

# On The LIGHTER Side

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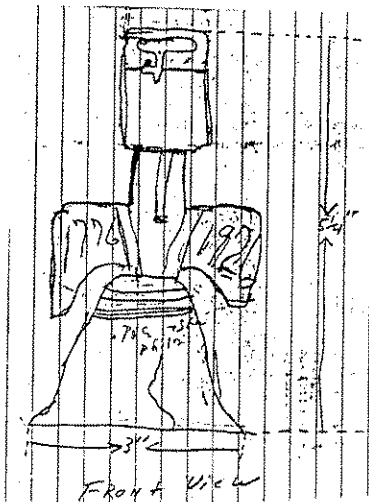
Enclosed are "stick-on" labels with the names of our newest members. Please peel off the back and stick these on your last Roster until the next one is done.

A little trivia about a non-lighter function - your Editor has just returned from the hot air balloon fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Can you visualize 420 balloons all in the air at one time? It was a delightful experience. Of course, I did get a lighter with a hot air balloon on it.

You will note in the classified ads this month there is a "Christmas Special". This is a great idea for this time of year so if some others would like to run "Specials" please be sure and send them in before November 15.

Your Editor would like to say Thank You to Allen Wolf for helping out with Mrs. Nelson's lighters. (See ad in Sept. issue)

I have had an inquiry about the lighter picture below. Evidently the bottom part holds fuel (alcohol I think). Can anyone help me with information on this lighter - - how old it is, where it might have come from, etc.?



More later.....

Judith

IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....

CAMERA BUFF DISCOVERS LIGHTERS!

As a hobby, Mitch Keating likes photography. Once, on vacation, he and his wife wandered into an antique shop and he saw what he thought was a miniture camera on a tripod, and thinking it was clever, bought it. Then he discovered it was a lighter, called "Perfect Lite II". When Mitch realized there must be other unusual lighters around he got the "bug" and started going to Flea Markets and now is an avid collector of lighters!

Mitch and his wife, Donna, and their 15 year old son, Jim, live in Burleson, Texas, which is approximately 60 miles southwest of Dallas.

Mitch says he has been collecting lighters for about 5 years and collects pocket lighters and unusual or novelty table lighters. One of his recent acquisitions is an electronic butane, 3" x 2" leather bound book. When you pull the binding out, it lights - - also inside the "book" is the story of tobacco.

Mitch also told your Editor he has several musical lighters, including a Budweiser Beer Can that play "How Dry I Am" --- very appropriate! One of his interesting pocket lighters has a Roulette Wheel on it and you can push a button to make it spin.

Along with his lighter collecting and his photography, Mitch is also interested in Classic Cars.

Mitch is very excited about his most recent purchase - - - he just bought the collection of 600 lighters which were advertized in the Chicago Tribune. Can you imagine acquiring 600 lighters all at once - - that is definitely something to be excited about!

Congratulations, Mitch!

The subject of Occupied Japan lighters has come up frequently in various discussions of lighters. You will recall one issue of the paper had pictures of many O.J. lighters which Bob Gee sent us. OTLS is now pleased to present the following from one of the authorities on Occupied Japan....

WORDS FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

I've been asked from time to time why collect anything marked 'Made In Occupied Japan'? Let alone 'Cigarette Lighters'! And what or why are they marked 'Made In Occupied Japan'? And when did all this happen?

In August of 1947 Japan was allowed to ship their excess wares of any type to the United States as long as each article was marked 'M.I.O.J.'. The U.S. Customs and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's "SCAPIN #2061 (Supreme Command For The Allied Powers Instruction #2061) made it mandatory.

I have some 5,000 pieces of O.J. of which 253 are cigarette lighters. This in itself is a great category to collect.

Every month or so, I am able to find an 'O.J. Cigarette Lighter' that is new to my collection. My last acquisition was a 'Tea Cup & Saucer'. The tea cup has on top of it's inverted cone shape...a detachable lighter. I am very happy about this find but not really amazed for I know that for every different lighter I have, there are probably that many more yet unfound (for me that is).

So, don't turn up your nose at O.J. Cigarette Lighters until you've tried collecting them. There are some really nice O.J. Lighters to be found -- a swap meet or a garage sale will let you in on the ground floor.

On "April 28, 1952" the Occupation came to an end. It is very unfortunate that I did not begin collecting O.J. and Cigarette Lighters in general then ...I would be a millionaire by now... just on cigarette lighters alone.

If you would like to know more about my world wide Collectors Club

and start collecting cigarette lighters with the M.I.O.J. Mark, just send me a S.A.S.E. and I will send you the information.

Robert W. Gee, Sr.

HELPFUL HINTS from.....

Jim Gardner.....

Here is an idea for any of you who want to repack new cotton into your lighters, or use cotton to clean lighters. Ask your local Pharmacist to save old cotton that comes in the big bottles of pills. If you tell him what you are using it for, I'm sure he will save it. I haven't bought any cotton in the last ten years!

Also, if you need any help, I have had good luck in replacing wicks in any size lighter.

IMPORTANT TRIVIA!  
BACK ISSUES OF NEWSLETTER  
AVAILABLE FOR 60 CENTS  
A COPY. THIS COST  
INCLUDES POSTAGE!

Trivia from 1985 Calendar - - -

"In case you are wondering why the Surgeon General doesn't pick on pipe smokers...he doesn't have to. The darned things won't stay lit long enough to hurt you!"

For Sale or Trade

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL - SELL OR TRADE:

- #1 PENCIL LIGHTER MIOJ \$29.95
- #2 MICROPHONE LIGHTER MIOJ (can be detached to fit into pocket) \$22.95
- #3 ALADDIN LAMP LIGHTER MIOJ (has matching ashtray) \$19.95
- #4 POCKET LIGHTER MIOJ \$12.95
- #5 PISTOL LIGHTER MIOJ \$14.95

ALL ARE MARKED "MADE IN OCCUPIED JAPAN". This is from a period of 1947 to 1952. All are scarce and #1 & #2 are RARE. Will also trade for O.J. CERAMIC LIGHTERS.

BUY OVER \$25.00 AND I'LL PAY U.P.S. OTHERWISE PLEASE ADD \$2.00 FOR P & H. OFFER ENDS 12/26/85. Robert W. Gee, Sr.

TRADE, even up, German WWI GOTT MIT UNS brass, value \$20-\$60?, for other, different brass/copper WWI-1930's round, wineskin-shaped, or in a big brass nut, European, probably French, scenic lighter. Please describe or xerox. 2 to trade. Warren Gerber

Many different advertising lighters (not Zippo), different mfg. all good condition. \$1 ea. plus postage. Judith Sanders

For Sale or Trade

This lighter was bought by my Grandmother as a stockholder of United Fruit Company - now a subsidiary co. of a large co. Interested in selling - good condition - very shiny - a few chips of plating off around logo:



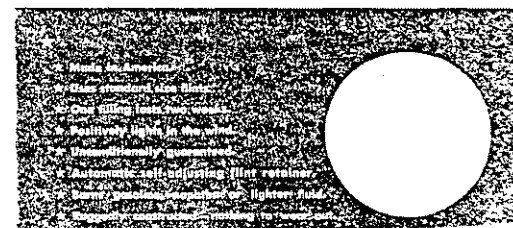
Make offer to Ms. Carol Irving, 1129 Gumbottom Rd., Crownsville, Md. 21032. 301/923-6667 (Non-Member)

Replica "cigarette" lighters. Refillable butane, flint. Available: Las Vegas (a local cigarette), Marlboro, Kent, HB, 555, Players, Gitane and others. \$3 ea or \$25 dz. assorted. RK Enterprises, 953 E. Sahara Av. #E-15-A Box 257, Las Vegas, NV 89104. Check/MO or C.O.D. Please include \$2 for shipping. (Non-Member) NOTE: The above seller has told your Editor these are not "stick-on" labels.

For Sale or Trade



**WINDPROOF LIGHTERS**



(Bowers Sure-Fire Lighters, circa 1940) 1 dozen - will sell separately for \$8.50 post-paid ea. or the dozen for \$85.00 post paid. These lighters were originally made to be sold to military personnel and were shipped from Kalamazoo, Michigan to a west coast naval supply depot. NOTE: The above picture is a reduction of the original advertising card for the lighters. Howard Mordue.

(Omega) Newport advertising lighter. Fair cond. \$1.00. Leo Turini

Pencil type lighter. Ad Borden Co. - Refrigeration Boston 10, Mass. Fair cond. \$2.00. Leo Turini

For Sale or Trade

Following still available:

- 1 Ceramic table (small) lighter with "M" on bottom. \$2.00
- 1 Ronson "gold color" lighter. \$10.00
- 1 Evans lighter and case gold-black (1940's) \$15.00
- 1 Japanese "fancy" lighter and case (black jeweled) (1940's). \$10.00
- 1 large Japanese table lighter/ashtray set - brilliant green glass & metal (shine with silver polish). \$35.00
- 1 Realite-pink with black poodle. \$3.00
- 1 Supreme-odd case of picture 19th Century - fabric (slides in). \$3

Carolyn Page. NOTE: Carolyn said she will sell these separately.

- 1 Plain pocket lighter marked Japan - good
  - 1 Plain pocket lighter Zippo - good
  - 1 Plain pocket lighter no mark - poor (probably G.T.- WWII Zippo)
  - 2 Ronson pocket - Standard Delight (good for parts)
  - 1 Small pocket lighter marked Japan - key chain attached. fair
- NOT \$4.00  
Leo Turini

(Evans) Pat. June, 1952  
pocket lighter - misc.  
design. excellent cond.  
\$3.00. Leo Turini

Wanted to Buy or Trade

Ronson "Bartender" lighter - will pay good price! Judith Sanders

Military - any type. Also looking for one from Viet Nam with map of V.N. on it. Robert Koznecki

Any lighters having to do with billards. Also Zippos with logo's & old alcohol burning lighters. Dee Collins

Scripto "vu-lighters", chrome top with clear plastic bottom. Inside clear bottom is usually fishing fly, small dice, Golfer, Bowler, etc. Send description w/price. Nate Barragato

Want to buy lighters for a reasonable price. Send picture & price and I'll respond soon after. Joe Fink

Will pay \$25 and up for "Ceramic Occupied Japan Cigarette Lighters". Also will buy other O.J. lighters. Send complete description w/prices. Bob Gee

Pocket & table lighters with names of Navy Ships on them. Jack Comins

Wanted to Buy or Trade

Want lighters with names & pictures of football teams. Send xerox picture & price. Judith Sanders

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

Advertising Zippos. Will pay \$2 ea. in any legible condition. Send list & particulars. Richard Rotman

Need Ronson Touch Tip parts: Wands & Wicks. Also want to buy complete touch tip lighters, have some duplicates to trade. Also interested in WWII airplane lighters. Pete & Barb Bocciarelli

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