



On The LIGHTER Side

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And Now A Letter From Your Editor *Richard Weinstein*

Already a month since the Las Vegas OTLS Convention and looking forward to next years. You wait so long and then it comes and goes in the wink of an eye. This year's turnout was better than expected given the state of the economy. I wish to thank all of you who were able to attend as it is you folks who make the convention worth attending. A note of thanks to all those who submitted items to our Saturday night auction and a great thanks to George Gordon and Ron Eyerkuss for their auctioneering prowess. And to our personal accountants, Ira Pilosoff and Rob Giaretta as well as Robin Baumgartner and Peggy Shiels for their help in displaying and delivering the auction items. As always, kudos to the great Zippo Company and Linda Meabon for their generosity. Zippo has always been a strong supporter of OTLS and I am sure we all owe them a debt of gratitude for their great gifts for our auctions.

Another deserving mention is to Urban and Chris Cummings for donating hundreds of lighters to sell to help support the club finances. All proceeds from their sale went to the Club and we appreciate their generosity. And to Bob Beyers who every other year, offers his help to receive packages from those who need to ship their lighter to Las Vegas. We appreciate his support. I can certainly not end this editorial with thanking Judith for her commitment to making each convention a special event. Each convention takes months in planning and endless phone calls with hotel agents to make sure everything functions smoothly. The club owes her a great round of applause for all she does.



THE JOHN CUEVAS - JUDITH SANDERS FOUNDERS AWARD

The Founders' Award has become an acknowledgment of members of OTLS who have contributed to our hobby. This is our way of publicly thanking members for their many contributions to this club. Lighter collecting will only continue and can only exist with help from the many members.

The Board of Directors of OTLS picks a person or persons each year to receive this award based on the following: helping at conventions, contributions to the newsletter, someone who is willing to help new members, someone who has a true interest in our hobby, and someone who is just an all around great person.

One aspect of this award is that we will continue giving it each year until we have acknowledged every person in the club who has helped us grow.

The award this year was given to a member, who is a long time member, and who has helped with all of the above projects and are very deserving of this honor. He has also helped a lot "behind the scenes".

It is with great pleasure that I announce the Winner of the OTLS Founders Award this year went to John Cornelius.



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THE 2010 CONVENTION

by Judith Sanders

There were already a few members at the hotel by the time I arrived. Seems like everyone makes the convention their vacation!

Tuesday evening my friend, Bob, came by and picked up Guy Nishida, Andrew Nishida and me and took us to the Eiffel Tower Restaurant (located in the Paris hotel). Not only was this great food, the view was absolutely wonderful. We could watch the water show across the street at Bellagio.

On Wed. a lot more people started arriving.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

By Thursday, we were ready to roll!

Although I am usually the one with surprises, I got a surprise of my own on the way to the meeting room. As I turned the corner to go to the Business Meeting, there stood Urs Batschmann (Switzerland)! The last time Urs came to a convention was several years ago. So now he has rejoined the club, and spent a lot of time with us over the weekend.

My first surprise was my two guests at the convention. My brother, David Bridwell, and his youngest son, Mark Bridwell. This was their first convention and I was really glad to see them. They had both played in the golf tournament earlier in the day, and some of the players figured out who they were!

At the business meeting I had taped a note under one of the chairs. It was for a free 2006 Convention Lighter. I had to laugh when Tom Jones, our Convention Lighter Chairman, sat in the chair. But when he won, he turned around and gave the lighter to our newest member, Cotton Alsbrooks. That was a nice thing to do!

REGISTRATION & GET ACQUAINTED!

Next was Registration and the Get Acquainted party. It was good to see everyone as they came in. And it is always good to have someone come for the first time. After registration we had a short auction. This was a lot of fun because it was mostly Zippo items, which everyone always likes. We had a little bidding competition going on a few times!

FRIDAY

Friday morning (very early!) everyone started arriving at the display room to set up their displays

The first hour is always chaotic, as everyone runs around the room trying to make their first "buy" of the day. It is a lot of fun!

Urban and Chris Cummings had 3 tables full of lighters for sale! Urban announced that ALL the proceeds from their sales would go to OTLS! THANKS URBAN & CHRIS! Before the show was over, Urban & Chris had contributed over \$500.00 to our club.

Some surprises for me! Leonard Shafer showed up! I was glad to see him. Also Sonny Armada walked in with a great smile.

SATURDAY

Saturday arrived, and we were back in the display room again. This is the day we allow the public to come into our show. We had several visitors, including (new members & old friends).

Ed Urlik showed up unexpectedly. And then Mark Budovsky. Art Brooks came by with part of his family with him. And the biggest surprise was Phil Gatzow – some of you probably remember when Phil & Kathy came to conventions in the past. Phil is currently working on a project in Las Vegas.

SATURDAY NIGHT

As usual, everyone was tired, but in a good mood, by Sat. night. The food was exceptionally good this year – I heard a lot of compliments. Also everyone looked great Sat. evening!

After thanking a few people who helped over the weekend, we went on to the Awards for the year.



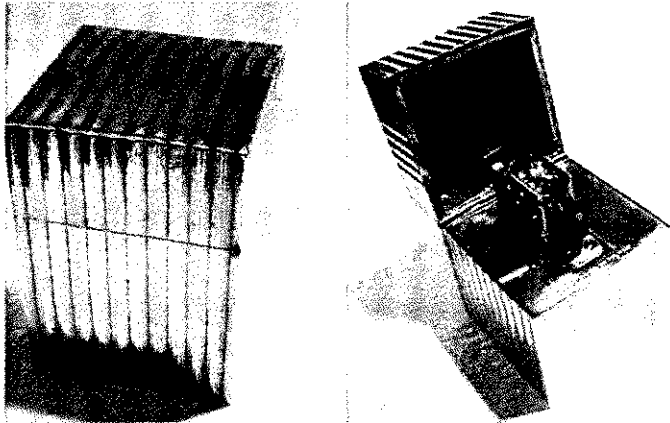
NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Guy had a significant "0" Birthday a couple of month ago. Our sympathy to Gary Sneary for the loss of his sweet wife, Woodie. Be sure & check out Terry Post's great new website! It is www.vintage-evans-and-classic-cigarette-lighters.com Keep Ted Ballard in your thoughts as he recovers from a medical problem – Pat says he is doing better now.

THE LIGHTERS

We don't have as many photos of lighters this year. So if some of you would send photos of lighters you got at the convention, we can use them in the next issue. Thanks!

But the pictures we have are OUTSTANDING! Thanks to Ira, Rich, Jim, Kelly & Judith for the photos.

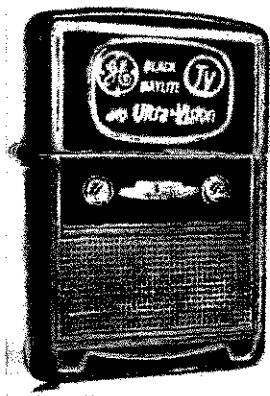


These are 2 photos of an absolutely gorgeous Silver Tiffany, with an appropriate Zippo Insert. This was donated to OTLS by Ed Peinado (Thanks, Ed) and was auctioned Sat. evening. Ira Pilosof outbid everyone to take this lighter home!



This beautiful lighter was donated to OTLS by Roseart. The high bidder was Takashi Fujii.

One of the great lighters at the show. This photo was sent by Ira Pilosof.



Dana Baumgartner painted this picture on glass and then framed it. He donated it to the auction.

MANY THANKS TO....

Thanks to all of you who jumped in to help after Nancy Lloyd had to cancel. Thanks to Dana & Robin Baumgartner for our cute poker chips! Thanks to Rich for the shaving stuff, and Thanks to Guy for his OTLS magnets! Also thanks to Guy for the great posters, and his running of the golf tournament again.

Thanks to Bob & Irma Beyers for allowing us once again to ship boxes to their house.

Thanks to George Gordon & Richard Weinstein for the great t-shirts!

Special thanks to our one of our newest members, Cotton Alsbrooks, for all his help

Thanks to Richard Weinstein, George Gordon, Ron Eyerluss, Peggy Sheils, and Guy Nishida for all their help with the various auctions! And a BIG thanks to Rob Giarretta & Ira Pilosof for keeping a record of the money – THAT'S IMPORTANT!

Thanks to Zippo Manufacturing for always allowing Linda Meabon to come to our conventions. And thanks to Linda for all her help.

Thanks to Urban & Chris for their contributions. And thanks to all of you who attended the convention, because that is important also!

And last but not least, please be sure to read the Sponsors List on our website to see all the wonderful members and companies who donated items or money to our convention.

And if I have forgotten anyone could I please just say THANKS to everyone!

PHOTO GALLERY



Cotton Alsbrooks enjoying his first convention



Robin & Dana & Rich all visiting.



Vince is always so much fun!



We were so glad to see John was a t



This is a fun group! Rob Giaretta, Ed Urlik & Leonard Shafer.



Al Grosskof, Jim & Peggy Walters all enjoying dinner.



Dee is watching Tom's table while he is running around.



John & Audrey came to us and to celebrat



John Elster visiting with Cotton Alsbrooks



We were glad to have Maya Rubin back with us. She and Chris Cummings are catching up.



Joe & Silene Speirs enjoying the Sat. night dinner.



Rich Weinstein & Thurs



Dana Baumgartner accepting the First Place Golf Award



Urban Cummings giving a speech.



Tom Jones accepting the Second Place Golf Award



Al Grosskof Jim & P



What a surprise to have Urs show up - we were all glad to see him.



Rob & Ira keeping track of the auction proceeds.



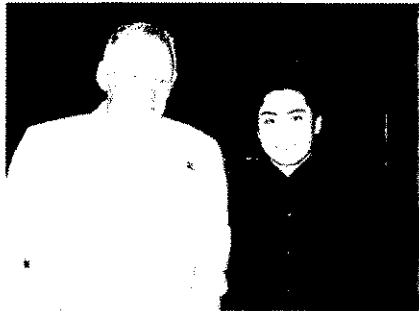
A view of Urban & Chris Cummings' table



Judith Chairman



Have Amelia back, and help this year.



This is a great photo of Urban Cummings and Andrew Nishida!



Thanks to Ron for his help with the auction.



Here is our President, VP & Secretary



...the convention to see all of John's 87th Birthday!



Beverley & Don were having fun.



Linda Meabon at her Zippo Booth.



Darrel Laird & Guy Nishida talking, with Al Morrison in the background.



Edith Sanders at the auction.



Mark Bridwell & Bob Beyers enjoying the Sat. night dinner.



This is a great group! Don Berger, Beverley Laird, Ron Eyerkuss, Silene & Joe Speirs & Bob Gamboni



George Gynes & Bob Gamboni visiting.



...having dinner with Guy Walters



Leonard Shafer has a great smile.



Richard Weinstein Auctioning on Saturday night



Sonny Armada trying to talk Guy out of a lighter!



Amelia at the Board



George Gynes & Amelia Cornelius visiting.



Cotton Alsbrooks meeting Joe Speirs



Bob Beyers and Al Grosskopf discussing lighters.

THE MASTIN AWARD

You may recall Lena Mastin set up this award in Memory of her late husband and OTLS Member, Ralf Mastin.

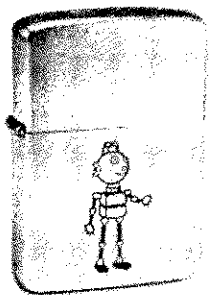
She wanted this award to be for a very unusual or oddball lighter since that was the focus of Ralf's collection.

This is the fourth year the award has been presented. We were very pleased to have several entries this year.

After a review of all entries, the Judges submitted their results. The winner of the Award went to Amelia Cornelius for her cute "walking" lighter!



CONGRATULATIONS.....



to Ted Ballard for being the first and only to correctly identify "National Screw and Mfg." as the company represented by this mascot. He also included correctly that his name is NAT.

Other acceptable answers would have been National Screw and

Tack, by which the company began in the late 1800's, Natco Fasteners, or Hodell-Natco Industries which remains in business today and displays NAT prominently on their webpage.

You are hereby deemed the "ALL KNOWING ZIPPO COLLECTOR". In recognition you will soon be receiving an award personally selected from my extensive cheap lighter collection along with a cut and pasted Certificate of Achievement signed by John Cornelius (Pres. Silly Lighter Contests), both suitable for drawer storage.

MASTIN AWARD EXPANDED

As many of you know, OTLS has awarded a \$100 prize for the last 4 years in a contest for the most unusual or oddball lighter submitted at the annual convention. This prize is funded by Lolly Mastin to honor the memory of husband Ralf Mastin, a fan of this category. He was a long-time member of the club while Lolly continues her generous support.

For several years, OTLS also awarded prizes for the best photos and articles submitted by members that were used in the newsletter. That award recently ceased.

However, with approval from Lolly, OTLS has expanded the Mastin Award to include not only a monetary award for the most unusual lighter submitted to the Convention Contest, but also an award for the best yearly article in the newsletter.

So you still have a couple of chances to grab some cash.

1. Bring an unusual or oddball lighter to the Convention and enter the contest. The winner receives \$100.00 cash.
2. Write an article for the newsletter about an unusual or oddball lighter. If your article is chosen as the winner for the year, you will receive \$100.00 in cash. Keep in mind that the judges will be quite flexible in determining what submissions qualify.

So, first, put on your thinking cap and write an article. It doesn't have to be lengthy, grammatically correct, or well researched. If that were necessary, Richie would be out of his well-paying (read: non-paying) editor's job. Simply write about something you find interesting. As fellow lighter collectors, whatever you find interesting is what we will all likely find interesting.

Then, pull a qualifying lighter from your collection and bring it along with yourself to next year's convention.

Guy Nishida

What a Surprise.....

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Board of Directors for selecting me to receive the Founder's Award this year. I was definitely (pleasantly) surprised and honored to receive such recognition.

Our club experience is greatly enhanced by the interaction of our membership. It is my hope for the coming year that many will choose to participate in continuing to make OTLS the best lighter club in the world.

John Cornelius

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Back issues of the OTLS newsletter are available. Issues from 1984 thru 2000 are \$2.00 each plus postage. Articles from 2001 to the present are \$3.00 each. All proceeds go to the club general fund. Most are brand new and not copies and there are some fantastic articles/pictures. Contact Greg Ryman at GregRyman872@msn.com or (909) 593-4413

LIGHTER CASES FOR SALE

Case for 20	\$30.00
Case for 16	\$25.00
Case for 9	\$20.00

Case for 4
\$12.50

(Plus Postage) Black Walnut or Red Oak. The top pulls up the glass to allow you to put more lighters in the case. Will do custom work on request. William. Alsbrooks.. Email alsbrooksw@yahoo.com



I want to sell some of my lighter collection of table lighters and pocket lighters. Please call John Krenzela at 724-228-3278

I HAVE A FEW THOUSAND PLAIN,SOME DECORATIVE, ZIPPO AND RONSON LOOK-A-LIKE LIGHTERS FOR SALE. ALL NICE AND CLEAN AND READY TO USE. ASKING \$1.00 EACH PLUS POSTAGE. IF INTERESTED CALL OR EMAIL ME. THANKS TOM PRYLINSKI <PYROTJIP@VELOCITY.NET>

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Roseart News

Limited Edition collectibles available very soon- Visit our newly upgraded website at www.roseartlighters.com. The collectibles will include:

- 1.) Don Quixote by Artist Roger Hane- 1 of 100 on High Polish Brass two sided with a card insert
- 2.) Hide 'n Seek by Artist Eric Lundsten, grandson of Ralph & Judy Rose - 1 of 50 on Black Ice two sided
- 3.) Outward Bound by Artist Jerry Oliver, brother of Judy Rose - 1 of 50 on Brush Finish Chrome two sided.

The Roseart First Fifty Years book is available for \$34.95 at our website also. Quantities are getting low so get yours before they are all gone.

FOR SALE 137 piece Zippo Table Lighter Collector, 134 Zippo Rule Collection. Please contact Joe Speirs. jspeirs@fidnet.com or call (580) 284-4019

ZIPPO SAVINGS ARE ALIVE & WELL AT THE STUDIO

Exclusively for OTLS Members: save 20% on all in-stock Zippo® catalog, discontinued and new releases. Includes BLU® Outdoor Line, limited editions, MPL®, motorsports, accessories, Zippo® Heritage Series, combination gift sets & more. Use coupon Code OTLS at <http://StudioShowroom.com/zippo/> or mention OTLS/Judith Sanders when calling toll-free 888-437-8834.

Whoever bought the Memory Tin Full of lighters, let me know. I have the lid and will send it to you. Judith Sanders, otls@suddenlink.net or call 903-763-2795

I am still looking for Canadian Pat Pendants that I would buy. I am also looking for a Kenecott Zippo lighter. I also buy Zippo collections of any size. Thanks much! Hen Gilinov, email me at hengilinov@gmail.com or call 818-335-8267

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I can repair Zippo Cam Aprings. Also repair Trench Art lighters. Email pyrotjip@velocity.net or write to Tom Prylinski

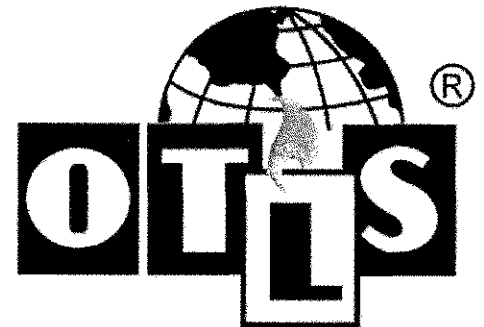
THE ANTIQUE LIGHTER SHOP

WANTED:

Looking for the Zippo 4 piece set of Tucker Cars. Clayton Vecellio (814) 368-5294

Looking for reprints of catalogue pages for unusual lighters for reprinting in future newsletters. Members sending in these pages will get credit in the newsletter. Please email any of these to info@vintagelighters.com. Pages not in English are welcome.

Looking for unusual mechanism pocket lighters and rare Ronson pocket, table and striker lighters. Some of the examples I am looking for are as follows: Ronson - Lite A Lamp, Fatman, Date A Lite, Grenadier, Piercig, Beverly, Sphinx, Lion S/L, Tipperary Pup, Cigar Store Indian, Aristocrat TT and Regent Jr T/L. General - John Wax Tower, St Louis to the Front Trench, Bruma, Lincoln P/L, Douglass w/windscreen and Marathon Super Liter. Dave Markey wristwatched@gmail.com or call (989)835-8707



FORE at Vegas, Baby!!!!!!

By Dana Baumgartner

The fifth annual OTLS golf tournament was a lot of fun! We met at 6 a.m. for breakfast on Thursday morning (a tradition prior to departure) at Marilyn's Cafe in the hotel, at which time Guy offered shirts, hats and a fantastic "memory caddy" display.



Guy Nishida
Presenting the Golf Awards

After a few stops and u-turns on the way to the course (of which Guy & Al had visited the day before, but apparently without regard to directions) we arrived at our destination. Richie was there, fully prepared to retain the first place trophy from the previous year's event, and the remaining players were vying to snatch the prestigious award away from him.

However, one small problem arose. Two individuals from the south were asked at check-in if their denims were the attire they would be wearing to play in. It was not permissible, so the decision was... do they buy the \$75 Greg Norman shorts or sit in the bar until the remaining properly dressed golfers returned. At 7:30 in the morning, this was a no-brainer. So, off Richie and I went to the sale rack to acquire the proper attire. (I'm thinking that Richie's white chicken legs might have had an adverse effect on everyone's game.)

My foursome included Tom, Richie & Guy (the latter two both stand on the wrong side of the ball) and the other foursome was Don and Al, and new to the event, Judith's brother David and nephew Mark. The course proved to be quite challenging and in excellent condition. It was beautiful, and as Tom, our naturalist, pointed out, we saw jack rabbits and momma and baby quail (something I don't see in my part of the woods).

To those who have never partaken in the event, it's not merely about who wins or not. It's about the camaraderie we share with lighter collecting and ultimately friendship. I may be a bit partial to the event, since I was the winner; but, for the golfers out there, it should be a consideration for your next OTLS convention. Thanks to Guy for putting this event together and to those who participated for such a fun and memorable experience.



Letter from the Editor,

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Thanks to Guy Nishida who each year plans a great golf outing for members who wish to play. We thank you for all the great golfing gifts you provide to the players as well as the golfing awards.

The OTLS Board met during the convention and has agreed that changes are needed to update the OTLS website, make it more user friendly and make it interactive between all members. We hope to have some of these changes take place by year's end. With the additional help of John Cornelius (who was this year's recipient of the Founder's Award) and Rob Giaretta, our hope is to create a website that will entice more collectors to join.

Have a great summer ya'll!

ANNOUNCEMENT

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE NEW OTLS FACEBOOK PAGE! SINCE IT IS CONNECTED TO MY PERSONAL PAGE (JUDITH SANDERS), IF YOU END UP ON MY PAGE, JUST CLICK ON "GROUPS" AND YOU WILL SEE OTLS. ALTHOUGH YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE OTLS PAGE. JOIN IN AND ADD YOUR COMMENTS!

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