

ON THE LIGHTER Side

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ETC., Etc., etc.

After reading the July newsletter, there seems to be a few items which were forgotten, or left out - hopefully these will be covered this month??

First, at the convention it was decided to 'create' a new type membership roster. The new roster will include the type collection each member has - this will enable each of you to see who might be interested in duplicates you want to trade. Under each name it will say "Ronsons", or "Zippos", or "General" (a little of everything). So will each of you send me a postcard telling me the type of collection you have - I know some of you hate to write, but please try to send a postcard!

It was mentioned in the July newsletter the 1991 dues will be increased to \$18. HOWEVER, it was not mentioned - if you are a senior citizen, on a fixed income, please write and the club will arrange a discount for you.

IMPORTANT!!! PLEASE READ! On Sept. 20 your Editor will be going to California, not returning until around Nov. 1. The Post Office will be forwarding my mail so I will be able to answer letters. If you need to call me the number in CA. is 805/523-8553.

Last year it was announced that PHILIP MORRIS MAGAZINE would add our membership to their mailing list. Due to the man who was dealing with OTLS leaving the staff of Philip Morris, some of you were not added to this mailing. Now contact has been made again and hopefully in time for the next issue, your name will be on this list! Philip Morris has also asked permission to print one of your Editor's (many) letters in response to an inquiry they have received. I believe this letter will appear in the Sept. issue.

EFFECTIVE NOV. 3, 1990 THE AREA CODE FOR QUITMAN WILL CHANGE TO 903.

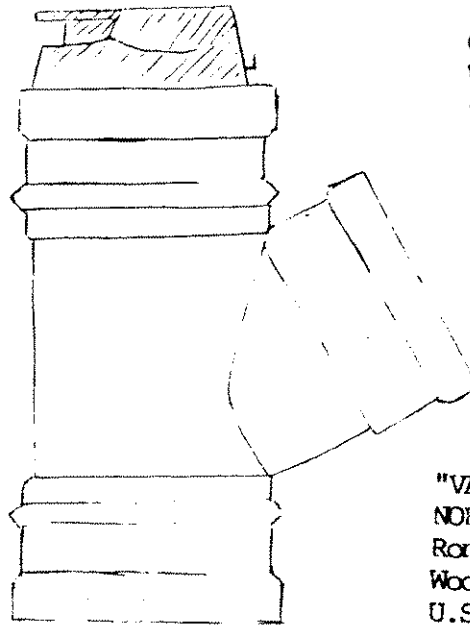
IN THE SPOTLIGHT....

AN UPDATE FROM AUSTRALIA

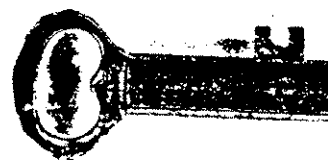
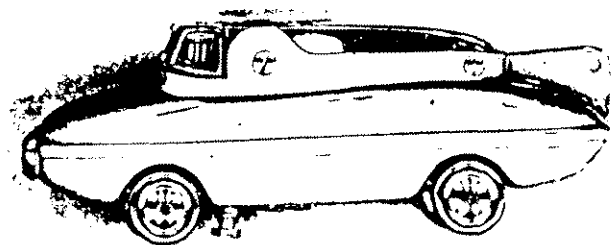
We haven't heard much from Colin Day since he presented us with "DAY LIGHTS" (April, 1987).

At that time Colin already had a very unique collection. He is a collector, primarily, of novelty lighters. So now he has sent us some pictures of a few lighters recently acquired, along with a question on a Ronson lighter.

Ronson 1966?
(Reduced size)
Clear Plastic
Water Pipe
Question: I
can't find out
anything about
it - can anyone
help???



"VARAFLAME
NORSEMAN"
Ronson
Woodbridge, N.J.
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FROM THE PEN OF....

Don & Pat Collier....

We would like to invite any members who are traveling to come by and see us in Wichita.

Ad van Weert.....

To all who made my visit to the OTLS Convention such a wonderful one:

When Boris Rubin informed me about the convention I decided to go with him. What a pity that in the end he could not accompany me. I thank you and his wife Maya for the nice stay in their house with the family.

A bit nervous and a bit excited I arrived in Las Vegas. Excitement yes, but nothing to be nervous about! From the first moment the stay was wonderful & I felt sorry for everybody who missed it. Nice people, nice atmosphere and a lot of interesting lighters. What else can you wish, this is the kind of people I would like to write the book for and what's more, I hope to start it soon.

Also it was a great feeling to find a lot of people who like the idea of a museum so much they spontaneously donated some lighters to the foundation. Thanks a lot: Boris, Judith, Richard, Guy, John, Larry, Tom, Peter, Tracy, Ira and all the others.

I can imagine that American people were a bit upset when they read the book of Bisconcini and discovered how little was written about the United States part of the lighter history, because there is a lot to write about. I don't want to make the same mistake and I will do my utmost but I think I can't do it properly without your help. So please let us do it good!

Last but certainly not least I want to thank Judith for the warm welcome and everything she did for the club as well as for the museum. I am glad to tell her that a nice person (to whom I told the whole story) donated \$50 to OTLS to solve a little bit of the

financial problems.

OTLS keep going and stay happy!!

With best regard,

Ad van Weert

LIGHTER MUSEUM HOLLAND

(Note from OTLS Executive Committee: We want to say THANK YOU to the friend of Ad van Weert for the contribution to our club.

Richard Ball....

Why don't you make your next vacation in England and come see me?

Peter Cavanagh....

It would be helpful when mailing lighters overseas if you would write more than just the word "lighters" on your customs declaration. For instance if you would say "Collector's lighter - no fuel - no commercial value" the Customs Officials in different countries might not open the packages. Often customs will open packages when it just says "lighters" because they think it is a new product which would be taxable.

Also it would be better to understate the value as some countries charges are 50% of the item in duty. If you are trading, you can check the box that says "Gift", which would also be helpful.

PERSONAL NOTES:

ANY MINUTE John & Elizabeth Grawe & Vid & Katherine McClellan are going to have a baby! Watch for upcoming news!

DON'T FORGET!! You can order OTLS Coffee Cups from Lynn & Pearl Baker (from 1990 Convention). Also 1990 Convention Video from Greg Ryman (\$10 each).

WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS! Please note John Beckwith has now joined OTLS! (See March issue) John designed & manufactured lighters during the 1950's - we look forward to hearing from John in future issues!

[COLLECTOR'S CORNER]

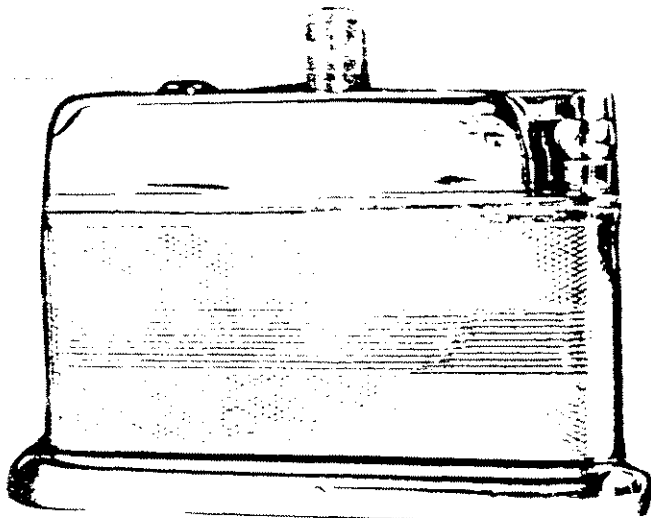
by Judith Sanders

After your collection grows to a certain size, it's always fun to spend a couple of hours looking through the lighters. Sometimes you will spot one you have completely forgotten you have!

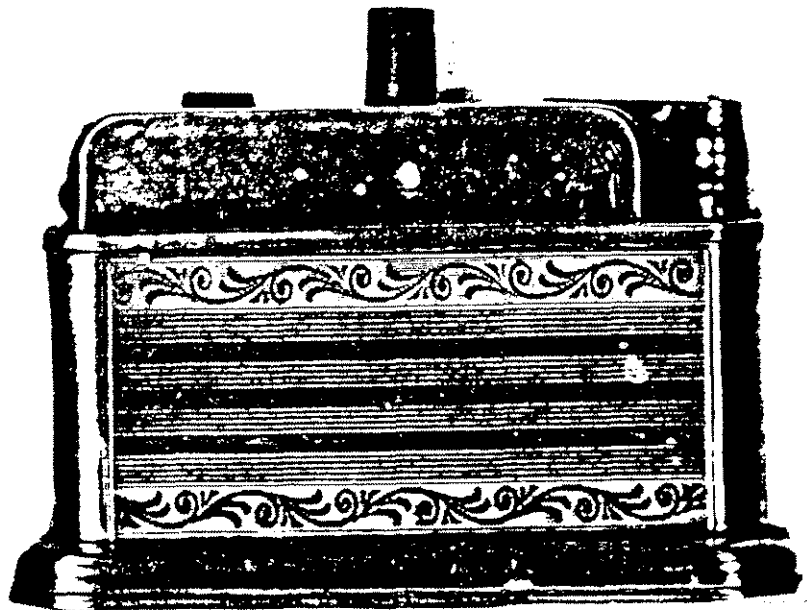
Also members send photos of lighters that show some manufacturers name that looks very familiar. So off I go to look again. Aha! There is a lighter that looks just like a photo I received - but the name is different.

Following are photos of some "inconsistencies"; some lesser known lighters; and as much information about each as is available at present.

Here is a photo received of a (British) BARCLAY Table Lighter. This lighter was made around 1948.

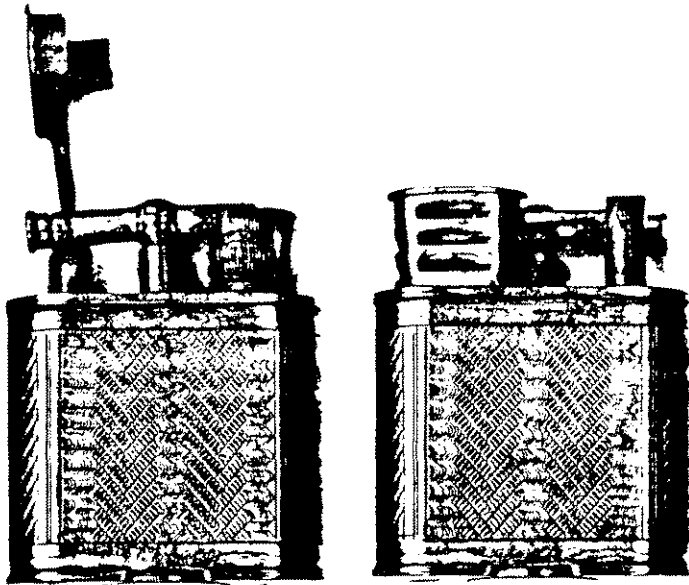


On the other hand, from my collection -- is what appears to be an almost identical table lighter. However, this lighter is marked "BeBe 100 - GERMANY D.R. PATENT". According to Bisconcini, D.R. Patent stands for "German Reich Patent" and would date this lighter between 1919 and 1945. Question: Did a German Company also make British lighters? Or did a British company copy a German lighter? Who manufactured BARCLAY lighters?

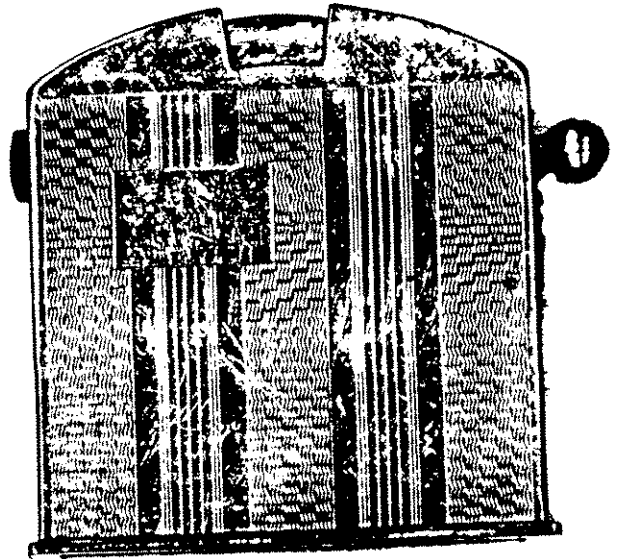


The lighter shown at the top of the next page is marked "SOMETTI (VERONA) IGNIS". Sometti, I am told, is a company which was active in Verona, Italy in the twenties. Note the "double wheel". A Patent for a double wheel was taken out by Sometti in 1927. Question: According to British sources, Dunhill started using the "Twin Wheel" in 1929 or 1930. Did they get this idea from Sometti?

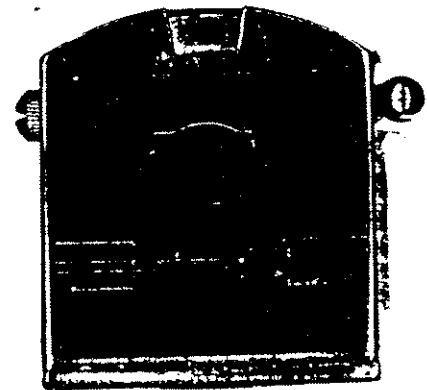
COLLECTORS' CORNER continued...



lighter) is almost exactly like No. 2 (pocket lighter) - both of these evidently being from around 1930. However, No. 3 is from around 1938 and is a little different.



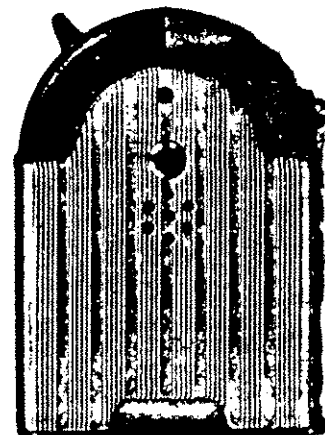
COMMENT: In the United States if a (Design) Patent is issued, you cannot duplicate the product (design). However, this problem may not exist from one country to another? We have frequently seen Japanese "copies" of lighters, but possibly hadn't realized other countries also reproduce, if not copies, similar type products.



One lighter not heard about often is the "Kaschie" (Made in Germany). This company appears to have been active in the early 30's to 1960. One interesting fact about Kaschie is the type mechanism used on these lighters doesn't seem to have been used on any other type? (At least not that this writer has seen!)

According to various sources, the name Kaschie came from the founder of the company, Karl Schieder.

Shown at top right, are some examples of different Kaschie lighters (all from this writer's collection). Note No. 1 (table



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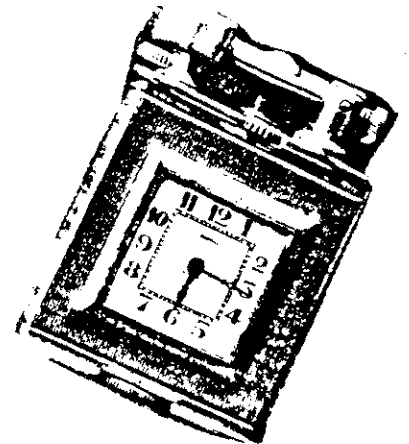
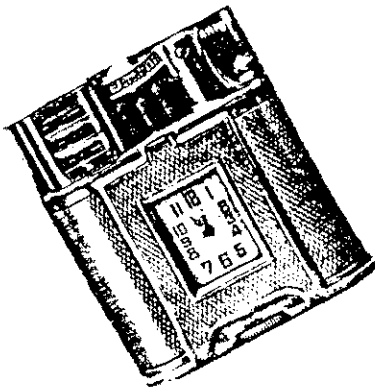
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LOT #2 - Jbelo MONOPOL P/L brought back from Germany at least 15 years ago. Coat of Arms imprint with "Frankfurt a M" printed below imprint. 1 3/4" high - 1 1/2" wide.

Approx. 7/16" wide. A sturdy, petite flint lighter done in silver finish in near mint condition. Min. Bid \$4.75

LOT #3 - 2 Zippo reg. size brush finish: 1981 Zippo w/emblem of Volkswagen attached to front - 1972 Zippo w/emblem of Cadillac attached to front panel. Emblems are metallic & colorful. Lighters show wear, but in good condition. Min. Bid. \$12.

LOT #4 - 2 Zippo reg. size brush finish: 1959 Zippo w/emblem of 101st Airborne Div. attached to front - 1962 Zippo w/emblem of John Deere Co. attached to front. Emblems are metallic & colorful. Lighters show slight wear, but in good condition. Min. Bid. \$12.

LOT #5 - SHROME "gas" lighter. Made in Japan. Tis is a first rate P/L of heavy construction. Shiny silver finish in MINT condition. Front has emblem of a U.S. Infantryman attached. Back has emblem of Sergeant, First Class stripes attached. Min. Bid \$8.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

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For Sale: (1) 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 (see photo in July issue); (2) Dunhill Tinder Pistol Brass & Wood \$70; (3) Ronson Hound Dog Striker type - lighter missing striker wand. Marked 'Art Metal Works' 1935 \$55. Ray Smizer

For Sale: Entire Collection of 125 table lighters & approx. 300 pocket lighters. NOT CHEAP. No bargain hunters please! Will answer all inquiries - call or write. Bob Allen, 7 Southgate Dr., Howell, N.J. 07731 - 201/363-5187 (Former OTLS Member)

WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE

Wanted any Platinum lighter or Gold novelty lighter. Richard Ball.

Want to trade novelty table lighters with anyone interested. Colin Day

Wanted Evans enameled & table lighters - fruits or eggs. Martha Lam (see corrected address page 7!)

Looking for a few good Zippos! Don't have enough to trade yet, but would like to buy your duplicate advertising/logo Zippos. Especially interest 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 to buy or trade miniature lighters with other OTLS Members. David Poore

CORRECTIONS!!!

1. Martha Lam's correct address is: 1959 Emerald Jonesboro, GA 30236 404/471-0308
2. New Address! Ira Pilosoff 7002 Ridge Blvd. Brooklyn, NY 11209 718/921-2516
3. Temporary Address! (Wisconsin is losing a collector & Colorado is gaining one - Jim, let us know when you have a permanent address!!) Jim Lohr 749 S. Lemay A3, Box 272 Ft. Collins, CO 80524
4. Diane's last name was misspelled in July issue: Her last name is Berliner.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

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ANNOUNCEMENT! Bill Jones (of Zippo) has finished the new Zippo Guide. Not only is the book outstanding, this year's book includes a 'tear-out' section to order Zippo's newest model. Please see this "FOUNDER EDITION" below. TO RECEIVE THE NEW ZIPPO GUIDE SEND A STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO THE OTLS OFFICE (Envelope should be 4 1/2 x 6 - please no small envelopes!). Overseas Members: Please note Zippo is unable to mail this lighter overseas, if you would like one please send \$19.95, plus postage to the OTLS Office and your Editor will be happy to order for you.

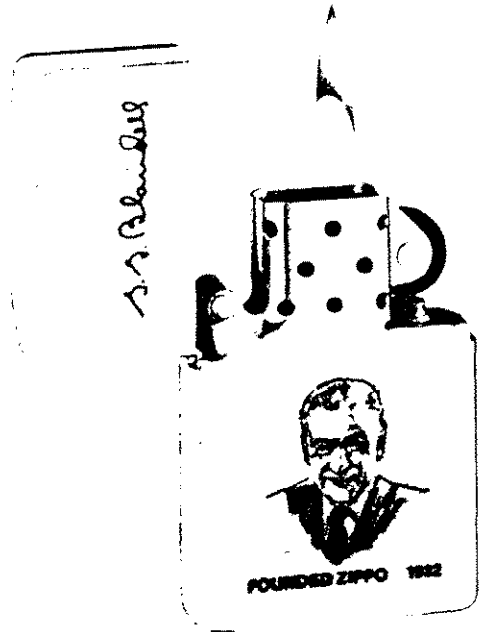
FOUNDER EDITION

In 1932 George G. Blaisdell created and introduced the now famous Zippo Wind-proof Lighter.

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Zippo with diagonal markings
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SORRY KEVIN!!!

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