

The LUDLOW Quarterly

A Newsletter For Ludlow Typograph Operators And Enthusiasts

Typemetal Masters

United American Metals Corporation, located in Chicago, may hold solutions to problems that many Ludlow operators have with their typemetal. This company is one of the oldest alloyers of typemetal in the country. Started in 1895, they for decades served the typemetal needs of many large newspapers.

UAM still manufactures typemetal for Linotypes and Ludlows to a proven formula of 4.25% Tin, with 11.75% Antimony, and the balance (84%) lead. They can also formulate special alloys for monotype machines and stereotype casting. They sell new typemetal in 10 lb notched bars or 20 lb chain feeder pigs in any quantity. The current price per lb for various quantities is:

under 50 lbs - \$1.05	100 lbs - 90¢
250 lbs - 85¢	500 lbs - 80¢
1000 lbs - 70¢	2000 lbs - 65¢

They pay the shipping costs on orders over 2000 lbs.

More importantly, and useful to every Ludlow operator, is the metal analysis service they offer. UAM will analyze a sample of typemetal for only \$20.00! Just send at least 8 ounces of metal to them and with spectrographic analysis they will determine the percentages of Tin, Antimony, Lead, and contaminating Copper. Results generally take 2 or 3 days. If you want, they will advise you on how much of what type toner metals

to add to properly recondition your metal.

They produce "Hytin Ludlow Metal" toner metal containing 6% Tin (11.75% Antimony / 82.25% Lead) which sells for 10 cents more per lb than the rate for regular typemetal. It is designed to replace, ounce for ounce, skimmed dross, so that your metal remains at optimum condition.

UAM compounds "UNAMET" flux and dross reducer, and produces Elrod borders, leads and slug material in various sizes.

For more information contact: Mr. Bill Renotti, Sales Manager, United American Metals Corp., 2246 West Hubbard St., Chicago, IL 60612. Phone number is (312) 733-6700, and the FAX is (312) 733-6710.

SOMETHING NEW!

Dave Seat, of Dave Seat Hot Metal Services in Tennessee, has come up with yet another product for the Ludlow in his continuing attempt to produce all repair parts and service items for the Ludlow typecaster.

He is currently manufacturing new and improved mouthpiece wipers. They are a bit lighter in color and more fluffy, but work every bit as well as the old style while lasting up to three times as long. A box of 25 is \$67.50, that's \$2.70

each. Since a box could be good for more than 20,000 slugs, he also sells quantities of 1 to 24 wipers for \$3.00 ea.

Dave's phone is (800) 542-2508, the fax number is (800) 468-6382.

STAMPMAKERS TIP!

Katie Mulry is the owner of Pelican Engravers and Rubber Stamps in El Cajon, California. Pelican is a "category killer" stamp maker and can provide any kind of stamp and marking device you can think of, most with one day service. This is a tip she sent in:

"Here is something that I found to work really well using Ludlow type. I am making pre-inked stamps with the foam system that is offered by e-z Marking Products and Stewart-Superior. I set the type on the Ludlow and then make my matrix board the same way I would to make a rubber stamp. I then use the powder and foam to make the die. No more waiting two weeks for a pre-inked stamp! I can have one done in a few hours and am now selling this stamp as "self-inking" when my customer wants one. The price is higher than the regular self-inking, but the profit is too! Because of the great quality of the Ludlow type, the lettering comes out nearly print quality. You can also make the stamps multi-color by cutting the dies before placing them in the ink. This is not available except for Xstamper. No special ink is required. They use the regular stamp pad ink so there are lots of colors to choose from."

Questions? Pelican Engravers, 550 Fesler St. - Ste. F, El Cajon, CA. 92020-1903, (619) 444-2066.

Questions and Answers

Q - Isn't it easier to set type by hand than with Ludlow mats? J.H. (AR)

A - No! It is faster than hand-set for several reasons, the chief one being the technique of gathering. Gathering is rapidly picking up a whole word in Ludlow mats with two fingers before setting them in the stick. Once set, repeat castings from one stick allow for printing several-up, and there is no chance that slugs will pi or work-up. Expect a major article pertaining to Ludlow speed-setting in an upcoming issue of the L.Q.

Q - What is that "L" shaped blank slug block used for, and do I need one? R.B. (MA)

A - That is part number A957, "Height Gauge". It is basically a blank slug block with a tailhook on it, and is meant to be used for setting lockup adjustments like the upper limit of the main slide travel. The extended hook on it forces you to put the machine into a safe condition because it only fits into the casting position if the safety connecting rod (a small linkage) has been removed. You must set the lockup dimensions with the machine hot, and cycling the machine, even by hand just to check things, would drop the plunger and dangerously squirt typemetal everywhere.

You can use a blank slug block to set the lockup but make sure that it's thickness is right at .711 inches, and that you disconnect the safety connecting rod.

Jim Parrish Relocates!

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Jim Parrish, the well known author of the "Ludlow Troubleshooting Guide" and a series of other Ludlow service and typeface books, has moved to Arizona and established a base of operations in the town of Maricopa, just South of Phoenix.

Phoenix. Deja Vu? - Oui! Mr. Parrish has returned to sunny Arizona after experiencing a year of humidity, rain, snow, sleet, hail and every other form of precipitation on the East coast.

Mr. Parrish was originally a sales and service representative for the Ludlow Typograph Company and installed new Elrod and Ludlow machines in shops across the country. He still keeps busy by regularly servicing hundreds of Ludlow machines across the country in tours that might last a month and cover fifteen states before he returns to his home base.

Jim Parrish can be reached at P.O. Box 1108, Maracopa, Arizona 85239. Phone is (520) 568-3367.

FREE Matrix Identification!

For those of you who do not have the new generation Ludlow mat gauge, which uses the lines on the back of the mats to identify the Ludlow fonts and point size, we are providing a free mat identification service. Just send 1 mat of each font you want identified to the LUDLOW QUARTERLY address, with sufficient postage for return. Make sure the samples you pick exactly match the lines on the back of the mats in the font. The sample mat can be any letter, even a period. Think thin and light, (like 'i'), and you might even be able to tape them onto a letter!

BUSINESS PROFILE

The Indian Hill Press is a partnership enterprise of Dan Waters and Hal Garneau located on the island of Martha's Vinyard. It is also a success story, combining state of the art Power Macs in their graphic design studio with a Linotype/Ludlow letterpress operation.

Started about three years ago with a Colt's Armory platen press, early experience with handset type made them realize the need to produce type. In short order they had a #31 Linotype, Ludlow "L", Vandercook SP15, and a new 18' by 32' building to contain everything. The Ludlow came from a prison's print shop. It was plugged in, worked perfectly, and is a breeze to maintain.

The partners emphasize fine typography and print invitations and limited edition poetry, broadsides, and collectibles. Waters mostly uses the "book faces" of Garamond, #11 (Goudy), Eusebius, Bodoni, and True Cut Caslon, and states that Ludlow's Garamond is superior to that of other companies.

Future plans include publishing large broadsides, booklets, and their own line of greeting cards. Another 18' by 32' building is coming soon and will hold a large format cylinder press and a recently acquired Thompson caster. They seek some 60 and 72 point Ludlow Garamond and Garamond Italic mats, and a series of Delphian Open Title.

The Indian Hill Press, P.O. Box 595, West Tisbury, MA 02575 - 0595. Ph (508) 693-1551, Fax (508) 696-8070.

1995 Calendar

August 13-15: The American Amateur Press Association 1995 Convention. In Eugene, Oregon. For information call Dan Rea at: (503) 683-5921.

September 16-17: Small Press Center book fair. - NY, NY, (212) 764-7021.

P*I*P*E DONATIONS

Many thanks to these contributors to the Postage - Ink - Paper - Equipment fund: Hugh Woodruff, Clyde Barbee, Dave Seat, Don K. Black, Edward Barron, and K. Rowin.

Lawyer: "O.J., I've got some good news and some bad news."

O.J.: "What's the bad news?"

Lawyer: "They found your blood all over the crime scene."

O.J.: "Then what's the good news?"

Lawyer: "Your cholesterol is 120!"

CLASSIFIED ADS

Ad cost is only 15 cents per word!

You must be a subscriber to advertise.

To help preserve letterpress equipment, ads offering free items will be run without charge.

FREE

Free: Several Linotype magazine racks, you pick up. Cabinet base for small proof press, (602) 581-1748. (AZ)

WANTED

Wanted: Ludlow mats. Smaller sizes, ornaments, and script faces. I have some Linotype mats and various letterpress equipment to trade, but I will also buy entire font collections. B. Simon, 3115 West Cavedale Drive, Phx., AZ 85027, (602) 581-1748.

Wanted: Information to locate Miller or any other brand of 29" x 41" cylinder letterpress (1 or 2 color) and sized for the above press: an imposing stone, furniture, turtle. Also Vandercook plate mounting system parts; block leveler, makeup gauge, Lite-base casting box or mold only, plate thickness gauge, plate mounting press. Please call John Finch, (303)460-9598. (CO)

Wanted: Five left-hand-pull cases, will buy or trade for right-hand-pull cases. John Rote, 1015 West Moffatt Rd., New Castle, PA 16101, (412) 654-2525.

Wanted: Ludlow mats wanted. 24pt., 36pt., and 48pt. Zephyr. Please call David Laurenzi, (602) 439-3010. (AZ)

Wanted. Cheltenham Lite mats. Call Victor at (212) 740-9388. (NY)

Wanted: Looking for Ludlow mats for Bookman and Bookman Italic, in any size. Also looking for Ludlow border mats. Contact Rev. Jan L. Baderstadt at P.O. Box 137, Sterling, MI 48659, or call (517) 654-2291, Fax (517) 654-3099.

Wanted: (for museum in England) Parts for a model "K" Elrod; sealing valve, mold housing cover, etc. The LUDLOW Quarterly, (602) 581-1748. (AZ)

Wanted: "Radiant" Ludlow mats. Alan Wagner, (503) 345-4226.

Wanted: Parts for 10" x 15" C&P old style press. The ink disk and support bracket, ratchet lever assembly parts, and base and fork of feed table. - (907) 247-1713. Don Walker, 4979 CR 250, Durango, CO 81301.

FOR SALE

Attention:

Ludlow experience for sale. Last of a dying breed. 40 years of job shop experience. Looking for a shop to display my talents. Write: Ted Zabski, 810 West Army Trail Rd. - Suite 163, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

For Sale: Two gas Ludlow machines, hundreds of fonts, and air and manual Kensol foil machines. Info: (618) 539-3377. Package deal available. (IL)

For Sale: Nearly new deep engraved mats, 10, 12, and 14 point Modern Gothic Medium, \$350.00 each set,

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and #3 BEC 144 point and #3 BEC, 240 point figure fonts, \$150.00 each set. C. W. Zorecki, 4416 Lewis Ave., Toledo, OH, 43612. (419) 476-3049

For Sale: Old English Ludlow Mats. 12-14-18-24-36pt., all in type drawers, with centering stick. All for \$1,100. Contact Paul Morneau, 8222 E. Monterosa St., Scottsdale, AZ 85251, or phone (602) 990-1655.

For Sale: Hebrew mats. Call Victor at (212) 740-9388. (NY)

For Sale: Surplus Ludlow mats, sticks, "M" Ludlow, surfacer, and more. Call Sandy for complete list, (360) 532-8791.

For Sale: Linotype metal in ingots, with analysis. Offset presses, bindery items, and letterpress equipment, including two Miehle V50's. Very large selection of numbering machines, including MICR numbers. Printing Equipment Locators. Pager (602) 229-9709 (will return call), Office is (602) 352-1663. (AZ)

For Sale: New! "Ludlow Field Service Notes" and Ludlow mat gauges with reference charts are now available from the author of "The Ludlow Trouble-Shooting Guide". Jim Parrish, P.O. Box 1108, Maracopa, Arizona, 85239. Phone (520) 568-3367.

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For Sale: Two left-hand-pull drawers and four right-hand-pull filler pieces, used where drawers are missing from cabinet. Pump and rebuilding parts, soluble oil. Call John Finch, (303)460-9598. (CO)

For Sale: More than 7,000 Ludlow fonts. 1,411 different fonts in 188 different styles. List, proofs, and prices on request. Thousands of Linotype fonts. Parts and accessories for both machines. Don Black, 120 Midwest Road - Unit 5, Scarborough, Ontario, M1P 3B2, Canada. Ph (416) 751-5944 Fax (416) 751-5413.

For Sale: Linotype molds, liners, and matrices. Quoins, iron furniture, perfect binding machine, small paper cutters, gold foil stampers, typecases, galley cabinets. Sell or trade for Ludlow mats. Bill Simon, (602) 1748. (AZ)

TRADE SERVICES

Expert Ludlow Repairs and Rebuilding. Jim Parrish, P.O. Box 1108, Maracopa, AZ 85239, or call (520) 568-3367.

Ludlow, Linotype, and Intertype service and parts. Call Paul Baker, (903) 596-6390. 24 hour phone. (TX)

EXPERT LUDLOW REPAIRS - Books, sticks, parts, etc. Machinery appraisals and equipment moving. Complete machine package deals available. P.J. BURNS, Mercersburg, PA. Telephone (717) 328-3092.

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