

ON THE LIGHTER Side

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IMPORTANT!! The date for the 1988 OTLS Convention has now been set for June 9 - 12, 1988 in Erie, Pa. The convention will start the evening of June 9, due to an all day tour on June 10 to the Zippo facility. Please keep this date in mind when planning vacations! More details will be given as we get closer to the date.

Please note our new members on page 3 - as always we WELCOME all new members.

Please note envelopes have not been used this month, but rather the paper is just stapled. This could help with costs - does anyone have objections????

Your Editor would like to wish each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

More later....

Judith

IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....

FROM COINS TO LIGHTERS!

Loyd Stinecipher says he has always collected something. In 1984 he was collecting coins, which was rapidly becoming a VERY expensive hobby. Then one day a friend gave him 20 lighters. When he saw so many different types of lighters, he became interested in finding even more and that was the end of coin collecting and the beginning of lighters!

Loyd and his wife, Pat, live in Tyler, Texas. There are many weekend Flea Markets close to Tyler, including "Canton First Monday" where Loyd heard about OTLS from a Flea Market Dealer, who has sold lighters to your Editor.

When asked to describe some of his favorite lighters, Loyd laughingly replied that in his present collection of 534 lighters

all of them are his favorites! However, he went on to say he is especially proud of a 1912 Austrian lighter. This same style lighter is the lighter that inspired George Blaisdell to create the first Zippo, as Blaisdell felt the Austrian lighter was "too cumbersome." (See photo below)

Loyd and Pat both had an interesting story to tell about one pocket lighter Loyd has in his collection. Pat told this writer, in 1946 her father played semi-pro football for Tresler Oil Co. in Cincinnati, Ohio. Tresler had service stations, which were called "Comet Service Stations" - - so the football team was called the "Tresler Comets." When Loyd ran across a lighter at Canton that had "Tresler Comets" on it, they were both delighted!

As this collection started to grow, Loyd said he realized he needed a display area, where he could show off his lighters. He now has a display cabinet, with glass shelves, built into a bookcase in the den, where everyone who comes to visit can see his collection.

Loyd told your Editor that he is so pleased to find OTLS. He said starting in 1984, he has tried to find some kind of club, or other lighter collectors. He even went to the library and found the name of a collector in California, who had a club. But to his disappointment, when he called the man, he found the club no longer existed. In the short time Loyd has been a member of OTLS, he said he has already learned a lot and feels like finding the club is a dream come true.



COLLECTORS' CORNER

Your Editor has had many inquiries regarding one category of lighters - the hand made lighters from WWI and WWII. Peter Cavanagh has sent an interesting article and pictures on these lighters (Thanks, Peter).

The term which has been applied to these lighters is "Trench Art." The article states that Trench Art is a term embracing all those curious oddities made by our fighting troops from spent bullet and shell cases when they were not winging off mortars towards the enemy lines.

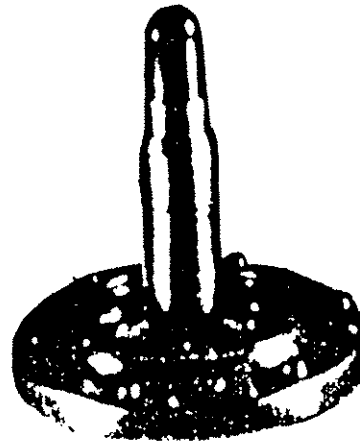
The article went on to say that most take the form of ashtrays or cigarette lighters, often sporting cryptic messages with names and dates, which give an added interest.

The author of that article ends with an interesting thought: "Beware though, for it has been known for a First World War trophy to set quite contentedly for decades by a roaring fire in a live condition - never assume they are harmless."

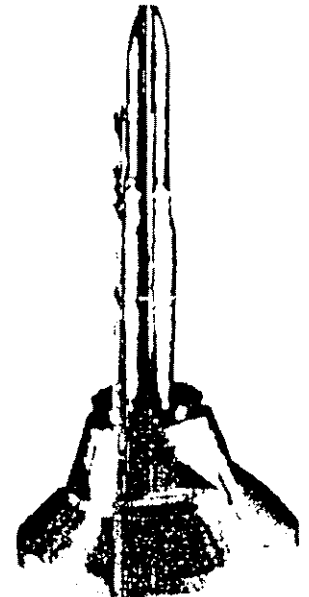
Shown on this page are pictures of some Trench Art Lighters.



Cigarette lighter made from a brass bullet case.



Combined lighter and ashtray dated 1944.



A large brass and aluminium table lighter.



First World War lighter made from a bullet case.



This particular lighter is not a photo, but a xerox of an actual lighter from your Editor's collection.

For Sale or Trade

Herman Keith wants to sell his entire collection of lighters. For pictures of his collection contact your Editor or Herman Herman Keith directly.

I have bought a whole box of Scripto lighters (2 different models, refillable type - 1 solid case type & other Vu-Lighter - both types fuel) Will sell solid case types for \$2 ea. & Vu-lighters for \$1 ea. John Kroner (photo in Oct. issue)

For Sale: Orange colored (baseball type) caps with "On The Lighter Side" on cap. \$5 (includes postage and handling). For info, write Jerry Agan.

1987 OTLS Convention Lighters still available - \$6.50 each - add extra if overseas.

For Sale: Seven lighters from Siam (Thailand). All are sterling silver or silver cased. Two are Zippo types and five are English Ronsons, all fluid fueled. The lot for \$75 or best offer, or I would consider trading for fountain pens. Write or phone Al Grosskopf.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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For Sale or Trade

Ronson wicks - \$2 each. These wicks are no longer available in stores. Sid Chase.

For Sale: Tobacco And Its Use: A Bibliography of the Periodical Literature.

Contains over 3,300 entries, including references to essays, book reviews, dissertations, short stores, etc. A unique and comprehensive guide to the history, culture and varied use of the 'divine herb' (cigarette, cigars, snuff, tobacco chewing, pipe smoking) plus all the accoutrements associated with its consumption, such as match safes, lighters, cigar bands, snuff boxes, tobacco jars and pipe stoppers. 243 pages; paperbound. \$9.00 postpaid (Note: prepayment required) Order from Eugene Umberger (See New Members' list)

Wanted to Buy or Trade

Wanted: Lighters with pictures of pinup girls. Must be in excellent cond. Robert Stowe (See New Members' List) Looking for old junk lighters for parts - also Zippo with the hinge on the outside. Tom Zimmer

Looking for the "wands" that fit Ronson Touch Tip table lighters - Tom Prylinski and Judith Sanders

Looking for the insert for the "Parker Silent Flame" lighter. Dee Collins

Wanted: 'Transfo Lighter' Pyrium Flint Lighter - patented 1948 in France - W. D'Alton, Inventor - as pictured LIGHTERS ASCENDINI #239. John Grawe.

Wanted to Buy or Trade

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 (The Occupied Japan Club)

Wanted: Ronson Banjo and pre-1958 Zippos - all must be in good condition - for cash or swap for Australian made lighters or rare tobacco tins of Western Australian origin. Rex Hodgson

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

Looking for Catalogues, old ads or leaflets (or facsimile) of pre-1939 period. Please send detail with price to Jacques P. Cole. For research on Lighter Book (Editor's Note: As discussed at convention, I believe it is important to help any OTLS Member who is undertaking such a project.)

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