

On The LIGHTER Side

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....

STERLING, ILL

HEY, BUD, NEED A LIGHT?

Please note my change of address on the last page of this issue. My phone number is the same and also, since I just moved around the corner, I have the same mailman, so hopefully won't lose any of my mail. After having lived in the same home for 11 years, you all might guess what confusion is going on right now in my life. I think I owe a few of you letters and would like for you to bear with me until I can get my life organized again. So far I have managed to unpack some of my lighters, but finding a place for all of them will require a little imagination.

I would like to say Thank You to George Freeman, the owner of Freeman Printing, who is doing new envelopes and letterhead for us (at no charge). In case you haven't noticed the letterhead I do the Membership Roster on, he is the man who came up with this idea and did the printing for us.

Forgive me if I get a little sentimental-----it's that time of year! I want to wish each of you a very Happy Holiday and wherever you may be, may you be safe. I will be with my Mom, Dad, Brother and his Wife, Sister---niece and nephews in Albuquerque, New Mexico, enjoying my Mother's delightful cooking. What a pleasure once a year to be "Parented" again---of course when I get back to Dallas it's diet time----but I just can't resist all those Christmas cookies Mother makes. On Christmas Eve, Dad hangs stockings over the fireplace for all of us----it always amazes me that Santa knows what size and color pantihose I like---sometimes he even knows I collect lighters! If anyone needs me, the phone number is 214/296-3402. Again, have a wonderful holiday.

More later.....

Judith

This is the caption for one of the first newspaper articles written about Jim Gartner (See page 2 for article) Since that time Jim has increased his collection, entered another hobby show and has other articles written about his collection.

In addition to being a lighter buff, Jim worked for the C&NW Railroad for 17 years. He and his wife, Dorothy, have been married for 8 years and he has succeeded in getting her interested in lighters also.

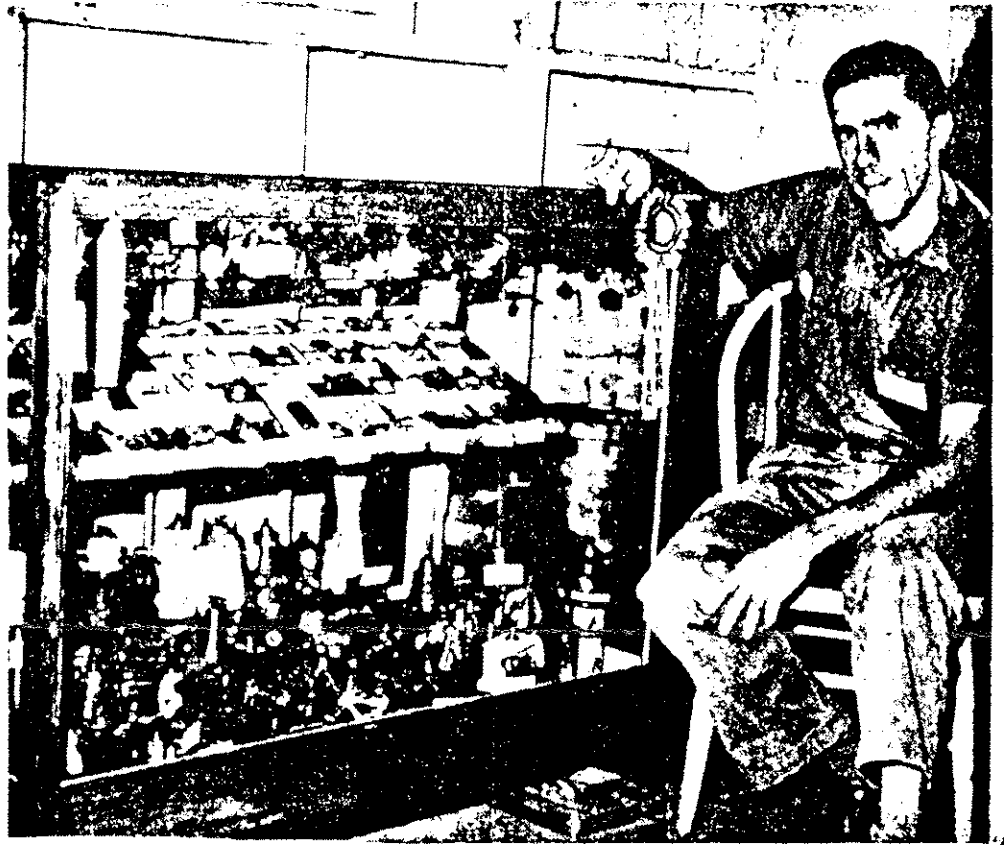
Jim tells me he started collecting lighters around 1953. After going to several Hobby Shows and not seeing any lighter collectors, he decided collecting lighters would be interesting and different. He collects any type lighters and has them displayed in a glass show case.

Describing a few of his more unusual lighters, Jim related having a lighter made from 2 German belt buckles from WWII. Although he also considers a Mother of Pearl case, which was made in France, as unusual. One interesting experience he had was acquiring a lighter from a man in Rockford, Ill. That lighter today is about 80 years old.

As well as looking for additions to his collection, Jim has exhibited his collection at 2 County Fairs. There have also been 3 different articles written about his collection. And he has taken tours through the Zippo Offices and Ronson Co. So he has covered a lot of areas surrounding lighter collecting.

In his most recent letter, Jim says he and Dorothy are now set up at a Flea Market in Sterling. He says he is getting more coverage for his lighters and his collection this way, as well as acquiring some good lighters from other Dealers in that Flea Market. Maybe we should put that Flea Market on our list of "places to go"?
(by Judith Sanders)

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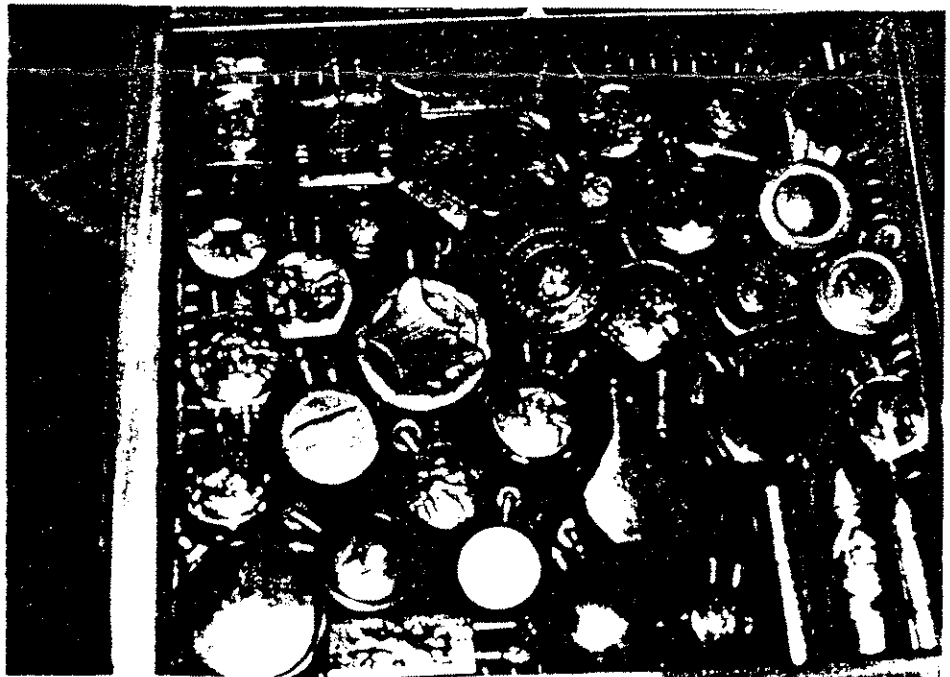


James Gartner, above, Sterling, could indeed be called a matchless friend. Gartner won a blue ribbon at the Whiteside County Fair Friday in the Hobby Show with his above entry of more than 240 cigarette lighters. Gartner has collected the lighters from numerous states and at least five foreign countries.

COLLECTORS' CORNER

TYPICAL OF AN INTRIGUING FAMILY of cigarette lighters, produced in several European countries from about World War I until the late 1930's are these brass and copper pocket lighters shown below (except at top, left). Most of them are round, although some are shaped like "wine skins" and others have been built into large brass nuts and shell casings. German General Prince Rudolph was a favorite subject, as shown in silhouette, top center and immediately underneath.

On one side a tear runs down Rudolph's cheek. It is stamped "Verdun." On the other side he is smiling and it is stamped "Paris." "Gott Mit Uns" was a popular inscription. Many French war scenes are stamped on some lighters. Two lighters have tiny tags marked "Ministere (Des) Finances" - the French government tax tag lobbied into law by match manufacturers. Foch, Joffre, Joan of Arc, Victories, Duke of Wellington, Statue of Liberty, soldiers in war settings and coins are shown. All have removable flint tubes. One of the oldest has a 1914 Tunesian coin on its' widest sides
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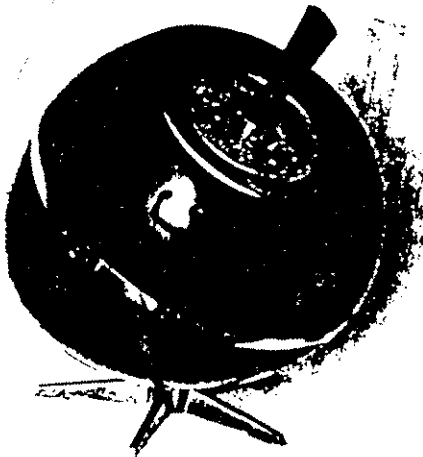


For Sale or Trade

Silver shell casing with lighter in top - says 43 S.L. on bottom of casing. Mounted on black plastic base. \$5 or trade. Judith Sanders (Member)



Electro-Match, red with gold trim. Actual size about 5" tall x 1 1/2" around. \$5 or trade. Judith Sanders (Member)



For Sale or Trade

Starter Lighter Collection

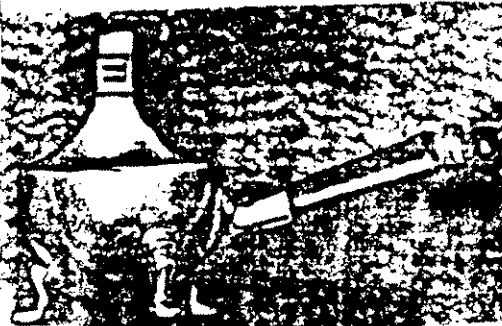
For Sale - \$500 Warren Gerber (Member)

100 mostly "Plain" Pocket, .75 ea.....	\$ 75.00
50 Advertising/Souvenir Pocket, 2.00 ea..	100.00
10 Plain Zippo, 2.00 ea.....	20.00
10 Advertising/Souvenir Zippo, 3.00 ea...	30.00
20 Miscellaneous Table, 3.00 ea.....	60.00
20 Novelty/Figural Table, 5.00 ea.....	100.00 -
5 Pocket/Table "Made In Occupied Japan",	
15.00 ea.....	75.00
5 Different Cigarette Case Lighters,	
8.00 ea.....	40.00
<u>220 Lighters</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>

For Sale or Trade

This is an ASR lighter. I have 1 brass colored or 1 silver colored. \$5 for either one or \$8 for both. Judith Sanders. Member.

Continental (old shape) with Lucky Strike ad. \$3 or trade. Judith Sanders (Member)



Match-O-Matic, silver with brown grip. Actual size 5" high x 10" long, mounted on walnut base. Looks like James Bond type pistol. \$7 or trade. Judith Sanders (Member)



Budweiser Beer Can (5") with lighter in it. \$3 or trade. Judith Sanders. Member.

I have frame, wheels, chassis, working lighter for small M.I.O.J. Lucky Car. Needs body. \$10 plus postage or trade against Warren Gerber's "Wanted". Please see Gerber's Wanted. Warren Gerber. Member.

ARE YOUR DUPLICATE LIGHTERS UNIQUE? THEN TELL OTLS MEMBERS ABOUT THEM IN A PLACE THEY LOOK WHEN THEY WANT TO BUY -- THE CLASSIFIED ADS.

Wanted to Buy or Trade

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 (Member)

Dunhill lighters. John Cuevas (Member)

Musical Lighters. Judith Sanders. (Member)

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

Occupied Japan lighters. Judith Sanders (Member)

Musical lighters. Warren Gerber (Member)

Lighters advertising the Olympic Games for any year. Judith Sanders (Member)

Wanted to Buy or Trade

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 (Member)

I'm still trying to get one "tourist" type lighter from every state -- NEED Ala., Ct., Del., Ga., Idaho, Ill., Kan., Kentucky, Md., Mass., Montana, Neb., N.J., N.C., N.D., Oregon, PA., R.I., S.C., S.D., Va., Wash. (State), W.V., Wis., Wyo. Judith Sanders (Member)

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COLLECTORS' CORNER continued...

and a treated rope for tinder - the forerunner of the liquid fuel type. Lighters shown are in Warren Gerber's ever-growing collection. He counts them among his MOST WANTED and welcomes letters from anyone who has this type for sale or trade.