

On The LIGHTER Side

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IMPORTANT - your dues statements are enclosed. Please note the deadline for paying 1998 dues. Also a few of you have already paid your 1998 dues - please just mark "Paid" on your dues statement and return for our files. A few of you have a "credit" toward the '98 dues, subtract your credit and send the balance due, marking on your statement "credit of \$". Please take care of your dues on time! Some of you have said "you forgot" - would you forget your electric bill? Some of you complained about our club address not being on the statement - it is now on the statement.

Just a small word about the 1997 Videos: First we would like to say **THANK YOU** to Ron Harsh - not only for filming the video, but for contributing money to the club for each sale. However, to the membership I would say that to date **ONLY** 14 members have ordered this video (& one of those was me!). This is the best video we have ever had produced for a convention, and the only professional video. In appreciation for the hard work Ron put into this project, I would appreciate it if some more of you would order the video. Cost is \$20 plus postage of \$2 (4th class) or \$3 (Priority)(Overseas please add \$8) Send requests to

**United Video Productions
P O Box 192
Ft Walton Beach FL 32549**

Please remember the Estelle Tolkin Awards will be given again in 1998 for articles or photos sent to be used in the newsletter. If you were not a member when the rules of this contest were published, please send a SASE for a complete copy of these guidelines. Here is an opportunity for you to write an article for the paper, or to send photos of unusual lighters. Recently one member wrote and asked for a copy of these rules - I apologize to that member because I have misplaced your letter. Please let me know and I will send them right away.

**PLEASE READ IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT ON PAGE TWO.**

IMPORTANT! Please send new ads for 1998. If you want your old ads to continued, please notify me. Also I need new business cards from those of you who are running your card. How about some new ads from you members who NEVER place ads??? (ads are free)

And now a word from our OTLS Officers:

Our President John Elster....

It seems like only yesterday that Judith called to ask if I would consider being President of OTLS - but that was twelve months ago - time flies when you are collecting lighters!

The highlights of my last year as a lighter collector were: New Orleans convention; Daytona Mid-Winter Show; talking with and meeting dozens of you great people; my decision to collect Japanese flat advertising lighter; and my purchase of a 14 Kt Gold Dunhill Watch lighter. As our club grows and lighters become more scarce at the local flea market - we must rely on each other to find lighters for us in order to build our collections. Placing and answering ads in the OTLS newsletter is a wonderful way to accomplish this goal.

Good Luck to Marvin Self - your new President.

And the Vice President, Marvin Self....

The vice presidency of the club this year has been quit an honor for me; my thanks go to Judith and the board. The convention was a lot of fun, and meeting both the "legendary" and new members was a pleasure. No., I didn't raise any club money at Buddhist temples!

As the hobby continues to grow, relatively small regional swap meets do also. Gene Gavorsky, Glenn Donaldson and I are planning the first Annual Mid Southeast Swap Meet for November 22. I think these small swap meets are good because they give many people their first opportunity to see what the hobby is about.

Again, thanks for the honor of being Vice President this year.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

As you know, since July we have been selling the first club lighter ever created, by Zippo, for OTLS. As of this past week, there are only 49 lighters left.

The Board of Directors of OTLS has made the following decision about these 49 lighters. Corky Horner will not take any more orders on these lighters. Instead we are going to follow a different method of selling 44 of these lighters. First of all, the Board has decided 5 of these lighters will be put away and sold, one each year, at our annual conventions. The remaining 44 will be sold by lottery, for \$50.00 each.

If you would like to have your name entered into this lottery, please send a postcard to **OTLS, P O Box 536, Quitman, TX 75783.** (do not send money, only postcard). Please print your name and phone number and a short statement saying you would like one of the remaining club lighters. When we feel everyone has had an opportunity to enter into this lottery, we will draw names and notify the winners. IF we do not receive over 44 postcards, then we will just sell the remaining lighters to those of you who send the cards. However, the price will be \$50.00 (postage paid US & Canada and \$5.00 postage for overseas) for each lighter.

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please call, fax or write the OTLS Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Sanders, Chairman of the
Board, OTLS

From The Pen Of....

...David Santana

YOU HAVE A FRIEND

As those of you who travel for business know, there's no joy in arriving in a strange city or country, all alone, not knowing anyone or where to go. Room service only makes the experience worse.

My business takes me all over the world and to many cities in the United States. After your first visit and seeing all the "local" tourist attractions, there isn't much more to do. As a collector, I also try to include trips to markets and shops where I can "hunt" and add to my collection.

Getting information from the hotel staff only gets you to more tourist locations. As much as they want to help, they really don't know the "out of way" places. As a member of OTLS, I no longer have that problem.

Upon arriving, it's just a matter of looking at our member list and picking up the phone. Usually you'll find a member living there. Once connected, it's like finding family or a life time friend. I have yet to speak to a member who wouldn't take the time to talk with me. Telling me about the places I should go where the best shop and flea markets are. In most cases, inviting me into their homes to show their collections. Seeing these collections in my intended displays adds so much more, than just on a table at the shows. Usually the evening ends with another piece for my collection or better yet, a new friend.

On a recent trip to London, I called Liam Oakley, Richard Ball & Tom Clarke. Richard was so excited about his newest piece. (I'm sure everyone already knows about it) that we spent half an hour talking about it. Tom was on holiday in France so I wasn't able to reach him. Liam, on the other hand, got in a cab and came to my hotel.

That night Liam took us (I was traveling with an associate) to two "pubs". One was built in the late eighteen hundreds on the banks of the Thames River and not on any "tourist" list. Not allowing us to pay for drinks, dinner or cab fare, we spent the evening talking about lighters and collecting. Liam also had pictures of his lighters. He collects lighters with watches, most are very rare and all are top quality. We spoke so much that my associate decided to start collecting.

On the way back to my hotel, we even stopped at the Hard Rock Cafe so I could pick up lighters. These were requested by other members and I was happy to do it for them. I was also able to find Zippo Hard Rock lighters in Hong Kong, Singapore and Indonesia.

I'm telling you about this, so that you will feel comfortable knowing, no matter where you go, you have a friend. Liam, again, thank you for a wonderful evening. You make the joy of collecting even better. I also thank all those other members who have taken my calls and opened their homes and collections to me in the past. I look forward to seeing you again in the future. Business travel shouldn't just be work!



.....Nicholas DiNezza

I recently purchased a lighter from WGS Distributors. In the package was a letter, which I've attached.

This is great information because I have several Zippos which I failed to remove stickers. I was lucky, I caught them just in time. The glue was starting to discolor the bronze.

Editor's Note: The letter from WGS is a full page and there is not sufficient room to include the entire letter. If you would like a copy of this letter, entitled "How to Take Care of Your Lighters", please write to Jim Warren at WGS. I am reprinting the paragraph that pertains to Nicholas' letter since I feel this is something you all need to know now.)

"As soon as you receive your lighters **take all stickers off.** The stickers and the glue contain chemical elements that will discolor your lighters. Save them by sticking them on the inside of the box that your lighter came in. When you go to sell the lighters, you will have everything that came in it."



.....Richard Weinstein

Having been a member of the Lighter Club of Great Britain, I have always wanted to attend one of their conventions and always appreciated the efforts of the LCGB members to attend the OTLS and PLPG conventions here in the U.S. Since I have never been to London before, this was an extra added incentive.

Finally making the decision to go, I was extremely impressed with the gracious hospitality shown by the members and board. It was a pleasure meeting all the members and a delight to finally match faces with the voices I have spoken to so often. There

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Richard Weinstein cont....

were many fine lighters available for purchase and trade. I was quite happy with my purchases, which included a fine example of the Ronson Ballerina Rondalite set purchased from Richard Ball. An extra added attraction was the sponsorship by Bonhams Auction House and it was a pleasure meeting their representatives and seeing the latest catalogue offerings. They have shown a great interest in auctioning off fine examples of vintage lighters.

I was so pleased that Paul Schofield took the time to show some of us Yankees the London Tour and what a tour it was! It was a great experience walking though the Portobello Antique Center and all the great centers in London. I look forward to attending future LCGB shows!

[COLLECTORS' CORNER]

(Editorial Note: As you may have read in the Sept. issue, the Lighter Museum of Holland is closing, we hope temporarily. I believe it is important that this Museum reopen some day and hope for some inspiration from some of you. In the meantime, Steven Stolar has written a very good article about his visit to the Museum.)

I WENT TO THE MOUNTAIN

by Steven Stolar

While most of you were in New Orleans trading, buying and selling, I was visiting Ad van Weert at his Lighter Museum of Holland. If you haven't made the trip yet, don't bother. As was in the process of packing the entire contents of his museum into a box, a very large box, which he'll store while searching for a location to complete one of his life's ambitions, to open a world class lighter museum for public view. It's my guess this goal will come to fruition in three to five years in either Holland, Japan or the U.S.

Just four others from the states have made this trip. Signatures in Ad's guest book include Tom O'Key, Boris Rubin, Guy Nishida and Jack Lowenthal. The museum is actually a four room apartment on the third floor of a quaint residential complex in Nuenen, about 1.25 hours train ride southwest of Amsterdam. The walls are lined with custom shelves and table drawers where Ad displays about 2,500 reconditioned models. He has another 5,000 pieces reconditioned but in storage and approximately 13,000 more lighters waiting for a make over.

Ad's curiosity propels him to dismantle his acquisitions, clean, catalog and reassemble. This takes him an average of 1.5 hours per lighter, and thereafter, they are stored or displayed only to be handled with gloves. Five to ten percent of his purchases he will not dismantle for risk damaging the piece. He does not sell

or trade to my knowledge, buys no exact duplicates, and look for any or all pieces that will contribute to the presentation of fire making devices, "the combination of design and technique connected to history and development."

For those of you that bought his book, you will be happy to learn it sold out (English version). And for those who did not, more good news, his special edition which contains a research and price guide supplement can be purchased for about \$200, twenty percent cheaper than when it was first available. This is due to the recent strength of the dollar.

On the book: It's about development! He actually spent 20 years on this book, traveling, buying, researching the US Library of Congress and the Belgium and Hungarian archives on fire making devices. Ad did not succumb to the temptations of appreciating the value of his collection by price staggering, and he admits that the price guide was the most difficult part of the project. He originally did not plan to include one, but realized that if he didn't someone else would. Most of us use reference and price guides to determine the value of our own collections. But Ad gives the distinct impression that he doesn't regard his collection in terms of its monetary value, rather, he is the curator of the world's premier reference on fire making devices. This is evident in the tedious care he takes in cataloging. He used d-Base IV to catalog and can tell you just about everything you want to know about any of his 20,000 pieces. He enjoyed photographing the most. The shots were his and he received lighting assistance from his publisher.

About Ad: I met him at the Atlantic City show in 1992, and found him a warm and interesting fellow. Ad van Weert is of Dutch descent and both of his parents are from Weert, Holland. He does nothing but lighters. What a luxury! Like many Europeans I know, he is mechanically minded; reads scientific magazines and is versed in chemistry and the physical sciences, history, is multi-lingual, has never owned a television, and likes Stephen King novels. Don't underestimate his charisma - the two occasions he wanted to purchase lighters from me, I ended up donating them to his museum. He can charm the skin off a snake and make you feel good about it. Twice he was invited to exhibit his collection in Japan, Tokyo and Osaka, in 1990 and 1991 respectively.

Approach to investigations: to synthesis the thinking process Ad used in his approach to fire making development and technology, I developed the chart below:

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COLLECTORS' CORNER continued...

MATERIAL

steel	precious metals
rocks	plastics
glass	alloys
ceramics	etc.

IGNITION SYSTEMS

spark
battery
piezo
chemical interaction

TECHNIQUES

manual
semi-automatic
automatic

FLINTS

strikers
wheels
file
caps

Collecting lighters is akin to collecting firearms, clocks, watches or other mechanical devices as opposed to stamps, coins, postcards, tools, art or primitives

Recent acquisitions to museum: The most recent piece was a German electric wall lighter that works exactly like a car lighter in bakelite, about four inches tall with a round shaft. Prior to that was an early flint photography flash mechanism, about one foot long in chrome, a round shaft handle with a pop-up, shovel-like head that reflects an intense spark. The earliest piece in the museum was a tinder pistol, circa 1650.

Quite honestly, the museum was overwhelming. I found myself more interested in Ad and his approach to what he does rather than the collection. He is doing the right thing, his museum has outgrown the four room apartment and this collection is worthy of world class recognition. Perhaps in the not-so-far distant future, Amsterdam will boast the Weert Museum along with the Rijks, Van Gogh and Stedelijk.

P.S. If anyone finds a box containing 20,000 lighters, please return to Ad Van Weert at The Lighter Museum of Holland, Postbus 27, NL-5670 AA, Nuenan, the Netherlands. Phone/Fax 31 402 523765.

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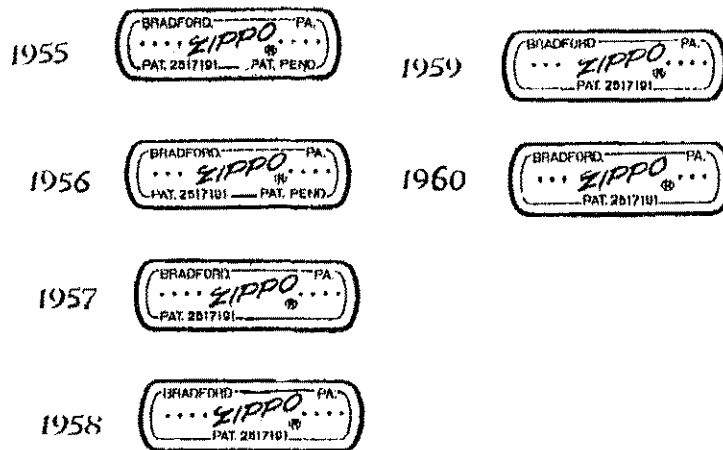


(Editorial Note: We receive smaller articles & pictures from members frequently. Many times these aren't long enough to use for an article about, however, this is all important information. For this last issue of the year, I have included a few smaller articles & photos from

different members. Thanks to all of you who send information and please continue to do so.)

During the past several years, Sam Wood has been researching some of the Zippos to ascertain what specific years actually said on the bottom. Although the Collector's Guide (published by Zippo) says the "dots" didn't begin until 1958, Sam has discovered lighters which are dated on the front so he knows the bottom is pre-1958. You can read the section in David Poore's book where he quotes Sam Wood.

Following is a graph of 1946 - 1960 showing what Sam believes the bottom of the Zippo looks like.



A few months ago Dave Markey found a Rama-Spin Table Lighter. Although I believe there may be a few of these around, this is a rare piece. Dave has sent a great photo of this lighter.

In his note he says "I put it (Rama-Spin Table Lighter" next to the Ronson DeLight Table Lighter so you would have an idea of it's size."





Ben Rapaport sent me a 1938 Trade Catalogue from The Civic Company Limited. This company says they are "The World's Largest Pipe Manufacturers" with office and factory in London. As well as the pipes shown in the catalogue, they also have featured some lighters. Shown below are a few photos from this catalogue. Please note the "Bartender" is not identified as a Ronson & does not look like the Ronson. Since Urban's book says the Ronson Bartender Striker was made in 1936 & this is a 1938 catalogue, perhaps someone copied the Ronson?

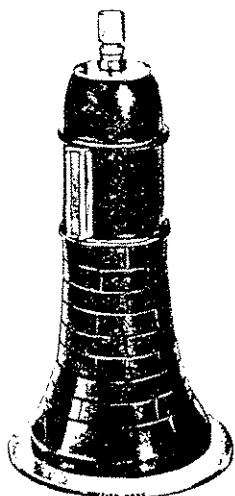


No. 263. The "COCKTAIL" BAR. Combined CIGARETTE BOX and TABLE LIGHTER (with Strikalite Action) in Smart Chromium and Black Metal, with removable Ash Holder. The Cigarette Container is in 2 sections each holding 10 Cigarettes with spring action which automatically delivers them one at a time by sliding the top rim. Retail at 25/- each.



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MAKE

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Meet the Members by John Elster

A gift from a grandfather was the catalyst for the beginning of this month's "Meet the Member's" collection. Member James Lauby of Nebraska was 15 years old and collecting matchbooks when his grandfather said that he ought to collect something of value. To start the collection he gave Jim a cigarette lighter. It was then that Jim began to collect figural lighters. He did not care who it was made by - he just collected what appealed to him. After meeting fellow member (dealer) Mike Cassidy about 7 years ago, he joined OTLS and has been collecting actively ever since.

Currently Jim has what may be the largest collection of "Made in Occupied Japan" lighter (MIOJ) in the world. He claims 600 different pieces in his collection (wow!). In addition to the MIOJ, he also has a collection of small figural trench pieces. He has plenty of time to search for lighters because it is a part of his business. You see, he and his wife own an antique shop!

His favorite MIOJ lighter is the bird in a bird cage. The bird is painted with several different colors and is in Mint condition. Jim encourages anyone with MIOJ for sale or trade to give him a call. He might just want it!

THE DISCOVERY ZONE

from Andrew Lloyd

This was one of my best discoveries in 1996. On the way home from attending the Florida Mid-Winter show, I found this Sterling Silver Town & Country. Note the Pheasant is flying the opposite direction from the one you normally see.



from Jay Meddaugh

The Lighter Lady Strikes Again

The Lighter Lady (aka Sophie Meddaugh) found the cane lighter at the Nov. 1996 Pier Show in New York City. Her son, Jay Meddaugh had just walked past a booth when she called him back. Her question "Why did you pass up this can light?" He had walked by without spotting it. After Jay bought the lighter, they proceeded to the end of the aisle where they met Ira Pilosof and Richard Weinstein, who had already covered that pier. Neither could believe they had

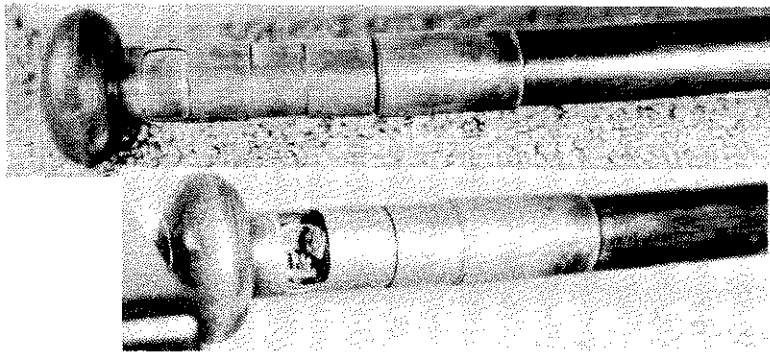
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missed the cane. Ira mentioned that Larry Tolkin had already been there and had left (without seeing the cane). Lighter Lady = 1, Lighter Guys = 0

The medallion identifies the cane as British made with the Trademark "Totem". The British patent records after 1920 are not listed alphabetically by Trademark and thus far the maker has not been identified. The lighter works by pushing down on the top of the cane, which opens a slide and activates the flint wheel. (see photo below)



from Sid Chase

I have found a "BRENT" lighter & it's unusual. What can anyone tell me about it?

IN MEMORY OF ED KELLEY

Recently I found out that Ed Kelley had passed away. After the number of years Ed has been a member, this was a big shock to me and I will miss him. Since the first day Ed joined the club there were several things I learned I could count on him for - he was the first person every year to pay his dues, he ordered anything and everything the club ever had for sale (first, of course), he wrote little notes every time he especially liked an article in the paper. Overall he brought me many moments of pleasure.

The son of Ed Kelley, Tom, has written a letter telling me a little bit more about his father. I would like to share part of this letter with you. Tom says

"Regarding his collecting, Dad started in 1980 when he retired. He collecting many things over the years - coins, especially pennies, tokens, medallions, post cards, etc. He went to garage sales almost very weekend. He haunted the second hand stores, just looking for little treasures. I think he was known by almost every collectible dealer in town.

"But, his greatest passion was cigarette lighters. He ended up with well over 2,000 lighters. I can't recall him saying that he had any particular favorites. I don't think he ever met a lighter he didn't like - old, new, brand, type - it didn't matter!"

Ed's collection has now been sold to Ed McNamar. We appreciate hearing from Ed's son and extend our sympathy to him and the rest of Ed's Family. Our club has lost a valuable member.

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

I am planning to do a pocket edition of the original Ronson book, of all pocket & table model Ronson wick lighters not in the Ronson book. If you have a lighter or know of one, or even if you suspect it may be a Ronson, please contact me by phone or letter or fax. Sorry I do not have e-mail. Once I have assembled a substantial number of them, I plan to put them all together in some fashion, so that everyone who is interested can obtain a copy. If you provide me with the information and allow me to photograph the piece or to obtain usable, good quality photograph of it, I will send you a copy of whatever it is I put together. In addition, if it is ever published in some form, you will receive credit for your contribution in the acknowledgments. Thanks for your interest in my project. Urban K. Cummings Phone (650)328-0329 Fax (650)926-2407.



I still need hundreds of 35mm color slides of lighters, compacts, perfumers & handbags for the Evans book. All items should be photographed individually. **THE OBJECTS SHOULD FILL THE VIEWFINDER.** Slides of pocket lighters should be limited to one or two per slide. **PEOPLE WANT TO SEE CLOSE UP DETAIL RATHER THAN QUANTITIES OF LIGHTERS.** A light blue background works best. All slides must be of a quality that will meet the publisher's approval. Backgrounds should be solid, seamless & wrinkle free. The success of the book depends entirely on quality of pictures. I will photograph any items sent to me if you want your lighters to appear in the book. Please call (757)436-7821 or mail slides to:

LARRY CLAYTON, 242 RED CEDAR CT, APT 3B, CHEASAPEAKE VA 23320

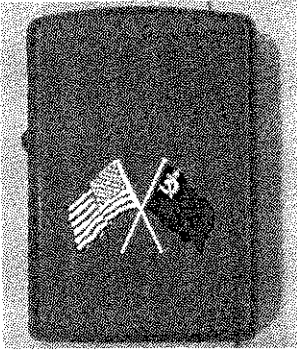
All members who submit slides for publication will be acknowledged in the book. Please help me with this project so that we will finally have an Evans book. We have a tentative publication date of Spring, 1999.

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FOR SALE OR TRADE

Ronson Heart, Vee, Banjo w/box, Pencil Striker, Literpact. Table Lighters: Tank, Bellycan Pelican, Bulldog, Bulldog w/ashtray, Donkey, Bull, Running Bulldog, Whimsical Pup, Lincoln, all Chrome Octette, Hound Dog (Copper), Dodo, Streamline, Grecian, Turret, Tabourette, Duchess, Old Regal, Sundial and sunrise, Savoy, Verona (Butane), chrome Decanter, Duchess, Nude Incense Burner plus the usual great MIOJ, Dunhills, Primitive lighters and pocket/table goodies. Call or fax Guy Nishida

For Sale: MIB Zippo w/old USSR flag. Sold to UN to help promote detente. The UN quit selling it 6 or 7 years ago since country broke up & UN won't sell smoking products any more. I believe it is a 1988. Represents a rare moment in world history. Black matte w/flags in color. \$50.00 ea (\$3 S&H US) (overseas add \$5 S&H). I have just a few. Write to John Sved. (212)570-6839



For Sale: Two Austrian Spelter Striker lighters. Cocker Spaniel dog \$250 U.S. Arab on Carpet & tree stump. \$200 U.S. Peter Cavangh (Australia) Phone 62 3 95469254

For Sale: Many Camel Zippos; Zippo (black w/white lettering) salesman sample cases 1 for \$28, @ for \$54, 3 for \$80 (postage pd in US.); Swap Meet Special Editions for '95, '96, '97; Zippo Employees Special Editions from '82, '92, '96; Hard Rock Cafes from several cities; several discontinued & misc. items. Fax, call or write for more information. Jerry Cline (817)514-8242 phone/fax (see change of address)

For Sale: Lighter Patent Books. Two Volumes each with over 50 different patents. Volume 1 is over 175 pages and includes patents from the years 1877 through 1918. Volume 2 is over 200 pages and includes patents from the years 1920 through 1931. \$25 each or both for \$45 (includes postage in US). Overseas orders - please contact me by fax, letter or telephone for ordering

FOR SALE OR TRADE

instructions. Send order to Mike Stevens

For Sale: Complete set OTLS lighters - all are MIB 1987-1997 and the '32 Replica OTLS. \$1000 firm. Gary Bagwell (940)549-5460 Fax (940)549-5475, e-mail gbag@wt.net

Camel Zippos as numbered in Camel Guide #37 French Tax Stamp, #49 Biker, #54 Camel Holiday, #77 Sure Shoot, Sterling Silver Biker. Also '97 Zippo/Case Swap Meet Lighter, '97 Gazebo lighter, '97 Swap Meet knife & lighter set. For more info send SASE or call Andrew Lloyd (see chg Area Code). I have 8 Zippo cases & 2 Scripto cases for sale. Pete Cronos (870)931-7020

For Sale: Zippo Sterling Silver Commemorative Watch. (60th Anniversary. \$250 Sid Chase

Zippo: "The First Man in Space, Yuri Gagarin, April 12, 1961". Full size, brushed chrome w/full front, 8 color rendering of the Russian Cosmonaut. Beautiful lighter, numbered (only 50 made) \$26 ppd (US only). Contact Tom Sica (215)755-2323 (see member list)

WANTED

Wanted: Girlies, Gas & Oil, Las Vegas Casinos, Lucky Strike, any Scripto/Ritepoint Vu Lighters, flats, automatics. Also cigar cutters, pipes, matchbook holders. Also any lighter marked "TCW". Will buy or trade. Call or fax Guy Nishida

Wanted: Camel Zippoos pre-'92 or European or test samples Best prices paid. Please send sale/trade lists of ANY Zippos. Also looking for '50 leather covered & old fluid cans, any brand in excellent condition, 30 plus years old. Also want Tiffany Zippos and old Sterling Zippos, green Moroccan, any rare Zips. Anthony Amato phone (machine & rings) (603)485-9855 or Fax (24 hrs) (603)485-3432

I am seeking Japanese flat advertising lighters in exc. cond. or MIB. I am paying \$10-\$20 ea for ones with nice graphics if I don't already have it. Thanks. John Elster P.S. or will trade other rare lighters. (910)721-0503

Wanted: 1997 Metalique Zippo and old Zippo with Varga Girl. Will buy or trade for your wants. Clayton Vecellio (814)368-5294

Want for my collection, the Ronson TT & 30 hrs clock combination (Fig 209). Will pay lots of cash or swap. Also Want a Loss Proof Zippo MIB, mint or

WANTED

near mint - pre '70, w/ad. Country Code 44, then 181 665-9578. Richard Bail Wanted to purchase: Unusual striker lighters, especially enameled, figural or Ronson models othat than large Wonderliter. HELP! Need information about history, manufacturers, etc. of striker lighters. Copies of catalogue cuts, ads also welcomed. Preparing article. Will acknowledge your assistance. Please write Christine Sanders, call (402)727-4422 Fax (402)727-7192

Wanted Zippo Magnifier & "Zip-A-Part" keychain in cardboard boxes or just boxes. Also looking for the dealer who was the Zippo Swap Meet selling sheet metal stands for lighters. Please call Mike Grimaldi (973)471-5414 (see Welcome Back List)

Wanted: 1936 promotional novelty lighter given out by RCA to its service employees - shaped like a black metal receiving tube. Contact John Okolowicz (See New Member list)

Wanted to buy or trade for: The base for Fig. 287 in Ronson Book or maybe we can share the lighter?? Bill York (508)835-3026

Wanted: List for Ronson Touch-Tip Cigarette Dispenser (Fig 222 of Ronson Book) Jo or Dick York

WantedWho was the person looking for aluminum lighters? Ralph Fink

WANT: any kind of lighter with Purdue University, Univ. of Wisconsin or Williams college. Also life insurance co. ads. Call David Bowes eves (414)963-9603

Wanted: Thorens Automatic & Thorens Lucky non-automatic lighters (w/broken main springs OK). Joe McGowan (805)682-4656

Do you have a Zippo with a "Schwinn Bicycle" logo for sale or trade? Vince Brascia (see chg of address)

SLIM MIB ZIPPPOS: I require following yrs of ads for my collection: 1956-8, '60, '65, '79, '82, '85-'89 & '90-'95. I will buy or can offer most other yrs for sale or trade, or would you prefer ancient or modern military or place names, or other good lighters such as watches, drinks incl. Guinness & Coca Cola, Royal Doulton, Thorens, etc? Please contact Frank Burton by letter, phone/fax 1964 536616

I want to buy your Helios & Hurricane lighters! Paying \$30-\$50 ea plus shipping. Call Terry or Karen Cairo (630)543-9120 Phone/Fax

COMING ATTRACTIONS.....

FORTH ANNUAL FLORIDA MID-WINTER LIGHTER SWAP MEET

Saturday January 31, 1998
at the
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Miami Beach Florida
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This swap meet is being held during the peak of the tourist season. It also coincides with 2 of Florida's largest antique shows where some of the best lighter finds have been made. For these reasons a big turnout is expected. Please respond ASAP to guarantee rooms and rates. For information and to be put on our mailing list, please contact one of the sponsors:

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March 7, 1998
Holiday Inn, Monrovia (close to Rose Bowl)
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**ATTENTION OTLS MEMBERS - THE DATES FOR
THE 1998 CONVENTION HAVE BEEN CHANGED!
THE DATES & LOCATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:
TWELFTH ANNUAL OTLS CONVENTION
JUNE 18-21, 1998
IMPERIAL PALACE, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
ADDITIONAL INFO IN MARCH, '98 NEWSLETTER**

News From Around The World.... We had some members visiting the OTLS Office since last newsletter - Roger & Lynda Smith came and spent the day (I even sold Roger a few lighters). Then the next day Bill Harris (from VA) showed up - his brother lives close to me. Congratulations to Marvin & Gloria Self on the birth of their newest grandchild! Did you see the articles in September *Playboy*, *Family Circle* and *Fortune* about OTLS? I heard Volker Putz was visiting with his family in New York - of course he saw Ira, Richard & Boris & Maya (maybe some others?). Several OTLS members went to the LCGB show (Mike Cassidy, Laurie Cuevas, Bruce Huberman, Norman Israel & Richard Weinstein - What fun! Mike McCaslin had his back surgery and is doing much better. Congratulations to Dan & Beth Stover - they have a beautiful new house (with more room for lighters)! Also C.J. Winters has moved to Northern Ca. & has a great new place.

ETC CONTINUED...

Please read Mike Stevens' ad in Classifieds. I have received copies of both of these books and they are excellent. A must for a serious collector! Good job Mike!

IMPORTANT! With the excitement about the new club lighters, the sales for the 1997 Convention Lighters have fallen off. Please remember you can order the 1997 Convention Lighter (see photo in May issue) from Corky Horner for \$20 (US) & \$24 (Overseas). Corky's address is:

CORKY HORNER
9 PINE TERRACE
BELLMAWR NJ 08031
PHONE: (609)933-3136

(See reduced photo below of '97 Convention Lighter)



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