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Convention 2025!



The 37th Annual OTLS Convention
"Lighter Extravaganza of 2025"
Westlake, Ohio (near Cleveland)

OTLS 2025 Convention Letter

Dear OTLS Members,

Join us for the **37th Annual OTLS Convention** in **Westlake, Ohio**, from **June 26–29, 2025**. This is the only OTLS lighter convention of the year—plan your trip accordingly!

Convention Details

- **Location:** Wyndham Garden Westlake, 1100 Crocker Rd, Westlake, OH 44145
- **Hotel Rates:** \$115 (Thursday, Friday & Saturday). Rates valid three days before/after the event.
- **Hotel Booking:** Follow this link:
<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham-garden/westlake-ohio/wyndham-garden-westlake/overview?checkInDate=06/25/2025&checkOutDate=06/29/2025&groupCode=062525ONT> or call (702) 893-8000.
 - Questions about the hotel can also be directed to Taylor Albright at (440) 617-2366.
- **Hotel Reservation Deadline:** June 13, 2025

Schedule

- **Thursday, June 26:** Hospitality & Get Acquainted Party in the Bradley Room (4:00–6:00 PM) – Registered members & paid guests only.
- **Friday, June 27:** Display Room Open in the Canterbury Dover Room (8:30 AM – 5:00 PM).
- **Saturday, June 28:** Display Room Open in the Canterbury Dover Room (8:30 AM – 4:00 PM); Dinner & Auction in the Bradley Room (Evening). Guests can come in for free!
- **Sunday, June 29:** OTLS Suite open (optional).

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Registration Fees

- **Full Registration:** \$160 (includes table, Saturday dinner/auction, full access).
- **Family Members/Significant Others:** \$50 (includes dinner/auction).
- **Extra Tables:** \$50 each (limited availability).
- **Assistants:** Friday \$60, Saturday \$30 (+\$35 for dinner/auction).
- **Single-Day Attendees:** Friday \$30, Saturday Free (+\$55 for dinner/auction).

Important Notes

- **If you would like to ship any items ahead of time**, Frank Mannarino has graciously offered to receive items:

6789 Traub Terrace
Mentor, OJ 44060

Phone: (216) 970-8825

Email: Franks8618@yahoo.com

- **No airport shuttles**—use taxis or Uber.
- **Parking is free for hotel guests.**
- **Limited tables available:** Register early!
- **Auction donations welcome!** Support OTLS!
- **Dress code:** Casual, but dress up for Saturday dinner.

Registration & Payment

- **Deadline:** May 30, 2025
- **Checks, please mail to:** Rob Giarretta, 65 Sidney Road, Annadale, NJ 08801
- **PayPal:** payments@otls.com (Still email/mail registration form to Rob)
- **Overseas/Canadian Members:** Contact Tina Pinedo at 925-356-1434 or tina@pinedo.net for assistance.

For any specific requests or to list items you seek, email otlsnews101@gmail.com for inclusion in our May newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you all in June!

OTLS Board Members: Rob Giarretta, Tina Pinedo (Convention Chairwoman), Greg Ryman

Register Today!

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OTLS 2025 Convention Form

Please print or type all information.

Names of everyone in your party:

Address:

Telephone:

Email Address:

Number of tables needed for display:

Note: If a request for tables is more than 1 table, please send \$50 per each extra table – space is limited, we will try to accommodate your request)

Number of persons (including you) at the Saturday night dinner:

☐ I acknowledge that the registration fee is \$160.00 per member, and/or \$60 per guest.

If applicable, please list any additional assistants who might be coming, and the day they will attend. Fees are stated above for assistants, include any fees for assistants:

**Registration fee and definite reservations should be received to OTLS
no later than May 30, 2025.**

Please contact Tina Pinedo at tina@pinedo.net or (925) 356-1434 with any questions, requests or comments, or if you are an overseas or Canadian member of OTLS and want OTLS to make your reservations.

**Order Your Convention
Lighter Early!**



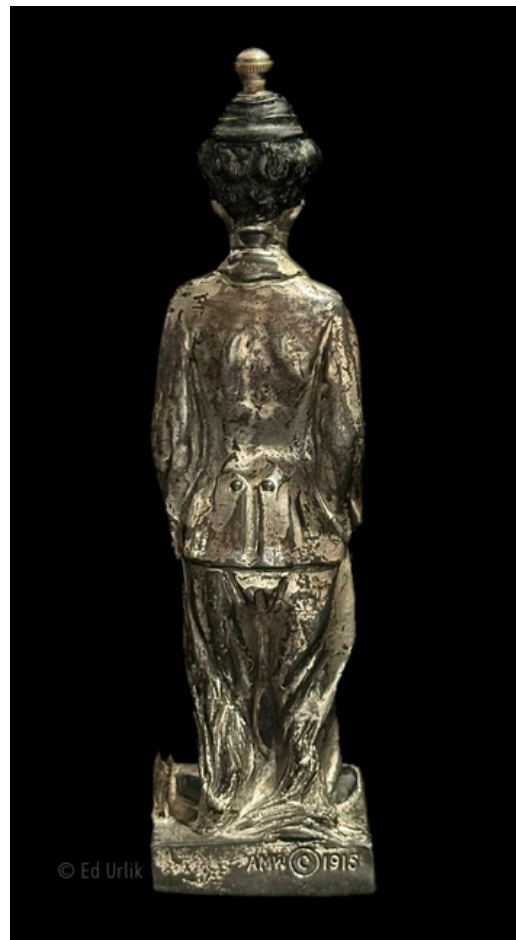
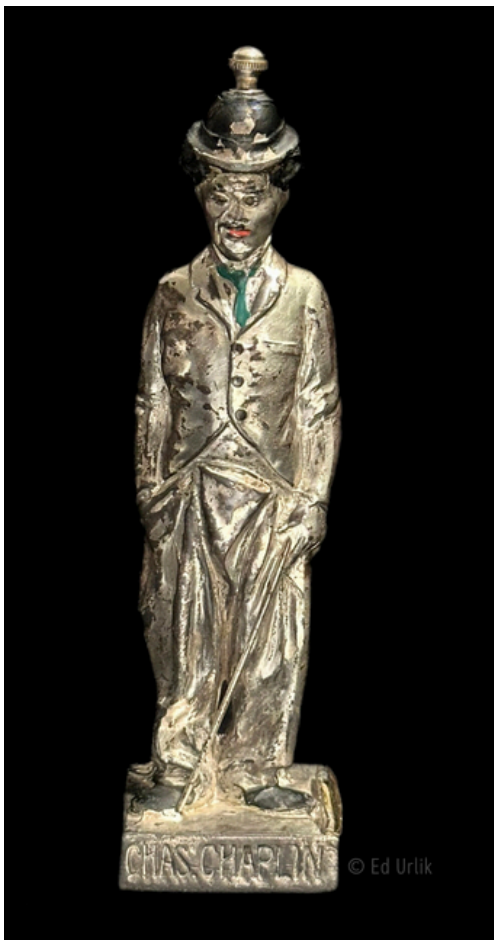
Charlie Chaplin "The Tramp" – Strike Lighters



Contributed by Ed Urlik

Ronson made an early figural lighter featuring Charlie Chaplin as "The Tramp" also known as "The Little Tramp". Cast as a homage to the icon in world cinema during the era of silent film, this detailed figural Ronson lighter of Charlie Chaplin's most memorable on-screen character is fitted in a pair of large "baggy" pants, tight coat, bowler hat, large pair of shoes, springy-flexible cane, and "toothbrush" moustache. Also referred to as "The Square-Base Charlie Chaplin" by seasoned collectors, as a similar version of this lighter on a round-base is not thought to be made by Ronson. Standing 6-1/2 inches in height, this very rare lighter was offered in a metallic-aluminum finish with enameled features in green, red and black. It was also offered in a bright copper-plated finish with black enameled hat. A knurled, threaded, screw-in wand that is typically seen with early Ronson Pocket Strike Lighters located in top of the hat; flint strip on the top-right area of the square base. "Chas. Chaplin" is cast into front of base; "AMW © 1915" is cast into rear of base. Catalog No. Unknown. Circa 1918.

"Decorated" Metallic-Aluminum Finish

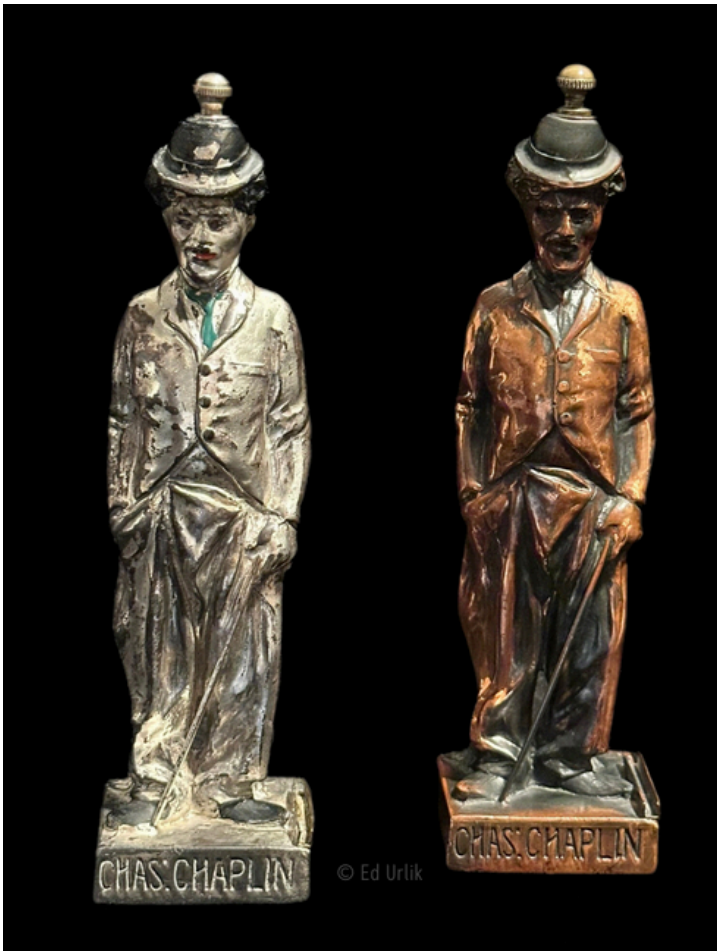


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“Decorated” Metallic Aluminum Finish Example Next to a Bright Copper-Plated Example



“Decorated” Metallic-Aluminum Finish: Ex. Urban K. Cummings Collection; Urban’s Most Prized Ronson Lighter.

All Lighters Collection of Ed Urlik.

Some Zippo Trivia

Articles

Contributed by Judith Sanders

Several years ago we had an article in our newsletter about Hinckley Lighters made by Zippo. The Hinckley Company at that time made luxury sailing yachts.

One of the Officers decided to have some Zippo made with some of their models “in relief” on the front. They also chose to use the “loss proof” Zippos so their customers could have the lighters with them everywhere they traveled.

I found a picture of two of these beautiful Hinckley lighters recently, and thought I would share this with you all. I have never owned one of these, although one member did years ago. If you ever run across one, please let us know!



Uncatalogued Dunhill

Articles

Contributed by Peter Malouf

The uncatalogued Dunhill “rectangular bijou covered,” crafted in 9ct gold “fine line” ET, was first introduced in 1929. It bears a resemblance to the shape of the compendiums with rare cover over the “unique” mechanism. To the best of my knowledge, its origin is uncertain, as it was created during the transition period when AD switched from William Frederick Wright (WFW) to Ramsden & Roed (R&R) workshop. While the fine line ET is more commonly associated with R&R workshops, it’s important to note that R&R was formed from a core group of employees from WFW. There are only a few known pieces.



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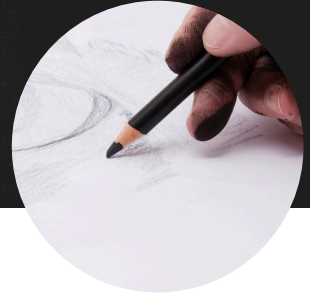
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Gadgets with Lighters



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Over the many years of this club, we have some creative members. One of the creative members was the late Warren Gerber. When Warren first joined, I got to see his collection when we had a convention in his city. Not only did he have a lot of lighters, he liked to create gadgets with his lighters like this one:



As well as the Imco as an engine, can you see other lighter related items in the picture?

Classified Ads

FREE

Remember there are still a few of the 2024 Convention Lighters for sale! Please order from Rob Giarretta.
Rob523@aol.com

OTLS Convention Lighters for sale. Lot of 40 lighters, 1st thru 36th conventions, plus 2 non-convention years, a second finish from 1998 convention and an OTLS Original 1932 Replica Zippo. Selling as one lot. Contact Kenneth Burk at klburk@att.net

Interested in buying Mint in the Box Flat Advertising Lighters (that I do not currently have). Please send photos and prices to John Elster at Jresce@aol.com

Looking to buy or trade for Pre 1986 Zippo advertising P&G - the Proctor and Gamble Co.
Please contact me at smstolar3@gmail.com or call/text me at 609-805-8386.
I plan to be in Cleveland as we may exchange there.

Fully appreciated, Steve

Zippo insert repairs, cams and cam springs, flint tube replacement, and flint wheel replacement. Each repair replacement is \$ 5.00 per item. Return postage also required. Tom Prylinski 2123 e. 42nd. St. Erie, PA 16510. Email Pyrotjp@twc.com.

Looking for European Pocket Lighters. Also looking for pocket lighters with pictures of cartoon characters. Please call or email Judith Sanders 505/433-5303 or JudithLQ@comcast.net

WANTED: Nudie lighters/naughty lighters, adult lighters, joke lighters, the naughtier the better! Contact Bill at (323) 829-9191.

700 Zippo Lighter collection for sale. Years range from late 1950's to 2000's. Some sets included. I am not interested in cherry picking but very interested in someone buying them in bulk for re sale and they'll be priced accordingly. Contact Kenneth Burk at klburk@att.net.

The Thorens Lighter Book is Here

This book is a Hard Cover, full size Coffee Table book with over 200 high gloss color pages containing over 400 pictures and illustrations, weighing a hefty 3.8lb . This is a must have for all lighter collectors, Art Deco lovers and all those who appreciate history.

Priced at \$175 per copy plus \$15 s/h in the USA.S/H costs to other countries will be quoted upon request. To order your copy please email ramzi@etp-inc.com or call/text (909)407-0248

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