



On The LIGHTER Side

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Notes from Judith

Dear Friends,

Your editor, Judith, is out of town for an extended period of time (See page 8). So we would like to thank Jorene Harrell and Tommy Vance for gathering the paper together. Also, thanks for Scott Beehler for sending his articles early and Bob Gamboni for providing us with a great article when one was needed and Deb O'Key for her great photo.

Your patience during this time is appreciated.



THE Zippo LINK

by Larry Visbisky
Marketing Coordinator

Making a Connection

The 2004 Zippo/Case International Swap Meet theme "Where Collectors Connect" became more than just a theme. It became reality on July 14 through 17.

The Zippo/Case Swap Meet hosted over 250 tables filled with Zippo lighter and Case knife collections and exhibits. Zippo welcomed over 5,500 people from 10 different countries around the world to the Swap Meet grounds outside of the Zippo/Case Visitors Center, in Bradford, PA.

Registered guests were able to participate in special activities including a Zippo factory tour, a tour of Zippo's newly renovated "world famous Art Department", and a special collectors auction. In addition, Zippo Click members were invited to attend the Zippo Click Collector's Connection, a celebration exclusively for club members.

Adding a competitive edge to the weekend's camaraderie and fun, prizes were awarded to the

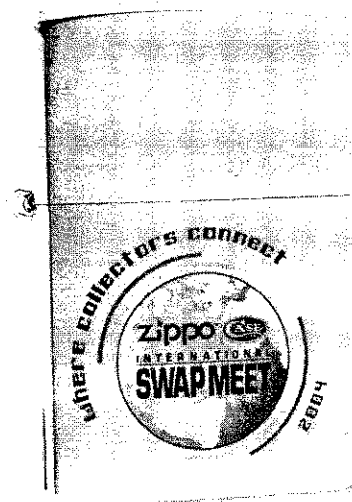
exhibitors with the best display or exhibit in following categories: Outstanding Zippo Exhibit, Most Unusual Exhibit, and the exhibit best exemplifying the "Where Collectors Connect" theme.

In addition to the collectors' tables, another hot spot at the Swap Meet was the Zippo Consumer Relations booth. The Consumer Relations staff conducted *repairs while you wait* and *Zippo lighter tune-ups*; as well as hosting Swap Meet prize giveaways, Zippo theme games, and a Zippo funny hat contest where the four winners were awarded 1 of 4 limited edition T-shirts.

For the first time ever the Zippo Promotional Products Department featured and sold their business style gifts at the 2004 Swap Meet. The PPD tent featured several of their unique items and a special limited edition Zippo MPL with the Swap Meet logo imprinted on it and limited to 500 pieces.

In addition, the weekend featured a spectacular fireworks display outside of Zippo's corporate headquarters, and several special guests, including the first officially licensed artist of NASCAR, Sam Bass; Italian airbrush artist, Claudio Mazzi; and miniature scale architect, Shelia Thompson.

The Swap Meet was Zippo's biggest and best to date. We certainly hope to "connect" with you at the next Zippo/Case International Swap Meet in 2006.



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[COLLECTORS' CORNER]

RARE & UNUSUAL LIGHTERS

by Bob Gamboni

In looking through my personal collection recently, I found several lighters that I have not seen in the various books and lighter-related media including Ebay. Following are a few of the lighters I feel are rare or unusual.

Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 are two rare Ronson New Yorker Lighters. One with a Horse Figure and the other made of wood and bakelite. A catalog drawing of the latter is shown in Urban's book on Ronson lighters.

I've also included two photos, front and back, of my favorite flat ad lighter, advertising McDonalds (Fig. 3 and 4).

Next is a photo of a unique English lighter (Fig.5) (marked British Patent 285735) in gold plate with tortoise enamel. This lighter has a screw-down button on the side to prevent inadvertent operation in the pocket, similar to a Thorens.

Another interesting lighter is the 'squeeze' lighter shown (Fig. 6). This is a German make marked 'DK 1500' and 'DRP ang'.

Last, I've included a photo of the inside of a Ritepoint salesman's sample case (Fig.7). Interestingly, it has a number of plastic lighters in the form of a shotgun shell. Printed on each shell are the words 'Congratulations On Your Wedding'. What a sense of humor!

I believe it is important to share photos of lighters we own, which may not have been shown before. If you also have lighters not featured before, share some of your photos & stories with us.

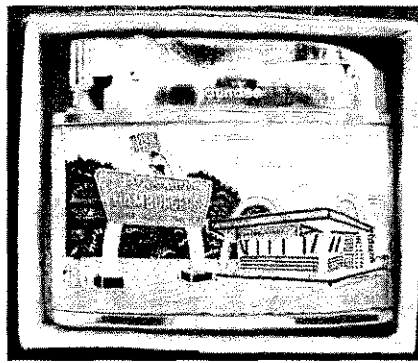


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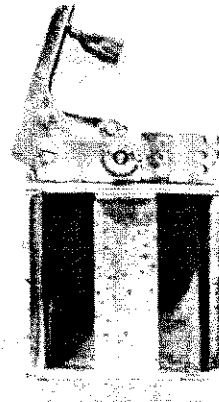


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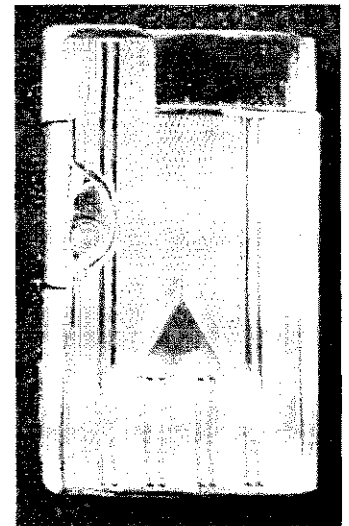


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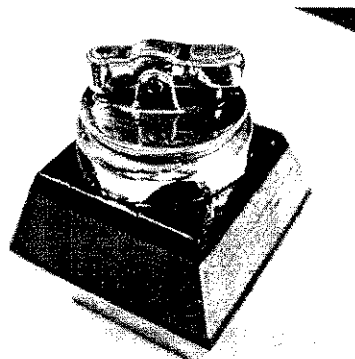


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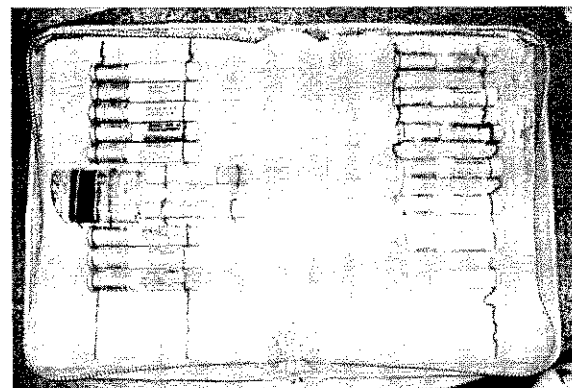


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THE BOOK CORNER by BenRapaport

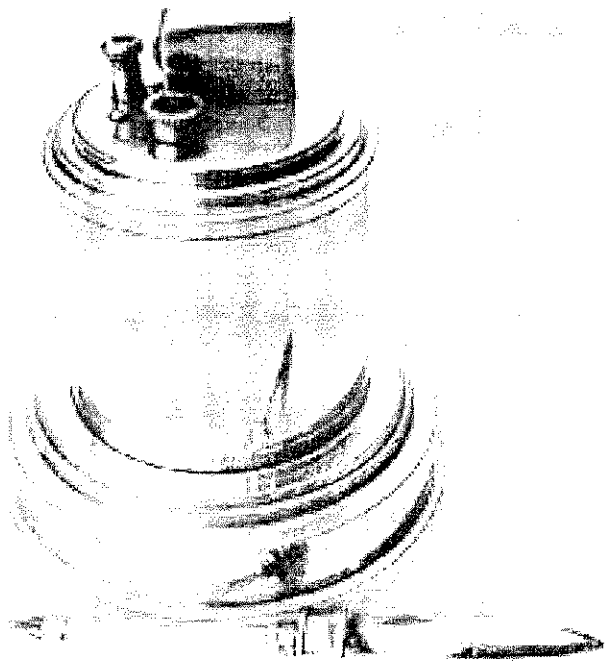
The "Pope" book on Zippos is now out, but the replacement author is Russell E. Lewis. Perhaps that is why there was a holdup in release? It retails for \$24.99, and my price is \$18.50 plus postage.

You can email me at <benrapaport@earthlink.net>

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THE DISCOVERY ZONE

I came across this Sterling Ronson Touch Tip made by the same guy that made the Ronson Bell. It is really quite unique and thought everyone would be interested in seeing it. Debbie O'Key
DebsOdeals@aol.com



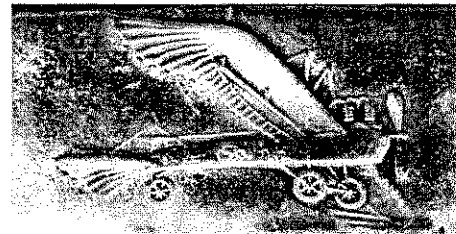
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FACTS ON FRICTION by Scott Beehler

Trains, Planes, and a Striker Lighter

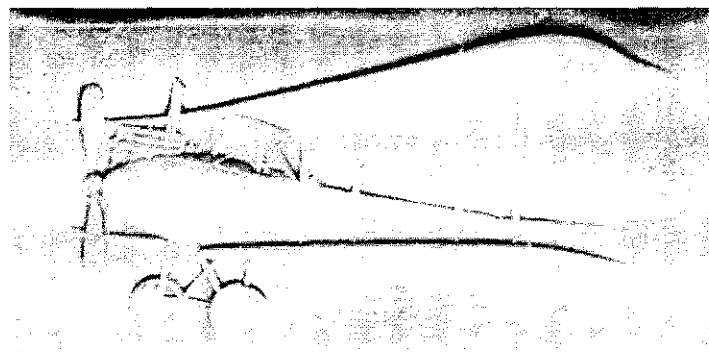
In 1909, Austrian Engineer Igo Etrich developed a new aircraft design called the "Taube" (dove). His design was manufactured by many different companies. The Gothaer Waggonfabrik AG, which was producing both heavy and light railcars and components, produced their version called the Gotha Taube. By 1914 it was the most common Taube in the sky. It had no armament, seated 2 people, and had a mere 4 hour flight time.

1913 TAUBE



Gothaer began production of its second aircraft, the Gotha LE, in 1913. This model was a double-decker single engine, reconnaissance and training aircraft. Both of these models were short lived because in 1915, under license, Gotha began manufacturing the twin engine model G-series bombers. These were Germany's main bombers and were armed by "rifle, pistol, and hand-dropped bombs". By 1916, the improved GV consumed all of Gothaer's production capabilities until the end of WW1.

1913 LE



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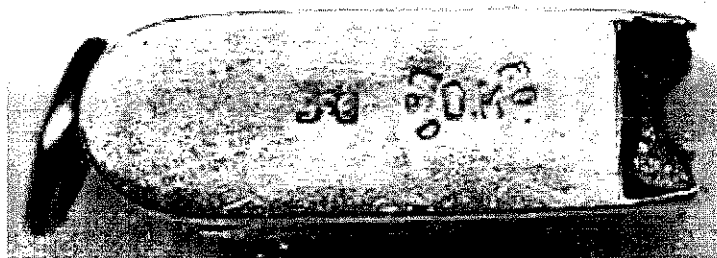
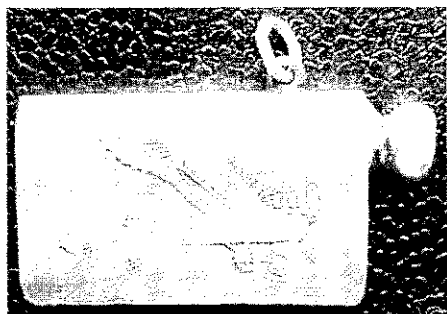
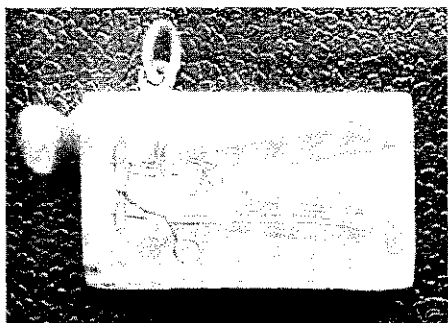
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Trains, Planes, and a Striker Lighter

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles prohibited German manufacturers from producing aircraft. Gothaer publicly went back into the rail car and tram business. However, privately the company continued covert glider experiments. Then when the Nazi government rose to power and abandoned the treaty, Gothaer was quickly back in the aircraft industry. From 1933 through 1944 Gothaer produced transport gliders, assault gliders, twin engine transport, and twin engine reconnaissance planes. Gothaer produced 9,500 of the Gotha Go 145 trainer planes for the Luftwaffe. In 1943 H. Goering ordered a new design into production, the Gotha Go 229. Called the "all-wing" and the "flying wing", the design looks very similar to the modern Stealth aircraft. The prototypes were flown from late 1944 to early 1945. The 5 prototypes were found by US troops in April 1945 at the Gothaer Friedrichsrode factory. The planes never saw combat.

Following WW2, Gothaer Waggonfabrik AG again turned to light rail cars and trams to keep its factories working. Gothaer continually improved and redesigned its rail cars until 1969 when the economic plan of the GDR stopped the manufacturing of the tram system. Thus ended the Gothaer Waggonfabrik.

This research into the history of Gothaer was an effort to date a striker lighter that bears the images of 2 early aircraft with the Gotha logo. One side shows the 1913 Gotha Taube and the other side shows the 1913 Gotha LE. The striker is marked 935, D.K., WSD, and has 2 illegible hallmarks.



Although the manufacturer is unknown, the striker can be dated to 1913-14 as the Gothaer models shown were obsolete by 1915. While it is a common style of striker, it is also a fantastic piece of aviation advertising. All from a German company that survived both World Wars by making trains and planes and giving away striker lighters.

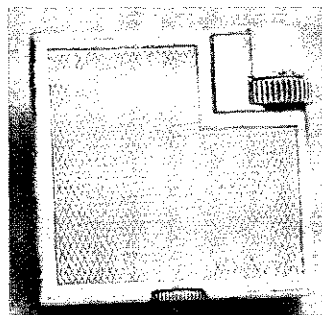
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by Larry Tolkin

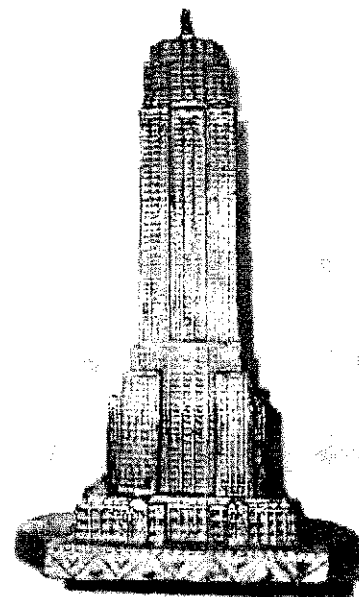
There have been numerous vintage lighters sold on Ebay since our last column. Ebay continues to offer lighter collectors both rare and collectible vintage items. Below are some of the most interesting items sold in the last few months. Included is a rare concealed 9K Gold Dunhill Watchlighter.



WW2 ZIPPO MIB - \$362



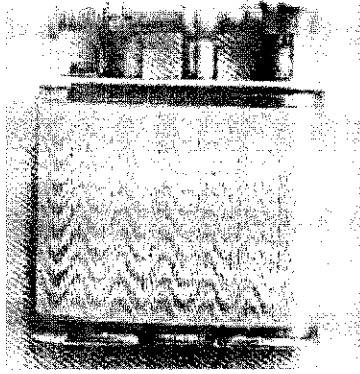
DUNHILL SAVORY - \$359



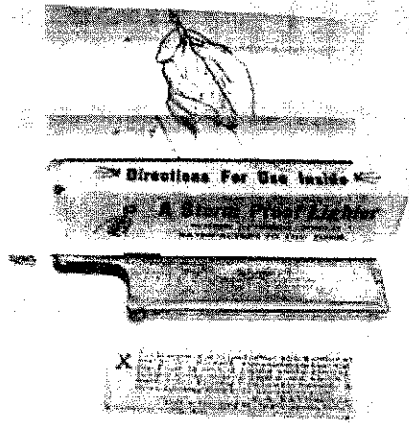
EMPIRE STATE BUILDING - \$450

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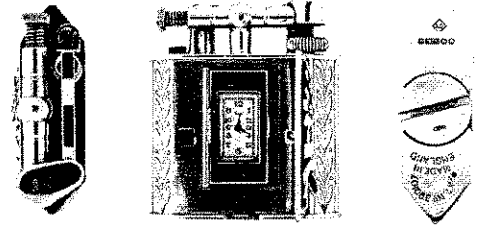
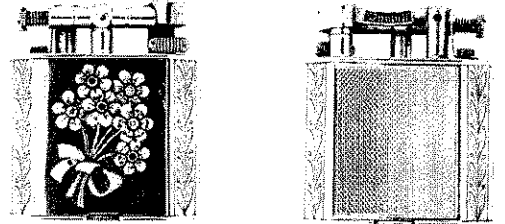
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ENAMEL DUNHILL UNIQUE - \$1900



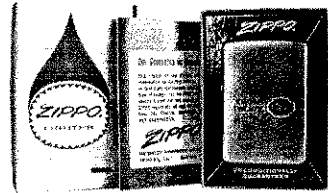
RATHBURN - \$158



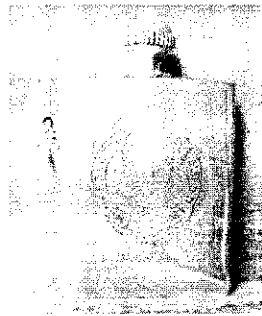
DUNHILL CONCEALED WATCHLIGHTER - \$18458



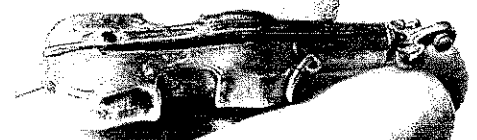
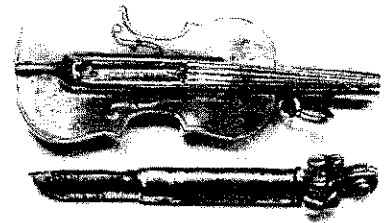
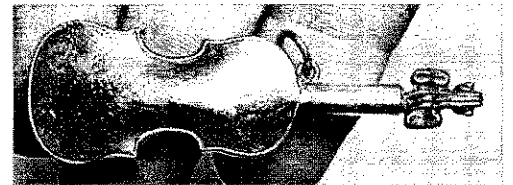
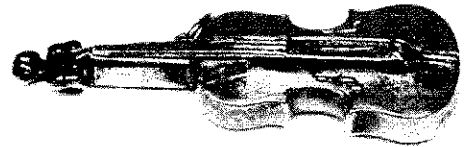
DUNHILL ALDUNA - \$570



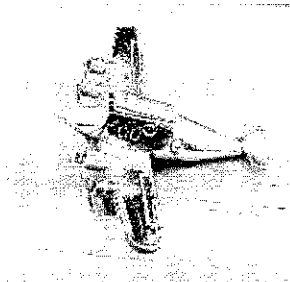
ZIPPO REDDY KILOWATT - \$762



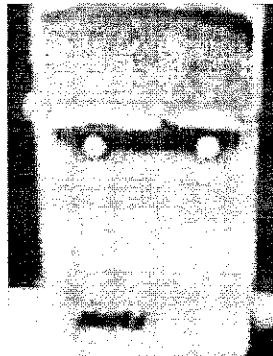
WONDERLIGHTER MIDGET - \$248



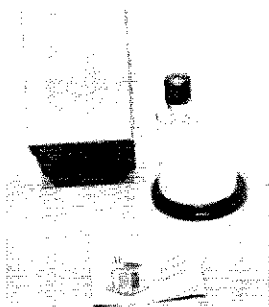
STRIKER VIOLIN - \$151



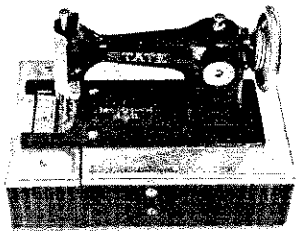
MIOJ AIRPLANE - \$416



ZIPPO HERTZ - \$43

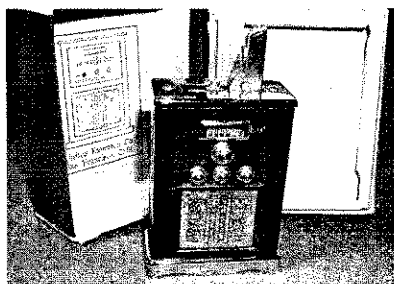


DUNHILL SILENT FLAME MIB - \$192



MIOJ SEWING MACHINE (RARE VERSION) - 570

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ZIPPO ERNIE PYLE WW2 MINT - \$689



PKS MIOJ RADIOLITE - MIB - \$436

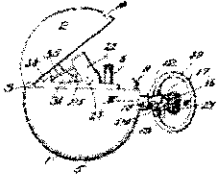


ECHO 8 CAMERA LIGHTER MIB - \$1250

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FOR SALE OR TRADE

U.S PATENTS FOR LIGHTERS



Over 100 U.S. Patents included in this NEW 2 volume set. Patents not found in the other patent books! Patents from 1906 to 1970. Spiral bound. \$35.00 OTLS Members / \$40.00 non-member \$5.00 shipping in US (\$8.00 International)

Send to: Scott Beehler, 11750 Hickory Drive, Garfield, AR 72732

FOR SALE:

There are a few convention lighters left - if you want one please order ASAP from Ron Bash. These are going faster than usual this year, so please send your order if you want a 2004 Convention Lighter. Do not email or call Ron, just send him money! (he only can accept orders by mail so it is a waste of your time to email or call). In case you don't have your Roster - the address is P O Box 958, Zephyrhills FL 33539 and the cost is \$38.00 (postage paid) and the picture of the lighter was in the May paper and is on our web site.

For Sale: I have a few enameled Evans lighter and cigarette case sets for sale. All are mint condition. Larry Clayton (757)436-7821

I can repair your vintage Zippo inserts with a new cam spring for \$5 ea. and repair most Trench Art with missing pieces. Also I can custom make you a Trench Art lighter if you will supply the coins for the medallion you want on it. I always "stamp" these reproductions with "Pyro" (my nickname) so everyone will know they are "repros". Tom Prylinski (814)825-5478 or email <pyrotip@velocity.net>

FOR SALE:

Selling some of my lighters. Some old some new. Will sell separately or sell by the box - would like to sell by box. John Krenzela, Jr. 724-228-3278

WANTED

Wanted: World's Fair Lighters, toys and watches wanted from any exposition. Please call Ira Goodman (631) 265-3837 or write me at 811 Jericho Tpke Smithtown, NY 11787

Wanted: Email picture of your "one-of-a-kind" Zippo by Mazzi for use on a website, along with your name for credit. Dana & Robin Baumgartner (828) 685-8327 or email @ <rbdabber@bellsouth.net> Thank you! Robin

Wanted: Peak Lighter, 1 3/8 X 1 3/8, mid thirties, similiar mechanism to the KW (Karl Weiden) for parts. I need the upper fitment to repair a 1935 World Champion Series Race held in LA. A patent or drawing can help a lot too, or any info on PEAK, Patent No. 201149 (I believe this is a 1925 British Patent) Rob Brosa (evanscollector) 425 413-0721, rpb@gte.net. 22210 SE 268st Maple Valley, Wa 98038 USA 425 413-0721

Wanted: Scriptos and other Vu-Lighters, lighters with unusual mechanisms, Aluminum lighters, lighters made by TCW, Pre-20th Century Fire-Making devices and MIOJ. Guy Nishida (310)215-1951 or email <btrade@comcast.net>

Wanted: Will buy one piece or a collection. Looking to buy multiple examples of any mint flat advertiser lighters or Zippos, plain or with advertising. Seeking Sterling lighters in automatic or semi-automatic. Any unusual Clearfloats, gun lighters, or matchbook holders.

Guy Nishida (310) 215-1951 or email <btrade@comcast.net>

WANTED AT ONCE (OR AT ANY TIME)

Wedgwood Cigarette Lighters - any shape or size in red, or brown, yellow, black, royal blue. Jerry Stargot (718)352-7626

WANTED

We are looking to buy a Slim Mint or Near Mint 1972 Sherwin Williams Paint Zippo (see photo in July Newsletter). Dana & Robin Baumgartner (828)685-8327 or email <rbdabber@bellsouth.net>

Always looking to add to my collection of "KW" and "Flat Advertisers". Also searching for a "Ritepoint" display case. And looking for a Zippo USS Dauntless. Paul Rowan. Email details and photos to <touchtip@msn.com>

This is an invitation to all OTLS members to join the **Lighter Club of Great Britain**, the largest Club in Europe. We have recently reviewed our membership fees, which have been reduced to £21 (approx \$40, reduced from \$65) per year for US members. This not to get you to join and up the subs next year, these rates will be permanent (only subject to any postal & printing increase). Our quarterly magazine, Blaze, has increased in size to 16 pages and has more contributors. Kindly contact me, Jack Bond, for an application form on line at <lcgbbond@aol.com>, by post to 186 Wards Rd, Newbury Park, Essex IG2 7DY, ENGLAND or by telephone 44 20 8554 5647. I look forward to hearing from you and offering you a warm welcome to our Club. **Come and get a European view on lighter collecting.**

Sincerely, Jack

Looking for pocket lighters (any manufacturer) with famous people on them - like the Patti Page lighter that I got from Guy at the convention! (Her signature is on the back side). Famous people can be politicians, movie stars, music stars, etc. (or a picture of an OTLS member!!!) Judith Sanders (903)763-2795 or email <otls@peoplescom.net>



CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE OR TRADE

For Sale:

1. Zippo American Airlines Handillite mint in box 125.00
 2. Evans White Enamel Large Egg, no chips in enamel, nice condition 100.00
 3. Dunhill Cast Iron Table Top Ashtray with snake design lid. Black color, 85.00
 4. Regens #300 Black Enamel with US Army Logo, mint in box, 50.00
 5. Regens #300 Blue Enamel with US Air Force Logo, mint in box, 50.00
 6. Storm King Windproof chrome with attached pipe tamper, unused, 25.00
- All above plus shipping. Richard Weinstein 30 West 57th St., NY NY 10019, Tel: 212-586-0947 Fax 212-586-1296, email info@vintage-lighters.com

OTLS GOLD LIGHTER

As you know, we had Zippo produce 20 numbered, gold-plated Convention Lighters this year. Eight were sold or raffled at the convention. (See July's newsletter for auction prices realized.) The Board has decided to sell a few on eBay to raise additional funds for OTLS. The first one will be sold on eBay by Michael Cassidy (Seller Name: whoa!) right around the first of October. Start watching eBay around that time. We will have Paul announce the exact date on our web site as it gets closer. If you, as an OTLS member, should win the auction, you will receive a 10% discount from your winning bid. Good luck if you choose to bid!

The New Zippo Collector Display Flames by Roseart. Available for \$1.95 each. Contact the Roseart Company (814)362-3030 or www.roseartlighters.com Email: owners@roseartlighters.com ZippMark, Inc. 2004 Manufactured under License from Zippo Mfg.Co. Bradford, PA

FOR SALE: 2002 OTLS Convention Lighter (Riviera, Las Vegas). \$40 postage paid in U.S. Overseas add \$5 for extra postage. I am selling this for a member of OTLS. Please order from Judith Sanders (903)763-2795 or email otls@peoplescom.net (this ad was partially left out of the last issue & this lighter is still available)

FOR SALE:

For Sale: Zippo Corinthian table lighter with a pearlescent finish. This lighter has never been lit. Has a few minor flaws but is 99.9% intact and displays with a brilliant luster. Priced at \$90 (plus postage/insurance). Bob Bittinger (304)647-5040 or email bobbittinger@usa.net

Rare Zippos for Sale: (1)Town & Country Setter on a 3rd Model Barcroft Model, (2) Kendall Motor Oil 1940's with 3 barrel hinge in early red box, (3) USS Thresher 1963, & (4) 1934 Outside Hinge with Remington-Rand metallique. Call Ira Pilosof at 1-888-4-Lighter or email vintageltr@aol.com

Sale or Trade: Bookends, Ronson, LVA, AMW. Library Monk and "End of the Trail. Numerous plastic baggies with assorted, Ronson, Evans, Imco, Colibri/Kreiser, and more. Bargains galore. Al Grosskopf (415)422-6698 or email grosskopf@usfca.edu

WANTED:

Wanted: USS Scorpion (SSN-589). Prefer Zippo if they made one, other than the reproduction, but will consider any mfg. Roger Foley rfoley2@tampabay.rr.com

Wanted: Interested in buying Russian Lighters and anything related to Russian Fire Making. Boris Rubin (718) 672-5556 or email borisrubin@aol.com

Wanted: I am interested in Scripto Vu-Lighters and Scripto Display Cases. Mark Smith (FL) email msmith132@tampabay.rr.com

WANTED:

Wanted - Yes and No

No, this is not just another Urban Cummings' ad wanting railroad lighters. Well, yes -- sort of, but this one is different. I am reducing the size of my collection because what happened to Peter Cavanaugh and so many others is gonna happen to all of us someday. And I don't want to leave an overwhelming amount of lighters behind to burden my dear wife. I have a huge collection of Evans, Dunhill, Zippo, Ronson, of course, and a whole lot of others. My point is this: I'm willing to part with some very valuable lighters in order to add to my railroad collection. So, if you've got one that I don't have and I've got something that you would like, please call me at 650-328-1177 (my preference) or email me (less effective and way too slow) at furryfeet@mindspring.com. Let's make a deal. I'm ready. Urban

Wanted to buy Sterling Avedon pocket lighter. Good condition cosmetically and mechanically sound. Contact Garland Grant with price, etc. grandfr@gamewood.net

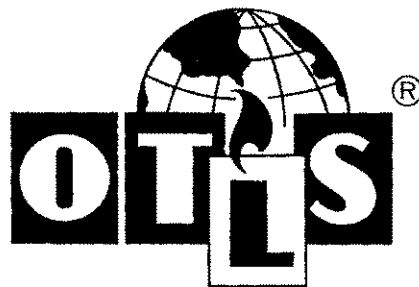
Wanted: Coca-Cola lighters Ashtrays Match books Matches Cigar Bands. And any other Pre 1970's Coca Cola items. Al Wilson (701)255-2612

Wanted: USS Scorpion (SSN-589). Prefer Zippo if they made one, other than the reproduction, but will consider any mfg. Roger Foley rfoley2@tampabay.rr.com

Wanted: Unusual Thorens items. Call or write Al Grosskopf (415)422-6698 or email grosskopf@usfca.edu

Trying to find a swap meet near you? Needing to advertise one? Visit swapmeets.homestead.com

**ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS:
THE ADS IN OUR PAPER ARE FREE
FOR MEMBERS. SEND ADS BY
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EMAIL<OTLS@PEOPLES.COM>**



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARY FRANCES CARTER BRIDWELL**

On August 7, 2004, Mary Frances (Carter) Bridwell passed away after a lengthy illness. Mary is not only an OTLS member, but also the Mother of your Editor, Judith Bridwell Sanders, and the Grandmother of OTLS member Michael Sanders. Jim and Mary have 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren.

Mom & Dad became members of OTLS in 1972. Although they did have some lighters by then, mostly I believe they became members so they could read the paper and see what I was doing. Unfortunately I have never been much of a letter writer.

But then they started coming to some of our conventions and decided they needed to buy OTLS convention lighters. So gradually their collection grew.

The lighters will now be passed on to family members to have as fond memories of these two lovely people.

As most of you know, we lost Dad last year and now we have lost Mother. But we all have a lot of memories to keep with us.

On behalf of our entire family, I would like to thank all our lovely friends at OTLS for the magnificent flowers, and all your cards and emails.



"This is a lovely photo of Mom & Dad at the last OTLS Convention they attended"

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD....



Barb Gunter's back surgery was delayed, but now she is going to have the surgery. We send her wishes for a speedy recovery! Guy & Kathleen & Andrew Nishida went on vacation to Vancouver. Guy played golf with Al Morrison. Urban & Chris Cummings were also there on vacation, so they all got together. Sounds like fun!

Look for a cover article on Collecting Lighters in the October issue of Antiques & Collectibles Magazine. Valerie Voight was interviewed for the article. Way to go, Valerie! <www.vintagevault.com>



Our other regular columns will return in the next issue.



**NEXT PAPER NOVEMBER 15, 2004 -
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**On The LIGHTER Side
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