

# A Different Zais Oil Wick

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Fred B. Zais of Frostburg, MD produced a line of quality oil wick lamps. The earliest known Zais lamp is marked Fred B. Zais, 1876, Frostburg. Later Zais lamps had the more familiar hieroglyphic logo above Frostburg in an oval.

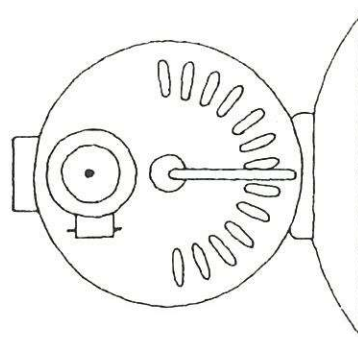
Previously known Zais products were of the classic slope-sided "Frostburg style" and "milkcan style" with flip lids. The lamp pictured here is a tin "milkcan style" with a screw lid. Does anyone else have a screw lid Zais oil wick in their collection?



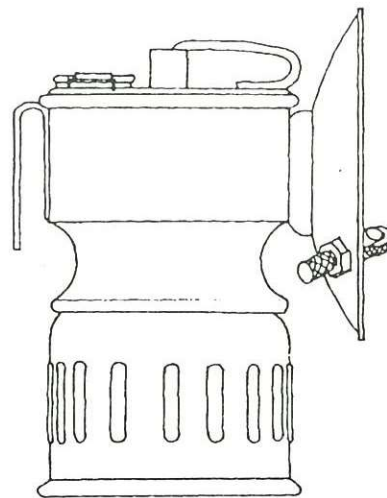
*This unusual Zais lamp has straight sides and a sharply angled shoulder with a screw-on lid.*

# South American Cap Lamp (more info)

After the photos of a South American cap lamp were shown in last month's issue, Mike Puhl has sent us some additional information on his unfired version of the same lamp. Apparently this lamp was manufactured by a local craftsman for area miners in Boyaca, Columbia. Mike acquired his lamp and actually saw others being manufactured while visiting Boyaca several years ago. Who says the carbide lamp is dead?



*Lamp is very well made, with a few unusual features. It has a solid, machined brass tip, and a rubber felt retainer.*



*18 raised ribs.*

*(Illustration by Mike Puhl.)*