

ON THE LIGHTER Side

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A few weeks ago your Editor received a questionnaire from the Kovel's, asking for information about OTLS. In response to returning the form, this past week Ralph & Terry Kovel wrote me a very nice letter and said they will be printing information about our club in their newly revised "Specialized and General Publications for the Collector". I think I can speak for all of us in thanking Ralph & Terry for their interest.

If any of you have seen Anita Gold's latest article "Collectors of Lighters Find Variety, Novelty" - - - your Editor was in Chicago in September and spoke with Ms. Gold. She said she was in the process of writing an article on lighter collecting and would like to interview me. If any of you haven't gotten to see this article I will be glad to send you a copy, if you will let me know. Regarding this article, your Editor would like to say that most of the prices Anita Gold mentions were not given to her by your Editor.

Your Editor also had the pleasure of meeting Len Geisler, one of our new members. Len took me on a tour of Chicago - also took me to his favorite "junk" store where I found a beer stein lighter! Thanks again, Len. I was also able to visit on the phone with Richard Brown, another new member, which was most enjoyable.

Even though Don Collier has been featured in our Spotlight section before, this past week Don sent in a short article which he wrote himself. Therefore, with pleasure, Don Collier's article is featured this month.

More later.....

Judith

IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....

I started collecting lighters much the same way I'm sure others did. Being a smoker, I always had a lighter with me. When one would become inoperable, rather than throw it away, I would put it in a drawer. Being a smoker, I often received lighters as gifts, thus my hobby of collecting lighters began.

I have a lot of very ordinary lighters and also a lot of very rare and unusual ones. Now I have in excess of 450 lighters and each one is important because it's the only one I have like it.

My lighters are all displayed on open shelving in one end of my kitchen for all to see and enjoy. I'm sure some of my lighters are very valuable, but none are for sale - I'm a collector, not a dealer.

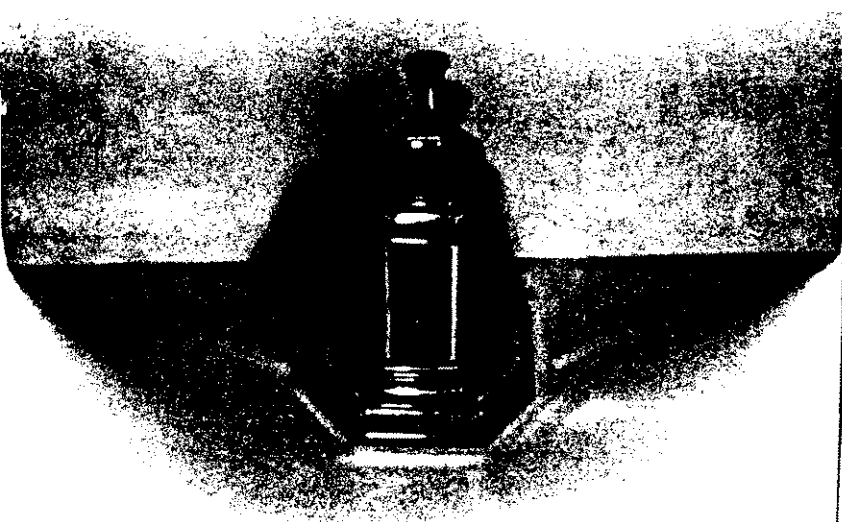
One day it would be fun to separate my collection into categories, such as - firearms, transportation, sports, x-rated (Yes, I have some of those, too!), animals, etc.

I would like to see OTLS members having a get together every other year, so we could meet other members and swap ideas and possibly some lighters.

by Don Collier

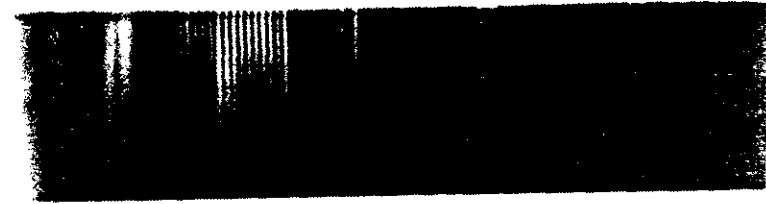
COLLECTORS' CORNER

It isn't often we get good clear pictures of lighters which are for sale. This month Collectors' Corner will feature pictures, descriptions and prices of some really unusual lighters Howard Mordue is offering for sale. If the pictures aren't clear enough, your Editor has the original photos of these lighters. Please turn to page 2.



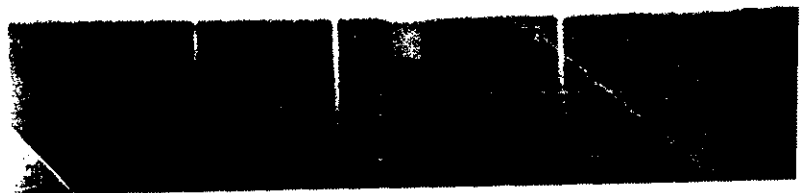
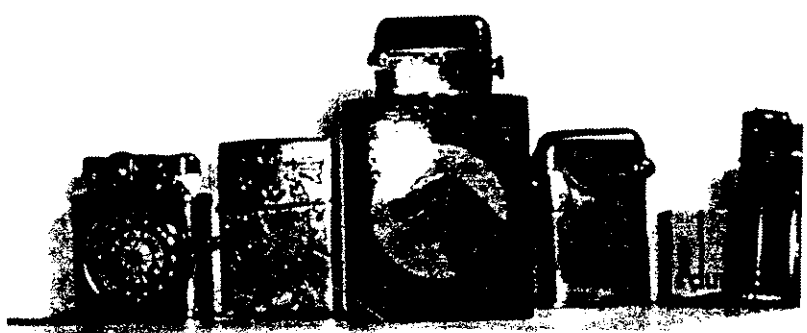
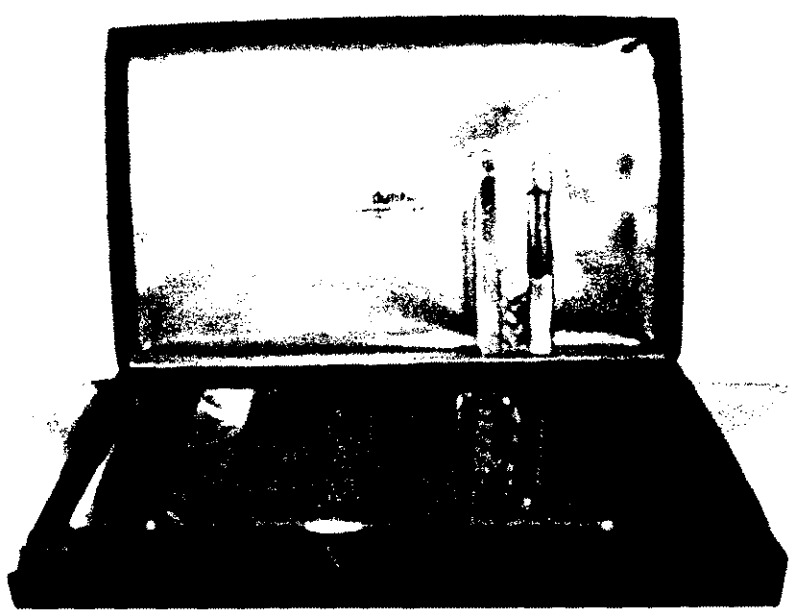
(1) (Above) Ronson Touch Tip table lighter US Pat. 1986754. Side view with raised letters Haughton. Front view with engraving GBT. \$30. (2) (Below left) Left to right: Dunhill standard silver colored Rollagas with linen finish. Swiss made. \$60; Baby Dunhill, gold plated with Royal Canadian Airforce insignia. Fluid. U.S. Pat. 21202106. \$100; Heavy Sterling Silver Mexican made "Twenties" lighter in fine working shape. \$85; Dunhill Service lighter (no box), brown paint. \$7. (3) (Below right) Dunhill Rollagas with linen finish gold plated. A fine example of Dunhill workmanship. \$60; Dunhill Rollagas with fine cross finish gold plated. \$75; Quercia Flaminare gas lighter in original box. A heavy lighter. \$40; Older Dunhill fluid "Art Deco" flip top with black enameled casing. Trade marked "Savory" Swiss made with silver punch mark. \$100; Baby Dunhill in Sterling Silver. US Pat. 210 2106. 2 inches high with elegant linen finish. This is a fluid lighter. \$100.





(4) (Above left) Silver colored Elgin American. Fluid. \$10; Ronson case lighter new. \$20; 1907 Columbian Spirit lighter with platinum wires. Works with grain alcohol as specified. For the serious collector only in original box. See July 15, 1985 "On The Lighter Side". \$85.

(5) (Above right) Elgin American silver colored fluid. \$10; Elgin American gold colored fluid. \$10; Sterling Silver Ronson Adonis. Engraved with the initials J.C. \$40; Brown leather Ronson Adonis Fluid. \$10; Gold plated Varaflame almost new. \$15. (5) (Below left) Silver plated fluid Dunhill with Sterling silver cigarette case in original box. Gold vermeille trimmed. \$250. (6) (Below right) Novelty Roulette Wheel lighter. \$10; Sterling Silver Zippo type lighter engraved with the Island of Japan and the varied U.S. ARMY shields that served there. Has small dent on base. \$60; Thorens table lighter in inlaid wood. \$85; Thorens pocket lighter with screw lock. \$40; Dunhill Service lighter with original box. \$10.



For Sale or Trade

Small collection for Sale - includes the following: Table lighters - 3 Ronsons; 6 Zippos with ads; approx. 35 other type pocket lighters with ads, some in original boxes, no duplicates, most all are at least 20 years old. This man would like to sell all of them in one lot - is willing to sell them at a reasonable price - your Editor has complete inventory for anyone who is interested. Owner is Thomas Costello (non-member) - his address is available for anyone interested.

I have a lot of pocket lighters I would like to sell. All in working order. Some old "Camel" lighter shape, some "Zippo" shape (but no Zippos). All have ads on them. Will sell for 50¢ ea. Judith Sanders

Metal: gold to bronze color. Picture of Napolian III front and letters on back are raised similar to a sculpture. Make an offer. (See photo below)
 Frances L. Wepel, 6004 Bromley Ave., Apt. 1, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107.



Wanted to Buy or Trade

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

14K gold lighter - must be in good working order and in good shape. Eddie Dektor

1910-1930's round, brass/copper, similar in size/shape to man's hunter case pocket watch, French, German, English, flint post pulls out, hole-fitting for wick, WWI scene or leaders or coins. NOT Japanese made "Belgium or French" coins. Warren Gerber

Wanted: Any ceramic lighter that is marked "Made In Occupied Japan". Will pay \$50 and up for those I can use for my Thesis! Bob Gee

Musical lighters. Warren Gerber

Interested in Ronson's from the 20's. Eddie Dektor

Interested in buying or trading for very old lighters from 1880's to 1920's, and any watch lighters, working or not. Ira Pilossof

Wanted to Buy or Trade

Interested in a 1932 Zippo and a 1943 black lacquer Zippo. Ira Pilossof

Want Dunhill lighters with watches in them. John Cuevas

Wanted Ronson Table Lighters, esp. unusual, or other working table lighters. Also need someone to repair Enalox-Norway table lighter, believe tank leaks gas. Also need reg. replacement (medium size) gold colored metal insert lighter for base. Says "Japan" - wheel frozen, etc. David Chase

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