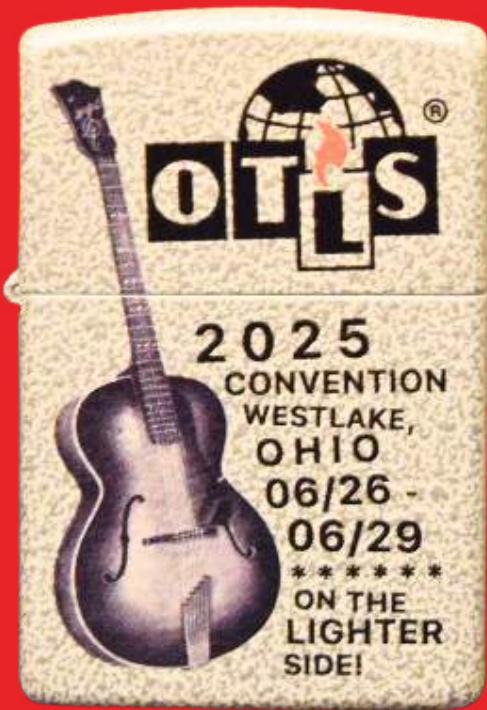




July 15 2025 Vol. XLII, No. 4

# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Convention 2025 Photo Edition



[www.OTLS.com](http://www.OTLS.com)

FOUNDED IN 1984 - THE LONGEST RUNNING  
LIGHTER COLLECTING COMMUNITY IN THE WORLD!

# Reflections on the 2025 OTLS Convention



By Judith Sanders with Photos by Tina Pinedo

It is always a little sad when the convention ends! After having so much fun you hate to leave. As everyone started coming into the cocktail/registration party there were long time friends and new friends. Everyone was anxious to start the buying, selling and trading!



---

## WELCOME BACK

Rob Johnson  
Mike Post

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Bill Cameron

---

## On the Cover

Our beautiful convention lighter!

# Reflections on the 2025 OTLS Convention



Friday morning, everyone started setting up their tables, with occasional breaks to run across the room to buy a lighter!



*Betsy Lyons, Judith Sanders and Laura Villegas*



*Sue Nerlicn and Debbie Eyerkuss*

# Reflections on the 2025 OTLS Convention



It was really great to see Tim & Mae Murphy after such a long time. He had some of his beautiful Clearfloat lighters for sale.



# Reflections on the 2025 OTLS Convention



Two brand new members were there all weekend - Eric & Mo. It was great to meet them.



# Reflections on the 2025 OTLS Convention



And Zippo Rob, who has never been to a convention.



# Reflections on the 2025 OTLS Convention



This year, Alfonso brought Samirah (his wife) and two daughters (Pamela and Paula). They also brought all of us candy from Mexico. THANKS Alfonso!



# Reflections on the 2025 OTLS Convention



We were very happy to see Linda Meabon after she missed a few shows. We didn't get a good photo of her and her daughter, Jackie, but here they are at the auction.



Also, Beverley Laird came - it was good to have her back.



# Reflections on the 2025 OTLS Convention



It was great to meet Bill Calkins in person, pictured here with his dad.



We got to meet Renee (Renee had a nice time at the reception, she was really happy the convention was driving distance) and her husband Larry Martin - long-time collectors.



# Reflections on the 2025 OTLS Convention



Then there were the ones who always (well, mostly!) come:



*Ed Pinedo*



*Mike Katz*



*Ron Eyerkuss*



*Frank Mannarino, and his wife Deborah*

# Reflections on the 2025 OTLS Convention



*John Elster, with his three tables spread!*

# Reflections on the 2025 OTLS Convention



*Bill Koppany*



*Steve Stolar and his sister Lilly*

# Reflections on the 2025 OTLS Convention



*Jeff Johnson*

Ed Pinedo's wife, Ann Pinedo, and daughter Tina Pinedo (this year's Convention Chair!) came. She brought her friend Laura Villegas, who helped keep spirits up by playing music in the convention room.



# Reflections on the 2025 OTLS Convention



On Saturday, we were back again doing more deals! We also had some Ohio residents drop by. They were actually lighter collectors! So more buying went on.



These three - my friend Betsy, Greg (my cousin) and David (my brother) - had fun at the Rock and Roll Museum that day!



# Reflections on the 2025 OTLS Convention



Saturday evening was our Annual Dinner and Auction. John Elster and Mike Katz took turns auctioning. And Rob Johnson kept a list of sales.



Thanks to all who helped. See you next summer in Vegas!

# Classified Ads

FREE

Remember there are still a few of the 2024 Convention Lighters for sale! Please order from Rob Giarretta.  
[Rob523@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Jresce@aol.com)

Need Zippo lighter Boxes. Boxes made before 1986. Not plastic, only the paper or cardboard boxes. Call me at 609-805-8386 or email/text at [smstolar3@gmail.com](mailto:smstolar3@gmail.com)

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@tvc.com](mailto:Pyrotjp@tvc.com).

WANTED lighters with people on them. Judith Sanders [Judithlq@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ramzi@etp-inc.com) or call/text (909)407-0248

**NEXT ISSUE: Sept 15, 2025**  
**SEND ADS BY: Aug 20, 2025**  
**OTLSNEWS101@GMAIL.COM**



On The LIGHTER Side  
International Lighter Collectors  
Founders: John Cuevas  
Judith Sanders

Tina Pinedo	Convention Chairwoman
Karen Politi	Social Secretary
Rob Giarretta	Treasurer
Tina Pinedo	Digital Coordinator

Board of Directors:  
Rob Giarretta, Tina Pinedo, Bill Calkins, Greg Ryman  
**ALL ARTICLES & PHOTOS USED IN ANY NEWSLETTER ARE PROPERTY OF "ON THE LIGHTER SIDE" AND MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED WITHOUT PERMISSION. OTLS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN TRADING THROUGH CLASSIFIED ADS. FOR INFORMATION, EMAIL US AT [ADMIN@OTLS.COM](mailto:ADMIN@OTLS.COM) OR WRITE US AT**

**OTLS**  
**3264 Butterfield Avenue**  
**La Verne, CA 92750**