

BLOWLAMP NEWS

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Dear Member

There was an extremely good initial response to BLOWLAMP NEWS No 1 with 80 copies ultimately distributed. Undoubtedly this number will drop but I believe that sufficient members will remain to justify continued publication.

A number of suggestions and requests were posed and there were interesting replies to the Handles and Trademarks quiz. Details follow:

HANGLES

- (a) Used by Eriksson associated with the Three Crowns brand name and also by Radius on both petrol and paraffin 1pt and 1pt lamps. Some variants used by both makers have a central rod fixed to the end plates through the spiral handle but there does not appear to be any consistency in this variant. Maybe there will be some more information to come on this. One member says he has seen a Sievert lamp with this style of handle but gave no information on whether this had the central rod. No dating evidence was forthcoming except the broad idea of late 1930's to 1940's.
- (b) Used by Monitor on all lamps from ? late 1940's. Both soldered and bolted types were used but no differentiation has been attributed to dates.
- (c) Bladon's larger lamps from 1936 onwards. Before this time the handle was a unslotted tapering hollow cylinder of the same general shape. The British Safety Stove Company also used this pattern but dating evidence is scanty. The slotted type has been used on World War II steel tank 1pt and 2pt Governors. A similar five-slotted handle appears on some 1pt post war paraffin Governors but the sides are parallel and the ends closed by the remainder of the handle brackets.

TRADEMARKS

- (a) The King's Norton Metal Company producing or marketing "ORIFLAMME" lamps.. Dates are not known but probably 1920-1930.
- (b) German HERBERG lamps often designated "Original Herberge" which probably accounts for the "O" and the "H" on the logo. Does anyone know the significance of "F O & Co" which certainly isn't German? I have a photocopy showing these lamps dated 1908 and 1909. Does anyone have any late catalogue copies?

You will see on the attached subscription slip the question about consent to publish your name, address and telephone number. This is in response to a number of requests for a list of members to learn of neighbouring collectors. I will of course NOT publish such details without your express consent but I do think it is a good idea.

A further suggestion is to produce a comprehensive list of manufacturers and their range of products. Perhaps members might like to list their collections for me to compile such a record. One member has already given me a computer printout listing some 130 lamps which I could use as a start. It would of course be that much more valuable if dating information could be included as well as lamp descriptions. In this connection it should be borne in mind that only items and markings permanently attached to the tank are reliable evidence since many replaceable items were interchangeable between different makers. This even applies to removable handles and burner brackets which may have names embossed.

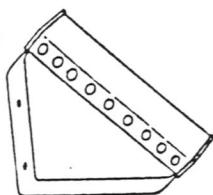
The possibility of sale or swapping duplicates was raised. Here the knowledge of near neighbours or of meeting at rallies would help alleviate the high cost of postage or carriage. Spares could also be dealt with in this way.

If members are prepared to notify which rallies and shows they are attending next year this too could be published to facilitate personal contacts. At such shows new members can also be enrolled and for this purpose I shall retain a number of previous newsletters.

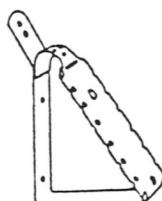
Now here are three more handles and two trademarks for your comments:

HANDLES

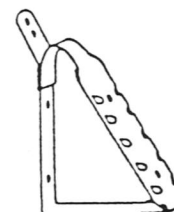
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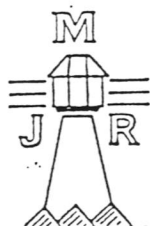


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TRADEMARKS

(a)



(b)



If in this connection you have any photocopies or catalogues which can be copied to help identify drawings or help to answer any members' questions I should be pleased to add them to the archives.

A number of members have asked me for photocopies of material I already have and I am pleased to supply these. Unfortunately photocopies do not always come out as well as the originals. So far I am able to offer this service without charge but if it becomes popular I feel that a 10p charge would be reasonable. Postage would not be involved since the material would be included with the next newsletter.

If there are any further suggestions or requests you may have please let me know.

I hope you all receive this in time for Christmas and that you have an enjoyable celebration and a successful New Year.

Best Wishes

Les Adams

PERSONAL REQUESTS

Does anyone have information about TYERS BLAST FURNACES? A colleague has numbers 2 3 and 5 but would welcome information about others in the series - numbers 1 4 and 6.

Is any information available about AMOR blowlamps or Frank Love & Co who manufactured them? The trademark of Eros above AMOR in a scroll was apparently registered in 1919.