

# ON THE LIGHTER Side

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Enclosed is the first "Convention Letter" - please read and respond!

Please see page 3 for list of new members.

A prospective new member (Loyd Stinecipher) tells me Ronson has been bought out by "Win" and has the following new address: Win-API Service, 213 N. Glendale, Glendale, Ca. 91206. Several members have told me they have not gotten any response from writing Ronson at their other addresses - maybe this one will work. Someone please let me know if you get a response?

More later.....

*Judith*

IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....

DAY LIGHTS

by Colin Day

What does one do with one's spare time?

I tried collecting stamps, wood carving, collecting after shave bottles, model making, converting T.V. cabinets into useful items, painting pictures (at least that's what I called it) and tried my hand at gardening, but all I could grow was weeds.

At the end of 1976, I happened to be browsing through a Trash & Treasure Market and there were 3 new Table Lighters on a table at 30¢ each which looked interesting, but as I had stopped smoking in 1963 I did not need them - but I bought them anyway.

Then I was curious as to what other types there were so I checked through second hand shops

and soon had a cabinet full and again in a short time had built up to 800 various lighters.

Now, there is no point in collecting them unless you do something with them, so I put a story in the General Motors Holders Magazine where I worked.

It snowballed from there with the Lighter Story in about 15 different magazines and 8 times I displayed some of the collection at various fairs and twice on television.

At this stage it has taken over the whole house and totals about 4,000 Table Lighters, plus about 200 Pocket Lighters, plus about 200 Table Lighters for exchange - all housed in 53 china cabinets.

This natural shortage of space has forced me to concentrate mainly on the novelty types, which include the following: Ronson Pudding Bearer, Churchill, Polo Pony & Rider, Stick Dynamite, Spanish Dancing Lady, Formula 1 Racing Car, Red Devil, Motorcycle & Sidecar, 18" Redhead Match, Blow Lamp, Morse Code Key, Ticker Tape Machine, plus guns, planes, helicopters, animals, boots, knights, etc. etc. etc.

To build up this collection I have not traveled farther than 50 miles from where I live in Adelaide, Sth Australia, but have exchanged with collectors in Australia, New Zealand, Sth Africa and obtained some lighters from manufacturers in Japan.

Some of the rarer ones I have are from WWI, made from shells and have French & Belgium town names embossed on them and others hand made and shaped like books. Also of interest are the ones hand made by the street pedlars in Burma & India. A few hand made by WWII prisoners of war in Egypt with Ethiopian coins fixed to the sides.

Another of interest is the "Save the Children" Charily Table Lighter - Desilu Sales, Inc. - with the caricature of Lucille Ball on it.

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But, the one I don't have is the Canhill Lighthouse Table Lighter valued at about 32,000 (lbs.) - a photo of that one will have to suffice!

(Note: See photo below of Colin and "just a few" of his lighters)



(Photo by Advertiser Newspapers Sth Australia)

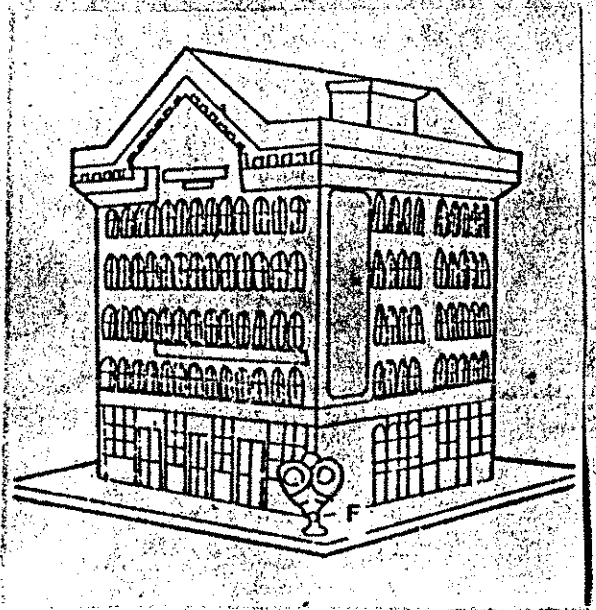
#### COLLECTORS' CORNER

It seems to me that lighters seem to appear in cycles - 2 years ago it was difficult to find Occupied Japan lighters, then suddenly a lot of them started appearing. Also until recently there didn't seem to be very many or any of the old cigar store type lighters. Now the Flea Market Dealers seem to be pulling the old cigar lighters out of the woodwork (or wherever Dealers find what collectors want!). Most of these cigar lighters are very large and very unusual.

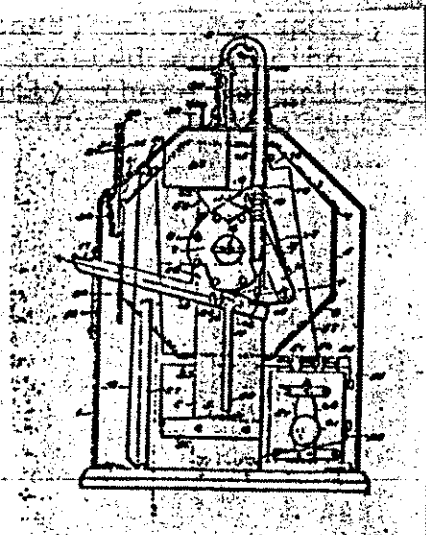
Pictured on this page are some of the old cigar store type lighters. (Thanks to Tom Prylinski for the picture of the ornamental house-lighter)

For more information on these lighters, check the Patent Section of your library.

1. The U.S. Patent "Design for a Cigar-Lighter" specification No. 13,810, dated March 27, 1883. Gustav Fuchs of Chicago, Ill. held the patent for this ornamental house-lighter.



2. Pat. No. 1085,903, filed June 22, 1912 by Lawrence B. Grasberger, Richmond, Va. Combined cigar-cutter, cigar-lighter and advertising apparatus.



For Sale or Trade

Blue colored ceramic head from armored knight, 5" tall, lighter is in top of head. \$4 plus postage. Judith Sanders  
 For OTLS Members who also collect tobacco items, Bud Markham is selling his collections. For more information write Bud

Herman Keith would like to sell his lighter collection. He ran an ad last year in this paper, with no response. Herman has an extensive collection, including pocket lighters and table lighters and novelty type lighters. If you have an interest please contact Herman Keith

2 Polaroid SX-70's to photograph lighters. 1 is stainless steel & leather covered at \$55 - the other painted metal and leatherette covered at \$45. Both are single reflex design & focus down to about 7". Al Grosskopf  
 I have about 20 Scripto "Vu Lighters" to sell or trade. Thomas Prylinski

Ronson "Regal" (silver colored metal) - will sell for \$7.00 or trade for novelty type lighter. Judith Sanders

WELCOME NEW OTLS MEMBERS:

1. LARRY BLOCK, 1351 Oak St., San Francisco, Ca. 94117
2. DON CHALLENGER, 1103 S. Clinton, Charcotte, MI. 48813
3. JIM CHRISTENSEN, 5710 N. 41 Dr., Phoenix, AZ. 85019
4. RODNEY EBRIGHT, 1330 Forsythe & 6th, Apt. 2, Columbus, OH. 43201
5. JAMES O. HORNER, 9 Pine Terrace, Bellmawr, N.J. 08031
6. PAUL C. NORMAN, 272 Karen Way, Tiburon, CA. 94920.

Wanted to Buy or Trade

Motor Cycle with side car; airplanes; vintage cars (pre gas). Will trade from a selection of 200 table lighters. Colin Day

Is someone interested in exchanging a batch of table lighters for a batch of my table lighters - instead of letters & calls simply mail 10 or so table lighters & receive 10 or so T/Ls in return. Colin Day

Wanted: (1) Ronson Repair Kit; (2) Pullout for Art Decco in 2/85 OTLS issue or I'll sell as is less pullout; (3) Spring that holds down flint on Thorens lighter. Thomas Prylinski

Wanted: Lighters from Erie, Pa. and lighters with Griswold logo on side (see drawing below). Also other items from Erie, Pennsylvania. Jack Albertson, P. O. Box 491, Edinboro, Pa. 16412; 814/756-5280 (Non-Member)



Want to trade Ronson Table Lighters for others. List Names or more information of model desired. Thomas Prylinski

Some Zippos (plain) for trade - list I.D. codes wanted. Thomas Prylinski

Looking for (1) Musical Coca Cola pocket lighter (2) Small Occupied Japan Car lighters (pocket size w/hood popping up to lighter) (3) Lucky Strike cigarette promo lighter (4) Marlboro red & white - older one. I have some trading stock. Don Challenger (New member - see address to left)

Wanted to Buy or Trade

Want Johnson Wax Tower Lighter (pictured in 1986 OTLS paper). Pete & Barb Bocciarelli.

Want to buy lighters for a reasonable price. Send picture & price and I'll respond soon after. Joe Fink

Wanted: Ronson Banjo and pre-1958 Zippos - all must be in good condition - for cash or swap for Australian made lighters or rare tobacco tins of Western Australian origin. Rex Hodgson

Thorens pocket lighters, swiss made, or similar lighters where flint is held in place on top of rasp wheel. Jim Lohr

Ronson Table Lighters, esp. unusual, or other working table lighters. David Chase

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