

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

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There are no adequate adjectives to describe this year's convention -- wonderful - exciting - might come close!

Not only was it a great convention - we had the largest group ever. 47 OTLS Members, with guests totaling 75 in attendance. As well as being OTLS Members, also as our special guests: Bill Jones & Ken Reinach, Perry Grover & Ad van Weert.

Some exciting things have happened & will be happening in our club. Following is a summary of Convention Highlights & decisions made for the club.

1. An Executive Board has been formed. The members of this Board are Peter Cavanagh, John Grawe, Greg Ryman, & Dot & Leo Turini. This group gives us representatives from most parts of the world. This Board will be the governing body to make major decisions for the club. Your Editor recently had to make some major decisions without consulting anyone & to prevent this happening in the future, we now have this Board. This Board will monitor all money received and expenditures on behalf of OTLS, including making decisions about major expenses. If in the future you have complaints or questions regarding expenses you can direct these to the Board.

2. The fact was discussed that some future plans may require funding (club growth, a book by OTLS, etc.), therefore it was voted to increase the dues in 1991 to \$18 per year - \$15 of that amount to go into the OTLS Subscription Account (postage, printing - the same expenses that have always come from this account) - \$3 will be put into a Special Account to cover major expenses (to be discussed later).

3. This is out of order, as it happened later on Sat. - but is in line with No. 2. An auction was held Sat. night, conducted by the WORLD FAMOUS AUCTIONEER PETER CAVANAGH! The auction raised

approx. \$1000. This money has been deposited in the Special Account.

4. The next action to be taken, & one of the first expenses to be taken out of our new special account was as follows: Upon motion made, seconded and passed - It was agreed to pay \$3.00 per hour to a secretary (who has agreed to work for this amount in Quitman) to assist your Editor with correspondence. This work will consist of approximately 3 to 5 hrs. per month. You no doubt can figure out this has come about due to the club's rapid growth and increase in correspondence.

5. Leo Turini announced he has found a machine shop who can & will make the "wands" for touch tip & striker lighters. He brought examples of the round & square types. If you are interested in purchasing these "wands" please deal directly with Leo & Dot. The cost will be \$20 per wand.

Immediately after the business meeting one of our special guests at the convention was introduced - the Vice President of Marketing of Zippo Manufacturing, Bill Jones. Bill told us of the new Collector's item - the Western Series (see page 4 for photo). He also said he wanted Zippo to introduce a special "Collector's Lighter" each year. He went on to say he is receptive to ideas from OTLS Members, for new designs or collector's type lighters. If you are creative and have an idea please let your Editor know.

The most exciting news for our club Bill told us about was that he is presently working on a new Zippo Guide, which will come out soon. In this guide as well as showing all different Zippo models, Bill announced he will show the name of our club in the back of the book.

The next guest to be introduced was Perry Grover of Ronson Service Center. Perry told the group he is still repairing all Ronsons and still has some parts available. He also said he would be willing to answer questions from club members. However he did ask that you include a SASE (self addressed, stamped envelope) when writing since his organization isn't as large as Zippo.

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Guy Nishida....

Like a child knowing he was going to Disneyland, I couldn't wait for my first convention. I didn't know what to expect, but the prospect of talking shop with other crazed people and the opportunity to see and obtain wonderful lighters put my salivary glands into overdrive. However, generally when my emotions and expectations are sky-high, predictably, I am disappointed. Surprise! I had an unbelievably great time. If collecting lighters is addictive (and I believe it is!), then this year's convention was like taking an overdose without the fatal side effects.

If ever you desired to dispel the notion of what a convention is -- the typical business convention, this was the place. I felt comfortable from the first moment I met any member of the group & this feeling of ease increased as the convention wore on.

It's one thing to love your collection and to hoard it like some miser, but this group of true enthusiasts were more than willing to share their knowledge unselfishly. It's easy to extend yourself in this atmosphere because however much energy you expend is returned in more than equal measure.

I must caution you however. These are serious collectors looking for a good deal as we all do. The acquisition process is just as enjoyable as the lighter. So, sharpen your bargaining skills; it's a lighter jungle at these conventions. Bring lighters you want to trade or to sell, but remember, QUALITY begets QUALITY. Don't expect to trade several lower quality pieces for 1 great piece. It's not the experience I observed. But the Lighters! I've got to win the lottery so I can spend it all at next year's convention. (That is, if Mr. O'Key and Mr. Tolkin have learned any compassion for the less fortunate!) I saw more super lighters in one day

than I've seen in the last 10 years. I'm so jealous I could spit. The only problem I see in amassing a similar collection is: How do I get named in some of the member's Wills? Whether you have a starter set like myself or a collection to die for you'll never regret coming to a convention. Believe me, I can gamble all day and night but it didn't interest me in the least. I was too busy enjoying the convention. This is your first reminder to plan on attending the 1991 Convention. If you haven't gone before, you don't know what you're missing.

P.S. - Judith, if only I were 10 years younger, I'd take you to my favorite romantic hideaway!

P.P.S. - Peter Cavanaugh, Give me back my convention lighter!

...Ad van Weert

I enjoyed meeting all of you at the convention and hope to see you next year!

As some of you have heard, I would like to write a book on lighters. I have talked with your Editor, Judith Sanders about this project. In the future OTLS will be involved with this book. You will be hearing from me about this project in the future. In the meantime, any information you might have about American lighters would be appreciated.

If you have any questions about the lighter museum (LIGHTER MUSEUM HOLLAND), or about my collection I would be happy to respond to your letters.

(Editor's Note: Even though Ad is willing to answer letters he is still in the 'growing' stage - PLEASE go to your post office & buy an "International Stamp" coupon (this is like our SASE) so he won't incur additional expense. See Ad's address under "New Members" on page 7)

ETC. continued.

Ad van Weert of Holland was introduced and a welcome extended. Please see letter on Page 2 from Ad. Ad has now joined our club and will be a welcome addition.

PERSONAL NOTES:

A BIG THANK YOU to Dale Sonney (of Erie, Pa.) for the BEAUTIFUL signs for this years convention!

A HUGE THANK YOU to Zippo - they gave OTLS (for the auction) a Display case FULL of Zippos!

Peter Cavanagh has now had his eye surgery and is doing great!

IMPORTANT - you can order 1990 convention videos (\$10 each). Please order direct to Greg Ryman.

Lynn & Pearl Baker brought OTLS Coffee cups to the convention. You can order these from Lynn & Pearl for \$7.50 ea., 2 for \$14, 3 for \$20. The cups are black ceramic with a gold circle on the front & back - with name of the club & date of the convention. They also asked that I mention to you who have already bought the cups - PLEASE DO NOT USE IN THE MICROWAVE DUE TO THE GOLD "METALLIC" PAINT!

Tom Prylinski & Bud Michalski are both having eye surgery in August - Good Luck to both of you!

Due to his busy schedule, Jay Meddaugh has resigned as Historian and Lynn Baker is our new Historian.

THERE IS PROBABLY A LOT I MISSED - AND I KNOW THERE ARE MORE PHOTOS - WILL INCLUDE ANYTHING MISSED IN SEPTEMBER ISSUE - Your Editor.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

A WORD ABOUT OUR PRESIDENT!

The 1990 Convention was held in Las Vegas, which is also the home of our President, Bob Beyers and his lovely wife, Irma.

In the past when asked about

his collection, Bob would say something like "I don't have much of a collection". After taking a tour of Bob's Den, this writer no longer believes that statement! He has some outstanding lighters!

Bob said when he was a young man, one of the status symbols of that time was owning a Dunhill - preferably gold! The first year they were married Irma bought Bob his first gold Dunhill and that was the beginning of his collection.

Today Bob went on to say he likes Dunhills and novelty lighters. Over the years of going to Flea Markets he has increased his Dunhill collection to about 25 - all beautiful. One of his novelty lighters is a train engine on a short track - and the train moves on the track. Behind the bar in the Den he has several bottle type lighters - one that lifts up and holds cigarettes under the lighter, and also has a music box.

Bob retired from the Air Force in 1969 (as a Lt. Col.) and now sells Children's books to libraries all over the U.S. Occasionally in his travels he runs across lighters.

One of the funniest stories Bob told about his collection was one week he was in Dallas and saw a reproduction of the old cigar store (spark type) lighter at a western store. The price was \$195, so he passed it up. The very next day he was in Neiman Marcus (which is a VERY expensive place!), and saw the same lighter. He asked a saleslady how much it cost and she didn't know. She said it was left over from Christmas. After asking several people, the saleslady finally said "We need to sell it, so I will sell it to you for \$50...". And now that lighter has a prominent place in Bob's den to light his cigars!

Of course, the lighter Bob carries with him is one of the most beautiful this writer has seen - a Caran d'Ache (Swiss). Bob originally bought it several years ago from John Cuevas (OTLS Member). Recently when talking to the company who makes these lighters, they told Bob this lighter now costs \$1050.00 - guess he won't be trading that one!

Everyone in the club enjoyed meeting Bob & Irma and we all want to THANK YOU two for the great job you did on the convention!



John & Elizabeth Grawe checking our Tom Prylinski's table.



Our dignified Vice President, Lynn Baker flirting with his wife, Pearl!



B.J. & The Lighter Queen -- or Bill Jones & Judith!



Ad van Weert & Tom O'Key - Wonder what trade they just made!!



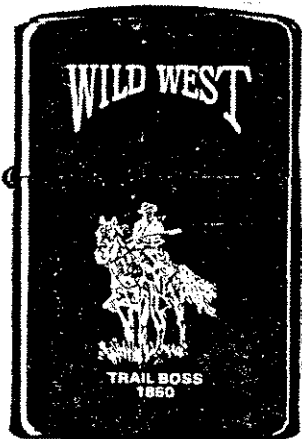
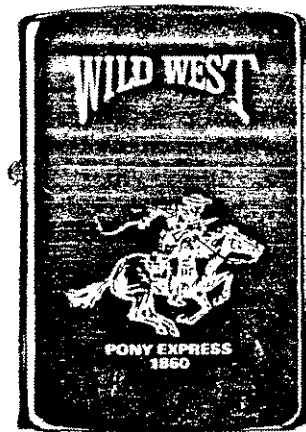
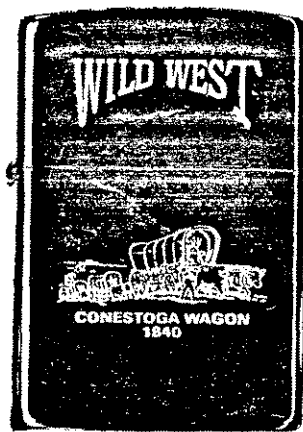
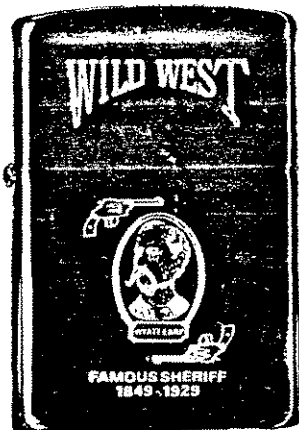
Chris Clark with the "Aladdin" Zippo she and Urban presented to your Editor.



Our "World Famous Auctioneer"

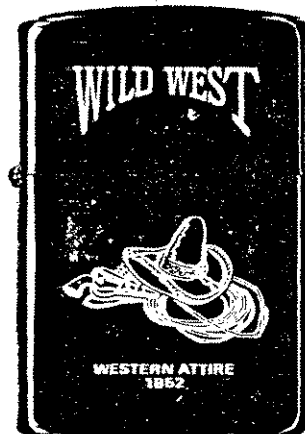
COLLECTORS' CORNER

FOLLOWING ARE SOME PHOTOS OF MEMBERS & LIGHTERS FROM THE CONVENTION:

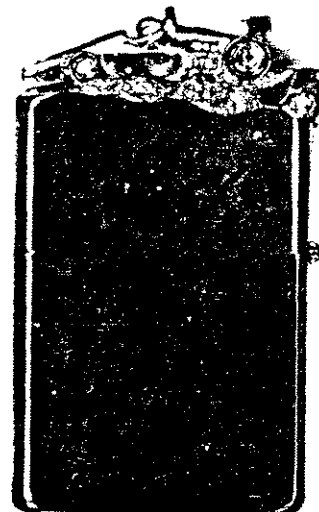
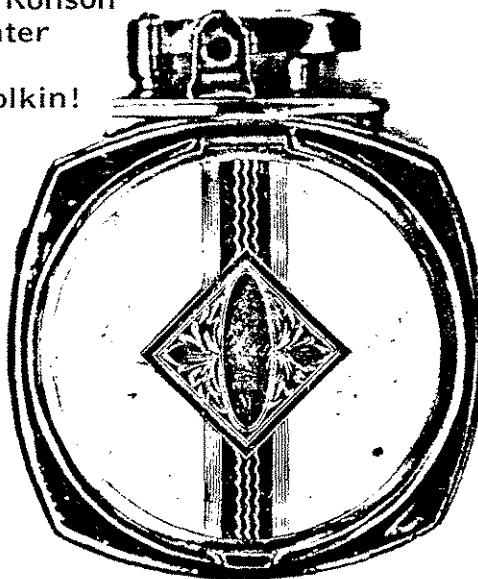
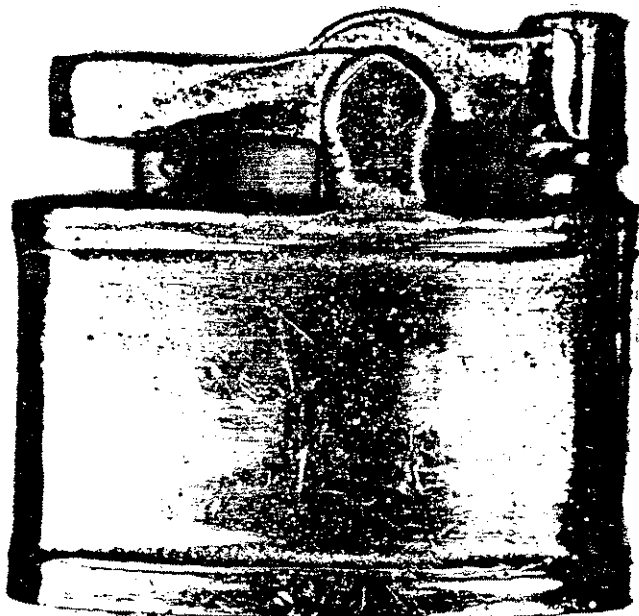


The Wild West Series

Zippo's newest Collector's Series

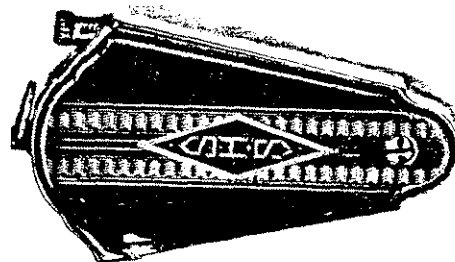


(Below, right) The Ronson Powder Compact Lighter (c. 1950) - A gift to Judith from Larry Tolkin!



This is a BEAUTIFUL ZIPPO - gold (plate) with a Sports Car attached to the top. Have you ever seen this series???

An old lighter? - No, a paperweight 'created' by Tom Zimmer



The Ronson "Vee" (Art Metal Works acquired by your Editor

(Editor's Note: We have some good ads this month - & some GREAT photos - so we will have 2 pages of ads)

FOR SALE

1. Ronson Touch Tip T/L, Chromium Plated Brass & Enamel (Lighters #771). \$55; 2. Dunhill Tankard Chromium Plated Brass (Lighters #560). \$60; 3. Dunhill Windproof Sterling Silver w/original box & instructions. \$55; 4. Black plastic piano marked Oriental w/2 squirrels in embossed design of grapes & leaves on top & sides. Cigarette box under piano top & compartment underneath has music box. \$65; 5. Dunhill Dueling pistol - brass & wood trigger broken (Lighters #525). \$110; 6. Dunhill Tinder Pistol Brass & Wood (Lighters #527). \$70; 7. Ronson Hound Dog Striker type lighter missing striker wand. Marked 'Art Metal Works' 1935 (Lighters #770). \$55. (See photos below of some of the above. T/L refers to Table Lighter & "Lighters #771, etc." refers to LIGHTERS ASSENDINI) Ray Smizer.

FOR SALE

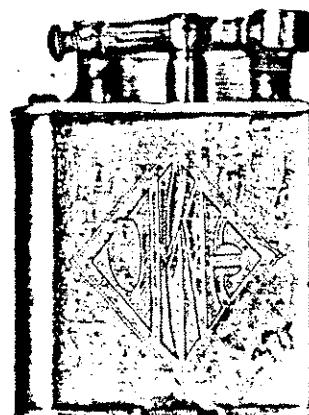
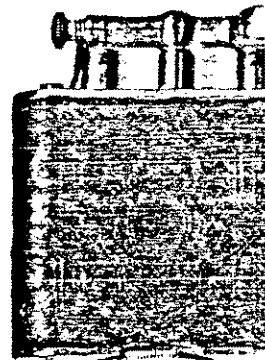
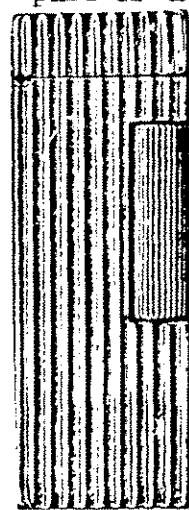
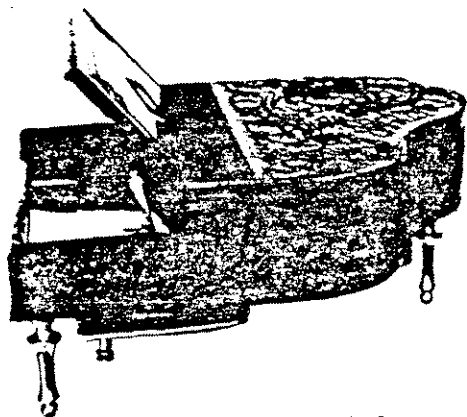
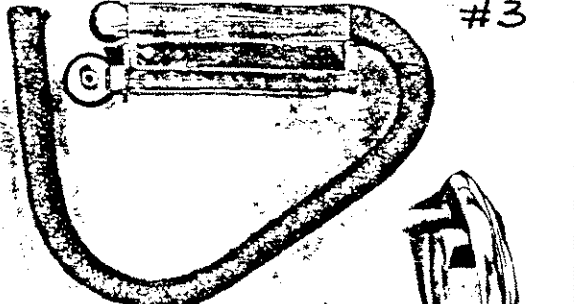
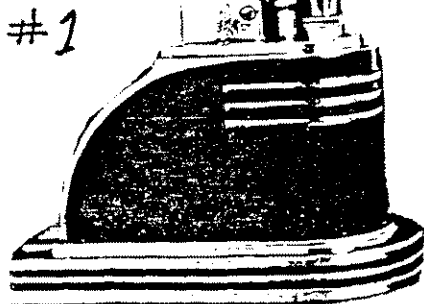
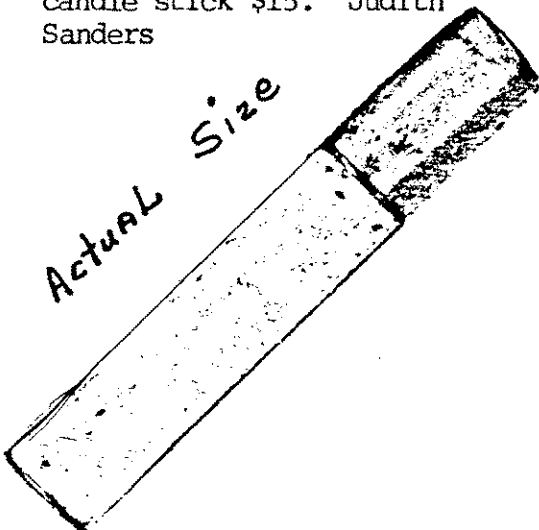
BOUGHT SOME DUPLICATES AT 1990 CONVENTION TO SELL! Zippo Barcroft T/L (smaller size) \$35; Zippo Lady Bradford T/L \$40; Occupied Japan (metal) Cowboy Boot - 4" tall - \$12; "Cigarette" - really a lighter (see photo below); Knight's Head - silver metal - pull face guard down to activate lighter \$10; "Candle" lighter - green glass base, gold candle stick, red glass 'flame' - lighter under candle stick \$15. Judith Sanders

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Two Dunhill Tinder Pistol lighters for trade. One U.S. made, the other marked Dunhill on bottom of trigger guard. Want to trade 1 or both for rare old Ronson Touchtip or strikers. Urban Cummings

Six Zippo Table Lighters MINT (& work) Barcroft models \$35 ea. One Parker Table Lighter w/original box MINT \$50 Sid Chase

1. Dunhill (looks like Rollagas) (gas) - jeweler says it is 14 Kt. plated \$200; 2. Ronson "Bogy" (has Ronson Delight top). Engraved "Pittsburg Gazette Women's Div. Champion Miniature Golf 1930". \$225; 3. Dunhill (German) Ruler (photo 455) 12", chrome plate \$300; 4. Dunhill Unique (silver metal) \$150; 5. Dunhill Wartime Unique \$150; 6. Sterling Silver Dunhill Rollalite \$200; 7. Dunhill "Le Briquet" Unique - gold metal w/leather \$150. All for Dallas Dealer - write or call Judith Sanders (See photos of part of these below)



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

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714/953-6387
2. Mary Kelley
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Boston, MASS 02114
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WELCOME BACK!!

Joe Roseman
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Ted Tessier
273 Dondanville Rd.
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Wanted to Buy or Trade
Looking for a few good
Zippos! Don't have enough to
trade yet, but would like to
buy your duplicate
advertising/logo Zippos.
Especially interested in
music-oriented trademarks,
etc. Please write & let me
know what you have? Michael
Kolb - NEW address: 223 S.
El Dorado St., San Mateo,
CA. 94401

WANT Ticker tape lighter,
Steam Roller Lighter, Motor
Scooter Lighter & Morse Code
Lighter. Colin Day

Want to buy or trade
miniature lighters with other
OTLS members. David Poore

Want to trade for War Ship
Zippos - do you have any of
these (shown in 5/90 issue)
type to swap or sell -
PLEASE! Trevor Orr

Wanted Evans enameled & table
lighters - fruits or eggs.
Martha Lam (see new member
list)

Another Zippo collector
looking for new or mint
Zippos to add to my
collection. Wally Laird

IMPORTANT TRIVIA:

'MOM' & VERNON McNEAR
WERE THE FIRST TO ANSWER
THE MAY PUZZLE - THE
LICENSE PLATE BELONGS
TO PETER CAVANAGH.
CONGRATULATIONS!

ATTENTION ALL NEW 1990
MEMBERS - IF YOU HAVE
NOT RECEIVED ALL THE
1990 NEWSLETTERS &
MEMBERSHIP ROSTER -
PLEASE ADVISE YOUR
FRIENDLY EDITOR!!!

Wanted to Buy or Trade
Wanted: Any very different,
rare or old lighters, both in
shape or in structure. The
larger the better. Write &
describe or photo. Chin Hsu
WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE! Zippos
& Dunhills. Will trade from
my 1200 pocket lighters.
Write to me 'Down Under'.
Peter Cavanagh

Wanted: Thorens lighters &
parts, especially Standard
Original model. Al Grosskopf
Wanted: Imco Pocket Lighter,
Model 2200. Also interested
in other old Imcos. Greg
Smith

Interested in locating an
extra "Kool" penguin lighter.
Judith Sanders

Willing to buy entire,
quality collections, John
Cuevas

ADS FOR THE SEPTEMBER
PAPER SHOULD BE IN THE
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