

ON THE LIGHTER Side

September 15, 1991

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ETC., Etc., etc.

IMPORTANT: Your Editor will be going to Tucson in September to learn/pick up our new Computer. If anyone needs to call, you can reach me at Lynn & Pearl Baker's from Sept. 17 - 29 (602/296-1940).

PLEASE READ PAGE 2 VERY CAREFULLY - LOTS OF IMPORTANT NEWS!

A new Roster is enclosed - if there are mistakes, please advise! ALSO NEW MEMBERS HAVE YOU RECEIVED ALL 1991 NEWSLETTERS?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

"IT'S NOT ENOUGH..."

John Grawe has been a member of OTLS since 1986. Not only has he been a member for a long time, he was the Vice President in 1989 and is presently on the Board of Directors for OTLS. And for those who have also been around for a while, has written many articles for our newsletter.

John and Elizabeth and Baby Brittany (who will be 1 year old on September 19) live in John's old family home. John says the house is full of all his collections.

Asking John to tell about some of his unusual lighters brought forth "I have a Bettini Life Arm Pocket Lighter and haven't seen many of these. I think there was one on the 1991 Convention Video. Also I have an Electric Cannon - Jump Spark Model, which I believe is missing the base. After looking at the photo (to the right) if anyone knows what is missing, please let me know. I have one that is a Prototype - a Ronson Tinder Rope. This is the only one I have seen.

When asked how many lighters he has, John responded "I have no idea how many I have but it's not enough!"

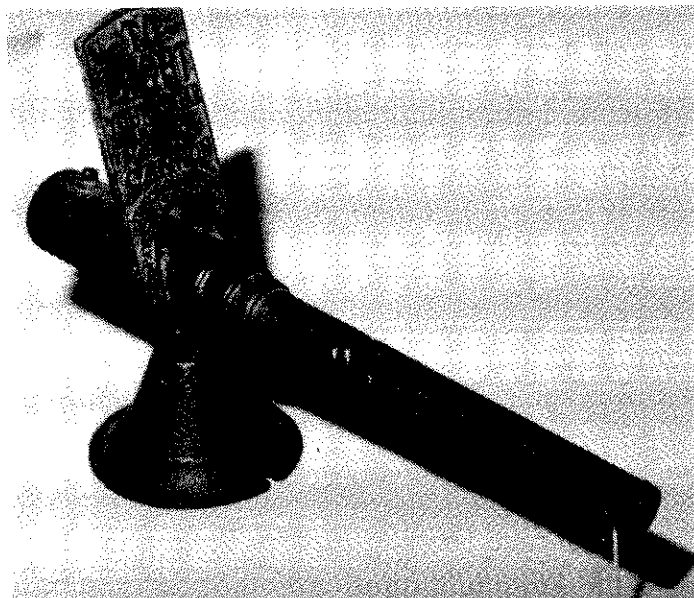
"And" he went on "I collect

every kind - Trench, American Made and Foreign Lift Arms, Electric, Strikers, old alcohol style -- I really don't have one favorite."

John and your Editor were laughing about his "Convention History" - At the 1987 Convention he and Elizabeth were dating - at the 1988 Convention they were married and after the convention went on a honeymoon to Niagara Falls, TAKING PETER CAVANAGH WITH THEM! - at the 1989 Convention Liz stayed home (she won't do that again!). And for their big surprise, at the 1990 Convention they walked in with Liz almost 7 months' pregnant! We were all hoping at the '91 Convention they would come and bring Brittany. But due to schedule conflicts were unable to attend. But John said next year they will come!

John said he recently found an interesting lighter - an OTIS Elgin Craft (Automatic) Pocket Lighter. He said this was made by Elgin American and is just like the OTIS Table Lighter he already had. He wondered how many members had seen one of these?

As advice for newer collectors, John said "I keep all my back issues of the newsletter for reference, also use the conventions & videos to learn more about lighters".



.....Judith Sanders

Y'ALL COME TO ATLANTA
NOV. 8, 9, 10

Some EXCITING news in the Book Department!!! A book has just come on the market entitled Compacts & Smoking Accessories by Roseanne Ettinger. (Thanks to June Berliner & Karen Cairo for calling!) Half of this book is devoted to compacts and the other half to match safes, lighters and old lighter advertising.

Everyone had a great time at the convention and wished we could have another one before Atlantic City. So...whoever would like to come, there will be an informal, unstructured 'GET TOGETHER' in Atlanta on Nov. 8, 9, 10. That weekend coincides with 2 large Antique Markets, each with 1200-1500 dealers from around the country. (Some of you lucky guys know what I have found at these shows).

You can buy this book at two places: (1) For \$23.96 (plus \$2.50 postage) at

Mad Anthony Books, Inc.
702 W. Wayne St.
Maumee, OH 43537
Call: 800/743-5404

I will be available to help folks find the shows as well as other permanent antique malls in the Atlanta Area. I also will host a Cocktail Buffet at my home on Sat. evening.

FOR CHARGE CUSTOMERS
or (2) For \$24.00 (plus \$2.50 postage from: BEN RAPAPORT

11505 Turnbridge Ln
Reston VA 22094

You will need to make your own reservations, but please call if you have questions and do let me know by Oct. 15 if you are coming. If you have questions, etc., please call 404/471-0308 (after 6:00 P.M.).

Guy Nishida has found a few errors in the book & will give us a review in Nov. Despite this, he & I both agree you need to see this book! To my knowledge, THIS IS THE FIRST BOOK PUBLISHED IN THE U.S. ON LIGHTERS!

Following is a list of hotels & prices in the airport area. Airport is centrally located between the two markets and is easily accessible. All hotels listed have free shuttle service to & from airport. As far as transportation to antique markets, perhaps several people can get together & rent a car. Weekend car rentals are from \$17.50 up.

.....Ralph Fink

Just a note to mention the various ads I have placed in OTLS newsletters have been productive. Every ad I have ever placed has brought some response. For example, I have already shipped 6 lighters as a result of my July 15 ad.

THE AIRPORT HILTON (404/767-9000) -
(Bounce Back Weekend Rate) \$69 per night

Listing the various interests of members has been helpful to me because it has helped me contact members who specialize in lighters I have found, but which are unknown to me.

SHERATON AIRPORT (404/768-1501) \$55
single & \$65 double

However, I do have a suggestion. The majority of members list their specialty as "General" which is rather ambiguous. Before the next roster is published, may I suggest that all members be encouraged to be more specific in their specialities. The only way we novices can become more knowledgeable is by knowing who to contact when we find something unusual.

RAMADA AIRPORT (404/768-7800) \$49 per night

HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT NORTH
(404/762-8411)\$59 per night

HOWARD JOHNSON AIRPORT HOTEL - \$44
single & \$48 double

(NOTE: All hotels within 2 blocks of each other, but the Hilton is the newest & nicest)

.....Ben Rapaport

I now have available the following books for sale (in addition to the one mentioned above): Das Feuerzeug (\$7.50 PP) and Geschichte der Feuerzeuge, (\$21.50 PP) - BOTH BOOKS ARE IN GERMAN. (See address above)

[COLLECTORS' CORNER]

THE BENEY SMOKERS OUTFIT

The Beney lighter illustrated probably entered the British Marketplace at the beginning of 1928. Clearly some thought had gone into the marketing. I collect old advertisements for lighters, and have a significant number for Beney. The fact that they are all dated 1928 indicates the company had decided to launch an advertising campaign to promote their lighter. This would have been a far sighted management decision back in the late 20's. All the Beney advertisements that I have were placed in magazines which would have been purchased by the upper middle classes of society at that time.

Whether the campaign was successful I cannot tell, the fact that I have seen no advertisements after 1928 indicates the campaign was either so successful that they never had to advertise again, or the company stopped advertising because they had gone out of business. I suspect that Beney did not last long as I have only seen 5 or 6 of these lighters.

I have owned two, the first in silver plate, and the one I have now, in silver. This silver lighter has a London Hall Mark, which is shown on the main body of the lighter both on the side and on the base, also on the cap (or lid), the snuffer, and even the filler screw and flint screw. The date letter in the hall mark is "n" which means 1928. It is inscribed with a date "Oct 18/29" which I take to mean 18th October 1929.

The illustration fails to show one rather special feature of the Beney. The cap is in two separate parts. In normal usage the lighter would be operated as shown. The snuffer however, is also separately hinged, from within the top of the cap. This provides a wind-proofing facility. With just the snuffer arm lifted the cap provides protection against the wind. Air can still feed the flame through gaps at the base of the sides of the cap, and through the

top of the cap where the snuffer, snuffer arm and snuffer top would be. The base of the lighter is marked "The Beney Lighter, Pat. No. 253570, Made in England". The filler screw contains a spare flint holder.

The Beney Pump Filler that I have is also as illustrated in the advertisement. It is 11 cm high, 6-1/2 cm wide and 2-1/4 cm deep. It is made from brass and is silver plated. The base is marked "The BENEY FILLING PUMP FOR LIGHTERS, MADE IN ENGLAND" together with "Pat. Appl. for - BCM/321". Unscrewing the cap permits the filler tube to spring up. This is attached to a simple pump. Towards the top of the filler tube is a ring pierced on the outer rim with 6 holes. At the centre of the very top of the filler tube is a nozzle, from which petrol will squirt when the filler is depressed. The Beney Pump Filler is used in an upright position. The lighter to be filled is placed with its filler hole against the ring. Pressing the lighter down causes the filler tube on the pump to be depressed. This shoots petrol from the nozzle at the top of the filler into the lighter. Any surplus petrol falls through the holes in the ring, down the side of the filler tube and back into the petrol reservoir.

One nice attention to detail. Remove the filler tube and you will see it is attached to the cylinder which forms part of the pump. Screwed on to the top of the cylinder is a removable rod, holding a very thin wire. This would be used as a probe, to clear the hole at the top of the filler tube, should that hole ever become blocked.

In 1928 this "Smokers Outfit" would be a very pleasant acquisition for a gentleman. And only 21/- each (Note: /- is the old symbol for shilling), that's 21 old shillings or 1.05 in today's money (\$1.80 U.S.). I have to admit I paid a lot more, but then I wasn't around in 1928!

By Richard Ball, Chairman
Lighter Club of Great Britain

(Editor's Note: Richard Ball, individually has been an OTLS Member for some time, but now we also would like to WELCOME - LIGHTER CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN as a Member of OTLS!)

SEE ILLUSTRATION ON PAGE 4

Treat yourself to this SMOKER'S OUTFIT



GIVE yourself, or your friend, a really useful gift. A Beney Smoker's Outfit—a Beney Lighter and Filler.

Made like a scientific instrument.
Sold by West End Stores and the better tobacconists, the Beney Lighter is a one-handed lighter of distinction. Lights at once. Operated by either hand. Hand-fitted and finished. Clean to handle. Protective windshield for outdoor use. Many models to choose from. Prices from 21/-.

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THE BENEY LIGHTER & FILLER

will appeal to all smokers.

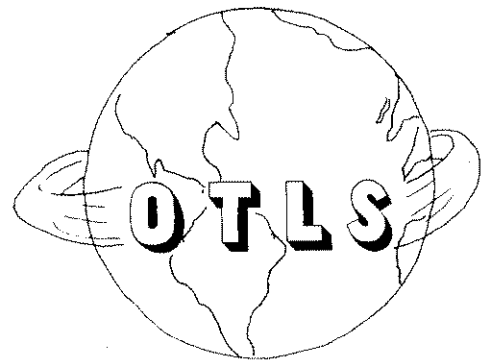
They're just the thing for a gift.

From leading Tobacconists, Stores, Jewellers, etc.

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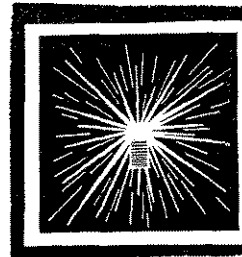


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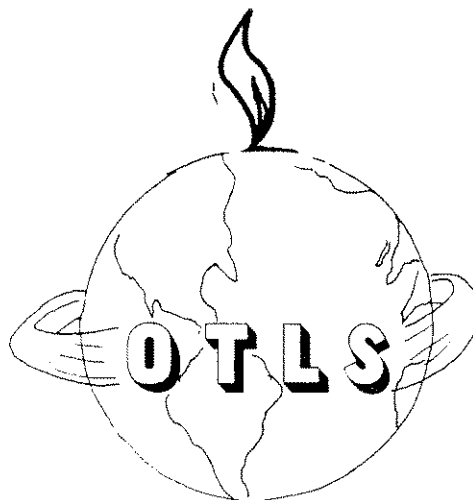
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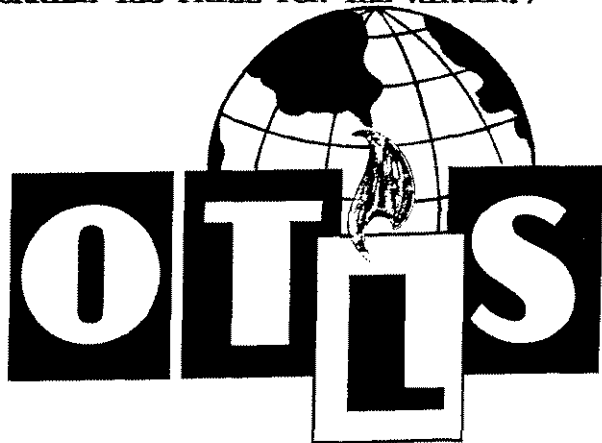


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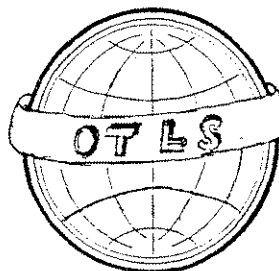
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OTLS HAVE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING 6 ENTRIES, AS FINALISTS IN THE LOGO CONTEST TO PICK A LOGO FOR ON THE LIGHTER SIDE, INC. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOTE ON YOUR CHOICE FOR A LOGO FOR OUR CLUB, PLEASE SEND A POSTCARD WITH YOUR VOTE OF YOUR FAVORITE FROM AMONG THE SIX SHOWN. THE DEADLINE FOR VOTING IS SEPT. 30, 1991. THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE. (THANKS TO LARRY TOLKIN WHO WILL FURNISH THE PRIZE FOR THE WINNER!)



ENTRY NO. 5 - THIS IS A COMBINATION OF TWO ENTRIES - IN THE EVENT THIS ENTRY WINS THERE WILL BE TWO WINNERS.



ENTRY NO. 1 - THE 'FLAME' WILL BE RED WHEN WE CAN USE COLOR.



ENTRY NO. 6

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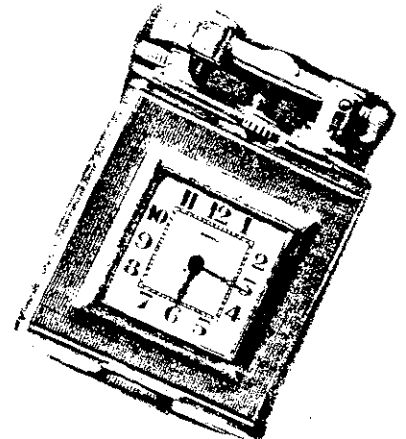
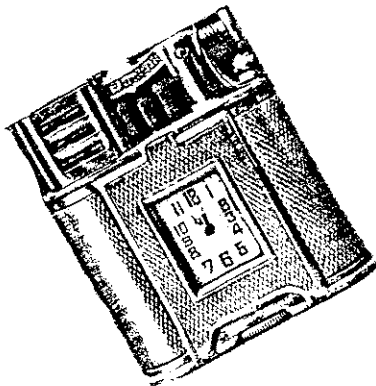
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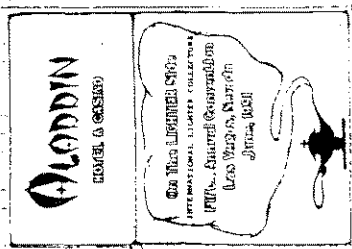
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THERE ARE STILL 1991 CONVENTION LIGHTERS FOR SALE - FOR THE NEWER MEMBERS WHO MAY NOT HAVE SEEN THEM, SEE DRAWING BELOW. THE COST IS \$15 (POSTAGE PAID). PLEASE ORDER FROM LEO & DOT TURINI, P. O. BOX 54, TEMPLE NH 03084. PLEASE HELP ME OUT WITH THIS PROJECT - YOUR EDITOR!

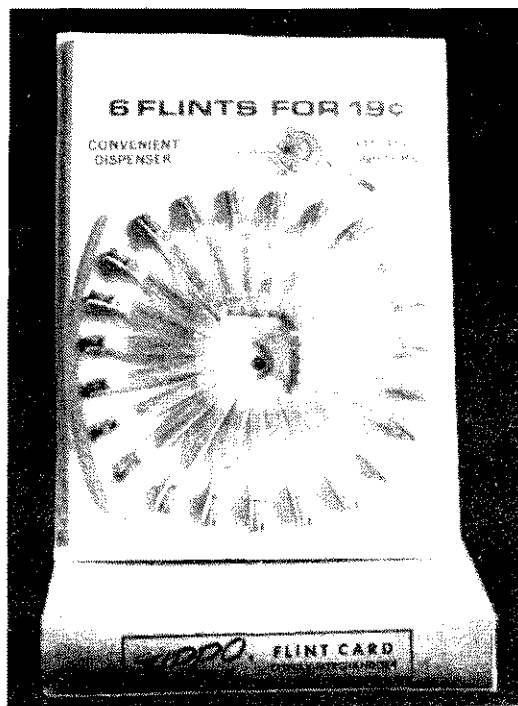


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New MATCH-LITE (\$1.45 ea. (P&H Paid). These are good copies of the "Permanent Match." Striking material can be used to repair other, more valuable 'Striker' lighters (To remove, use a Jeweler's Screwdriver, easing under one end of striking material, tap gently and it will come out). 80 available - black, red or white (or all 3) - see photo below. ALSO selling 'sets' of Nimrod P/Ls - each set will have a 'Commander', 'Executive' & 'Sportsman'. \$29 (postage paid) for a set of the 3. Leo Schwemberger

FOR SALE OR TRADE

MIB ZIPPO Flint Sales Display 24 packs of flints on plastic display stand. Boxes have some oil stain. Found in old service station - only have 10. \$20 each postpaid. Bob Martin (see photo below)

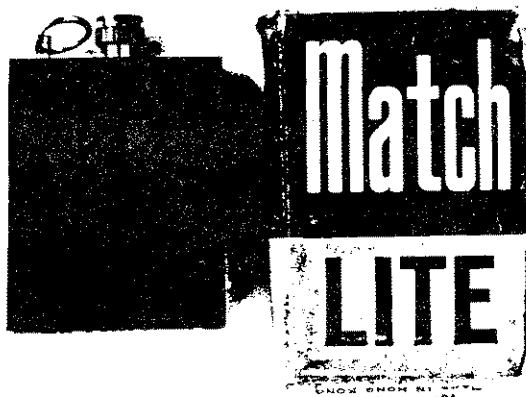


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PERSONAL NOTES:

Kevin (Jr.) and Martha Kelley had a beautiful baby girl, July 8 — Meghan Sheridan Kelley. CONGRATULATIONS Kevin & Martha — and also to GRANDFATHER KEVIN! I think Kevin, Sr. is on the way East to play with the new baby!

Karen Cairo had surgery — she is home and doing FINE!

James & Debbie Foskin got married September 1!

CONGRATULATIONS James & Debbie!

If you are interested in the posters shown on the Convention Video (with all the lighters), you can order one from George Gordon (see new address) for \$55 (postage paid). (These are from George's club, not OTLS)

Have you ordered your Convention Video yet??? THANKS to Vernon & "Mom" McNear for the idea for the intro on the Video!

Sounds like the Turini House is 'Open House' these days! Leo & Dot report they have had visits from John & Audrey Kroner; Ray & Connie Smizer; Mike Katz. Dot also said Kevin (Sr) is coming in another week or so...and maybe Ira Pilosof. Sounds like fun in New Hampshire!

IMPORTANT — FROM GREG RYMAN: If you don't want to order all back issues of the paper — I have created an 'Index' showing what articles are in which newsletter. For a copy of the Index, please send SASB (see Roster for Greg Ryman)

WELCOME (SEE NEW ADDRESS)

- Bruce H. Baker
- L. d. Blackman
- Mike Clark
- Larry A. Clayton
- Steven D. Cline
- Peggy Cournoyer
- Karen Heine
- David Jones
- Dennis Lee
- Arthur Leslie
- Lighter Club of Gt. Britain
- Norm McCormick
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- Ray Smith
- Nick Speranza
- Michael Stevens
- David St. John
- Cecil D. Sweatt
- Shirley Tennant
- William T. Tirrell
- Jonathan Zabohon
- Alex Zaretsky

FOR SALE OR TRADE

WANTED: 1932 and/or 1933 Zippo. If you have 1 or both & would be willing to trade, can I tempt you with a RARE Ronson Striker "I'm Gobbo - The God of Good Luck", which is stamped "Copyright by L.V. Aronson, March, 1909 or maybe my duplicate Ronson Banjo (1926); Magic Pocket Lamp (1889) or Erie Cigar Lighter (1877). We could work out some sort of trade. Also interested in any other Zippo rareties. Peter Cavanagh.

John Beckwith has only 3 of the Horses' head lighters left (see photo below). These are Sterling Silver, recently made from his original molds. \$250 ea. ORDER DIRECT FROM OILS OFFICE.



I have over 330 pocket & table lighters to sell or trade for Zippos. Partial list Evans, Ronson, Storm King, Kreisler & cigarette logos. Please write or call. John Fiola (508/685-0981)

FIGURAL LIGHTERS WANTED

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Ronson Elephant - Tusks are missing, but 'wand' is there. Very good shape. \$65 Leo & Dot Turini

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FOR SALE OR TRADE

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I have a Dunhill Unique - call & make an offer! Also two 'Ticker Tape' lighters Ray Smizer

Have a "Republic Precision Lite" new in box. Box says "This lighter is made of material no longer needed in the war effort." Want to trade for Zippos w/ad logos...NOT FOR SALE. Paige Mayfield 316/763-2297

8 Zippo Advertising in Zippo salesman's case - 7 MINT, 1 used; 3 Dunhill Service Lighters (1 Sterling); 1959 10Kt gold filled Zippo; Ronson Adonis (14Kt gold filled); Ronson Wedgewood (England); Some MIOJ. Mike McCaslin (New Member)

I have 6 New Cond. Rite-point plastic lighters in original metal shipping box w/papers dated 1950. Have FOE Lodge Emblem on them \$15 ea. Also new Evans T/L - gold plated, like Aladdin's Lamp (original box) w/all papers \$25. Also about 300 Zippos including Lady Bradford & Barcroft. Send SASE for list & price. Ken Short

For Sale - Ronsons, Evans, Misc. lighters. Reasonable. Send needs and SASE. Albert Roth

For Sale Only: Evans Travel Case Set \$65; German Loving Cup (Gas) T/L \$55; Evans U.S. Army P/L \$35. Frank Watts.

WANTED

BABY MEGHAN wants a Dunhill Giant & Classic Jumbo - CALL HER GRANDFATHER!

WANTED: Poor Australian needs your unwanted Zippo Lighters to start collection - ANY CONDITION. Please send list and price including surface mail. No lighter to ordinary. Darren Dwyer

Doctor DeLight (Mike Holm) looking for lighters w/'Maps' - old or new

Wanted: Ronson Butane P/Ls. VG-Mint. Also any Ronson "Essex", "Highlighter", "Whirlwind Imperials" P/Ls. Please send list. Jack Williams.

Looking for a lighter case into which a disposable lighter is inserted. I used to have one that was silver w/digital watch in base.

Honorable Lawrence Grey
Judge, Fourth Dist. Ct.
of Appeals
Athens County Courthouse
Athens, OH 45701

(Non-Member ad)

WANTED: Who asked me for the copy of Bisconcini? Judith Case Lighters w/compacts preferred - & some other case lighters. Catherine Stolman (714/981-7168)

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