



On The LIGHTER Side

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Here we are at the beginning of a New Year! I hope even more of you will send in articles this year. The recent input from different members has enhanced our club. So keep those articles coming!

IMPORTANT! Please remember entries for the **ESTELLE TOLKIN AWARD** may be sent through April 30, 1995. If you are a new members & did not receive the July issue with rules of this contest, please advise your Editor. Your entries will be judged whether used in the paper or not (due to lack of space some articles may be used later after the deadline). The panel of Judges has now been selected. The Judges will be Martha Lam, Greg Ryman, Judith Sanders & Larry Tolkin. Dot Turini will serve as a Judge only in the event of a "tie" in any category. No Judge, or any family member, will be allowed to enter the aforementioned competition.

The Board of Directors of OTLS are pleased to announce the following officers have been selected to serve for 1995.

President	Tom Clarke
Vice President	Philip Politi
Sec/Editor	Judith Sanders
Social Secretary	Laurie Cuevas
Back Issues Chrm.	Greg Ryman
Historian	Lynn Baker

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT...

Let me begin by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and let's hope a successful year eleven for OTLS.

For those of you who may not know me, I have been collecting lighters for over 10 years. Although I am now what is called a collector/dealer. So as you can imagine lighters take up a lot of my time, or did until the arrival of Geoffrey, my son, who was born in April last year. However, Brigitte, my wife, gives me lots of help and looks after Geoffrey so well that life goes on much the same.

I consider my election as President of OTLS for 1995 a great honor and it is only the second time a "foreigner" has held this position. If I can do as well as Peter Cavanagh I will be very pleased.

Lighter collecting is becoming very competitive and the rule of OTLS is to help all our members as much as we can to pursue their mission. OTLS as always will be holding an annual convention and I recommend attending this event as it is when you can get the most out of your club. I have made a great many friends and learned more about lighters from attending those shows than at any other time.

The success of OTLS over the first ten years is due to it's members, it's officers and it's founder. As we begin the next decade of OTLS I hope you will all do as much as you can to continue the good work. Finally I wish you all good lighter hunting and hope you find the special pieces you have been looking for, and see you at the convention in June.

Tom Clarke, President

AND OUR VICE PRESIDENT SPEAKS!

When I started to collect lighters, I thought I was the only nut in the world that held this interest. All our friends would look at me like I was off my rocker. But alas, who has the last laugh now? Lighter collecting has become one of the fastest growing collectibles in the world.

That's why I'm excited about another year of collecting, and another year in the club. Being able to meet other collectors and see all the different lighters that were manufactured over the years has made me realize that some lighters are not just functional tools but also fine works of art.

But collecting has only been part of the pleasure that I've received through this interest. Joining "On The LIGHTER Side" and meeting all the great people has been as enjoyable and as rewarding as the lighters themselves.

So, I hope that 1995 will be another year of growth for the club and for lighter collecting.

Your 1995 Vice President, Phil Politi

IMPORTANT EDITORIAL (PLEASE READ!)

Why don't we start the year off with one of my editorials?

If you wonder why I'm always heading paragraphs or articles with "**Please Read**" it is because that particular article contains some piece of information you need/want to know. After each paper I receive phone calls from members asking when is the Florida Swap Meet, where do we order convention lighters, etc. These calls would lead a person to believe you don't read every word of each paper??? This paper contains a lot of important information so "**PLEASE READ**" on.....

The **1995 Convention of OTLS** will be held **June 8 to 11 in Dallas, TX**. The vote was 49 for Dallas and 32 for Las Vegas. The votes are all WRITTEN VOTES. I insisted on written votes in the event of any complaints about the election. For you who wanted to go to Las Vegas, I hope you will consider the convention important enough to make the trip to Dallas! Even though the majority of votes were for Dallas, I am disappointed at the total number of votes - with over 800 members this isn't a very good "voting turnout"! Full details will be covered in the March issue, including registration forms.

FOLLOWING IS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM ZIPPO!

NATIONAL ZIPPO DAY

On August 5th last year Zippo held their first annual National Zippo Day, in Bradford, PA. The event featured the national radio broadcast of the "Zippo in the Morning" program hosted by Dallas-based personalities Jim Zippo & Maria Danza. The program aired over 150 stations on the ABC Pure Gold Network. Response to the first National Zippo Day was so enthusiastic that Zippo has declared Friday, July 21 at the 1995 National Zippo Day. In conjunction with this event, Zippo will sponsor a Zippo Swap Meet for the members of OTLS, PLPG and other lighter enthusiasts.

This special event will be July 21-23, 1995 in Bradford. This event will include displays, trading and swapping similar to our conventions; with the exception, of course, only Zippos will be displayed! A special invitation is extended to the members of OTLS & PLPG. However, any members of the 6 World Lighter Clubs are welcome. Exhibitors need only to be a member of one of the 6 clubs. Also

invited are members of the Case Knife Collectors Club. Case knife swapping & collections will be a part of the Zippo/Case Swap Meet. As many club members know Bradford based W. R. Case and Sons Cutlery Company is a Zippo subsidiary.

Another special feature of the weekend will be Zippo plant tours. Zippo no longer gives plant tours, but has agreed to make an exception for this event. We will, of course, also be able to see the new Zippo Museum, which many of you may have heard of already. Jim Zippo (that's his name!) and Maria Danza are scheduled to do their national broadcast again this year. The Zippo Family Store will also have special imprinted products and a T-shirt sale.

Zippo has chosen this date so it does not conflict with any shows being held by OTLS or PLPG. In addition, since this is a specialized show only for Zippo collectors, it won't be a conflict anyway. Even though you may not be a Zippo collector, if you are a lighter collector, I would encourage you to attend. Not only will you have an opportunity to visit Zippo, you will also meet fellow club members and see a great lighter show in action.

Zippo has arranged for rooms to be available in Bradford at a special rate. In addition, Zippo will provide the display areas at no charge to club members.

In the next newsletter, we will have information for you on registration for this event. But in order for you to plan vacation times, or to plan your schedule, we wanted you to have the dates and the general information of the event now. Stay tuned!

(Contributed by Pat Grandy & Judith Sanders)

From the Pen of...

1994 Pacific Northwest Lighter Show & Swap Meet "Your Northwest Connection"

We can't think of any other word to describe the recent Seattle show other than "Success". Keeping in mind this is the first time any kind of lighter show has been attempted in the Pacific Northwest and that we were playing opposite a 2000 table antique show that was going on in Portland the same day. In spite of that, Lighter enthusiasts were attracted from Canada, California, Idaho, Oregon & from all over Washington State. More than half of the attendees, many carrying lighters in paper bags and in their purses and pockets, had never been to a lighter show before today.

The meeting room was not gigantic, but was comfortable and overlooked the swimming pool and garden area of the hotels. There were lighters wall to wall with about half of the

table holders being either new or non-club members. As you know, it is always interesting when a fresh supply of new members and lighters show up on the scene. It can often be very interesting for old members and a true learning experience for the newcomer.

Our phones started ringing Thurs. night when exhibitors called asking last minute questions, wanting to make table modifications or confirming setup info. There were a few early arrivals of "out of towners" including one California couple. We won't mention any names, but their initials are Mannie & Catherine.

Friday night, show promoters, the Beatys & McNamars hosted a hospitality room that was attended by early arrivals. There was lots of conversation and even more "show & tell". As usual some of us couldn't keep our lighters in the boxes, & had to impress and "tease" each other with what we had brought.

Setup started at 7:00 A.M. and shortly before 10:00 the doors opened to allow non-table holders & general public.

Trading went well throughout the day. It can be safely said the heaviest volume of trading occurred in Zippo lighters. A "Lunar Landing" changed hands twice, and several examples of "in theater Vietnam" Zippos went home with new owners. We did see one Lady Bradford arrive in a paper bag and leave the room without ever seeing a table top. There was the usual amount of under the table trading going on that was obvious only to experience show goers. There seems to be little question that Zippo lighters were most heavily traded, bought & sold; however, "Evans" followed close behind. A subtle but steady interest in "Scripto" lighters was evident, mainly the variety that can easily be dated by the "vu image".

There was no shortage of Dunhill lighters present. There didn't appear to be much Dunhill trading going on, however there were several "Rollalite" and "Rollagas" lighters that sold for cash. We later learned that most of these lighters were headed for Taiwan. As a whole, lift arm lighters were slow. A very nice "Aquarium" did walk in the door during the late afternoon and change hands. Ronson trading was steady with most interest being in early pocket lighters. One nice Ronson "figural table lamp" sat on at least two tables most of the day, but at sundown went home with yet a third owner.

Long time OTLS member, Ed Kelley trekked over the snow covered mountains from eastern Washington to attend the show with his daughter, Cathy. Ed laid out an impressive display that included several duplicate Ronsons from his personal collection. Ed said he was "thinning out" and several of his Ronson lighters went home with new & proud owners.

When things slowed down in the afternoon we gave away dozens of door prizes. Most of which were generously provided by Zippo Manufacturing. We gave away advertising posters, "Zippo" license plates & several other Zippo advertising & product items. Thank you Zippo! Additional door prizes included "Show T-shirt" and a "Space Needle" table lighter from the 1962 Seattle Century 21 World's Fair.

Our theme for this show has been the landmark space Needle that appeared in our advertising and as a logo on the popular "Pacific Northwest Lighter Show" T-shirts. Although most of the shirts were sold at the show, we have about a dozen left, which we will sell for a first come-first serve basis. Price is \$10 and we will pay the postage. The shirt is white and has a show "logo" on the left side of the chest. Who know? Could very well be a collector's item.

We would like to thank everyone who offered advice and spent so much time and money attending the helping promote our first Lighter Show.

The most frequently asked question by show attendees as they left was "are you going to have this next year?". I think we have unleashed a new phenomenon in this area that will be touch to undo. So I guess the answer is "YES". THANKS to all and We'll see you next year.

Ed McNamar & Bob Beaty

New England Collectors Swap Meet
Oct. 29, 1994

The weather was great, the fall colors were obliging and the lighters were fabulous on Saturday, Oct. 29, when a group of collectors in New England gathered to show, sell and swap.

This was the second event this year to be held in Southington, Connecticut. Ray Smizer once again did a yeoman's job of publicizing, organizing, orchestrating, entertaining, and feeding. Thank you, Ray!

Most attendees arrived by car on Saturday morning, so this contingent of OTLS did not start the event off with the usual hotel room-hopping that signals the commencement of our larger affairs. Long-distance attendees included Clayton Vecellio from Lewis Run, PA, Michael Katz from St. Petersburg, FL, John Kronos from Frisco, TX and Jim Walters from Friendship, TX.

The show began with excitement when we all noticed a Dunhill silent flame green bakelite combination cigarette box and lighter brought by Dan Hugar of St. Albans, Vermont. Everyone looked at this rare piece, but you have to be in pretty good shape indeed to beat the speed of one Ira Pilosof, who is now the proud owner. Is this what Urban Cummings would have given his "left bizorka" for?

With Ira on one end of the room, Larry Tolkin on the other, and Ray Smizer in the middle, there were lighters for all tastes and pocketbooks. Ira's license plate is "LIGHTER" and he doesn't disappoint. Larry Tolkin displayed several beautiful Ronson Mastercases (Delight model), in all 4 colors. Steve Terry displayed information about Japanese and Siamese silver lighters. I brought Philip Morris's Johnny (a porcelain figure carrying a suitcase to hold cigarettes, matches, and ashtray) and filled it with Halloween candy. Clayton Vecellio showed many Zippos, some with outside hinges. Jay Meddaugh brought outstanding photos, Ronson strikers (including hound dog) and touch tips; Ken Southard had an interesting pheasant striker. Boris and Maya Rubin had some nice old lighters, including one of my favorites, a Colby flat lighter. Barry Hoffman displayed Zippos, and Dot Turini showed us her beautiful "heart" lighter on a chain. My personal favorite in the table lighter category was brought by John Hale, a large heavy Thorens green marble base combination cigarette box, ashtray, and lighter. John also had a Berkeley display case missing one lighter -- Steve and I have one to send him.

There were some interesting display cases. Clayton used the drawers from an old bureau; Ted Jadcak used a fishing tackle box. Dave Irons handcrafts splendid homemade wooden cases, and also had a beautiful countertop Ronson display case. Roger Foley made an ingeniously simple display using a board (placed flat on the table) with a piece of rope

glued down from one end to the other backed up by a single piece of metal the length of the board. Zippos could be propped along the "trench" created between the rope and the piece of metal. Speaking of trench, I forgot to mention Michael Katz's outstanding trench lighters including one made out of a silver coin which almost parted me and my money. But cooler heads prevailed ... my husband came along and bought a little gun lighter from him instead.

The event ended early enough so that some attendees could get home by sundown, and the rest of us got to go to Ray's house and see his awesome collection. Ray didn't acquire any lighters at this meet because his primary interest is figurals. One look at his basement and you'd think he had a primary interest in anything with a flint wheel! Thank you, Connie, for the coffee and cake.

These regional get-togethers serve those who can't get to the national convention, and are a lot less traumatic to plan and attend than a large event. We are thinking of having the next one in the New York City area in March 1995 (who's "we"? Barry Hoffman, Ira Pilossof, Dot and Steve Terry and Larry Tolkin). We will definitely keep Judith posted. Those who would like to stay over Saturday night could join us on a tour of Manhattan's "Portobello," numerous outdoor and indoor flea markets located in the city's flower district. But don't expect such great finds -- Larry Tolkin will have been and gone by 8am!

Dot Terry

[COLLECTORS' CORNER]

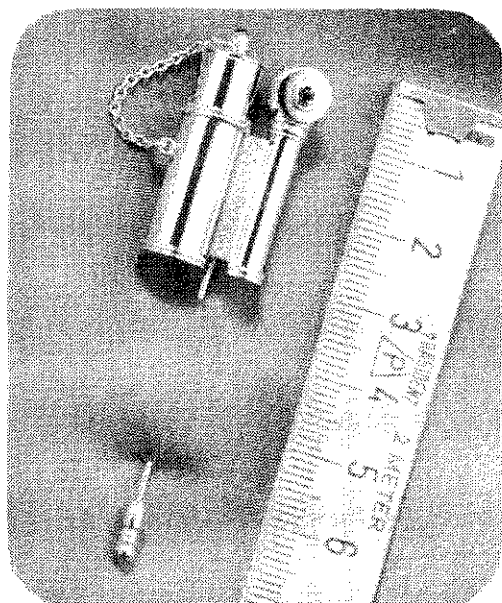
(Note from Richard Ball of Lighter Club of Great Britain: Frewy have asked me to forward their brochure to lighter collectors and organizations that may have an interest in their products. I hope you find this interesting. I bought "Le Primeur" as soon as I saw it, and think it is a fabulous lighter.



Jeweller
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Dr. Egon Wyler
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Le Primeur

A jeweller from the most prestigious area of Zurich in Switzerland, and an enthusiastic collector of old lighters and antique fire making tools resp. devices have combined together to create a series of fully working lighters in the form of highly decorative, and exquisite, jewelry. Each year the House of Frewy will create just one or two models, in limited numbered editions, and there will always be only a small number of pieces per each series. Each model will utilize the traditional lighter fluid technique, and will be miniaturized; all can be optionally worn as decorative and fascinating jewelry. The very highest standards can be expected due to materials used, quality of craftsmanship and distinctive designs. These lighters will be offered through carefully chosen channels worldwide, to a selected public.

To start the series we go back to the roots, and with *Le Primeur* we are proud to show a lighter, that can easily be recognized as such, and that belongs to the pioneers who first developed the devices that based themselves on the invention of Cerium. Using that "typical" creation, in a sophisticated design, we symbolize the whole ethos of that exciting time of fire making, and thus mark the beginning of the Frewy endeavor. In following series we will place emphasis on amazing techniques and camouflage! You can expect each new edition to be an attractive surprise.

Some information about *Le Primeur*

- ▶ *Primeur* is a limited edition of 12 pieces worldwide.
- ▶ *Primeur* is made in solid 18 carat gold.
- ▶ It is set with 3 genuine Ceylon-sapphires.
- ▶ Each *Primeur* has been individually created by the hands of a skilled & talented Goldsmith - none of the parts have been cast, just lovingly fashioned.
- ▶ All the inscriptions, numbering, logo & other markings have been hand engraved - no stamps are used.
- ▶ The screw of the flint channel contains a reservoir for one spare flint.
- ▶ The flint wheel itself has been cleverly hidden by a gold shield.
- ▶ A removable pin is connected to the lighter so the *Primeur* can either stand alone, be carried in the pocket or handbag, or be worn.

We also announce the Frewy's **FIRST-OWNERS BOOK**.

- ▶ Inscribed with name & address of the "First" owner, alongside the series, & number, of their lighter.
- ▶ Such "First Owners", once registered in the book, shall be informed in advance of any public announcement, when a new Series has been created.
- ▶ Registered Owners may obtain a copy of Frewy's **First-Owner Book**, dedicated & authenticated in writing.

NOTE: There are lengthy instructions on obtaining a *Primeur* and all the accompanying alternatives available, including

information about future editions. If anyone is interested in receiving these instructions, please send a self addressed & stamped envelope to the Editor of OTLS. Thank you, Richard, for sharing this information with us.

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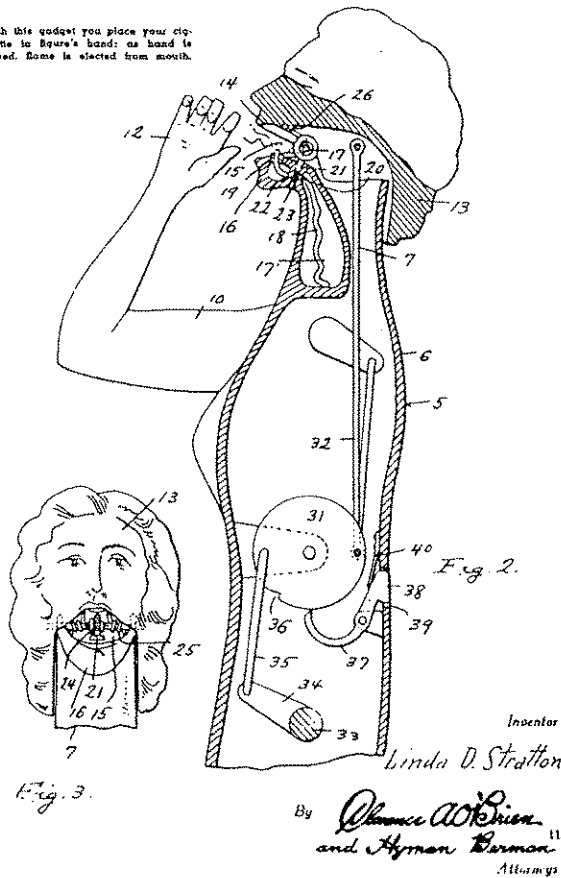
The photo shown below came from a funny book (paperback) called Inventor's Handbook, a Fawcett Book #233. The book was undated, but probably mid or late 50's. Interesting too, that the "cigar or cigarette lighter" was designed by a WOMAN back on 1939. I know a Toronto writer who was all fired up about writing about women inventors of which there are few.

Contributed by John Dzatko

See photo below, which appears to be a page of the Patent filed.

April 23, 1940 L. L. D. STRATTON 2,198,234
CIGAR OR CIGARETTE LIGHTER
Filed March 20, 1939 2 Sheets-Sheet 2

With this gadget you place your cigarette in figure's hand; as hand is raised, flame is ejected from mouth.



With this gadget you place your cigarette in figure's hand; as hand is raised, flame is ejected from mouth.

COMING ATTRACTIONS....
NATIONAL ZIPPO DAY
JULY 21 - 23, 1995
BRADFORD, PA
(SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS)

**THE "CALIFORNIA CONTINGENT"
 OF OTLS IS HOSTING THEIR**

4TH ANNUAL SWAP MEET

MARCH 4, 1995

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

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**THE 1995 OTLS CONVENTION WILL BE HELD
 IN
 DALLAS, TEXAS
 JUNE 8 - 11, 1995**

**THE NEW ENGLAND LIGHTER COLLECTORS
 HAVE SCHEDULED THEIR NEXT SHOW
 MARCH 25, 1995
 INFORMATION AS TO SPECIFIC LOCATION
 IS UNAVAILABLE AT THIS TIME
 (SOMEWHERE IN THE NEWARK AIRPORT
 AREA)**

**DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED BY JANUARY 25
 FROM DOT TERRY (212)682-8560, IRA
 PILOSSOF (201)797-6595, BARRY HOFFMAN
 (617)267-9000 OR LARRY TOLKIN (212)734-885
 ALSO DETAILS WILL BE IN NEXT ISSUE & DOT
 TERRY WILL BE SENDING POSTCARDS TO
 NEW ENGLAND MEMBERS**

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 APRIL 27 - 30, 1995**

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 BOX 1054, ADDISON IL 60101 OR
 CALL: KAREN CAIRO
 (708)543-9120**

The Ronson Corner By Lynn Baker

DATING RONSON LIGHTERS

This seems to be the second most asked question I hear from collectors. First, is it a Ronson. We must all understand the only way to accurately date a lighter is if they had serial numbers and the factory kept detail records of each lighter when that serial numbered lighter was manufactured.

BRACKET SYSTEM

Since this did not happen, we have had to revert to the "Bracket System" to date the Ronson lighters. This system consists of gathering all the information available and applying this to the piece in question.

FIRST MANUFACTURED

For the Ronson Book it was decided we needed a date for each lighter shown. First manufactured was determined to be the easiest to provide. To accomplish this I set up a data base and logged every piece of information on each model known. As of this date more than 10,000 entries have been entered for the 1,080 known models.

SOURCE

- RONSON SKETCH LEDGERS: Log of design sketch and assign catalog numbers.
- ADVERTISEMENT: Newspaper, magazine or local publications.
- CATALOG: Manufacture's or Distributor Catalog.
- COMPANY NAME: Ronson has used five names since 1886.
- ANNUAL REPORT: Manufacture's report to stockholders.
- FAIR TRADE PRICE LIST: Used in the 50's per federal law.
- SALES PAMPHLET: Issued by Ronson to the sales and distributor force.
- TRADEMARK: Show date first used.
- PATENT: Design and re-issue. Date filed and issued.

Using the above sources lets use a De-Light Standard as an example to establish it's approximate date of manufacture:

- Markings found on the lighter:
M'F'D BY THE ART METAL WORKS
NEWARK N.J., RONSON DE-LIGHT
PAT. DEC 31,1918, OTHER PAT'S
P'D'G
PAT'D, OTHER PAT'S P'D'G

Sources pertaining to this model:

- Trademark: De-Light first used June 1, 1927
- Patent: 1290011 Flint issued Dec 31, 1918
- 1673727 Banjo issued 6/12/28 Filed 10/16/26
- D74248 De-Light filed 9/17/27 issued 1/17/28
- Advertised: First 4/7/28
- Company Name: The Art Metal Works - 1897-5/9/28

Based upon the above information and using the "Bracket System" we know the lighter was made after June 1927 (Trademark) and before June 1928 (lack of Banjo Patent number), May 1928 (Company Name), and January 1928 (design patent). More than likely this is a late 1927 model.



News from around the world....

Radioland Murders (the movie) just opened - remember the prime piece of evidence in this murder mystery is a lighter from your Editor! John Shoffner has had surgery but is recovering nicely. Kevin & Martha Kelley, Jr. have a new baby, Kevin III (he collects miniatures!). Pearl Baker also had surgery but is already going to garage sales again! Leo & Dot spent the holidays in CA. & talked to a few of our Californios. CONGRATULATIONS to Larry & Jacquie Tolkin - they are expecting TWINS! (we think one of each!) Steve Terry will be in the hospital in Jan. - Hurry home Steve. Congratulations to John ("The Greek") & Audrey Krones who just renewed their wedding vows to celebrate their 20th Wedding Anniversary! (Is that called a double knot?)

ETC. continued.....

If you happened to glance at your mailing envelopes, the U.S. members will note the newsletters were sent "Bulk Mail" this month. We have discussed the pros & cons of this issue on many occasions. In addition many members have broached the subject. Out of all the comments there have been many negative responses to this action. One point on the negative side was the cost of the Bulk Mail Permit.

In a recent conversation with Tommy Vance, our Printer, he suggested we use his Bulk Mail Permit. This will allow us to see how the system works without spending funds for our own permit (Thanks, Tommy). So could I PLEASE have some feedback from the West Coast & East Coast - how long did it take your paper to arrive, what it in good condition, etc. If this works satisfactorily the amount of money saved will be a tremendous asset to the club!

A huge THANK YOU to John Elster for his contribution to continued on Page 8

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE OR TRADE

OTLS SCRATCH PADS! 8 T x 5 W w/OTLS Logo in top left hand corner (black w/red flame) & name of club, 50 sheets per pad. Cost: \$1.50 each, w/min. order of 5 pads. Order from Advance Printing, P O Box 485, Hawkins, TX 75765 (Tommy Vance prints our newsletter)

Sell or swap: Zippo, Thorens, KW, Ronson, flat advertisers, Clark, figural table models, lift arms, Dunhill, Dupont, MIB strikalites, Evans, MIOJ - always varied & changing stock - also available match safes, cigarette cases, case lighters, cigar cutters. Ilene Chazanof (212)254-5564

ZIPPOS: 1994 Winston Churchill done in the style of MacArthur & Patton \$15. Jim D. & I had a run of 52 made. Desert Storm \$22. 1932 Replica in box \$30. Want political, RR & space prog. pcs. Write or call for list. Marvin Self (205)442-7653

MAIL AUCTION: Ronson Minton (China) with pheasant painting, signed by artist. MINT condition. Min. Bid \$300. Auction end March 5, 1995 at 9:00 P.M. (Pacific time). Al Morrison (604)324-1171

50 Mixed Adv. lighters in VG+ or better cond. \$370 post paid U.S. (Int. orders please add \$30). Also 15 mixed NICE Ronsons \$115 post. paid U.S. (Int. orders please add \$15). Paul Schwemberger

Zippo Exporter seeks new customers. Can offer regular monthly shipments of 50 to 200 used advertising lighters. Sample shipment of 12 for only \$250 postage paid anywhere in the world. B D Hoffman, Inc, 393 Commonwealth Ave, Boston MASS 02115. Fax: (617)266-6666

Lots to trade for any of the following good to very good cond. lighters: Lincoln, Douglas, Lancel, Abdulla, Ronson DeLight Jr. Sports. Any lighters from a World's Fair. Jack Williams

For Sale: Dunhill Silent Flame, Capitol w/ashtray base, Finney Walker clock, 12 Ronsons, Pres-a-lite car lighter. Please call after 6:00 P.M. (EST) John LeBlanc (508)655-8625 (see Nov. New Members)

I have 60 or so odd lighters (fluid & butane) - advertisers, Zippo, Evans, Ronson, Beatty, Imco Triplex, Feudor, Scripto, Cricket, Kern, etc. Only a couple need fixed. Make offer. Call (609)448-2595 or write Charles Fuller (see Sept.

New Member List

Don't forget to get on the mailing list for "THE COLLECTORS CATALOGUE". Send 8x10 envelope + \$2 (or stamps in UK & Eire) to Tom Clarke. Also don't forget to get on Richard Ball's mailing list for his catalogue "THE LIGHTER CATALOGUE". One year's subscription, 6 issues for 36 (Europe 40, USA \$70).

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FOR SALE: "Made in Austria" striker lighter, parakeet, on stump, apx. 8" high. Heavy with incredible paint! \$1,200. (see photo, pg 8) Call Steve Stolar (609)691-8600, Ext. 328.

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE - I need a new 40th Anniversary (1972) Zippo from the six lighter Anniversary Tin. I have new 25th (1957) & 60th (1992)

anniversary lighters from that set I can trade. Call or write Jay Kornberg (803)574-9825

Zippos Wanted: 1992 Christopher Columbus set with panel, older salesman sample kits, reg. Elvis face, '57 Chevy Bel-Air, 65 Mustang, 70's Presidential set. Contact Jack Strobel (803)785-3669 (see his change of address in Nov paper) Desperately need instructions for Camera Lite, Model B, uses 6 x 6 mm film. Write or call John D'Antuono

Wanted: Evans Table - Lucite base with advertising. Robert Cyza (612)869-6980

Wanted: Any age Zippos w/TV, Radio, Music or recording logos. Condition not important. Willing to trade off duplicates. Michael Kolb (415)747-0251 (See Nov. Change of Address List)

Wanted: Beattie Jet Lighters - Looking for all types, especially interested in locating Sterling & tabletop models. Will accept collect calls John Kuhlmann. Eves: (206)232-478, anytime Fax (206)232-3598 (See Sept New Member List)

Wanted - Evans (gas) P/L with see-thru fuel eye. Jean Marshall (see Warren Bushey & Jean Marshall on Roster)

WANTED: Ronson Junior Rondelight or Ronson Baby Rondelight. Judith Sanders
Want to buy: Pocket lighter filling stations (lighter fluid dispensers) especially coin operated. Also unusual Ronson Touch Tips in exc. cond. Call or write John Elster (910)721-0508

Wanted: Scripto lighters (table & pocket) w/dated advertising or special events that can be dated. Will buy or trade. Guy Nishida (310)215-1951

Wanted: "Negbaur" & all other "figural" flint lighters. Call Hal Negbaur (212)753-2620 or Fax (212)753-2622

WANTED: ZIPPO PRODUCTS

- 1940's Yellow Fluid Can & Bottle
- 1950's Large Fluid Cans w/Stripes
- 1987-1990 OTLS Convention Lighters

Please send your offers by letter or Fax 81-3-3990-7393 Hiroshi Kito

ETC. continued....

OTLS. As stated in his ad (Nov. '94), John gave us a % of money realized in his recent sale. John has contributed \$140 to OTLS for our general fund. (And this was his idea!)

Also THANK YOU to Don & Pat Collier, who have contributed two door prizes for the June Convention!

John Krenzela has advised your Editor that he now has an address to write to if you were one of the members recently taken advantage of by a former OTLS member. You may write to Robert J. Edwards, Manager, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Operations Support Group, 225 N Humphreys Blvd FL 4, Memphis TN 38161-0006 (phone: 901/747-7700 or 1/800/FRAUDIS. Or if you have more questions, call John.

As mentioned in the Nov. issue, some OTLS members have volunteered to help with various club

I noticed on some of the pink slips, members wrote "OTLS address isn't on this slip" - Does this mean you don't have a roster? Also the address for the club is on the back of EVERY newsletter.

Your Editor will be out of her office (on the road again!) from January 16 to February 10. If you need something leave a message on the machine. Rose (OTLS Secretary) will be talking to me often. Hope to see some of you at the Florida Show!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1995 DUES????

THE BOOK SECTION!

Collecting Cigarette Lighters, Vol II, by LW Books is now out. Since I have not seen this book as yet, I don't have enough information for any kind of review. All I know is it contains a lot of lighters. If you would like to order, you may order from Ben Rapaport. Cost is \$17.50 + \$1.50 postage (U.S.) (Overseas & Canada postage more, depending on how you want it sent!)

Also by LW Books another new book Smoking Collectibles. Ben advises this book contains a world of tobacco collectibles from ashtrays to pipe rests in 202 pp of b&w and color illustrations. I believe there are very few lighters in this book. Order from Ben Rapaport. Cost is \$19.00 + \$1.50 postage (U.S.) (Overseas & Canada postage more, depending on how you want it sent.)

Debbie O'Key is also taking orders for both the above books: (1) Collecting Cigarette Lighters, Vol II is \$21.00 + postage (sent Second Day Air); (2) Smoking Collectibles is \$21.00 + postage (sent Second Day Air).

Legend of the Lighter, the forthcoming book by Ad Van Weert, has been delayed, possibly until March. However, if you want to purchase one of the special editions (see July newsletter for complete details of the special edition) you need to order now. The special edition will cost 375 Guilders. It is necessary for you to buy an International Postal Money Order IN GUILDERS and send to Ad Van Weert at the Lighter Museum Holland.

We do not have a publication date at this time, for the regular edition of the book, but will keep you advised.

Fuel for the Fire will return next issue. PLEASE NOTE FUEL FOR THE FIRE HAS A NEW ADDRESS: FUEL FOR THE FIRE, P O BOX 504, ANAHEIM CA 92815.



Photo of Austrian Striker for sale by Steve Stolar.

See Classified Ads. This is a GREAT lighter!

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