

# On The *LIGHTER* Side

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Spring has come to Dallas and with the warm weather, azaleas, sun and shorts, have also come the "garage sales". The past few weekends my friends and I have been driving around to all the garage sales looking for new "treasures". Sometimes garage sales are a great place to find lighters - especially when the people having the sales have no interest in old lighters.

This past weekend at one sale I saw a small cowboy boot lighter sitting on a table in the middle of some old buttons and spools of thread. I picked it up and asked the lady how much - - she said \$1.00 would be enough. I immediately paid her - - and it was what I thought - - an Occupied Japan lighter. (Occupied Japan lighters normally are very expensive in the Dallas Flea Markets right now). I guess I could feel guilty because she didn't know she could have charged more - - but I don't! Anyway, it certainly made my day for me!!!

Another thing I have learned is if you don't see any lighters sitting around at a garage sale, ask. Because sometimes people will go in the house and come up with some REALLY OLD lighters they had no idea someone would want - - they just don't know me!

Anyway I hope the lovely spring weather has arrived for each of you ---- go find the garage sales!

More later.....



IN THE SPOTLIGHT....

One of our members, Bob Gee, also has his own Club for Occupied Japan Collectors. He has contributed the following comments:

When I started collecting Occupied Japan objects, some 9 years ago, I collected all and anything.

After a short while I decided to specialize in just those that were made out of metal or had some metal on them because I decided that part of my thesis would include "Metal Objects that were marked 'Made in Occupied Japan'".

Before long, I found that I had quite a few cigarette lighters that were so marked. I also decided that I would include a section of O.J. cigarette lighters.

Now, my thesis will culminate into 2 books. One on metal O.J. objects in general, for I have some 1500 different ones and one book on O.J. cigarette lighters which I have some 250 different ones.

Some of the more odd types of O.J. lighters that I have would include a "Wooden Music Box, that dispenses cigarettes and has a lighter inside". Another one is a "key lighter, about 1 1/2" x 1/2". This one is quite scarce due to it's being so small that it got lost easily. One other is a "3 sided 4 1/2" high mirror - dressing table, friction lighter. Of course, I have a few more, but space won't permit listing them all.

Because I am a purest at heart, I only collect those that are marked "MIOJ" and if any of you have any that you would like to trade for, let me know for I have quite a few "MINT & IOB" that I can trade with.

Robert W. Gee, Sr.  
Founder of the Occupied  
Japan Collectors Club

COLLECTORS' CORNER

This past weekend I had an opportunity to go to the National Association of Tobacco Dealers' Convention, which was held here in Dallas. It was really a lot of fun - - - in the event you haven't been to one of these shows before, it's a show for pen, candy, computer, cigarette and lighter dealers. Everyone gives away free samples of their products - - and I got my share! All the different cigarette companies were giving away advertising lighters, which, of course, I liked, even though they were mostly disposable lighters. It was still fun!

The Zippo representatives were there and when I started talking to them, and they found out I collect lighters, they gave me a book which is put out by the Zippo Company. The book is called "The Zippo Lighter Collectors' Guide". This book may be obtained by writing to Zippo Manufacturing Company, 33 Barbour Street, Bradford, Pa. 16701 - Attn: Advertising Department. There is also a similar book for the Zippo table lighters which you can write and ask for. I think you would enjoy seeing the entire book, if you haven't before. I have several old Zippo's in my collection which I was not sure of the age of, so now I can find out.

One of the most interesting parts of the Collectors' Guide is the first page, which tells how to identify Zippo lighters by markings on the bottom of the lighter in order to ascertain the year the lighter was made. I have included a copy of that first page here for your information. The other pages of this book include pictures of various lighters and information about each series.

If for any reason you are unable to get a copy of this book, let me know and I will xerox it and send it to any of you.

LIGHTER IDENTIFICATION CODES BY YEAR				
YEAR	REGULAR		SLIM	
	Left	Right	Left	Right
1932	Patent Pending			
1937	Patent #2032695			
1950	Patent #2517191			
1957	Full stamp with patent pending		****	****
1958	Full stamp with no patent pending			
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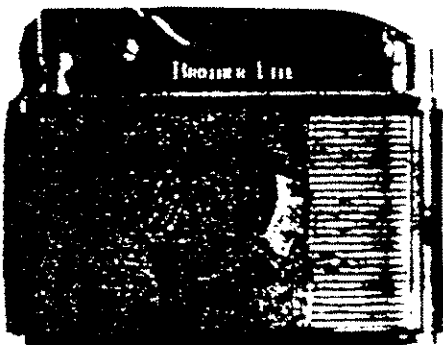
Aurora "45" pistol, 4" long, also flashlight. \$3 or trade. Judith Sanders (Member)

Luden's Cough Drops/5th Ave. Candy Ads - Scripto Vu-lighters. \$5 or trade. Judith Sanders (Member)

Zippos with Republic National Bank of Dallas ad. \$3 or trade. Judith Sanders (Member)

Continental (old shape) with Lucky Strike ad. \$3 or trade. Judith Sanders (Member)

Pepsi-Cola. \$10 or trade. Judith Sanders (Member)



Wanted to Buy or Trade

Dunhill lighters. John Cuevas. (Member)

Lighters with following State names or emblems: Ala., Ct., Del., Ga., Ida., Mass., Ky., Wyo., Va., R.I. Judith Sanders (Member)

Authentic flint & steel flintlock tinderboxes & other pre-lighter fire-making devices. Warren Gerber (Member)

Occupied Japan lighters. Judith Sanders (Member)

Musical lighters. Warren Gerber (Member)

Novelty type lighters. Judith Sanders (Member)

1910-1930's round, brass/copper, similar in size/shape to man's hunter case pocket watch, French, German, English, flint post pulls out, hole/fitting for wick, WWI scenes or leaders or coins NOT Japanese-made "Belgium or French" coins, Warren Gerber (Member)

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