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Greetings from South Texas

I hope this letter finds each of you doing well. I want to start out by remembering a fellow collector that we lost on April 30th. Longtime member, past Chairman, President and board member George Valenzuela #637 of Newport, Oregon passed away after a long illness. George was a former police officer and owner of The Olde Telephone Company store in Newport. He recently retired and sold his business.

I've only known George, or "Mr. V" and I always called him, since 2016. I purchased several phones from him over the years and still have every one of them. He was always fair and ready to help when dealing with him. I also had the pleasure of serving on the ATCA board with him. He was always pleasant to deal with and we enjoyed talking about our law enforcement careers aside from telephone collecting. Please keep the Valenzuela family in your thoughts and prayers.

This next weekend, May 7-8 will have found many of you at Jim Engle's Golf Course show in California, Kentucky. Initial reports say it was a great success and that Jim plans to make it an annual spring show.

Plans are still in the works with our fingers crossed for the 50th Anniversary Show in Shipshewana, Indiana. More details will be forthcoming as the date nears. Don't wait until the last minute to reserve your room at the Farmstead Inn. I've read that rental cars are pretty scarce right now so it would probably be a good idea to get one before you're left walking!

The ATCA nominating committee is still looking for interested persons for our annual elections coming up in July. The office of President and Vice-President will be up for election along with two board member seats. Interested members should contact Scotty Poling in California, Chris Anderson in California or Sherri Kouwenhoven in Canada. Their email addresses and phone numbers can be found in the member directory or at atcaonline.com. We hope that you will consider running for a seat on the board and help guide our club in the next years.

I hope each of you have a great week! Stay safe and healthy and hope you find that prized telephone that you've been looking for!

Best,
Greg Kouba #3483

AUGUST 6, 7, 2021 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY SHOW

We are going to make this Shipshewana, Indiana, 50th show a special one. We will again have a **catered meal** prior to the show opening; Best of Show Ribbons; nice name badges and ribbons for those attending; and some special show prizes. Please mark the date on your calendar... **August 6 and 7, 2021.**

Call the Farmsted Inn (the show location) in Shipshewana, IN at

260-768-4595 for your room reservation.

AGENDA

Friday noon until 5 PM.... set up then leave the room, NO DEALING

Friday 5:30... catered meal

Friday 7:00 PM.....Show opens for buying, selling, trading, bragging

Friday 9:31...Show closes for the night

SaturdayAugust 7.....8:00 AM... Show opens.....

Saturday.....10:00BOARD MEETING

Saturday...11:00Auction....

Saturday afternoon....Make your final deals

This will be a fantastic show.... do not miss it!

Tales of the Hunt

by Chuck Eby #381

This is the next episode of the recurring feature for the newsletter highlighting various member's unusual telephone finds and stories of the hunt to obtain that find. I need more stories so if you have one to be told, please contact me: chuck9@optonline.net

This month's tale comes from Mike Davis #2022 as he un-expectantly found a very rare phone Mike writes:

During my first years of collecting I remember other telephone collectors asking me, "What is your specialty"? I guess I always favored payphones but back then I would purchase anything I would find so my answer wasn't very clear. I would go to antique stores, flea markets and antique shows. Whatever I would find at the right price I would buy. My collection is still very eclectic but when I search now I am mostly looking for payphones and related things. Back when there were more antique stores I would take a drive from my home to Eastport Long Island and work my way back along Montauk Highway about once a month. I would stop at antique stores along the way. At one store I found a really clean Western Electric 333G 3 slot payphone for \$100, as I carried it to the counter a man stopped me and asked if I buy phones. I asked him what he had and he told me that he had some wood phones. I took his number and held onto it, I wasn't even going to call him because I had a few already and wasn't really looking for any more wood sets. Not knowing what he had specifically I decided on a

Saturday to call him and set up an appointment. When I got to his house he had me come around the back through a door into the kitchen. He proudly showed me what he had displayed on the kitchen table. There sitting before me were two oak wall sets that he refinished. Neither were anything that a collector would want; shiny urethane like a newly refinished gymnasium floor.

Sitting next to them was a WE 20AL desk stand, and yes, as you may have guessed, stripped and polished shiny brass. Also off to the side was an untouched nickel candlestick phone with a black wood box at the top. I had no idea what it was but I knew it was good. Not trying to act too excited about it I asked him how much the phones were and he told me that the wood phones were \$300 each and the candlestick phones were \$150 each. So when I told him which one I wanted he got sort of upset, he asked me why I wanted that one. I told him that it was because it was different and unusual, which was the truth. I consented to sell me the unrestored stick and I happily took it with me.

Once I got it home I went through the books I had, did some research and contacted Roy Basci and John Infurna. Through them I found that I had a very rare Western Electric "speaking tube" phone mounted to a more rare 20T desk stand. I now know that there are a few speaking tube phones in collections but I am not aware of another original "real" 20T desk stand for one.

Back in the day old mansions had tubes that ran through the walls and people would speak into a

cone and they could be heard at the other end. These sets were produced by Western Electric to replace them. I took several mansion tours a few years ago in Newport, RI where I saw some original real tube systems still installed.



“Mother in Law”

.....Chris Anderson

Socotel, the French telephone manufacturer offered the model S 63 with an additional receiver, often called the “Mother in Law” set. This was so a second person could listen in to the conversation. The S 63 was a newer version of an established trend in French telephone design.

Not to be outdone, Automatic Electric developed a prototype, designated as the Type 90 ML, which added an additional, complete handset, to their standard Type 90 wall set.

Engineers stated that this was an improvement over the Socotel, model as you didn’t have someone, shouting in your ear, trying to be a part of the conversation, and the second person could speak at his or her leisure.

The right side handset hanger, was a mirror image of the left side hook, and was fixed in place, and did not operate the hookswitch.

A.E. engineers, proud of their radical and practical innovation, stated that due to the very design of the Western Electric 554, such a conversion was impossible with the W. E. unit. Bell System executives, clearly suffering from a ‘sour grapes’, attitude, were heard to have said, “Well that’s why we sell extension phones!”

Sadly field trials of the 90 ML didn’t go as had been hoped. Customers, upon removing the right side handset, and not getting dial tone, led many of them to assume that their line was out of service. This resulted many frustrating repair calls, and try as they might, the repairmen knew they were fighting a lost cause in customer education.

Because of this, A.E. and its operating companies decided to end the short lived trial program.

The units that were put into the field were gathered up, and it isn’t clear what happened to them.

The last 90 ML was reported to have been removed from service on April 1, 1971.



Advertisements

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 **bobhugh@shaw.ca**



INDIANA TELEPHONE HISTORY BOOK

I still have some NOS copies of my 'Hoosier Connections - Indiana Telephone History' books that I believe collectors will enjoy. I researched 14 years (before the Internet) to find the historical information included in over 400 pages with many pictures. It includes a general history of Indiana Telephony, 'telephone company histories' of those here in 1990, and more.

Hundreds were sold at \$30 each. I have them ON SALE now for \$17 each + \$4 USPS media shipping in the lower 48 states.

Don't miss getting yours - this is a limited offer.

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Wanted Entire Collections or 1 piece, Especially looking for 155G, 160s, 170s dial and non-dial, 190s non dial, any 200 series. Any Model with Black Contact Board and or Butterfly Transmitter Mount. 1A Rotary Dial single slot, and a 10 or 12 Button 3 slot.

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12A, 12B, 15A and #14 Vault Door Locks.
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Herb McCartney. # 279.
email only,no calls ray706@bellsouth.net
For Sale

Framed display of 100 more or less of beautiful telephone related pins.

Most are pioneer pins from different chapters and Bell System companies from different states. I see one from Atlanta Olympics but there would be very, very few not telephone related. Priced at \$80.00 plus shipping and that is less than one dollar (per pin) for this attractive display of telephone memories.

email only... do not call

(1) PLEASE READ EACH DETAIL CLOSELY. Western Electric marked, Clear touchtone trimline. Marked ADI 3-75 Bell System Property not for sale. Excellent condition. Grey 80 inch modular mounting cord attached. THERE IS NO RECEIVER CORD! The base takes the wider cord end and the receiver has the smaller regular sized jack connection. There is a plug-in WE adapter made to convert the wide opening to the standard smaller jack and the base has one of these making it possible to connect receiver and base with smaller modular jacks. HOWEVER, I DO NOT GUARANTEE THAT THIS IS THE CORRECT ONE IN THIS CASE. This phone has not been tested although I got it new from WE. Therefore it is only sold as a Historical Display and NOT a working model.

\$ 195.00 plus Priority medium box shipping.

Thank you,
Herb

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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.

From Ron and Mary

In and about/around a glass showcase in the original factory product display room in the building that we thought was sold are around 9 collectable old wood crank phones. On 4-25, I took notes:

1. oak V.B fiddle back \$395.00
2. SC walnut 2-boxer w/brass bottom receiver. The usual narrower type. Has nicely decorated (traditional pin-striping including decal and flowers) rings. \$688.
3. Swedish American walnut 2-boxer w/decal, older transmitter face and brass bottom original receiver with eye hook for cord restraint. Needs minor seam division glued in bottom box \$785.
4. Walnut early 3-jug 2-boxer Western Electric w/all the bells and whistles. Rings \$950.
5. American Electric walnut 2-boxer w/ spear hook, heavy oldest nameplate. Original. Has no receiver, but will include a bakelite marked American Electric receiver \$850.
6. Walnut SC 2-boxer. Decorated transmitter triplet w/old (2nd oldest) heavy dramatically decorated transmitter faceplate. With brass bottom receiver. Rings Not quite as narrow as #2. \$670.
7. Walnut SC ctpff 1901 w/brass bottom receiver, flatish transmitter arm mount and older/oldest lightning arrester arrangement. Very nicely preserved. Much/mostly my personal hunch/opinion: This is about as rare and desirable as they come and of course more compact than any 2-boxer \$690.
8. Farr gibson girl oak tandem. Looks very original and nice. Unsure of receiver. "Oldest" knobby crank. Nameplate says "Farr Telephone Co. 118 & 120 West Jackson Blvd, Chicago \$1400.
9. Sumter single box w/wide board pff designed door and ornate cast transmitter mount \$575.

We worked these up in the 1970s or/and 1980s. We'll be moving them to nails in the barn beans when they get shored up better. I don't think we have #1, 4, 7, 8, 9, or 12 any longer (as shown in the pictures).

Prices are negotiable and not firm up or down.

May be able to arrange delivery through mid-Wisconsin along 90-94 through Chicago to Shippshewanna to the ATCA show in late summer or possible bring a few along. I have not been a collector; but I appreciate greatly the aesthetics of antiques, especially walnut; and hold old oak in high regard. I'm an adventurer into the past and have engaged in **Free enterprise** since the 1940s, but mostly since 1962.

Even though the enterprise of antique telephones has been very interesting; and had streaks of fun profit, I'm (b.1935) compelled to hand the business over to Mary who wants to continue (B.1942). Children object to continuing and will dumpster all.

Wisconsin summer weather is nice. Plan a visit to see our large inventory.
 Ron and Mary Knappen ATCA # 45& 45A 608 582 4124 phonecoinc@aol.com

Looking for an Elston short steer horn hook as pictured. The same steer horn hook is seen on the Farr #10 potbelly.

Also looking for a transmitter arm, back cup and transmitter faceplate for a Stromberg Carlson CTPFF.

Please check your parts drawers and reach out to me if you have any of these 905-808-9511.

Craig Stanowski
maxtwo@cogeco.ca

FOR SALE ~ Western Electric 1A desk set with notchless #2 dial ~ AND ~Western Electric E5 desk set. \$850 each or both for \$1600 plus shipping and insurance.

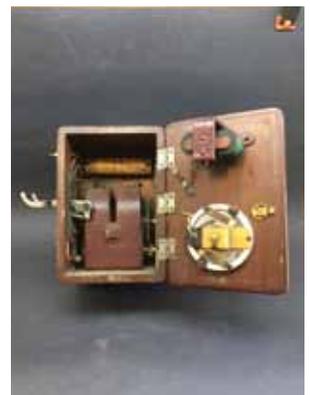
FOR SALE ~ Manhattan Top Box with steerhorn hook and metal mouthpiece. \$150 plus shipping and insurance.

FOR SALE ~ Shyvers Multiphone w/ original key. \$1800 plus shipping and insurance.

Email me for better, close up photos.

These telephones are in 'as out of service' condition. They have not been messed with in any way including cleaning them up. They all can use some dusting and/or polishing.

Ron Christianson
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Mounting brackets now available for the C-1 rectangular bodied Western Electric Model 201 space saver phone. This bracket is unique to this phone and not to be confused with the bracket for the later G-1 square phone. Perfect refabrication of the original, and powder coated in semi-gloss black. Satisfaction guaranteed. Priced at \$17.95 each plus \$6.95 shipping for one. Shipping for two is \$7.70. Check or PayPal to phoneman@nts-online.net.
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Western Electric Beveled *250* Nickel Transmitter: \$225
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Contact me at:
tndelta114@yahoo.com
Steve Cole

Wanted: Marked National Bell long pole receiver Single bell tap phones.

John Dresser

Fjdress@pacbell.net

also want the pictured arm below

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

web site mvtelonline.com (view my collection)

Wanted: American Toll coin collector. 29A-75, 29A-77 and other original upper housing keys stamped 29A and with unique serial numbers from the Regional Bell Companies that opened the upper housings of single slot payphones. Also looking for the locks that were in the upper of the WE single slot payphones from South Florida lock number 29A21. Original (not repro) keys and locks for the upper housings of Gray, AE, WE & NE 3 slot payphones. Wanted old and unusual payphones and parts. Gray, Western Electric etc. Parts such as hoppers, relays, coin chutes locks and key. Let me know what you have.

Also looking for WE 3 slot panel payphone model 235G, early 1A, 1E type single slot payphones, anything unusual. Beige Western Electric 1234, touch tone 3 slot payphone.

For Sale: All kinds of parts for Western Electric single slot payphones. NOS Western Electric/AT&T metal coin chutes for single slot payphones, also works if you have a Protel 4000/8000 chassis, \$40 each or 20 for \$20 each. NOS Medico locks with 2 keys that will fit both the upper housing and the vault, \$25 each. Original Western Electric 29A locks with a key that were what the Bell System single slot payphones had in the upper housing, 1 lock with a key \$25 or 2 locks with one key that opens both for \$40. These locks will fit the upper housing and the vault of single slot payphones made by Western Electric and also Northern Telecom. They will also fit the vault door of WE and NE 3 slot payphones. I also have Protel smart boards that you can use in a Western Electric 1D2 type payphone. You can install them and have them programmed how you want and the phone will work with coins. I have many other parts available including some nice Verizon embossed vault doors (\$20) and NOS black (\$25) and NOS stainless steel (30). ***Feel free to let me know what you need.***

BOOK FOR SALE - Limited print edition of my new book Stromberg-Carlson Telephones 1894-1984 History, Design, and Maintenance. This print version is limited to 100 copies.

This book is for anyone interested in antique/vintage telephones manufactured by Stromberg-Carlson. It provides the reader with a history of the company, descriptions and a list of their telephones, and a section on maintenance and restoration of vintage telephones. I am offering the book to ATCA members at cost. Get one before they are gone! Price \$13.80 + 4.00 shipping.(USA only, International will be at shipping cost)

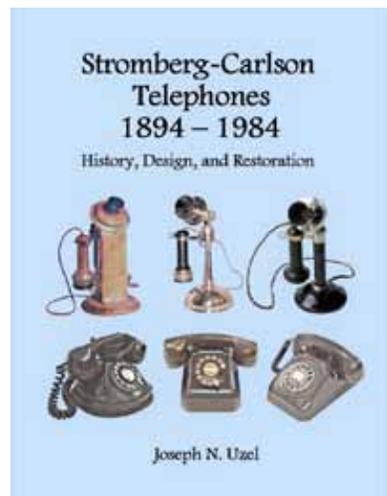
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Ricky's daughter Melanie drove him to the show and helped carry his goodies to his van.



John would never unload his trailer without his son Barry's help.



Don Scott's son Glenn also drove him to the show and helped with his sales.



Jim Engle's grandson Carter said forget the phones, give me Doritos



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.....

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