

May 15, 1992

On The LIGHTER Side

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ETC., Etc., etc.

BE SURE & READ ALL OF THIS PAPER!

Please note we are using mailing envelopes this month. In the past 6 months, the (wonderful?) U.S. Postal Service has managed to 'chew up' about 5 newsletters every issue. We will try this for a while and see if it works better. If any of you are missing a particular issue, please let me know. When the P.O. sends them back to me damaged, there usually isn't a label - so if you don't tell me, I won't know who didn't get one!

Also note a new Membership Roster is enclosed. Please check it carefully for errors & if you find one, let me know (I feel sure there will be at least one!!). You will see I did better on the alphabet this time!

OTLS has a new person on staff now - Sharron Crowson. Your Editor certainly welcomes the help! Sharron lives in the Quitman area and has agreed to come 1 or 2 days a week to help keep up with the work. So you may occasionally receive notes, or other material, signed by Sharron, rather than your Editor.

PLEASE NOTE there is a sample of an OTLS Scratch Pad in the middle of your paper! For details on ordering, please see ad in Classified Section from Tommy Vance (Ad-Vance Printing). Tommy prints the OTLS papers.

This issue will be LATE as your Editor went out of town for Mother's Day!

In The Spotlight....

Many Talents of the Bakers!

Nestled in the curve of a cul-de-sac, in Tucson, Az, is the home of three of our favorite people, Lynn, Pearl & Fiddles (the

Wonder Dog) Baker. From the outside it appears to be a very quiet place. But appearances can be deceiving! There is a continuous amount of activity inside this home.

When talking to Lynn, Pearl or Fiddles, you have to be clear on which 'hat' they are wearing - Lynn is a lighter collector extraordinaire, our Club Historian, computer expert, a teacher and a great friend. Pearl is a lighter collector (and cleans lights for 'you know who'), also very good with teaching computers, and a fantastic artist. Fiddles is a very talented dog - she entertains guests (spent a lot of time with your Editor last September) and cleans lighters with his tail!

To hear the story of what started Lynn collecting, you have to go back several years to his father. Lynn's father collected lighters for years and never bought one. He only added to his collection from people who gave him lighters. When he died, Lynn asked his step mother if he could purchase the collection from the Estate. Even though Lynn has 4 brothers & 1 sister, none of them were interested in the lighters. In fact, Lynn tells us "they thought I was crazy to buy those lighters".

Lynn indicated he thought the most important piece in his father's collection was a Ronson Touch Tip tortoise & chrome table lighter, with a clock in it. He went on to say "After I got my father's collection I started buying every lighter I saw. Now Pearl finds as many as I do. But eventually decided I really liked Ronsons the best. Not only do Ronsons have the names of the models, I can talk to other collectors and call them by name and they know exactly which one I'm talking about."

In their large, formal dining room every wall has glass shelves from ceiling almost to the floor. And since Lynn & Pearl primarily specialize in Ronson, needless to say there are Ronsons EVERYWHERE! Although since they are both bowlers, they do have a few 'bowling' lighters.

When questioned about which lighter was his favorite, Lynn admitted the Ronson Banjo which was given to him in 1990 by Louis V. Aronson III, meant the most to him. He did however, mention he has a rather rare Ronson Striker he is fond of - it is a charging Bull on a platform, with 2 chromium plated ashtrays. He said he hasn't seen this piece but once before.

Lynn told this writer that Pearl is the one with the great 'eye' for lighters. He said "she has found many that I missed."

As well as loving lighters, Pearl is an extraordinary artist. In fact, she has become our unofficial Staff Artist. Since discovering this talent of hers, the Board has called upon her on

many occasions to help us 'create' something. Last year, she designed the convention lighters and this year has outdone herself with the 1992 Convention Lighter (see photo on page ?). As many of you know, she designed and made all of the Table Signs for the 1991 convention, and is presently working on some for the '92 convention.

Lynn became the OTLS Historian at the '90 Convention. Lynn mentioned in this interview that he loves to read history; and especially enjoys any information about lighters that OTLS members send to him. "I enjoy telling people whatever I know about lighters, and learning even more from other members" Lynn added. He went on to say "I hope in the future members will send me even more information for our Historical Section".

Last, but far from least, Lynn is an EXPERT Computer Person! Not only did he build the computer for the club, he also sold it to us for a wonderful price! Patience has to be one of his long suits, since he spent 9 days teaching your Editor how to operate the damn thing! (And didn't scream at me once!)

So let's salute a talented family!



From the Pen of...

---Judith Sanders

I get many requests from members to please do this, or please do that. I try to handle as many of these requests as possible - sometimes I do a good job and sometimes not so good! BUT NOW I HAVE A REQUEST!

A lot of work, from a lot of OTLS members went into our calendar project. And this calendar is BEAUTIFUL! There are 12 color photos of various lighters, suitable for framing. And YET, AS OF THIS DATE WE STILL HAVE OVER 100 CALENDARS FOR SALE. THIS IS A CLUB PROJECT TO RAISE MONEY - COULDN'T SOME OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T ORDERED CALENDARS THINK OF THIS AS A 'COLLECTIBLE' AND ORDER A CALENDAR FROM CORKY HORNER (\$9.50, postage paid). In fact, if it wasn't for the large amounts purchased by Richard Ball (Lighter Club of Great Britain), Rolf Muller? (Funke n Flame) and Zippo Manufacturing Co. (Bill Jones), we wouldn't have paid for our costs.

WE WILL NOT BE REDUCING THE COST OF THESE CALENDARS BECAUSE IT IS A CLUB PROJECT. I really hate to beg, but could some more of you please help us out with this project???

---Don Collier

MEMBERS ARE SOMEWHAT LIKE LIGHTER COLLECTIONS...

Some are quite 'common', purchased, brought home, put on the shelf & just stay there.

Then there's one that's 'different' - enough to be cleaned (somewhat) then added to the rest.

For the 'unique', well! this requires numerous phone calls heralding the news! Extensive polishing/and or fondling. May require some re-positioning for a special spot of importance.

Now then, which category do you want to be - common, different or unique? It's up to you.

---Ben Rapaport

I have now been notified the BOOKS are on the way! They should be here in about 3 weeks, so you can start ordering now! Bisconcini (mentioned in Mar. paper) \$20 (postage paid)

Also - Fire and Steel (Gli Acciarini) - 140 pages, hi gloss paper, early fire making devices - same publisher as Bisconcini. \$20 (postage paid).

Send order to: Ben Rapaport
11505 Turnbridge Lane
Reston VA 22094

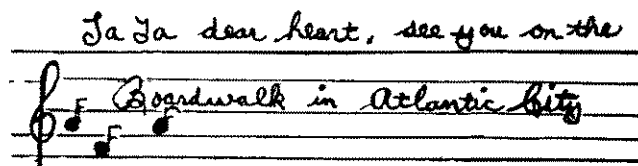
---From the Friends of John Tegethoff

As some of you already know, our fellow club member, John Tegethoff, has been diagnosed with several tumors. Although he is undergoing chemotherapy, with great results, he has days when his psychological health needs a little boost.

We are asking that anyone wishing to write a letter or send a card to John, do so. You may write to him at the home of his sister, the address being: John Tegethoff, 4972 Neosho, St. Louis MO 63109.

Please remember John in your prayers, he needs us all to rally around him during his battle with this illness. We want him back out there, hunting lighters with the rest of us. Thank you for your assistance and prayers in John's behalf.

---Peter Caranagh



*love
Peter*

1992 CONVENTION LIGHTER!

Shown here is a picture of the '92 Convention Lighter (2 x actual size). Our lighter was designed by Pearl Baker and the Board feels it is one of the finest designs to date!

Description is as follows:

Black Matte Lighter - Top Half is black with white "Diplomat", red rose & green

Stem - OTLS Logo is 'outlined' in white on actual lighter, with red flame on logo. Bottom Half is painted white with black letters & black & white tux. On the actual lighter, the logo is more to the upper right hand corner of top. This is a picture Pearl did for us for the May paper. YOU WILL HAVE TO SEE IT 'IN PERSON' TO GET THE REAL EFFECT - BEAUTIFUL!

You may start ordering your lighter IMMEDIATELY. The cost will be \$15 per lighter (cost includes lighter, postage & mailing bags). Please order from Corky Homer:

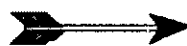
Corky Homer
9 Pine Terrace
Bellmawr NJ 08031
(609)933-3116

The lighters will be distributed at the 1992 convention, or if you are unable to attend the convention, will be mailed to you late May or early June (after they arrive from Zippo).

For you newer members, ANYONE in the club can buy one of these lighters. We have had a different one each year, depicting something about our

conventions.

Until we see the demand for these lighters, ONLY TWO PER HOUSEHOLD PLEASE!



CONVENTION UPDATES!

In answer to questions, please read the following:

IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE A RESERVATION FOR THE CONVENTION, AND WOULD LIKE TO DO SO, PLEASE CALL YOUR EDITOR IMMEDIATELY! WE STILL HAVE A FEW ROOMS LEFT. NEW MEMBERS: THIS IS ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!

The Convention "officially" begins at 4:30 P.M. on June 11, 1992 with a Welcome Party. The room for this 'gathering' will be posted somewhere in the lobby, or you can call the OTLS Suite and ask.

Your Editor will be there from June 8 on...if you need anything call. I will be staying in the OTLS Suite which will be listed in my name.

For you who are driving to the convention - the Diplomat has sent EXCELLENT directions - if you would like a copy please send SASE to your Editor.

FOR YOU WHO ARE MAILING PACKAGES, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU MAIL EARLY TO ALLOW PLENTY OF DELIVERY TIME. Leo & Dot report packages take approximately 5 days to reach them.

IF YOU CAN FLY US AIR, IT WILL HELP THE CLUB!

Does anyone live an hour or less from Atlantic City? Since I'm coming early, thought I might do some visiting?

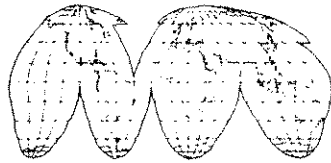
If you haven't put Zippo items on your list, & if you want specific Zippo items, please call ASAP, or your order won't be filled.

The Convention Committee at present is Martha Lam, Ira Pilosof, Laurie Cuevas, Paul Rowan, Tom Prylinski, and Leo & Dot Turini. Did anyone else volunteer? If so, please let me know ASAP.

Call Casino Limo 800/452-1110 or 609/646-5555 to reserve a shuttle from airport to hotel (\$6 for OTLS Members). Identify yourself as a member & CALL AHEAD!

NEWS FROM AROUND
THE WORLD IN 37
SECONDS -

Tom & Debbie O'Key will have their 20th anniversary June 22, & for their anniversary they are going to England to the LCGB convention, to Holland to see Ad van Weert, maybe to Germany to see Rolf & then to Atlantic City for the OTLS convention - what a celebration * LCGB is having their first convention May 15 & 16 - We at OTLS wish them GOOD LUCK! * Joe & Jim Swanson came to Quitman - what fun! * John & Audrey Krones also came by - they are now en route to West Virginia & then Atlantic City - may be calling some of you between here & there * Ad Van Weert was invited to display some of his lighters in Japan - reports are it was a GREAT SUCCESS! * Mike Beaty & Deanna got married in Las Vegas in April - CONGRATULATIONS * Larry Tolkin is getting married to Jacquie in June * in case I haven't said something - we would like to THANK all the people who worked on our 1992 Calendar! * Dora Zimmer is in the hospital (Hurry & get well Dora).



lighters were produced in all brass or brass with a steel jacket. The steel jacket lighters were mostly engraved or acid etched with designs. These lighters were also chrome plated.

Shown below are various models of IMCO lighters.

(Editor's Note: According to sources, Imco was an Austrian Company, formed in 1907. Early production of lighters were all petrol. However, in 1965 Imco introduced gas lighter production. Imco is presently still in production.)

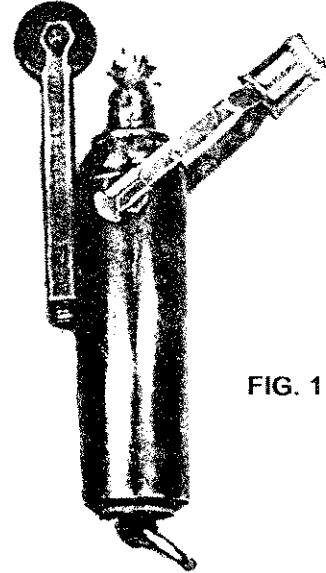


FIG. 1 - 1920's JMCO

PLEASE NOTE THE 2 DIFFERENT
FLINT TUBES IN FIG. 2 & FIG. 3
(Patent-a)

[COLLECTORS' CORNER]

IMCO Foxhole Lighters

by William Kim

The IMCO Company was founded by J. Meister. IMCO was a button company. Just after the First World War, they began producing lighters. These were manufactured from old cartridge cases.

Early types of these lighters are either not marked or marked 'JMCO'. This was later changed to 'IMCO'. I have never heard why they did this.

There are various Patents on the earlier lighters. For example, I have lighters marked 'JMCO' with Patent-a, Patent ana & Patent No. 105105. All of these are brass lighters.

There are also various other lighters marked 'INCO' with model numbers. All of these have the Patent No. 105107. The model numbers are 2200, 4000, 4400. I have not seen the standard "IFA" with a model number. All of these



FIG. 2 - 1920's JMCO



FIG. 3 - 1920's JMCO

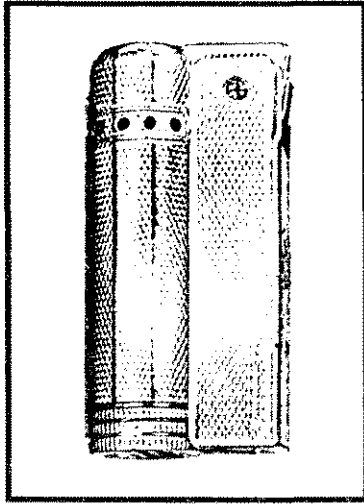


FIG. 8 - 6600

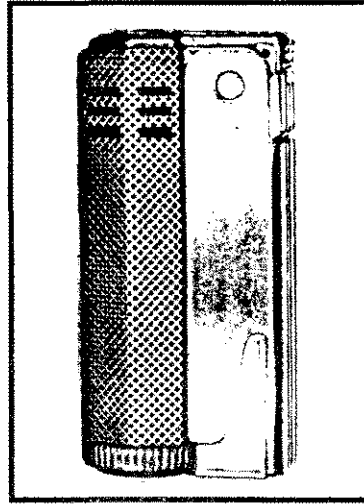


FIG. 9 - G11

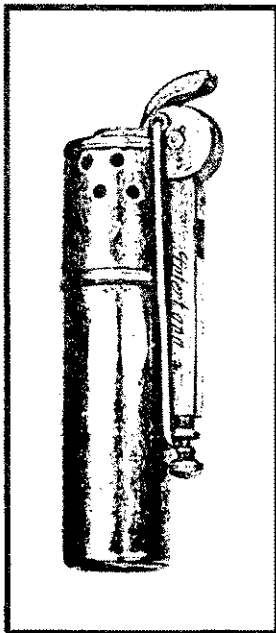


FIG. 4 - IMCO 2200
Patent-ana (brass)

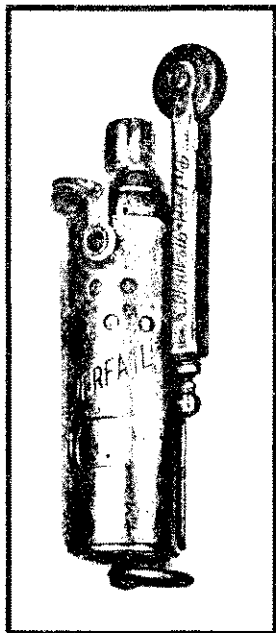


FIG. 5- Round IFA
Patent 105107
'Neverfall'

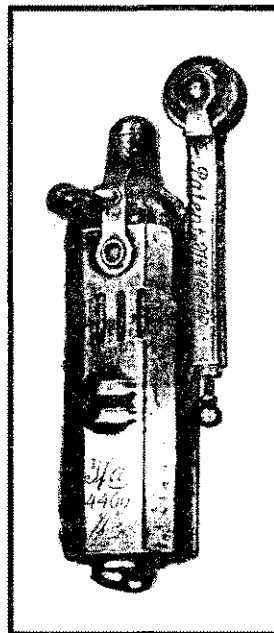


FIG. 6 - IMCO 4400
Patent 105107

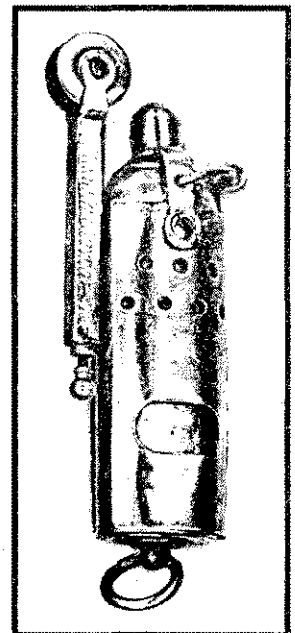


FIG. 7 - IMCO 4000
(Made in
Germany & Austria)

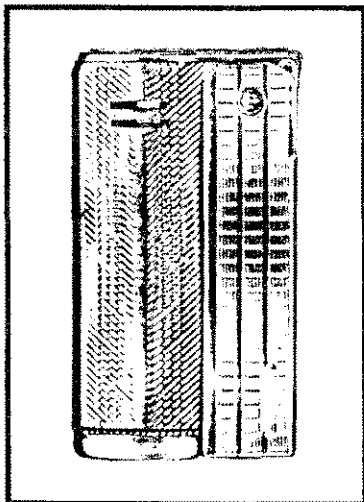


FIG. 10 - 6800

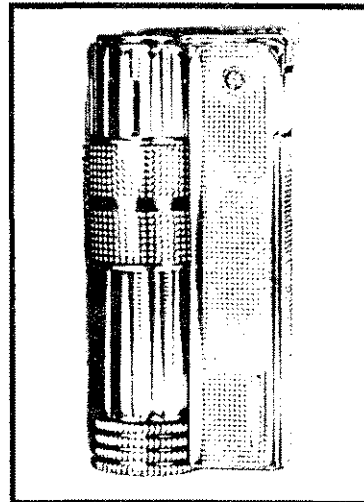


FIG. 11 - 6700

CONVENTION CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Does anyone want any Evans enamel ashtrays? Please let me know before the convention. Martha Lam
 Just to whet your appetite - one OTLS member is selling his entire collection at the 1992 Convention!

SEE MY AD IN REGULAR CLASSIFIEDS! I WILL HAVE SOME OF THESE AT THE CONVENTION. LEO SCHWEMBERGER

WANTED

Please bring new condition Evans Pocket Lighters. Larry Clayton

Will trade up to 500 lighters for rare & unique Ronson pieces. Lynn Baker

Interested in Novelty Lighters. Jim Lauby

Wanted: Ronson Banjo. Frank Riccio

PLEASE bring Occupied Japan figural pieces - I'm bring lots of Ronsons, Dunhills & other good stuff to trade. Guy Nishida

Looking for unusual pocket lighters. Robert Hefley

SPANK ME PLEASE!! I MUST find the bottom half & plastic sleeve for a Dunhill Table Column mechanism. (Bisconcini, page 209, photo

501). Call Bill Koppany (213)934-4225

Does anyone want a roommate at the convention? Please call your editor

Can anyone PLEASE find me the 'Kool' Penguin I have been trying to find for 4 years??? (See photo below)
 Judith Sanders



This is a photo of the 'Kool' Penguin, taken at the home of Ray & Connie Smizer. It is an old electric lighter, approx. 6" tall.

THE FOUNDERS AWARD

The idea was presented to the Board of Directors that we have an award to honor our Founders, John Cuevas (Deceased) & Judith Sanders.

We definitely want something to perpetuate the

memory of John Cuevas. The Board has spoken with Laurie Cuevas, who has volunteered to help subsidize this award.

Therefore, it has been decided each year a name of an OTLS member will be added to this award. The person selected will be one who has made contribution to the club, by way of work, assistance, or ideas presented. Each year at the convention, we will vote on that year's presented names; select a winner and add that person's name to the award. The award will be proudly displayed in the OTLS Office.

The Board is currently considering it's selection. However, if you have a particular person in mind for the first year, please feel free to offer your selection to the Board of Directors of OTLS.

We will consider all response and announce the winner in Atlantic City.

In the July issue the membership will be advised of the selection for this year; as well as seeing a photo in the newsletter of the actual award.

Presented by the Board of Directors of OTLS & Mrs. Laurie Cuevas

CLASSIFIED ADS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

(see new roster)

1. G. C. Gilde
2. Hiroshi Kito
3. Dave Cann
4. Ray O'Donnell
5. Ron Estep
6. John W. Owings
7. Douglas S. Schlaback
8. Alan A. Larrabure
9. A. J. Tiedemann
10. Philip C. McCormick
11. Michael Szarvasy
12. Spiro Svoronos
13. Linda Meabon
14. Ray Harries
15. William R. Gamboni
16. John C. Parmiter
17. Lee Woodyard
18. Gary Landry & Susan Strickland
19. Mary Ann Calella
20. Casey Dravk
21. George M. Brown
22. Bill & Nancy Coleman
23. Robert Shrader
24. Norman Wright
25. Paul Aushman

THE NEXT 8 NEW MEMBERS ARE FROM PHOTO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

26. Yasuji Yushina
27. Norman Hatch
28. Mrs. Yasuko Uioka
29. Toshiaki Honda
30. Mrs. Tomoko Kayama
31. Tadashi Noda
32. Kazuo Tsuboi
33. Kesaharu Imai

FOR SALE OR TRADE

I will be receiving about 25 Zippos in the next week to sell. If you are interested in a complete list, please send SASE to Judith Sanders

Available June 1 - a new lighter catalogue featuring 1000's of lighters of varied manufacturers & designs. To receive a copy of the first issue, send a large (8½" x 11") self addressed envelope w/\$.87 postage to:

LIGHTERS

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ADDISON IL 60101

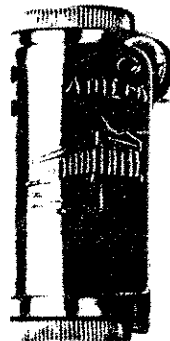
This catalogue is made available through fellow club members, Terry & Karen Cairo. Please direct all inquiries to them. Sell or Trade: 44 new Zippo Naval Ships. Send SASE for list or call (313)398-0510. Marty Inman

Beautiful Ticker Tape Lighter - MINT condition - Made in Japan. Contact Larry Clayton. (804)548-4784

TELEPHONE AUCTION: UNUSUAL pocket lighter: This is an aluminum lighter, machine made. Wick Cover has safety 'twist lock' to keep it from coming off. "Engraved" on the front says "Athens" w/picture of greek building (NAME?). See drawing for bottom of lighter. This is the first lighter your Editor has seen that was really made in Greece. This lighter was purchased by a U.S. Serviceman, who was stationed in Greece during WWII. This lighter is from a Dallas Dealer - call your Editor for bids & information. MINIMUM BID: \$95 - AUCTION ENDS AT NOON, MAY 27, 1992



Bottom of liter (Hand drawn) - also pic of flame



OTLS SCRATCH PADS! 50 sheets per pad, same as sample shown. \$1 per pad (postage paid). Please order from ADVANCE PUBLISHING, P. O. BOX 485, HAWKINS, TX 75765

WANTED

BUY: 1932-1933 Zippo - over \$1000!

1934-1936 Zippo - over \$700! These are square-cornered, hinge was soldered on the outside. Inside unit formed from rectangular brass tubing (not present styled). PLEASE SEND FAX 81-3-3990-7393. Hiroshi Kito (see new member list) Wanted: Lighters w/watches in them - the older and/or more unusual, the better. Please send description & price & photo if possible. I have various types of pocket lighters to trade. Michael Katz (see new address & phone number)

SEE BILL KOPPANY'S AD IN CONVENTION CLASSIFIEDS!!

3 different Nimrod Pipelitters, MINT, in boxes: \$27 (postage paid). This is \$7 below list price - Nimrod no longer in production - 15 sets left. (see photo)

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