

ANTIQUE TELEPHONE COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

La Crosse, Kansas.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

One Month has passed very quickly, in fact before we are ready for February letter. Seems too many things are happening these first few months and will especially untill after our First Annual Meeting set for April 8th and 9th. We hope after the meeting we can get back to normal and keep our work up to date. The Board of Directors met at Wichita last week. Many things were discussed and some action taken. First was closing the first year and the beginning of the second to conform with the annual meeting date set by the first meeting in September 1971. The Annual meeting date as approved 9-25-71 is variable in that it is to be the Saturday and Sunday following Easter Sunday. By order of the Board, members having paid dues prior to January 1st 1972 will be in arrears after the April 9th. closing. Those paying after January 1st 1972 will be in arrears after the close of the Annual meeting in 1973. This will eventually cause all dues to become due at the Annual meeting. Hope it is understood. Also the two payment plan for membership and dues is eliminated.

Our membership has grown to 56 at this time. Add the following to last months list.

No 50 Larry Smith, USS Harder 55568 c/o Fleet P.O. San Francisco Cal. 96601  
No 51 Scotty A. Poling, 1718 West 242 nd St. Lomita California 90717  
No 52 Jackson G. Sowers, 74 Nelson Ave. Mill Valley California 94941  
No 53 Edgar Simon Owanka, South Dakota 57767  
No 54 M. J. Sribniak 174 Redgrave Drive Weston, Ontario Canada  
No 55 Keith J. Kronberger 1772 So Valentine, Way Lakewood, Colc. 80228  
No 56 Merrill Hamburg 614 Columbia La Crosse, Kansas. 67548

Al Farmer writes that his collection numbers about 125 and his key sets are 1- 3 Box (D.A.Kussel), 3 - 2 Box very long KOKOMO 42", Stromburg Carlson 54" and W. E. 61". He refinishes all sets near original and takes colored photos for bragging purposes. We are very pleased that he plans to attend the April meeting and will say no more now about his collection so that he can brag all he likes.

Dick Lovett started collecting several years ago, but for keeps the last three years. He has over 75 types. Outstanding in his collection is a receiver from the estate of Tom Saunders, who lived near in Haverhill, Mass., for quite some-time. It is very possible that Bell himself used it as he was a frequent visitor at Mr. Saunders home.

John Quinn has a suggestion which might be considered- probably most collectors have some books for their reference work on old telephones. Each collectors could make a list of his books and send to us for inclusion in one of the news letters, then if a collector needs some data on a particular equipment, he could write direct to the member for the appropriate book or information. John lists 21 books dealing with the subject. This should be considered, and if you concur, we will put out the list at a later date.



Jackson Sauers of Mill Valley, California wrote quite an interesting letter relative to his collection and a binder which he has a few left that are very handy to keep the Association letters in. Shipping charges only cost. Jackson has been collecting since 1948 and seriously since 1965. Has over 200 dating from 1877, and has a number of extra special ones, such as an 1877 Butterstamp, experimental Edison Blake 3 Box, Williams Coffin AT&T 1878, 3 Box Automatic Electric 1890 Walnut, other smaller and fancy including Eiffel Tower, a Magnavox and other interesting sets.

We are pleased and honored that Tom Herwer, John Quinn, Al Farmer and others are considering attending the meeting April 8th and 9th. A form for your convenience, in giving the time of your arrival and the accommodations you will need while in La Crosse. Please fill in and forward to us by March 25th., so that we may make the necessary preparations to make your stay comfortable.

We have some correspondence from Mr. M. J. Strzibniak of Weston Ontario, Canada, who is now a member, and is associated with the Telephony Society, Toronto., relative to a mutual exchange of programs.

Many thanks to all for thier cooperation.

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P.S. The flu bug has interferred with this letter, which you will note is about a week late. Please pardon.

Jackson G. Sauer  
74 Nelson Ave.  
Mill Valley, Cal. 94941

Wants: 1 - Strowger Candlestick  
1 - Strowger Wall Phone  
1 - Wilhelm Candlestick  
1 - Dean Trans. face (Marked)  
2 - Kellogg nameplates  
1 - Automatic Electric Nameplate  
1 - Very small L. M. Ericson trans. face & cup  
1 - Gooseneck W.E. trans. arm for old desk phone  
1 - Name plate for Gray pay station  
1 - Gold slot for Gray wood pay station

Has for trade:

15 - Bulldog transmitters  
2 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  & 6 Barr W.E. Ringer boxes  
2 -  $\frac{1}{4}$  & 5 Barr Kellogg ringer boxes  
1 - Complete and authentic Danish mahogany wall phone, no handset.  
Basically a Swedish make for Denmark.  
1 - Spanish desk set with brass on trans. & rec. of handset.  
Size 5"x8",  $\frac{1}{4}$ " high. Fair condition, has been painted.  
1 - Sub cycle for ringing bells - 60 cycle, 5 amps.

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Richard Lovett  
9 Merritt St.,  
Groveland, Mass. 01834

Wants: 1 - Cabinet for a Blake transmitter.

Recommends: For reference, "Cyclopedia of Applied Electricity", Vol. 6 by  
American Technical Society, 1908.

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Leland R. Jones  
249 So. Minnesota  
Wichita, Kansas

Wants: Literature on the Box type magneto phone made by the Kansas City Telephone  
Mfg. Co. of Kansas City, Mo. Also literature on the Fiddleback type  
Model 135A "Duplex" bridging telephone, condenser type made by The Long  
Distance Telephone Mfg. Co. of South Bend, Ind.  
Name tags for United Electric Co., Wichita, Kansas  
Transmitter with name in face for Kansas City Telephone Mfg. Co., K.C.Mo.  
Name tags for Stromberg Carlson, Rochester, N. Y.  
Transmitter for United Electric Co., Wichita, Kansas.  
Name tags for Dean Electric, Elyria, Ohio.

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Al Farmer  
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Lincoln, Nebraska 68505

Wants: Telephones:

Candlesticks: Monarch, with or w/o dial; Stromberg Carlson w/dial; Swedish American with or w/o dial; 1897 W. E. Nickel Plated; 1900 W. E. Nickel Plated; Other odd makes and pre-1900; Automatic Electric w/o dial.

Wooden Wall: Single Box (N. Electric, Eureka, Vought Berger, Automatic Elect., Julius Andrae, Standard, Sterling); 2-box (Monarch, Kellogg, Am. Electric, Dean); Fiddleback (Monarch, Kellogg, Dean, Sterling).

Parts:

- 1 - Ericson transmitter complete, face, cup, arm & base for metal fiddleback.
- 1 - Metal battery shelf (wide) for 2-Box
- 1 - Julius Andrae marked receiver, ring holding face of trans to cup, & marked trans face & cup.
- 1 - American Electric switchhook for wall set.
- 2 - W. E. decals for wall set  
Nameplates - Standard, Kellogg
- 2 - Dean original trans face & cup.

Has for trade:

Telephones:

Candlesticks: W. E. 1913 Iron w/o dial  
Kellogg w/o dial  
Stromberg Carlson w/o dial

Wooden Wall: Beautiful refinished walnut Western Electric 2/Box, all original.  
Kellogg--have 2; both picture frame & cathedral, refinished.  
Western Electric - Have 2; one picture frame & long trans arm and refinished. One flat front & short arm & refinished.  
Also another unfinished with picture frame front & long arm.

Intercoms: Have 3: S. H. Couch wood wall with row of push buttons;  
Kellogg wood wall with push buttons; W. E. metal wall with push buttons. All are unfinished and in good condition..

Parts:

Namesplates - W. E., Chicago, & Elect. Appl. Co.  
Nice reproduction shelves @ \$4.75  
S. C. 3-piece bracket lightning arrester  
Graycraft-Leich nice nickel trans face  
American Electric nice nickel trans face & cup  
Original receivers: W. E. & Kellogg; also S. C. with brass base  
Brass base & stem for pre-1900 candlestick  
Metal insert to hold glass mouthpiece into W. E.  
Glass mouthpiece, believe to be W. E., but is slightly larger than above insert; however, a properly shaped washer would make work.  
Misc. switchhooks and transmitter faces.