

ON THE LIGHTER Side

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CONVENTION UPDATE: If you arrive June 6 - come to the OTLS Suite (ask at desk); arriving June 7 - ask at desk for OTLS Meeting Room on first floor. There are activities all day Friday, so get there as soon as you can!!!

IMPORTANT! Originally we said one convention lighter per household so everyone would have a chance to acquire one. To date Leo & Dot only have about 42 orders for convention lighters - your Editor is NOT happy about this - effective May 25 any member can order any number of lighters they want. If I sound petulant - it is because it is hard for me to understand only 42 members ordering convention lighters - and I am personally responsible for the cost of these lighters.

A MESSAGE FROM GREG RYMAN
....OTLS Executive Board

I am writing this as an appeal to our members, especially the newest members, in the hope all of you will take the time and support OTLS. A club such as ours cannot succeed if we rely on the President, Vice President & Editor to make things happen. Three people can only be expected to do so much. There are presently over 245 members and the club continues to grow at an almost unbelievable pace.

Don't be afraid to run an ad. Don't be embarrassed about your knowledge or collection. Do pick up a pen or a pencil and drop a line to other members. And Do try to make our yearly conventions.

Let me tell you a little story about my collection that may give you a hint about the make up of most of our members. I've been collecting lighters for 30 yeras. So long ago that I can remember

buying my first new lighters out of vending machines for 50¢. Oh sure, there have been years taken away thanks to Uncle Sam, marriage and job transfers, but my interest in lighter collecting has never waned.

You would think that after this long I would have a great collection, and have unsurpassed knowledge of collecting lighters. Well, the answer is no on both accounts. While it may be true that I have a superb collection of novelty lighters and have hundreds of general lighters, it's not the biggest and not the best collection around. My knowledge is also not the best around either. Does it bother me? Not in the least! I'm not concerned about wheeling and dealing like the pro's and am quite satisfied to still be a novice. And remember, there will always be more novices than there will ever be by pro's.

All of you new members will soon realize that OTLS is one big family, not bonded by blood lines but by a common love of collecting lighters. So please, have some fun and support OTLS!

EDITORIAL

Occasionally there are items which I feel are more important than usual to share with the membership. Therefore, I have chosen to write about a few of these items in a special editorial.

1991 obviously will be a year for change in Quitman, Texas. First the Area Code changed to 903. Now the addresses are going to change! Please note the new complete address on page 7 - more information will be given about this later in 1991, as the Post Office advises we will have one year to make these changes.

The next subject to be dealt with
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EDITORIAL continued...

is the increase in our membership. I'm sure we are all pleased to have so many new members. However, with this increase comes additional work for your Editor. Already I have been making some errors (which I would like to apologize for).

I am attempting to 'streamline' the operation as much as possible - utilizing more form letters, Loyd Stinecipher has offered to help with various items, etc. I would like to ask each of you to also help, by reminding me (maybe even 2 or 3 times!) when I haven't done things, or if I make mistakes. Also if you have criticism please either tell me directly, or speak to one of the Board Members. Don't sit and see areas I need to improve in and just 'bitch' to another member - TELL ME!

Also we have a lot of creative members out there. Many of you are much more creative than I am. Suggestions would be appreciated, also more articles written by members and contributed to the newsletter would be helpful. Contributing information & articles allows time for your Editor to handle other areas.

Finally, many questions have come in about the Logo Contest. For a while, different members have suggested we need a logo, or picture of something relating to lighters or to OTLS, to identify with OTLS. We can use this logo for club stationery, on the cards several members already have, even for fun purposes. Many entries have already been received but there is still time remaining (until June), so put your artistic abilities to work and come up with your conception of a picture which identifies our club!

Now for my most recent & major error. In the March issue Boris Rubin wrote a most descriptive letter about his trip to Holland. Since we were unable to use the photos (due to darkness of photos), I also didn't use the captions Boris had included.

HOWEVER, there were two important points in the captions, which I would like to mention now:

P.S. FROM BORIS RUBIN

As well as having the museum, Ad Van Weert has a showcase in the POLYFLAME INTERNATIONAL showroom. I want to mention that Mr. Richard Peersmann, who is Managing Director of this company, does tremendous things for the museum, like: financing, advising and organizing many things.

And I would like to say from all the OTLS members to the people who are involved with the museum:

THANKS FOR DOING A GREAT THING!

PERSONAL NOTES:

OTLS is pleased to announce Richard Ball (of England) has formed the "LIGHTER CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN." Richard has sent your Editor a couple of issues of his newsletter ('Blaze') which have been most enjoyable. If you are interested in hearing more about his club, please write to Richard. I will mention due to his cost for overseas postage, U.S. memberships to this club are a little high (approx. \$50 U.S.).

IMPORTANT! Ben Rapaport will be receiving some copies of DAS FEUERZEUG (this book is in German) in the next couple of weeks from Europe. He is willing to share these with OTLS members. The cost (including postage) will be in the general area of \$10 to \$12 each. If you will be wanting one of these, please write ASAP to Ben to reserve a copy, as he will only be receiving a few. He will let you know the cost. (PLEASE INCLUDE SASE WHEN WRITING TO BEN)

Ben Rapaport
Antiquarian Tobacciana
11505 Turnbridge Lane
Reston VA 22094

For your new members, Ben is a friend of OTLS, who from time to time finds books relating to tobacciana.

John Cuevas has been back in the hospital - hopefully will be home this week. Hurry up and get well

[COLLECTORS' CORNER]

THE U.S.A. PUZZLE

Exploring the history of lighters in the U.S. is similar to working a giant puzzle. Discovering a new piece in the puzzle is very exciting.

There are the larger pieces, which are more readily available, such as Zippo and Ronson. But equally as important to complete our puzzle, are the smaller pieces.

Recently Bill Kim (OTLS Member) has been doing some of his own research and has discovered a company most of us didn't have much information on. In fact some of you may never have seen an Eveready Cigar Lighter. Bill forwarded his correspondence with Eveready Battery Company to your editor to share with the club.

After further correspondence, and telephone calls with Michael Mazva, Manager of Consumer Relations, a picture has started developing into a piece for our puzzle.

1898 was the beginning of American Eveready Company of St. Louis, Missouri. In 1914 American Eveready merged with National Carbide Company, to become Union Carbide. Eventually Ralston Purina bought the company and the name is presently Eveready Battery Company, Inc.

Of course we all have Eveready flashlights and batteries...but do you know about their lighters?

On May 29, 1894 a patent was issued to David Misell forming part of Letters Patent No. 520,445 for an ELECTRIC CIGAR-LIGHTER. You will note this patent was issued before American Eveready Company was formed. Also the patent indicates Nathaniel S. Rosenau as assignor for the patent. Possibly David Misell sold his rights for the Patent to the American Eveready Company. Mazva indicated this is only an assumption since the company has no actual record of this transaction.

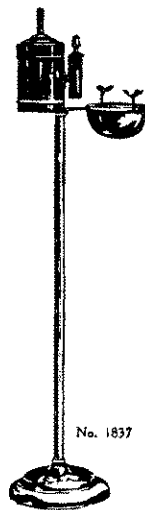
We do know from old catalogs belonging to the company, lighters were sold from 1903 to 1904. It appears after that date lighter production ceased. As well as the electric cigar lighters, the company sold 'flint wheel' lighters, which used gasoline. The catalogues indicate many of these flint type lighters were Serling Silver or Gold. However, some were also brass, nickel plated or enameled.

When Mazva was asked why the company called them 'cigar lighters', he replied "probably because cigars were so popular then.

Bill Kim and Michael Mazva have also provided pictures from 1903-1904 catalogs showing pictures of various lighters Eveready produced and sold. It appears after these dates, Eveready no longer produced any type lighters.

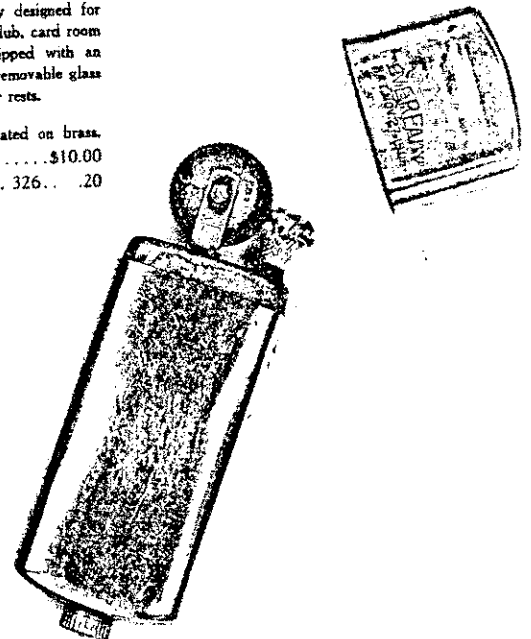
We certainly appreciate the efforts of Bill Kim, Michael Mazva and Eveready in providing this information & pictures. We will feature additional Eveready Cigar Lighters in a future issue.

EVEREADY
NEW
ELECTRIC CIGAR LIGHTERS
WITH ALCOHOL
TORCHES



No. 1837—A very handsome floor stand twenty-seven inches high. Especially designed for handy use in the club, card room and home. Equipped with an ash receiver with removable glass well and two cigar rests.

Heavily nickel plated on brass.
Price Complete\$10.00
Extra Battery No. 326... .20



Xerox of an Eveready lighters
from Bill Kim's personal collection.

The "Ever Ready" Electric Cigar Lighter.

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FIG. 2.

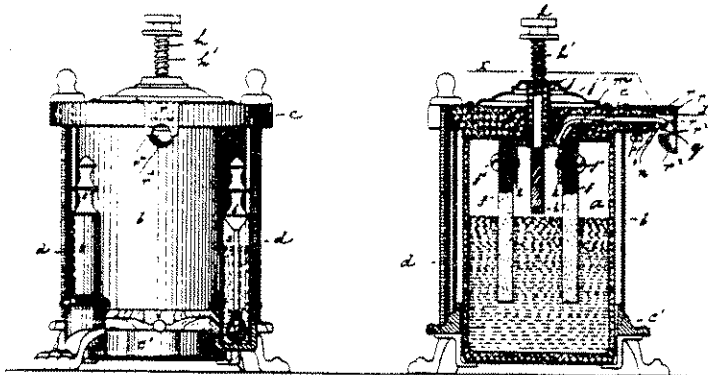
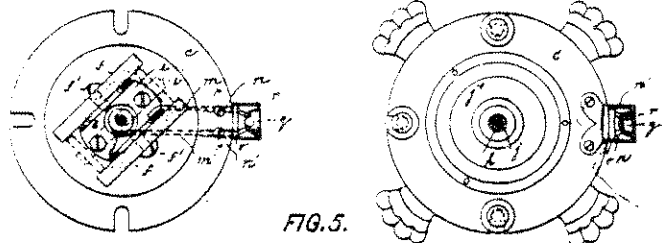


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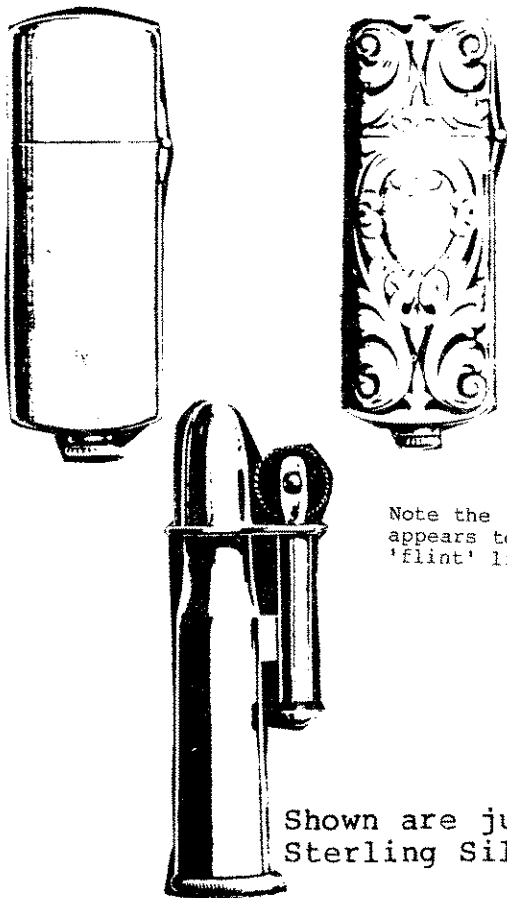


Witness:
Wm. Beckor
Wm. Schaub



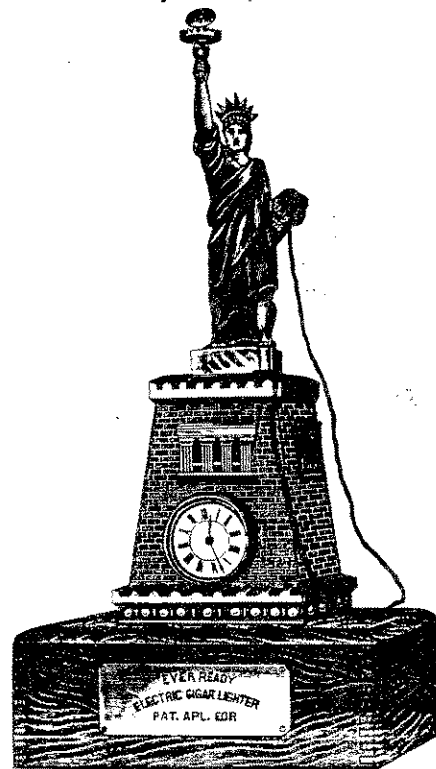
Inventor:
David Russell
by his attorney
Richardson

Reduced photo of the original
 Patent No. 520,445



Note the 'large' flint wheel - appears to be larger than most 'flint' lighters.

Shown are just a few of the Sterling Silver lighters



No. 2.

Price, complete with Battery, Spark Coil, etc., \$10.00
 Extra Battery of two Cells, 30 cents.

"Ever-Ready" Electric Cigar Lighter NO. 83.



A distinctively Ingenious, Novel, Attractive article to ADVERTISE Fine Brands of Wines, Whiskies, Brandies, Bottled Beers, Mineral Waters, etc.

The firm advertising can have its own bottles, with capsules, labels, etc., complete. Our arrangements do not alter them outwardly in any way.

In addition to the Bottle the case is large enough to display neat Aluminum or other full business cards.

A richly ornamental ring or collar, heavily Silver Plated, embraces base of Bottle, which is firmly secured to the handsome Battery-Case. A Polished Nickel alcohol cup with torch is secured in front, and the whole arrangement presents an exceptionally Rich, Unique appearance.

The Electric Contacts are set into the cork, and when touched to the contact points the torch flames instantly.

Set upon the Hotel Bar or Cigar Stand, it attracts immediate Attention: for, aside from its astonishing novelty, it is at once appreciated that it is the only Perfect Cigar Lighter, and the particular Brand it thus Conspicuously, Usefully and Permanently Advertises is soon well known, remembered and called for.

No. 83: Complete with powerful Battery, Spark Coil, etc., \$6.50.
 Extra Two-Cell Battery (No. 830) 80c.

As well as showing this No. 83, also read the "Advertisement" accompanying - did they have "Ad Agencies" even in 1903???

COLLECTORS' CORNER (continued)

Another enterprising member, Paul Rowan, just discovered a new Zippo fact. Looking through an old model car catalogue, Paul found a picture of a "ZIPPO CAR".

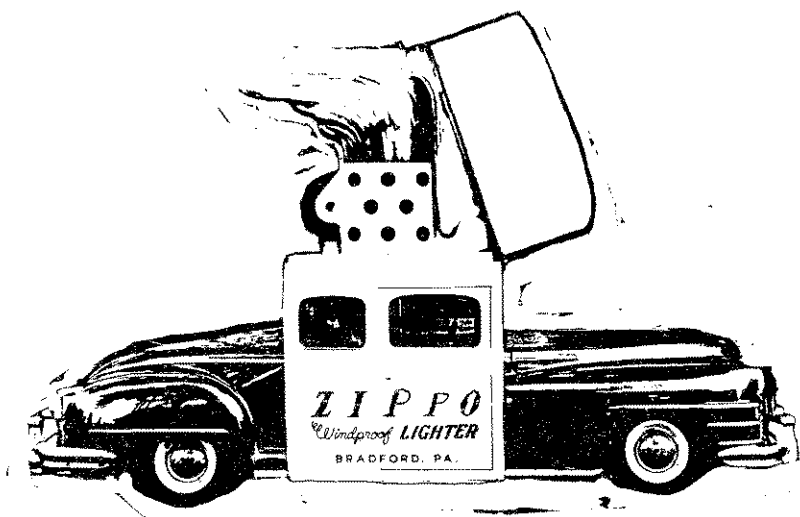
He proceeded to write to Zippo asking for information about this car.

Rudy Bickel, Assistant Advertising Manager, responded with the following: "There was indeed a full-sized Zippo lighter car. ...This car was driven from coast to coast, north & south in the U.S., and used in parades, store openings, etc."

Bickel added "The last recollection, we have placed it in Pittsburg, PA to be repaired. The cost was prohibitive, and we think it was scrapped."

Maybe OTLS should buy it??!!
(See photo below - THANKS Paul Rowan & Rudy Bickel)

Photo of 1947 Chrysler Saratoga Coupe with lighter attached. Bickel said he heard "it was a bear to drive because of the wind resistance."



ADDRESS CORRECTION:

1. Jack Albertson
4810 Oakland St
Erie PA 16509
814/864-6943
2. Tom Zimmer
1681 Granada Dr
Erie PA 16509
3. Richard Rotman's phone No. is:
216/371-3712

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

1. Mike McCaslin
605 Beretta Way
Bel-Air MD 21014
301/836-7359
Zippo/General
 2. Robert R. Eelen
207 Hamburg Turnpike
P O Box 21
Bloomingdale NJ 07403
General
 3. Norman Knapp
P. O. Box 147
616/897-8016
General
 4. George R. Stathe
Precious Past Antiques
P O Box 907
Hyannis MA 02601
617/771-1741
Dealer
 5. George Gordon
130 E 63rd St
New York NY 10021
Dunhills
 6. Robert Tuscano, Jr.
1600 Shannon O Cir
Severn MD 21144
General
 7. Sol Levy
713 George Street
Sydney NSW 2000
AUSTRALIA
Zippos/Pipes
 8. Dabney Tolson
413 Cloister Walk
Kirkwood MO 63122
314/965-0341
Zippo/General
 9. Peter Hess
94 Hampden Dr Apt C
Norwood MA 02062
Zippos
 10. Peter Ross
4818 Beaumont Ave
Philadelphia PA 19143
General
 11. Danny P Lewis
P O Box 745
Dimmitt TX 79027
806/647-5101
Zippo
 12. William L. Hall Sr
P O Box 353 Maplewood Ave
Lucasville OH 45648
614/259-4621
General
 13. James Flanagan
6543 South Grant St
Littleton CO 80121
303/794-8185
General
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ALSO NEW ADDRESS FOR:
Frank Watts
6405 Madison Pike NW
Tera Garden Apts #5
Huntsville AL 35806
205/721-0539

"BRING & BRAG"

OR

1991 CONVENTION CLASSIFIEDS

(ALL THE FOLLOWING ADS HAVE BEEN PLACED BY MEMBERS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE 1991 CONVENTION - PLEASE NOTE ADS SO YOU WILL KNOW WHAT TO BRING!)

If you really want a specific European lighter, please advise before the convention - no promises but I will try. I am looking for American Made lighters for the Museum. Ad van Weert

Wanted any picture of Zippo lighters or literature that shows or tells of Model Numbers or Design Names of Zippo lighters. Any old catalogues that will help me fill in some gaps in my Zippo information. Tom Prylinski

Wanted: Evans enamel, or highly polished metal, fruit, eggs or cigarette boxes. I will have a variety of lighters & accessories including Dunhill, Zippo, Ronson, MIOJ, etc., plus duplicate Evans enamel for sale or trade. Martha Lam

Will be at convention & will have several makes of Zippos, Ronsons, Evans for sale. Albert Roth (602/972-2054)

Nimrod Lighter Company closed their doors Fall of 1990. I am bringing some of the 3 different models (Executive - gold tone; Sportsman - silver; & Commander (similar to Zippo) to sell/trade. Also will be offering these to the members in separate letter which I will send out soon. Want advertising Zippos & Military. Leo Schwemberger (CONTRIBUTION)

Wanted advertising lighters. Tank & Jean Lillich

Bringing many lighters to trade - very old 1800 to early 1900, also things from Bryant & May Catalogue - want to trade for very old lighters I don't have. Tom O'Key

Wanted: The "Lighter Book" (by Bisconcini); also Ronson Bartender. Bill Koppany

Bringing a lighter a lot of members have been looking for (especially Guy Nishida!)

JERRY AGAN
Want European automatic type pocket lighters - primarily Lancel & Abdulla - also 1900 - 1940's Robert Hefley

Looking for 'lift arm' miniatures. David Poore

June Berliner wants Lancel Automatic (No. 184), Abdulla (No. 98), PKS Radiolite (No. 662), Sylph Ruler (gold plated - No. 553), Dunhill Unique Sport with watch (No. 517), Saffa Aksum (No. 622 or 623) - bringing lots of trades (Editor's note: Numbers refer to Bisconcini's 'Book' - if June gets all these I'm gong to cry!)

Wanted: Ronson Case Lighters David Santana

Wanted Any platinum or gold novelty lighter - also Van Cleef & Arpel (with matches in back) & Cartier Gun Richard Ball

Looking for the U.S.S. Wasp, U.S.S Laite & other ship lighters. Bringing lots of lighters to trade. Joe Swanson

WANTED: ANY INFORMATION, CATALOGUES, OLD ADS, ETC. TO HELP WITH HISTORY OF LIGHTERS LYNN BAKER, OTLS HISTORIAN

See My Wants from Jan. & Mar. paper! Guy Nishida

Want LOTS of Zippos & LOTS of Dunhills! Bringing LOTS of traders! Peter Cavanagh

Want Novelty Lighters! Greg Ryman

WANTED: Single Ronson "Puritan" or "Puritan" parlor set, Ronson "Waldorf" set & Ronson "Grandee". Joe Rosema The "Laird Boys" want Zippos - Wally also wants Novelty!

Bringing New Zippo Lighters with Custom Imprinted Logos. Tom Carvellas

**DOCTOR
DE LIGHT**
Is Looking for a few sick Lighters to repair....
The good Doctor is in need of Lighter parts to create a Lighter "junkyard" for all to use.

(THE DOCTOR WILL BE TAKING CARE OF A FEW SICK LIGHTERS AT THE CONVENTION! IF YOU HAVE A SICK LIGHTER, BRING IT!)

Wanted 2 ROUND Negbaur Golf Bags (not oval); also Ronson "Bogey". Kevin Kelley

Looking for Ronson information & Ronson Lighters Lynn Baker

Looking for "People" lighters - Table Lighters that look like Indians, Hunters, British Lords, 'Pin-Up' Girls, etc. Judith Sanders

Looking for unusual Thorens - especially the round ones. Al Grosskopf

Looking for "Touch Tips" & "Striker" Ronson Table Lighters - especially very rare ones. Urban Cummings

IF YOU HAVEN'T EVER SENT A PICTURE FOR THE OTLS SCRAPBOOK, PLEASE BRING ONE!!!

ANY LAST MINUTE MEMBERS WHO WANT TO COME TO THE CONVENTION PLEASE CALL JUDITH ASAP!

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!
IF YOU ATTENDED THE 1990 CONVENTION - PLEASE WEAR YOUR "ALADDIN" LAPEL PINS!

CLASSIFIED ADS

NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED:

14. R. Corwin Pauly Jr.
Whitehall Park, Suite 424
8041 Hosbrook Rd
Cincinnati OH 45236
513/791-4466
Zippo/General
 15. Owen J Byrne
241 Sullivan St #3B
New York NY 10012
212/995-8475
Deco Case Lighters
 16. Darrell Lee
Rt 2 Box 286
Wadesboro NC 28170
General
 17. James Epperson
P O Box 343
Albertville AL 35950
205/878-3589
Zippo
 18. Albert C Marshall
Box 595
Paducah TX 79248
General
 19. George Malmberg
2218 Blueberry Hill
San Antonio TX 78232
 20. Sharelle Ravenscroft
25 Milga Rd
Avalon Beach NSW 2107
AUSTRALIA
02/918-6810
General
 21. Bill W Daniels
1246 Lone Star Crt
Calimesa CA 92320
713/795-8758
General
 22. Grahame Martin
Osterather Weg 1
4150 Krefeld
WEST GERMANY
 23. Tom Clarke
Flat #1
374 Greenlanes
London N4 1DA
ENGLAND
 24. Alexander W Nualart
3202 McKean Dr
Houston TX 77080
713/461-5108
Dunhill/Dupont/Cartier/etc
 25. Ken Short
4925 Ellis Ave
Dayton OH 45415
513/898-7694
Zippo/General
 26. Hal Negbaur
460 Park Ave
New York NY 10022
212/753-2620
Negbaur/Figural
 27. Dick Worters
1118 Alta Calle
Vista CA 92084-7015
619/945-1364
Advertising
 28. Bill Jetton
5320 Sandburg Dr
Sacramento CA 95819
Tobacco Related
- WELCOME BACK!
27. Orion Morrison
1324 W Crumley St
West Covina CA 91790
818/338-1258
Zippo/Ronson/General
 28. Marvin Safir
28 E 73rd St
New York NY 10021
Cartier/Dunhill/Etc

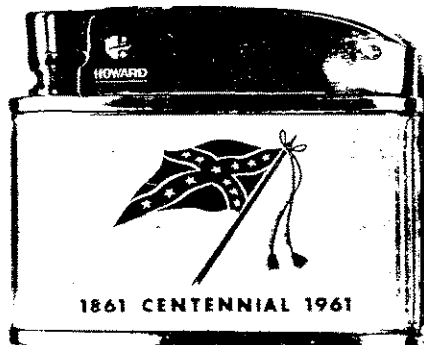
FOR SALE OR TRADE

"Demley" Cannon (similar to Negbaur Cannon). Make an offer. Leo & Dot Turini.

Lighters! Brand new, no boxes. Made in Occupied Japan. Small cylindrical shape with cap. Small ring in the cap. 1-1/2" long. Comes in green, blue, yellow, black, white or red. Give your 1st, 2nd & 3rd color choice. Only \$4.00 ea. plus \$1.50 postage. USA Delivery only. HURRY! I have a limited supply of these. Send check for \$5.50 to Collectique Ltd., c/o Scott MacNeil, 689 Golf Club Lane, Frankford, IL 60423.

If you are interested in the Dunhill Service Lighters & Christian Dior lighters mentioned in Mar. issue, due to John's illness, please contact Ira Pilosof.

MINT IN THE BOX - 100th Year Celebration of Civil War. (see photo below) Taking offers by mail. One is a "Howard" and one a "Rebelite". Vincent Sabella.



FIGURAL LIGHTERS WANTED

H.K. Negbaur
460 Park Ave, NYC, NY 10022
212-753-2620

WANTED

U.S. Navy Lighter (Zippo) U.S.S. CONE (DD866). I will trade 3 other navy ship lighters for this one that I spent 8 years on. Please write or call. John Fiola

Addicted to Zippo - Looking for better condition '32 thru '40 Zippo, with or w/o advertising; also Town & Country, Leather covered & wrapped, & Black WWII. Have many nice Ronsons, Evans & some surprizes for trade. Call or write Terry & Karen Cairo (708/543-9120)

FOR SALE

8 Zippo Advertising in Zippo salesman's case - 7 MINT, 1 used; 3 Dunhill Service Lighters (1 Sterling); 1959 10Kt gold filled Zippo; Ronson Adonis (14Kt gold filled); Ronson Wedgewood (England); Some MIOJ. Mike McCaslin (New Member)

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