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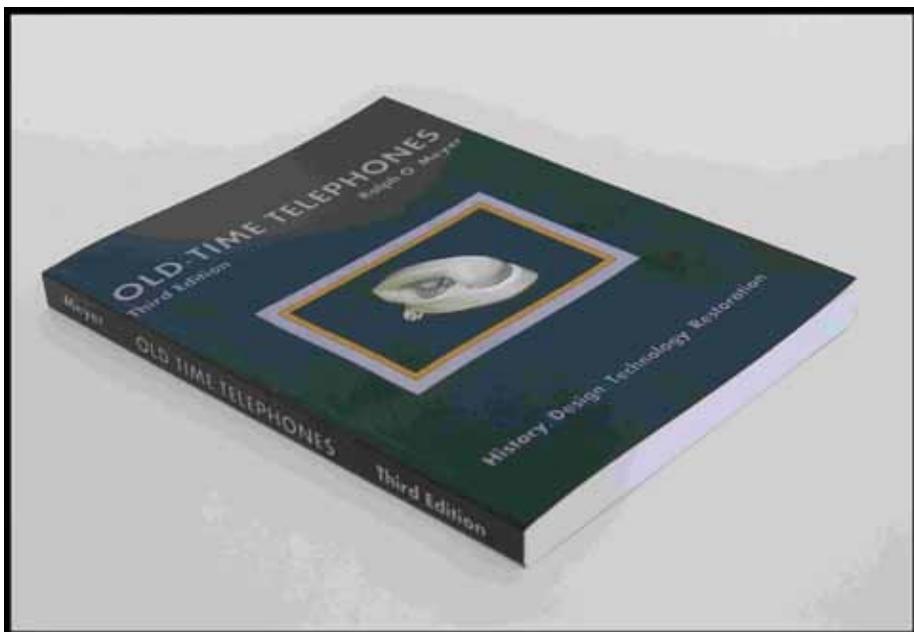
2018 Third Edition of *Old-Time Telephones*

It's free and it's useful. All 268 pages of the **Third Edition** of *Old-Time Telephones* can be downloaded free from the North Carolina State University on-line library, or you can get a printed and bound copy from Steve Hilsz for less than you would pay for copying.

The book is organized in four parts: 1. **History** of Bell's work and also of the development of transmitters, receivers, ringers and other components up to 1984. 2. **Design** with pictures and dates of all the common phones made by Western Electric, Automatic Electric, Kellogg, and Stromberg-Carlson up to 1984. 3. **Technology** in which circuits of all these phones are described, including how they work. 4. **Restoration** which gives tips on mechanical and electrical testing and repair.

The book is loaded with primary references for content accuracy, and the book's previous editions have been in circulation for more than 20 years such that we have caught – and corrected – major errors. Steve Hilsz refers to this book as the Bible for telephone collectors.

You can download the book free from <https://repository.lib.ncsu.edu/handle/1840.20/35318> (no account or personal information needed) or purchase a bound copy for \$48 while supply lasts from Steve Hilsz (928-859-3595).



Please use the form on page 8 for your 2022 renewal. If you are paying by paypal, please include the information requested on the form on the notes area of paypal.

The 2022 ATCA National Telephone Show will be held in Shipshewana, IN at the Farmstead Inn on August 5 and 6. For hotel reservations call 260-768-4595

Tales of the Hunt

by Chuck Eby #381

Because many of you are willing to share your "Tales of the Hunt" stories, we are able to continue this series. If you have a story to be told, please contact me at chuck9@optonline.net. You can include your unedited story or give me your phone number and I'll call you. We would like stories from as many different members as possible.

This month's Tales story comes from Wanda Powell #4770. Wanda writes:

We were traveling through Newport, Oregon and I spotted a sign off the main highway "Olde Telephone Co." We decided to stop in the store and met the owner, George Valenzuela. I became a collector and joined the ATCA when George, pointed out that I already had a collection. I had a circa 1908 Stromberg Carlson Ball Joint Candlestick on a scissor bracket and a 1909 Western Electric Oak picture frame front wall phone that I had refinished. Many phones and finds later, I can actually say that I do indeed have a collection, striving to keep a 1920 or earlier theme.

I try to stop at antique stores whenever I am out of town. My husband and I were in Crescent City, California waiting for the morning fog to lift along the coast. I had searched the internet to find any antique stores we hadn't already visited, and found one off the beaten path. When I entered the store, I asked the lady if she had any old phones, she said she had only one, an old wall phone. I had no interest in this one and thanked her. We were about

to leave after looking around to be polite, when she says there are more antiques upstairs and perhaps there might be a phone. I head upstairs and at the top of the stairs is a switchboard with 16 lines. I call for my husband to come up. I am excited, trying to remain calm. He asks me "Where will we put it?" (We have a very small house) He thought it was ugly and it would have to go upstairs. The lady had a price tag of \$570 on it; I asked if she would take less. It had been in her store for over a year, brought in by a young man who said he moved it from the east coast when he moved his mom, who had passed away. She lowered the price to \$475. I paid the lady and it was now mine.

I now faced the problem of getting it home and up those twisting narrow stairs in my house.. We made another trip to the coast to confirm measurements and ways to dismantle the switchboard. There was no dismantling option, the wood front and back panels were the only weight I could remove. The main system was all attached to a large trunk line throughout the steel framework. My measurements confirmed I would have a one half inch of wiggleroom. Not good.

I spent many sleepless nights wrangling the problem of how to get it up those stairs. I was able to return to the store to pick up the switchboard with the generous help from my nephew, his girlfriend and her cousin. Once home they wrestled it up the stairs (and I do mean wrestled) and it sits up there in all its glory.

Research has shown through catalogues that this switchboard #13617 with a #262 Cabinet. It is a circa 1916 PBX Switchboard No. 86 with 10-50 line capacity. When cleaning it up I discovered it has leather inlays on the back and behind the flat plug surface. The oak finish came back to life and it looks great. Hubby even said "Hey, that looks pretty good."



As I sit here writing this, I am grinning. Yes, I am a collector.



Notes from the President

This is our last newsletter for the year 2021. The officers and board of directors would like to wish our ATCA members and family A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We had a great 50th anniversary telephone show at Shipshewana, thanks for the hard work and planning by John & Sharon plus the rest of the Huckleby family; what a team they make. The club also had a New England regional show held in Enfield, CT and it was hosted by our Vice President Greg Sargeant. Like I have said before, if anyone would like to host a regional show, but were afraid to ask contact John Huckleby or Greg Sargeant for the details of hosting a regional show. Some members have asked for a regional show in the far west, deep south, and the Rocky Mountains area.

It's that time of the year for membership renewals please send your check to Jerry Williams or you can use Paypal at our ATCA web site. You can also donate to the ATCA general fund, Museum of Independent Telephony at Abilene, KS, or the Raymond James investment account. If you're looking for Christmas gift for that telephone collector, ATCA still has some 50th anniversary telephone signs for \$20.00 plus shipping... contact our office manager Jerry Williams.

I have heard if you are an employee of AT&T, you can donate to the charity of your choice and AT&T will match your donation. ATCA is on the AT&T list of Charities. I have not checked with Verizon to see if they do the same.

As a reminder, the name and logo is a registered trade mark of the Antique Telephone Collectors Association. I have seen several items for sale on Ebay using our logo and name. I have contacted this seller and informed them that the belt buckle being sold is a trade mark of this club. The seller agreed to donate part of the sales back to the club. please contact the ATCA board if you are going to use our logo & name for profit.

Tom Herwer #18 ATCA President

Herb McCartney (279)

ray706@bellsouth.net

FOR SALE:Southwestern Bell Company/employee magazines from 1976, the 100th anniversary of the telephone invention. The entire year of 11 monthly issues (June-July are combined) Jan—Dec. All are like new and in great condition. Each monthly issue contains a different double page attractive “newspaper” celebrating the telephone centennial. Each issue covers a different decade of telephone development. These 45 year old magazines also cover employee information and stories, company programs, new developments, etc. Great history and enjoyable reading. Thirty (\$30) dollars plus shipping.

Mark Johnston 443-244-2825

mark4589@hotmail.com.

WANTED:

SIGNS:

Original Metal Telephone Signs, Round, Square, Rectangle, Flat, Flanged, 1 Sided, 2 Sided, Lighted.

PAYPHONES:

Gray, Gray/Western Electric and Western Electric Inc. 3 Slot Payphones:

Any Model, Especially looking for 155G, 160s and 170s dial and non-dial, 180s non-dial, 190s non dial, 212, 236, and Any Colored Model also a 1A Rotary Dial single slot.

PAY STATIONS:

Gray Pay Stations: Models 8A, 23C, and Early 23D

LOCKS and MOUTHPIECES:

14E locks with original key.

Glass and Porcelain Mouthpieces with W/E threads.



Order the metal sign from the ATCA officeonly \$20 plus shipping. Order the insulated bag from John Huckleby for \$23 including shipping.

Mike Davis #2022
 (516) 735-9765
mike@mvtelonline.com

I will be attending the Connecticut ATCA show.

Wanted: Payphones and payphone parts. Three slot models with separate transmitter and receiver and a very nice WE 1234G touch tone in beige for example. Unusual model single slot payphones such as 1A 1E field trials and prototypes. Original Bell System, WE single slot and 3 slot payphone upper housing keys 10G, 10H, 29A etc. Interested in obtaining some 8 inch round #21 Bell System signs from some other states in good condition.

For Sale: I have all kinds of parts for WE single slot payphones, coin scanners, coin returns, boards for WE 1D and Protel boards, dial assemblies, coin boxes, vault doors many new and some used plain, Verizon embossed and some others. I have locks with keys, nice chrome face plates, orange porcelain instruction tags that go on the upper left corner and others. I have mounting kits. Also have coin relays, coin relay shields and hoppers with coin relays and the shield attached. Many more parts for single slots and 3 slots, call or email for availability and price.

WANTED:

Looking for a line finder, selector, connector, line/cut-off relays, banks, and anything else that might be needed to build a step switch.

Erik Bergh
 P.O. Box 6972
 Thousand Oaks, CA 91359
 (818) 318-6142 or ebergh2@icloud.com

Joe Uzel | (407) 256-0553

Great Christmas Gift! Stromberg-Carlson Telephones 1894-1984 History, Design, and Maintenance. • Printed book or PDF download (eBook). • For anyone interested in antique/vintage telephones. Provides history of Stromberg-Carlson, descriptions and list of their telephones, and a section on maintenance and restoration of vintage telephones. • Paperback Book 8 1/2" x 11" x 1/2" • 209 pages, high quality #80 paper • Over 300 photographs and illustrations • Bibliography with 79 references • 15-page List of SC Telephones with Descriptions and References • Price \$16.00 + shipping for print book, \$9.99 for PDF download. Order online directly from Lulu.com (search for Stromberg-Carlson Telephones) No computer/internet? - order directly from author



Miniature Stromberg Carlson candlestick. \$125.
 Contact John Huckeby at j.huckeby@comcast.net

Bill Graham
 4313 Melissa Dr.
 Columbia, TN 38401
 931 505 8043
huntergra@yahoo.com

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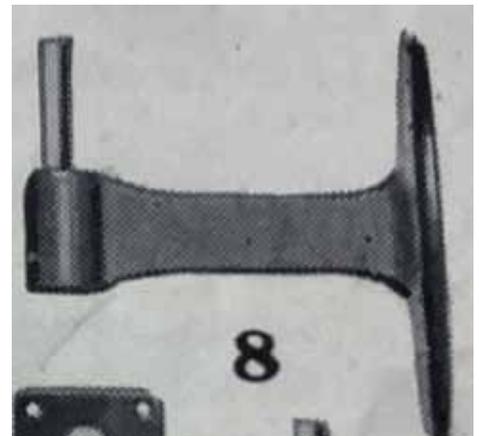
Land line telephone recorder that works....please call or email

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Vern Potter #1435
vern1435@webtv.net
 (801) 486-6794

Wanted

Scissor gate telephone mount and clamp. As seen in the 1926 Kellogg catalog. Sperry Arm Mount #8. Also The Minute Clamp, used on the Kellogg scissor. These were made, so some must have one, for sale or just PLEASE share a picture of. Have cash or LOTS of stuff to trade.



Al Ilekis
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Wanted:

Victor transmitter and cup,early primitive Stromberg transmitter for swivel top candlestick. It is much thicker than the normal one on an oilcan. Also need early potbellies and shaped candlesticks or parts.



For sale

Circa 1905 Strowger Candle Stick Base Section Only... the pot belly section has a repairable shrinkage crack as per the photo

The push to ring button and contacts are replicas \$550 delivered. Please contact Bob Hugh at bohugh@shaw.ca
For more information, or call/text 780-504-0450



Herb McCartney (279)
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FOR SALE:

The following six Design Line phones are from the 1980's: Sceptera, Stowaway, Accent, Elite, Celebrity, and Chestphone. Five of these phones were from official phone center displays and in **unused condition**. One even still has the price tag attached at \$99.95. They have not been tested and I have not taken them apart to look inside; therefore, I am not selling them as a working phone but as a Historical Display item. A good opportunity to get almost half of the total original group. Price for all six as a group is \$ 200.00 plus shipping. That's only \$ 33. per phone for new and like new items. Email for any questions

FOR SALE:

Two (2) red #2565 model 6 button business phones used but in good basic condition. Good opportunity to get both the rotary and dial versions in red. Each has a multi line amphanol tipped cable of over 15 ft. Dial spins freely. I am no expert but I don't believe this model is common, but someone may correct me. I do know that you normally see a lot more of the total 2500 class than these #2565's. Back plate shows some rust spots. Both have been in storage for 30 years and may show some minor results from that. I have not tested or opened them up to check inside. The 2nd line button on the right does not work on either. I am ONLY selling them as Historical Display models and not as working phones. Both for \$95 plus shipping costs. Email for any questions.



Jon Kolger No. 561
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 Colleyville, TX 76034
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 jkolger@gte.net

WANTED

Looking for unusual acoustic "string" telephones, particularly those with magneto-signaling and/or speaking/listening tubes. Also seeking primitive homemade acoustic telephones, the stranger the better.

Also wanting to buy acoustic telephone literature, such as catalogs, flyers, instructions, etc...

What do you have?

Still looking for a BLUE North Electric 7H6 Galion desk (or wall) telephone.

Also still looking for a BLUE Western Electric 302 with BLUE plungers dated 1941 or earlier.

REPAIR. Repair. Repair. Repair. Repair. Repair

Rotary dial repair, six dollars plus major parts & postage.

WANTED:Scrap relays, dials, old test apparatus, etc. for reclamation.

Steve Hilsz

PO Box 429

Salome, AZ 85348

(520) 370-3267 or jdsk@tds.net

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 Wanted

Tag for the lower box of a Gray Silver Dollar Pay Station. Anything would be great. Reproduction or original, Bell shape or the approximately 1x4 rectangular brass and black tag.

Dave Grill.....dg2623@gmail.com

#1047

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 Wanted an 11 Digit Strowger (circa 1905) Finger Wheel as shown in the picture.

Will purchase or trade, please contact Bob Hugh at bobhugh@shaw.ca or call or text 780-504-0450



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For Sale: 80 WE coin relays with the plastic removable shields on them, 40 for \$200 or all 80 for \$350 plus shipping. I have all kinds of parts for WE single slot payphones, coin scanners, coin returns, boards for WE 1D and Protel boards, dial assemblies, coin boxes, vault doors many new and some used plain, Verizon embossed and some others.

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Wanted

This transmitter arm with horizontal diaphragm.

Wanted this serpentine transmitter arm

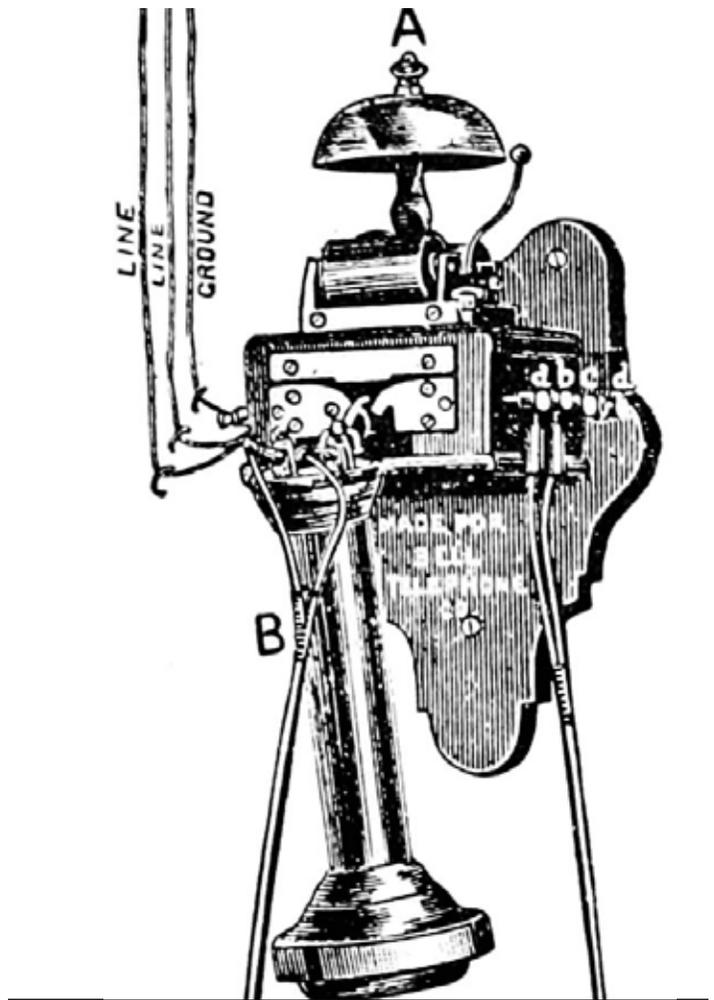
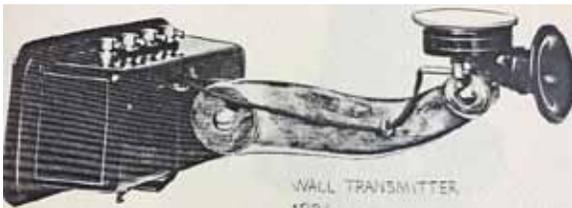
Wanted single bell, bell tap telephones complete or incomplete.

John Dresser
 ATCA #406
Fjdress@pacbell.net
 831-484-1961
 22584 Veronica Dr.
 Salinas, Calif 93908

Wanted

Transmitter and arm as shown in picture
 Edison transmitter arm as shown on this set
 Marked National Bell long pole receiver.

John Dresser
Fjdress@pacbell.net



UPCOMING AUCTION

Several have inquired as to the next online auction presented by Freeland Auction Services. In about two weeks the THIRD Ken Sims telephone auction will go live. It will have several wood telephones, complete and incomplete vanities, lots of transmitter arms and parts, multiple terminal top receivers, several original complete NATIONAL Blake transmitter boxes.

Soon after will be the second auction of the Norm Mulvey estate.

#####Anyone have a repro or original Cobra transmitter arm for a WE vanity??? Contact Greg Kouba



Many small independent telephone companies made their own unique but sometimes crude signs. This one hung outside the "house" in Cadiz, Indiana that housed the switchboard and the operator.

ATCA RENEWAL.....2022

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GIFT MEMBERSHIP (Boss, Friend, Neighbor, Relative, etc.)
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Yes, I am willing to be a Board Member or Officer _____

No, I am not willing to be a Board Member or Officer _____

My main collecting interests _____

What about the money??????

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Spousal= \$10

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Donation to Abilene Telephone Museum _____

Donation to Telephone Museum of your choice
Name & Museum Contact _____

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Donation to ATCA General Fund \$\$ _____

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Lifetime ATCA Membership _____ \$1000 _____

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