took off on a driving trip, which would last two weeks. First we went to Hendersonville NC. Not only is this a beautiful place in the mountains, it also happened to be the town where Dana & Robin Baumgartner, Richie & Dani Weinstein, and Authorized Repair Service all are located!!! Richie & Dani had invited us to stay in their beautiful new house (at the top of the mountain). I spent a lot of time sitting on their screened in side porch, drinking coffee and looking at the beautiful mountains.

I, of course, had to go to ARS to check out Richie's new offices. My only frustration with his new office is there are THOUSANDS of lighters but they are all still packed! It would have taken me MONTHS to go through all the boxes.

One night Dana & Robin had us over for a cookout at their house. They also have a new house, which is awesome! It took a while before they would allow me in their Lighter Room - I was begging and groveling. FINALLY they opened the door and what a room it is. If you want to see some unbelievable Zippos - then you need to go to Dana & Robin's house. We played pool after dinner - don't ask Robin who won!!!

One day Robin took us to Chimney Rock Park, which is a beautiful place. On the way up to the Park we saw this rustic looking little building in the middle of no where. We decided to stop. It turns out the man who owns this shop

collects lighters! And Robin got a couple of great Zippos - who would have thought! On another day, Nancy and I were wandering through antique shops in Hendersonville and I found 2 lighters - with all the lighter collectors that live in that town, I was amazed!

We, of course, also went to Asheville NC, which is very close. But that's another whole story! That was for shopping!

After staying in Hendersonville for several days, Nancy and I took off for Charleston SC. Now I have to say right now - if you have never been to Charleston you ABSOLUTELY have to go! It is beautiful. I think Nancy thought she wasn't going to get me to go back home! I won't go through all the sightseeing stuff, but will tell you one morning we went to Patriots Point to see the USS Yorktown. It is awesome to be so close to such a huge ship! And I was very pleased to see a USS Yorktown Zippo in the Gift Shop, which I bought! Also in the same gift shop was a Zippo with "Rainbow Row" on it - Rainbow Row is a famous street in Charleston where all the houses are all different colors. Very fun street!

We finally headed back to Winston Salem and the next day I had to come home to the reality of life! Thanks to all my "lighter" friends for the wonderful food, places to stay, sightseeing trips, etc. etc. And a SPECIAL THANKS to my good friend Nancy Lloyd for her patience with all my side trips, and for driving me so many miles! Now where can I go next?



**(Editorial Note: We are pleased to welcome OTLS Member Alexander Yatchenia, who has suggested a new column for the paper. This column will be entitled "Collecting on a Budget". The first article in this column is by Alex - thanks for a great idea!)**

## **COLLECTING ON A BUDGET**

by Alexander Yatchenia

I have never thought of submitting anything to the club because I am new at this. I joined to learn and certainly could not inform any of the advanced collectors. And I am on a budget and certainly could not afford the fabulous lighters owned by some of the club members. I am sure however, that there are many people like myself who would benefit greatly from belonging

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE OR TRADE

For Sale: OTLS Convention Lighters - 1991, 1993-2008. All for \$750.00. Call Michael McMillan (903)545-2919. Since my ad in the last paper did so well - we will try it again! I will be selling the remaining **2006** OTLS Convention Lighters (Las Vegas) for \$22.00 (postage paid). Please send your orders to me. Tom Jones (573)345-5251 or email (Note: Please make your checks payable to Tom Jones so he can actually cash them. Do not make them payable to OTLS)

If you are interested in spare parts for lighters, please call or email us. Leo & Dot Turini (603)878-1947 or email <leoanddot@surfglobal.net>

FOR SALE: I have placed some items for sale in a special section on my website, with the proceeds to be donated to OTLS. Please take a look. You might find something you like and help out the club. The site may be reached by clicking on "JC'S Vintage Lighters" on the LINKS page of the OTLS website - John Cornelius

FOR SALE: Collection of fluid cans and bottles; Bryant and May Catalog with supplement; Original Ronson Banjo in box available for sale or trade. Call or email Guy at <btrade@ca.rr.com> or (310)215-1951

I can repair Zippo Cam Springs. Also repair Trench Art lighters. Email <pyrotjp@velocity.net> or write to Tom Prylinski

For Sale: Wands for most Ronson Touch Tip & Table Striker Lighters. Also wands for Austrian Striker Lighters. New & Exact Dimensions - Professionally made by a Machine Shop. Brass or Stainless Steel available for \$30.00 + \$3.00 shipping. Call George Gynes (OTLS Member) at 1-800-379-3415 or email <califfia01@gmail.com>

I still have several Ronson Lighters and Ronson Bookends for sale. For information, call or email Al Grosskopf <grosskopf@usfca.edu> or call (415)422-6698

For Sale: (1) 1962 Zippo Bowler, mint in red stripe box with price sticker 150.00; (2) 1957 Zippo advertising Foster Thermal Insulation, mint in box 60.00; (3) 1967 Zippo advertising Sheridan Safety Contest Winner, mint in box 60.00; (4) 1975 Zippo Slim advertising Borden, mint in box 25.00;

### FOR SALE OR TRADE

(5) 1993 Zippo Seventh Annual OTLS Convention Las Vegas Palace Station, mint in box 35.00. Richard Weinstein.

Call (828)693-3212 or email <info@vintagelighters.com>

A former member would like to sell one of the OTLS Club Lighter (the reproduction outside hinge). He wants \$100.00. If interested, please contact Judith Sanders (903)763-2795 or email <otls@suddenlink.net>

### WANTED

We're looking to buy a Sherwin Williams Paint, slim, in mint condition. Please contact Dana & Robin rdabber@mchsi.com



Wanted, Looking for the message center part that skews into the poston the swank lighter that also ha a calendar made in Japan found on page 44 of Collecting Cigarette Lighters .Vol 2 by Neil S. Woods. Skrews for the post if available holding the message center appreciated. Email Pat Zicari at <pgzicari@aol.com>

I am interested in buying Canadian Pat Pending Zippos. Also I have acquired a collection of Barcrofts and will have to sell some of them. Hen Gilinov (818)335-8267 or email <hengilinov@gmail.com>

Looking for a White Lighter (Made in Texas). Call or email Judith Sanders (903)763-2797 or email <otls@suddenlink.net>

Looking for a Zippo preferred or other Zippo type lighter with the U.S.S. Cone DD866 on the front of the lighter, with a Sea Serpent holding a submarine on the back of the lighter. Pat Zicari pgzicari@aol.com

### WANTED

If you bought the big flashlight at the convention, please let me know. I have the Zippo "sleeve" that goes with the flashlight & can send it to you. <otls@suddenlink.net> Thanks, Judith

LIGHTER COLLECTIONS WANTED: If you have a collection for sale and would like some assistance with how to proceed please give me a call. I am willing to purchase a collection or discuss other options with you. Thank you. Ira Pilosof email <vintageltr@aol.com> or call (201)797-6595.

Wanted: Any Valentine lighters you might have. Call Nancy Lloyd (336)724-0821 or email at <nllloyd@triad.rr.com>

Wanted: Enameled Regens lighters in Art Deco patterns. Seeking excellent or mint condition lighters. I am particularly interested in those with Green enamel or green table model bases. Email John Cornelius at <jclighters@sbcglobal.net>

Wanted: Negbaur Golfer Statue with golf bag lighter - will pay \$150 - \$175 for one in nice condition. John Elster (828)406-9240

Could one of you please take the time to tell me who sold me the LBJ lighter? Also who sold me the Zippo with the tiny chili pepper. Thanks, Judith (903)763-2795 or email <otls@suddenlink.net>

**WE WILL TRY TO DO A NEW ROSTER FOR THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR. PLEASE SEND ANY CHANGES YOU MIGHT WANT ON YOUR EMAIL OR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBERS TO OTLS@SUDDENLINK.NET**

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## COLLECTING ON A BUDGET

by Alexander Yatchenia - continued from page 6

to the lighter clubs. And these collectors should be aware they can still find some great lighters at garage sales, estate sales and flea markets. Obviously, of course, if you want the best you should go to the Conventions and buy from the club members who have already pre-screened the lighters for you and will save you from mostly mistakes.

All that said, I thought we could have a "Collecting on a Budget" column where novice and new collectors could show some of the unusual, but maybe not rare, lighters acquired by more work running around and less money spent. And if a couple of rare ones show up, that's great too. We won't exclude them in the interest of the democratic process.

Here are some photos of some oddball and some nice lighters acquired by me when my wife says 'Go do something you're driving me crazy.'

#1 - Company sales box for Master-lite pocket lighters with 9 lighters in box in nice graphic boxes. Instruction sheet for this filament lighter, details on back of sheet.

#2 - Made in Occupied Japan table/pocket lighter. When the round lighter is separated at base can be carried in pocket.

#3 - Japanese lighter honoring Confederacy in Civil War. There is also a large ashtray.

#4 - 1939 New York World's Fair

#5 - Unusual large table revolver lighter. Fitment is made by Windsor Japan.

While I don't consider myself a lighter collector, I find them interesting and maybe new club members will all. The advanced club members probably saw them already.

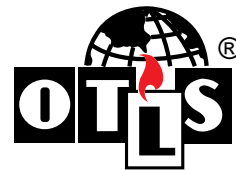


## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

**OTLS and its Board wishes to announce that our web site will now be hosted by Duncan Multi-Media. Neal Duncan will be taking over hosting the web site and will continue to be in charge of notifying members when the current issue of the newsletter is ready to be viewed.**

**The Board wishes to thank Paul Rowan who has created and hosted the site since its inception. Without Paul's great work, the web site would never have come to fruition. It is due to his loyalty to the club and his tireless efforts that OTLS.COM exists. The club wishes to acknowledge his efforts and thank him for his great work.**

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