

BLOWLAMP NEWS

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Now that the year is drawing to a close and we can all reflect on the successes and the failures of 1994 I hope you all had more of the former than the latter. My year ended with a bang-- a big one! It's disconcerting to round a blind bend and be confronted by an articulated low-loader coming out of a side turning and occupying the whole width of the road. Result - mega damage to my car's offside but fortunately none to me. Don't buy a blue Escort estate in Devon--it might be mine!

I hope when you have finished the last of the Turkey, the Christmas pudding and the mince pies you will sit back in comfort and contemplate B/N 10 and its queries, and come up with some answers and suggestions for 1995.

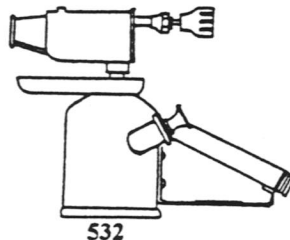
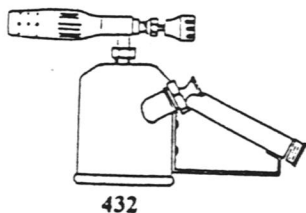
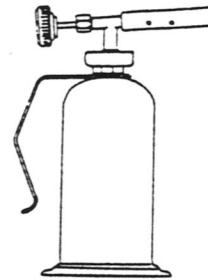
B/N 8 handle. Keith Hawkins kindly sent me a photograph of a Parkinson and Cowan Brazing Lamp probably 6 or 8 pints. It had the Barthel filler cap (B/N 8) and the B/N 9 handle but with 20 "doughnuts". In other respects it was like all that range of brazing lamps which to my mind were of Barthel origin and have been described in catalogues as "Barthel pattern" The name plaque was rectangular and soldered on. Now who else has something similar?

B/N 9 Logo. SERROT is of Spanish origin for, whereas Lee McGuckian's had no other marking except the embossed name on the burner cowl, Don Rixon's bore the legend "Fabricado en Barcelona". I've not come across any other Spanish lamps. They looked like a hybrid of Barthel and Sievert parts. But then modern day cars usually have more than one country of origin of their components. Any more ideas on these lamps?

B/N 9 handle. This is used on small Barthel lamps and also on the Vulcano lamps. They are hollow and contained spares and the instruction sheet. Another point of similarity is the small rivetted aluminium plaque on the lower bracket of the handle which bears a serial number. I've also seen this on a Phoebus but that will be dealt with in a later Newsletter.

B/N 9 What is it? We still don't know. One suggestion was that it was a small Lenk which I've drawn for comparison. It certainly has an American look. Does anyone have any information on Lenk?

B/N 9 Logo. The two Vulcanoes of which I've drawn profiles are stated to be made in Germany and it is interesting that "Alemania" is Spanish for Germany. The pump inserted into the side of the tank is a Barthel characteristic but the suggestion that they were made by a Barthel subsidiary for export to Spain is rather contradicted by having the statement "Made in Germany" written in English. John's lamp has instructions printed in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese. I've had no letters saying anyone else has such lamps.



Pin Badge. Bob Bispham came up with the suggestion, which I've drawn, as a talking point for Christmas, and for your comments next year when you return your Subscription forms and your "Primus" survey data. The title is of discussion. Since we have France and, possibly, Australia, one International Blowlamp Society" manufacturer and I've had their reply about 1in. diameter and in 2-3 colours, plus an initial tooling charge of £108-00. So about £2-00 to £2-50 would be the final cost. Unless it involved much extra cost it might be an idea to produce two badges, each of a different colour. One to be solely for members and the other to be sold to badge collectors at a slightly higher charge to subsidise production costs. Some other opinions and ideas please.



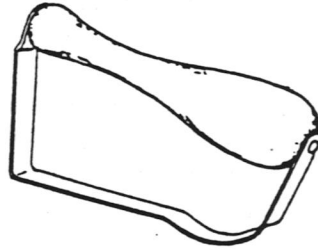
B/N 10 Logoes. (a)



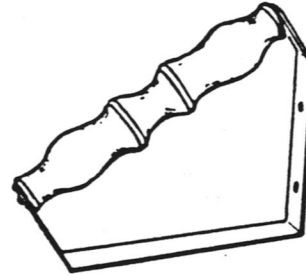
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B/N 10 handles. (a)



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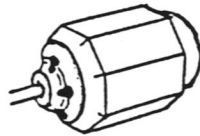
B/N 10 Filler Caps (a)



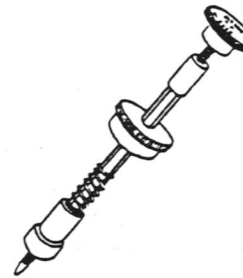
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B/N 10 Control knob.

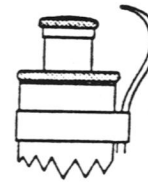


B/N 10 Pump Lock.



I'm indebted to Hugh Frater for the pump lock. He's by far our youngest member, is still at school and is one to look out for in the future. He's *fast* on to the bargains!

Member's Request. George McKay has this mouth blowlamp which is similar in all respects to the Moore & Wright except that the name "Abbott Birks" is imprinted on the top surface of the filler cap and the knurling is diamond pattern rather than straight. The blowpipe clamp is plain unlike the grooved M&W. Any comments or information on Abbott Birks?



Membership list. Apologies for the error in allocating the number 164 to two members. Please amend this to read "172 THOMSON Malcolm etc. etc." Sorry Malcolm - unlike the National Lottery your number has come up twice!

Also please add the following:-

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I've already mentioned Sub forms and "Primus" survey data so I'd be pleased to receive both, early in the New Year to save chivvying.

A Merry Christmas to you all and a very Happy New Year and may you all find that "Rapid" or "Paquelin" in your stockings on Christmas morning.

Cheers.

P.S. Apologies to all to whom I owe personal letters-I will write these after Christmas.