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Shipshewana

July 31, August 1

Show Host: John & Sharon
Huckeby
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Farmstead Inn, Shipshewana,
IN
Lodging: 260-768-4595

*Annual Antique Show outside on
the grounds
registration form on page 8*

Voting for the new Board members and officers who will take office August 1 of this year are listed at right.

The ballot for voting will be included in the July newsletter. All ballots will go to Kristen at the ATCA office. After counting, the results will be announced at the business meeting during the National Show in Shipshewana, IN.

Please take time to vote.

Board Candidates

Bill Baggette

Dennis Fowler

David Silver

President Candidate

Tom Herwer

Vice President Candidate

Bill Samek

First Telephone Emergency Call

Did you ever wonder why Bell's first words over the telephone were, "Mr. Watson, come here, I want you!"

According to Thomas Watson in his autobiography, he had brought the transmitter to Exeter Place on the evening of March 10, 1876, intending to spend the night with Bell testing it. Watson stated that neither of them had the least idea that they were testing the best transmitter that had yet been devised.

He said, "We filled its cup with diluted sulphuric acid and connected it to the battery and to the wire running between the two rooms. When all was ready, I went into Bell's bedroom and stood by the bureau with my ear at the receiving telephone. I was astonished to hear Bell's voice coming from it distinctly saying, 'Mr. Watson, come here, I want you!'"

Since Bell had no receiving telephone at his end of the

wire, Watson could not answer him. He did as Bell asked though and came quickly. Bell had actually asked for Watson because he had accidentally spilled acid over his clothes. When he found that his plea had been heard so distinctly, the spill was no longer important. Bell then went to the other room and was overjoyed to hear how clearly Watson's voice came through. There were other phrases transmitted that night including, "God save the Queen." Bell's shout for help on that night of March 10, 1876, was not as poetic as the first sentence Morse sent years before of, "What hath God wrought!" Bell's was more of an emergency call.

In 1878 most operators in Grand Rapids, MI, like most telephone companies, were boys. In Grand Rapids though, girls soon began replacing boys because the boys were discovered shooting marbles instead of tending the switchboard. Detroit made the switch to girls in 1879.

French Telephones by Al Ilekis

Picart – Lebas was a major manufacturer of telephones. In a highly competitive market, design as well as operational concerns were essential. As seen in picture one there were many varieties of early desk telephones. The earliest 1900 model on the right had an ornate mahogany base and a patented simplex receiver. You talked into the little shield with a screen on the bottom. The model also came in a wall unit featured later. The middle Gallows hook model of 1910 had no magneto while the 1920's model on the left did. Each French telephone manufacturer tried to develop his own signature designs.



Ornate 1900 model with a patented simplex receiver shown above



upper left: another view of the ornate 1900 model
above: no magneto version Gallows hook model
below left: magneto version Gallows hook model
below: wall version



Kellogg Compact Oak Common Battery Wall Phone with "Telco" modifications

By Chuck Eby #381

Several months ago there was an eBay auction for a never used new old stock "1909" Kellogg wall phone with a story about it being discovered in the bottom of an old barrel prior to an auction in Virginia. The listing also claimed that the eBay winner would also receive an included newspaper article regarding the telephone and its discovery. The photographs looked exactly like the telephone in my collection and one of several dozen that I had seen at the same Virginia auction in the early 1980's. I "knew the story" so I contacted the seller who was kind enough to send me the article.

The article "Brand New 1909 Telephone" was published on March 7, 1985 in The Albemarle News from Graham, NC. The article went on to describe the auction of over 3000 telephones from the estate of the late ATCA member, Odie Mayhew in Danville, VA. The auctioneer indicated that the new and unused telephones were found wrapped in 1930 dated newspapers in wooden barrels. It was speculated that the telephones were purchased by Odie from a Texas telephone company that went out of business during the depression. As I recall, there were several dozen of these new Kellogg phones at the auction that were sold to several of the collectors who were in attendance. The one that I had purchased still had bits of the old newspaper stuck to the back of the phone.

As I began to research the one that I had purchased, I found the model in a 1916 Kellogg bulletin as seen below. The only modification in this telephone is a new Automatic Electric "Mercedes" dial assembly that was professionally installed under the phone. I believe this to be a number 18 AE dial introduced in 1918. It would be impossible to learn when the telephone was modified, although the story of the 1930 newspaper wrapping does give us some speculative hints.



KELLOGG SWITCHBOARD AND SUPPLY COMPANY, CHICAGO

Oak Residence Sets

For those desiring a wood residence set in preference to the steel, we have a number of different equipments. These sets are manufactured with the usual Kellogg skill and care and contain standard apparatus.



Figure No. 9117

Code No. 733

Here is an oak finish wood residence set, that is compact, trim in appearance—sure in operation, having standard parts.

The open view shows every part accessible with

our strong, durable hook-switch. Plenty of room for connections and binding posts. This box on the wall is fully as handsome as our standard steel common battery set.

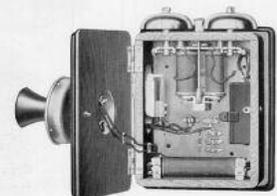
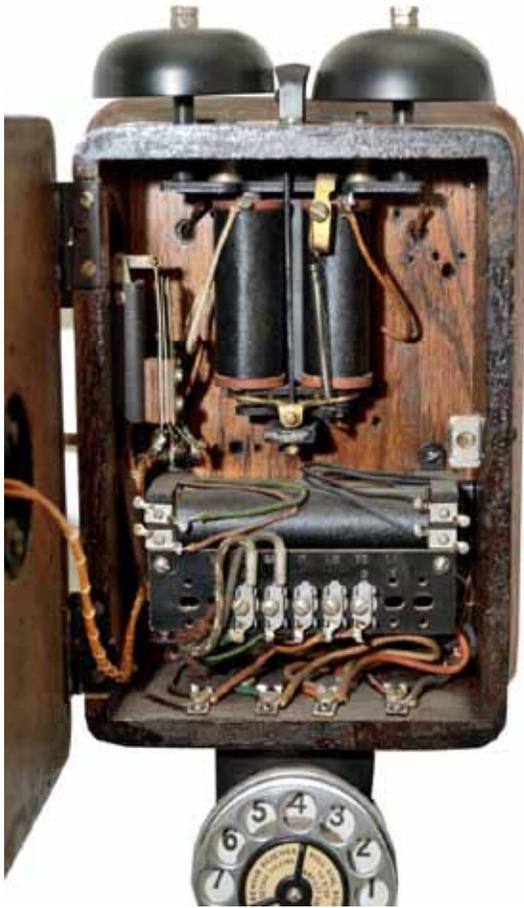


Figure No. 9118
Wall Space, 6½ x 8½ inches

CODE NUMBER	RINGER		CONDENSER		REMARKS
	Code	Resistance	Code	Capacity	
729	54A	1000 ohm	62	2 M. F.	Straight Line
728	32A	2000 ohm	62	2 M. F.	Biased
733	36A	Harmonic	62	2 M. F.	33½—50—66½—16½
734	47A	Harmonic	62	2 M. F.	39—42—54—66



A view of the inside of the phone. It appears as the celluloid connecting plate was added to accommodate the dial adaptation.

Why are we going to Shipshewana, Indiana, again for a National Show?

The answer is really simple. It is not only a great place to have a show, but is also a fantastic financial package for us.

Those in the club who have checked out various hotels and set up rooms across the country know that to have the show in a hotel is expensive due to the cost of the set up room and the tables and chairs. Hotels usually charge up to thirty dollars a gallon for coffee and a couple of dollars for each donut.

The Farmstead Inn charges us around a thousand dollars for the set up room and does not charge us for the tables or chairs. That is a price that other hotels can not match.

The hotel also allows us to buy our

own donuts and bring in sandwiches or pizza for lunch on Saturday. You are probably aware that many venues do not allow that. You have to buy all from the venue itself.

The other advantage of going to Shipshewana is the outdoor antique show that is advertised for Friday afternoon and all day on Saturday. We have more public coming in at the Ships show than any other place we have ever had shows.

There are many antique malls and shops within sort driving distance, as well as multiple Amish restaurants.

YOU are the important item, so see you there!

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 www.phonecoinc.com

For Sale

Very large supply of potential Ericophones priced below replacement cost.

500 Oslophones \$989. w/ cloth cords, backward dials, Some in original boxes

400 metal hi-boys w/202 style cradles \$420.

400 styleline pieces and completes. Complete are un-used, case parts are variety colors. \$880.

1955-72 3-slot N.E. chrome payphones.

These have been selling from \$123 to over \$200 in Antique malls and on Ebay. According to a count of 15 on 4-29-15: all have top signs, and daisy (finger print) W.E.-style dial shrouds. \$125-\$132.00 each.

100 gray 3 & 5- line phones \$150.

50 1962 speaker phones in various colors, mostly beige \$150.

20 lineman's testsets \$160.

7 refurbished 1973 U.S. made deco french cradle phones \$77.00

8 walnut 1950-1960's teletalks \$56.00

Offers Welcome

Large supply both old and new cords including original rattlesnakes.

Most all finished inventory including Eiffel towers for what we have invested in it. If you bought us entirely out all phones, good, bad, uncommon, nice, sharp, common would probably average out at \$1. ea or less.

(42 years is enough).

Free Catalog of 85 different 1892-1982 telephones. Many parts including nearly any/every style and color of cloth cords and cordage, since 1975.

Entire business and operation for sale. Been full time since 1973.

Phoneco

Harry Smith
 9649 Riverside Dr #1
 Coral Springs, FL 33071
 HarrySmith1957@gmail.com
 786-277-7466

I have a 1950 Black Western Electric 500 set that I want to refurb with properly dated parts.

If you have a dial with bezel, a ringer, transmitter element or receiver element, please email me.

I can also use cords.

I also have many dated parts for sale or trade.

Feel free to send me your wish list for dated parts for your 500 sets.

Lynn G Graves ATCA #372
 5700 Xenon Ct.
 Arvada, CO 80002-1314
 303-431-1615
 lggraves57@msn.com

Wanted

Don't toss your damaged mouthpieces ...Send them to me!

Broken, damaged mouthpieces and receiver caps. I am looking to purchase damaged, chipped and cracked early telephone mouthpieces, bi-polar receiver caps. I can only use them if the threads are still good. If the threads are functional I will pay two dollars each, or you send me four mouthpieces and I will send you back one repaired.

WANTED

I'm looking for these W.E. items: AUTOVON Card Dialer cards, RED 680A Speakerphone transmitter, G4 handset with shoulder-rest in pink, gray, blue, turquoise or ivory, any Card Dialer or keyset in pink, 247A KTU, 259B KTU. Thanks! David Friedman, (310) 837-3089 or mommabirdie@netzero.net

For Sale

Package of 20 NOS Western Electric Card Dialer cards. Will work in all standard rotary and Touchtone Card Dialers. Not too many left, so get 'em while you can! \$24.99, which includes shipping to any U.S. address. David Friedman, (310) 837-3089 or mommabirdie@netzero.net

Jon Kolger No. 561
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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.

Richard Pitzer (All shipping included)
 (937) 901-1560
 rap45323@yahoo.com

Pay phone Keys For Sale

29A ...have all numbers available.....\$20
 10G.....\$17 (GUARANTEED to open ALL 10G and 10H locks)
 29S.....\$17 (For AE and Gray upper housing)
 20YW9 crab lock.....\$14 (for the lock on top of the small collectors like the 23D etc.)
 18B25 (for the small lock on the back of small coin collectors.....\$14
 10E ..\$15. (For Gray/Western upper housing)

E-10-E.....\$15. (For Gray/Western upper housing)

Locks Wanted

Let me know if you have any of these locks (with or without keys) you want to get rid of:
 11A, 14Exxx, 10E, E-10-E, 10G, 10H, 29S, 29V, 15A, 15B, 14A, 14B, E23, MD9180, 33A2, 10L, 17xxx, 18B25, 19A, 12A, 12B, 27A, 29A numbers 1, 11, 17, 26, 33, 39, 41, 48, 54, 61, 65, 77, 82, 83, 294. Let me know condition, quantity and price.

Dials repaired, calibrated, etc.
Still ONLY six dollars per dial plus postage.

Steve Hilsz
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 JYDSK@TDS.NET

Candidates for August 1 Election

Board

My name is **Bill Baggett** and I am from Rex, Ga. I would like to run for the Board of Directors of the A.T.C.A

I started to work for Western Electric at the Atlanta Service Center in March of 1964, working on the telephone repair line. I retired in May of 1994 from A T & T as a Methods Analyst on all types of phones.

I then started a pay phone business and retired again in 2004.

I joined the A.T.C.A in December 2008 and have made many friends in the organization in the past years. We gladly share our telephone knowledge.

My interest is primarily 102, 202, and candlestick phones plus anything that rings or dials.

I believe that clubs like ours must look at our great accomplishments in the past and see what we can do to improve on as we move forward. Please consider me when you vote as I would like to give back to our great club.

I am **Dennis Fowler**, ATCA #238, running for your board of directors. I have served as a board member for the last three years.

I am retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone where I enjoyed a 34 year career. I have been collecting telephones for over 40 years and was an early member of our association.

Our club faces a number of challenges and opportunities and I will appreciate the chance to work on them for the good of our club.

I will appreciate your vote. Thank you.



I am **David Silver** and a candidate for a seat on the Board of Directors for ATCA. I have been a member since the seventies and was recruited by Ken King. My membership number is 745.

I have lived in Stillwater, Oklahoma for about forty years and retired from public school teaching about eight years ago.

My main concern about our hobby is the lack of younger members. We must find new ways to “pass the torch” and provide education for the general public so that interest in antique telephone collecting can be renewed and maintained.

I believe that coordination with the general study of American history is the key. Communication since the birth of the telephone can be made to be a fascinating study if approached in the right way.

Sincerely,
David T. Silver

Candidate for President

Tom Herwer

Tom did not submit a bio as he is presently our President and I am sure most know him.... if not, you will meet him at the Shiphewana Show.



Candidate for Vice-President

Bill Samek

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I am Bill Samek and twenty five and a half years ago, on January 27, 1990, I went to a general antique show in Miami, Florida, met Dick Marsh and Rainbow, and bought my first antique telephones from them. Dick generously told me about ATCA when I bought another phone from him a year later. It wasn't until January 16, 1993 that I went to my first telephone show. I went to Russ Pate's ATCA show in Indialantic, Florida and purchased a few more phones. I was overwhelmed by the beauty and the variety of antique phones there. I was also shocked by the prices – much lower than at general, high end Miami antique shows. I was even more overwhelmed by the friendliness and warmth of all of the club members. Not only were Dick and Rainbow very welcoming to me but also were members like Russ, Paul Mikula, Paul Linker, Tom Durvin, Paul Engelke, Harold Stevenson, Walt Aydelotte, Donald Price, Roy Basci, Ron Knappen, Odis Le Vrier, Harold Stevenson, Earnie Merrill, John Hucceby, and many others whom I met at that Indialantic show or at the ATCA Fall National show that was held in August 1993 in Orlando, Florida.

Over the years I have attended many ATCA and TCI shows and my telephone collection has grown much larger than my family considers reasonable (and they are right). To make matters worse, I also collect early electric motors and fans, pencil sharpeners, and anything water powered. I have appreciated the work done by our club's leaders but have never before volunteered to participate in leadership. If elected, I would like to facilitate discussions on how to increase public interest in antique telephone collecting with the goal of increasing club membership. I think growing the club is very important. If elected, I want to recruit club members to brainstorm and to volunteer their time to work on bringing more attention to the fun of antique telephone collecting. Thank you.

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Meals needed.....\$18 each TWO FOR \$35 Children under 12--\$9 Total meal fee _____

Donation for show expenses _____

make all checks payable to **ATCA**

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