

# On The LIGHTER Side

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**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE 1997 OTLS CONVENTION & HAVE NOT MADE RESERVATIONS, CALL YOUR EDITOR ASAP!** Convention updates this year are only being sent to registered conventioners.

**IMPORTANT!** If any OTLS member has not received information from Zippo on National Zippo Day, please advise your Editor immediately! (especially newer members)

Normally with the May issue, I send out a new Membership Roster. Unfortunately with convention planning, being out of town, etc. I am a little behind. Keep on holding onto your New Member Pages and I will try for the July issue! **IMPORTANT PLEASE READ!** Since I didn't do the new roster, please check your info (whether it is on main roster or change pages) & notify me in writing if something is incorrect (including changes in Area Codes). If you don't check, and there is a mistake, the mistake will be repeated!

Speaking of mistakes, this past year I seem to have made several mistakes, so I would like for all of you to help me in correcting mistakes when you notice them. For example, on the Change of Address page for March I got the wrong numbers for David Poore's address, phone & fax (sorry David!)



## 1997 CONVENTION LIGHTER

As we went to press with the March newsletter, the design was not completed for this year's Convention Lighter. But now we are ready to offer these lighters for sale!

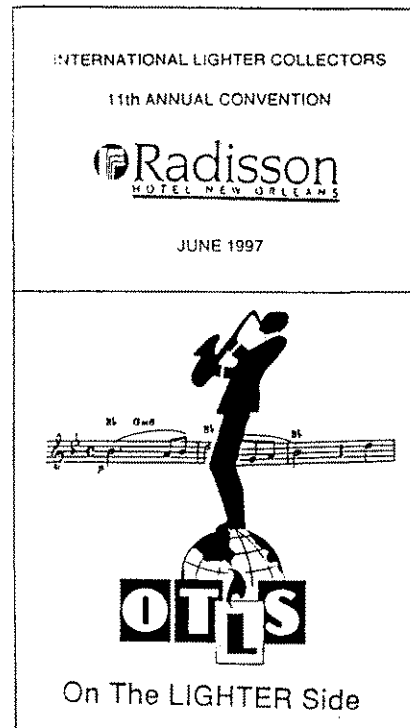
Most of you are aware that Pearl Baker has designed our lighters for several years. This year, due to her change in jobs, she called and said she wouldn't be able to work on the design. There are not enough words to say **THANK YOU** to Pearl for her many efforts for our club! Although I do have to admit I did panic a little when she called - since most of you know I am not the least bit artistic!

After the panic subsided, I began to search the Roster for an artistic member. I remembered once Paul Tascarella had sent me some pictures he had drawn of lighters - which were GREAT! I called Paul and explained our dilemma. He immediately agreed to work on a design. As you can see in the photo shown below, Paul has created an outstanding lighter for this year - **THANKS PAUL!** We have a lot of talent in OTLS!

You may begin ordering now from Corky Horner. For those of you attending the convention, you can pick up your Convention Lighters in New Orleans. For the benefit of newer members, **ANY** member of OTLS may order one of these lighters. Corky will ship lighters to the members who order, who do not attend the convention, after the convention. The cost this year will be \$20.00 (U.S. & Canada) and \$24 (Overseas) **FOR THE FIRST ROUND OF ORDERING, ONLY ONE LIGHTER PER MEMBER - IF WE HAVE LIGHTERS LEFT OVER LATER, WE WILL ADVISE AND YOU CAN ORDER MORE.** (only 350 were ordered this year)

Corky's address is:

**CORKY HORNER  
9 PINE TERRACE  
BELLMAWR NJ 08031 USA  
PHONE: (609)933-3116**



**LIGHTER WILL BE POLISHED CHROME. ENTIRE FRONT WILL BE OVERLAID WITH WHITE, WITH EVERYTHING ELSE ON TOP OF THE WHITE. ALL LETTERING, FIGURE & LOGO WILL BE IN BLACK & WHITE, EXCEPT RED FLAME ON THE LOGO.**

## From The Pen Of.....

.....John Elster

### MID-WINTER SHOW A SUCCESS

If you are a lighter collector, you should have been in Daytona Beach on January 17-18. Michael Katz organized his third annual Mid-Winter Show here. Friday was an extremely busy day. We started out early at the Renniger's Flea Market in Mt. Dora, Florida. For those of you who have never been - this is a fantastic, large outdoor flea market (1000-1500 dealers). Everyone had a great time and most found new additions for their collections.

Lighter trading began back at the hotel that afternoon in Tom Byrne's room. He picked up a few nice case lighters and sold a beautifully engraved Sterling Evens pocket lighter. Meanwhile, other private transactions were taking place all over the room. Most of us took a break at 8:00 P.M. to go have dinner at one of Dayton Beach's nicest restaurants.

Saturday morning the alarm clocks went off early so we could all set up for the 8:00 A.M. opening of the show. There were 35 tables full of great lighters. Collectors came from as close as an hour away and from as far as Chicago. Liam Oakley even came from London for the show!

Zippos saw the most action with Barcrofts selling in the \$90 - \$150 range, Lady Bradfords in the \$100-\$300 range and a WWII black crackle selling for \$250 mint in the box. I sold a nice Ronson Bartender for \$1650 - and some nice advertising Zippos in the \$30-\$50 range.

A BIG thanks goes to Michael Katz for putting this post enjoyable show together. P.S. He will be doing it again next year.

.....Ira Pilosof

One of our fellow members, Geoff Spear, (see Welcome Back in March issue), has recently completed a beautiful book entitled *Batman Collected*. Geoff who has been a Zippo collector for some time, is actually an accomplished photographer in real life living in Soho in New York City. Together with his friend Chip Kidd they have created this first ever book on Batman collectibles. Beginning from 1939 they cover everything, including movie posters from the 1940's, Japanese Batman games & robots, British novels, American toys (of which there are hundreds) and all other memorabilia relating to this American phenomenon.

Geoff's photographs are sharp & lifelike and the book is a welcome addition on any coffee table, next to your favorite lighter, of course.

For more info or to purchase a copy you can contact Geoff directly at (212)529-0778 or you can fax him at (212)529-8552.

...Larry Tolkin

**A WARNING FROM L-I-G-H-T-S AUTHOR:** In the NY area, there has been a proliferation of Soviet (Russian) Trench art lighters. In the opinion of the author, as well as other knowledgeable Russian collections, much of this Trench art is either new or has been altered.

Since the break-up of the Soviet Union, many legitimate pieces have appeared in the US market (with values between \$75-\$250). But at the same time, dealers (mostly Eastern European) know that counterfeit pieces can also sell for high prices. Many of these fake pieces are made from original WWII materials. Some were legitimate but have names, dates, battles, etc. added to enhance their value.

We have little genuine Soviet Trench Art to use as comparisons, so it makes it very difficult to tell real from fake. My advise when buying Soviet Trench lighters is: (1) look for signs of use or wear both outside & inside. (2) if it feels & looks new, it probably is. (3) don't buy any suspicious pieces. (4) make sure to get a written receipt mentioning return privilege. (5) remember even legitimate dealers can be fooled.



## [ COLLECTORS' CORNER ]

### TIS' A PUZZLEMENT

by Peter Cavanagh

Someone once said an enigma was...a puzzle wrapped up in a riddle!

Well, my puzzle started after adding a very rare, if not unique Ronson to my collection some years ago.

The King Wonderliter, which was patented by L. V. Aronson in 1915 (see photo at the end of article), seemed to remind me of another lighter of the same shape that I'd had in my collection for some years.

On taking them apart I found them to be virtually identical in shape and style, except the other lighter is the usual old style wick and flint wheel type, but without any markings.

All I could conclude was maybe Aronson had copied the shape of a European flint wheel lighter for his pocket striker lighter.

It was not until I took both to the United States last year, to attend the Las Vegas convention, that I learned another aspect of this story.

While staying with Boris & Maya Rubin in New York, together with their other house guest, Ad van Weert, I showed them my two lighters and told them the story and of my puzzlement.

Both Boris and Ad on carefully inspecting the pieces concluded they had been made in the same factory or by the same hand.

They pointed out that on the flint wheel lighter, the hold where the wick in the King Wonderliter would have been positioned had been soldered over and another wick hole had been manufactured.

It was quite convincing evidence but left me wondering where in the heck had both lighters been made...in the US or Europe?

Dome-liter, Stream-liter, Daltis, Lincoln, Zephyr, Parker-Pen, Matchless, Ellis Asterbuilt, Monroe, Novitas, Sharpo, Perfecto, New Method, Vesta, Ambassador (Plus the companies I missed).

**IMPORTANT FOREIGN BRANDS**

- Abdulla - Fr - fascinating mechanism, rare w/watch.
- Asprey - G.B. - variety of models - nice in silver & gold.
- Benev - G.B. - interesting windscreen versions
- Cartier - Fr - Premier brand making a variety of high-quality lighters, mostly silver & gold, very collectible.
- Classic - G.B. - sidewheel lift arm.
- Colibri - G.B. - early mechanism is highly regarded.
- Dandy - Fr - nice automatic.
- Dupont - Fr - early wick lighters are highly collectible.
- Eterna - Swiss - highly regarded watch lighter - silver and gold.
- Flamidor - Fr - nice variety of collectible models.
- Hahway - Ger - widely exported to U.S.
- Hermes - Fr - a few rare varieties
- Imco - Aus - widely exported - found in most collections.
- Kashie - Ger - early push-in bar models - very desirable.
- K.W. - Ger - very common in U.S. Nice w/silver or gold wrap. Very rare watch lighter.
- Lancel - Fr - important maker especially automatics. Watch lighters very desirable.
- Lord - Ger - unusual spring mechanism
- McMurdo - G.B. - popular
- Mouchon (Quercia) - Fr - highly regarded for US collectors. Difficult to find here.
- Mylflam - Ger - widely exported to US
- Myon - Fr - nice variety of collectible models.
- Orlik - GB - well made lift arms w/windscreen are popular.
- Parker-Beacon - GB - Dunhill look-a-likes very popular.
- Polaire - Fr - early lift arms well liked, especially with clocks.
- Polo - GB - medium quality lift arm.
- R.K. - Aus - classic early automatic.
- Rowenta - Ger - popular in Europe.
- Sarastro - Ger - popular in Europe.
- Team - Aus - pocket & table side squeeze mechanism.
- Thorens - Swiss - major category in both Europe & US.. Wide variety of models. Watch lighters are very desirable.
- Transfo - FR - unique type mechanism.
- 1000 Zunders - Ger - interesting automatic models - especially with silver wraps.
- Van Cleef - Fr - mostly known in silver & gold expensive and desirable.
- Japanese - Today Japanese lighters are some of the most commonly found items at US flea markets. Numerous companies in Japan have been producing lighters in a wide variety of designs. As the demand for collectible lighters has steadily grown, Japanese lighters are now coming into their own.

Japan started becoming a major exporter to the US in the mid-1930's. Most of these designs were inexpensive copies of US and European brands. Most are only marked Japan thereby the actual manufacturer remains a mystery. After WWII many creative novelty designs were produced (most marked MIOJ), but it wasn't until the early 1950's that the explosion began. Look-a-like Zippos and Ronson's Standards and Adonis's took over the low-priced lighter market. Mostly advertisers, they have now achieved collectible status in the US. A great variety of table models were produced as well. Little is known about the Japanese manufacturers who produced these lighters. Perhaps a member of OTLS would

like to classify and analyze this market. Listed below is a guide to price Japanese flat advertisers (Adonis look-a-like).

**IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR PRICING JAPANESE FLAT ADVERTISERS:**

1. Graphic Design - more intricate-more value.
2. Number of colors - more colors, more value.
3. Corporate logo - important US corporations - more value (for example Coke, Ford, etc.)

	CONDITION		
	Fair	Very Good	Mint in Box
Pricing -			
Common Advertisers	2-5	5-10	15-25
Important advertisers	5-10	10-25	25-50

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*Meet the Members by John Elster*

David Poore has been fascinated with lighters since, as a child, he tried to get the mini lift-arm lighters as a prize in the gumball machine. As an adult he became interested in turn-of-the-century "cap" lighters. After amassing a very impressive collection, he sold everything to become a self titled "Zippo Maniac". The word "maniac" is appropriate once you know more about David's life. Married for 21 years, father of five sons, Science Teacher, coach for numerous sports, and running a painting business would wear most people out. David has somehow found time to pursue his passion - Zippo. The product of his passion will be released in May. It is his new book about Zippo titled "*Zippo the Great American Lighter*"

According to his book, "...(it) contains a sequential history of series, cases, inserts, fluid cans, flint packages, and sundries... Much of the information revealed, will bring to light information that was lost due to time."

Ninety percent of the lighters that will be pictured in the book come from his collection. David says "While my collection consists of only 500 lighters, it is one of the best 'rare' Zippo collections in the world." Most of his pieces were acquired from his network of "pickers". His most important contacts were from Bradford, PA. It is from them that he acquired his many prototypes and his 1932 and 1933 lighters. Here is an example of what he owns: A mint 1932 chrome model, a mint 1932 brass model that was never plated (the insert was never plated either), two 1933's and a complete Town and Country collection including many prototypes.

I asked David what his favorite pieces were. He said that his favorite advertisers were his Sterling silver 1950's Roy Rogers and his solid aluminum anodized blue Alcoa advertiser - both are one of a kind.

Although controversial, his book will also include a price guide. David hopes that people only use it as a "guide". After all a lighter will only sell at a price that is

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# CONVENTION

# CLASSIFIEDS

## FOR SALE

Wait until you see these rare items - #2 Barcroft MIB, 3 barrel Zippo MIB, Kelvinator Zippo, 1947 Sterling Zippo in the box, turn of the century gas cigar lamp, and an old cane that holds 3 cigars and a lighter! Plus much more. I will only sell these items at the show - not earlier. John Elster

The following Ronson Touch Tips for sale or trade: Ronson Book Fig 164, 188, 192, 217, 221, 223. Also have a Penguin Pic-a-cig New Yorker. Will not ship these to New Orleans, but if interested call before the convention. We will take Ronson, Evans & Marathon case lighters and Thorens Bartender (similar to Ronson Bartender)(no bar) to the convention. Mannie & Catherine Stolman

Bringing lots of lighters - heading off to Europe, UK & America on the way to OTLS Convention. Have lots of Zippos, Banjo in original box, Delight in original box, 1947 Beauticase, Rama Spin, Magic Pocket Lamp, Streamlighter, Chic w/watch, Sterling Silver Webster, Dunhill Hunting Horn. See you soon. Peter Cavanagh

Will be bringing to New Orleans Zippos: tire manufact., Chrysler Corp., Trucks, Coke, Cigarettes, Oil companies, States, Beechcraft, ships, discontinued sets, Beatles (not recent), Harley Davidson, Barcrofts, Zippo logos, Salesman cases (hard & soft) display case, Jimmy Carter, Lyndon B. Johnson, Marilyn Monroe & many other and some Ronsons too! Marty Inman Ph/Fax (810)398-0510

For Sale or Trade: Ronson Heart, Vee, Banjo w/box, Pencil striker, Literpact. Table Lighters: Tank, Bellycan Pelican, Bulldog, Bulldog w/ashtray, Donkey, Bull, Running Bulldog, Pup, Lincoln, all chrome Octette, Hound Dog (copper), Dodo, Streamline, Grecian, Turret, Tabourette, Duchess, Old Regal, Sundial and Sunrise, Savoy, Verona (Butane), Chrome Decanter, Rose

## FOR SALE

(Butane), Duchess, Scandia (Cigarette holders), Nude incense Burner plus the usual great MIOJ, Dunhills, Primitive lighters and Pocket/Table goodies. Now what have you got for me? See you at the convention!!! Guy Nishida

## WANTED

Nice flats, Made in Japan, advertizing lighters. Mint in Box or excellent cond. with great graphics. One or a collection needed. Also unusual cigarette dispensers - nice art deco or ones with an unusual dispenser. John Elster

I am looking for small table lighters, which are really Pocket Lighters with a base, especially the (brass) Wright on a base, like Leo Turini has! Also still want some more Figural "People" lighters, particularly striker type. Also looking for Zippos that advertise Zippo (the company). Judith Sanders

**DO YOU WANT A ROOMMATE? DO YOU WANT TO SHARE A TABLE? CALL OR FAX OTLS EDITOR JUDITH SANDERS**

Wanted: Ronson Lighters: Windbreak Fig 20, Debonair Fig. 35, Ace Fig 36, Rondette Jr. Fig 31, Fine Line Fig. 29, Jumbo Fig 238, New Yorker Fig. 240. Dave Markey

Wanted: Lancel pocket lighters, esp w/watch or enamel, sterling or gold, etc. Will buy or trade. Bob Roger d/b/a Wick'd Ways (510)943-7523

Looking for Pre-'70 Ronson MIB Butane Lighter; also Figural MIOJ Table Lighters. Richard Weinstein

Wanted: Lighters: Girlie, Gas & Oil, Las Vegas Casinos, Lucky Strike, any Scripto/Ritepoint Vu Lighters. Flat advertisers. Also cigar cutters, pipes, matchbook holders. Will buy or trade. Call or fax Guy Nishida

## WANTED

Ira Pilosof will be in New Orleans & will pay top prices for the following Zippos: Gift sets, 1930's with ads, any metallique, leather covered, NASA Zippos, Disney, any MIB Zippos (even plain) thru 1979; Phone: 1/888/4/lighter

I want to buy the following Ronsons (from Ronson book) Fig. 31 Rondette Jr.; Fig. 33 Rondette; Fig. 36 Ace; Fig. 45 Heart; Fig. 46 Coronet; Fig. 273 Rondette T/L; Fig. 13 Banjo; Fig. 37 Vee. Must be in very good cond. I know some of these are hard to find but want to start my serious Ronson collection with as many as I can find at the convention. Harvey DuPriest

I am looking for the brushed chrome Zippo Moderne T/L. Also want Zippos w/oil companies and trucking companies with colorful graphics. Andrew Lloyd

Wanted: Zippos: Cigarette ads (especially Lucky Strike), Political, Railroad & Medical. See you there! Marvin Self

Please bring Mint Evans P/Ls and Mint Enamelled Evans Case Lighters. Larry Clayton

Looking for "Loss Proof" Zippos - Mint or near Mint - Pre 1970 - not plain, but with pictures or ads. See you in New Orleans! Richard Ball

I will have the 1997 Convention Lighters at the Convention. Please order before you go, so you can pick them up in New Orleans. Corky Homer

**BE SURE & ORDER YOUR CONVENTION LIGHTER SO YOU CAN PICK IT UP AT THE CONVENTION**

**IF YOU WANT SUSAN LANDRUM TO PICK YOU UP AT THE AIRPORT, PLEASE ADVISE YOUR ARRIVAL TIME & FLIGHT INFORMATION**

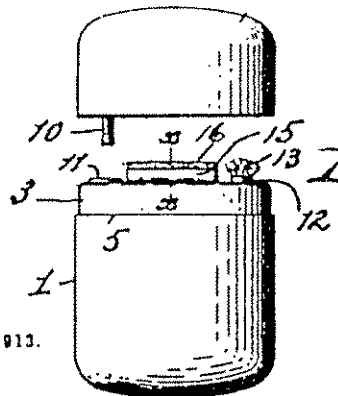
As I have mentioned in previous articles, very few American lighters are found in Australia, mainly due to the fact that Oz, having been a member of the British Commonwealth, rarely imported American items, possible because they were not allowed in, with only certain items of machinery exempt.

So it's quite unusual to find the odd US lighter, no doubt brought back by Australian tourists or by American visitors. Most old lighters found here are from Britain, Europe and Japan, so it was Europe where I thought my unnamed lighter had come from.

To come across the King Wonderliter and find out it's nearly a twin, I'm perplexed...and not sure if I'll ever find an answer.

I'm pleased to say that my King Wonderliter won second prize in a competition that Ronson of Great Britain conducted last year. Although I would have liked the first prize of a couple of British Airways round-the-world tickets, my upmarket Ronson men's and ladies watches were most appreciated.

Now I have Colibri, Dunhill, Ronson and Zippo watches as an adjunct to their lighter counterparts.



L. V. ARONSON.  
IGNITER.  
APPLICATION FILED DEC. 2. 1913.

THE **zippo** LINK

Contributed by Pat Grandy

**LIGHTING UP THE PAST:  
THE LADY BARBARA TABLE LIGHTER**

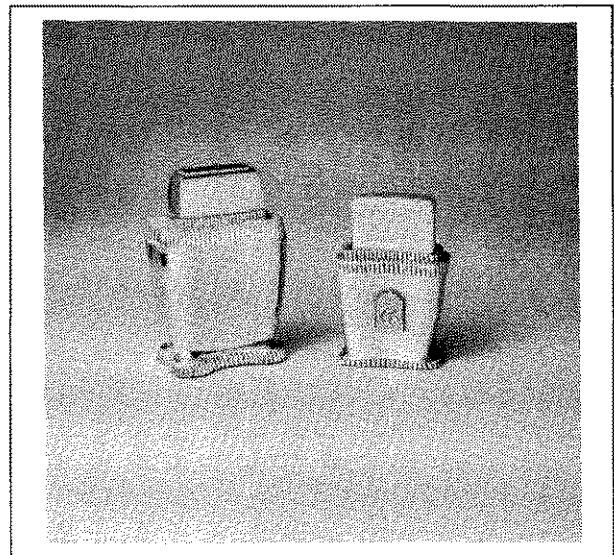
As part of our 65th Anniversary celebration, Zippo is pleased to introduce the new generation of a historic Zippo product.

The Lady Barbara table lighter is based on the Lady Bradford lighter introduced in 1949. The Lady Barbara looks very much like its distinguished ancestor, with the same graceful curves and fine detailing. However, the new table lighter has some interesting differences.

Standing 3 1/4" high, the Lady Barbara is more compact than the Lady Bradford. The front of the molded pewter table lighter base bears the Zippo 65th Anniversary emblem. The bottom is covered in black felt, stamped with a reproduction of the Zippo "swish" logo of the 1950s. Unlike the Lady Bradford, the Lady Barbara does not have a removable fuel chamber. Instead, the table lighter serves as a base into which an entire regular-size Zippo lighter fits. The antiqued silver lighter included with the Lady Barbara base is engraved with the 65th Anniversary logo.

The Lady Bradford table lighter has become a highly sought-after collectible. For Zippo enthusiasts who find the Lady Bradford price out of their range, the Lady Barbara offers a more affordable opportunity to enjoy a classic look from Zippo's past.

The Lady Barbara was named after Barbara Kearney, granddaughter of Zippo Founder George G. Blaisdell. A special Lady Barbara lighter, signed by Barbara Kearney, will be offered at the collectors' auction at this year's Swap Meet in July.



Left to Right: The Original Lady Bradford on the left and the new Lady Barbara on the right

(Photos furnished with compliments of Zippo Manufacturing Company)

(Note from OTLS Editor: Zippo has just purchased two Zippo fuel dispensers from Sid Chase & George Slocum. They advise these will be used in the Corporate Offices & in the Museum. Congratulations Sid & George.)



**L-I-G-H-T-S**

By Larry Tolkin

This is a continuation of the article which began in the March issue....

**NAME BRAND CATEGORIES**

**"THE BIG THREE"** These are the 3 most popular brands collected in today's market. Listed are the key categories within each brand.

**RONSON** - billed as the "World's Greatest Lighter" - Throughout its history, Ronson produced more models than any other US company. Almost all its areas are very collectible. Key Ronson categories are: Touch-Tips, Strikers, Case-Lighters, Watch Lighters, Art Deco lighter sets, ball (Rondelight) sets, New Yorker Table models, gold, pocket, butane and advertising. Ronson is such a popular category, many collectors are also buying the non-lighter items (such as bookends, statues, ink-wells, etc.). Ronsons were also manufactured in Canada, Great Britain and Germany

**ZIPPO** - a true American classic, which is collected by more people than any other lighter. Extremely popular in Japan where Zippo is viewed as "Americana". Key categories are: outside hinge, 1936-1940 Diagonal line, WWII, Korean and Vietnam War (beware of counterfeits!), Town and Country, Table Models, Disney, Sports, Themes, Food, Gas, and Car Co. Logos, Space related, Silver and Gold.

**DUNHILL** - The Rolls-Royce of Lighters. Produced top-quality lighters since 1920's. Its UNIQUE (lift arm) lighter has been copied through the past 70 years. Made in England, Dunhill categories are: Watch Lighters, Enamel, silver, gold, Sports model (windscreen), Aquariums, Table and Pocket uniques, Rollalite, Namiki (enamel) and lighter sets.

#### MAJOR US BRANDS

**Evans** - produced a tremendous variety of models. Very popular amongst US collectors. Key categories are: Lift arms (especially enamel), Trig-a-Lite, Case lighters, Lighter sets, Art Deco table models, Enamel Fruits, Bakelite, Silver, Advertising.

**Clark** - Although out of business since mid-1930's they are very popular with collectors. Manufactured mostly lift-arm models. Key items are: Windscreen model, Art Deco, silver, gold, table models and watch lighter.

**Douglass** - produced for a short time (late 20's - early '30's) These Long-Bar automatics remain a very popular lighter to collect. Key items: Pocket, Table, silver, gold, windscreen & enamel.

**Marathon** - strong base of collectors. Early lift-arms are quite popular and rare. Elaborate sport Windscreen model is very desirable. Other key items: Caselighters (some with compacts), lighter sets, and Art Deco.

**Scripto** - the "King" of Vu-Lighters. Originated from the Ritepoint Co. Key items: celebrity and sports advertising.

#### OTHER IMPORTANT US BRANDS (Alphabetically)

**Allbright** - highly regarded compact like shape - later known as Plaza.

**ASR** - Nice variety of models - made in Brooklyn NY late 40's - 50's - desirable with advertising and in silver and gold.

**Bettini** - Pull-Bar automatic mechanism - rare and desirable.

**Beattie Jet** - Pipe-lighter - interesting and common.

**Beckwith** - Circular shape with interesting designs.

**Bowers** - Many interesting models especially WWII trench-like.

**Capital** - Highly regarded early fascinating mechanism.

**Carlton** - Outstanding Art Deco designs.

**Chase** - Made 3-4 interesting push-button models in table size

**Colby** - Fascinating mechanism, with small door opening. Desirable especially in silver & table model.

**Demley** - numerous models - gaining in popularity.

**Fire** - Important cap lighter.

**Elgin** - Widely regarded especially pre-1940 models. Key items: Watch, silver, Art Deco.

**Everflow** - Nice in bakelite table versions.

**Gem** - Simple, lift arms.

**Golden Arrow** - nice-one-motion gear action. Similar look to Evans trig-a-lite. Art Deco pockets and case lighters are important.

**Havalite** - Popular pencil lighter usually in bakelite.

**Helios/Hurricane** - Zippo look-a-like but, usually made in plastic. Very colorful. Made in Bradford before Zippo put them out of business.

**Kem** - usually simple wheel mechanism incorporated in colorful body.

**Knapp** - Many interesting varieties especially in bakelite, early lift arms.

**Koopmans** - important cap lighter, which has many varieties.

**Kramer** - Early automatic - very desirable in silver.

**Lektrolite** - Popular catalytic which came in numerous varieties. Case lighter version is very rare.

**Magic Case** - Popular case lighter that automatically lights cigarettes.

**Match King** - Produced wide variety of strikers. Table model with clock is rare.

**Napier** - Also known as Surefire - wonderful lift-arms especially in Art Deco and silver.

**Nasco** - Lift-arm models includes windscreen variety.

**Nassau** - Highly collectible early automatic. Very desirable in silver, gold and table model. Often nicely engine turned.

**Negbaur** - Found in most collections. Key items: Airplane, Chess piece, Miss Cutie (plastic legs).

**Nimrod** - 1950's - 1960's pipe lighter.

**Park Rogers** - Zippo look-a-like & nicely made.

**Parker** - US version - popular. This company was owned by Dunhill.

**Park-Sherman** - Popular lift arm.

**Regel** - Side push-button action.

**Regens** - Very collectible especially advertising, Art Deco and table model.

**Rexlite** - Fascinating automatic & lift arm models.

**Ritepoint** - Early version Vu-lighter. Late 40's - mid 50's. Became the Scripto brand. Nice advertisers are important.

**Solo** - Side-squeeze mechanism - popular in Art Deco designs.

**Stratoflame** - Gas lighters from the 50's and 60's.

**Strikalite** - Table versions most popular.

**Triangle** - Popular lift-arm especially with watch. Table versions as well.

**Weston** - Simple wheel mechanism in colorful casings.

**Wright** - Very collectible early automatic. Also did striker version.

Minor brands also include: Redilite, Morrison, Dualites, Airflam, Royal, Wind Master, Royalites, Comet, Metlmach, Modern Windproof, Vogue, Firefly, Duralite, Quik-lite, Sunbeam, Hollywood, Franklin 54, Wind-King, Collis, Constellation, C&W, Auermetal, Avedon, Phinney-Walker, Hamilton, Diplomat, Netop, Chrome G. Emeon, Folmer & Schwing, Mayfair, Morton, Speed,

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE OR TRADE

For Sale: Twenty full size advertizing Zippos 1940's-1979 - varying conditions \$350 for all. John Elster (910)721-0508. Also Zippo (white) Corinthian T/L near mint \$125 and Zippo Moderne (nice used) \$85

Too many lighters to count: Ronson, Zippo, Evans, Thorens, Dunhill, Clark, Lift Arms, flat advertisers - many more. Call or write Ilene Chazanof

Handmade Custom Leather Pouches in which to store your lighters, so they won't get scratched or dinged. Send \$4.00 per pouch & the width x length x height to: Jerry Childress (See New Member List this issue)

For Sale: '32 Replica new in gray felt box \$75; Carolina Gold new in tin \$100; Employees 3 Million new \$175; 1977 Mickey Mouse excellent \$200; 60th Anniversary Sterling Silver new in walnut box \$250. Roger Williams (937)252-6276

For Sale: Jan. '96 Richard M. Nixon, Brush crome, 5'7 colors in both top & bottom faces 50 made, 5 left \$20 ea. Also '85 '50 Years with Elvis' Mint. \$75. Marvin Self

**MAIL AUCTION:** Original copy of Biscconcini Book (excellent condition, jacket a bit dogeared). Min. Bid. \$500. Bidding ends at 7:00 P.M. (EST) on June 20, 1997. Write or call in bid. John Parziale (617)662-6532

Limited Addition "Oklahoma" Zippo. Two surface, 5 colors w/full Indian Headdress bust on outline of Oklahoma (Model 250). \$25 ea (postage paid in US - outside US add \$3 S&H). Wayne Melhiser, Lighters, Etc. (405)946-3009 Fax (405)946-2288

Have for sale or trade following: (1) Zippo black salesmans sample cases (holds 21) w/velcro flaps. Zippo printed in white letters across front; (2) Deluxe Gift Kit contains a 4 1/2 oz can of fluid, dispenser of 6 flints, replacement wick & pair of tweezers. Has a picture of Varga Girl on front; (3) Zippo/Case Commemorative lighter & knife set from '96 Swap Meet (Walnut Box, only 250 made); (4) Case Red STag Peanutre knife in collectors tin from '96 Swap Meet, only 250 made; (5) Olympic Games Limited Edition Centennial from '96 Swap Meet - oly 250 made; (6) Korean War Veterans lighter gift set (2) in collectors tin; (7) Collectors tin holds 10 lighters & comes w/10 black Zippo cases. Jerry Cline (see new fax number on Chg of Address pg)

### FOR SALE OR TRADE

**FOR SALE:** OTLS authorized 10% cotton baseball caps. White top beautifully embroidered with official OTLS logo in correct colors w/flaming red brim. Adjustable for all adult sizes. A portion of all sales goes to OTLS. \$13.95 plus \$3 shipping (USA). Also 100% extra heavyweight preshrunk cotton golf-style shirts with OTLS logo embroidered on the left breast in choice of natural, ash, or leaf (a sort of muted teal green). Adult sizes medium, large & x-large \$26.95 plus \$5 shipping (USA). Rick Giannini or e-mail to [mucklehead@aol.com](mailto:mucklehead@aol.com)

**LIGHTER COLLECTION** for sale: Small collection for sale from non-member. This collection includes approx. 76 lighters, of all different types - Zippo, Ronson, Petrol, Gas, Storm King, etc. For a complete list send SASE and \$1.00 to Merle Hinton, 1216 E Milwaukee, Storm Lake, IA 50588 (Phone (712)732-6127). List of descriptions, cond. & prices was prepared by Judith Sanders, Editor, OTLS (prices are reasonable).

Have a lot of lighters for sale: Camels, several Vargas, some Limited Editions, National Zippo Day from '95 & '96, OTLS Convention lighters from '90, '91, '96, Good advertisers, Beatles (96) Doral (95 & 96). Call, write or fax for complete list. Gary Bagwell (817)549-5460 or Fax (817)549-5475



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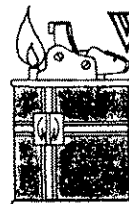
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### WANTED

**WANTED:** (1) 1967/69 Zippo Plastic Fuel Bottle. (2) 1957/62 Zippo's Stripes Fluid Large (8 oz) Can w/"39c" price. (3) 1940's Zippo's Yellow Fluid Can. I'm looking forward to hear your response. Hiroshi Kito Fax 81 3 3990 7393

Wanted: Camel Zippos pre-'92 or European or test samples. Best prices paid. Please send sale/trade lists of ANY Zippos. Also looking for '50 leather covered & old fluid cans. (Zippo, Ronson, Dunhill, etc.). Anthony Amato Phone (machine 8 rings) (603)485-9855 or Fax (24 hrs) (603)485-3432

Wanted: Zippo Sports Series before 1974 in mint or near mint cond. Call, write or fax Howard Applebaum (see Chg of Address this issue & Chg Page for March issue)

Zippo Collector from Holland is looking for Zippos from the oil co. "Gulf"; Statue of Liberty & Hard Rock Cafe Zippos from around the world. Want to get in contact with collectors who collect same. Also want to have contact with Japanese members. I have Zippos to trade & other types of lighters to trade with new & mint ones, some more than 30 yrs old. Send letter or fax to Johan Ripmeester Ph/Fax 181 635189

All gas lighters (Butane) wanted. I prefer mint or almost mint cond. Please contact Poul Naldahl Phone 45 8649 4613 or Fax 45 8649 6013

Still want to buy Zippo 1988 '32 Replica, 1997 Camel '32 Replica, Desert Storm, Desert Shield. Tim Weber (405)242-3994

agreeable to both a buyer and a seller.

*Zippo the Great American Lighter* is being published by Schiffer Publications and can be ordered from OTLS member/book dealer Ben Rappaport and from the author David Poore. To order from Ben Rappaport, send \$ (he will bill you for postage) to:

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**THE BOOK CORNER BY BEN RAPAPORT**

Please be advised the book *Zippo the Great American Lighter* has not been released from Schiffer Publishing as of this date. According to Schiffer the book should be released in mid May. I will begin shipping as soon as I have received the book.

Guy Nishida notified us there is a new book out by Schiffer Publishing, titled *Bookend Revue*. There are 600 color photos, including approx. 32 photos of Ronson Bookends. I will not stock this book, but will be happy to order for any OTLS member. Cost \$24.00 (plus postage). I will bill you for the postage.

**News From Around The World...** Mike Muhlburger had a little fall & will be off work for a while - write to him; Don Miller broke his arm, but is doing OK now; Karen & Phil Politi got a Zippo ruler no one has seen before! They also got the original case it came in (maybe we will see it in New Orleans?); Jerry Cline has been in the hospital, but is home again and doing well. THANKS to Dick Lawrence for some of the new members - Dick passes out applications all the time & this month about 4 or 5 new members had Dick's name at the top! (good idea for members!) John Elster had to go to NY on business & got to visit Richard Weinstein's store for the first time - said he just didn't have enough money with him for everything he wanted!

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Jim Warren called this week to tell me that Bob Waters has passed away on March 6 from a heart attack. After hearing this, I called Doris (who is mostly called "Bobbie" to her friends). Bobbie told me a little bit about their family.

Bob & Bobbie had been married 52 years last August. Bob was 72 years old at the time he passed away. He was a Retired Major in the US Army. They have 3 sons and 4 grandchildren.


Bobbie went on to tell me Bob liked to find a picture relating to a section of lighters, put that picture on a display case and put all the lighters in that category in that case. She said he really enjoyed talking to different members of the club and had spent a lot of time talking to Jim Warren.

She said she wants to keep Bob's lighter collection to remember him by. Our sympathy to Bobbie and her family.

*Fuel For The Fire* will return next issue.

**THE DISCOVERY ZONE** will return next issue.

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