

ON THE LIGHTER Side

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In the last issue I mentioned there would be only 5 issues next year. I would like to comment further on this subject. The idea is to have each issue contain more information, perhaps 5 or 6 pages instead of 3. This not only will make a better newsletter, but also will cut down on your Editor's work. The responsibility of preparing a paper every month has become difficult for me. So we will try it and see how everyone likes it?!!

It is with great sadness I tell you Clark Bordner passed away on June 1, 1988. Clark has been a member since 1984 when Warren Gerber told him about our club and helped him to join. That same year Warren interviewed the Bordners at their home, and wrote an article for our paper. As a tribute to Clark Bordner, the article is reprinted in this issue. I know you all join with me in expressing our caring and sympathies to Anne and their sons.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT....

A "lucky seventh" hobby established residence high on a windy hill in Northeastern Ohio when Clark Bordner and his wife, Anne, happily contracted lighter mania six years ago. Lighter enthusiasm must compete, however, with long-established avocations, including horses (they have 7 Arabians in their stables, pigeons—the Bordners provide room and board for 50 Acrobatic pigeons - 15 goats at last count and 3 other "collections" which now dominate a large recreation room in their 5 year old, 3,000 square foot house located on 20 acres, including a pond, some 30 miles southeast of Cleveland in Streetsboro.

Clark's interest in this hobby was sparked when he and Anne attended an estate sale. An old brass lighter caught his eye. He bought it and told Anne that he thought it would be fun to collect lighters.

Today, approximately 500 table and pocket lighters are displayed on 15 shallow (4" deep and 10 feet long) shelves which line a portion of one wall of the rec. room. A dozen or so lighters on the floor nearby are awaiting display space. Clark, a general contractor and operator of a customized packaging business, can build his own.

As is the nature of the collector beast, usually, at first, Clark and Anne acquired any kind of lighter they could get their hands on at Flea Markets or on trips. As time moved on, Clark has chosen to seek, primarily, older lighters dating back to the 1920's - of any make or brand.

He said that he does not have any grouping or types of lighters for trade or sale, but agrees with the old principle that "everything has its' price."

He counts as his most unusual lighter a relatively small all brass table unit with a "1912 Capitol lighter-type sparking mechanism and fuel container about the size of a lipstick tube. Both are mounted on a post over a small saucer. He understands that it came out of an old cigar store.

He also has a pair of tall, brass "lamps" with pull chains from the Art Deco period. Clark's newest lighter uses the piezoelectric ignition system.

His favorite lighter is a German silver "KW" table unit, about Ronson Crown size, with reproductions of Old Master's paintings in bas relief stampings. One side shows four men in a tavern drinking scene. On the other side are a dozen dandies in a pre-hunt setting.

In addition to friends and rela-

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birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and other special occasions, one of Clark's two sons, when he was soldiering in Germany, sent his dad a handsome Opel car lighter. When asked, Clark said that he hasn't converted any friends or relatives into lighter collectors because, quite candidly, who needs more competition for oldies and goodies. There are at least a half dozen serious collectors in North-eastern Ohio.

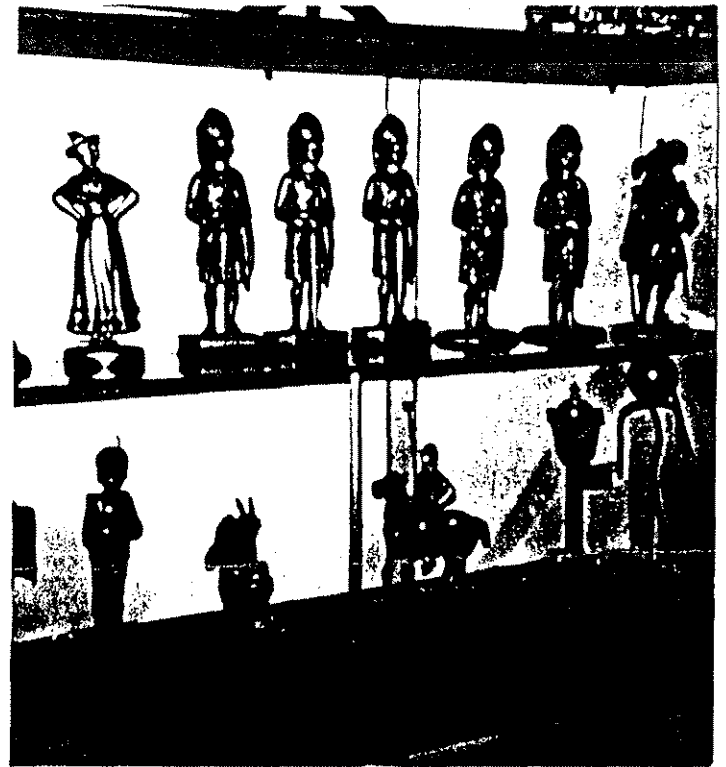
Also, because he is aware of the times in which we live, Clark's home is protected by a state-of-the-art security system that detects motion, sound or forced entry. It incorporates a fire alarm system. Several noisy, if not ferocious, dogs and Clark's confidence in his ability to protect his own allow the Bordners to pursue their hobbies and avocations with pleasure and enthusiasm.

by Warren Gerber

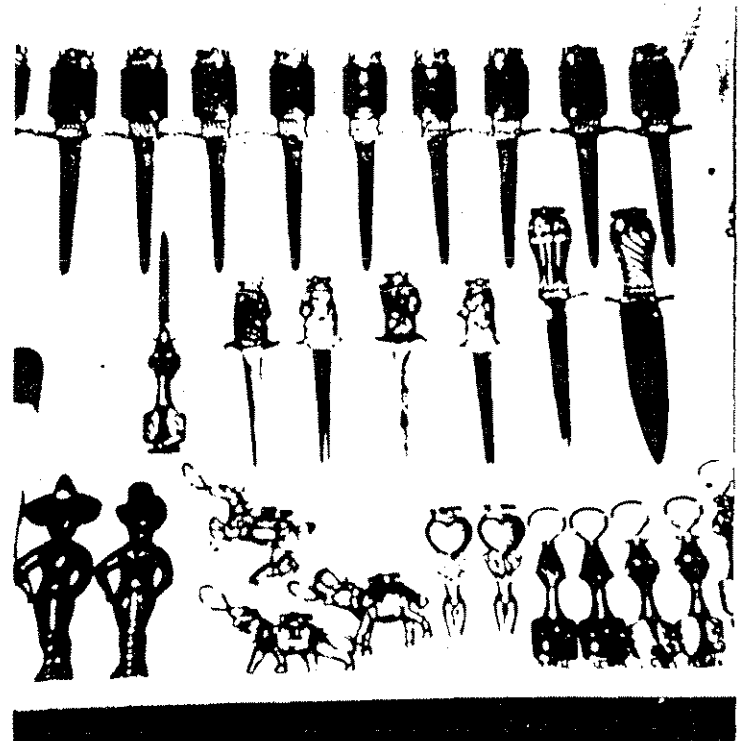
(Editor's Note: Since 1984 Clark's collection had grown considerably. Bill Kern (OTLS Member) is preparing an inventory of Clark's lighters and will offer them for sale through our newsletter shortly. Bill tells me this collection has around 2,000 lighters, mostly table lighters. He has indicated he will split the collection and sell them separately. If you are interested in contacting Bill regarding this collection, you can call him at 216/673-4762.)

COLLECTORS' CORNER

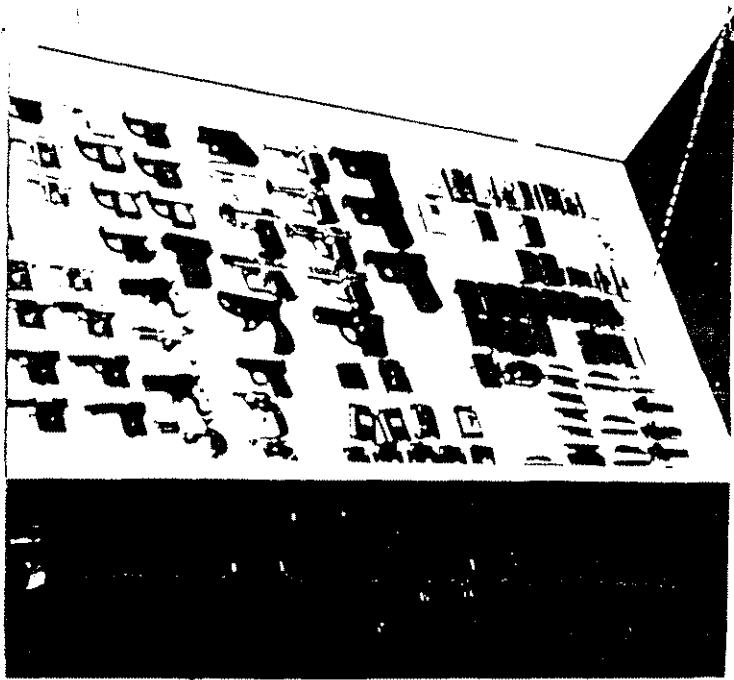
Colin Day (Australia) has sent some interesting pictures of a few items in his collection. Colin said his collection of lighters now numbers about 4,000. Shown on this page and page 3 are some of the pictures Colin sent. (Thanks, Colin!)



Various figures, such as Spanish Dancing Lady, 3 Green Scotsmen (striker & wheel type), Gray Scotsman, Red Scotsman, French Dandy, Grenadier Guard, Red Devil, Polo Pony & Rider, Street Lamp and Wire Guard.



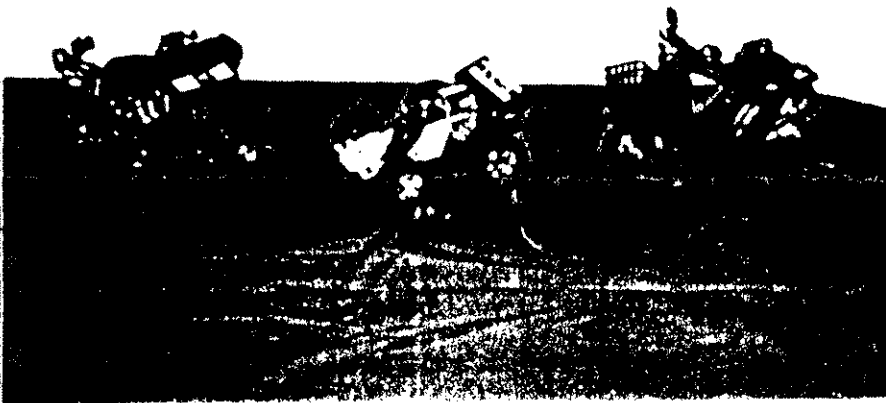
Knives and Bottle Openers



Guns, Zippos, Small Boats

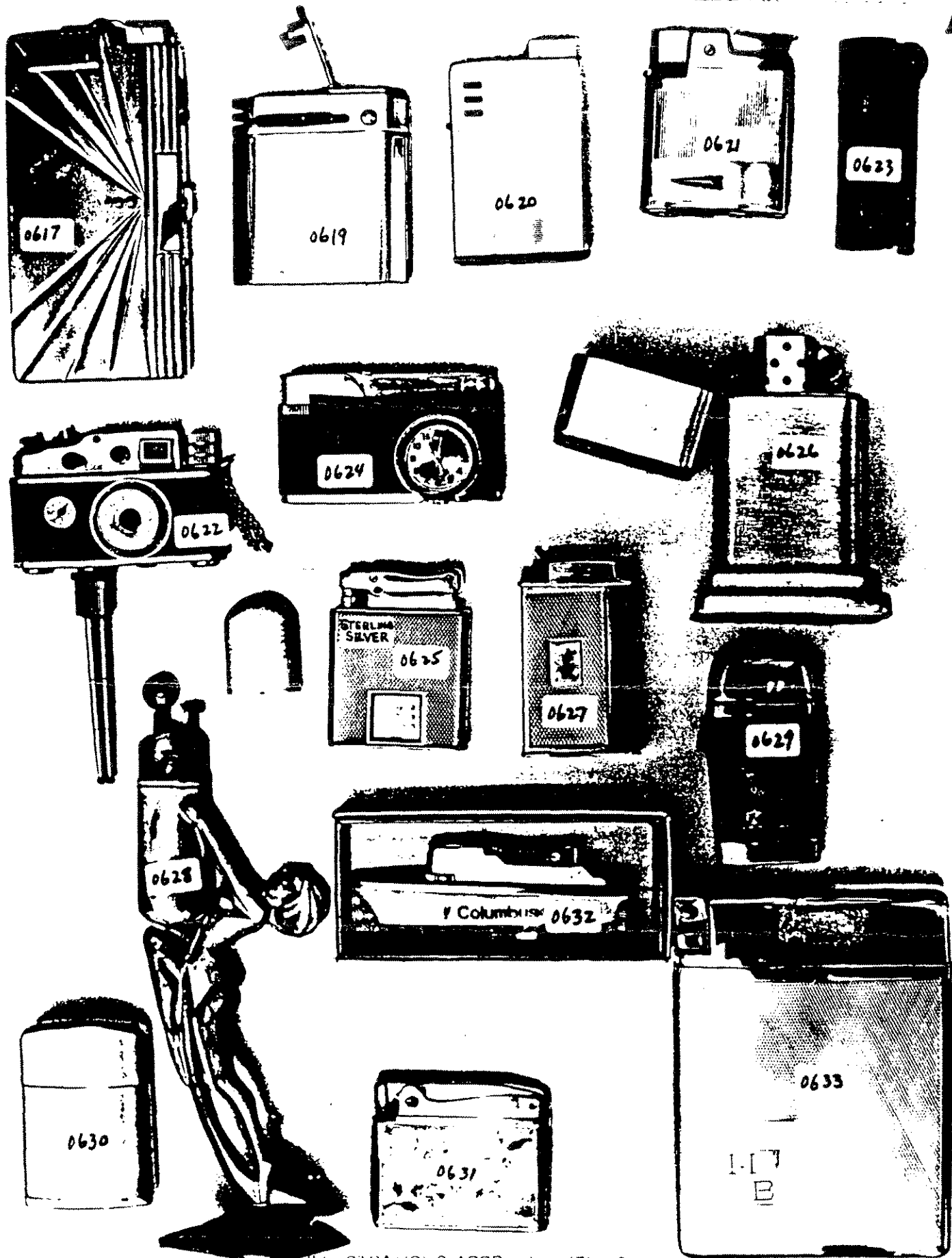


Flags of Stuyvesant & Dunhill.

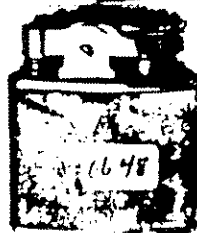
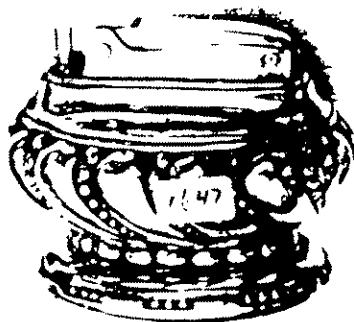
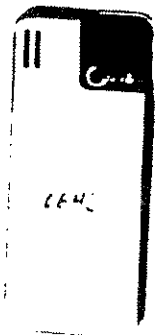
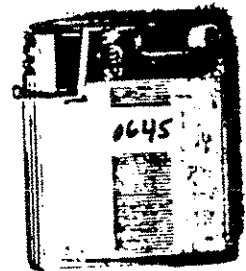
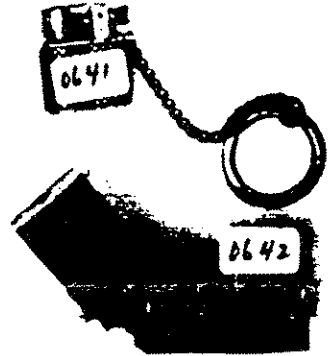
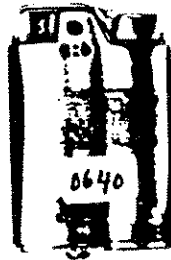
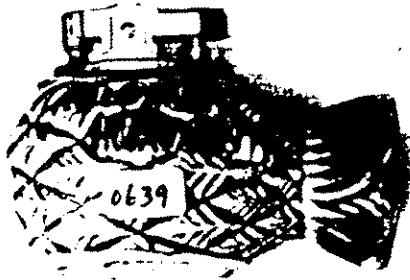
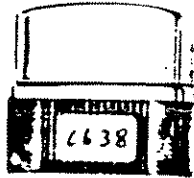
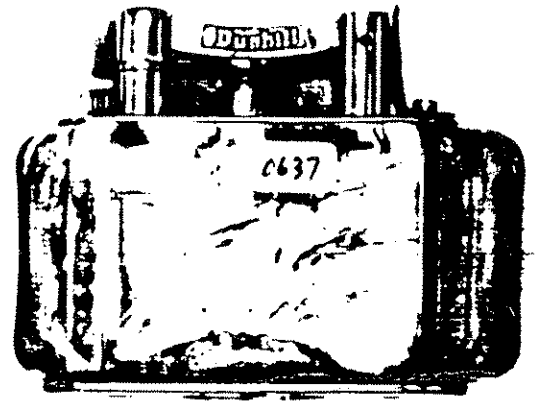
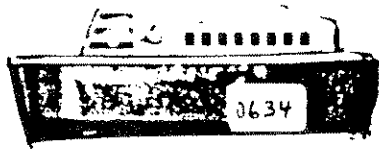


Motorcycle & Side Card, Marlboro Race Car & Scooter. Colin says these are the latest models from Japan.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The next 2 pages show pictures of lighters from Jack Seiderman. See Classified Ads for information on these lighters.



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For Sale or Trade

ave Dunhill Sylph, Tall Boy, Koopman's Magic Pocket Lamp, Roman Lamp (photo 559 in Bisconcini's book) - want to trade or sell. Also have EXTREMELY RARE Black Bar (Ronson) - scratcher or striker type NOT touch tip. John Cuevas. ALSO WILLING TO BUY EMPIRE COLLECTIONS.

Two 12" rulers, made in France, lighter is built right in the ruler, metric & regular 12", with a 12" flint spring. Mint condition. \$24.00 ea. Also have 4 beautiful Wedgewood table lighters. Mint Condition. \$42.00 each. Sid Chase

Road Grader
Negro Bottle Opener
Koala

Zero Airplane
Colin Day, Phone: (08)296-3871

Will trade or sell: Ronson Banjo. \$250.00 John Cuevas

For Sale: Part of collection of table lighters. If interested, write for details. Colin Day.

Jack Seiderman has 250 more lighters for sale, plus other collectibles, a new 25 page catalog & complete price list. (no more bidding) Send \$3.00 for 25 page cat. or \$7.50 for both 35 page original & this one & future mailings. (See pages 4 & 5 for sample pictures)

TRENCH ART - 20 MM (MK-2) Brass Shell Casing w/lighter in lid ("1943" on bottom of shell) Mounted on heavy marble base. (Shell 7" tall, total ht.w/base 8") \$35.00 (postage paid) Judith Sanders

URGENT - URGENT 1988 Convention Videos now available! Please order directly from Jay Meddaugh (Club Historian). Only 1 video for 1988 - cost \$10. This video is EXCELLENT and a must for OPLS Members.

CLASSIFIED ADS
ARE IMPORTANT
FOR COLLECTORS!

For Sale or Trade

Available:
Advertising/souvenir pocket type. List wants by subject. Will trade against 1910-30's round brass European inscribed types (liquid fuel or tinder wick). Warren Gerber.

I have many 50's, 60's advertising lighters and misc. duplicates. Will trade fro 20's, 30's, 40's pocket lighters. I like lighters that show use, but still work. Contact Mike Holm.

For Sale: 14 karat gold Dunhill, 1930's, pocket, unadorned, fine condition. Judy Alster, 900 N.E. 195th St., N. Miami, FL 33179 (non-member ad)

Wanted to Buy or Trade
Pocket or Table Watch
Lighters Wanted. Bob Stowe
Looking for old junk lighters for parts - also Zippo with the hinge on the outside. Tom Zimmer

Wanted to buy - new or mint condition lighters with corporate logo engraved. Prefer Zippo. Write & describe. Fred Laird

I would like to buy a Ronson (Silver Plated) "Savoy" & a 3 piece Ronson "Waldorf" parlor set. Joe Roseman

We are looking for pre 1900 items. What are you looking for? Tom & Deb O'Key

Want any lighter with Erie, Pa. on it. Also want any table or pocket lighter for parts. I will buy them all if price is right. Please no junk. I'm looking for a project to fix them not junk them. Tom Prylinski

Looking for Ronson touch tip lighters & art deco airplane lighters. Marc Klarman

Wanted: Tank, cannon, armored car lighters. Must be in very good condition. Contact Jack Albertson.

Wanted to Buy or Trade

Would like to swap an original Calibri, in fair cond. & working, for a Ronson Banjo. Charles Arrundale

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

Wanted: Cigar Counter Lighters run on batteries or electricity. Lighters made by NASSAU or IMPERATOR - flint must be on top or rasp wheel. WAR ERA lighters. BOOK SHAPED lighters. Will buy or trade. Would like to see pictures from members even if not selling. Jim Lohr

Looking for Catalogues, old ads or leaflets (or facsimile) of pre-1939 period. Please send detail with price to Jacques P. Cole. For research on Lighter Book.

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