

ON THE LIGHTER Side

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Welcome to 1991 and the beginning of our 8th year. We are not only getting older - we are getting better!

The Executive Board and 1990 Officers of OTLS have elected the Officers for the 1991 term. The new Officers are as follows:

Peter Cavanagh	President
Larry Tolkin	Vice President
Judith Sanders	Sec/Treas
	Editor
Lynn Baker	Historian

The Executive Board would like to thank the 1990 Officers for a job well done -- and your Editor would like to thank the Board for their contributions and help.

In response to inquiry - members running full page ads in the newsletter are charged for those ads - they are not free!

In Nov. the Senior Citizen rate was not quoted --- the rate for Senior Citizens on limited incomes is \$15 per year. ALSO MANY OF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 1991 DUES - PLEASE RESPOND ASAP!!!

You will see in this issue, many members have contributed to the content. Thanks to each and all of these contributors. Any contributions in 1991 will be appreciated.

The new roster is enclosed with this issue - if your category is not correct, please advise.

!!! IMPORTANT !!! PLEASE READ!

It has been decided that OTLS needs a club logo - for cards, stationery, identification, etc. Beginning January 15, 1991 a contest will be held to submit proposed logos. This contest will continue until the 1991 convention, at which time we will vote on the winner. The winner will receive an award and a lighter (of course!). You may submit as many entries as you wish, in color, or black & white. So get creative and submit an entry.

Welcome New Members - see Membership Roster!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT....

LOOKING AHEAD

by Larry Tolkin

It's only January, yet I've already started sorting and packing lighters for next year's convention. After the fabulous time everyone had last year, I'm positive 1991 will be much more exciting and rewarding. To entice those of you who haven't so far been able to attend, I've written some thoughts on why all of you should come next June.

First, you'll meet and make friends with fellow collectors. Since last year, I've established relationships with a dozen members.

Even if you're an advanced collector, you'll see new types and varieties. It's a learning experience. There will be numerous foreign and U.S. models. One should bring and display their favorites, as well as take pictures of the balance of your collection to show.

The highlight is (of course!) the buying and trading. There are lots of good deals to be had! It's advisable to bring as many pieces to sell and trade as possible. In order to allow lots of trading time, the show has been extended to three full days. It's going to be wild! Since we also have overseas members attending, you'll learn about prices in the international markets. We all get to tell your favorite lighter stories. You'd be surprised to find out how much we have in common.

We also can't forget that Las Vegas is a great convention city. If you book in advance, the airline rates are very reasonable. Entertainment, buffet meals, inexpensive room rates and the ever popular gambling casinos make bringing your spouse a must!

I'm sure there are lots more reasons than I've written, but in summing up, "If you're a serious collector, it's a must!".

I am certainly looking forward to meeting all of you next June. Meanwhile, I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

FROM THE PEN OF....

...1990 Pres. - Bob Beyers

It has been a pleasant & educational experience serving as your President this past year. I not only enjoyed the camaraderie but appreciated the knowledge I gained about lighters from "the experts".

I hope everyone enjoyed the Las Vegas convention last year, and I look forward to seeing many of you again in 1991.

...1990 V.P. - Lynn Baker

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to OTLS for the past year as Vice President. I am sure the new Officers will enjoy this opportunity as much as I did. Looking forward to the many benefits we can all enjoy from my latest position as OTLS Historian. The greatest enjoyment was the chance to meet so many fine people at the June convention and both Pearl and I are looking forward to the 5th OTLS International Convention.

...Guy Nishida

Luck of the Irish!

Having reached the point in my lighter collection where I was in dire need of display space, I began to search for a suitable curio cabinet. This search led me to a local auction house where I was able to preview the lots before the bidding began. The two cabinets available did not excite me but as I made my way to the exit I noticed a small silverware chest decorated in an oriental motif. It was designed with a hinged lid which opened upwards, several small drawers, & a 2-door bottom shelf. I felt it had potential as a lighter case. I quickly examined the drawers & top storage area and was pleased to see they were velvet lined. However, I was disappointed in how little depth there was in the top storage area. Also, the velvet was loose. I was

also surprised at the amount of space between the bottom of the top storage area & the first drawer below it. Curious, I reexamined the top storage and noticed the bottom wasn't solid. Peeling back the velvet in one corner I uncovered cardboard. Trying to act as nonchalant as possible (since the room was swarming with dealers) I carefully poked my finger past the cardboard in one corner of the cabinet. My finger touched the prong of a fork! I repeated this procedure in the opposite corner and felt a knife! Meticulously restoring the velvet and cardboard I sat down & considered the facts. No one who would own a silverware chest would buy it to hold extra stainless steel utensils. Neither would they create a false bottom to hide plastic utensils. The dealers who would be interested in this piece would have to bid prudently knowing the resale market was limited. The decision was clear. I would stay and bid on the chest. At the end, the chest was mine! After bringing it home, I called Kathleen and asked her to come see our Lottery Ticket. We pulled off the velvet, then the cardboard, then some black cloth and ...Lo and Behold, gazed upon a sterling silver 8 piece place setting for 12 including serving pieces. I later took the pieces to a dealer, who advised me it was a well known pattern which was originally produced in 1936. She conservatively estimated the value at several thousand dollars.

Well, we're all looking for that super buy, the undervalued lighter, the undiscovered treasure. In this case, that hunt indirectly led me to a wonderful find of another sort. I wish each one of you similar success in 1991 and hope to see your stories in the newsletter.

(Editor's Note: Guy has started 1991 off with a good story. In hunting for lighters, many of you may have funny or interesting stories to tell. Write your stories down and send them to your Editor so we can all hear them.)

COLLECTORS' CORNER

As well as lighter fluid (petrol) and butane (gas) lighters, there also have been oil and alcohol lighters -- and match safes. For you who don't know what a match safe is, it basically was a container for matches.

The area of match safes is so large we really can't explore it now. Perhaps Leo Turini or Guy Nishida, or some other OTLS members would do an article for us one day on this subject?

Bob & Sophie Meddaugh have acquired some great pictures of cigar lighters from the 1800's. Some of these lighters also are match safes. Bob has 'Punch' (shown below) in his collection, also 2 of the alcohol lighters.

These are such exotic creations and most difficult to find. And perhaps you have passed something like this up, not even realizing it was in fact a lighter!

Thanks Bob & Sophie for these great pictures!



No. 2. Alderman. With Match Safe.



No. 1. Punch Cigar Lighter.
Or No. 1818. Match Safe.



No. 9030 Cigar Lighter.
2 Lights.



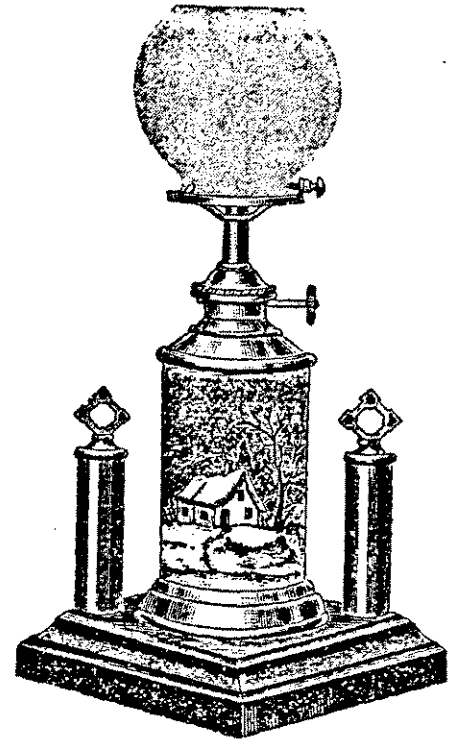
No. 9022 Cigar Lighter.
Archer Girl.



No. 16. Turk.



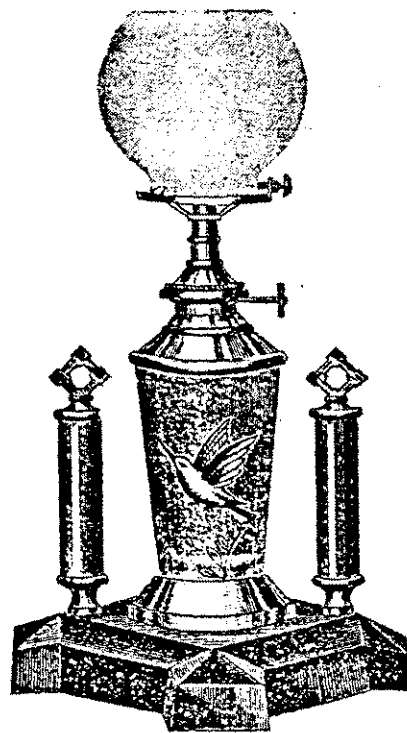
No. 17. Pocahontas.
With 2 Lighters.



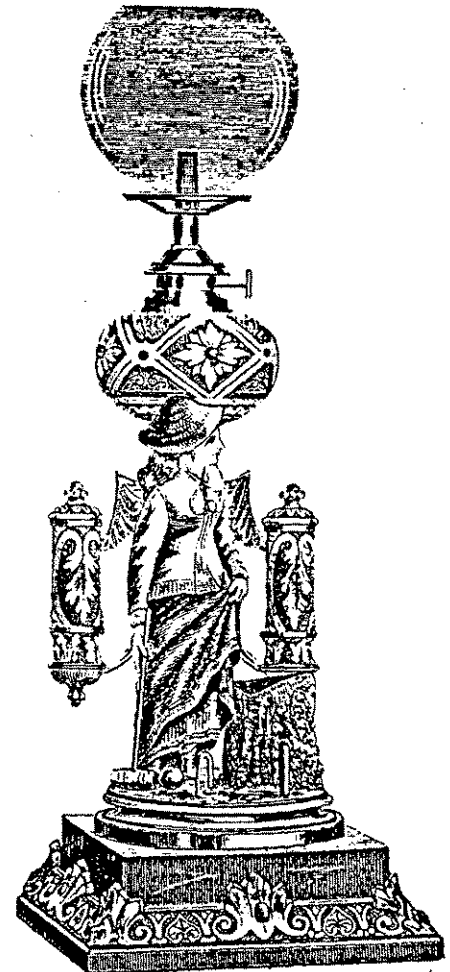
No. 9051 Cigar Lighter.
2 Lights.



No. 9031 Cigar Lighter.
2 Lights.



No. 9049 Cigar Lighter.
2 Lights.



No. 9020 Cigar Lighter.
Croquet Player.



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 1050 N.E. 120 St.
 MIAMI, FLA. 33161
 USA

(305) 893-1847

ANNOUNCING my 1991 Catalog and Price List of over 1,000 COLLECTIBLE CIGARETTE LIGHTERS, for sale, each pictured, priced & described. I would like to mail free copies but with postage and printing costs constantly rising, I must charge \$8.50 for 1991's issues including 3 future editions. Purchasers of \$20.00 or more during the year will receive next years' issues free. I also buy collectible lighters.

8-1989 & 1990 Issues available, \$ 3.00 each, including credit coupons for full value, good against any purchase.



CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE OR TRADE

!!! MAIL AUCTION !!!
 BIDS ACCEPTED FOR 3 WEEKS AFTER
 ARRIVAL OF THIS NEWSLETTER.
 ONLY WINNING BIDDERS WILL BE
 NOTIFIED. INCLUDE AN AMOUNT FOR
 POSTAGE IN YOUR BID. THANK YOU.
 RALPH W. FINK

LOT #1 - Six Zippo type
 lighters, all with corporate
 logos. This lot includes 2 PARK
 lighters, WIND MASTER, STORM
 MASTER, MY-LITE & THE WIND.
 Min. Bid - \$10.00

LOT #2 - Two similar butane
 lighters with side roller
 activating device. 1-DUNHILL,
 Made in Switzerland, U.S. Pat.
 RE2458. 1-FLAMEX SLIMLITE,
 Japan--beautiful blue body with
 design.
 Min. Bid - \$10.00

LOT #3 - CONSUL SWISS GAS M III
 Pat. Pending. Gold tone body,
 but gas leaks at flame point.
 Appears to be very old. An
 excellent display item.
 Min. Bid - \$8.00

LOT #4 - ZIPPO BARCROFT Table
 Lighter in MINT condition. This
 model has regular Zippo insert.
 Colorful emblem of U.S. Marine
 Corps attached in 1-1/2" size.
 Min. Bid - \$28.00

A ZIPPO COLLECTION FOR SALE:

- 217 Advertising
 - 132 Misc. (initials, plain,
 signatures)
 - 4 Salesman's Sample Cases
 - 4 Knives
 - A few keyrings
 - 3 NEW (Square shape) display
 cases (Lighted & revolving)
- Want to sell as 1 lot.

\$7500.00. Richard Rotman
 For Sale: Coke Bottle - Butane
 - 2" long, refillable. Came
 from Berlin, Germany. \$30 incl.
 postage. Peter Cavanagh

For Trade: Ronson Melrose,
 Juno, Georgian, Diana, Newport,
 Cupid, Boat (Varathane),
 Spartan, Fantasy, Minerva,
 Black Octette (2), DoDo (no
 wand), Touch Tip Clock,
 Rondelight, Bogey. Clark
 Firefly, Polo P/L, Memory of
 Japan "Naughty Lighter",
 continued in next column

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Continued. Imco Foxhole (in
 box), Inco Safety (in box)
 (2), Regens (new - 2), PGL
 Grenade Lighter (original),
 Dunhill Rollalite & Silent
 Flame (Fan Dancer), Thorens
 Porter (T/L), Trench Art (3),
 Aluminum (some w/mfg. names),
 Zippo military, various MIOJ,
 Smelter carpet seller on
 camel (striker), teletype
 lighter (2), Space Needle
 (T/L) & others. Guy Nishida
 Dunhill Dueling Pistol for
 trade for Ronson/ARW
 "Superba", Ronson/AMW Strike
 Lighter "Lion" or other
 unusual Strike lighters or
 Touch-Tip (Ronson/AMW only)
 plus hundreds of logo,
 novelty, Zippo, Evans,
 Bentley & Beatie Jets to
 trade for Ronson/AMW
 lighters. Lynn Baker
 Dunhill Lacquered/Enameled &
 Gold (Gas) Lighter - Dunhill
 has issued a certificate
 stating current value is \$430
 - also says Dunhill will not
 be making enamel/lacquer
 lighters anymore - too
 difficult. (OTLS has
 certificate & photos if
 interested). This lady will
 negotiate. Please write or
 call Mrs. Jay Rutherford,
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 Petersburg, FL 33707
 (813/381-1945) (Non-Member)
 Please identify yourself as a
 Member of OTLS when calling.
 2 Thorens \$35 each, identical
 except pattern - both silver
 metal (see photo to right)
 Judith Sanders

EVEN THOUGH THE AREA CODE FOR
 QUITMAN HAS BEEN CHANGED TO
 903, 214 WILL ALSO BE WORKING
 FOR 6 MONTHS - AND SOMETIMES
 903 ISN'T WORKING - CHANGES
 TAKE TIME!!

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Ronson 'Hound Dog' striker
 type (no wand) \$60; Elgin
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 w/built in lighter \$20 plus
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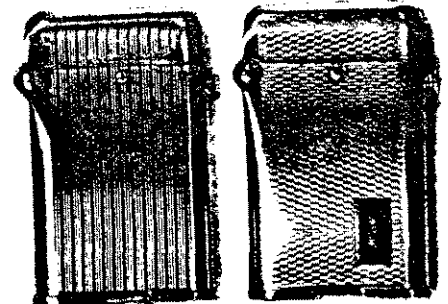
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 reproduction of first
 Colibri, & many others. Jeff
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 (see photo below) Colin Day



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(reduced size of Thorens)