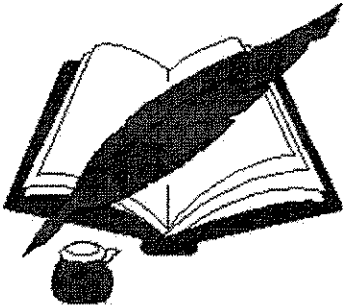




November 15, 2002

On The LIGHTER Side

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Notes from Judith

PLEASE READ AN IMPORTANT NOTE ON THE CLASSIFIED AD PAGE FROM YOUR EDITOR!

We have another new author this month. Although Urban has written Ronsonotes before, beginning with this issue he will write this as a regular column in each paper. So thanks to Urban.

Since the last issue, we had a lot of great feedback from readers on Scott's new column. All of these writers only contribute to the quality of our organization.

And now a word from our President....

I want to give the members of the club, the Board and Judith a big thank you for the last two years. What an experience this has been serving as your Vice President and then the year as President. I have found new friends and have come to understand all the work that goes into keeping our club together. Thank you to all of those who lent me a hand and offered their advice.

The last year was most eventful for Sherie and I. She took another big step up that Corporate ladder, we moved into a new home and I took on a major new project. I feel lucky that no matter how busy I was or how chaotic things became, I could find time for Judith, the club, my friends and these little things that make flame. They all bring me joy and it is nice to have people and things to escape the reality of the world.

Thanks to all of you who attended our Las Vegas Convention. What fun we had. A special thanks to those of you who volunteered your time to make it a success. There are a few people who really put forth a lot of time and effort behind the scenes to make the convention and this club successful. Serving as President, I came to understand and appreciate what they do. The convention was great due to your efforts.

We were busy from the start with meetings, a great seminar on Art Deco and the displays were wonderful. We got to see old friends and make new ones. The bourse room was so busy all weekend that I didn't even get to talk to one of my East Coast friends. No matter where I was, every time I looked up, he was on the other side of the room!

Thanks to those who shared your knowledge and experience by writing for the newsletter. I look forward to sitting down and reading it through and through every time it arrives. Let's all do what we can to maintain, no, improve, the quality of the newsletter. If you have something to share, do not be afraid to take the time to write about it.

I guess you could call it the passing of the gavel as I hand this position over to Bob Rogers. I know he will enjoy this ride and put forth the effort to make this position successful.

Thanks again for this opportunity. I would not have missed this experience for anything.

Leonard Shafer, President, OTLS

Also a word from our Vice President...

As the year winds down and I consider what effect the year 2002 has had on our hobby, I choose to reflect on the positive. We are currently experiencing a "buyers market" with prices (especially on E-Bay) lower than we've seen in years.

The 2002 OTLS convention was, in my opinion, one of the best ever. The collector showcases were amazing! I have also tried, and succeeded, to inspire new collectors. As a full time antique and collectible dealer specializing in vintage cigarette lighters, my show display continues to inspire new collectors who "had no idea lighters were so fascinating."

In closing, I encourage all of you to show off your collections. The future of our hobby depends on the collectors of tomorrow.

Bob Rogers, VP, OTLS

[COLLECTORS' CORNER]

A LOVELY POST CONVENTION TALE!

Since there is a great article shown below from Mary Pelnar, I feel I have to share this great story with all of you.

Unbeknownst to us, we were having another happy event at the convention! During the convention Frank proposed to Mary!

Mary said that they were riding the bus to downtown to look around. They got off the bus and Frank said "Let's go this way". He stopped in front of a building and said "We can get married today" - when Mary looked they were standing in front of City Hall. So they got married! Not only that, they got married on the same date Ron & Deb Bash got married at our convention 3 years ago.

So CONGRATULATIONS to Frank & Mary! This gives us another Anniversary to celebrate at the convention - and our 5th Convention Wedding!

OUR LONDON TRIP

by Mary Pelnar

Frank and I attended the British Lighter Club's show in London (Lighter Club of Great Britain). From the moment Liam Oakley picked us up from Gatwick Airport, with great anticipation, pent up from not attending the show last year because of 9/11 attack on the good old USA, England welcomed us weary travelers with two full weeks of delightful weather for our holiday. A special word of thanks to our host, Liam, who so graciously had invited us to stay with him in his lovely Victorian home, mere words cannot express our gratitude for your kind generosity during our stay and the extension of your home which, for a few days before and the weekend of the show had turned into a dorm for the enthusiastic lighter collector!

With Larry Tolkin's arrival early on Thursday morning, the Lighter Treasure Hunt was on! Liam, who by now had donned the hat of tour guide and chauffeur began our day's trek around London to the antique malls that were open mid week. Our first stop was the DUNHILL STORE to view the lighter museum where a collection of rare lighters, cigarette cases, compacts and other antique and vintage items made for DUNHILL are on display. (A must see if you ever make it across the pond)

Next, on to GRAYS Antique Mall on Bond Street with anticipation high Larry and I headed in with Frank and Liam bringing up the rear. Larry headed downstairs and I began my treasure hunt looking for jewelry, military, vanity items, and of course lighters. As I

scanned the stalls (as Liam calls them, to us booths), I saw not one but two lovely vanities. Hagglng with the man and deciding that his prices were too high, I spied a lighter in his case. We began to talk. He told me of a solid gold Dunhill watch lighter he had been holding for a customer behind the counter for the past month, who had not come back for it. Curious, I asked to look at it. Amazed at his words as he placed it in my hand with a price quote, informing me that this was his rock bottom price for the Dunhill! Hearing Frank's voice behind me and glancing up to see him at another booth, I called him over. After consulting with Liam, Frank struck a deal with the man not only for the lighter but for the two beautiful vanities.

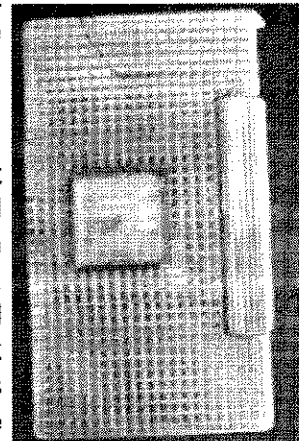
All the men were excited, and telling me what a great find! Only in my mind, "IT" was just another, nine ct. solid gold Dunhill watch lighter and not an enamel one, I wasn't excited. Hearing them go on about it all afternoon, later I asked Frank what all the excitement was about? "Mary" he said, "you've found a rare nine ct. gold Dunhill

Broad Boy with a Movado watch in it from the 1940's! If it wasn't for your big mouth" he said laughing "no one would have found it! It's the buy of the entire show!" Well that was on Thursday.

On Friday we headed out to Brompton Market and we went to the Flea Market section of Portobello Road. Early Saturday morning back to Portobello Road for the Antique Market, which is one of London's oldest and largest indoor and outdoor weekly markets, where a number of British Lighter Collectors and OTLS members have stalls and a few good buys.

With a brief jaunt to Portobello under our belts we headed back to Liam's to meet up with David Ashworth, another member to join our dorm that night. Suddenly realizing that I was the only woman amongst all these men made me feel like a Boy Scout Den Mother. But for them to consider me "ONE OF THE BOYS", was a compliment paid to me by Larry later in the week and quite flattering. For here is a man who possesses an abundant wealth of knowledge in his head about all kinds of lighters (who should write a book on lighters some day. Hint. Hint.). Besides a great sense of humor! After a quick swap meet with David, all goodies were packed into Liam's Range Rover and we were off for the brief ride to the Thistle Gate Hotel and show!

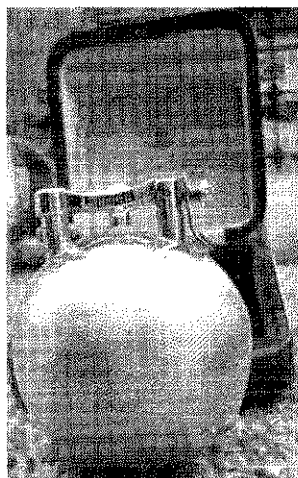
We enjoyed meeting and greeting lighter friends from all over U.S., England, France, Japan, Germany and Switzerland. And renewing old friendships with



Richard Ball, Tom and Brigitte Clark, Peter Brooks (and how kind it was of Peter to invite us all to his home in Essex to view his collection), Nozz and Jack Bond, just to name a few.

A wonderful Display of ZIPPO Lighters was put together and a contest was held for the best engraved lighter. First place was won by Peter Brooks' engraved lighter on Stone Hedge. And in second place was Frank's entry, a Sterling Engraved ZIPPO with an engraved shield of roses on it.

Many swaps, lighter stories and sales were made by all. But the best to Frank was made between him and Richard Ball. And to put it in Frank's terms, "HAD A BALL, BOUGHT A BALL, FROM RICHARD BALL!" Yes, Richard had offered for sale from his personal gold lighter collection, a rare 9 ct. gold Dunhill large ball lighter that was made for the Maharahan of Kashmiri in the original Dunhill leather box in 1930.



With the conclusion of the show and many more swaps, sales and stories completed on Sunday afternoon the show for this year all too quickly drew to a close.

Frank and I looked forward to all the other markets, fairs, boot sales (British for flea market), and of course next Saturday on Portobello Road. Numerous new treasures were acquired over the course of our stay, too many to mention or list here, along with many new and old renewed friendships established in the world of lighter collecting!

All too quickly our successful U.K. trip drew to a close. With our good-byes said, Frank and I could not help but look forward to next year's trip and the future treasures we'd unearth at the British Lighter Club's Show, numerous markets, antique mall, boot sales and fairs next September.

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THE **zippo** LINK

Zippo Flame Necessities – A New Look!

Since a subsection of OTLS members also collect Zippo fuel cans in addition to Zippo lighters, we are pleased and excited to introduce a brand new design. The complete line of Zippo flame necessities including Zippo lighter fluid, premium butane, flints and wicks are being updated with a new look.

The new graphic design has a stark contrast between black and white. This makes the white logo powerful against the black background. It also integrates the subtle chimney pattern that Zippo is most known for.

The running change of the Zippo flame necessities packaging is part of a corporate identity program. This same look is also incorporated in the MPL packaging, Point-of-Sale items, the 2003 catalog design and much more.

The current design, first introduced in the summer of 1996, is predominantly purple with a vivid orange, red and yellow flame. At that time, it was the same graphic scheme that was used in Zippo MotorSports. In fact, the purple color used was named Victory Lane Purple.

Be sure that you have the current design in your fuel can collection. New flame necessities packaging will be available in stores early next year.

As always, we recommend only genuine Zippo fuel, flints and wicks for optimum performance of every Zippo lighter.



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RONSON NOTES #1

by Urban Cummings

An Unstandard Standard

For starters, let's say it is my sincere hope to be able to produce some new or at least interesting news and information about the great lighters made by Ronson (formerly Art Metal Works, Inc.)

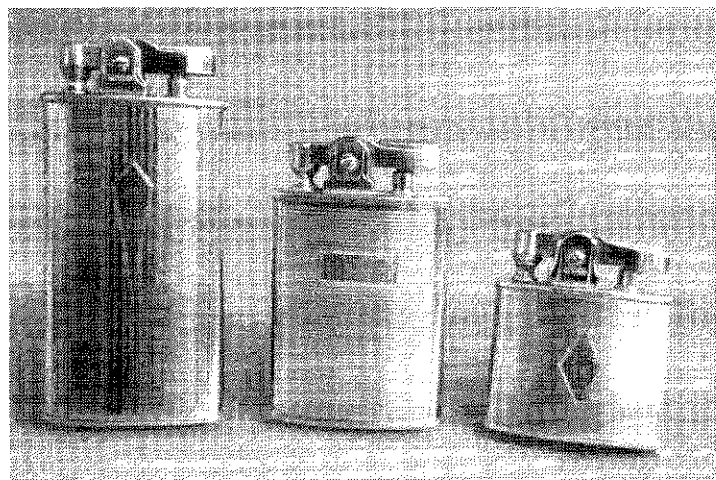
We collectors are very fortunate to have a wide variety of lighter designs, age, style and quality to choose from. Regarding European makers - Dunhill was and is the top of the line. Historically, progress came from that part of the world. But in America - once the cerium-iron flint was created by Karl von Auerbach, Ronson became a major contributor. They began in 1913 with their pocket and table model strike lighters. A huge leap forward came in 1926 with Louis V. Aronson's patent of his "one-motion" lighter, the *Banjo*. Zippo did not get started until 1933 but still retains a

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large market niche because of their graphics. But Ronson's "Push it's Lit - Release it's out" mechanism still dominates today - even if you use a Bic. With a collector's viewpoint, it's all fair game. From MIOJ to the great Evans lighters and on to aluminum jobs we have so much to choose from. Don't ever think you've seen it all.

Getting back to Ronson - this article is about a lighter I purchased from Leonard Shafer at the Las Vegas show in June. I consider it a marvelous find because: #1 it came from the collection of the late, legendary Catherine Stolman and #2, I never knew a Ronson pocket model like this ever existed. Referring to the picture, the rather common *Standard* (Fig. 14) on the right is 2 inches in height. In the center, the *Tall Standard* (made only in England) is 2 3/4" high. It is also seen on page 280 of the 2nd edition Ronson Book. On the left is my great new find. (see photo below) I call it the *Very Tall Standard*, topping out at a whopping 3-1/2" high. What surprises me is the age of the piece. This lighter was made in the 1950's, based on the bottom markings which are the same as the *Standard* on the right.

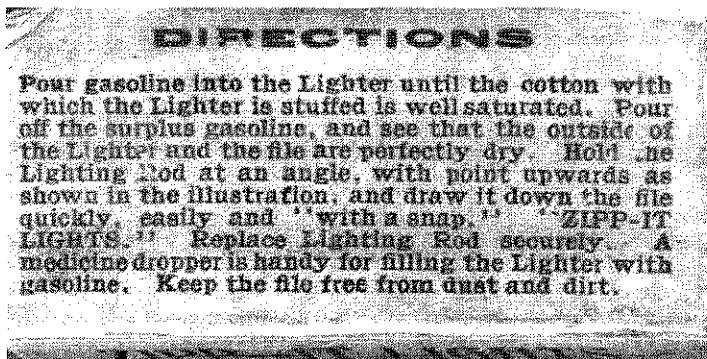
So why or what is it? It's anybody's guess because it is very doubtful that any Ronson people involved in its making are still with us. I asked Perry Grover his opinion. He started with Ronson in 1949 and today is the only lighter repair service in the world which is authorized by Ronson Corporation. Perry said he had never seen one in all his years with the company. His best guess is that it was possibly a prototype that was never put in production. The Essex models with a completely different fitment were introduced in 1954. So this odd creation would be prior to that. Maybe it was under consideration for the final model of the *Standard*. Who knows. If you have some ideas on the subject, please let me know. Happy Hunting! Urban



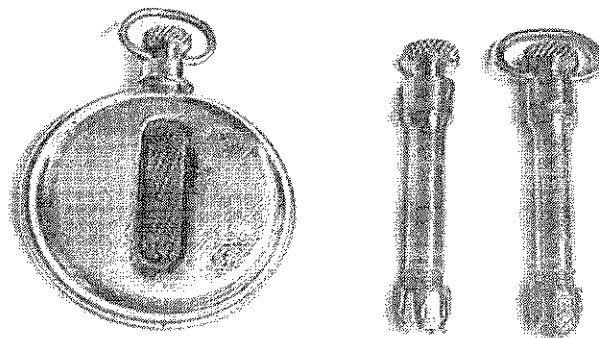
FACTS ON FRICTION BY SCOTT BEEHLER

STRIKERS ON FILE (Part 2) "ZIPP-IT LIGHTS"

For many years I have owned a File Striker called the Presto Pocket Lighter "ZIPP-IT LIGHTS". This well constructed nickel plated striker has a typical flint-bearing, friction fit wand found on most File Strikers. The original box has a clear warning "Use Gasoline Only - Do Not Use Kerosene". This model is marked on the base Novitas Sales Co., Waltham Mass.



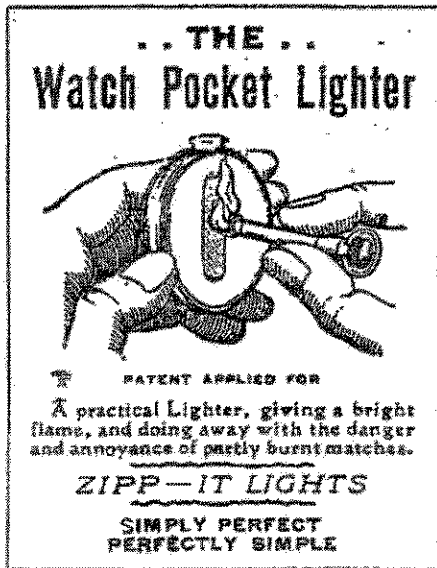
I had been unable to find any other models of the "ZIPP-IT LIGHTS" until a few years ago when I purchased an unusual watch shaped File Striker from Larry Tolkin. I noticed that the wand was identical to the "ZIPP-IT LIGHTS", except that it was drilled through the top and had a watch ring attached. I was unable to connect these File Strikers to each other without pure speculation or gross assumption. (See Photo at top of page 5)



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FACTS ON FRICTION BY SCOTT BEEHLER cont.

Then earlier this year I received some articles and tear-sheets from Ben Rapaport. One page contained an advertisement for the Watch Pocket Lighter "ZIPP-IT LIGHTERS" (circa 1912).



With great certainly it can now be stated that both of these File Strikers were made by the same manufacturer and marketed with the same "ZIPP-IT LIGHTS" name. I have been unable to locate the Patent application or the manufacturer. Until further information can be discovered

collected collectors can, at least, "connect-the-dots" between these two great "ZIPPO-IT LIGHTS" File Strikers.

To comment, contact Scott Beehler (479)359-3290 or email to <msvcb@mc2k.com>

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THE BOOK CORNER by BenRapaport

I will be getting stock of La Folie des Briquets in early Nov.

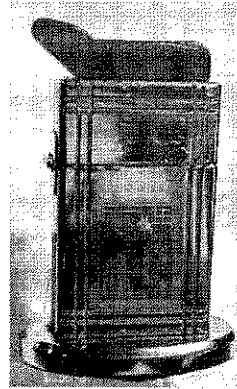
This book is part of a series called "La Folie... I already sell one in the series on antique pipes. It contains 450 color illustrations in 384 pages, softcover. It's small, compact, fat (square) book published in June 2002. I am not ordering a gazillion, so it would help to know if there are any out there who know they will want a copy? The price of this book will be \$17 plus postage I estimate postage to be \$4.00 (and, of course, I'll reimburse for any amount that exceeds the actual postage.

Another newsy item: This is going into my next newsletter, released in Dec. MERCEDES-BENZENE. Have you seen the new tobacco totem? It's a sinuous stainless steel M-B pocket cigarette lighter with embossed logo at about \$16 at the auto dealership. It's the better BIC, the zestier ZIPPO!

THE DISCOVERY ZONE

....Ira Pilosof

This lighter is one I have been trying to get since the first swap meet years ago. I met the family whose uncle worked for Zippo in the 1930's with Mr. Blaisdell.



He worked only on the early outside hinge models and this was one of the experimental models.

The fine is Art Deco looking and the material is "Catalin" (the old plastic used on antique radios. This lighter will appear on the cover of our next book. A picture of the lighter was also recently shown on Japanese TV.

COMMENTS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Contributed by John Yeargin

I read the Roseart article in the newsletter and thought I'd let you and Tom know that I was able to win the Roseart Anniversary Lighter at the last Swap Meet auction. The lighter joins my Zippo collection as a new centerpiece. Kelly thanked me for bidding after the auction, and the family again thanks me at the Swap Meet tents the next morning. Ralph was also kind enough to give me a red plastic flame for the lighter.

I do have another marble Roseart table lighter that I was able to find for a somewhat reasonable price on eBay, but have always regretted not buying the lighters new when I visited Bradford over a decade ago.

I think it's great that the family is attempting to restart the Roseart business and wish them the best.

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IN LOVING MEMORY ANDREW LLOYD

When Nancy called to tell me Andrew had suffered a massive heart attack and passed away, I had a lot of trouble believing it. I had just talked to him a couple of days ago, how could he have left us. It is always difficult to lose a member of our club as we have all become friends.

Andrew and Nancy have been members of OTLS since 1990. My first encounter with Andrew was a fight (for fun) and we have been fighting ever since,

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FOR SALE OR TRADE

The Lighter Side of Camel, A Zippo Collection (2002)

For a review of this new book see Ben Rapaport column The Book Corner, in the September issue.

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For Sale or Trade: Original full-size Bisconcini. This one is stamped "review copy". Identical to the production run but not numbered since it was one of a handful given to reviewers. Contact Guy Nishida (310)215-1951 or email <brade@attbi.com>

For Sale on our web site at <www.vintagelighters.com>, Zippo 1975 Kitten Chow, used, good, 95% paint, surface scratches and minor nicks \$50; Dunhill Unique A Size, silver plate and lizard covered, used, very good, some wear to lizard covering, single wheel, surface scratches to plating \$150; Dunhill 1930's Midget Sylph lighter, extremely rare model, 11/16 inches wide, 7/8 inches high, smallest lighter Dunhill ever made, silver plate engine turned, very good condition, minor plating wear at edges, minor surface scratches \$850. (See photos on web site). Thanks, Richard Weinstein (212)586-1296 or email <info@vintagelighters.com>

I buy, sell and trade in old and new lighters of all makes, specializing in Zippos. Jim Kessack (417)890-9872 or email <cigligjim@aol.com>

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WANTED

Wanted: Ronson Silver Plated "Regal" in excellent plus condition or that can be restored/polished to excellent plus (See pg. 289 of Urban Cummings 2000 Book). Contact Jim Winbigler at (818)993-8252 or email <jimbigler@aol.com>

Wanted: Paint Company logos on Zippo lighters ..color or logo preferred..must be mint or near mint. Also Merrill Lynch Zippo. Thanks, Peggy Shiels (636)940-0245 or email <fire.goddess@charter.net>

WANTED

ZIPPO LIGHTER featuring the U.S.S. SCORPION SSN-589. Would prefer full size chrome. Please email particulars to Roger Foley <rfoley2@tampabay.rr.com>

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@attbi.com>

WANTED: Nice cigarette dispensers with or without lighters. Call John Elster (336)721-0508 or email <jresce@aol.com>

Looking for military lighters especially WWI and II. Also World's Fair '39 and '64 memorabilia and lighters. Ira Goodman (632)265-3837

WANTED

Looking for Railroad lighters, all types: Zippos, Flats, Knockoffs, any lighter (working or not) on which there is the logo or name or illustration of a U.S. Railroad or a particular train. Will pay any reasonable price for one that I don't already have. Or if you prefer, a trade (with or without added \$\$) for something from my collection which you are wanting. Can be Ronson, Zippo (I have quite a few), Dunhill, Evans, anything. Urban Cummings (650)328-0329 or email <furryfeet@mindspring.com>

LOOKING FOR

LOOKING FOR ROYAL DOULTON COUNTERFEIT TOBY MUG CIGARETTE LIGHTERS (THESE WERE MADE BY A COMPANY IN NEW YORK FROM GENUINE ROYAL DOULTON MUGS). THEY MUST HAVE ALL THE ROYAL DOULTON MARKS ON THE BOTTOM. JERRY STARGOT (718)352-7626

I would like to acquire a copy (at a reasonable price) of the (first) Urban Cummings book "Ronson - The World's Greatest Lighter". Dennis Skea (845)298-0951 or email <dennisskea@aol.com> (See Mar. New Member List)

PLEASE SEND NEW ADS FOR JANUARY 2003! SEND NO LATER THAN DEC. 20, 2002.

SINCE SOME OF YOU SAY YOU READ THE CLASSIFIED ADS FIRST - PLEASE NOTE YOUR DUES NOTICE IS ENCLOSED!!! PAY YOUR DUES ON TIME! THANKS, JUDITH

SINCE THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE YEAR, OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU A THANKFUL THANKSGIVING AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE OR TRADE

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 lighter, if you supply the coins for the medallion you want on it. Tom Prylinski (814)825-5478 or email <pyrotjp@velocity.net>

For Sale: Hurricane Lighter MIB - black bakelite lighter produced in Bradford PA in the 1940's. \$85. Ronson "Typhoon" 1950's sold stock Mint in orig. box. \$45. Duo-Liter - The "Other Vu-Liter" produced by Sanford Products Corp. of St. Louis MO. Have a few old stock mint in box in various colors \$50 ea. Dunhill Service Lighter - Sterling Silver Exc cond. \$75. Original Employee ZipLight - Upon it's release in 1995 Zippo produced 1500 Employee Samples. I have one mint in blister pack which reads as follows: "Ziplight 1st Production Run Employees Only May 1995 1/1500". \$100. Please contact Ira Pilosof (201)797-6595 or email <vintageltr@aol.com>


FOR SALE: A special order of only 25 standard size Zippo in Memory of Ad van Weert are available on a first come, first serve basis (photo in July paper). The cost will be \$29 U.S. postage paid. Send check or money order to Urban Cummings, P O Box 1482, Palo Alto CA 94302. For European orders, please contact Richard Ball at 44-208-764-0419 or email <Richard-Ball@msn.com>

FOR SALE: A special order of only 25 standard size Zippos in Memory of Wally Laird are available on a first come first serve basis (photo in July paper). Cost will be \$29 U.S. postage paid. Overseas add \$4.00. Send check or money order to Judith Sanders

Be sure and visit my showcase at DOWNSTAIRS AT FELTON ST ANTIQUE SHOP, 100B Felton St. in Waltham, Mass. Not far from Boston. I always have lots of Ronsons and Zippos on hand and new stuff coming in weekly. All priced cheaply at ebay or lower prices. Call (781)894-2223 for directions and hours. Barry Hoffman


For Sale: Tall Ellis Bakelite "Executive" lighter. Black. Excellent condition \$150. I can email pictures to interested. John Cornelius (714)544-5366 or email <jclighters@aol.com>

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WANTED

WANTED: FEUREX lighters, old Strikers and odd Plastic lighters. I will pay top prices for pieces I do not already have. Scott Beehler (479)359-3290 or email <msvcb@mc2k.com>

Looking for Enamel lighters with Zippo inserts. Most of these are Italian and most are 800 silver. Want excellent condition with no major damage. Highest prices paid or will trade from my selection of thousands of vintage lighters. Bob Rogers (800)942-5392 or email <wickdways@netvista.net>

Wanted: Navy Lighters: Zippos, knock-offs or Vu-lighters. I collect them all. I have a very large collection and will trade or outright buy. I also have 200 Navy Zippo doubles. Pat Broschart (250)478-9475 or email <brochartbunch@shaw.ca>

WANTED: Ronson Executive in all chrome (Fig. 302). Joe Roseman (831)655-8458

I am looking for the person who showed me the Douglass Lighter in Las Vegas - sorry I forgot who this was? Please contact Urban Cummings (650)328-1177 or email <furryfeet@mindspring.com>

I am looking for a beat-up Colby lighter that I can use for parts. Adam Glick (201)489-7504

WANTED

Wanted: Vintage pocket lighters with built in cigar cutters. Pocket lighters with unusual mechanisms and plastic pocket lighters. Bob Gamboni (773)883-9857 or email <w-gamboni@csu.edu>

I have a Brown & Bigalow Salesman Case, which contains Scripto Vu-Lighters. Each lighter is numbered. I am missing a Scripto Vu-Lighter Model 598-031. If anyone has one, please contact me. Ken Turner (734)673-7553 or email <klturner@peoplepc.com> (See change of address page)

Wanted: Paint Company logos on Zippo lighters - color or logo preferred - must be mint or near mint. Also Merrill Lynch Zippo. Thanks, Peggy Shiels (636)940-0245 or email <fire.goddess@charter.net>

NINTH ANNUAL FLORIDA MID-WINTER LIGHTER SWAP MEET

Saturday, January 18, 2003
Hotel has not been picked yet - please contact Mike Katz or go to **OTLS.COM** for updates.

MIKE KATZ

Phone: (903)761-3890 (home)
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email <clockfixer@bestnetpc.com>

Please note: This event coincides with Renninger's Antique Show

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM JUDITH:
PLEASE BE ADVISED, DUE TO FAMILY ILLNESS (MY DAD WAS IN THE HOSPITAL), I HAVE BEEN HELPING MY FAMILY FOR OVER 3 WEEKS. THE PAPER IS THEREFORE LATE! SORRY, BUT FAMILY COMES BEFORE PAPERS! ALSO THE NEW ROSTER WILL NOT GO OUT UNTIL JANUARY. AS I WRITE THIS MY DAD (JIM BRIDWELL) IS BACK IN THE HOSPITAL AND CRITICALLY ILL SO I WILL PROBABLY BE BUSY WITH FAMILY AGAIN. IF YOU NEED SOMETHING, PLEASE CALL OUR SECRETARY, ANN, BETWEEN 9:00 A.M. - NOON ON WEEKDAYS. FOR YOU WHO ARE ON THE COMPUTER, PLEASE CHECK FOR ANY NEW MESSAGES ON OUR WEB SITE (WWW.OTLS.COM) - WE HAVE A NOTE UP THERE NOW SAYING THE PAPER WILL BE LATE.

IN LOVING MEMORY ANDREW LLOYD

the way good friends will do. Nancy always said that when Andrew and I were together, it was her entertainment just watching us "snip" at each other.

Andrew was "into" Zippos before most of the Zippo collectors began gathering them up and the values went so high. He kind of went in stages - his greatest love was the trucking Zippos, but as you can see from the ad in the September paper, he recently had decided he had to have all of the Zodiac Zippos. And while he was looking everywhere for Zippos, he also looked for Evans lighters for Nancy.

One day Andrew called to say he had found a beautiful enamel Evans to surprise Nancy with for Christmas. And of course, since he knew I talked to her all the time, he swore me to secrecy - but he had to tell someone!

At one of the conventions a long time ago, Andrew heard one of the members refer to me as the "Lighter Queen", (I don't know who started that nickname!). So after that, every time he would call me he would say "Hello Queen". Which prompted me to start calling him the "King".



IN LOVING MEMORY JOSEPH FEARN

Karen Politi & Linda Meabon called to tell me we had lost another friend in our club. Joe Fearn died Nov. 16, from an embolism.

For many of us, Joe has been a very good friend. He worked for Zippo for 25 years and after retiring, worked as one of the Zippo Drivers. For the past 6 years, every time I would go to Bradford for the Swap Meet, I would get off the plane and there would be Joe with his big smile waiting on me. Then all the way from Buffalo to Bradford we would talk non-stop about lighters!

Joe and his wife, Tatty, have 3 grown children - Joseph G. Fearn, Joette Tripodi and Nancy Crissman.

Every year Joe would have a personal lighter made in time for the swap meets. The most famous of his lighters is the one with a picture of Joe and "Fearn not Fern You Big Dummy". He did this one because everyone tried to mispronounce his last name.

Joe and Tatty have been members of OTLS since 1995 and they are, of course, big Zippo collectors. Many of you have seen Joe with his 3 tables at all the swap meets.

In speaking to Joette this week, she told me the family will continue with Joe's lighter collection.

We have had a difficult several months in the

lighter club, losing some of our very good friends. The unfortunate part of getting older is sometimes you begin losing friends.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD...

Please send cards to Gene Grosko who is very ill. Tank Lillich was in the hospital again, but is home now. Howard Toler had some serious surgery, but is also home - send him some funny emails! Garland Grant was ill for a while, but is doing much better now. Corky Horner is in the hospital & should be home this week. Out Thanks to Jim Winbigler who donated his prize money back to OTLS!

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