



On The LIGHTER Side

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IMPORTANT! Please read the enclosed Convention Letter for all the information on the 1996 Convention. Please note the deadline for registration!

You may notice the paper looks a little different. Tommy Vance (our Printer), has installed Windows 95, Ami Pro and WP6.0. He also installed a Fax Modem. As soon as your Editor learns how, we will go "on line". Also THANKS to Phil Politi who provided software for Word Perfect 6.0 to us! Forgive me if I got a LITTLE carried away with graphics & new stuff, but just wanted everyone to see some of the capabilities of our new computer! **PLEASE** let me know if this new print is more readable!

Speaking of the new Fax Modem, faxes now go through my computer when it is turned on. A few members who have "low resolution" on their faxes are having a problem faxing when my computer is on. If you have this problem, my computer is turned off from 10:00 P.M. to 8:30 or 9:00 A.M. every night. You can send faxes at that time and they will go through the regular fax.

Mr. Imai, Publisher/Editor of World Photo Press, has advised your Editor he hopes to release ZIPPO MANUAL NO. 4 simultaneously with 1996 National Zippo Day.

You will remember it was mentioned in the January paper that we now have membership cards. We were unable to picture these cards, due to lack of space, and thought you would like to see what one looks like. Again, our THANKS to Pearl Baker, for coming through with another design for the club!

Shown below is an enlarged version of the new OTLS Membership card. If you would like to have one, send a stamped, self addressed envelope. If you live overseas, you can purchase an "International Stamp" at your Post Office.

MEMBERSHIP CARD

On The *LIGHTER* Side

International Lighter Collectors
P.O. Box 536

Quitman, Texas 75783-0536

Judith Sanders

Member

Judith Sanders
Chairman of the Board

Expires: 12-31-96

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MEMBER SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE FORMATION OF "CLEARING HOUSE" FOR LIGHTER SALES AND TRADES. WE, THE BOARD, HEREBY STATE THAT GUY NISHIDA IS OFFERING THIS SERVICE WITH THE FULL APPROVAL AND BACKING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OTLS.

LIGHTER ESCROW SERVICE by Guy Nishida

Every so often, I hear of transactions between members which have gone awry. In an attempt to eliminate this unpleasantness, I am offering a lighter escrow service.

For a handling fee, I will act as a middleman between any buyer and seller of lighters whether the transaction be denoted in cash or trade. Essentially, if two parties are uncomfortable sending money or lighters to the other party, I will take receipt of each half of the transaction. I will verify the amount/method of payment and provide a description/condition of the pieces. If each party is satisfied, I will complete the exchange.

There are many other specifics to this service which are too numerous to mention here. However, if you feel that service can assist you, please contact me for an explanation which can be provided via phone or fax. I will also give you my background and references. Please note that this service has been approved by the OTLS Board of Directors as satisfying their standards of conduct and integrity.

From The Pen Of.....

Dear OTLS Members,

In August of '94, my wife & I attended our first lighter show. I have been collecting Zippo lighters since 1984 and have been an OTLS member since '93. The Best Western in Grand Rapids, MI was the meeting place. I had brought less than half of my collection including display cases. Our table was situated in the middle of the room which was backed by another line of tables.

Directly behind us was a guy with not a lot of lighters, but some nice ones just the same. Some old, some new, and several football teams - mostly Zippos to my liking.

As the evening wore on, we got to talking to this guy about Zippo lighters and whatever else came up. We drank a few beers together and before long we hit it off pretty good. He told me of his wife and how they traveled in a 5th wheel all over the US to lighter shows and didn't really have a home address for they were always on the road. Wow, what a life! By the time the show was over, I had bought a few Zippos from him and had dickered about a certain Marlboro lighter that I needed. He made me an offer in trade, but I declined. The show was over and I came home with 3 display cases, two of which were lobby models. I felt we had made a real good friend and hope we would see him again.

Time goes by and we hear of the National Zippo Days in Bradford. The place my wife and I worked announced they were closing the doors after my devoting 10 years to them. I told my wife we're not missing the trip to Bradford for any reason, even this one. We arrived in Bradford on Friday, the 12th, got our hotel reservations confirmed and headed down to the museum. We weren't in the building 10 minutes till someone said to me "I guess they'll let anyone in here these days." I turned around, knowing the voice right off, and saw our friend from the Grand Rapids show. The next 3 days were great. We spent all the time together including the Zippo & Case Knife tours and, of course, the swap meet. He even shared his table with me because I didn't bring many lighters with me. At the end of the Zippo Days weekend we were invited out to their campgrounds for supper before the long haul back to Indiana. Again we enjoyed the time spent and finally got to meet his wife, Jerry. We said our goodby's at the end of our visit and made plans to meet again sometime soon. Words cannot describe how much I will miss Wayne Peper. He told me things about Zippo lighters I never knew, but more importantly, he was a true friend. I'll not easily forget him or the good fun we had in the two times we met.

Jerry, we want to thank you for the short, but enjoyable time we had together. Maybe you and your sons could come see our Zippo collection.

Steve & Deb Headrick

P.S. I did finally buy the Marlboro lighter from Wayne & I'll always have it in the collection.

[COLLECTORS' CORNER]

SMOKING IN AUTOS

FLASH! Chrysler omits ash trays in some models. The lighter socket will be there but mainly for 12 volt appliances such as extension lights, shavers, tire pumps, etc. This would indicate that smoking in autos is decreasing.

One of my earlier cars was a Model A Ford 1930 coupe with rumble eat. It had neither lighter or ashtray but a suction cup ashtray could be purchased from Noah's Ark or Western Auto. This added a bit of elegance to the plain and simple dashboard and gave riders an

inducement to not throw their matches and butts out the windows.

My problem was different. I was a pipe smoker and could steer with my elbows while filling a pipe from my leather pouch, then light up from a book of matches. My old trench lighter seldom worked. When my pipe was smoked out - it was time to dump the ashes. With one eye on the road I would gently tap the pipe into the ashtray. You guessed it! Sometimes the suction cup jumped away from the dash and a shower of sparks and ashes dropped to my right foot. I later replaced the ashtray with a pipe holder which was a screw type affair and much more reliable than the fickle rubber suction cup.

My friend had a 1930 Buick deluxe club coupe. Its lighter was on a long cord and could be passed to passengers in the rear seat. The corded lighter was considered a classy gadget in its day. This Buick also had glass vases mounted between the side windows for flowers plus two ashtrays within easy reach for smokers.

No one smokes in my car anymore. My 1972 Impala was only two weeks old when daughter Sylvia burned a hole in the back seat from a dropped cigarette.

by William Hill



A VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF TOBACCO AND ART HISTORY

While in Nashville, TN, this fall, I accidentally discovered the Museum of Tobacco and Art History. After spending about two hours there, I gained a more global perspective on the important of lighter collecting, its place in the even larger forum of tobacco, and the role this industry played in the economic development of Colonial America.

The museum, established in 1982, is owned and operated by the U.S. Tobacco and Manufacturing Co. Its curator, David Wright, and receptionist, Ann Doyle, were as hospitable as they could be; they even opened the archives allowing me to browse at will.

Don't expect to see more than one lighter there, a tinder pistol circa 1700; but the artifacts in the museum provide a multi-cultural appreciation of the customs, art, and pleasure of smoking rarely seen. For example, their collection of cigar store Indians rivals the Smithsonian's.

The first items that caught my attention was a complete set of Roly Poly Tins, Pat. 1913. The Storekeeper, Satisfied Customer, Singing Waiter, Mammy, Dutchmen and Man from Scotland Yard (Inspector) were in excellent condition, and I've never

seen a complete set before. They're valued at around \$2,500 and are a wonderful asset for those of you who also dabble in advertising or tins.

Metal tongs used for picking up hot coals for lighting tobacco were displayed. These forcep-like devices were etched identifying their owners' initials and were 1.5 to 2 feet long; one was dated 1692.

Pipes were the most abundant articles found in the museum. English Nailsea art glass pipes circa 1800, (Nailsea being clear or white glass with patterns of colored swirls); Native American pipes, pipes from Persia, China, Paraguay, Southeast Asia, the Near East, African pipes, Eskimo pipes, Calabash, Briar, Gambler, wood, horn, stone, clay, fishtail tube, puzzle pipes, and the great American corn cob pipe. A separate Meerscham showcase left me nearly speechless!

And then of course, the accessories - chuckmucks from Mongolia, China and the Himalayas, tobacco jars, snuff boxes from the Far East, tobacco cutters, and even smoking furniture, i.e., a smoking chair with a hidden compartment for storing tobacco and the first match sofa called a "Lucifer" seat.

Yes, there was more; but you will have to see for yourself.

Just in case some of you heavy hitters are looking for a tax deduction, this is an entity for publicly displaying your prize pieces eternally. I suspect Dave Wright might even be interested in purchasing rare, quality early lighter mechanisms since they are not featured in the museum. But...don't waste hi time; judging from the quality of items in the museum, he is very selective and has an excellent eye. While browsing the floor of the museum, I found myself looking for the lighters... this is a void within the collection I hope they plan to fill.

The Museum is located at 800 Harrison St., Nashville, TN 37203. Phone (615)271-2349. Admission is free and hours are Monday to Saturday 9 to 4.

by Steven Stolar

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(Editor's Note: Following is a very interesting letter received from John Fiola. Thought everyone should read this!)

ZIPPO COUNTERFEITS

Collectors Beware!

Here is an article that may be of interest to all our members. I recently got hold of two 1935 era Zippo 4 line lighters, one brass and one chrome. They were total counterfeits to the trained eye. To the untrained eye they are as authentic as can be. Someone is out trying to make a lot of money off the unsuspecting collectors. Let me tell you what was done.

1. Removed the hinge from the bottom & top.
2. Shortened down the bottom half of the lighter (probably machined it).

3. Flattened the bottom of the lighter from the inside.
4. Engraved 4 lines on the lighter (very nicely done).
5. Installed a 2032695 insert.
6. Reinstalled the hinge (see below).

Nice work BUT here are the flaws I found.

1. The 4 lines are not quite in the proper place and are either too short or too long.
2. 1935 lighter was NOT a 5 hinge lighter (DEAD GIVEAWAY). I guess he either did not know that or he could not find the proper hinge for it.
3. When the top part of the hinge was put back it was cut in 2 pieces and put in wrong. He installed it in the "C" position instead of the "J" position because he most likely had to break the spot weld to save the hinge.
4. Spot welding for the hinge shows tampering on the lower half indented too far in, and 4 weld marks.
5. The Brass lighter was very nicely buffed down on the bottom to do away with the Zippo codes, except for a very small amount of the 2032695 that is barely visible without a magnifier loop, therefore it looks like an original 1935 era lighter.

Members **BEWARE!** Before you purchase a 4 line lighter, look it over, under, inside and upside down. The gentleman who gave them to me purchased them as genuine 1935 era lighters and paid an awesome price for his mistake. He was not that familiar with Zippo lighters but knew they were of high value. I can tell you as a collector of Zippos for years these are excellent counterfeits and can fool any collector at first sight.

They may be only just starting here in the northeast, I am not sure, but I am writing this article to warn all collectors. If you are not familiar with Zippo 1935 era lighters, PLEASE beware and have someone who knows about them look it over for you and save you heartbreak. Good Hunting.

by John Fiola

THE **zippo** LINK

Contributed by Pat Grandy

On The LIGHTER Side Internet surfers will be interested to know that Zippo Manufacturing Company now has a home page on the 'Net', a place where lighter lovers can immerse themselves in Zippo.

Merely type [HTTP://www.ZIPPOmfg.com](http://www.ZIPPOmfg.com) and click your mouse.

You can request a Zippo Lighter Collector's Guide or learn how to send in your defective lighter for repair. Keep clicking and discover the films in which Zippo has made an appearance, order a brochure for the Zippo Store and Museum, and even learn the many different uses for a Zippo. Soon there will be a Zippo trivia contest and information about Zippo's 1996 Collectible, *Zippo Salutes Pinup Girls*.

In other Zippo news, planning is underway for National Zippo Day and the big Zippo/Case International Swap Meet. By now, On The LIGHTER Side members should have received their registration information.

Highlights include Thursday, July 18, as Collectors' Day. On this day, swap meet, tours, and other activities will be open only to registered participants (Whether you exhibit or not, you still need to register to be included in collectors-only events). Collectors' Day includes dinner and an auction on Thursday. The auction will offer unique Zippo and Case items including many one-of-a-kinds and prototypes.

On Saturday night Zippo is planning a big event and you'll find addition details in the registration information.

If you're interested in registering, please contact Linda Meabon at Zippo, (814)368-2711.



L-I-G-H-T-S

By Larry Tolkin

HOT TIPS This issue, I'm recommending two different areas. Each comprises many interesting lighters, which sell quickly at the prices listed. Make sure to add these to your collections soon. (Prices quoted are for pieces in very good condition).

Occupied Japan Novelty Lighters (late 40's) - These fun to collect lighters have become very popular. Being a very diverse area, the most desirable Occ. Japan (sometimes referred to as MIOJ) are those resembling everyday objects. The lighter mechanism is part of the object and cannot be separated from the body. Listed below are some of the most important Occ. Japan items:

Telephone	75 - 25
Lucky Car - small	100 - 150
Mid-Size Car - Wheel s Move to light (Rare)	200 - 300
Buick-Type Car - friction wheels	250 - 350
Plastic Radio - Variety of colors	200 - 300
Chrome Radio w/movable dial	200 - 300
Plastic Record Player - (Rare)	400 - 500
Sewing Machine - holds cigarettes	300 - 400
Fan - numerous varieties	100 - 150
Pull Chain Lamp - numerous varieties	50 - 75
Small Airplane	350 - 450
Large Airplane on Stand w/Ashtray	500 - 600
Small Typewriter 2 varieties	150 - 250
Large Typewriter - holds cigarettes	400 - 500
Small Rocket - 3 varieties	150 - 250
Baseball with Bat Stand	200 - 300

Make sure the chrome or plastic are in good condition. If the above lighter is not marked Occupied, the value decreases between 10 - 20%.

Cigarette Case Lighters with Compacts - While case lighters are just beginning to become widely popular, the ones with compacts have been hot! Leading the way

are the Art Deco models made by Ronson. The number in parenthesis corresponds to the figure in the Ronson book.

Ronson Magnapact (99) - Rare	400 - 500
Ronson Masterpact (100) - Classic	200 - 300
Ronson Superpact (101) - Rare	250 - 350
Ronson Queenpact (102) - Difficult to find w/Puff	200 - 300
Ronson Queenpact w/Watch (103) - extremely rare	1000-1200
Ronson Royalpact (104) - Extremely Rare	600- 750
Ronson Kicase (105) - Difficult to find w/comb	800-1000
Ronson Lady-pact (107) - Rare	250 - 350
Marathon 1930's Model - (Usually Deco)	150 - 250
Marathon 1940's - 1950's Standard	75 - 150
Marathon 1950's - Ladylite - Very Small	100 - 150
Evans 1930's - Standard with Round Compact	150 - 250
Evans 1940's - Standard or Tall Case w/compact	100 - 200

Of course, these are also collected by Art Deco and compact collectors. Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year!!!!

Meet the Members by John Elster

My favorite thing about writing this column is the random call that I get to make to a member of our club for an interview. This month I had a delightful talk with a member from Ohio - Marian Urbanowicz. She began her collection about 2 1/2 years ago. In that time she has accumulated approximately 900 lighters. Marian finds most of her lighters with logos from each of the 50 United States (she has 33 so far). She marks her progress on a map that she keeps by her desk at work.

In addition to lighters, Marian, also has a collection of music boxes. She is looking forward to the time when she can retire from her job and spend more time on her collection.

To date Marian has not been able to attend any of the lighter shows, but she hopes to go to Bradford for the Zippo show this summer.

Her favorite piece is a silver lighter with matching cigarette case which was given to her by a friend. It was carried by her friend's brother during WWII and still contains six Lucky Strike cigarettes from the 1940's.

Marian - Thank you for your story!

ATTENTION ALL DEALERS & PART TIME DEALERS!!! I will be writing a special column in the July paper profiling dealers. Just send a brief description of yourself and information on what you can offer your fellow OTLS Members to me by May 30th to be included (or call me one evening).

THE 5TH ANNUAL L.A. LIGHTER SHOW A WICKED PERSPECTIVE

Thursday evening, off to the hospitality suite where I finally met Her Royal Highness Judith Sanders. (You're a great lady and you really deserve special treatment even though you say

you're "tired of all that crap".) If not for you we'd probably still be "in the closet". Things were already underway--show & tell & a no host bar

Friday was set-up day and this year there were two display rooms. Luckily I chose the smoking room. Although this show is smaller than most, the quality as well as the variety is incredible! Tom & Deb's displays were fascinating. The Stolman's Ronson Tree with lighters & misters as ornaments was worthy of 1st place in any show. Urban's Ronson display was great and let's not forget the Douglass King, the "Prez" himself, Kevin Kelly. Our overseas members brought a wide variety of my personal weakness, European lighters, and I managed to wheel and deal myself a few "keepers". The electric lighter display was fabulous. The catalog will be a "must have" for all of us with a thirst for knowledge.

And suddenly it's Saturday morning - location is the key. Shortly after the public arrived, a guy walks up with the "ol' shoebox full of lighters". He says "What I have here is 50 lighters for \$3 each." I say "Well, let's see what you've got." A bunch of Zippo's (5-203's, a couple of Thorens', lots of flats (Guy's always good for those). We've got a deal! It really did seem like there was much more action than last year. They came to buy, not just look. Another good day then just enough time to pack up, shower and head to the banquet room. But wait, no hot water! Very appropriate considering what I've seen, held, fondled and caressed since Thursday night.

The food was good and there was plenty of it. Auctioneer Richard Ball is just so damn witty. If only I was as good at public speaking when I unexpectedly received 2nd place for my display I would have been able to come up with something other than "Thank you". I would have given credit to my friend Fred Jager who built my custom display cases. Thanks Fred! And then it was announced Mike Cassidy had won third place, with his outstanding display "The Lights of My Life" (a one man play by accomplished actor David Stafford, OTLS Member) was an emotional rollercoaster. Not only did it have us roaring with laughter, but brought tears to our eyes. Thanks, David!

At this point I was ready to Rip Van Winkle, but nooooo. Being a dealer as well as a collector I had to be in line at the Rose Bowl by 1A.M. I was envious of the show participants who would at least get some sleep in a real bed. Heading out, I remember thinking to myself "sure would be nice to find a good piece before the gang gets here". Lo and behold I find a Capitol in excellent condition for \$75. Sales that day were great which made for a perfect end to an exhilarating weekend.

A big thank you to everyone involved, especially Tom & Guy. See you all next year if not sooner.

by Bob Rogers dba Wick'd Ways

(Editor's Note: Tom & Guy are currently compiling the catalogue referred to in Bob's article. This catalogue will be available soon, and we will advise all OTLS Members.)

MID-WINTER FLORIDA SWAP MEET

With the temperatures in Quitman running around 7 degrees, I was really glad to have the excuse to go to the Florida Show! We don't often have this kind of winter!

After having a couple of problems with the hotel last year, Michael Katz really made up for it this year by picking a terrific hotel in Ormond Beach. Not only was the hotel great, the bar had a great band and - you guessed it - the OTLS Members were dancing the night away!

Most of us arrived early so we could wander around the famous Renninger's Antique Show. Andrew & Nancy Lloyd, Marty Inman, Serita Strobel & I were all together & not only finding lighters, but also finding other friends! I turned one corner and there was Frank Briola, another and there was Liam Oakley, Tom Byrne, Michael Katz, and so on - what fun to run into almost everyone before the day was over.

Saturday morning found everyone scrambling to unpack and look for the lighters at the same time. Everyone found some great pieces, saw a few new faces and generally had a delightful day! And even though the show was over at 5:00, many of us continued trading into the wee hours.

Sunday found everyone again running into each other at a local Flea Market. And THANKS to Andrew & Nancy who took several of us to a delicious Mexican Brunch!

Now Michael has two swap meets under his belt - and if this one was any example of future shows, I will go back every year! Thanks Michael for my "Mid-Winter Adventure"!

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PLEASE READ! In the January issue, your Editor left out part of one paragraph in the Fuel for the Fire article. Omitting these sentences made the paragraph confusing. Below the second paragraph of last month's article is shown as it should have been. Sorry Ira!

Another lighter with a removable second wick is the Austrian "Unigent" lighter. If you did not know better you would think it is simply a lighter with a windguard. Actually this guard pulls up and out to reveal a second wick. This would be utilized when smoking a pipe and would give one much more control. Another similar lighter is the beautiful "Jeroboam" by S. T. Dupont. This was a lift-arm Table Lighter with a removable wand which offered a second wick to Smokers. Why you ask. First rather than pass around a large lighter it would be easier to use the wand. Also again it would make lighting your pipe much more simple. Also, I believe it was nicer to offer someone else a light from this wand rather than to shove a large lighter in their face. Ira Pilosof

News From Around The World.... Congratulations to Noreen Weinstein, on her marriage to Karl Molinaro. Mina Rotman is recovering from a broken ankle - Get Well Quick Mina! Dani Weinstein fell and sprained her ankle - Hope you improve soon Dani! For you who heard about your Editor's "Fall in the Closet" accident - the stitches are out, the broken toe is healing, I'm walking again and THANKS to all of you who called & sent cards! What with these two accidents & your Editor's fall, this must be the time of year for accidents! Our sympathy to Brent Harbolt on the loss of his grandfather. Jerry Agan has been in the hospital and is home again - send him cards! How many people saw Ted Ballard on "Prime Time"?? And did you see Ira's license plate in Cigar Aficionado? Speaking of Ira, he had a surprise visit in his Antique Space in New York City from Diane Keaton!

BOOK REVIEW

1000 FEUERZEUGE by Gunter W. Broesan

I have done several book reviews for the newsletter instead of authoring my own and the reason is simple: I am too damn lazy to put in the time and effort it requires to do the job right. That is not the case with Mr. Broesan. His work is 290 pages of useful information in dual text (German & English). Although lacking in the more rare and exotic pieces as well as the early primitive devices, Broesan does great justice to the collection shown.

The format for the presentation of lighters is both practical and logical. There are columns for manufacturers, date of manufacture and a brief outline of the lighter giving name, material composition, size and ignition method. There is also an index and approximately 25 pages of advertisements. The additional sections of research text are relevant and understandable to the layman. Some of the topics covered are: Ignition modes, manufacturers, lighter encyclopedia, and inventions. I was amused that the translations in the encyclopedia section in some cases reduced over 8 lines of German into a three word English equivalent. But we all know how concise the English language can be. Why say two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles on a sesame seed bun when you can say "Big Mac"? But I digress.

The illustrated lighters are in color which are clean and clear. What's more, they can be easily matched to the text on the opposite page. Fully one-third of the lighters are of German origin but this should come as no surprise. The majority of the collection is fluid but butane lighters are strongly represented. Be advised that there is no price guide or rarity grading. Unlike some of the recent soft-cover USA books, it is clear that Broesan has invested much energy in published a book of which he can be deservedly proud. While I disagree with a few of his statements, with so little written history on lighters, this is to be expected. However, on the whole it is a well-written and well-thought out book. The price for the book is approx. US \$62, which I find somewhat steep but I suspect that is because the book is a limited edition of 1000 copies. If you already own the general lighter books by Ad Van Weert and Bisconcini, this book would be a fine addition to your reference library.

by Guy Nishida

ANNOUNCEMENT

We regret to inform you the soft cover edition of the Ronson book is no longer available from us. The following people may have some soft cover copies still available:

Mr. Jack Seiderman
1631 NW 114 Avenue
Pembroke Pines FL 33026
(954)438-0928

Mr. Ira Pilossof
P O Box 1325
Fair Lawn NJ 07410
(201)797-6595

We have now re-made the last remaining 250 books as a hard cover edition, and at \$79 a copy these will not last long.

The hard cover edition has been completely rebound, retaining the color cover page of the original edition, and "Smyth-sewn" to prevent pages coming loose from constant use. The new outer cover is Permalin bonded leather in Ronson maroon with the spine and cover markings stamped in gold.

If you are a US customer and want to order this new edition, please remit \$79 for book rate postage (2-3 weeks delivery) or \$81 for Priority Mail. For Canada and overseas orders, please write for details. Urban K. Cummings, P O Box 1482, Palo Alto, CA 94302.

BOOKS, BOOKS & MORE BOOKS!

Since the last issue, several new books have hit the market! Although in the list below there is not much information about each book, with the exception of Gunter's book, I would highly recommend each one of these!

1. Collector's Guide to Cigarette Lighters Book 2 by James Flanagan is now out. This book is equally as good as his first book. You can order from Ben Rapaport for \$14.75 (plus postage).
2. 1000 Feuerzeuge Cigarette Lighters by Gunter Broesan. See Guy Nishida's review in this issue. This is a great book. You can order from Ben Rapaport for \$62.00 (plus postage).
3. Cigarette Lighters by Stuart Schneider & George Fischer. I have not seen this book yet, but Ben gives it a good review. You can order from Ben Rapaport for \$39.95 (plus postage).
4. Antique Cigar Cutters and Lighters by Jerry Terranova & Douglas Congdon-Martin. I also have not seen this, but again Ben gives a good review. Order from Ben, Price \$69.95 (plus postage)

REPAIR SERVICES:

Since we have so many new members, it occurs that some of you may not know what repair services are available through OTLS. Following are the repair services that I am aware of. If there are any other services available, please advise your Editor for inclusion in the next issue.

1. ARS (Authorized Repair Service)
Attn: Richard Weinstein
30 West 57th St
New York NY 10019
Phone: (212)586-0947
Fax: (212)586-1296
Also see "The International Vintage Lighters Exchange" on the Internet. VINLIGHTER@aol.com
Repairs & Sales of all type lighters - vintage & modern
2. RONSON SERVICE
Attn: Perry & Rose Grover
P O Box 9480
Glendale CA 91226
Phone: (818)543-7621
Repair & Sales of Ronson Lighters
3. Bob Rogers
d/b/a Wick'd Ways
P O Box 245
Lafayette CA 94549-0245
Phone/Fax(510)943-7523
Repair & Sales of all type fuel lighters
4. Ronson Wands - For reproduction wands for your Ronson strikers & touch tips, write to Leo & Dot Turini, P O Box 54, Temple, NH 03084. Phone: (603)878-1947.

IN SYMPATHY

It is inevitable with a club as large as ours, that we will lose members over the years. However, as you all know, we have recently lost some special people. And now I have to report we have lost 3 more members.

Another problem with the growth of our club, I don't

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FOR SALE OR TRADE

Thousands of lighters all the time - buy, sell, swap: Zippo, Ronson, Clark, lower end Dunhill, Evans, etc., pre 1970 figurals. Send for new Zippo list (of older Zippos) after the Ides of March. Please visit when in NY. Shop hours 11-6, closed Sundays. Ilene Chaszanof (212)254-5564

ZIPPOS for sale. Send SASE to Jim Denton (see Change of Address Jan.) Phone/fax (210)377-2177

For Sale: Gem by Rex Mfg., Providence RI - Life arm covered w/snakeskin MIB (pic on p. 74, Vol 1, Flanagan). \$35 (post pd). Leo & Dot Turini

For Sale or Trade: 1995 Marlboro Medium Gift box. Lustre etched over both front faces. Marlboro Med. engraved w/2 packs of Marlboro Med. Only 1000 exclusively made for Holland. Very nice, very rare & mint for \$100 incl. pack & handling. Looking for regular Zippos w/cig ads, beer ads, limited editions w/tin or walnut boxes & Japanese Zippos. Call or fax Michael Beckamp (Germany) 202-720092

For Sale: E & JB Pistol w/hand grips, Exc. cond. \$225 - Kraemer auto 1910 Exc. cond \$65 - Clark lift arm, leather wrap Vr. Good \$60 - Evans lift arm, vr. good \$65 - Evans trig-a-lite case lighter w/wind guard Exc. cond \$50. Call or write Don & Pat Collier (316)262-0396

New Camel Rock & Roll lighter. Also 80th Anniversary Camel Set (gift box) & 25th Anniversary Doral (in tin). Call or write Andrew Lloyd (910)724-0821

For Sale: Midland Jump Spark Cigar Lighter Mint & 3 decals \$600; Van Lite fluid dispenser Pat 1897 Mint & works \$800. Sid Chase

Zippo List #3 Collectible Zippos for Sale. Approx 70 lighters 1940 - 1970's. All Military or logos. Send \$2 to Laird Enterprises, P O Box 78, Solana Beach CA 92075-1246

Selling 19 Ronson table & pockets lighters (Queen Ann, Crowns (3), Crown cig holder, Georgian (2), Decanter (2), Senators (2), Senator, Minerva, Diana, Mayfair, Newport, Leona, Adonis P/L MIB, Whirlwind P/L MIB. \$250 for the lot - will only sell as 1 package. Terry & Caryl Sanders

Zippo Sterling Silver 60th Anniversary wristwatch, MIB \$200. Also Zippo T/L collection 65 pieces. Send SASE for list to Mel Muntzing

For Sale/Trade: 500+ P/L & T/L. Zippo, Ronson, Evans, MIOJ & many others. Most common but some real nice pieces as well. Near Flea Market prices on most or will

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trade for Zippo, Ronson & others. What was my beginners material 10 years ago can be yours today. Send 59 cent SASE for list. Robert L. Finley (See Nov. Chg of Address) (360)613-2954

Wichita Police Crest/Badge on brushed chrome Zippo 1977. Signature on back. MIB - wanting to trade. Paige Mayfield

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From Mario Cusano (OTLS Member) - A friend of mind in Italy has for sale 165 military & commemorative Zippos from U.S., English, French, Maltese, Deutsche & Italian Navy & Air Force. All MIB. Please fax Mr. Max Germani at 10 640 8419. He will only sell all 165 as a lot.

For Sale WWII Black Crackle "In Memory Ernie Pyle 1945". Excellent condition. Call Larry Sedore (914)838-4603

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Do you remember the collection I was selling in late 1995? I still have many ZIPPO MILITARY left - many of these are Excellent to Mint condition! If you are interested in Military Zippos, please call Judith Sanders

WANTED

Looking to buy Zippos. Call, fax or write. Jim Denton Phone/Fax (210)377-2177

Ronson Enameled pocket lighters wanted. Ex. cond. only; Regent Jr. Act, Rondett, Heart, etc. Also looking for the following strikers: S/L 150 (Cigar Store Indian) & S/L 113 (Gobbo). Scott Moore (213)296-0325 See Chg of Address this issue

RONSON BARTENDER missing cocktail shaker - PLEASE find one for me! Catherine Stolman

Want to buy or trade for Camel Lighters #3, 8 & 23 (# from Brian's Camel Guide). (817)831-4649

I have acquired a pocket Triangle missing the watch. If you have a spare watch, let me know. Brad Barenblat (512)225-4545

Want Evans pocket lighters with any type of advertising, logo, factory attached medallions, etc. Please contact me with condition & reasonable price. Tom Sica (215)755-2323 or via Smoke Shop on Compuserve

I am looking for Zippos w/Halliburton & Dowell Oil Field Service logos. Also OTLS Convention lighters, National Zippo Day, any rodeo or ranch logos & the Political Donkey. Gary Bagwell (405)353-4080

Looking for a Ronson Puritan T/L. Gene Brewer (903)757-6866

Will pay \$200 ea for Evans Trig-A-Lite or Roller Bearing Art Deco enamel in mint cond. Larry Clayton (804)436-7821

Wanted: Football lighters, any make, Super Bowl, Championship, Games, etc. Kendall Kelly (908)681-4079

Wanted to buy or trade for: Evans "York" tall pocket (picture in July, 1994 issue) & Barton size w/same design. Bill York Barton size w/same design. Bill York

Wanted: Photos from your collection of Case Lighters, especially enamels, so I can put them in a book form for us to enjoy. I would like to know what's out there! How about you? Call me at (714)964-2847 or write! Also I'm still interested in purchasing any Art Deco case lighters. Dana Dwailebe

Wanted: First Edition Bisconcini. Call Spiro Svoronos (713)558-9494

Wanted Round Golf Bag Lighter - will trade a Trench lighter for it. Sid Chase

I have acquired a 14 KT Zippo with the initials "JG" - it was sold as a Zippo of Jackie Gleason. Can anyone help me verify this? Raymond Peer

Wanted 1987-1991 OTLS Convention Lighters. Also looking for "States" Zippo lighters from all states. Call Joe Speirs (405)536-9712

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In Sympathy continued...

always know each member personally to be able to properly say a few words about someone we have lost. But I hope you will each keep the families of these members in your thoughts.

Howard Franklin Scott of Dallas, TX passed away last October. Even though Howard lived so close to your Editor, I am sorry to say I never had an opportunity to meet him, and he was not a very active member.

Lighter Club of Great Britain reported the loss of one of their members, and a member of OTLS, Martin Hargreaves. We send our sympathy to his family.

And last, a member I have known for a long time, is Paul Norman. Gloria said Paul has been ill since the first of this year and recently passed away. She said they talked about OTLS and decided she will remain in the club and continue to maintain their collection.

Paul and Gloria (called "Mike") collected Dunhill Lighters. I first got to meet them at Al Grosskopf's apartment on a visit to California. You may also remember that last year Paul & Gloria won the Family Circle contest and were awarded a subscription to OTLS. They were already members before winning the contest, having joined several years ago. I know you will all offer your support to Gloria.

ETC. continued...

Don't forget the May issue will be your last chance to write an article to be included in the Tolkin Award for 1995-1996. If you write an article, it will be entered in the judging whether it is printed or not! If you are new and do not have the rules for this Award, please notify your Editor.

IMPORTANT! As usual, in the May issue we will have special "CONVENTION CLASSIFIEDS" This section is to list items you "Want" and will have "For Sale" at the 1996 Convention. This is good to do because members can't take everything with them and if they KNOW what you want they will bring it!

You will note we have a new column this issue, entitled The Lighter Link. Pat Grandy will send us articles from time to time as news is breaking around Zippo!

If you have not paid your 1996 dues, you need to pay them immediately!

And last, but not least, sorry the paper is late - my accident set me back a little!

WHO'S "ON-LINE"?

With the world beginning to get "on line", it seems like a good idea to let you all know how to find your fellow collectors. If there are more of you utilizing computers "nets", please send your computer address & we will publish it.

1. ARS (Authorized Repair Service)
See The International Vintage Lighters Exchange
VINLIGHTER@aol.com
2. Tom Byrne
Internet Address: Lighters1@AOL.Com
3. Evie Plicner
To find "The Smoke Shop" in Compuserve, use GO command & type "Collectibles", then click "Browse Messages & scroll to Section 15.

4. Tom Sica
Via Smoke Shop on Compuserve
5. Vintage Lighters, Inc. (Ira Pilossof)
Type HTTP://www.deco-echoes.com/vintage
6. Zippo Manufacturing
Type: HTTP://www.ZIPPOmfg.com

Fuel For The Fire will return in the next issue.

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