

ON THE LIGHTER Side

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You will note on the new Membership Roster we have several new members - WELCOME TO OTLS!! Most of these new members are due also to Anita Gold's columns - THANKS to Anita Gold.

TRIVIA: If any new or old members want their telephone number added to the Roster, please advise your Editor.

Although I try not to include items of a non-lighter basis too often - - just can't resist one note! I was just wondering how our British members liked having American Football come to London? I usually never watch commercials or half-time, but really enjoyed listening to the British accents and seeing a little of the London sights. Although, of course, I wasn't too happy about the outcome of the game - - oh well, guess Jim Gartner was cheering them on to victory!

Your Editor had to go to Kansas City on business one day last month, so called Gene Grosko. I was so pleased he could be by so we could meet, and I could see some of his lighters (See "Spotlight"). He had a couple I turned "green" over! But I'm pleased that I'm getting to meet some of our members in my travels and theirs. I did get a couple of good lighters from Gene in a "trade" - one miniature cast iron tea pot with matching ashtray; a Kansas City Chiefs' lighter; one with a picture of Bob Cummings; and one from Hawaii to add to my "States" shelf.

Haven't had much response to the idea of a convention - does that mean only 5 of us want to have one???

More later.....

Judith

IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....

Gene Grosko has always been interested in good glass and pottery and collectibles. At a Flea Market one day he saw a table lighter in Venetian glass and decided he wanted it. That was the beginning of his lighter collecting.

But Gene doesn't confine his collecting to only glass lighters, as your Editor discovered. As well as being pleased with meeting Gene, I was really excited when he showed up with 2 HUGE boxes and 2 sacks of lighters to "show and tell". We spent a wonderful afternoon looking at lighters, with Gene telling me stories of where he bought many of them.

Gene has many unusual lighters, but to tell about all the ones we looked at would take pages. But on to a few....I was almost in tears (from envy) when I saw Gene's "Cable Car" - - a gold colored metal, looks like a San Francisco Cable Car, about 7" long. This was the first one I had seen! Next came a Chinese Pagoda - this bright colored wooden Pagoda is almost 15" high and comes apart in sections to reveal a lighter, cigarette holder and ashtray in different sections.

If I wasn't overwhelmed by them, next Gene pulled out a train - - and not just any old train. This train is made of wood (painted black) and is approximately 17" long with a lighter in the "smoke stack." And these are just a few he showed me!!

Gene took advantage of his position in the typesetting business and had a card made where he works (See photo below). More and more collectors seem to be doing this - maybe we could create one for OTLS?

Gene said at the moment he is particularly interested in Evans lighters. He feels Evans created some beautiful and unusual lighters.

LIGHTER COLLECTOR

Types: Figural
 . Old Musical
 . Foreign
 . Occ. Japan
 . Sets . etc.

ALL TABLE MODELS ANY EVANS

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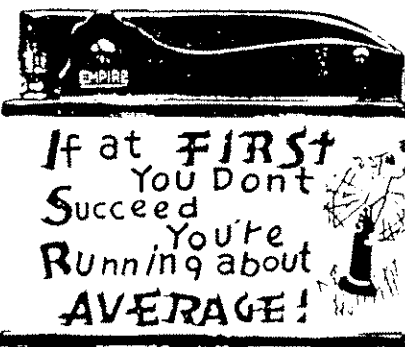
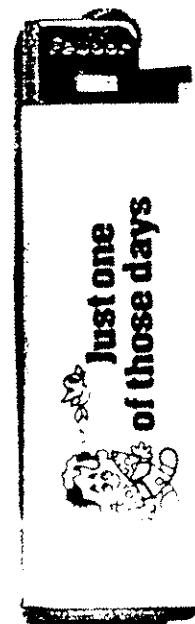
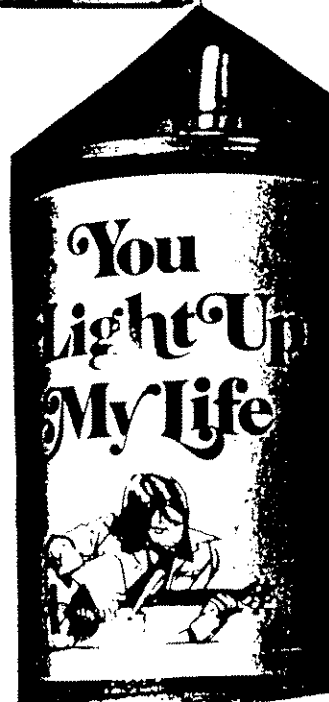
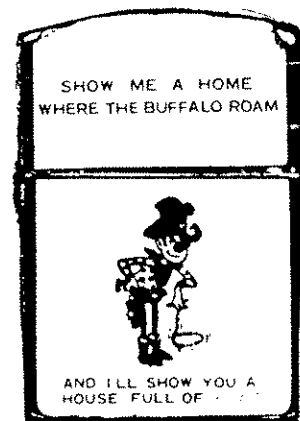
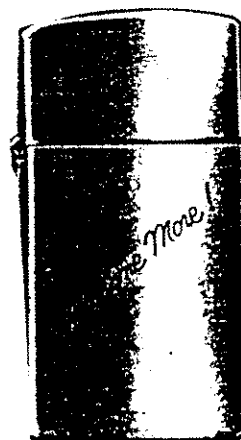
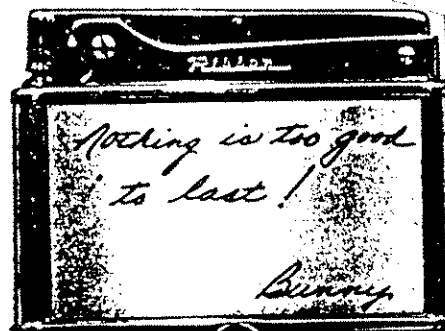
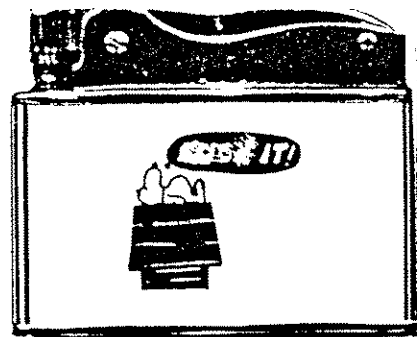
COLLECTORS' CORNER

From time to time, there have been debates among OTLS Members about value of lighters. Also, there hasn't seemed to have been many values set on lighters - possibly as it is a relatively new type of collection. Gene Grosko has now submitted a list of sources for determining values. The sources are as follows: (1) Kovels - 1978-79, 11th Ed.; 1979-80, 12th Ed.; 1980-81, 13th Ed.; 1981-82, 14th Ed. (2) Scroeders - 1984, 1985, 1986. (3) Antique Trader - 1st Ed. 1985. (4) Antique Trader Price Guide Addendum - Dec., 1985 - Vol. XVI - #6, Issue #62. (5) Antique Trader Addendum - Feb., 1985. (6) House of Collectible, 4th Ed. - 1984 Price Guide.

Most of these books can be located in your public library, and if you can't check them out, they will usually xerox the pages for you.

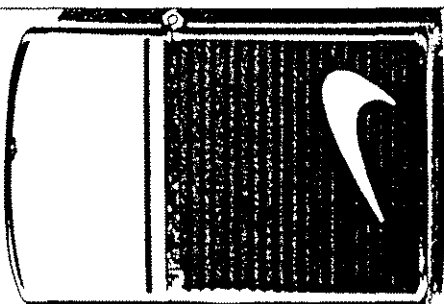
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One category in your Editor's collection, which I find interesting and sometimes funny, is my section with jokes, comments, signatures, etc. on them. Pictured here are a few of these. If any OTLS members have some others in this category, will you please xerox them and send to me to include in another paper. (So as not to offend anyone I have "whited out" a couple of words on two of the lighters - but for those of you with imagination I'm sure you can figure out the message!)

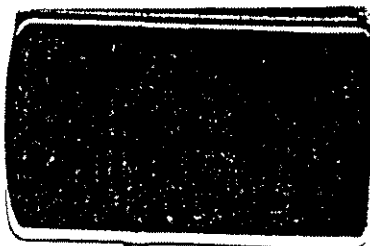


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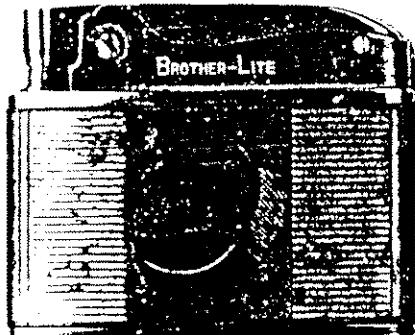
Lamp - Occupied Japan (Bright) Activator is button on base. \$18 - postage include. Leo Turini.



Ronson (silver colored) cigarette case with lighter on one end of case. \$6 plus postage. Judith Sanders.



Will sell any or all of following for \$1 ea., plus postage. Judith Sanders.



Wanted to Buy or Trade

Wanted: "Thorens" pocket lighters, swiss made, or similar lighters where flint is held in place on top of rasp wheel. Jim Lohr

Wanted to Buy or Trade

Wanted: Any ceramic lighter that is marked "Made In Occupied Japan". Will buy or trade. Bob Gee

Interested in Ronson's from the 20's. Eddie Dektor

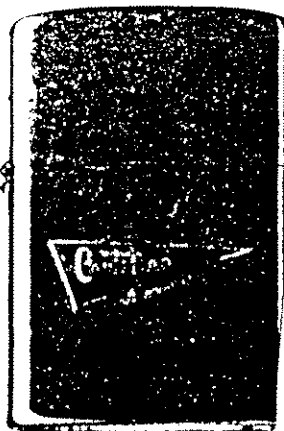
Will trade cigarette lighters for old fountain pens. John Cuevas

Want Dunhill lighters with watches in them. John Cuevas

Wanted: Old Cigarette Lighters. WWI to 1930's or unusual shaped unique working pocket lighters. Jim Lohr

Interested in a 1932 Zippo and a 1943 blk lacquer Zippo. Ira Pilossof

Authentic flint & steel flintlock tinderboxes & other pre-lighter firemaking devices. Warren Gerber



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