



# On The LIGHTER Side

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## ETC., Etc., etc.

Well, FINALLY the paper is going to be on time for a change! We will try to be back on track the rest of the year.

**IMPORTANT!** You still have time to vote for next year's convention (please read July paper!). To date we do NOT have enough votes from members! I did forget to say in the July paper - even the people who came to Las Vegas should vote. Deadline for voting is October 1, 1996. Also we could use some more response to Guy's Editorial - if you don't give us feedback, we don't know what decisions you want us to make.

Don't forget when you are scheduling an Area Show, you need to call Dot Turini to put your show dates on the Calendar!

**PLEASE READ!** Ted Ballard has had a good idea! He suggested that during each year we try to sell lighters in the newsletter for the benefit of the club. I believe his idea is to cut down the length of time spent on the auctions at the conventions. This seems like a good idea to me! If any member has a lighter they would like to contribute to OTLS, please send them to the OTLS Office. Each newsletter will have lighters for sale or auction in the Classified Section (will be identified by "For Sale by OTLS") and identifying who contributed the lighters. The funds from the sale of these lighters will be used for various club projects. Please see Classified Ads in this issue.

Please note a new Roster is enclosed. The other one had a lot of mistakes, so we have redone it. **PLEASE** check for mistakes and notify the OTLS Office. This Roster includes the July New Members and September New Members, so throw away everything you were using and use this one.

I forgot to mention in the July newsletter that most of the photos used in that issue were sent to us by Howard Toler. THANKS Howard for taking such great pictures!



### From The Pen Of....

Dear Judith & Staff, Thanks for choosing my piece on Dunhill Lighters for your Award. It's a great surprise and honor. I'm sure this will rekindle my interest to write more & search for lighters. Respectfully, Jody Waselewsky



To Membership of OTLS: I have just received notification that you have graced me with one of the 1995-1996 Estelle Tolkin



Awards for services that I have rendered during the last several years to many of your worldwide members.

I am honored to be considered one of you even though I do not actively participate in a lighter role and do not attend your annual celebrations which, I am told, are spirited and full of camaraderie. I have, however, made ever effort to serve you from afar with a responsive and responsible book service accompanied by discount prices. This has been my specialty for years, and the introduction to all the OTLSers through the mail and telephone has been nothing less than sheer pleasure. So, the feeling is mutual.

I shall continue to support the collecting efforts of the Society in those areas I know best and I hope that you will continue to find what I do acceptable.

Note, however, that OTLS would not know me if it weren't for the hard and continuous work of Judith Sanders, who introduced herself to me several years ago. It is she who deserves an award for hard work, dedication, and commitment. I have known that she is a workaholic, a believer in OTLS, and someone who deserves every bit of praise you can heap on her. If you feel that Antiquarian Tobacciana should be recognized for its good works, then it is Judith who should receive this accolade.

I accept the award graciously and thank each and every one who considered me worthy of such an accolade.

Yours in respect, Ben Rapaport

**HELP!** One of our recent lighters finds is a barrel shaped lighter. The barrel is identical to that in Figure 270 of the Ronson book (w/brown staves and steel covered bands). However, this one is a strike lighter winder the wand having the "patented shape" (including same Pat. number) as described by Mr. Cummings on page 15. The head of the wand is chrome plated. On the lighter is a red, oval-shaped decal. It has 3 lines that read as follows (from top to bottom): 1934 A.M.W. Art Metal Works.

Being that there are no other identifying marks on the lighter and the fact the label on the bottom is a decal we must wonder if it is really an early Ronson or a cleverly perpetrated impostor. Not being well versed in strike lighter lore we are hoping OTLS, or any of its members can help shed some, ahem, light, on this find.

The lighter is in excellent condition but the wand has separated from the pin that guides the wick. If it is real we would like to see about having the wand professionally repaired. Any suggestions on this? Thanks in advance for any help on this.

Paul & Deborah Van Cott



From the Pen Of continued....

I took some pictures at the Zippo show. This shot shows my twins, Michael (long hair) & Brandon (short hair). They will turn 8 in September. I'm grooming the boys to be lighter collectors, however, they don't need much encouragement from me. They enjoy Zippos and figurals commemorating sports & firearms and other weapons.  
Sincerely, Steven Stolar

(Editorial Note: This huge Zippo is actually one of the street lights for the new Zippo/Case Museum, which was used for a Welcome Sign for the Swap Meet.)



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### CONVENTION '96

Lighters to the left, lighters to the right  
Everyone known right there in plain sight.  
There were some mint, a few scratched, some worn  
Many from years before you were born.  
Bright and shiny, large and small  
An ancient instrument filling the hall.  
But the nicest of all the bright things to share  
Were the smiles and fellowship members found there.  
This was our first and we had a ball  
Next time is New Orleans - See y'all.  
Submitted with all due humility,  
Ken & Bev Wood

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## [ COLLECTORS' CORNER ]

### BASEBALL ANYONE?

by Catherine Stolman

Ronson collectors are familiar with the chunky little figure of a baseball player strike lighter (see photo in July, '96 OTLS). Urban Cummings' Ronson book calls it "...a caricature nicknamed Babe Ruth by collectors" copyright was obtained in 1913 and it's first production date was circa 1920.



Honus Wager sculpture by Frank Vittor.

A dealer in baseball memorabilia had the lighter on his desk for many years. "Babe Ruth? No I think this is Honus Wagner" he said. My husband, Mannie, an avid baseball fan and a scientist, had to be certain. So, off we went to the public library in search of evidence. We had to find proof of who inspired the figure of this almost grotesque and not the least bit athletic appearing athlete of a lighter.

The dates were suspicious. "Babe" George Herman Ruth was born in 1895 and reached the peak of his career in the mid to late 1920's. He was not so famous before 1920. Also, Babe Ruth was left handed, whereas the lighter carries the bat on his right shoulder.

A mistake? Not likely! We believe Ronson management consisted of baseball fans; they even had a team of their own (see page 26 of the Ronson Book). We assume the managers would not have approved an obvious error in design.

"Honus" John Peter Hans Wagner was the idol of early 1900's baseball. Born in 1874 in Carnegie Pa., he played baseball with his 4 brothers. By the age of 12 he followed his father to the coal mines and later worked in steel mills. By 1895 when Babe Ruth was born, Wagner was already a professional baseball player. It is said that he never batted below .300. After several years with the Louisville Colonels, he had a distinguished career with the Pittsburgh Pirates 1900-1917. He led the National League in batting average eight times and won successive titles 1906-1909. He paced the NL four times in RBIs, led the NL in hits, runs, stolen bases, etc.

Held in high regard, Wagner inspired poems, music, paintings and sculpture. In the year of his death (1955) his 9' tall statue by Frank Vittor was erected at the Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh.

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## COLLECTORS' CORNER continued...

Wagner biographer writes: "Bow legged and hamhanded...granite hard...a monument of solidity... He looked like a steelworker or a stonemason and was a working man's idol of a ballplayer at a time when America was a nation of tradesmen and laborers..."

In spite of his physical attributes; a 5'11" frame, 200 lbs, thick chest, huge shoulders, bowed legs, Honus had amazing speed and grace. Hence the nickname "The Flying Dutchman."

Unable to obtain a photo, we copied pictures of paintings and his statue from books. Indeed, the stubby little Ronson figure with its sharp features, bony anatomy and exaggerated stocky build bears a resemblance to Honus Wagner. This right handed, thick muscled hero of baseball lore may well have served as model for the Ronson strike lighter!

Search for Honus Wagner photo led us to Christie's East where a rare Honus Wagner baseball card will be auctioned on Sept. 21, 1996. Sold in 1991 to Wayne Gretzky for \$451,000, it changed hands several times since then. The card is one of few survivors after Wagner requested withdrawal of his cards from cigarette packs.

Pre-auction estimates for the card run \$400,000 to \$600,000.

I don't think I'll bid in that auction! I will just salute our little strike lighter, in memory of The Flying Dutchman and pay tribute to all Old Baseball Enthusiasts.

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## EVANS AND THE 1955 DODGE LA FEMME

by Ted Ballard  
National Lighter Museum

In January 1955, Dodge introduced the La Femme concept, a Custom Royal Lancer Hardtop, pink in color with Heather Rose/Sapphire & White interior. It included a shoulder bag in soft rose leather with a compact, lipstick, comb, coin purse, cigarette case and lighter, fitted in a special compartment behind the passenger seat. Also a rain cape, hat, umbrella and sleeve in a compartment behind the drivers seat. The color was pink rosebuds woven into a pale silvery pink background. These were apparently made or furnished by Evans. The Dodge La Femme continued thru 1956.

We are looking for any of the accessories including the vanity case. If you have any Evans items with pink leather that could be part of these accessories, please call. Or if you have any questions, call us.

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## A LITTLE PIECE OF ZIPPO HISTORY

by Judith Sanders

At the Zippo/Case Swap Meet this year, I saw a lot of interesting lighters. But one lighter I bought had a great story to go with it, so I thought I would share it with you.



A lady stopped by my table and said she had one lighter to sell. She was a former Zippo employee, having worked in the Art Department. She said when Zippo first came out with the "ultralite chips" the Art Department wanted to experiment with different types of paint on the surface. The lighter featured here was one experiment with paint. The ultralite chip is white and the 'handprints & words' are brown (1985).

There were only 5 of this particular lighter made! And now I have one!

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## THE Zippo LINK

Contributed by Pat Grandy

### Revised Hinge Has Lighter "Feel"

The topic of this edition of *The Zippo Link* is about an important Zippo link, the lighter hinge.

As part of our continuing effort to produce the finest liquid-fueled lighter in the world, Zippo has improved the method of attaching the hinge. Ironically, the change has caused some people familiar with the old feel of the case hinge to send their new lighters to Zippo for repair. Formerly, the case of a new Zippo had a stiff feel that gradually eased with use. The new design gives the hinge the same feel as a broken-in Zippo.

Zippo President Mike Schuler remarked, "Actually, we're rather pleased that many Zippo collectors have noticed the difference. It tells us that there are a lot of loyal customers out there who even know the Zippo lighter feel. We value them because they're the folks who have made the Zippo lighter so successful for so many years."

The new, relaxed feel of the case lid is due to an improvement in the way the hinge pin is secured. Joel Silvey, Vice President of Operations, explained, "Formerly, a punch was used to secure the pin in the center of the hinge. If you examine a Zippo lighter manufactured before 1996, you will see a small dimple in the center of the hinge on the inside at the top. This 'center stroke' method caused a slight bend in the hinge and the case that made the hinge a bit stiff. Over time, the center stroke caused wear on the pin, with the result

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## THE ZIPPO LINK continued...

that some pins broke or fell out, requiring repair. Broken hinges are the most common repair requested for Zippo lighters."

The center stroke method also required extra handwork on new lighters before they could be shipped. The "fit-up" process involves adjusting each case by hand for proper fit. The new method substantially reduces the amount of adjustment needed.

In reference to the new method, Silvey pointed out, "If you open the case of a Zippo lighter with the new hinge design, you will see a crimp on each end of the hinge. The new 'double crimp' method secures the hinge without creating wear on the pin. The result is a stronger hinge pin that will give more years of service. The 'broken-in' fit of the case lid is just a by-product of the change."

Zippo is returning the new lighters with a note of explanation, and has alerted Zippo retailers to the change. "Eventually," Silvey noted, "everyone will be used to the new feel of a new Zippo, and understand that it's an improvement. Nothing else has changed, not even the Zippo click."

The hinge change adds a new distinguishing dimension for Zippo collectors.

**1996 SWAP MEET.** Zippo would like to thank all the collectors who came to this year's Swap Meet. We enjoyed having everyone in Bradford and appreciate all the positive comments we have received about the weekend. If you haven't returned your collector's survey, please send it to us. We value collectors' input! Also the 1996 Swap Meet Video should be completed in late September. If you have sent an order to us, we will ship it as soon as the video is finished.

Finally, for those interested in the '97 Swap Meet, the dates are July 17, 18 & 19. We hope to see you for a great Swap Meet and the Grand Opening of our new Zippo/Case Museum.



## L-I-G-H-T-S

By Larry Tolkin

This issue of *LIGHTS* will feature 3 lighters that have been gaining in popularity. Their value has also steadily increased over the last few years. Make sure to add them to your collection while they are still affordable.

Ronson Adonis 1/10 14Kt Gold Filled - The Adonis model was one of the most popular Ronson lighters. We have all seen numerous designs and finishes and think they are all quite common. However, the Gold Fill version is difficult to locate and missing from many Ronson collections. As shown in a 1958 catalogue, they retailed for \$35.00. That was \$10 more than the sterling model and about \$25.00 more than the chrome and leather models. Along with the solid gold and sterling versions, each

Gold-Fill is individually numbered. The Gold-Filled also comes in an alligator wrap model. As many collectors didn't know about this version, they could easily be passed by (even in a junk box for a few dollars). In all my years as a collector, I've only seen about four. Make sure to go through your collection and see if you own one. Otherwise, be sure to locate one as soon as possible. Below is my current price guide:

	<u>GOOD CONDITION</u>	<u>MINT</u>
Adonis Engine Turned 1/10 14 Kt Gold Fill	40 - 60	65 - 80
Adonis 1/10 14 Kt Gold Fill Alligator Wrap	50 - 70	75 - 100

Marathon Lift-Arm - This classic Lift-Arm lighter was manufactured in the late 1920's thru the early 1930's. They came in many chrome, leather and enamel paint finishes. Some also included a windscreen (very imposing & impressive style) and many came with matching cigarette cases. There is also a version called the "Super-Liter" which has a small Flint bar and a press-up lever to expose the wick. This model is very rare and much sought after. Many of the Lift-Arm designs are Art-Deco inspired making them very desirable. Be watchful when buying these early Marathons as many have lost their leather wraps or the paint has chipped or cracked. Try to buy them in good condition and use the price guide for reference:

<u>MARATHON LIFT-ARM</u>	<u>GOOD CONDITION</u>	<u>WITH WINDSCREEN GOOD CONDITION</u>
Engine Turned Chrome	75 - 100	125 - 175
Leather	100 - 125	150 - 200
Enamel Paint 1-2 color	150 - 175	200 - 300

<u>MARATHON SUPER-LITER</u>	<u>GOOD CONDITION</u>	<u>WITH WINDSCREEN GOOD CONDITION</u>
Chrome	100 - 150	----
Leather	150 - 200	----
Enamel plaque	175 - 250	----

Prices for mint condition would be 20 - 40% higher. Mint examples are extremely rare.

Colby Lighter - This uniquely designed model has a very interesting mechanism where you push a long bar on the top and it pops open a little door exposing the wick. The Colby Lighter Corp. was backed by the famous singer Bing Crosby. It was available in mostly plain or engine turned chrome, but also came in sterling as well as a table version (push 2 sides in to operate). It's "little door" feature has made the Colby a very hot item. Most new collectors are very happy when they acquire one. Make sure your collection has one too!

	<u>GOOD CONDITION</u>	<u>MINT</u>
Colby - Plain	75 - 100	100 - 125
Engine Turned	100 - 125	125 - 150
Sterling	150 - 200	200 - 300
Table (different finishes)	150 - 250	250 - 350

Remember! For a free appraisal or estimate, send photo & SASE to Larry Tolkin, 1520 York Ave., NY, NY 10028.

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## Meet the Members by John Elster

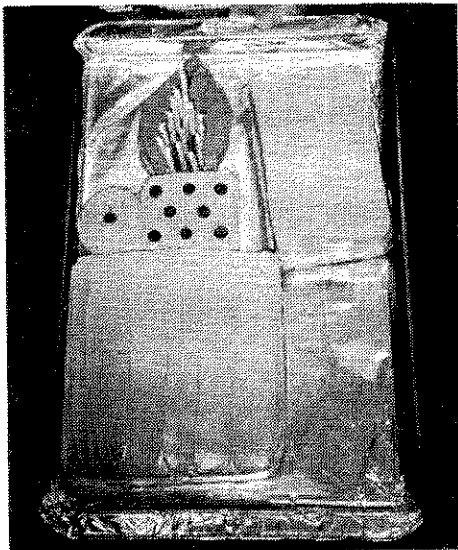
Clinton? Dole? Perot? Most of us have made up our mind by now and are just waiting to cast our vote this November. D.J. Anderson may have an opinion of who he would like to see win, but he won't be able to cast his vote this year. You see-D.J. is just seventeen years old.

D.J. and his dad found themselves going to Antique malls and Flea Markets with his mother helping her in her quest to find Campbell's Soup memorabilia. One day they decided that they needed something to collect. Lighters was their choice. His dad chose to specialize in pocket lighters and D.J. chose to specialize in table lighters-that was four years ago. Today D.J. has 270 lighters in his collection.

He keeps a detailed description of each one on his computer. He finds most of his lighters at garage sales, Antique malls and Flea Markets. (and two swap-meets in Columbus, Ohio)

D.J. typically buys only for his collection, but he currently has two lighter for sale. A Zippo handilite advertising, Ralph C. Williams Inc. (picturing a telephone) and a butane Dunhill (plate 211 in Flanagan's 2nd book). He likes to buy interesting lighters at good prices. One of his best finds was a Zippo Moderne for \$3.00

D.J. stays very busy. He is a Student Council President and President of the Thespian club at his school. When I spoke with him, he and his parents had just returned from touring colleges in New England. Not just any Colleges, but the Yale, Harvard, and Princeton type. Way to go D.J.! Be sure to let us know where you end up next year. And oh yeah--in the year 2000 you will be able to cast your vote-- and have your first beer (legally). (D.J.'s mom made this cake for his 16th birthday-pretty neat!)



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## THE BOOK CORNER by Ben Rapaport

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PUBLICATION

*Tobacco and Its Use: A Bibliography of Periodical Literature, Essays, Short Stories, Poems, Theses and Dissertations, Chapters in Books, Book Reviews, Quotations and Comparable Sources, with an Extensive Table of Contents and Finding Aid, and An Index to Topical Categories*, by Eugene Umberger, Jr.

Have you seen this? This is a small-press limited edition book of every conceivable article in print and, of course, lighters and early lighting devices are cited therein. This is Gene's second (expanded) volume and I will be selling it for \$26.95 + \$3 P&H (U.S.); \$26.95 + \$3 surface, \$6 airmail (Canada); Overseas \$26.95 plus \$4 surface, \$13 airmail. It is a solid reference work, well-researched and deserving of being noted by the OTLS'ers.

I have another supply of *Legend of the Lighter* by Ad Van Weert available now. \$32.50 + \$4.50 S&H (U.S.)

To my knowledge, there are only 12 copies of the book by Rita Bucheit *Geschichte der Feuerzeuge* left anywhere and I have them (all in German, but great pictures, including one full page of Imco's year by year). This is a small, soft cover. Cost is \$20 + \$1.50 P & H (U.S.)

Due for fall release - *The Guide to the Museum of Tobacco, Art & History* by Ben Rapaport. Will be available in soft & hard cover editions. To get on the list for this book, contact me (Ben Rapaport).

(Editor's Note) We have now been notified by Photo Press that *Zippo Manual No. 4* will arrived in the United States some time in October. You may continue to order this volume for an Oct. arrival.

## Fuel For The Fire

Dear Fuel for the Fire, I go to Flea Markets, Garage sales and Antique shows all the time and have a question for you. I am not sure that if an extremely unusual lighter stared me in the face I would know to buy it. Please tell me a few of the "Unusual or lesser known" lighters so I will be prepared the next time I come across one. Thank you. Henry Breen, Frederick, Maryland.

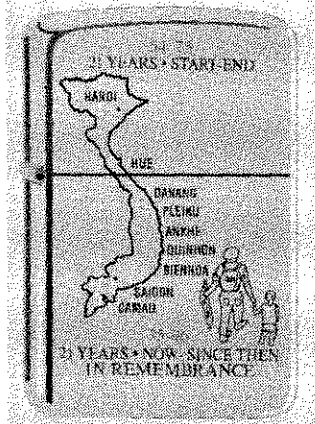
Dear Henry, First of all I would suggest you examine closely any lighters you come across, and I will explain why. An early S.T. Dupont lighter from the 1940's does not look that different from a modern one. Of course, if you should open it up and see a "wick," rather than a "Gas valve" you will realize then that you have found something special

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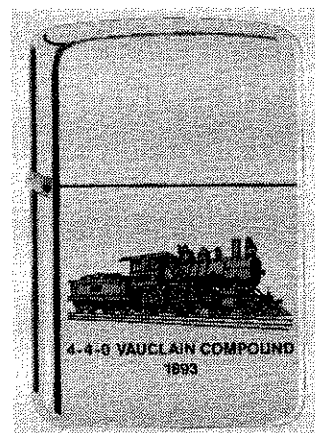
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Contact Tom Sica (215)755-2323, or via Smoke Shop on Compuserve. See mailing address on OTLS Member List

**ESTATE SALE**


I am now ready to sell the table & novelty lighters from my Father's collection (Charles Stapert). These include MIOJ, Ronsn, Zippo, Evans, Swank, a well as a lot of Novelty lighters. For a complete inventory, send stamped, self addressed envelope & \$2.00 to cover copying. I will begin sending out the list approximately Oct. 1, 1996.

John Stapert  
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(201)827-5829

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**

**LIGHTERS FOR SALE BY OTLS**

1. MIOJ Chrome Swan \$50 + 1 P & H - good condition (Contributed by Alan Larrabure)
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Wanted: Ronson Touch Tip Wick & Claw - screw on model. William Tillman, P O Box 575G, Cleveland OH 44101-0756 (216)575-2474 (Non-member ad)

**COMING ATTRACTIONS!**

You are cordially invited to the  
**Forth Northeast Area Lighter Show**  
Sunday, October 20, 1996  
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Ramada Hotel at Newark Airport  
Ask for Special Room Rates  
Registration Fee \$40 includes 1 Table  
\$5 Admission to the Public  
For Information Please Contact

Larry Tolkin, 1520 York Ave., NY NY 10028 (212)734-8854 (eves)  
Please Note: This show comes one day after the "Atlantique City" Show featuring 1200 dealers. About 1/2 hour drive from our show. Hope to see you in Newark!

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**COMING ATTRACTIONS CONT...**

**ATLANTIQUE CITY**  
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Saturday, Oct. 19 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 20 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



**Fourth Annual Convention**  
**Club Italia L'Accendino**  
Sunday, October 27, 1996  
For Details Contact  
**Umberto de Concilio**

(Editorial Note: Since the notice I received from Umberto was in Italian, for additional details get in touch with him - I could only translate these details - sorry Umberto!)



**Welcome New Members!**

- Michael L. Bieber
- Donald Clinton
- Gil & Dawn Cozine
- Larry Daigneault
- Patty Downing
- Andy Garland
- Dick & Cindy Gaskill
- Sue John
- Arthur Karatka
- David & Susan Karlik
- Jeff & Joni Kleyla
- Akihisa Kosek
- Bernard & Antonet Lange
- Regina & Melvin Lerer
- George & Sonja Missita
- Dan & Sue Piirainen
- Monty Philips
- Carole & Michael Potzmann
- Robert Roe
- Benny & Amy Rose
- Paul Seehase
- Roger & Lynda Smith
- Jerald G. Snyder
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- Arlene Spencer
- Howard & Sandy Tatro
- Ron Turner
- Nevin & Alicia Williams

Welcome Back:  
Robert & Regina Stowe

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**

1937 Scotties Zippo for sale. All original with 100% red color. In excellent condition. A proud addition to any collection. Satisfaction is unconditionally guaranteed. Price reduced to \$1,500. Roger Foley

Andover Antique Coop, 59 N. Main St., Andover, MA always has on hand a nice selection of lighters. No mail orders so drop in. Open 10 till 5 every day, closed Mndays but open till 8 on Thurs. (508)475-4242

OTLS Drunk - only 100 made \$60; 1969 Moon Landing Mint \$145; Lady Bradford Ex. Cond. \$175; 1978 Donkey & 1977 Elephant MIB \$350; Call for availability. Mel Muntzing (304)622-1903

Available: Extensive selection of Ronson, Evans (table & pocket) pre-'79 Zippos, flat cig. adv., case lighters & lots of lift arms. Please write or call for Naval Zippo ship list. Ilene Chazanof (212)254-5564 11 A.M. - 6 P.M. NY time

RARE ZIPPOS FOR SALE: MIB Kennicott Copper (1968) \$500; Mint 14 K engine turned (no initials) \$950; Pheasant (Town & Country) Exc. cond. \$400; Mint Moon Landing \$100. Contact Larry Tolkin (212)734-8854

For Sale Sterling Silver Lighter Charms (1) Ronson "Heart" & Ronson "Crown" (See July OTLS for photos). Call or write Wayne Melhiser

Order my catalogue/book on cigarette logos put onto lighters (all makes). Cost, \$15 (plus postage). Tom Prylinski

I have decided to collect Ronson only and I am selling (or trading) most of my other lighters. For a complete list, send SASE. Dave Markey

For Sale: Unusual Cigarette Case (no lighter) marked "Memo Smoke" - also marked Derby S.A. Neuchatel, Switzerland. (circa 1950's). Front of case is black leather with gold trim. Also has a "see-thru" hole in top, which shows the automatic timer which is built in - you can set the time you want to wait between cigarettes & the case will not open until the time is up! MINT IN BOX. (box is black & white with silhouette of a woman smoking) \$75 Alan Larrabure

For Sale: 1995 National Zippo Day lighters. I have 4 of these new in box. Various Naval & Military Zippos. Many Ritepoint/Scripto Vu Lighters. All of these w/ads & many new in box. Call Brent Harbolt (405)436-5765

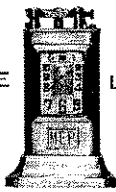
For Sale: The one and only Bisconcini/Accendini book, a MUST for any serious collector. Limited Edition, Mint

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**

condition, with dust jacket and original price guide. \$550, plus postage, packing & insurance if applicable. FIRM! Michael Szarvasy

Sale or trade: Naval ship Zippos from U.S. & Spain (all mint). All for \$300 or against Camel, Marlboro & Lucky Strike Zippos. For list Fax Michael Beckamp 49 202 720092

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**WANTED**

I still need 3 more Demley lighters for my display - Judith Sanders

Wanted: Zippos from 1935 & 1936 w/Metaliques. Democratic & Republican Zippos. Vietnam Zippos & Advertising Zippos. Foglia Paolo Fax 39 332 234056

Wanted to buy or trade for: The base for Fig. 287 Ronson book - or maybe we could share the lighter (?). Also still looking for Evans "York" tall P/L (photo in July 15, 1994 issue) and Baron size with same design. Bill York (508)835-3026

WANTED: Reddy Kilowatt on Zippo (Slim, regular or T/L); Lady Bradford (early model); advertising on Corinthian & Moderne T/L (first model '38). Write or Fax 81 887 76 3263 Kazumi Kawamura

Wanted: Coca-Cola lighters & accessories. Please send descrip. & price - all replies answered. Al Wilson (702)255-2612

Dunhills Wanted: Uniques in odd form w/watch, concealed watch lighters. Silver lighters w/enamel. Call Volker Putz 40 3 0 508 1411 or Fax 40 3 508 1480

Wanted: Aluminum table & pocket lighters. Will buy or trade. Please call or write Paul Tascarella (718)796-3350

Wanted: Rare Ronson Strikers (S/L). Top Dollar Paid. Call Norman Israel (516)593-2000 a.m. (201)379-3127 p.m.

WANTED: (1) 1967/69 Zippo's Plastic Fuel Bottle. (2) 1957/62 Zippo's Stiped Fluid Large (8 oz) Can w/".39 price. (3) 1940's Zippo's Yellow Fluid Can. I'm looking forward to heard your response. Hiroshi Kito Fax 81 3 3990 7393

Wanted: Any cigar accessories, especially cutters & pipes. Also "Girlie" lighters, nude or Pin-Up - any make or model. Any matchbook holders, not matchbox. Will buy or trade. Call Guy (310)215-1953

Wanted: Ronson Tennis Player w/Rondelight & rare Ronson T/Ts. Call Bruce Huberman (908)738-6555 a.m. (212)861-8179 p.m.

Wanted: I am writing a book about the Ronson Gas era, I would appreciate any information from this period. Also any photographs of Ronson Facilities, work floor, employees, management or written documents from the period 1950 till 1994. Brian Dolan Fax 3120 623 4222

Wanted: the (2) 1947 Zippos of the USS Missouri, as shown on pg 185 Zippo Manual No. 2. Contact Ken Southard (603)886-8617

Wanted: Full size Zippos w/ airplane or aircraft company logos. I have been unable to locate any in Mississippi. Also looking for a lighter that was manufactured approx. 1951-1953 w/ad for Dixie Highway Express. Lighter has truck on the case & says "Dixie Highway Express Meridian Mississippi. I am only interested in one that says Meridian MS. Contact Vance Moore Will buy or trade for small figurals & any KW lighters. Ken & Bev Wood

For Sale: The Marlboro Guide, 36 photos & descrip. of Marlboro Zippos known to date. Also brief history of the relationship between Marlboro & Zippo. \$6 + \$1 P&H. If interested please contact Chris Kuntz at (612)827-3110 (phone/fax). Please leave message.

Wanted: Ronson T/T strikers. Call Dave Markey

**HAVE YOU CHECKED THE NEW ROSTER FOR MISTAKES????**

*Fuel for the Fire continued....*

Also I'm sure you know the fairly common ASR lighter from Brooklyn, NY. Did you know they produced for a while in 1950 a version with a concealed watch? It was slightly larger than a standard ASR, but I don't think one would realize this unless it was next to another model without a watch. What they did was rather than using the standard 1 3/4 lighter insert they used the smaller 1 inch insert. This, of course, allowed room on the bottom of the lighter for placement of a hidden watch which would swing out from the bottom.

Another rather unusual lighter is the Dunhill Tinder Pistol - Butane Version. We all see many of the petrol models, but for a couple of years in the 1960's they released a "gas" version.

Also made by Dunhill in a Butane version was the Dunhill "Giant" Table lighter. At first it appears identical to the "Wick" model, but upon close inspection you will see a "gas valve" where the wick should be. Also there is a rubber piece inside the "snuffer cap" which prevents gas from escaping while not in use.

Moving on to Zippo oddities, I can think of two immediately. One is the first "Lady Bradford" table lighter without a base. Early advertisements from 1949 show this first Lady Bradford produced for less than 1 year. Supposedly there were stories of the lighter tipping over inside glass showcases, which led to the later 1950 version in which they introduced a base.

Secondly, and also very rare is a Zippo-Barcroft-1st model with an 8-Barrel hinge. This was first produced in 1938 and was Zippo's first Table Lighter. Produced until 1941, this lighter after a short time was replaced by a newer four-barrel hinge version. This lighter is also hard to find (a single step "Barcroft" #1 with 4-barrel hinge) but the first mentioned 8-barrel version is much, much rarer. By Ira Pilossof.

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**News From Around The World...** CONGRATULATIONS to our President Kevin Kelley & Karen Hesse, who got married August 15 in the Chapel of Love in Lake Tahoe! Congratulations to Brent Harbolt & Angela Madison on their engagement! A lot of you met Angela in Dallas. Our sympathy to Hugo & Maria Somers on the loss of Hugo's Mother. A very Happy Birthday to Sophie Meddaugh on her September milestone! Congratulations to Paul Tascarella & Marisa Garcia who became engaged on August 10. Paul proposed to Marisa on the balcony at Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center during the intermission of a New York Philharmonic Concert! (how romantic!) Don Collier tells me he was in the hospital, but is doing great now! Also Don Marx spent a little time in the hospital,

**News continued....**

but is home and well. Our sympathy to Ray & Connie Smizer on the loss of their son in law. Pete Cronos stopped by the OTLS Office for a visit - your Editor had fun showing him all my lighters! Be sure & ask Catherine Stolman & Leo Turini about their recent "Great Finds"!!! I understand several OTLS Members are on their way to the Lighter Club of Great Britain Show next weekend - I will expect a report from some of you!!! Congratulations to Vanessa Cardenas (of Authorized Repair Service) for her great article in the September/ October issue of *Smoke Shop!*

**HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR 1996 CONVENTION VIDEO? ALSO HAVE YOU ORDERED A 1996 CONVENTION LIGHTER? AND DON'T FORGET THE NATIONAL ZIPPO DAY VIDEO!**

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