

## On The LIGHTER Side

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**TENTH ANNIVERSARY**

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WELCOME TO 1994 - our **TENTH ANNIVERSARY!** It is hard for me to believe we have been around for 10 years and have grown so much. Please note we have included a Special Edition (separately) to commemorate this occasion. During this year we will try to include a little OTLS "History" in each issue.

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the following Officers have been chosen for 1994:

President	Tom O'Key
Vice President	Martha Lam
Editor	Judith Sanders
Social Sec.	Laurie Cuevas
Historian	Lynn Baker
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### AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT....

I have been collecting lighters for more than twenty years now and expect that this will be the situation for the next twenty as well. The feeling that can be had when another successful lighter hunt comes to an end is undescrivable in words and can only be equated with the moments in ones life that the inner voice says YEESSSS; AAAHHHHH..... and sugar plumb Fairies appear! For this is the basic thrust of a lighter collectors direction if they are truly a cut in the wood collector. The travel and friends and fine food along the way is the gravy that makes it all slide down so easily; but it is the great find that sits as dessert and is the prize. The adventure of it all is the driving force. My wife Debbie is my lighter hunting buddy and Sweetheart, and I'm not just saying that because she finds the best lighters either! She has been along for the ride since the journey began and remains as enthusiastic as ever. I am one of the luckier husbands who has a gal who knows what a Dunhill Vanity is and appreciates it. Unfortunately... it went into her archive!

As the recipient of the appointment to the annual position of the Presidency for the year of 1994 for OTLS, I am completely humbled. I have been the witness of a lot of changes in the lighter collecting world and most of them come from the growth from the clubs as enthusiasts continue to sign up and share in the boiling pot of ever expanding knowledge and appreciation of lighter collecting. Thanks to you all, there is such a position to post and such a job to be done. For this I thank you and wish you all the best that lighter collecting can be.

Tom O'Key, President, OTLS

### AND A WORD FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT....

What a great honor to be named Vice President of OTLS.! I first became aware of the club when I placed an ad in The Antique Trader, looking for Evans, enameled fruit or eggs. Two wonderful people answered the ad - Sid Chase and Ira Pilossof. They both told me that I needed to join OTLS.; I joined the first week of June 1991; Judith called; and I attended my first convention in Las Vegas one week later.

From the moment I arrived, I was among friends, but I must admit that I was a bit intimidated because everyone knew so much about lighters and I didn't. At that time, I had 7 lighters and there I was among real collectors with hundreds and even thousands of lighters. When I left the convention I had 5 more lighters and an avid interest in lighter collecting.

My collecting is still limited to the Evans enameled fruit and eggs, but I have learned much about lighters from my two main teachers - Ira Pilossof and Kevin Kelley. In addition, with each trade and with each convention, I learn eve more. So, for those of you who think you shouldn't attend a convention because you don't have a large collection, you're wrong. Go to conventions, call people, ask questions (even stupid ones), and let it

be known what you're looking for and you'll be richly rewarded with treasures ----- lighters & friends.

Oh! By the way - if any of you have any Evans Enameled fruit or eggs, let me know first, not Catherine & Manny, C.J. and all the others who have decided they also like the Evans.

Martha Lam, Vice President, OTLS

**IMPORTANT!** We are pleased to announce Ted & Pat Ballard have opened a lighter museum in Guthrie, Oklahoma. It is called the NATIONAL LIGHTER MUSEUM. Please see Address Change page for address & phone. Ted & Pat invite any of you to stop by and visit! Ted told this writer this had been a dream of his for some time and now they have finally opened the museum. We all wish you luck Ted & Pat! continued on Page 8....

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## *Fuel For The Fire*

wishes to say hello to all of the lighter enthusiasts out there, who, like ourselves, have had questions about lighters on their minds but were afraid to ask. Or, at least didn't know who to ask. As a result of an observation made by one of our fellow lighter collectors, the obvious need for a sounding board on the subject of lighters seemed like a good idea. By way of "OTLS" & with the help of a few long time and knowledgeable lighter collectors we offer here what we hope will be the first of a long list of helpful pointers and answers to the many questions that lighter collectors can't wait to have answered. With that, the floor is officially open for questions.

**Q.** Where can we find a replacement propeller assembly for our Negbaur P47 Airplane Lighter? Also, A replacement flint wheel for a Thorens pocket lighter? How much should these parts cost? - Paul & Kay Schwemberger, Ocala, Fl.

**A.** It is likely that the only answer to this question is "another lighter with different problems so the parts you need are salvageable." There doesn't seem to be any repo's of these parts so original old stock or salvage is about it. We suggest you run an ad and hope a fellow collector is able to help. The cost is a tough question. If you are willing to be patient and persistent, the price should be low.

**Q.** I have a Dunhill "Dueling Pistol" that is in great shape; works perfectly and has the original trigger; until recently. While showing a friend how it works, the trigger broke off! I would like, somehow to fix it without replacing the trigger. Any ideas? PS. What do you think this lighter is worth? (With and without the trigger)? - Michael Stevens, Upper Darby, PA.

**A.** Too bad about this. Don't feel alone though. The unfortunate fact is that the metal that was used to construct the triggers in these lighters was a variety of

pot metal that appears to have time as an enemy. Many of these triggers have been seen to literally self destruct as a result of some corrosive condition that is similar to how old flint turn to dust. There is nothing known to prevent the onset of the condition either. However, the deterioration can be delayed by keeping moisture and humidity to a minimum. The airborne moisture contains pollutants and minerals. Coupled with the moisture, they can wreck havoc on a number of soft metals. You can purchase an electrical de-humidifier from a hardware store or use the pellets or other commercially sold moisture-absorbing mixtures such as "Damp Out" which are sold in plastic containers. As far as price goes, a broken one is not worth a lot in our view. It can be considered an example so not all is out the window. A perfect example is nice to find and can bring a substantial price to the right buyer. We've seen as much as \$350.00 as a price tag on a purported gem. Realistically, though by no means the gospel, a value of \$100.00 to \$250.00 depending on condition and whether or not it belonged to Frank Sinatra. We have seen several dueling pistols with replacement triggers. Although we do not know the source, we are certain that they can be recast given the time and expertise.

**Q.** I purchased the recent book on lighters and the prices the should be worth. You know the one? What's it called? Anyway, what do you think the value is of the lighter found on page 133, top right, No. 2 "USA"? I have one just like it and I paid \$40.00 for it. Is that too much? - Anonymous

**A.** Over to you Guy... This last question was left for me to answer alone because I have very strong feelings about the quality of this book. The title of the book is Collecting Cigarette Lighters A price Guide. I thought the answer to the question provides a good example of the quality of the book. The lighter in question is actually the insert for the Negbaur cannon lighter. If you can find the cannon without the lighter for under \$20., then I believe you have paid a reasonable price for a complete piece. Although I understand that a couple of reviews of the book will appear in the newsletter shortly I was desperate for the opportunity to make a few comments. But after having spoken with a few collectors who have the book, I have decided to tone-down my criticisms so that my remarks are fit to be printed. Personally, with the exception of a few catalog pages that I have never seen before, I think the book as a whole is the worst collector book on any subject I have ever seen. Whatever ingredients you might name as necessary for a desirable collector book are lacking in this book. Research: What research? Photography: Poor. Layout and organization: Considering his obvious lack of knowledge, grade "D". Ability to crank out something as quickly as possible to make a buck without any regard to quality or accuracy: grade A+.

If this book (and I shake my head every time I use the word "book") is being sold for approximately \$20., then

the Ronson BOOK is a steal at \$200 because I will refer to Mr. Cumming's book regularly. On the other hand, I can't foresee any need to refer to L & W's book. But if you feel the need to reward someone for correctly calculating a market and for capitalizing on it with minimal thought to actually performing a service, then by all means purchase the book. Alternatively, you could photograph your own collection because the odds are you have most of the lighters in this book.

Questions for "*Fuel For The Fire*" can be sent to P. O. Box 7262, Orange, CA. 92613-7262. All questions submitted will be considered for use in the regular column based on the availability of space and general interest in the topic of the question. We reserve the right to express our opinions and do not make claims of being the last word on any matter or issue brought before us nor those we do not know about. We invite all praise and criticism in writing to the above address. For a response in writing to your inquires, send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your question. Thank you.

*From the Pen of...*

...Urban Cummings

THE PLPG-INDIANAPOLIS SHOW  
OCTOBER 15-17, 1993

This show is billed as a SWAP MEET, but probably only for historical reasons. It could also be known as a "show & tell & trade & sell" extravaganza --- something like a feeding frenzy for seriously addicted lighter collectors. But more than anything else, it was just plain fun, fun, fun.

The thing that PLPG does so well is to put on a show wherein lighters and lighter activities are King with everything else taking second or third place. Club business is kept to a minimum. Advantage No. 2: leaving your lighters & displays covered by a tablecloth overnight in a locked room with a security guard makes coming and going much more convenient. The Days Inn near the airport provided very nice rooms, and excellent ballroom and prompt shuttle bus service.

This second show of 1993 was even larger than the St. Louis meet: 37 members displaying on 50 tables, making it PLPG's largest show to date. About 50 other members attended but did not have a table. 'Sat. afternoon saw over 145 public visitors to the show, some bringing lighters to sell or be appraised. The number of new members attending of displaying for the first time made for an interesting show.

Pat Grandy of Zippo was there with many of their newest lighters and displays for sale, plus some wonderful gifts for all. The informal auction Saturday evening was definitely a kick-in-the-pants, as evidenced by the high level of member participation.

The number of dazzling and/or precious lighters that changed hands over the weekend was enough to blow the socks off any collector, even the gentleman Mr. Tolken. A sampling: 14K Harvey Avedon pocket; sterling Bijou Dunhill; pink shagreen Abdula; Colibri "Famous;" Deco enamel on mother-of-pearl Carlton pocket model; Ronson Tubeliter and Ronson "S/L Pipe" (the Sherlock Holmes pipe), and a President Woodrow Wilson trench piece. In addition, Joe Swanson snagged a great duo: Ronson Jeweled Kitcase, and Rondelight Ballerina (The "Pudding Bearer"), Rick Harrison bagged a T-T Bartender Terry & Karen Cairo talked Tom Clarke out of a very interesting made in England, silver plated Charles pocket lighter which uses a unique bevel gear to rotate the flint wheel.

From this writer's point-of-view though, the star of the weekend was shown by Renee Martin of Columbus, Ohio (her first show). A beautiful, not-in-the-Ronson-book desk set consisting of a New Yorker fitment and fountain pen holder in and on a marbled metal base with a gorgeous, black finished, deco nude woman mounted thereon...to say the least...a piece that some of

us might be willing to give their left bizorkas for.

Finally, on to the subject of where in 1994? Tentatively, PLPG has set its sights on Columbus, OH in April and Chicago, IL in October. Be it known though, that several people suggested a summer meeting in Vegas would probably attract a measurably large group of aficionados. Remotely possible, but not likely, some thought. Touche & Au revoir...

...Urban Cummings & Tom O'Key

THE SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION, LIGHTER CLUB OF GREAT  
BRITAIN, LONDON, SEPT. 18-19, 1993

Now we know why they call it Great Britain. Christine and Urban Cummings with Debbie and Tom O'Key were treated like royalty, it was great and is great. The convention was held at Central Park Hotel in the Bayswater District, which is a perfect place to stay in London. From the time we arrived to the time we left we realized how enjoyable it was to be in England. The convention started on Sat. morning, Sept. 18, with a mass trip to the Portobello Road antiques market. Now here's a place to find lighters. Not only are the dealers in England tuned-in to lighters, but one man at Portobello, John O'Brien, has nothing but lighters in his booth and we found models that we've never seen before; Ronsons and others that were made only in England. Tom and Brigitte Clarke were set up there indoors which was very nice because it was raining outside. It was also a great deal of fun because Richard Ball was set up next to them the second Sat. we went. Alessandro Dati accompanied us on our tour of the hundreds of shops, & stalls and saw to it that we did not miss any location where lighters might be found. Portobello Road is definitely a super antiques market and Alessandro is a great tour guide.

We left about 1 p.m. returned to the hotel and at 3 p.m. got together for lighter swaps and trading. There were two rooms of tables for the club members and things began in earnest. At 5 p.m. Jim Hassett gave a great talk on repairing lighters and showed us his spring-making device which he invented; it provided a insight to his tricks of the trade. We then saw a video recording of a TV program on smokers' items, which featured Richard Ball. This was followed by a club auction and a great dinner party at the hotel, enjoyed by all of us.

Sunday morning provided the collectors' a time to really get into doing their swap and sell thing. The theme of the convention was "Made in Occupied Japan" lighters and that proved to be a very interesting feature. Some very nice lighters were finding new homes on Sunday. After lunch a member's auction was held followed by a very thorough talk and slide show on Thorens lighters given by Olivier Ballet. After that more lighter swapping and trading. All-in-all, the convention was a smashing success... we gave it a "10"

For Debbie, Tom, Chris and Urban the hospitality shown by David Hargreaves and his lovely partner, Anne, began Sun. evening with the drive away from London. David's home is on Lake Windermere in the Lake District and if you've ever wanted to see the best of Britain outdoors, this is it. The birds, the boats that cross the lake, the steam train, the beautiful scenery and the ambiance is enough to bring you back again very soon. A trip through David's house is like a time from the past. The house is built of stone with the interior in English Tudor style and includes all the modern conveniences. Lighters are seen everywhere throughout the house. The best part is that David uses his lighters. All are in working condition including the Touch Tips and it is great fun to see them being used. Reminds one of the 1930's the time when most of the lighters were originally made.

David's brother, Martin, being an avid lighter collector himself, added to the enjoyment of the occasion. His collection also focuses on Ronsons plus other great lighters made on the Continent. The welcome mat was out and the treatment we received was fit for a king.

At this point Chris and Urban headed for visits to York, Edinburgh and Brighton. Tom & Debbie were off to Dussekendorf, Germany to visit Graham Martin & his Wife, Brigitte. Graham collects Thorens lighters as well as others but only if they are in great condition. We met Graham and Brigitte at the convention and they invited us to go to the lighter swap meet sponsored by the Swiss Lighter Club, Funke und Flamme.

The swap meet was held at a meeting hall in a shopping center located off the Autobahn in Switzerland about five miles from Zurich. There were a dozen collectors assembled to a swap and trade. Leading the collectors was Funke und Flamme organizer and fellow collector, Rolf Muller. Arriving about mid-day was Jurg Shmutz, one of the Swiss club's representatives to the World Lighter Show. During the show a very interesting video was shown that had been produced by FUF in which the history of lighters was examined and several demonstrations of early fire making techniques were demonstrated. Everyone had a great time and many new friendships were made. The

language barrier was not a great problem as most spoke a little English and for those who didn't, Graham was happy to translate as his German is very good. We had a great time and wished we had more time to stay. At the end we had a very nice late lunch with Karl and Barbara Walter and with that we said our good-byes. Karl and Barbara drove Deb and Tom to the Zurich Airport where there is also a train station. We bid them farewell and within an hour were on a train to Paris.

Carlo Valerio & his wife, Ellena, live in Paris and thanks to their invitation to visit them, we spent the next 4 days touring the many antique haunts and flea markets that can be found in this fantastic French city. Food, wine, art and architecture make Paris an experience that one could never forget. Besides which we even found a couple of very nice lighters. The departure from Paris was sad because we really did not want to leave. Carlo and Ellena were great hosts and the city was a great place; who would want to leave?

The four musketeers rejoined in London for the third week. The Science Museum is great but the Bryant and May exhibit in the basement floor is fantastic (Tom was in seventh heaven). The exhibit is a must for any serious lighter collector. Next day on to Harrods, Liberty, and yes, more lighter hunting days at Bermondsey on Friday and Covent Garden Market on Mon. morning.

The grand finale of this wonderful time was a visit to the Dunhill museum arranged for us by Alessandro. The lighter exhibit is marvelous; honestly, a lighter collector's dream come true.

Hats off to Richard & Dorrie & everyone at L.C.G.B. for such a grand time together. We had a ball.

...Volker Putz

(Editor's Note: Volker Putz is a lighter collector and furnished the room for this Swap Meet. He was kind enough to send us a report on this meeting)

Organized and invited by Rainer Kytzia about 40 collectors (actually 28 collectors and their partners), had their first swap meeting on November 6th in Hamburg, Germany in the rooms of Putz & Partner Consultancy (Volker Putz and Michael Borck are both lighter collectors) there was enough room for a lot of stalls, a video show (showing a movie about fire-marking from the beginning of the mankind to nowadays) and a lighter auction.

The collectors came from all over Germany and there were even two participants from the British Isles.

There was a lot of swapping and trading activity. A lot of the collectors presented some of their best lighters just for show. It was possible to see many fascinating pieces which you had only seen before in books.

A lot of new contacts were established and there are plans for further events like the Hamburg meeting in the future.

.....Judith Sanders

Several OTLS members, with such imagination, sent gifts & cards to your Editor! As my personal way of saying THANK YOU & also to let everyone know the scope of creativity in our club, I have "plagiarized" a famous song.

#### JUDITH'S 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the first day of Christmas Warren & Jean brought to me,  
A beautiful brass (w/Russell sculpture) Zippo to put under my Christmas tree.

On the second day of Christmas  
Guy & Kathleen sent to me,  
A book and OTLS sign for  
everyone to see!

On the third day of Christmas  
from Andrew & Nancy what did I  
get,  
The "Joe Cool" Band in a 3 piece  
set.

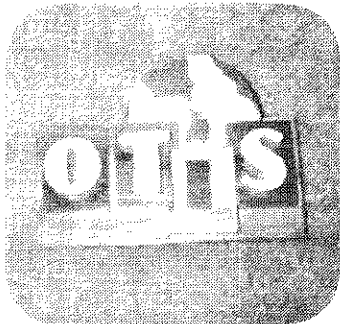
On the fourth day of Christmas  
UPS brought to my door  
Four packages of Sausage &  
Cheese from Brent so I could eat  
some more.

On the fifth day of Christmas Sophie & Bob sent to me  
A 5 piece ceramic (white) Christmas tree

On the sixth day of Christmas as cold weather came in here  
A Bartender with 6 flashing lights arrived from Vernon & Morn McNear

On the seventh day of Christmas with baking on my mind  
Karen & Terry sent me lighter candy of seven kinds.

On the eighth day of Christmas Ira, Susan, Julie & Val sent to me  
A basket & 8 boxes of candy - oh I wish you could see!



On the ninth day of Christmas when I was hungry again  
David Irons sent me 9 packages of cookies in a beautiful tin.

On the tenth day of  
Christmas UPS came  
once more

With lots of packages  
from Jim, Mary, Michael,  
Beth, David & Natalie  
(family) to look beautiful  
inside my door.

On the 11th day of  
Christmas Quitman had  
a big storm  
But lots of OTLS friends  
called & sent cards to  
keep me warm.

On the 12th day of Christmas my mood was oh so jolly  
To see Al had sent from his own tree 12 branches of holly.

NOTE: Thank all of you for the beautiful cards & phone calls - I especially like the "Photo" cards from June & Bob Berliner & Joe & Karen Roseman & Rainer Kytzia. And thanks to Manny & Catherine -- even if it did get lost!

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#### A REVIEW: BY LYNN BAKER

**COLLECTING CIGARETTE LIGHTERS - A PRICE GUIDE** by Neal S. Wood.  
L-W Book Sales and Publishing, P.O. Box 69, Gas City, IN 46933, 190  
Pages, \$24.95

A few months ago when I heard this book was going to be published I was initially excited since it would cover all lighters. Later I heard it would include a price guide and that started me asking questions. Who was the author, what was his qualifications to establish a price guide for the lighter collector world?

I would consider this a picture book of one individual's collection of cigarette lighters, catalog pages and advertisements.

The book's 190 pages consists of 78 pages in color and 112 Black and White. Catalog pages make up 72 pages of such brands as Ronson, Evans, Golden Wheel, Elgin American, Clark, Dougllass, Carlton, Lincoln, Ritepoint, Gibson and other brands. Advertisements make up 10 pages from Zippo and Ronson. Pictures of approximately 1,200 lighters are shown on 95 pages.

This is not a reference book since it provides no information on the lighters shown, just the information stamped on the lighter i.e., Japan, Ronson Diana, Evans etc. The lighters shown are not grouped by manufacture but randomly assembled with some order to types i.e.: pocket, table, case etc. A large percent of the lighters shown are "no-names" or Japan.

I feel this is a nice collection of catalog pages, 11 are in color. Some of the catalog pages have never been seen before and date back to 1929 with some cut sheets from early 1900's with one from 1892.

The price guide is based on "in good working condition" or mean average. My expertise is in Ronson and based upon the 1,800 that I have tracked, this guide should have never been printed. It is not high nor low it is just wrong and relates to nothing in the real world of lighter collecting.

If one is looking for a book to fill the many gaps in the cigarette lighter reference category - this is not what we have been waiting for. If you want a book showing lots of lighters with no information then this might meet your need.

#### JUST A SHORT REBUTTAL....from Judith

While I agree with **most** of what Lynn & Guy have to say, I do have a couple of points I would like to mention.

In the past few years, over and over again I have heard lighter collectors say "where can we find a book on lighters?" Whatever deficiencies this new book may have, it **IS** a book on lighters and I believe with the shortage of books on our subject, all lighter collectors will want to buy **ANY** book on lighters.

Secondly, there are many members in OTLS (and the other clubs) who collect the more common lighters, or the less expensive lighters and **you never see these type lighters in books!** However, there are a lot of advertising, novelty and in general less expensive lighters shown in LW's new book. So I believe this is a definite plus in favor of the book.

Last, but definitely not least, **DON'T FORGET** if you want to order this book, order from Ben Rapaport. Cost is \$19.00 (postage paid U.S.), \$21.00 (postage paid Canada) & \$23.00 (postage paid, surface, overseas).

## [ COLLECTORS' CORNER ]

### THE 1994 COLLECTIBLES

by J. Patrick Grandy

First, there was the Zippo 60th Anniversary limited edition lighter. It was the lighter of the year in 1992.

We were excited to offer the 1935 Varga Girl as the 1993 Collectible of the year.

In 1994 Zippo introduces its 3rd limited edition Collectible of the year. We're commemorating the role of the legendary "black crackle" lighter in World War II.

With our 1994 calendar, we're pleased to present our salute to the 50th Anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944. (see ordering information below)

Following is a news release about the new D-Day sets. Also copy of a war-era ad which explains why Zippo windproof lighters were not available for consumers. The copy provides an interesting window on the wartime psyche. I believe it was written by Mr. Blaisdell himself because the ad reflects his strong desire not to disappoint Zippo customers.

### PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### ZIPPO SALUTES D-DAY

In 1994, the world will commemorate the 50th anniversary of D-Day. On June 6, 1944 the Allied Forces, under the leadership of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, landed on the shores of Normandy in occupied France and began the grueling process of liberation. The courage and resolve of the Allied troops culminated in victory over the axis powers in a little over a year's time.

Zippo lighters are an important part of WWII lore. Ernie Pyle, the legendary war correspondent, wrote: "The Zippo lighter is in great demand on the battlefield." Zippo proved itself battle-worthy, functional and sturdy. There are countless wartime stories about the Zippo Windproof lighter.

Because of wartime material shortages, Zippo was forced to fabricate the exterior cases from steel instead of the traditional brass. Unable to finish the lighters in chrome or nickel, Zippo used the rough black crackle finish that distinguished it as a "World War II Zippo."

For 1994, Zippo is proud to announce two limited edition lighter collections to commemorate D/Day's 50th Anniversary.

The D-Day Commemorative Lighter is emblazoned with the special D-Day insignia and duplicates the classic World War II black crackle finish. Each lighter is elegantly displayed on a rich velour

OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY

#### THE ZIPPO D-DAY LIGHTER



platform, all enclosed in an attractive metal tin. On the inside lid is a reprint of the original Eisenhower letter that was issued to the troops on June 4, 1944. An inspiring memento to commemorate the anniversary of D-Day, the letter embodies the spirit and courage surrounding this historic event.

The Allied Heroes Series showcases 4 high-polish brass lighters with portraits of WWII military leaders. These historical figures are: Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. Bernard L.

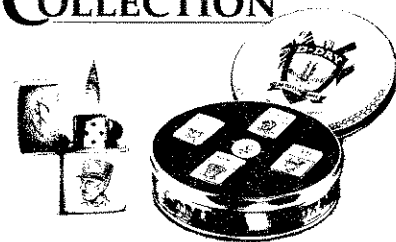
Montgomery, Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley & Gen. Charles deGaulle. Completing the set is a complimentary solid brass key ring etched with the special D-Day emblem. The set is presented in a round metal tin decorated with graphics depicting the beaches of Normandy. Biographical profiles of each General are printed on the inside lid of the tin.

The Zippo D-Day commemorative sets will have tremendous appeal for lighter aficionados, Veterans, WWII buffs and those who appreciate fine quality collectibles.

TO ORDER ZIPPO D-DAY CALENDARS YOU MUST WRITE ZIPPO FOR AN ORDER BLANK. ONCE YOU HAVE ORDER BLANK COST IS \$12.45 (POSTAGE PAID). OVERSEAS MEMBERS PLEASE CONTACT JUDITH.

TO ORDER D-DAY LIGHTERS OR THE ALLIED HEROES COLLECTION, CONTACT MARTY INMAN FOR COSTS & INFORMATION

#### OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY THE ALLIED HEROES COLLECTION



### IMPORTANT

Due to conditions caused by the War, we have had to convert from brass to steel in the manufacture of our lighter. Further, we cannot use nickel or chrome for the finish.

We have placed a protection against corrosion on our lighter which may not be permanent under some conditions. Corrosion may then occur.

This lighter is guaranteed mechanically, but we do not guarantee the finish and our lighters are now sold with this understanding.

ZIPPO MANUFACTURING COMPANY

PRODUCT NOTICE THAT ACCOMPANIED THE BLACK CRACKLE STEEL LIGHTERS DISTRIBUTED AT MILITARY PXs DURING THE WAR

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3rd Annual

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LIGHTER  
SHOW**

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COLLECTORS**

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SENT TO NEARBY  
MEMBERS, HOWEVER,  
ALL OTLS MEMBERS  
WELCOME TO ATTEND

Lighters shown in the above ad are from Ralph Fink's stationery, used with his permission. Thanks Ralph!

DETAILS FOR 1994 OTLS  
CONVENTION WILL BE  
IN THE MARCH  
NEWSLETTER. START  
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CONVENTION ADS NOW!

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE OR TRADE

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Ronson 14 Kt Banker	\$425
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For Sale: Cigarette Lighters - Ronson - Evans - Zippo - Trench. Send \$2 for Sales list. Also buying entire collections, (large or small). Ron Bash  
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Zippo produced special gift set for the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co of MA. This is the oldest military co. in the US founded in 1637 & still in existence. The set consists of a \$250 high polish lighter engraved w/emblem of the AHAC, extra flints & can of fluid, all in gift box. A few extra sets are available for sale to OTLS members at \$20 (plus \$3 postage). Barry Hoffman

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For Sale: Plaza Lighter (brass, compact shaped, lites when opened) Best Offer! Have many other unusual lighters. Bill Kern

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Sale or Trade: Assorted Dunhills, Ronsons, Zippos, Scriptos, Cartier, aluminum & figural novelties. Ilene Chazanof (212)254-5564

We are considering ordering a Special limited commemorative set of a Zippo Lighter & a Case Knife - Zippo will have "Case" logo & the knife will have "Zippo" logo. Cost will be approx. \$30 (includes gift box also). If interested send postcard or call Jerry Lindholme (704)253-8717. We need to know if there is enough interest before ordering. Also have the (tin) Varga Girl advertising signs

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available. (12" x 16"). \$15 (U.S. & Canada) - \$18 (overseas).

Always buying & selling pre-1950 lighters and specializing in those harder to find - Dunhill, Ronson & Zippos. Contact Ira Pilosof by phone/fax (718)921-2516 or by mail. Overseas calls welcomed.

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Complete history of any US military ship. Send \$4 US or equivalent for each vessel of your interest to Tom O'Key & receive the history of ships found on your Zippos, etc. Quantity discounts will be considered. Include the name of the ship as well as the designation number. Satisfaction guaranteed. Fax (714)632-8275 or P O Box 7262, Orange CA 92613-7262

For Sale - assorted lighters. ZIPPOS from 40's to 90's. RONSON P/Ls, T/Ls & case lighters. 1920's DUNHILL Unique, fair shape. Assorted makes & models. Flint/Fuel & Butane. SCRIPTO Vu-lighters. COLIBRI. 100's of lighters. Too many to xerox. Send SASE for approx list. Will sell whole group or by piece. Call (818)996-3590 or write to Angel Cat.

Grecian T-T, 1946 Zippo in orig box, 2 Thorens, MIOJ "Toby Mug" & others. Ken Short

### WANTED

Looking for Vietnam Zippos & Zippos from 50's, 60's & 70's. Buy or trade. Please contact Michael Beckamp, Phone 49/212/590490 or Fax 49/202/723491

Looking for the 1957 Chevrolet, 1965 Mustang & 1965 Corvette Zippos. Call or write Paul Groenewoud (616)637-2698. I am wanting these lighters & will buy or trade for them:

1. 1943-1945 WWII Zippos w/emblems or coins attached. I do not care if black crackle is still on them or not.
2. U.S.S. Missouri Surrender Zippo
3. Reagan/Gorbachev Commemorative
4. Solid Copper Zippo (Kennicott)
5. Town & Country Zippos

Call Brent at (405)436-5765  
Wanted: Unusual MIOJ lighters, Swank, Evans & the usual good stuff. Have THOUSANDS of lighters for trade or sale. Contact Guy (310)215-1951. (also new Fax number (310)215-3660)

Wanted: Evans, Trench, Zippos, Ronson Touch Tips & Strikers - buy - sell - trade. Ron Bash (614)654-5334

Zippos wanted: 1930's, Town & Country, Kendall Oil, Coca Cola, Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck. Also buying collections. Howard Applebaum (713)484-6294 or write

Looking for pre-1973 Military Zippos (Viet Nam, Korea, WWII) & Pat. 2032695 advertising Zippos (big names, US cars) regular size only. Could trade for French items: what are you looking for? Please write w/list & price to Jean-Michel Flu

WANTED: Following Zippo goods.  
\* Old Catalogs (xerox copies OK!)  
\* Empty fuel cans (U.S. or Canada)  
\* 1987-1990 OTLS Convention Lighters  
Please send letter or Fax 81-3-3990-7393. Hiroshi Kito


WANTED ZIPPOS: 1932 Model; second 1933 Model; The Drunk (1934); Kendall Oil (1935); Square Model (1937) Original Anniversary Zippos - 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th; any old Zippo (1932-1989); old Zippo Fuel cans, old Zippo Giftboxes, signs & advertising posters. Very good reward!!! Write & call me. Mik de Vries (011 45 86 74 1007).

Wanted: Zippos 1930-1950. Please send me your response. I will wait for it. Shigeru Sugawara

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Please be sure and see the ad about the CALIFORNIA SWAP MEET! This swap meet is for ALL members of OTLS who want to go. Your Editor will be there this year and I look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it!

A big THANK YOU to Tom Carvellas, who has contributed \$100.00 to OTLS!

PLEASE note new members, Mike & Rita Pratt own "The Collectors Choice Display Co.". They have sent flyers to be included in the paper advertising their display cases. David has generously furnished your Editor with the "small" size for my inspection. The individual spaces in this size will hold Zippos, other pocket lighters (Zippo size or a little bigger) & "flat advertisers" (like the cigarette ad lighters). Not only will these be good for wall mounting, they will be GREAT for conventions! Order some now. Overseas add \$5 postage for 1 case & \$1.20 ea. additional case.

In response to requests from several people, Greg Ryman and Judith Sanders have prepared a Financial Statement for the year 1993. Any of you who are interested, please advise and I will be happy to mail it to you.

It distresses me to mention bad news...I guess I like to avoid turmoil! HOWEVER, we have had a couple of unfortunate occurrences recently. Texas Law does not allow me to publish specific names. The only recourse we have at present is to deny membership in the club until the problems have been solved. I believe that 99.9% of our club members are honest people. Unfortunately these two occurrences are going to have an effect on future dealings for some of us. In your negotiating with each other, get to know each other first, so you both know your trades will turn out OK. I am always willing to tell any member what I know about another member, or to help in any way I can. I cannot and will not be responsible for members who run ads and don't follow through with their negotiations. But I will talk to any of you on the phone and tell you anything I can to help. Let's all hope this NEVER happens again!

L'Accendino has a new name for their newsletter "LIGHTERS MANIA ". Also see ad on "Convention" page for their First Convention! Our best wishes to L'Accendino and all of the other clubs for 1994!

SORRY FOR THE SMALL PRINT BUT WE HAD A LOT OF INFORMATION TO SQUEEZE IN 8 PAGES!

**FINALLY** the 1994 Convention will be in St Petersburg, Florida - June 9 - 12, 1994. We are going to have a discount on Delta Airlines. If you need this information before March, please call your Editor.

## IN THE NEWS!

With lighter collecting becoming more popular every day, publicity is becoming more prevalent. In the past couple of months there has been a lot of publicity about lighters and about members of our club. Definitely worth a mention is the following:

Soon to be released Movie "Radioland Murders" (starring Brian Benben, Michael Learner, Ned Beatty and others) features prominently lighters furnished by Judith Sanders & Richard Weinstein (the Pinup Girl lighters). Vernon Harrell of Merrimack Valley Films has sent a lovely letter thanking OTLS & photos of Brian Benben holding "the lighter" for our club scrapbook. Thanks Vernon!

Great article in the Hershey Chronicle (Dec. 30, 1993)

about Ralph Fink (with photo) and his Zippo lighters.

Lester Hopper has given OTLS a plug in the column he writes for the "Sub Collectors" - THANKS LES!

Cigar Aficionado (Winter issue) has a very interesting article by Rene Chun on Zippo. Thanks to Scott MacNeil for furnishing this article!

An article by our own Richard Weinstein appears in the January edition of Today's Collector. This article is entitled "Whats Hot?" This monthly publication covers a variety of collectibles. For a free sample copy or subscription information write to Today's Collector, 700 E State St, Iola WI 54990-0001.

Guy Nishida & Tom O'Key participated in the Southern California Pipe & Cigar Smokers show (mentioned in Nov.).

An excellent article "Cigarette lighters are sparking new interest among Collectors" by Deidre Waz in the January issue of Mass Bay Antiques. This particular article in about all kinds of lighters, and gives a lot of attention to Ira Pilosof, Barry Hoffman, Urban Cummings, Judith Sanders and OTLS. There are some excellent photographs, furnished by Ira Pilosof. This particular publication covers a variety of collectibles and would be of interest to all collectors. After Ms. Waz interviewed all the above mentioned, she has created a lengthy and fascinating article.

The NEWSTRIBUNE featured in a recent weekend edition photos and article about Dale Wiesbrock.

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