



On The LIGHTER Side

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And Now A Letter From Your Editor *Richard Weinstein*

Due to the large content in this issue covering the OTLS Convention at the Tuscany Hotel in Las Vegas this past June, I will cut short my editorial to make more room. We have lots of great photos and highlights from the convention.

One important item that requires your attention is Judith's letter enclosed. Please read her important messages.

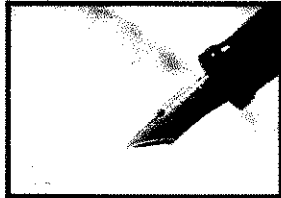
Happy Hunting!
Rich

THE FOUNDERS AWARD

The Founders Award is an Award given each year to someone in the club who has contributed something to the club or to the hobby of collecting lighters. This year we had to do something a little different. Bob Gamboni had to cancel at the last minute due to some problems. So we called him during the dinner to say Hello and to tell him he was the winner of the 2011-2012 Founders Award.

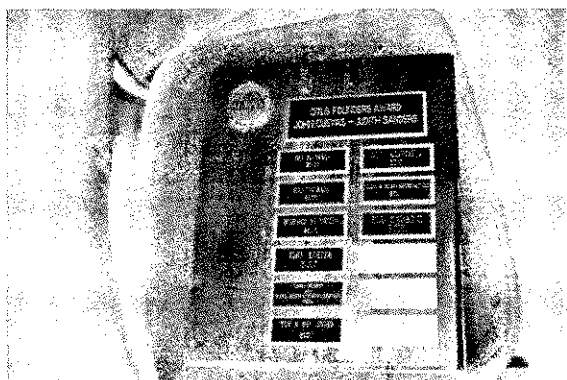
We held the phone up to the microphone so he could say a few words. Later he said he was so surprised that he was almost speechless!

So CONGRATULATIONS to Bob Gamboni.



Founders Award by Bob Gamboni

What a surprise! I did not expect to be given the Founders Award this year, especially when I was not able to attend the Convention. I am very pleased to receive this award and would like to thank Judith and the Board of Directors for the honor. I have found myself wondering why I received this award. My first thought was the award stemmed from the many articles I have written for the Newsletter, which have been judged a nice contribution to the club. However, on further thought, I've come to the conclusion that probably my main contribution to the club has been my bringing lots of lighters to the convention, often two tables full when the convention has been within driving distance. This probably should be recognized as a service to the club, especially when we realize that one of the main reasons people attend the convention is to have a great 'hands on' experience with lighters, and hopefully obtain a few new acquisitions for their collection. This is not to discount another main reason to attend the convention: to socialize with our fellow collectors. I may make a few bucks at the convention selling lighters, but I know many members have been very pleased with their 'finds' at my tables. So, I believe that bringing your lighters to the convention for sale or trade is a real service to the club. One that other club members also make when they do the same. So, who knows, maybe the next person to receive the Founders Award will be another club member who perhaps in addition to other service, hauls lots of lighters to the convention. I can think of some good candidates.

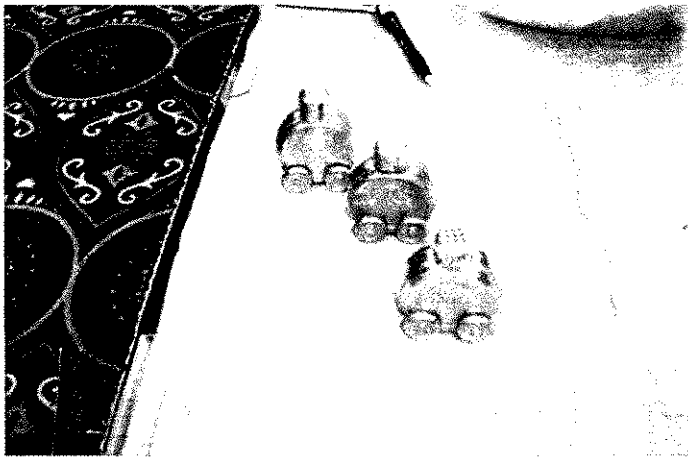


THE MASTIN AWARDS

You may remember we extended the Mastin Awards to include not only an entry at the convention, but also for an article written in the newsletter.

First this year, the entry at the show was for a 3 piece set, which included a salt shaker, pepper shaker & lighter, all marked Souvenir of Germany. While a lot of us have seen this particular lighter, most of us have never seen the 3 piece set. This award went to Bob Beyers. Congratulations Bob!

The second part of this award was for written material in the newsletter. This award was given to Art Brooks for his great articles throughout the year.



7th Annual OTLS Golf Tournament Results



As usual, a splendid time was had by all. The weather was perfect. The temperature couldn't have passed the mid 80's and there was a breeze along with wonderful views of the Strip.

The Rio Secco course was demanding and did swallow balls by the handful. Compared to the comparable cost to sit in front of a slot machine, it was a very small price to pay.

1st Place: Ron Eyerkuss

2nd Place: Tom Jones

3rd Place: Bob Greenberg

Ron received a beautiful trophy, etched by sand-blasting via the artistic skills of Robin and Dana Baumgartner and most generously donated by them as well. Personally, I am satisfied with the results of the tournament. While I may have lost the war, I did manage to win a side bet with Ron. It was like earning my first dollar. It's money that will never be spent. To rub it in publically, I am putting for eagle on the par 5, 17th hole while Ron was off the green hacking away in a futile attempt to avoid a snowman. (Ron, you can stop looking for your ball now, the game is over.) You may rebut next year by authoring the write-up. Til then, I will roast you mercilessly.



Thanks to all who participated. See you next year!

Guy

SOME CONVENTION PHOTOS



Guy & Andrew Nishida, Bob Greenberg & Al Morrison hanging out in the OTLS Suite



Rob doing the accounting for the auction.

OTLS 26TH Annual Convention

Las Vegas, Nevada

By Judith Sanders

June 5

Some people were already arriving. Al Morrison & Bob Greenberg (Judith's friend) went to play golf. Judith met with hotel people to go over last minute details. Guy & Andrew arrived.

June 6

Andrew helped Judith stuff the Welcome Bags while Guy, Al & Bob played golf. There was definitely a lot of golf during this convention!

June 7

Today was the first official day of the convention. Early that morning the golfers were off for their big golf tournament – see details in this issue.

At the business meeting, one of the first surprises from Judith was to offer raffle tickets for the first of one of the limited edition lighters at the business meeting to reward the members who attended the meeting. Art Brooks won the lighter.

The Board announced that a new Director had been chosen to serve on the Board. The new Director is John Cornelius. Congratulations to John on his appointment to the Board of Directors.

We were pleased to welcome Liam Oakley from England back to the convention, after missing it for a couple of years.

The floor was opened to suggestions for the 2013 convention, with several cities being suggested. So that decision will be made later!

Next came registration & the party. We had some great food at the cocktail party this year, thanks for the Directors of OTLS.

We also had an impromptu Birthday Party for Amelia Cornelius, with John having ordered a beautiful birthday cake in the shape of a lighter! We all got to share the birthday cake. I also brought her a Zippo stuffed animal.

After the registration was complete we had an auction of some items donated by Zippo. This was fun!

June 8

The beginning of the displays – lots of running around, trying to buy lighters, trying to see what other people brought, and generally fun for everyone.

There were some great displays this year. Guy Nishida had a great display of old pre-1920 lighters and 1800's fire making devices. Urban Cummings had a lovely table of Ronson items, including one never before seen piece by AMW. Urban is calling this piece AMW 57.

Once again we sold raffle tickets for one of the limited edition lighters. The winner of this raffle was Al Grosskopf!

We also had a second raffle on Sat. and the winner was Ron Eyerluss.

Friday night was one of the few free nights so everyone scattered to go out to dinner. I don't know where everyone went but 9 of us went to Lawry's Restaurant, which was fantastic!

June 9

Displays again today and the public came in to visit. We had a few people bring in lighters to have them appraised. A couple of these people actually sold some of their lighters to members in the room.

Saturday Night:

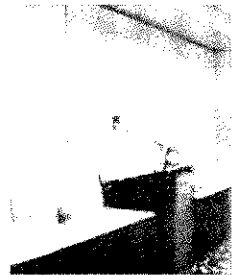
Not only is the dinner nice, and the auction a lot of fun, this is also the time when we give out awards. After the dinner, and awards, we had our annual fundraising auction. Thanks for all of you for your generous donations to this auction. All the funds from this auction go to support the club and/or pay for part of the convention expenses.

We particularly want to thank everyone who helped with the auction – from our Head Auctioneer Richard Weinstein, to Ron Eyerluss & Liam Oakley. Also thanks to Rob Giarretta for creating a new form to total up the auction in just a few minutes! And thanks to Jace Meabon for helping with the auction.

SOME MORE CONVENTION PHOTOS



Guy Nishida trying to sell something to Sonny Armada



Our President, John Cornelius, opening the convention.

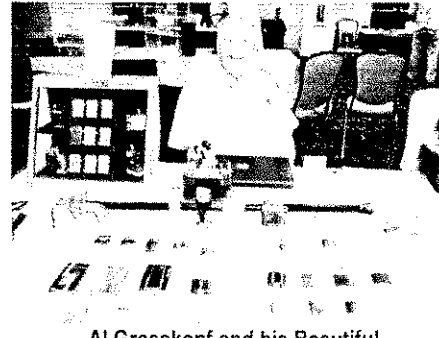
PHOTO GALLERY



Round Table Discussion Lead by Ron



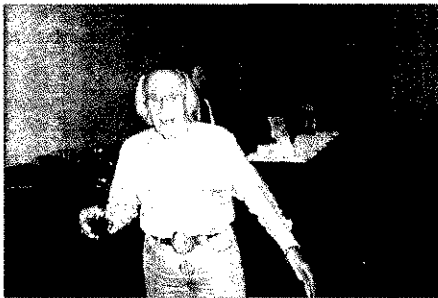
Urban and Art



Al Grosskopf and his Beautiful Thorens Display



Mo, Larry and Curle



Bob and his famous Belt Buckle



Thursday's Business Meeting



Guy and Judith at the Business Meeting



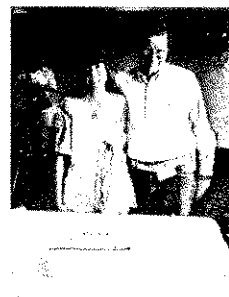
Mark Budovsky a



Queen Bee



Chuck and JoAnn minding the booth



The Birthday Girl and her Hubbie



A Gorgeous Birthday Cake



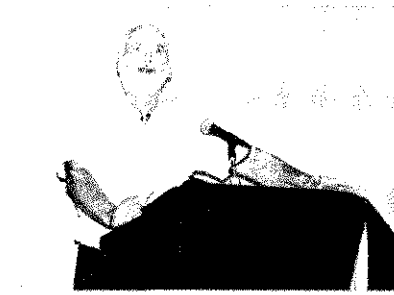
Bob Beyer



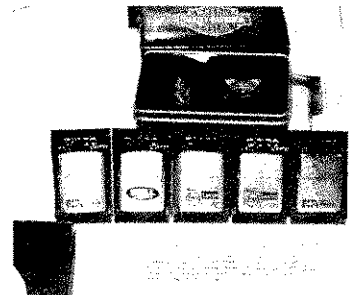
And the first item for auction is!



Our great guest auctioneer Liam Oakley



Ron shocked at the price the lighter brought



A Fine Donation by Hiroshi Ko of Zippo Station



Check-in Table womaned by Peggy, Sue and Debbie



Bob, Al and Joe waiting to be called for dindin



Amelia and Liam at the Cocktail Hour



Art, Jean, Amelia and John summer drink



3 Balding Collectors



-Takashi and Kiyoko Fujii



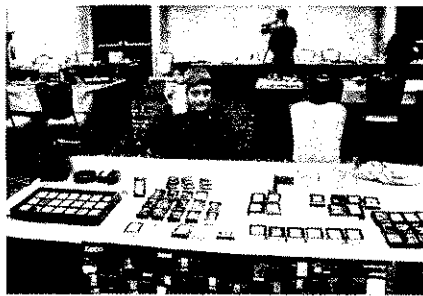
Cheers Vince and George



Liam, Rich and John



his nice selection



Peggy chugging down her Mountain Dew



Bev, Don and Ron discussing Zippos



Tom and John making a deal



Great Scene of Collectors at Work!



Art and Jean Brooks great display



Linda Meabon admiring the Zippo Donations



View of some of the Auction Items



Fanastic Roseart Creation for the 2012 Convention



Can anyone picture this as a Gobbo Striker?



Judith talking at the business meeting



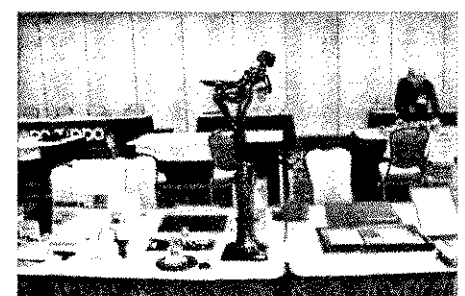
enjoying a



Takashi & Kiyoko Fujii looking for some good lighters



Tom switching around his lighters to make it look like new stuff came out, anyone watching?



Magnificent AMW piece which Urban is calling AMW

IMPORTANT NEWS

My Dear Friends & Fellow Collectors,

At the convention this June, I told the Board that effective Dec. 30 of this year, I am no longer going to work for the club on a day to day basis. I do plan to remain closely involved with the annual convention as I truly enjoy doing this.

It isn't a matter of leaving OTLS, as I intend to continue with my collecting. I would just like to be a regular member for a change and not do the work. Please try to remember I have been doing this job for 28 years! I am confident in the Board's ability to carry on and move the club forward. The Board will need your help with the tasks left by my retirement and I trust some of you will step up and help the Board and the club to continue.

There are many jobs to do and you will see some of them in the list contained in this issue. Many of you already understand some of the work that goes into this club, so please give this a lot of thought. Since all of our current Directors work at a full time job, it is very important that some of you make the decision to help.

It has been my greatest pleasure in seeing this club through, from only a few members to hundreds. It is my wish to see this continue.

*Respectfully submitted,
Judith Sanders
Chairman of the Board*

JOBS LIST

from Judith Sanders

Between now & then, a lot of you are going to have to step up and volunteer for some jobs if you want this club to continue. The first two jobs that are of immediate importance will be the telephone and the post office box. We did find out we could get a free google phone, but someone still has to answer it. But at least if we used a google phone you wouldn't have to give out your number. And the club will pay for a post office box if someone could handle getting the mail.

There are approximately 10 to 15 pieces of mail a week for OTLS. Sometimes the mail is a request for an application, which you can send to them, with a form letter that tells about the club. Sometimes it

is a request from a member to do something, or put an ad in the next paper, etc. You probably would not have to go to the post office every day, maybe every 3rd day? When a New Member app comes in, there are several things you need to do to get them "connected" – there is a list for that and it isn't hard.

Regarding phone calls, there are probably 6 to 10 phone calls a week asking for values of a lighter. If the lighter is very common, I refer them to ebay. If it is a rare or unusual lighter I try to find a member who might talk to them. There are also calls from members wanting one thing or another – probably no more than 5 to 7 a week.

Other jobs include keeping a roster up to date. I think there is probably an easier way to do this if you know the program excel. Currently I am doing it in a word file. Rich does the newsletters. I send new members addresses to Tommy if they want USPS newsletters and emails to Neal if they want email newsletters. Also we have a separate bank account for OTLS, which will need taking care of, and also this account can be used to pay bills.

There are some other jobs to do and I am in the process of trying to make a list of jobs for the Board of Directors. But a lot of you already understand some of the work that goes into this club, so please give this a lot of thought. Since all of our current Directors work at a full time job, it is very important that some of you make the decision to help.

Yesterday as I was looking through old newsletters, it occurred to me that there is one job ANY of you can do. All the years I did the newsletter, and now the years Rich has done the newsletter, one thing always needed is new information. And not just articles but also photos of lighters you have acquired. So for any of you who just aren't up for a bigger job, you can send photos! If you are the one working on a newsletter and you just need one more item to finish the paper – receiving an email or envelope in the mail with a picture can really "make your day". And if you are sitting there thinking 'I don't have an unusual lighter' just read the article I wrote in the March newsletter – those were just photos I found going through old files.

Please contact me for any additional details about any specific job you might be interested in.

The most important point I believe you all need to think about from this announcement, is that if you want OTLS to continue, some of you will have to help!

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE OR TRADE

MAILAUCTION

We will be selling one of the Limited Edition 2012 Convention Lighters by mail auction. The lighter is a No. 169 High Polish Brass Armor Heavy. The same picture is on this lighter as the picture shown on our website & in the May paper. We will be selling "9 Of 10". You can bid by email to otls@suddenlink.net or by calling Judith at (903)763.2795. The deadline for bidding is Aug. 4 at 5:00 P.M. (CST). You can also leave your maximum bid (like an ebay deal) with Judith & she will increase your bid as needed. If you have questions, email or call.

I have the following convention lighters for sale: 2012 - 36; 2011 - 8; 2007 - 2, 2006 - 18, and 1998 - 1. Please let me know if you are interested in any of these lighters. Tom Jones email <tdjones@advertisnet.com> or call (573) 345-4241

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

Wands for most Ronson Touch-Tip & Table Striker Lighters. Also wands for Austrian Striker Lighters. New & exact dimensions. Professionally made by a Machine Shop. Color matched to your lighter to please the most discriminating collector. Available for \$30.00 + \$3.00 shipping. Call George Gynes (OTLS Member) toll free at 1-800-379-3415 or email gamma2002@gmail.com

Selling collection of lighters for my father. Watch lighter, Evans, Zippos, Scriptos, Novelty, etc. Email Teri at tab73156@hotmail.com for list. Buy all at discount. Collection includes 80 plus lighters. (this is a non-member, paid ad)

FOR SALE OR TRADE

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

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

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OTLS Convention Lighters 1991 - 2011, asking \$1000 for all. All MIB w/seals. OBO; 70th Anniversary Lighter in box w/seal \$70; Commemorative 1932 LA, NY, Paris, London, Tokyo in box \$50; 1997 Zippo car & 1998 Zippo Car Limited Collectors Edition lighter MIB with book & Zippo key Chair \$140 (all together); Gold Plated 1921 copy of Ronson Banjo MIB \$120; Zippo Operation Enduring Freedom, limited edition, MIB 24 K gold inlay of each of the armed forces, individually numbered \$120. John & Audrey Kroner email with questions aleekro@yahoo.com or call (360)305-9811 (west coast time).

WANTED:

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

Wanted I am always looking for a couple of Ronson Whirlwind or Adonis lighters in mint condition with light brown enameled sides, and no engraving on them. The color I like best is a sort of butterscotch color. I am also seeking one or two Orlik Sport lighters in mint condition. Michael Stein jasmineandmike@aol.com (See May New Member Page)

WANTED:

Wanted: (Unused) - OTLS 1988 Zippo lighter and/or Barrett-Smythe Alligator Snapping Turtle. Michael Maratea mmaratea@comcast.net or call (281)203-5051

I have a lot of lighters that are either slightly broken, or are lower end lighters which could be used for parts. If anyone wants a box of lighters and will pay me postage I will send you a box. There are also a few good lighters in this bunch that just aren't in the categories I collect now. In particular there are several of the silver (pot metal) MIOJ Table Lighters - these are in good shape. Please call or email Judith otls@suddenlink.net or call (903)763-2795.

Wanted: Unusual European Pocket Lighters, especially from some of the smaller European countries, such as a KABA (1933) or a French MOUCHON LE SPHINX. Call or email Judith Sanders OTLS@suddenlink.net or (903)763-2795

Wanted: Lighters with a mini liquor bottle encased in lucite. These are the ones I have: Glenlivet, Seagram's, Galliano, Gordon Gin, Chivas Regal, Prunelle, Nikka Whiskey, Smirnoff, Johnnie Walker. If you have any other than these, please contact me for sale or trade. Also seeking wooden carved figures with the Imco Triplex lighter inside. Scripto lighters with dates on the image inside. Thanks Guy Nishida btrade@ca.rr.com or call (310)804-4899

Wanted: MIOJ novelty fan lighter. Must be in working order. Contact Greg Ryman. Email me gregryman872@msn.com or call (909) 593-4413

Wanted: Enameled Ronson and Evans Atomizers in excellent to mint condition. Please contact Richard Weinstein by email with photos at info@vintagelighters.com.



Jace Meabon helping with the Sat. auction



Rich auctioning with a great poster on the front of the podium.

THE **zippo** LINK

by Amber Bacha

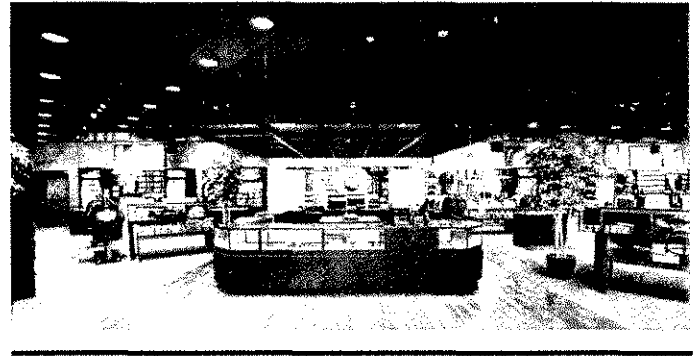
New Look for the Zippo/Case Museum

Nearly 15 years ago the Zippo/Case Museum opened its doors to lighter and knife enthusiast from around the world. This spring the Zippo/Case Museum went through an extreme modernization and face lift.

The 1932 Zippo Drive address is still home to the 15,000 square foot attraction that includes the world famous Zippo Repair Clinic and Zippo/Case Museum. The Zippo/Case Museum continues to carry one of the world's largest varieties of Zippo lighters and Case knives along with an assortment of men's and women's clothing, Zippo bags, Zippo pens and other accessories.

The Zippo/Case Museum refresh consists of new carpeting, new wood flooring, modern display cases and clothing racks, a new visitors lounge, along with brick like wall covering.

This dramatic revision was done as a model for more Zippo Branded stores that will be opening worldwide in the near future



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A SPECIAL THANKS.....

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

Zippo Manufacturing & Linda Meabon

Thanks to our Sales Person at Zippo, Robin Pavone and all the people in the Art Dept. at Zippo for our outstanding Convention Lighters.

Everyone who helped with all the jobs

All the Auctioneers & Helpers at the auction

And all the members who came to the convention.

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



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