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On The LIGHTER Side

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CONTEST!!! OTLS is having a contest for the **BEST CONVENTION VEST OR JACKET**. These will be judged at the 1993 Convention in Las Vegas. You can buy 'pin back' buttons with 'Las Vegas' on them in Las Vegas. If you want buttons from other conventions, you will have to call one of the members in those cities. I do have 3 "I ♥ Quitman" buttons available, which I will give to the first 3 callers. Also if you want a copy of the LOGO to paint on your vest or jacket, I will be happy to send you a copy. The **PRIZE** for the winner will be a 1993 Convention Lighter! (Editor will not be entering her jacket)

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....

My lighter collection was started in the 1930's by Guy A. Selby. Mr. Selby was my father's supervisor in the early 1950's. My father, Eldon L. Frye, started to buy lighters for Mr. Selby's collection. At that time, there were only 30 lighters in the entire collection.

In 1963 Mr. Selby told my father that he was going to dispose of the lighter collection, and that it should go to a person who would take care of it. He then said "What do you think?". My father thought it was to go to one of Mr. Selby's sons. Not so. It went to my father – how surprised he was.

When my father received his collection, he started to add to it, not very rapidly, and not knowing how much value would be placed on them today. As a child growing up, I became interested in collecting lighters, and to seek and find lighters for my father's collection, not knowing it would take us where we

are now.

In the spring of 1991, my parents started to divide their possessions between my brother and me. One Saturday my father called me, long distance, and said "I have something to tell you." At first I thought it was bad news! He went on to say "When are you going to pick up your collection?" I was lost at what he was talking about. I thought he had fallen out of his rocker. Then it hit me like a brick. **THE LIGHTERS!**

Before he let me speak again, he said "...my senior citizen group wants me to show them at Lincoln Hiway Days in Nevada, Iowa." I said "That's fine, do you need any help setting up?" We made the trip in 4 hours and the next day we set up his lighter display. I could see on his face that in a few hours his collection would be in Nebraska (at my house), 400 miles away.

That day my father won a blue ribbon with his lighter collection. He also built two display cases. When we were taking down his display, I could see on his old and wrinkled face that he was going to miss his collection. He slowly and with gentle hands wrapped each lighter.

Since the spring of 1991, our collection has grown to over 550, not including the lighters from the beginning. We have found many different kinds. Our collection is of a general type. I (and we, the family), look for lighters that have shapes and lines, because I'm a self taught artist.

I have two pieces of trench art, one could be a Beckwith. The other is a bullet, hand made, around the Civil War era. I also have a 1991 Zippo, which is inscribed "You light up my life", from my wife and daughter.

I am really amazed how large OTLS is, and how
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friendly everyone is. This is great! Thank you.

One time I came across a very unique lighter and wanted to tell my father. It was 2:00 A.M. when I called my father, long distance. "Dad, this is your son. You know the one you gave your lighter collection to. What do you mean, that was a mistake?" I began to describe the lighter to him. I thought I heard snoring sounds. I heard him laughing and I asked him what was so funny. He said "I just bought one in K-Mart just like it. Now if you call me again, I'll have you de-wicked."

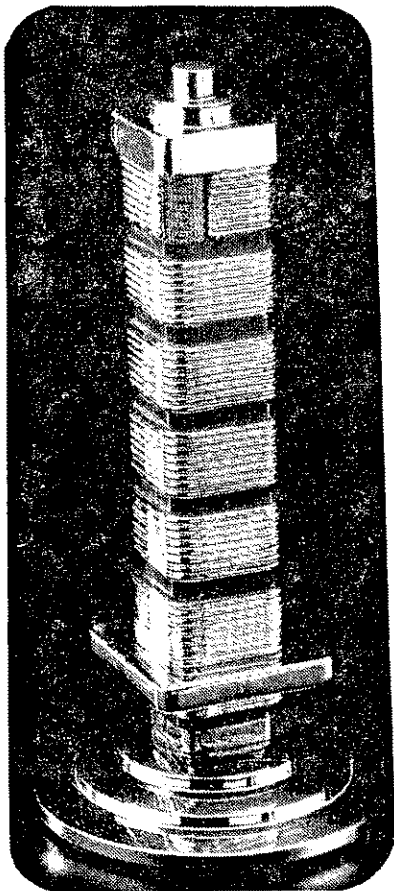
The above paragraph did NOT happen, thank goodness. You see, I'm also a clown and do crazy thing. Life comes but once, so let's have fun and thank God for the many blessings and friends He brings to each of us. Goodbye for now....

Keep Sparking, Virgil W. Frye

[COLLECTORS' CORNER]

JOHNSON'S WAX RESEARCH TOWER

"...If you make men and women proud of their environment and happy to be where they are and give them some dignity and pride in their environment, it all comes out to the good where the product is concerned." FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT



Whenever I attend an Art Deco show for the express purpose of discovering a wonderful lighter, I am constantly bombarded by references to Frank Lloyd Wright, arguably the greatest architect of the last century. Single pieces of furniture, designed by him specifically for homes he created, have sold at auction for over a quarter of a million dollars. These prices for a chair, a dresser, NOT for the house. So, unless genie (nee Robin Williams) granted me a whole lotta wishes, I did not hold much hope of ever seeing a Wright designed piece of anything in my home. Curiously enough, in

my search for lighters at these shows, I have occasionally wrapped my fingers around a table lighter (approximately 5¼" high) marked on the base, "Johnson's Wax Research Tower, Racine, Wis.". This lighter is generally priced in excess of \$100 per inch. Suitably intrigued, I asked the dealer, "How did you arrive at this price?" Invariably the response is, "This lighter was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and it's very Art Deco." The real background facts are:

Wright was born in Richland Center, Wisconsin on June 8, 1867 (or 1868 depending upon what reference book you are using). He died in Taliesin West, Arizona on April 9, 1959. Wright has been justly claimed by many different art movements because of the length & breath of his career. By the end of WWI to the middle of the 1920's, a fair time frame for much of the Art Deco period, Wright had already produced a distinguished body of work. At the turn of the Century he, along with his mentor Louis Sullivan, had already erected many structures in the Arts and Crafts style. A few years later, along with other architects, Wright developed a style known as the Prairie School. Wright not only designed the building, he designed much of the furnishings as well. It is examples of many of the pieces produced during this period that command the enormous sums being paid for his works. But as we all know, a little knowledge by an antique/collectible dealer is a dangerous tool. When a dealer announces that a piece is Art Deco, after the hush of the crowd has been registered, don't lose track of the number of zeros on the price tag. When a piece is somehow connected to Frank Lloyd Wright be prepared to sign over your first-born child along with the dog and life insurance policy as the price he will request. When a piece is both Art Deco and attributable to Wright...well, you get the idea.

But let us return to that table lighter and I'll illustrate more fully why a little knowledge is almost as useful as no knowledge. The lighter was indeed a replica of the Johnson's Wax Tower. But the construction was not even begun until 1947 and was dedicated on Friday, November 17, 1950 at a luncheon. The only people I know trying to pass off items produced after WWII as Art Deco are the same people who claim Disneyland souvenirs are Art Deco (or at the very least, **r e a l l y** old). I believe that Wright influenced and was influenced by Art Nouveau, Bauhaus, British Arts and Crafts, and on and on because his art continually evolved. And though one might find some features in the building that suggest typical Art Deco, Wright's work was not stagnant, and therefore, the Tower was more indicative of 1970 than of 1950, for he was truly ahead of his time at all times.

For those of you who have this lighter, you might be interested in the following: The actual building is 153' high & 40' square. It consists of 15 floors. The alternating red lines are actually representations of red brick while the chrome sections on the lighter represent glass. I have inspected several examples of the lighter and I am convinced they were

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produced very quickly and with little regard to quality control in order to meet a completion deadline. The chrome plating is very weak on every lighter & the red paint (called Cherokee Red) is often uneven and painted into the glass areas. In some instances, 1 of the beginning floors is painted red while in other examples it is chrome. It was apparently common knowledge among recipients that the lighter was very unreliable.

Wright designed the building using the cantilever principle. If you can visualize a revolving display case which is completely square supported by a central shaft, then you can picture how the cantilever principle works. But in the Tower, every other floor (Mezzanine) is circular. The shaft, or corridor as named by Wright, acts as the focal point for all pipes, electrical wires, elevators, staircases, and air conditioning ductwork. In addition, since the weight of all the floors is carried by the central shaft, there is no need for supporting walls on any floor. Consequently, every floor is open, with unobstructed views. Amazingly enough, the narrowest point at the base of the building is only 13' in diameter.

Wright also designed an adjacent administration building which is connected to the Tower by an enclosed bridge. This structure was completed in 1939.

What do we know about the history of the lighter? The lighter was conceived and purchased sometime in 1947. It was probably manufactured by a small company outside of Racine, Wisconsin. A total of 5,000 lighters were produced.

Even before the actual building was completed, the lighters were used as Christmas gifts by Mr. Herbert F. Johnson, Jr. and some of the management staff. In fact, that first year, Mr. Johnson, Jr. gave out 56 lighters including 1 to F. L. Wright. The gift list for lighters this first year numbered 2,500 persons. It is assumed that Wright had no prior knowledge about the lighter since he typically approved everything concerning his buildings. He also maintained meticulous records and there are no sketches or notes concerning the lighter in the archives at Taliesin West.

A letter that was sent out at Christmas in 1947 to those who were to receive the lighter reads:

"You may have read in the papers that we have broken ground for the new Research and Development Building Frank Lloyd Wright has designed for us, the principal feature of is a 15-story Research Tower."

"Please accept it with our best wishes to yourself and your organization for a happy and successful 1948."

In a memo dated June 29, 1948, Mr. H. G. Johnson notes "there are 2,500 lighters on hand" and that he is putting his Christmas list together and it might "be advisable to have other members of the organization do the same." He added, "We do not want to give them all away this (1948) Christmas; we should have 300 or 400 in reserve to distribute to new customers and new friends made during the next couple of years." In 1948, Mr. H. F. Johnson's Christmas list for lighters number 23. In 1949, he gave away 4 lighters.

A memo dated Sept. 3, 1948 from the head of Public Relations to management said "...lighters are available for distribution at Christmas to important customers, suppliers and friends of the company who did not receive them last year." However, there is no record of exactly how many were distributed. The letter which went out for 1948 was exactly the same as that for 1947, except the last sentence which wishes "a happy and successful 1949."

On the day the Tower was dedicated, Mr. Frank Lloyd Wright was in attendance, as well as the keynote speaker, Dr. Roger Adams, head of the University of Illinois Chemistry Department. Approximately 200 of the roughly 250 invited guests attended, each receiving a Tower lighter as a memento. During these years, additional pieces had made their way into the hands of people other than listed gift recipients or guests of the dedication. In some instances, secretaries and other employees were lucky enough to have a generous manager with access to the lighters. Other times vendors would be given a lighter.

By any measuring tool, it is an attractive and graceful lighter, with much appeal because of it's connection to an architectural giant, Frank Lloyd Wright.

Note: Much of the factual information on the Tower contained in this article was obtained from publications available to the public provided by The Johnson Wax Company. There is also a book titled Frank Lloyd Wright and the Johnson Wax Building by Jonathon Lipman, whom I interviewed. It was published in 1986 by Rizzoli International Publications, Inc. Other information was obtained from interviews with current and former employees of Johnson Wax, including their former archivist. In the interests of their privacy, I have omitted their names. Johnson Wax also gives tours of the building.

By Guy Nishida



Many of you have seen the various ads, photos and discussion over the past 5 years about the "Kool" Penguin. One recent newsletter featured an electric version of this Penguin, owned by our own President, Ray Smizer.

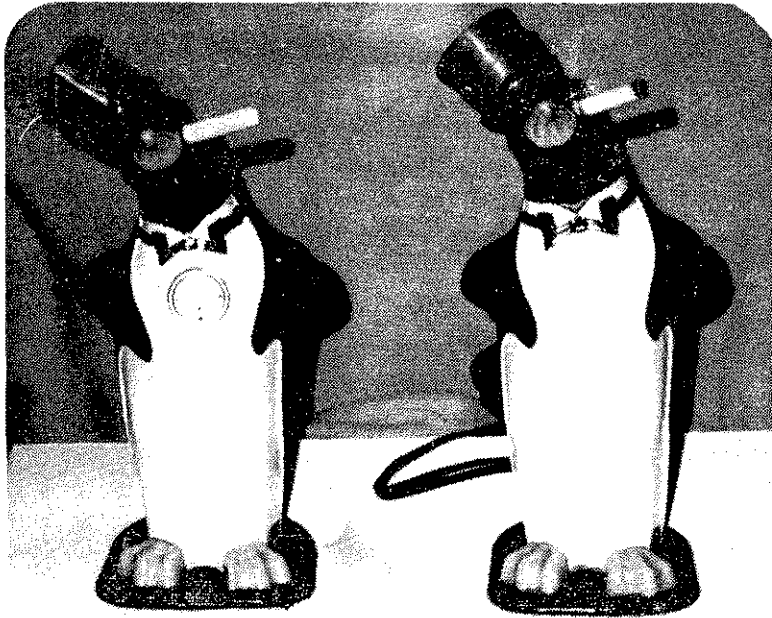
NOW Ray reports he has obtained another Kool Penguin; and it is a different version. (How can one person be so lucky!)

Note the penguin on the left, which several members have reported seeing, has the (electric) element in his chest. This particular model is 8 3/4" high, 4" wide at wings & 3" front to back.

Ray's most recent acquisition, on the right, looks very similar. However, the lighter is on top of the hat. And this version is 9 1/4" high, 4" wide at wings & 3" front to back.

Both penguins have blue/green hats, yellow beaks & 'feet', blue/green eyes, off white chest and a black tux. So you can now be on the lookout for either one of these versions.

Note: There is a third version of the penguin, which is not electric. The third version is much shorter, and has a "Kem Co" lighter under his hat.



(NOTE: Your Editor asked Charles to send us years/numbers of British Patent Numbers, after several requests have been sent in from members trying to identify their British lighters. THANKS, CHARLES)

....Charles Arrundale

Please find enclosed the GB Patent No. List you asked for...
Great Britain Patent

Specification Nos.	Year of Publication
100,000	1916
150,000	1920
200,000	1923
250,000	1926
300,000	1928
350,000	1931
400,000	1933
450,000	1936
500,000	1939
550,000	1942
600,000	1948
650,000	1951
700,000	1953
750,000	1956
800,000	1958
850,000	1960
900,000	1962
950,000	1964

From the pen of.....

...Warren Gerber

Member and first OTLS President Warren Gerber's PYROSTAR blowtorch lighter won a little fame and fortune late last year (1992). The Citadel made for HBO television producers of the "Teamster Boss Jackie Presser Story," starring Brian Dennehy, contacted Gerber last summer and rented his blowtorch lighter at a nominal charge for a month because the late Presser used a similar lighter. Producers were kind enough to send Gerber a 1981 Cleveland Press photo showing Presser and lighter and a new photo showing Dennehy lighting a cigarette with his "blowtorch." Combined with a script cover, Voila! another framed display.

Mostly, Gerber continues to hunt for his MOST WANTED 1910-30's brass/copper trench art and factory-made illustrated European lighters. But the hunt shared his enthusiasm because, in 1992, he was president of the Western Reserve Society, Sons of the American Revolution for its considerable Centennial Year activities.

.....Judith Sanders

Every January when members send their dues in, most everyone writes a note. I really enjoy the notes & hearing from people around the world. This year when Ed Kelley sent in his dues, he sent some trivia from the year he was born, 1918 -- thought I would share this with you all!

1918 - President - Woodrow Wilson; V. Pres. Thomas R. Marshall; Bread (loaf) .09 - Milk (gal) .56 - Coffee (1 lb) - .31.

Gosh Ed, wish we could have those prices today!

...Catherine Stolman

A Collector's dream = a ballroom at the Sheraton L.A. with rows of tables covered with lighters; pocket lighters, table lighters, case lighters from every corner of the globe... thousands of lighters to see, touch, examine, pick, choose, trade. We spent a fun day at the 2nd Annual California Swap Meet of OTLS on Feb. 13, 1993, organized by Bill Koppány, Guy Nishida & Tom O'Key.

We greeted old friends Paulette Tilden & Mike Cassidy & Bill Majors who came from out of state; Geoffrey Mogilmer, Kevin Kelley, Urban Cummings, Leonard Shafer, Rose & Perry Grover. We were happy to welcome new comers Richard Bacon, Jack Williams and Irina & Ilia Sedler. We had several visitors from the nearby International Pen Show and Mr. McKenzie from Lighter Club of Great Britain & Luciano Bottoni from Italy. Members and visitors all left with lighters!

Lighters moved about so fast I couldn't track them, sometimes they flew across the room on their own power to a new home. Tom O'Key, Guy Nishida & Mike Cassidy each covered several tables with a dazzling array of lighters. There were display cases full of trench lighters, cartridge lighters lined up like toy soldiers on parade, woven tinders, strikers, touch tips, automatics, novelties galore. There were rare

Ronsons: The Earl, the Baronet (New Yorker insert), a Magi striker in polychrome finish, Beauty cases, Magnapacts, immaculate leather paneled Zephyr and Monarch, Kitcase, Bartender TT and a stunning goldplated TT and rolltop cigarette box combination. There were Ronson De-Light boxed sets (lighter & case) nicely enameled, & 2 Ronson hearts in dureum and enamel.

The aristocracy of Dunhill mingled with the plebs (the common folk). There was Evans Faberge next to a jeweled, solid gold Dunhill conpeudium, a sterling & enamel unique with matching case with a watch, an immaculate leather covered vanity and an Aquarium, & a silver "Half Round" Dunhill. There were 1930's Zippos, rare advertising & special issues even some with battle ships. I only caught a quick glimpse at them - they were en route to San Diego!

The TRADE of the day may become the TRADE of the year, or even the decade. It involved (among others) a tinder pistol dating back to the 1700's, a first ever T/L from Napoleonic France with potassium bichromate battery in cobalt glass (see Bisconcini #16), a 9 Kt gold unique with a watch, a Ronson Mastercase with a watch, Johnson Wax Tower and other highly coveted items. Amazingly, both of the master-traders were smiling and are still on speaking terms!

And yes, our eyes have seen the coming of THE BOOK! I am speaking, of course, of Urban Cummings' book of Ronson. The manuscript was a joy to behold; pictures, descriptions, information we all seek, in a well organized, indexed format, easy to use reference book! Alas, Urban kept it and the rest of us can't take it home until the printing is finished.

We missed our friend Father Al Grosskopf; he was traveling in Italy & Israel looking for sacred lighters and holy fountain pens?!

A fine time was had by all and since Valentine's Day followed the swapmeet, some of us got great and unusual presents. I think Guy got a giant (11 x 6") padlock with key-lighter. My surprise gift was an old Ronson De-Light LYTACASE, the 1st model Ronson ever made. I love it!

Our thanks to Bill Koppany, Guy Nishida & Tom O'Key for a fulfilled day.

....Richard Rotman

I have been using a marvelous polish on all our metals. I'm sending you a couple of samples with literature. It's great! Try it on some lighters -- rub it on, buff it off. Marc (my son) is the Ohio Distributor & ships all over the world.

(Editor's Note: This product Richard sent is called "MET POL" & I just tried it -- WONDERFUL! For information on this product write or call Marc Rotman, 13834 Cedar Road, University Hts., OH 44118, (216)932-2242.

....Dick & Jo York

I would like to share information, which may be helpful to anyone who has acquired the unique "Ticker Tape" Lighter referred to in Richard Ball's Dec. issue.

If you have one without the dome or have broken yours, you've probably discovered the standard domes for watches, etc., do not fit this lighter.

Quite accidentally I stumbled upon a company called "Scientific Glass Apparatus & Specialty Products". These people repair laboratory beakers & will make a custom dome for your lighter for a mere \$20. Their address is 2951-L Cloverdale Ave., Concord CA 94518 (Phone: 510/671-9964 Fax: 510/671-9286. Goes to show you how determined we lighter collectors can be! Happy Collecting!

The International Corner

The 1993 Convention will be June 10 - 13 in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

Le cassemblement de 1993 va etre en juin en Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

La "Convention" 1993 si terra a Las Vegas (Nevada, USA) dal 10 al 13 Gugno.

Das 1993 Club-Treffen findet am 10 bis 13, Juni in Las Vegas, Nevada statt.

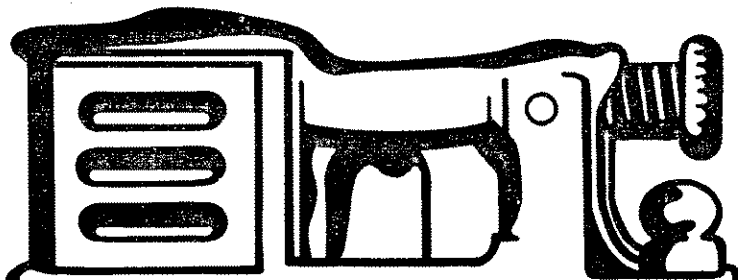
La convencion va convenir los dias de 10 - 13 de Junio, 1993.

1993年のコンベンションは
ラスベガス市ネバダ州で
6月10日より13日です。

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD in 53 seconds....

Congratulations to Cathia & Jurg Schmutz on the birth of their new baby girl, Fabienne (if I have translated the German correctly?), born February 13, 1993. Their birth announcement said "Wir freuen uns uber die Geburt unserer Tochter FABIENNE". New member, Terry Milam and his friend, Susan, came to visit your Editor -- did some trading, of course! Our President, Ray Smizer, had a 'significant' birthday in Feb.! Ira & Jeff Haas finally got to meet each other. Lynn Baker was on a trip to Maryland & detoured by Larry Tolkin's house. Vernon McNear had surgery but is doing fine. Loyd Stinecipher is getting ready to have some major back surgery -- Loyd we will be thinking about you! Dick Stetler is spending the winter in Florida. Received a postcard from Al Grosskopf from Italy (some people have all the luck), he said he couldn't find any old Italian lighters! DON'T FORGET - PLPG is having a Swap Meet April 16 - 18 in St. Louis. New Member Alan Parkinson (England) owns a Pub called "The Plough" & has

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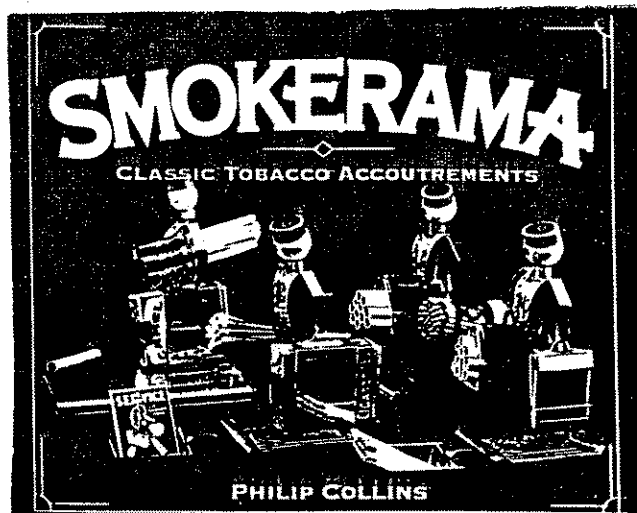
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FOR SALE OR TRADE

I can buy new Zippos made in Canada (Fraternal, Souvenir Series, Canadian Provinces, etc.) to bring to the 1993 Convention. If you want me to bring some please call or write by the 1st week of May. Mitch Josling

I have the following: Werner Schaefer Blauer Dunst (1984), a survey of exhibition of tobacco in Cologne, Germany. In this 240 page hardback, b&w illus. handbook there are several pages of liters shown. Price is \$20, plus \$2.50 P&H. Ben Rapaport, 11505 Turnbridge Lane, Reston VA 22094

FOR SALE: Zippo #10 Barcroft T/L 3rd Model w/82 AB Inf crest on 1 side & 101st AB Inf crest on other. Exc. cond. \$50 postpaid. Also Zippo Model 15 P/L, Sterling Silver, script engraved "Dudley Brown" Pat 2032695, \$125 pp. Will consider pre-1973 Zippos in trade. Mel Dolginoff

For sale or trade - 22 Scripto Vu-Liters, 1 Evans Pear T/L, 2 Ronson Queen Anns, 1 Ronson Georgian, 2 Evans P/Ls, 1 Beattie Jet (in box). Would like to trade all for Zippo advertisers or military. John Fiola (508)685-0981

Original Vietnam era Zippos, engraved w/various sayings. Prices varies according to quality from \$60 to \$85 ea. Contact Dai Swain (new member) (818)446-8868

Is anyone interested in a Ronson Bartender that may be available. Call Judith Sanders (903)763-2795

Zippo for Sale: 50th Anniversary "50 Years & Glowing Stronger" & logo engraved on 1932-1982 commemorative brass (round top w/diagonal lines). MINT in correct special gold foil & black box. Please make offer. Norman Wright (804)463-8758

L & J LIGHTER CATALOGUE - Larry Tolkin advises his catalogue will be LATE - he is having trouble with photos, probably out in April (so you still have time to send \$2 (\$3 overseas)

FOR SALE: Zippo Knives, Rulers, Greenskeepers & Money Clips w/Adv. - Write or call or list. Also I have a few 1962 "Cent You Never Spent" Zippo Key Chains - \$18 each - STILL NEED A ZIPPO FRIGIDAIRE LIGHTER. Ken Short

Attention Beginner Collectors: 100

FOR SALE OR TRADE

ad continued....

Table Lighters for \$600. All in good condition - sorry I don't have a list, just call Tom Prylinski

Sell or Trade: 80 DIFFERENT new Zippo Naval Ships. Send SASE for list or call (313)398-0510. Marty Inman

In addition to the regular Post Cards, Funke Und Flamme has now come out with a "Tin Plate Postcard" with lighter ads. These are BEAUTIFUL - Please write to Rolf Muller for prices & photos.

For Sale: Regular size chrome plated, mirror finish with vertical strips. Jody Waselewsky

WANTED

Wanted: Town & Country Zippos in fair or good cond. - also any photos of them. Want NFL Football Helmets. Also need flint wheels from old broken lighters to make my own lighters. Tom Prylinski

Will pay \$15 each for Evans P/Ls in new condition or Trig-A-Lite in excellent condition. Standard size only. Larry Clayton (804)548-4784

Wanted: Tucker Automobile P/L w/Tucker Crest on front. Call Russell Riberto (312)233-3205 or (708)422-0535

Wanted: U.S. Navy Zippos, Pat. 2032695. Will buy or Trade for select lighters in my collection. Geoff Mogilmer (619)291-7833

Wanted Town & Country Zippos in any condition. Joe Swanson (612)437-9415 Looking for Zippo lighters made in 1932, 1933 & 1934; any early Zippo manuals & Zippo Punch Board. Contact Yasuko Ueoka (703)548-7172

WANTED: C-Notes from Camel Cigs to order door prizes for 1993 Convention - Please send to Loyd Stinecipher!

I seek Zippo lighters: Political, Sports, Advertising (cinema, cars, cabs, etc), Military (Korea, Vietnam) Patrick Meunier

I am looking for a 1993 Super Bowl Lighter! Judith Sanders

Looking for Ronson Candle Holders these are not lighters. Joe Roseman

Looking for Occupied Japan figural pieces - Guy Nishida

I am looking for a Zippo with 173rd Airborne Infantry on it. Jody

WANTED

Waselewsky

LIGHTER LOCATOR: Fax me your "Ten Most Wanted" list with prices you'll pay & I'll hunt them down for you. Ira Pilosof. Fax (718)921-2516

Looking for Ronson fourteen case, King & Queen Case, Tuxette, Slide Pact, De-Light "Lytacase". Have many case lighters for sale or trade. Catherine Stolman

Flat Adv. & Zippo type P/Ls with Tobacco Company ads, also liquor, brewery, winery & soft drink cos. Mail or Fax list w/photocopy & prices to: John Pasquai (new member) Phone (201)579-3647 or Fax (201)383-3184

TAXICAB - TAXI - HACK - Taxi Lighters wanted. Nathan Willensky

Kevin Kelley, Sr. looking for gold, silver Dunhills as well as top \$\$\$ paid for Celebrity Signature Lighters - doesn't have to be Zippo! Please call collect (818)574-7535

Wanted: Gold Plated Ronson Newport. Must be in Mint cond. Dick Vincent

PLEASE READ MY NOTE ON THE LAST PAGE ABOUT THE CLASSIFIED ADS & THE COMPUTER! JUDITH

DON'T FORGET TO SEND ADS FOR THE SPECIAL "CONVENTION SECTION" OF THE MAY PAPER!

ALSO SINCE THE AD PAGE GOT LOST, PLEASE RESEND THE REGULAR CLASSIFIED ADS YOU WANT!

his lighters on display - you Brits go see him! Note new member, John Kelley is the son of Kevin, Sr. And by the way, new members Jim & Mary Bridwell are the parents of your Editor, Judith and the Grandparents of OTLS Member, Michael Sanders (& they even have some lighters!). Rumor has it David & Mary Poore went to see Mike & Pauline Cassidy - & did a LOT of trading! Also new members, Minor & Vickie Vaughan came to see your Editor...do I love showing off my lighters to new collectors!

REGARDING THE CLASSIFIED ADS AND THIS PAGE - ALL OF THE MARCH PAPER WAS 'RUN OUT' EXCEPT THIS PAGE & AD PAGE WHEN THE COMPUTER WENT DOWN - IT APPEARS THE 'VIRUS' HIT OUR COMPUTER AND EVERYTHING IS LOST FOR THE MOMENT! I HAVE RECONSTRUCTED THE ADS AS BEST I CAN, BUT IF YOUR AD DOESN'T APPEAR HERE PLEASE LET ME KNOW. I AM SORRY, BUT IT IS OUT OF MY CONTROL. HOPEFULLY BY THE TIME THE MAY PAPER COMES OUT WE WILL HAVE RECONSTRUCTED EVERYTHING (LYNN BAKER SAYS HE WILL HELP). UNFORTUNATELY OUR NEW ROSTER WAS ALSO LOST SO YOU WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL MAY FOR THE NEW ROSTER. ALSO THANKS TO MARGARET FRANZEN FOR ALLOWING ME TO USE HER COMPUTER FOR THESE LAST 2 PAGES!

Etc. continued.....

Our sympathy goes out to Eilene Kratsas on the loss of her husband, OTLS Member Nicholas Kratsas. Eilene said Nicholas died after a very brief illness, on October 14, 1992. She also told me he enjoyed lighter collecting very much, and looked forward to receiving his newsletter and hearing from other members. Please keep Eilene in your thoughts and prayers.

Also Ira Pilosof & Sam Barnett have called to report the death of Marvin Safir. For you who had the pleasure of meeting Marvin at the convention last summer, you will remember his great sense of humor, as well as his magnificent lighters. Marvin died of cancer at the age of 66, January, 1993. Our sympathy is extended to his daughters, Lisa and Shelly and family.

PLEASE READ the Convention Letter very carefully (separate pages) DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE! I have done the Convention Letter separate, since some members didn't want to "cut up" their newsletters.

In the May paper we will be having convention classifieds - send in ads of items you will be bringing

and/or lighters you "Want" to be included in this section.

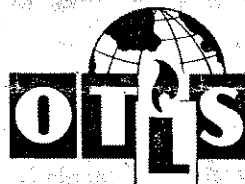
PLEASE READ THE CONVENTION LETTER FOR INFORMATION ON 1993 CONVENTION LIGHTERS!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1993 DUES???

My copy of Blaze (Lighter Club of Great Britain) just arrived. I enjoy so much reading the papers from the other clubs. And as I read Richard's latest, I realized that each of the six clubs have something different to offer. Except for information about various clubs' activities, there is seldom duplication in the various papers. If you haven't joined all six clubs, you should REALLY consider doing so!

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