

ON THE LIGHTER Side

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WELCOME to the 4th year of On The Lighter Side! (well, it really started Mar., 1984, but..) This first issue of 1987 is a long one (so I have used both sides of pages) - - lots of good information coming in to your OTLS Office! New Roster also enclosed - - welcome to all new members.

IMPORTANT TRIVIA - Some of you haven't paid your '87 dues! Please do so soon!! If any of you don't want to continue your membership, please indicate on the enclosed postcard.

It is time again for an election of Officers for OTLS to serve for 1987. Therefore, I MOVE that we elect the following slate of Officers by acclamation:

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Dee Collins	Vice Pres.
Judith Sanders	Sec/Treas
Judith Sanders	Editor

Please record your vote on the enclosed postcard and return.

THANKS to our outgoing officers (John Cuevas and Jim Gartner) for all their help this past year.

More later.....

Judith

IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....

Following are excerpts from an article Peter Cavanagh has written, which will tell you a little about Peter and his lighters.

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

MY OLD FLAMES

by Peter Cavanagh*

From the above title you may be forgiven for thinking that this is an expose of my old girlfriends, on the contrary, this article reveals one of the newer and more unusual of the collectable, CIGARETTE LIGHTERS.

How does a collector of any object go about acquiring knowledge of his given preoccupation? There are always reference books available on the usual collectables such as stamps....but what if one's interest is directed towards the more unusual and newer collecting fads?

I don't know where a devotee of corkscrews, thimbles, barbed wire, buttonhooks or bottles turns to for knowledge, but for cigarette lighter collectors information has been very limited.

The query 'When did you start collecting...?' sends my memory racing back to 1977 and Portobello Road in London. Having purchased a Dunhill "S" lighter at the famous House of Dunhill and then marvelled at their fascinating museum of lighters, I later saw two old Dunhill lighters on a stall at Portobello Road, the incredible weekend market in London.

Money quickly changed hands and I was the proud owner of a 1938 "Book" lighter with the words, THE LIGHT DUNHILL on it's spine and a 1957 table lighter of blue enamel with a spiderweb design, known as the Carlton model.

On arriving back in Australia with my 3 Dunhills and then finding other old cigarette lighters around the house, ones that I had used over the years, I thought it was possible to get together an interesting collection of all styles of lighters and most importantly, be able to afford to do just that.

Since writing an article last year for a small collectors club magazine in Australia, many lighters have been added to my collection but more importantly, a book has been a most welcome addition to my library. "Lighters Accendini" by Stefano Bisconcini, printed in Milan, Italy in 1984, is an invaluable guide for collectors world-wide. It's a substantial book, limited to 1600 (continued on page 2)

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copies, beautifully illustrated and printed with the text in both English and Italian. There are some things I would have liked to have seen covered, subjects such as table lighters, striker lighters, lighter-cases, items on the various themes that can be followed and also a mention of Australian made lighters, few they may be.

Australia, in the main, has not been a regular producer of cigarette lighters, apparently preferring to import them from Japan and Europe, mainly Austria.

Those that were made here include a tubular shaped lighter made during the war years of the 1940's for the Red Cross. It has the distinctive cross in red on both ends with the wording, 'Australian Red Cross Society'. These would have been for the use of the Aussie armed forces, as would a lighter, somewhat similar to a Zippo but with a lid that clips on and off.

It was supplied by the Australian Comforts Fund and there is usually a red star on the side of the lighter with the letters ACF.

One of the few lighters that have been produced in Australia for the commercial market is the Beattie Jet Lighter from the USA which was made under license in Melbourne by the ABC Rep. Eng. Co. They are identical to the American version.

Advertising or commemorative lighters can be a load of fun to collect. Ship lighters for instance. Besides the many Zippo lighters of the U.S., Canadian and Australian navies that I've seen, there are those that advertise different shipping lines.

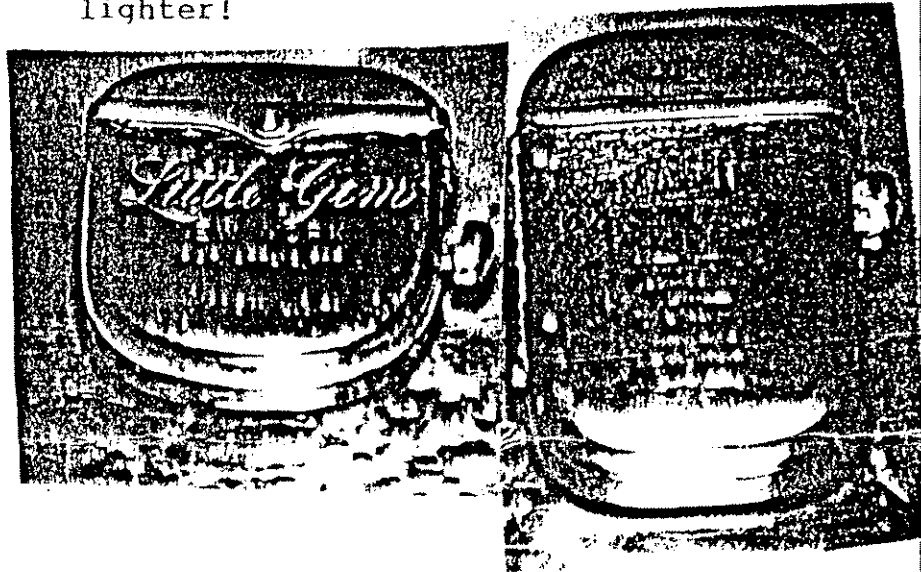
Among those in my collection are the Sitmar Line (different lighters from various cruises), Thandris Lines, Australian National Line, Flotta Lauro, S.S. Iberia, S.S. Orsova, S.S. Canberra, T.S.T.S. Bretagne, the Tjiluwah and a delightful Kwick brand lighter with the image and name of the ship "MOLDAVIA"

picked out in sterling silver on enamel. The style is listed in the German section of Bisconcini's book as KW lighter number 390 (cl935).

The world's airlines would be well represented. Mine cover Qantas, SAS, Lufthansa, Canadian Pacific, Air India, BOAC and Douglas A4D.

Two of the most interesting lighters that I have are both American, both made in New York. Firstly, the Little Gem, which has that engraved on the front of the case together with, New York Pat. Appl'd For Made in U.S.A. (See Photo below)

The other lighter (see photo) is the oldest one in my collection. I'm only pleased that the makers had the foresight to date it. It's called the Magic Pocket Lamp and is dated Oct 29, 89, and was made by a firm with a delightful name, the Magic Introduction Co. of New York. I only have to wait another three years and I'll have my first antique cigarette lighter!



Another interesting piece in my collection is a pocket-watch-shaped device made of hallmarked silver. It's a match case with a tinder cord that slides out of the side as well as a striking area. I can imagine this attached to a silver chain adorning the waistcoat of some well-to-do gent at the turn of the century!

I wonder how you go about locating lighters....I should imagine that my experiences in Australia would be similar to those of you in the U.S., U.K., and Europe. Each Sunday I visit one of the several trash

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and treasure markets that are organized around Melbourne. It's where people pay to set up a stall at a local parking area or drive-in and sell their unwanted articles. I would come home most days with at least one lighter, sometimes as many as two dozen.

During the week there are the usual secondhand and antique shops, also several antique markets worth visiting. These could really be called "junkie" markets, several stalls under the one roof that stock all types of collectables, most of which are not one hundred years old, therefore can't be classified as antiques, but are nonetheless interesting. Antique shop owners unfortunately are inclined to charge like wounded bulls...but, the article is usually somewhat better.

Just this week I was offered a 1960's Dunhill, solid gold, hallmarked, for \$1500. I had to graciously refuse!!

May I wish you all, Good Luck and Good Collecting.

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*Peter Cavanagh is Melbourne born and is an announcer with Radioc Australia, the international shortwave service of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. While on vacation he has been able to meet many overseas listeners in England, Ireland, Switzerland, West Germany, U.S.A. and the Philippines.

Peter was a goalkeeper in Australian Ice Hockey teams that traveled to the U.S.A. in 1962 for the World Championships in Colorado Springs and Japan in 1963 for the Olympic Games playoff series in Tokyo.

He collects mainly pocket lighters, but also includes some table models that are unusual or compliment the others. Peter's collection has grown to 1600.

EDITOR'S NOTE: These excerpts came from an eleven page article Peter wrote. As well as the portions printed in this paper, this article contains a lot of detailed information about older lighters, as well as lists of publications containing lighter information. Your Editor would be happy to send a complete copy of this article to any OTLS Member. Just send a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$1.00 to cover cost of xeroxing. The portions printed in this paper have been used with the kind permission of Peter Cavanagh.

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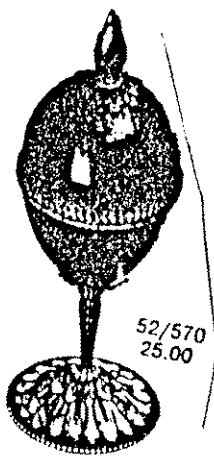
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COLLECTORS' CORNER

Ben Swierk (OTLS Member) has submitted some pictures from an "Evans 1967 Fall Gift Collections" Catalogue. I think it is interesting to see the '67 prices for these "new" Evans lighters. Now, 20 years later, these same lighters (old and used) are selling for \$2 to \$25, depending on the Dealer, part of the country, and, I guess, supply and demand. Thanks for the pictures, Ben.

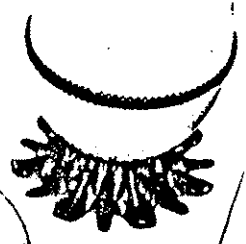
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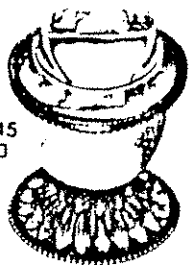
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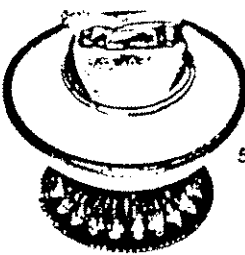
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**FABERGÉ
COLLECTION**

Hand etched Fabergé glass
glows under UV light transparent enamel
Colors: Brass/Blue/White



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METAL
COLLECTION**

Antique gold metal finish
accented by antique gold finish trim
Finish: Antique Gold/Walnut



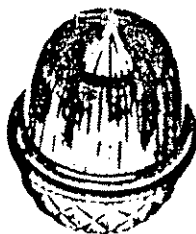
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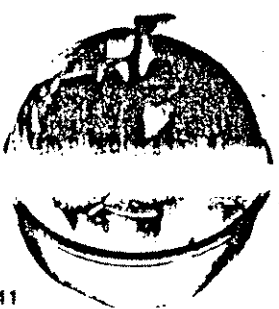
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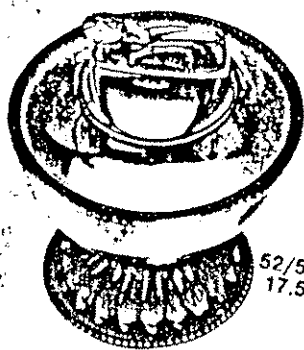
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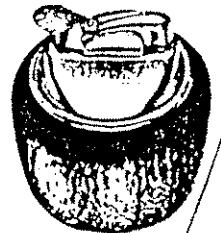
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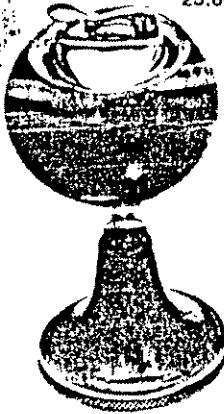


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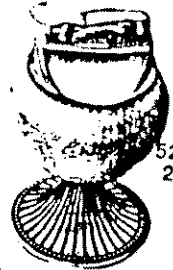
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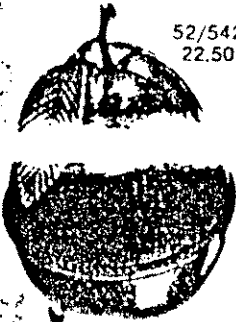
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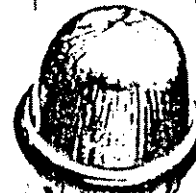
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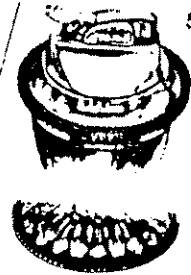
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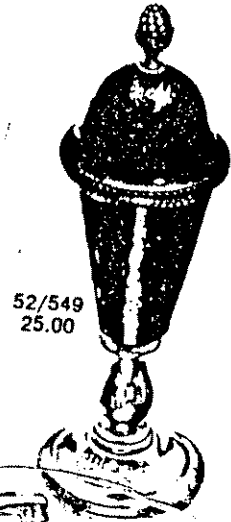
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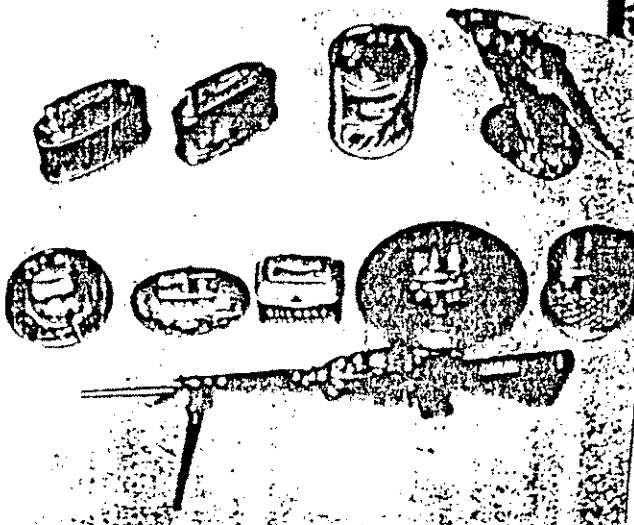
Table Lighters. Prices quoted are U.S. Dollars, plus postage. The numbers given are the illustrations in the book, "Lighters", by Stefano Bisconcini. Abbreviations: J = Japanese, G = German, E = English. LF = Liquid Fuel, B = Butane.

1. Cygnus, copy of Benlow Golmet (468) (J) LF - \$10.
2. Painted wooden doll (J) LF - \$6.
3. Golf Ball on 3 clubs (J) LF - \$10.
4. Zero plane (724) (J) B - \$25.
5. Winged Helmet-matching ash-tray (J) LF - \$15.
6. Golf Club Head (J) LF - \$6.
7. Mandarin (similar to 657) (J) LF - \$15.
8. Mermaid with Silver Ball (J) LF - \$10.
9. Beer Stein-nude girl handle (J) LF - \$10.
10. Beer Stein-Porcelain, KW Brand (G) LF - \$20.
11. World Globe (J) B - \$5.
12. Dutch wooden clog (J) LF - \$5.
13. Black cat & lamp (similar to 676) (J) LF - \$20.
14. White Swan (J) LF - \$5.
15. Pipe (J) LF - \$5.
16. Leather bound lighter (J) LF - \$5.
17. Leather bound lighter (smaller) (J) LF - \$5.
18. Gitanes Cigarette (E) B - SOLD.
19. Kangaroo (J) B - \$15.
20. Gold-colored metal (J) LF \$5
21. Mylflam, Alabaster base (G) LF - \$15.
22. Viscount cigarettes (J) LF - \$6.
23. Rolstar-wooden base (E) LF - \$15.

For Sale or Trade

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24. Rolstar-metal base (E) LF - SOLD.
 25. Gun (J) B - \$10.

Lighters in the photo are from top - left to right. Peter Cavanagh.



Wanted to Buy or Trade

Want Johnson Wax Tower Lighter (pictured in 1986 OTLS paper). Pete & Barb Bocciarelli.

Want to buy lighters for a reasonable price. Send picture & price and I'll respond soon after. Joe Fink

Ronson Banjo (original) or will trade a Colibri "First". for Banjo. Peter Cavanagh

Wanted: Civilian Conservation Corps lighter (See photo of logo below). A.E. Beyer, 2108 Eagle View Dr., Colo. Springs, Co. 80909 (Non-Member)



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