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Hello Collectors,

I hope this month finds everyone doing well! Things are going well here in South Texas! Hurricane season is starting and I've been preparing by measuring windows on my home and cutting plywood this weekend to be prepared just in case I have to board up! No phone projects to work on at this time, so I figured I'd do some needed chores!

We had a great show in California, Kentucky and from what I heard, a lot of telephones and parts were traded and sold. The ATCA thanks Jim & Cathy Engle for the great location at their private golf course for hosting the show again! And to John Huckleby for helping it get off the ground.

There's only about two months left before we gather together in Shipshewana, Indiana for our 50th Anniversary ATCA show! Plans are coming together very smoothly. Thanks again to John Huckleby for all his hard work in the planning and detail for our big show! It seems like it's been ages since we got together for a big show.

I hope that you all have made your registrations at the Farmstead Inn or one of the other local hotels. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Farmstead Inn. Just mention ATCA or John Huckleby to get the special room rate. I hope that all of you who attend will attend the Friday evening banquet! We are planning a nice meal and program.

Exhibitors and members will receive show nametags and ribbons and there will be judging for best of show and other categories. Members who attend the show will also receive memorabilia celebrating our Golden Anniversary which includes a 14" commemorative metal sign. We will have additional signs for purchase and the remaining will be on our website for purchase after the show.

The ATCA board and officer's elections will go live on July 1, 2021 on the ATCA website. We will be voting for President, Vice-President and two board member positions. Our nominating committee has received nominations for the following positions: Tom Herwer of Indiana for President of ATCA, Greg Sargeant of Rhode Island for Vice-President (second term), and Jason Burwell of South Carolina and D. Wally Tubbs of Nebraska for board members. Each member (including spouse memberships) may vote in the ATCA elections. We appreciate each of them for accepting the nominations to lead our club.

My second term as president comes to an end on July 31st and I'll be leaving the board. My plans are to continue to help maintaining the ATCA website for the club. It's been an honor to serve our club as Vice-President and your President for the past three years. We have accomplished a lot of things during this time and I'm sure they will continue. I look forward to the future!

If you haven't already checked out the **Sims auction**, you need to take a look. Check out the ad in this issue and be prepared to drool over some of the nice phones in the collection!

We just finished advertising a membership drive from June 1-6, 2021 on our club facebook page with a 30% coupon in hopes of getting some of our facebook group members to join our club. Hopefully several of them have decided to join.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I hope all of you have a great week! Take care and happy collecting!

Best,
Greg Kouba #3483
ATCA President

**Reserve your room at the Farmstead Inn... ATCA 50th Anniversary Show
Call 260-768-4595 to reserve your room
August 6,7, 2021**

**Several collectors are coming in early just to enjoy the area
google Shipshewana and check out some of the many attractions
There will also be an outside antique show on Saturday on the grounds**

The A, B, and D Mountings for Western Electric's Handset Desk Stand

By Ralph O. Meyer #1586

George Thompson, head of the Mechanical Department at AT&T, issued specifications for the long-awaited telephone handset in May of 1918, and four years later Thompson himself was awarded patents for a desk stand to hold the handset. The patent drawing for that desk stand is shown in Fig. 1 and can be recognized as the now-prized A-type handset mounting. From 1923 to 1926, this mounting was used in handset trials as handset development passed through Types A through D before settling on the Type-E that we are familiar with.

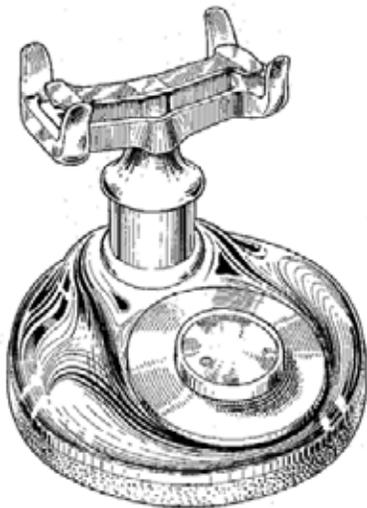


Fig. 1. Drawing for George Thompson's patent of 1922.

The A-type handset mounting consists of a cut-off candlestick base with a new cradle mounted on top. It appears that this handset mounting was never intended for production but was instead intended to be a testbed for the new handset and cradle. In 2018, all 14 collectors who answered my on-line questionnaire said their A-type mountings were marked D76869 – a type of designation used for prototypes. And in fact the field-trial use of the A-type mounting revealed a design flaw that permitted the handset to get hung up on one of the cradle prongs and thus not depress the switch adequately as in Fig. 2. This receiver-off-hook (ROH) condition tied up valuable lines and was difficult for the telephone company to correct quickly.



Fig. 2. A-type desk stand showing the "receiver-off-hook" (ROH) design flaw.

The cradle design was soon changed, along with the construction of the base, and a revised B-type mounting was in service by December 1927 (Fig. 3). In the meantime, A-type desk sets were assigned to manual service involving an operator, rather than dial service, so that the ROH condition could be recognized more readily. Although the patent for the B-type mounting says that the purpose of the design was to correct the ROH condition, it is obvious that stamping the base out of a piece of sheet steel was cheaper than casting the base in brass, as was done for the A-type and the earlier candlesticks. So economics were involved also.



Fig. 3. "Unattractive" B-type desk stand introduced in December 1927.

The appearance of the Bell System's B-type set was severely criticized by some apparently influential customers. After a review by presidents, vice

Ken & Carolyn Sims

Online Telephone Collection Auction #1

FreelandAuctionServices.com

Begins Thursday May 27, 2021 & Ends Sunday, June 20, 2021

PLEASE REGISTER ON PROXIBID.COM

<https://www.proxibid.com/Freeland-Auction-Services-LLC/Sims-Antique-Telephone-Collection-Auction-1/event-catalog/201461>

We have been commissioned by the family to liquidate the antique telephone collection of Ken & Carolyn Sims. Ken was a member of the Antique Telephone Collectors Association, and a passionate telephone collector. Ken and Carolyn frequently came to ATCA Conventions all over the country for several decades and amassed one of the finest collections of antique telephone in the entire world.

This collection is being presented ONLINE only and can be found on Proxibid.com or by visiting **FreelandAuctionServices.com**. This is the first of several auctions to liquidate the collection. There are 200 lots in this first online auction.

This first auction will run for just over 3 weeks. Please bid confidently, and enjoy this liquidation of a wonderful ATCA member's collection. If you have any questions, please contact Barry at (989) 878-3308 with Freeland Auction Services as well as ATCA #3566. Shipping is available, as well as local pickup in Freeland, MI, or delivered to the ATCA 50th Anniversary National Convention at Shipshewana, IN, August 6,7, 2021.



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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.

WANTED Western Electric pink 554 shell unpainted

Stanley Evans
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WANTED:

1. **AMERICAN BELL TEL LONG POLE RECEIVERS**, lettered caps and unmarked. No repairs or damage, normal scratches & dings are ok.

2. **5, 6, and 7-Digit Western Electric** Beveled and rolled-Edge Transmitters, nickel or Japan Black

Walt Aydelotte
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WANTED

Automatic Electric Receivers With Full Length Inserts As Per Attached Pictures Will trade or purchase. Please contact **Bob Hugh at 780-504-0450 or email bob-hugh@shaw.ca**



Mark Johnston 443-244-2825
mark4589@hotmail.com.

WANTED:

SIGNS:

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

PAY STATIONS:

Gray Pay Stations: Models 8A, 11, 23C, and Early 23D

PAYPHONES:

Gray, Gray/Western Electric and Western Electric Inc. 3 Slot Payphones: Any Model, Entire Collections or 1 piece. Especially looking for 155G, 160s, 170s dial and non-dial, 180s non-dial, 190s non dial, any 200 series, black or colored. Any Model with Black Contact Board and or Butterfly Transmitter Mount. 1A Rotary Dial single slot, and a 10 Button 3 slot.

LOCKS and PARTS:

E-10-E, 10-E, 29S and 10G upper housing locks with or Without keys.

14E locks with original key.

12A, 12B, 15A, and #14 Vault Door Locks with keys.

Western Electric 3 Slot Vault Doors, Chrome and Black

Canadian 3 slot Coin Chute.

Glass and Porcelain Mouthpieces with W/E threads.

I would appreciate hearing if you have any or know of any of these items for sale.

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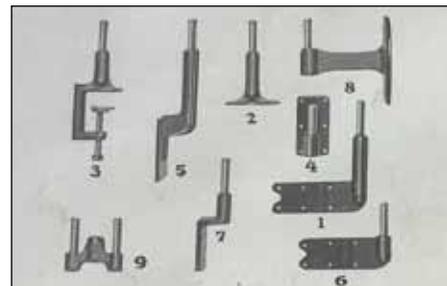
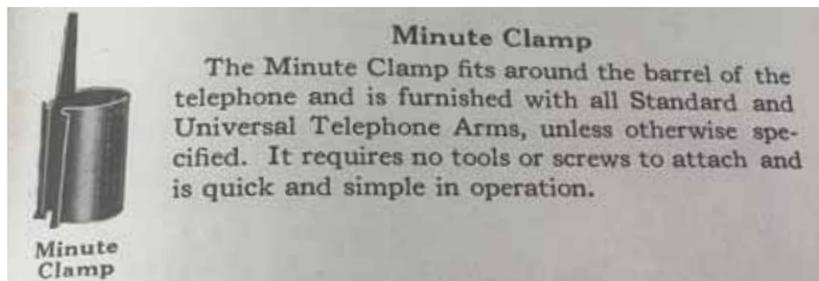
Looking for telephone scissor parts. Do you have these? Pictures, please. For sale or trade? Lots of stuff to trade or cash.

From the Kellogg catalog #9 (1932) P. 137.

Wall mount #8

"The Minute Clamp fits around the barrel of the telephone, no tools required". Had this scissor for some time, but never knew what went on the end.

Please check insert for more of Vern's information and wants on scissor attachments



Registration Form.... ATCA 50th Anniversary Show.... August 6,7,2021... Farmstead Inn, Shipshewana, IN

Name.....(\$20)

Spouse.(free)..... Friend.(\$10)..... Guest.(\$10).....

Children (free).....

Number of tables needed (1st \$20) (2nd \$15) (3rd and others, \$10 each)..\$. Total.....\$.

Number of catered meal tickets (\$22 each)..... Total \$.....

TOTAL.....

Send to John Huckeby, 2440 W. CR. 150 N., New Castle, IN 47362

Wanted: Looking for a replica First Commercial "Camera" Telephone, George Amores #4857 PLEASE contact me at: george.amores@gmail.com 541-912-8266



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Got this telephone scissor clamp from eBay, it came with the standard Burns Hi-low scissor. From Kellogg catalog #9, P.137. Clamp #21 is used for the old automatic telephone with the convex barrel. Picture #1 catalog and clamp, #2 On my Strowger C/S. Anyone have one of these ?

“I like scissors.... telephone arms that is,,,,, if you have any odd ones or any shown on this page, give me a call, We can trade or I will buy from you. Call me at 801-486-6794. Huckeby is trying to bribe me with a free dinner to come to the Shipshe-wana show. Maybe yes, maybe no!”



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My name is Tom Herwer. I live in Rockville, IN. I am running for our ATCA club President. Here's a little biographical information about myself. In 1964, after being honorably discharged from the US Army, I was hired by General Telephone Co. of California as a lineman. In 1965, I received an antique telephone as a Christmas gift and that got me interested in collecting old phone.

Sometime in the latter part of 1970's, I was pondering the idea of forming a telephone club. Thanks to Ron & Mary Knappen who provided me with a list names of collectors who either bought parts or phones from Melrose Antique Shop. On that list of names was fellow collector Al Farmer who had been thinking the same thing. In early 1971, I was contacted by Oral Watts who stated that they were forming telephone club in Kansas. Al & I gave up on our quest to form a club and joined ATCA. Fifty years has passed and ATCA has seen many changes in officers and directors. The last couple of years while on the board of directors, we have seen more accomplishments by adding a new website, copyrighted our club's logo and name, virtual board of director's meetings, increased ATCA membership by asking Facebook members to become ATCA members. Many thanks to our president Greg Kouba and Board Chairman Dennis Fowler for their leadership. Remember to vote for your officers and directors this year. I am asking you to elect me as your next President. Thank you.



My name is Greg Sargeant. I live in Providence, Rhode Island with my wife Kristin and daughter Penelope. I work as a board-certified behavior analyst (BCBA) in Swansea, Massachusetts. I specialize in early telephones and signs, especially from the New England region. I have been a member of the ATCA since 2008.

I am a moderator of the Classic Rotary Phones forum and currently serve on the collections committee of the New Hampshire Telephone Museum. I recently started the Antique Telephone Signs Facebook group. If I'm re-elected as your vice president of the ATCA, I will continue to work to promote the hobby and expand membership to younger generations of collectors. I ask for your consideration and for your vote!



My Name is Jason Burwell. I live in South Mill, NC. My general interest in telephones and the collecting of telephones began when I was 9 years old. Since that point, I have always been fascinated with the technology behind telephone communications and the historical significance of telephones themselves. I have been building my phone collection for over 30 years and started also collecting antique telephone signs several years ago. While so many things have changed in my life over the years, my love for telephone collecting has been a constant.

I have always worked in the field of Telecommunications and am currently a Telecom Manager for a regional Credit Union. I am married with three sons and one daughter and reside in Upstate South Carolina. I'm excited to run for an ATCA Board Position and give back to a club that has given so much to me and offer whatever help I can to maintain the high standards set forth by the current and prior ATCA leadership teams. Thanks for your consideration!



My name is Wally Tubbs and I live in Lincoln, NE. I have been asked to run for a position on the board of Directors of ATCA. My interest in antique telephones began when I was fifteen. My brother-in-law worked for the local telco, and he brought me home a single box Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph phone. I became fascinated by the way the machine worked, and my interest in collecting old things was born.

As I got a little older and looked at entering the job market in my hometown of Lincoln, Nebraska, I noticed that the best jobs were with the Railroad, the power company, and the Telephone company. I left my name with each company's personnel department and went back to pumping gas. And that was the start of my thirty-five-year career at Lincoln Telephone Company.

My history in ATCA began in 1992 when Al Farmer convinced me that the best way to increase and improve my collection was to attend phone shows. I was already going to farm sales, auctions, and garage sales all around Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota, and Illinois. I took Al's advice, and my personal collection, on display in my front room of my home, has grown to include a 1912 C. H. Brownell oak paneled booth, with double-pane original glass on two side; other pay phones, from the small three-coin models to the mid-fifties three-slotters; a W. E. vanity; and more than seventy candlesticks, with various mouthpieces in glass and porcelain, and many accessories like hush-a-phone, hanging directories, and Venetian blind-pulldown directories. Along with being tasked to maintain and curate Lincoln Telephone's collection of antique telephones, to eventually planning, developing, and constructing the Frank H. Woods Telephone Pioneer Museum, I also held the offices of president and curator in charge of the acquisitions and display development at the museum for more than twenty years, beginning in 1996.

I feel that the knowledge I've gained from many years of collecting and curating, along with my ability to lead organizations in a positive direction, my even disposition and problem solving skills—demonstrated in the positions I've held at the Telephone Company and in my creation and operation of a first-class Telephone Museum—will help me to serve the ATCA well. I would appreciate your vote for Board Member.