



On The LIGHTER Side

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Notes from Judith

There is so much to say about our Convention Lighters, I have moved my comments to the last page.
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CONVENTION LIGHTERS

We are pleased to announce our Convention Lighter for the 19th Annual Convention. Our **THANKS** to Dale VerVoort (of Zippo's Art Department) for the design of this year's lighter. And a **BIG THANKS** to **Zippo Manufacturing and/or Michael Martin** for giving us permission to use "Windy" on our convention lighters! This is an **AWESOME** lighter!

The colors are: "The 'Windy' City - black; Chicago - red; OTLS logo black, white & red flame; 3 bottom lines, red and black; Windy's dress is bright red with black trim. There will be a color picture on our web site (www.otls.com) very soon.

The cost will be \$40 each, plus \$2.50 postage (U.S. & Canada). Overseas members please add \$3.00 for additional postage.

ONLY 150 OF THESE EXCEPTIONAL LIGHTERS HAVE BEEN ORDERED. YOU MAY ORDER AS MANY OF THESE LIGHTERS AS YOU WANT IMMEDIATELY. WE ARE NOT GOING TO LIMIT THE NUMBER YOU CAN ORDER, SO YOU BETTER GET YOUR ORDER IN EARLY.

IN ADDITION, WE HAVE ORDERED 20 ADDITIONAL LIGHTERS IN SILVER PLATE (HIGH POLISH) FOR OUR SECOND ANNUAL LIMITED EDITION. THESE SILVER PLATE LIGHTERS WILL BE NUMBERED; AND WILL ONLY BE SOLD AT OUR CONVENTION BY

RAFFLE OR AUCTION; OR ON EBAY NOW AND THEN. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION, YOU WILL HAVE TO FIND SOMEONE TO BID FOR YOU OR PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE SILVER PLATED VERSION.

AND LAST BUT FAR FROM LEAST WE ARE ORDERING 5 STERLING SILVER LIGHTERS - OUR FIRST ANNUAL EXTREMELY LIMITED EDITION. THESE LIGHTERS WILL HAVE THE SAME DESIGN BUT NO COLOR, AS ZIPPO DOES NOT DO COLOR ON STERLING. BUT WITH THIS DESIGN IT WON'T MATTER! SALE OF THESE STERLING SILVER LIGHTERS ALSO WILL BE LIMITED TO AUCTIONS AND/OR RAFFLES.

Please order your regular Convention Lighter from Ron Bash, our Convention Lighter Chairman.

RON BASH
P O BOX 958
ZEPHYRHILLS FL 33539
PHONE: (813)779-3207
EMAIL: RDBASH@HOTMAIL.COM

If you wish to pick up your convention lighter at the convention, please order **NOW**. For those of you not attending the convention, Ron will be shipping the lighters after the convention.

Please see photo below.



Zippo Ads and Catalogs Receive Honors

Zippo and advertising agency Blattner Brunner captured "Best of Show" and several other honors at the 2005 Pittsburgh American Advertising Awards.

The American Advertising Awards ceremony also known as the Addys, were held in Pittsburgh on March 4. The event is the first of a three-tiered national competition conducted annually by the American Advertising Federation (AAF). The Addy awards are the industry's largest and most representative competition for creative excellence in the world of advertising.

Best of Show is the most coveted and prestigious award of the evening. Zippo and Blattner Brunner accepted the award for their poster "A Classic American Story." The poster depicts Zippo lighters aligned on a bookshelf each portraying themselves as "classics," and just like American literature, each Zippo lighter as well as the company have their own classic American story to tell.

Top honors wasn't the only prize bestowed to Zippo, the evening was capped off with several certificates of merit for the Zippo MPL ad campaign.

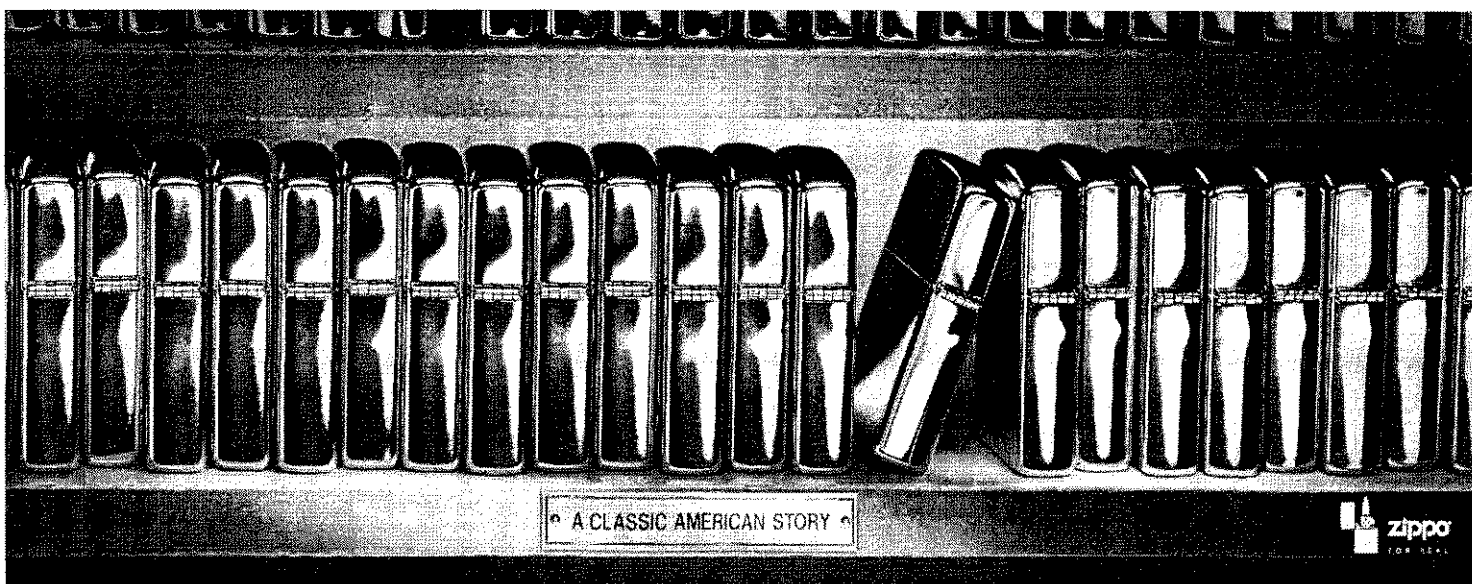
Zippo not only received Addy awards, but have also received several other accolades.

Every year, collectors anxiously await the release of the Zippo Complete Line Catalog, waiting to see what new lighters can be added to their collection. What most collectors do not realize is that the very catalog in their hands is more than just a picture book of Zippo lighters, it's an award winning manuscript.

The Zippo 2004 Complete Line Catalog was awarded the "Gold Award" at the Superb Print Awards competition. The award was presented by the Buffalo Club of Printing House Craftsmen in recognition of high standards of printing excellence and aptness of visual interpretation. The catalog competed against over 100 other entries and has since gone on to win a "Silver Award" in international competition.

Over the last few years Zippo catalogs have won several awards. The 2002 Choice catalog won a "Gold Award" in the Buffalo area competition in 2003 and went on to win an Honorable Mention Award for superb craftsmanship at the 2003 International Gallery of Superb Printing competition. The 2003 Spring and 2004 Choice catalogs both won a "Gold Award" in the Buffalo area competition and the 2003 Choice catalog recently advanced to international competition winning a "Silver Award."

The next contender for award-winning accolades is the 2005 Complete Line Catalog. As a collector, we certainly hope you enjoy each years complete line collection catalog - and we also hope that you enjoy the layout and design as well.



"A Classic American Story" poster received top honors at the American Advertising Awards and is currently on display at the Zippo/Case Visitors Center.

LIGHTERS BY INVENTION

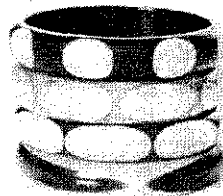
by Larry Tolkin

Belle Kogan - A Lifetime of Design

Belle Kogan is one of the most important female industrial designers of the 20th Century. While a designer and not an inventor, her 1938 art deco patterns [see photo Zippo ad] for Zippo Mfg rank high as the most valuable of all her designs. Her talent created numerous wonderful 20th century items while many are not recognized as Kogans as they only bear the manufacturers name and not hers. She is best known for her houseware designs in glass, plastics and ceramics from 1932 until 1970. I've listed just a brief history of Kogan and shown a few of her interesting creations [see photos].

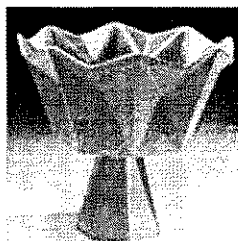
Belle Kogan was born in Russia in 1902 and emigrated to the US in 1906. In 1920 she began working in her father's jewelry store while studying at Pratt Institute and the Art Students League. In 1929 she was employed by the Quaker Silver Company which trained her as a silver designer at New York University, Rhode Island School of Design and the Pforzheim, Germany Art School. She soon headed a department of 20 at Quaker Silver in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

In 1932 She opened her own New York office with a retainer by Quaker and designed many houseware products for Libbey Glass, US Glass, Federal Glass, Towle Mfg. Co., Maryland Plastics, and Bakelite Corp [see bracelet



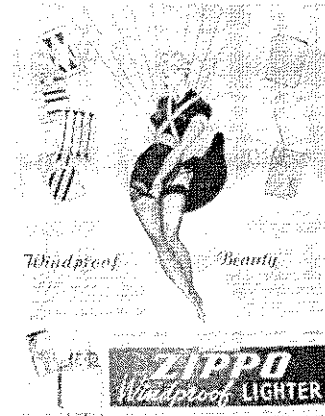
photo], Reed and Barton, General Electric [see clock photo], Red Wing pottery and Zippo Mfg. In 1937 she traveled to Europe to study design trends in Scandinavian countries, and by 1939 was championing modern design in the US.

In 1938 Red Wing pottery contracted the talented freelance industrial designer where she worked till 1940 and was then re-hired in the 1949-1963 period. Red Wing issued 100 of Kogan's art pottery designs in 1938, Her other ceramic clients included the Brush Pottery, Cordey China, and Nelson McCoy pottery companies.

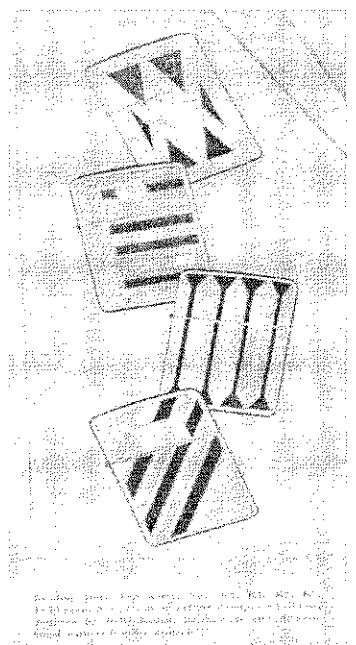


Belle Kogan helped form the New York Chapter of the Chicago-based American Designers Institute (founded 1938) and was its Secretary Treasurer when it relocated to New York. In 1951 ADI became the Industrial Designers Institute (IDI), and in 1956, the organization held a testimonial dinner in her honor. When IDI became IDSA in 1965, she was awarded Fellowship in the new organization. Kogan placed her designs and papers in the Smithsonian's Archives of American Art and closed her New York office in 1970. Under contract with KV Design, she moved to Israel with her husband, Nathan G. Watman, and set up a studio offering comprehensive design services. In 1972 she left the studio to work more leisurely as a consultant. In 1994, she was still a respected member of the Israeli community, raising consciousness to culture, visual beauty and design. Kogan passed away in 2000 at the age of 98. While many serious Zippo collectors were searching for the rare Kogan 1938 enamel lighters at the first few Zippo lighter shows in Bradford - one could only imagine if they knew she was still alive at that time. Hopefully - we will one day see the designs she donated to the Smithsonian museum and collectors can then understand the full extent of her talent.

For any of you who are interested in more Belle Kogan photos, please email Larry Tolkin <ltolkin@aol.com>



Zippo Ad



Belle Kogan Zippos

CONVENTION UPDATES!

Please read Urban's announcement below!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Louis V. Aronson II, President and CEO of Ronson Corporation and his wife, Joan, will be with us at the Chicago show. This is a rare opportunity to meet the man who is the guiding strength behind Ronson's 110 year leadership in making "The World's Greatest Lighter." Grandson of the founder, Mr. Aronson is a member of OTLS and an outstanding supporter of our club. He is generously donating for our Saturday evening Auction one remaining Banjo Pocket Lighter in a commemorative rosewood display box specially made in 2001. At 11 AM on Friday and Saturday, he will be happy to autograph Urban Cummings' 2nd edition Ronson Book which will be specially priced at \$22 for this show only.

His autograph will be confined to purchases of Urban's book only.

Also if you have not made a reservation at the hotel the deadline is past for hotel reservations, so please call your editor ASAP.

If you haven't sent your registration form to the OTLS Office, please call Judith immediately. We need to get the name tags and table tags made! Judith (903)763-2795

If you asked for an extra table and haven't been notified, please call or email me

IMPORTANT - I have contacted TSA and Delta Airlines and learned the following information. You can still ship by UPS and I believe Fed Ex. Also according to Delta, you can contact Delta "Cargo" and ship via cargo. I'm sure if you can do this with Delta, you could do it with other airlines. One member told me they also had used Express Mail through the Post Office. I will have UPS mail packages back home after the convention.



FACTS ON FRICTION by Scott Beehler

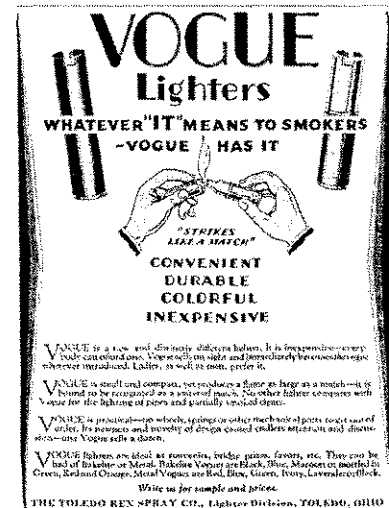
What's in "Vogue"?

Just after the end of WWI, the Toledo Rex Spray Company began. The company was created to manufacture insecticides and related spraying equipment under the Rex brand. Products such as "Fly-Tox", "Agri-Tox" and other arsenate-based pesticides

were the main trade lines. In 1922, J. L. Miller was hired as sales manager. "Fly-Tox" and its sprayers became famous worldwide largely due to the advertising campaigns that focused on the dangerous diseases that insects, especially flies and moths, might carry. Enlarged detailed images of the insects would cover full page ads until the end of WWII.



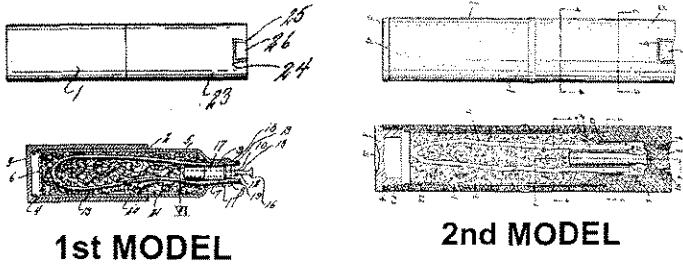
In 1928, with Miller's help, a young inventor named Bernard Currlin sold the idea for a new style of striker lighter to the Toledo Rex Spray Co. The company dubbed the new lighter "Vogue" and J. L. Miller was named Sales Manager, Vogue Lighter Division. Currlin filed for a patent of his new lighter in June 1928, and the patent was issued July 29, 1930. Currlin made a few unremarkable changes and filed for patent his second design in July 1929. This patent was issued on September 17, 1929 (this was nearly a year before the his first design's patent was issued). Both designs were licensed to Toledo Rex Spray Company.



Looking at the patent drawings for both versions, it is apparent that the only noticeable difference is accessing the fuel reservoir. The first model has a sealed bottom that requires pulling the insert out to add fuel. The second model uses a bottom screw for tank access. Both models have virtually the same steel point and wick loop arrangement. Both ends of the wick wrap the steel. The first

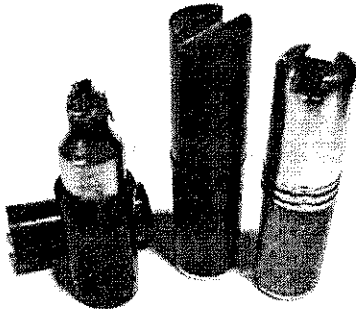
FACTS ON FRICTION continued

model in bakelite measures 6.4 cm long. The second model in bakelite measures 6.6 cm long and the aluminum version a slightly smaller 6.1 cm long. All models marked on bottom VOGUE, PATS PEND.



1st MODEL

2nd MODEL



The company began manufacturing the new "Vogue" strikers in early 1928. Originally the bakelite strikers were available in blue, black, maroon, green, red, and orange. The second model, introduced in 1929, kept the same colors in bakelite, and now included an aluminum version available in red, blue, black, ivory, and lavender. The "Vogue" was heavily advertised and J. L. Miller even told of company plans to produce "desk lighters, ashtrays, smoking stands, and automobile lighters". Success for the striker was short lived. In 1930, advertising for the "Vogue" slowly dwindled and no documentation for it can be found after 1934. The Toledo Rex Spray company continued to manufacture pesticides and spray equipment through WWII. The "Vogue" inventor, Bernard Currlin, went on to form the Lockseal Nut Corp. of Toledo after WWII.



RONSONOTES #12

by Urban Cummings and Eric Roe

Odds & Ends, Etc.

We will probably never live to see the end of new AMW/Ronson "discoveries." Following are two more.

See Fig. 1. Another New Yorker. This time with a small horse (compare the size of the New Yorker with the height of the horse). A nice piece for whoever does the next Ronson Book.

Fig. 2. Looks to be one of the earliest figural pieces. 1904. This is a good example of commemorative pieces being made for a major event. One side of the base is marked, "Worlds Fair St. Louis 1904" the other side is "Show Me I'm From Missouri." The bottom does not have the typical sheet metal cover plate. It is open and visible in the casting is "Pat. Appl. For. AMW." So, in 1904 Aronson was putting "Patent Applied"? That's unusual. So it has to be one of their early-early pieces. Great find, Eric! Thanks for the assist with this Ronsonotes.

Finally -- this. In the last issue I talked about tools. Now I realize I left something out. "Craftsman" hand tools from Sears. I find them to be very well made. And --- they all carry a lifetime guarantee. If one ever breaks or fails in any way, they will replace it. No charge. That is a worthwhile warranty, so I do recommend Craftsman hand tools. I have many of them and I recommend them. Happy Hunting from Urban & Eric



Fig. 1

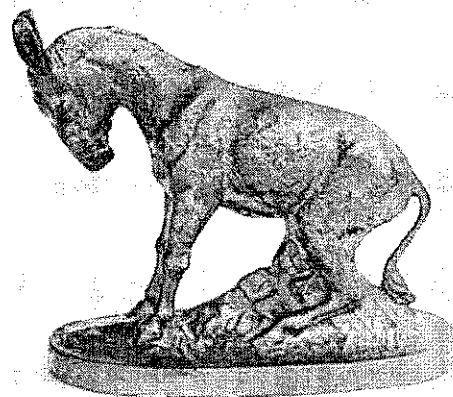


Fig. 2

CONVENTION CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE OR TRADE

If some of you are interested in purchasing old/new Zippo shirts, please let me know. Over the years I have accumulated a LOT and most of them have never been worn. I can bring them to sell at the convention if anyone wants them? Thanks, Judith (903)763-2795 or email <otls@peoplescom.net>

Anyone purchasing the new "Dunhill Petrol Lighter-A Unique Story" book at the convention will receive 10% off the regular price of \$275.00 plus the club will receive a \$20.00 donation for each sale. Richard Weinstein

A local man (Chicago - non-member) is coming to the convention on Saturday to try to sell a small box of lighters - from his descriptions, it sounds like some good lighters! I told him, he could come in even if it wasn't time for the public since he appears to have good lighters! Judith

Please see me in Chicago for signed copies of either of my two books on vintage lighters. Ira Pilossof

I will be bringing my few remaining copies of "The first 56 pages" to the Chicago show. This is a bound, color cover, hi-quality reproduction of the first 56 pages of my first book. For those who do not have a copy of my first edition, this copy has most of what was in my original book but is not included in my 2nd book. It's worth having, and at \$20 is a bargain, packed with useful information and illustrations. This is as close as you can get to having my first edition. Urban Cummings

If it's Zippos you are searching for, please see me in Chicago for many nice lighters. Thanks, Ira Pilossof

If anyone wants any of the Zodiac Zippo Lighters, please call or email Judith (903)763-2795 or <otls@peoplescom.net>

WANTED



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PLEASE! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE SATURDAY NIGHT AUCTION - DOOR WATCHERS - REGISTRATION - AND OTHER JOBS. CALL OR EMAIL DEB BASH (813)779-3207 or email <rdbash@hotmail.com>

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A ROOM AT THE CONVENTION, PLEASE CALL JUDITH (903) 763-2795 OR EMAIL <OTLS@PEOPLES.COM.NET>. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WANT TO SHARE A SMOKING OR NON-SMOKING ROOM!

Will buy one piece or a collection. Looking to buy multiple examples of any mint flat advertiser lighters or Zippos, plain or with advertising. Seeking Sterling lighters in automatic or semi-automatic. Any unusual Clearfloats, gun lighters, or matchbook holders. Bring English pipes, unusual matchesafes, women's compacts. If you are looking for something in particular, please call or email. Guy Nishida (310)215-1951 or <btrade@comcast.net>

I am looking for a fine condition, old Barcroft lighter. Also would like to see some Made in Occupied Japan (MIOJ) lighters at the convention for buying, not just looking. Shirley Marciniak

Wanted: Evans Lighters and Evans Perfumers. Also looking for compacts & perfume bottles. See you in Chicago! Deb Bash

Interested in buying Russian Lighters and anything related to Russian Fire Making. Boris Rubin (718)672-5556 or email <borismrubin@aol.com>

Always looking to add to my collection of "KW" and "Flat Advertisers". Also searching for a "Ritepoint" display

WANTED

case. And looking for a Zippo USS Dauntless. Paul Rowan

Looking for figural lighters, particularly striker "people". Also want unusual pocket lighters from different countries. Judith Sanders

Wanted: Purchased a chromium table lighter of a knight, missing the music box, 8"H,4"W made by Thorens ...will be attending the conference in June so if you have one that works, for sale, or call before the meeting, Pat Zicari (703)777-5150 or email <PGZicari@aol.com>

Wanted "Airways Rent-A-Car System" flat lighters. There were at least 6 of them made, and I am looking for the ones from Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland, and Las Vegas. Mint or excellent condition only. Will pay \$10 - \$15 each, depending on condition. Thanks, Vince B r a s c i a <lighterhead1@netzero.net>

Interested in Glass Enamel Evans Pocket Lighters, will buy or trade other collectible lighters. Bring them to the convention or contact me at <buylighter@charter.net> Ron Eyerkuss

Please see my ad in the regular classified ads. Scott Beehler

LOOK FOR A SURPRISE AT THE SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER!



HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION?

I WILL ARRANGE SHIPPING OF BOXES AFTER THE CONVENTION FOR ANY OF YOU WHO ARE FLYING TO THE CONVENTION. JUDITH

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE OR TRADE

1. Evans 4" Pear in Yellow Enamel, with matching Ashtray and cigarette box, no chips, excellent condition 125.00 + 6.50 shipping
2. Evans 4" Wood Pear in good condition, minor surface scratches in wood, 35.00 + 6.50 shipping
3. Scripto Vue Lighter United States Navy Military Sealift Command, used, good, surface scratches on chrome and plastic, 25.00 + 5.00 for shipping. Richard Weinstein (212)586-0947 or email <info@vintagelighters.com>

MAJOR COLLECTION FOR SALE

Fifty years collection for sale. This collection consists of an assortment of lighters - including Zippos, Ronson, Evans, Clarkes, Scriptos, 14 Kt Gold and some Sterling lighters, etc. There are approximately 1354 lighters. Every one of these lighters works and all are in excellent condition. I would like to sell this collection as one lot. A CD is available with pictures if you will write or call me. Eddie Dektor (412) 781-4135

Town & Country Setter, 3rd Model Barcroft available green leather Zippo MIB, Mickey Mouse MIB, and many more please email Ira at <vintagelighter@aol.com>

RONSON COLLECTION - Can offer great pieces for sale. Let me know what you need. Barry Hoffman <pakistan@tiac.net>

Have many Ronson lighters available at the moment. Please email me. Ira Pilosof <vintagelighter@aol.com>

Looking for information on that special lighter? Past issues of On The LIGHTER Side are available for \$3.00 each plus postage. For additional information, contact Greg Ryman at <GregRyman872@msn.com> or call (909)593-4413. All proceeds go to our club.

I have many Zippos, old & new, mint and used, slim, regular and table; which I will consider for suitable exchange or sale. My specialties are all **Advertising** with the emphasis on Drink but I prefer spirits such as Whiskey, Coca Cola and Guinness; all Navies of all countries but I particularly like **Submarines. Hard Rock Cafes**, and I have some unusual and unique ones from these.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

English **Butlins Camps** which are also unique. I also have some other makes such as Dunhill, Thorens, etc. and rare pottery from Royal Doulton, Wedgwood, etc. with a variety of inserts. Why not try me, by email at <frank@fmburton.demon.co.uk> or ring me in UK at 02964 536616. Thanks. Frank Burton

Sale or Trade: Zippo lighters: 1997 Camel Joe w/Harmonica - Max, Camel Joe with Sax - 1998 Joe at the Beach - 1996 Camel Night & Day - 1997 Camel Pin-up on Log. All of these lighters are in MINT condition. Alan Underkofler. Please contact me at <zipmania93@yahoo.com>

The New Zippo Collector Display Flames by Roseart. Available for \$1.95 each. Contact the Roseart Company (814)362-3030 or email <owners@roseartlighters.com> You can go to the web site to check out products <www.roseartlighters.com> ZippMark, Inc. 2004 Manufactured under License from Zippo Manufacturing Company, Bradford PA

Zippo lighter's

And Other Cigarette Logo Collectables

Carl Schaller

5130 Watters Road
Lower Burrell, Pa. 15068

(724)337-8705

CS Puff@Hotmail.com

WANTED

Wanted: Railroad lighters made by "MG." I have 3 - NY Central, Pennsylvania RR & Southern Pacific. They must have made others. It's like a flat advertiser except it is a little narrower (1-5/8" wide instead of 2-1/8") It is the same height as other flats and the bottom is marked "MG Automatic Super Lighter Japan." I will pay handsomely for one I don't have. Urban Cummings (650)328-1177 or <furryfeet@mindspring.com>

I need several models of Ronson Pocket Lighters in good, used condition. The Junior Sport, Duplex, Debonair, Majorette, Highlite, Modernistic. Jack Williams

WANTED

(951)658-4105 or email <jaxpc@verizon.net>

WANTED: Brochures, Ads, Catalogs for the Stratoliter, Duroliter, Wonderliter, Match King, Hahway and others. Also always looking for Feurex and Flamidor lighters. Email Scott Beehler at <msvcb@mc2k.com>

Looking for older (70's-80's) NFL team helmet Zippos - condition unimportant. No paint left on the helmet is fine. NO new NFL's please. Older ones only. I'm trying to get all the teams. Joanne Merola <crazyjo2@optonline.net>

Looking for Evans Pocket Lighters, especially Glass Enamel. I will even buy Glass Enamel Evans pocket lighters with damaged enamel. I am particularly interested in Evans Lift Arm pocket lighters. Also Trigalites. Bob Williams (313)971-1991

WANTED: Dunhill Pocket Lighter or Dupont with Clock. Must be in excellent condition. Thank you. Call Ira Goodman (631)265-3837

We have a friend, a Viet Nam vet who 'lost' his Zippo when he returned to the States from Nam. Upon arrival, he'd put it and his cigs down on a bench in the bus station. Turned back to pick them up and his lighter was gone. Purchased in the U.S., engraved in Japan. Front side are the initials EOD (military) and on the back is engraved "To John from Sparrow 1971-1972. Good Luck." If anyone has spotted this lighter I'll do whatever to get it back. Shirley Marciniak <gerbilzip@yahoo.com>

I am looking for Fig. 257 "New York with Cig. Box and Dog." If anyone has one for sale, please contact me. Dave Udstuen <dudstuen@msn.com>

Wanted: Zippo from USS Franklin, CV13. Gene Arthur (510)797-3405 or <geneart1@comcast.net>

Wanted: (1) 1994 OTLS Convention "St Pete Beach"; (2) 1994 OTLS Vintage Model (repro of old metalique). Both Zippos must be in mint to excellent condition. Charles Marando (814)375-7449 or email <marando@verizon.net>

I am looking for a figural woman (lighter) with a basket on her head. Please call or write Judith (903)763-2795 or <otls@peoplescom.net>

NOTES FROM JUDITH CONTINUED:

I just had so much fun with my question from the last paper "...what I did different in this newsletter?" You just wouldn't believe the response I got from this! Just to name a few Shirley Marciank, Richie Weinstein, Tom & Dee Jones, Paul Rowan & Guy Nishida. I'm glad to know so many of you read the entire paper - made my day! The response I heard the most was that the pictures in the paper were "outlined" -- but that was actually a mistake! I usually take away the "outlines").

George & Jo Wagner called with the CORRECT response! The new thing added to the paper on Page 1, 3 and 4 was the dark, black lines (see below this). I saw them in another newsletter which was sent to me and decided to try some new.

So George & Jo Wagner get the surprise - which is an OTLS Postcard and some Convention T-shirts! Congratulations to George & Jo for reading until they actually found what was new. That was such a nice break in my usual week, I think I will do it again in a future paper.

IMPORTANT! If you haven't registered for the convention, you are running out of time! Call Judith ASAP! (903)763-2795



LIGHTER TRIVIA FROM JUDITH: I just bought a Mint in the Box "Solo". The Solo was made by the Imco Mfg. Corp. of New York. Although I have seen a Solo before I had not seen the box. On the box it also says "Manufacturers of DANDY and TORNADO Lighters". So we now know that the New York Imco made these 3 lighters. It is interesting to note Imco of Austria made a "HANDY" lighter. Also the Solo is very similar to the "SILBY" made by Imco of Austria.



News From Around The World....

Wayne Melhiser had his bypass surgery and is home and doing well! Richie & Dani saw Dana & Robin in NC while they were visiting there. Urban & Chris went to Boris & Maya's house for a visit. Our sympathy to Phil Rembelski on the loss of his Mother. Connie Smizer was in the hospital, but is home now and doing well. Sharee Shafer had a fall at work and is home recovering. Gary St John had knee surgery, but is home and already driving again - he said he will be at the convention! Bob Gamboni is going to help Gary and I get the boxes to the hotel - thanks guys!

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUPPORT OF THE FIRST CLASS MAILING OF THIS ISSUE OF "ON THE LIGHTER SIDE":

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