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And Now A Word From Your Editor

Richard Weinstein

This newsletter has many great articles submitted by members of OTLS. I hope you enjoy these articles and that they provide you with some information that enhances your lighter collecting. Those members who submit articles do so to increase your knowledge on topics that should be of interest to many of you. Since there are quite a few members who solely collect Zippo lighters, I am hoping we can receive some interesting Zippo articles as well. Show us some of your favorite lighters and maybe explain the mystique surrounding collecting Zippo lighters.



I would also ask that members send in photos for the “Eye Candy” page. This is an easy way for members to participate. Alice Hodges started this off and I would like to see this continue for each issue. In this issue there is a great photo of some beautiful Ronson pocket lighters. Please send your photos to otls@vintagelighters.com and we would love to include yours in upcoming issues. You can choose whether or not to add your name to the photos or request your name not be divulged.

We have only a few weeks left until our 30th convention and I wish to thank everyone who has made an effort to attend. It should be a fun time!

Chairman’s Message:

Guy Nishida

My adrenaline level is kicking up now that the 30th OTLS convention approaches. I hope you consider joining us for part or all of the festivities. Don’t worry, there will be plenty of time to lose your money gambling.

I just received a DVD copy of a recently aired British comedy show entitled: “Have I Got News For You”. I had previously given permission for them to use our newsletter in one of their segments. So we received a plug with a photo of one of our recent issues along with a nod to our club. Yes, we were on the receiving end of a joke or two but this show is the top rated Friday evening show with a viewership average in excess of 4 million. If there were a few lighter collectors among those millions and they hadn’t known of our club, they certainly do now. We appeared on Series 51 Show 1 for those who can retrieve it on-line.

While it pains me to tell you, our membership numbers continue to decline despite the addition of several new members. That is why it is so important for all members to encourage other collectors to join. Without active lighter community participation, we cannot survive. I remind you to please mention the club in your Ebay listings and keep flyers on your tables at shows where you exhibit. You will find a template for a form to insert in your mailed Ebay packages on our website. What is sadder is that this slide comes on the heels of what I believe is a vastly improved newsletter with some notable contributors. One in particular that I would like to acknowledge is Alice Hodges. I want to publically thank her for the many articles she has submitted over the years. We are very appreciative. In addition, our Facebook page continues to increase viewership. I encourage all of you to post and to reply to questions and indicate that you are members in your replies.

Don’t delay in ordering your club lighter the details of which appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

I’ve recently heard that a member of LCGB, Rob Wilkinson is working on a book on Thorens lighters. Research and photography has already begun and while I have no estimated publication date yet, it is exciting news. Incidentally, he will be flying in for our show from England. He has agreed to share his expertise at our show and we look to hearing about Thorens. If any member has a rare or unusual Thorens that would make his book more complete, please reach out to Rob.

Again, I hope to see you at the show. If not, you can read about the highlights in the next issue.

A Message From Your President

Art Brooks

Well, here we are and it is May already and the 30th Annual Convention is just around the corner. I am sure, as in past conventions, there will be lots of wheeling and dealing and trading, both lighters and stories.



Now I need a missing wand for my desk lighter. It is the piece lying on the right of the lighter.



This year I have a list of special lighters I am interested in. If you have any in the photos bring them with you or email me. some photos and prices.

First up is a camera lighter. MIOJ.



Next up is a DRGM Triphon.



Then we have Ring lighters.



Last but not least is the Ronson gun.



If you have any questions, comments or suggestions feel free to contact me at caymus99@sbc-global.net.

My Latest Flame

By George Gynes

Hi-Ho Silver!

A while back, I wrote an article about the Silver lighter cases made to accommodate a Zippo insert. As I indicated, they are one of my favorite sub-collection of lighters, however, I actually think of silver lighters as belonging to three sub-sub collections. One, the Flip-tops, or Zippo style, two, the Silver Sleeve generally found on the fully automatic European lighters and three, the last but certainly not least, the lighters made of solid Silver that are made for or by the Lighter Companies and carry their name.

For this article, I will deal with the second category; the Silver Sleeved lighters. As I mentioned prior, they are most often found embellishing the European Automatic lighters. While examples can be found on earlier, Lift Arm lighters as well as some American made lighters, the vast majority are from Western Europe. Often the Silver Sleeve was made by, and the finished lighter was marketed by Jewelry shops. The Silver content ranges between 800 and 925 (Sterling), with some examples marked "Alpaca" (no actual silver content). On most pieces, the artwork is ornate and detailed, making them a very good looking collection.

I included pictures of 20 pieces from my collection. Each group of four shows the 2 sides of the lighter and then its bottom, (some noted exceptions). The first 4 are: EMRO Automatic from the Netherlands; Myon Autolux - France; Drllinger Eldro

– Germany and a KW Dorgento (a lift-arm) - Germany. The next four are: Ronson Princes - USA; a push button Thorens Pettit – Switzerland; Muller & Grunstein Triumph-Primus from Germany and a KW with advertisement from Germany. The third set of four are: another Myon Autolux with a Middle Easter motif – France; Mylflam – US Zone, Germany; Myon 201 model – France; and a Baby Mylflam – Germany. The next Four are: Evans Supreme – USA (bottom not pictured), Anglia – England; a push button Althenpol & Pilgram (AP) Pilot – Germany and a Swing Arm 1000 Zunder by Mylflam – Germany. The next for are mostly unmarked and thus I did not picture the bottoms: The first one has only hallmarks and no maker's markings. I have not been able to ID the fitment – if anyone recognizes it, please drop me a note. The second one is also unmarked but its fitment identifies it as a Derby from Germany; the next one has a complete Silver bottom with only the Silversmiths Hallmarks on it, however, under the slip off bottom it is identified as a WIFEU from Austria; and the last one is also unmarked as to maker, but its fitment and shape is identical to the Capri of France.

For now I must close this article, leaving room for others to contribute. I only hope that you all enjoy reading this as much as I enjoyed writing it.

Happy lighter hunting to all and see you in the "Sin-City", George





Wrist Lighters

By Art Brooks

NOTE: I originally wrote this series of Articles which appeared in the May, August and November 2013 issue of Blaze Magazine published by the LCGB.

One of my favorite types of lighters is the wrist lighter. I have many patents for wrist lighters that I have never seen. This leads me to believe most were never produced. I have only seen five! Probably the most common is the Comet New Light. We then have the Ristex and the commonly referred to RAF or Dunhill airplane shaped lighter. There are two I have only seen in photos. One can be found on a great website established by Christian Wenger <http://www.vintagelighterbook.com>. It is the Bracelet Lighter made in France. I suggest you visit this site to see a vast number of great lighters. The other is a photo published on the LCGB website. No name or markings on the photos.

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NOVEMBER 1953



The February 1952 and November 1953 edition of Popular Mechanics had advertisements for the Wrist Cigarette lighter. These adverts were placed in the early 1950's by several different companies and they are Comet New Light lighters. The ad says the lighter is mounted on a matching full wrist or 2-pc expansion band. Just attach your lighter to one side

and your watch on the other side. Just press once and the lid opens, press again and it lights. The watch lighter originally sold for \$4.95 (USD). The 2 piece band is rarely seen and most people who have found these lighters think the band is broken and throw the 2 pieces away!!



I have seen a number of configurations for the Comet. The first and most common has inscribed on the back PAT P. 3183 16112 17274 17726 17727 21629. It also says Made in Japan.



The next lighter is inscribed P.P. 3183 17274 16112 21629 and says Made in Occupied Japan. Note the similarities to the two patent numbers. The face of the lighter does not have the Comet logo.



My Rare Finds

By Bob Gamboni

The less frequently seen configuration is marked PAT. NO. 378829 388006 392171 392172 and says Made in Japan.



The last lighter is marked on the front D'elica with the New Light logo. It does not say Comet, but it is almost identical. There is a slide bar to the right of the lid. I did not get access to the back of the lighter so I am not sure what is there.



I have not been successful in finding Patents from Japan. During this early 50's period, it is said some manufacturers would just make up numbers, call them patents and inscribe them on items. I was also a transition period from Occupied Japan to simply Japan and marking rules got lax.



If you know of other configurations, have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at caymus99@sbcglobal.net

I am always looking for interesting lighters that I have never seen before and here is one of them. It is a Mastercraft Pipe Lighter made in the Japan, probably in the 1950's. By turning a small wheel at the base of the windscreen, the wick can swivel out for easier lighting for a pipe



Is it really RARE?

By Ron Eyerkuss

I was reading an article the other day about the use of the word "RARE" when describing collectibles or antiques on EBAY. I thought I would check EBAY to see how many times the word is used in our hobby. Webster's defines the word "Rare" as seldom occurring or found, marked by unusual quality, merit or appeal, or extreme of its kind. What I found out is that in most cases the word is misused. I can see why someone might use the word "RARE" in there listing. One reason is because they don't have the knowledge or information about our hobby to know what is rare. Other reasons are just to attract attention to their listing or maybe to try and get someone to pay a little more for a "RARE" lighter. I'll share a few listing with you which you may enjoy. The Golden Wheel watch lighter shown is a nice lighter but I wouldn't categorize it as "RARE", maybe the owner thought because it was missing the watch it made it rare.



Next is an ASR lighter. This again was consider "RARE" by the owner and I am guessing because it is green and leaning.



Then we have the rare Salem plastic butane lighter. Hard to find in working condition so maybe that makes it rare.



The next one I am just going to group in a category call "BICs" or "BIC like". I can only imagine that these lighters are considered rare because of what design they have on them.

And finally, the best of them all. This seller thinks the hard to find Ronson Crown is Rare, if they only knew.



I really just wrote this article in fun but again it supports the reality that the more information and knowledge you have the less likely you will make a purchase thinking a lighter is "RARE". The best way to get that knowledge and information is through you lighter club so use it and support it.

Recent Ebay Sales

By Art Brooks

I thought the membership might find some of these Ebay sales interesting. Prices do not include shipping.

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, feel free to contact me at caymus99@sbcglobal.net.

75th Anniversary POR 1/50 Limited Edition Zippo Lighter Brand New in Original Box April 2016 \$7,000.



2015 Sterling Silver Zippo Lighter W/ Gold Inlays Hand-Engraved by Jon Robyn Feb. 2016 \$1627.



1928 TIFFANY Junior Sport De-Light in 14K (Carat) SOLID Gold April 2016 \$2000.



Ronson art deco figural lighter March 2016 \$527.



Ronson Touch Tip Clock Lighter March 2016 \$385



Aquarium Fish Perspex Petrol Table Lighter April 2016 \$1500.



Art Deco Evans Roller Bearing Blue Black White Enamel Cigarette Lighter February 2016 \$293.



DELICA "NEW LIGHT" WRIST LIGHTER - MADE IN OCCUPIED JAPAN February 2016 \$131.



FROM THE WORLD OF RONSONS #2

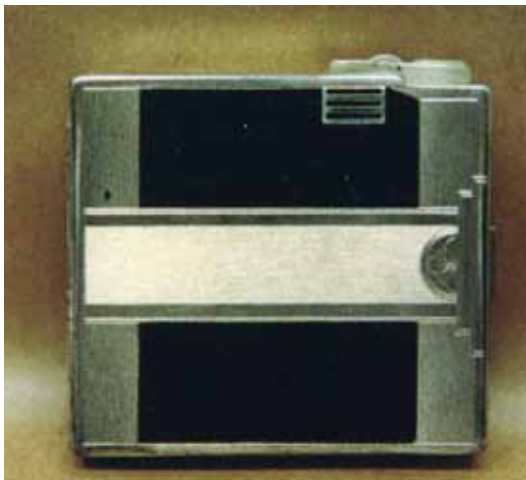
By Urban Cummings

Are you tired yet of all the “NIBS?” I’m here to tell you what you already know – that the Ronson Book does not contain every lighter they ever made. So the “NIBS” keep popping up.

Here is my latest version of “Show & Tell” This latest NIB (NOT IN BOOK!) is a case in point. Here are 5 images of what are probably prototypes of Ronson Caselighters.

All these pictures herein were taken on our second visit to Ronson’s Woodbridge, NJ facility in 1990. Like past “N-I-B’s”, all these pictures speak for themselves. Let me know if you have seen any of them. These lighters were found stored in plywood boxes. We were given permission to photograph them. There is no way now-a-days to know if they made more than one of them unless you write and tell me they did. All the lighters in the Ronson Book were produced in quantity.

Happy Hunting!

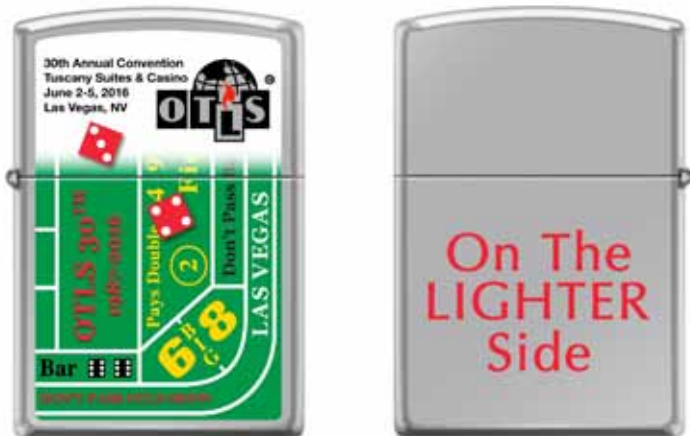


CONVENTION LIGHTERS

Our Convention Lighter for this year is very significant since it is for our

30th CONVENTION.

This year's lighter will be on a 250 High Polish Chrome Zippo. There are a lot of colors – red, black, green, yellow & white. This lighter also has the name of our club on the back – see photo below:



The cost will be \$32 each, plus \$2.95 postage (U.S. & Canada). Overseas members please add \$3.00 for additional postage.

ONLY 50 OF THESE LIGHTERS HAVE BEEN ORDERED. ANY MEMBER MAY ORDER 1 OF THESE LIGHTERS. IF THERE ARE

ANY LEFT AFTER THE FIRST ORDERS HAVE BEEN FILLED, YOU CAN ORDER MORE.

Since this is a limited run of lighters, order yours now!

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(Note: You can call or just send money. They won't take orders by email because where they live the email isn't reliable. You also can pay by paypal – if you do this, Richard Weinstein will notify Tom who used paypal, so he can put you on a list. The paypal address is payments@otls.com You also can pay for your lighter & pick it up at the convention, to avoid shipping charges.

If using Paypal, when you log in, click the “send money” button and you get 2 choices. Select the choice that says “Send money to friends or family.” Paypal has some new rules, so in order for the club to not have fees to pay, please do this.

EYE CANDY



CLASSIFIED ADS

I HAVE A LOT OF LIGHTERS BOOKS FOR SALE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SEEING THE LIST BEFORE VEGAS, LET ME KNOW.

I CAN'T SHIP ALL OF THEM TO VEGAS!

JUDITH SANDERS JUDITHLQ@COMCAST.NET OR CALL 505.433.5303 (MOUNTAIN TIME)

WANTED FOR PURCHASE A RONSON EXECUTIVE IN ALL CHROME FIGURE 302 IN CUMMINGS' BOOK. CONTACT JOE ROSEMAN. K2DOTS@SBCGLOBAL.NET.

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THANKS!

BOB ADAMS

WANTED: ENAMELED EVANS AND RONSON ATOMIZERS AND MATCHING LIGHTERS, USUALLY RONSON PRINCESS MODELS AND EVANS LIFT ARMS. RICH WEINSTEIN, INFO@VINTAGELIGHTERS.COM.

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