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Maitland Florida Winter Antique Telephone Show

Saturday January 18th 2014

641 South Maitland Ave.
Maitland, FL

Setup 7:00 am

Show opens to public at 8:00am

Tables \$25 additional tables \$20

Buyer only \$5

Coffee Donuts with Registration
Catered lunch available for purchase

**This weekend is also Renningers Antique
Extravaganza**

Early buyer day Fri the 17th
see Renningers.com Mount Dora, FL

Monday the 20th is Westside Webster Antique
Fleamarket (MLK holiday)

Also Antique tractor engine Swapmeet Jan
15-17 at Ft Meade floridaflywheelers.org

Register with



Paul Mikula
650 Chapman Ct.
Oviedo, FL 32765
wecoman@bellsouth.net
Phone: 407 365-4686

Museum quality collection of 426
antique telephones. Most are wooden sets
restored with original receivers.

The collection includes three
hundred all different restored wooden
extension bell sets with all kinds of odd
type gongs.

The collection also includes 40
different Sumter telephones. I would
describe my primary emphases as having
one great example of wooden wall phone
from each manufactures. The collection
was started in 1971 and includes a giant
collections of parts.

Parts include 300 restored
magneto's ready to be installed. The
sets are beautifully restored to original
condition and worthy of any museum.

Vanities, tandems, boxers, 2
boxers, single boxers and candlesticks
c-1880's- 1920.

Offering the entire collection at
or near what I have invested in it.

\$ 130,000.00.

Steve Howell
218 252-443-7188
howellantiques@earthlink.net.

A Special Gift

If you are looking
for a special gift for a friend
in the telephone industry,
give him or her a member-
ship in ATCA.

Just send \$30
and the name and address
to ATCA, PO Box 1252,
McPherson, KS 6746.

If you have not
sent in your own renewal
yet, now would be a good
time to do so as well.

Don Walton is still
accepting survey responses
although he has had a very
good response so far.

I am looking for-
ward to seeing collectors
at the FL show hosted by
Paul and also the KS show
hosted by Jerry Williams.

...*John Huckeby*

*John Clayborn is not kidding. When he posted in the October news-
letter that he wanted to give away desk phones to youth, several collectors
thought was a scam. Well, it is not. John refurbishes several desk sets and gives
them away for the postage only. So, if you know of a youth in your area who
would like an old dial telephone that works, then John will supply the phone
for the postage.... he just loves turning kids on to phones.*

Off the Wall and On Line with Donald Walton

Membership Survey

It has been said, "Gratitude is one of the most difficult of the emotions to express especially when it is felt deeply". I find it difficult to put in adequate words how overwhelmed I am by the response to our questionnaire. Your responses to this "Member Profile Questionnaire" will give us a true picture of what our members want from their membership in A.T.C.A. Although it is overwhelming at this time, I intend to compile the responses and get back to our members with the results. This will be sent back to all who responded. I am also deeply humbled by the nice phone calls received thanking me and your new board for attempting to communicate with the members to try to find out what your thoughts and reasons are for maintaining membership in A.T.C.A. It is important to us all. All comments that I received by separate letter or phone calls will be held in the strictest confidence and will go no further than me. I assure you of this. I find your candid remarks to be very constructive in revitalizing our organization. I can tell many of you are passionate in our hobby and are interested in preserving the history of communication made possible by the telephone. Again, thank you for your "off the record" comments. For those who have not had a chance to fill out a questionnaire and return it, you can find it in our November newsletter. It is in e-mail and hard copy form. Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any problem finding or filling out the questionnaire. You can reach me, Donald Walton, by phone (503-646-2079) or email (donaldwalton@comcast.net).

Membership Renewals

Maintaining and adding members to our organization is imperative to keep our club strong and progressive. To date, our survey has shown clearly that the number one factor in joining by our members was due to a family member or friend giving them an application. This is followed by those who worked for the phone company and heard about A.T.C.A. at their work. Nearly all who responded stated that we must add new members with new ideas with an emphasis on younger people with *their interests and ideas* in phones and communication. So, I ask you to give a friend, relative or telephone employee a membership application and ask them to join. Don't pass this off! Your board is working on a plan to benefit any members who bring in new members. Let's get going! Think of all the

Still Available for the 2013 Holidays

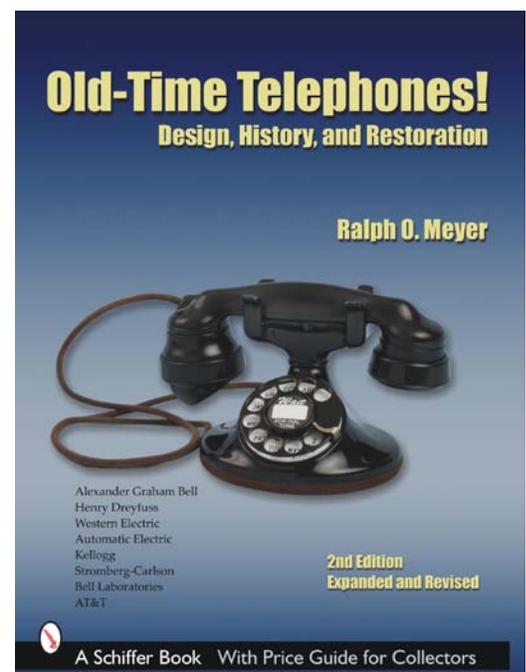
A year ago, we had just started Telephony-101 using this as our text book. If you're new to collecting or didn't go through the course last year, you can do it now at your own pace. All the class notes are still posted in the TCI Library at <http://www.telephonecollectors.info/index.php/telephony101>. No registration, fees, passwords or memberships are needed, and I will still try to answer all questions about the reading assignments for anyone going through the course. Naturally you will need a copy of the 2nd Edition of Old-Time Telephones (pictured above). Check out the 5-star rating on Amazon.com (currently \$25.66), and you can also get the book at some of the telephone supply places. For more information about the book see www.goeaston.net/~oldtimetelephones.

people we could ask to join. I feel we can assure them it will be worth their time and money!

One additional thought. The board intends to build up our cash reserves either by adding new members or by cash donations by those members who are fortunate or able to send a contribution. Contributions can be sent to Kristen at our A.T.C.A. office. These funds will allow us to take on projects beneficial to all our members. At this Thanksgiving and holiday time, I hope you will send an additional tax deductible gift to A.T.C.A. which you can deduct from your year-end tax return. Yes, this is a one-to-one contribution and deductible item. In other words, the full dollar amount donated to A.T.C.A. can be used as a tax deduction. Talk to your tax preparer as to how this will work for you. You can't lose! In addition, you help our club become stronger and more able to provide programs for the benefit of all of us. So let's just do it. I did it to start the ball rolling. Now it is your turn.

I've been off the wall and on line with you long enough so I will hang up now. Signing off but keep in touch.

...Donald Walton



Steve Hilsz #22 (928) 859-3595
 PO Box 429 jyds@tds.net
 Salome, AZ 85348

Your rotary dial lubricated and calibrated, still six dollars (plus major parts if needed). Got a telephone that you just can't get to work? I have over 45 year's experience in vintage telephone repair, and have helped many collectors. More details online at navysalvage.com.

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 or turquoise, any Card Dialer or keyset in pink, 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



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

Wanted

Broken damaged mouthpieces and receiver caps

I am looking to purchase damaged, chipped and cracked early telephone mouthpieces, bi-polar receivers and caps. I can only use them if the threads are still good. If the threads are functional I will pay one dollar each plus shipping or you send me 4 mouthpieces and I will send you back one repaired.

 Chuck Hensley
 510-339-1758
 cihensley@aol.com

For Trade

I have three Western Electric 500 sets in three of the discontinued colors - oxford gray, mahogany brown and Mediterranean blue - to trade for 8" "hubcap" signs that I don't have.



Western Electric 1904 20-B
 Candlestick

Attention All Phonatics

Oldphoneworks is pleased to announce that until Dec 31, ATCA members are eligible to receive a \$5 shipping credit on orders greater than \$50, and a \$10 shipping credit on orders greater than \$100.

To redeem your coupon simply enter coupon code ATCA\$5 or ATCA\$10 on checkout at www.oldphoneworks.com or call 1-800-843-1320 and mention the ATCA shipping special when you place your order.

Don Woodbury

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1-800-843-1320

 John Huceby
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 New Castle, IN 47362
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For Sale

Williams 3 jug..... \$475
 Federal wall oak switchboard.....
 \$675, email for photos

 Al Farmer
 5023 S. 69th St.
 Lincoln, NE 68516
 402-489-7733
af90004@windstream.net

For Sale

- 1) "20-B" is stamped into back of perch (no other stampings as are often seen)
- 2) Western Electric Co. and 1904 stamped into top of base
- 3) Overall nickel very good (only exception is back of trans cup nickel is duller than rest)
- 4) Base has original green cloth cover (with a few small "age" holes)
- 5) Receiver cord is original thin brown "striped" in very good condition
- 6) Transmitter is marked "Western Electric Co. 250W"
- 7) MP is original WE
- 8) Transmitter cup is well marked on back with Am Bell Tel Co. 1892
- 9) Pony receiver is in like-new condition, with no chips or dings. No lettering on receiver

Price \$415 including shipping & insurance to US.

Mark Treutelaar
emberridge@yahoo.com
414 425 1622

HELP!

I need lots of worn Western Electric #6 dial plates

Mark Peterson
11413 149th Ave. KP N
Gig Harbor, WA. 98329
253-279-5688

kimberkid@comcast.net

Wanted

7A lock working or not for Gray #13 A refrigerator shape collector.

WANTED

Plastic advertising dialers for rotary telephones. NO metal ones. Typically they run about 3 inches in length.

Lee Thompson #883
4290 Lakeside Blvd
Monroe, GA 30655
770-266-6708
jjtl340@windstream.net

Always wanted to put your hands on Western Electric Equipment? Are you interested in buying various Telephones, Key System Units? The list is too long. (Princess, Space sever, Touch O Matic Rotary & T.T), N.O.S.. More to come.

Larry B. Chase

Contact us to make an appointment

TelAntique@aol.com
718-961-2929

Tom Adams ATCA #213
7709 Fairlake Dr.
Wake Forest, NC 27587
919-761-8784
tom.adams1@nc.rr.com

Wanted

Two (2) Stromberg Carlson early switchboard parts as pictured here. Surly someone has a couple of these.



Lynn Noller #699
lynnnoller@aol.com
970-454-2018

WANTED:

1. WE type 21 2-box.
2. WE type 85 fiddleback.
3. American Electric single-box swing-away.
4. Oak door in good condition for Strowger wall phone.
5. Rosette and mouthpiece for Manhattan 1461 transmitter.
6. WE 167W watchcase receiver.
7. WE (*) mouthpiece (need 3).
8. WE crank handle.
9. WE directory hook.
10. WE slotted gongs (smaller size) with good original nickel.

David Martin
6016 Sheaff Lane
Fort Washington, PA 19034
215 628-9490

For Sale

1. Pocket mirror 2" round "Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company" etc L&LD \$85
2. Badge 1 5/8" round, unmarked blue bell, "Providence Telephone Co" #15 \$100
3. Fob with strap, Western Electric, with a non dial stick on one side and a map of the United States on the other, "Save Time and Freight. Telephone our nearest house, dynamo, motors, telephones, supplies " brass 1 1/2" \$165
4. Pin 1 1/2 " nickel plated in the shape of a Strowger dial finger wheel "Columbus Citizens Telephone Company" \$175
5. Brass W.E. #5 Dial Finger Wheels \$5 each

Wanted

Dialtone generator and interrupter. Would like solid state unit but if you have just the dialtone generator that would be fine. Call me at 315-785-9108 or email me at rkish2@verizon.net . Thanks Bob Kish.

Jon Kolger No. 561
6906 Meade Drive
Colleyville, TX 76034
(817)-329-5262
jkolger@gte.net

WANTED

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.

Mark Johnston
mark4589@hotmail.com
Weekday: 410-970-7067
Cell: 443-244-2825

Wanted

DIALS:

2A Marked 2A with early governor housing.
5H or 6A dial Dated 3-54

Dial Face Plate

IV 39, IV-40, I-41, III-41, IV-41 II-45

NEW MEMBERS

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Phoenix Electric Telephone Co.
By Tom Adams ATCA #213



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PHOENIX ELECTRIC TELEPHONE CO.
443-445 GREENWICH STREET, NEW YORK.

January 4, 1902 Electrical World 113

If you are reading this article in a black and white Newsletter copy, I suggest, that if there is any way possible for you to read it online in color, please do. It is the only way to really appreciate the beauty of the unusual original finish on this rare potbelly desk telephone.

I do not own the telephone, but was fortunate enough to have it for a few days in order to clean the dirt and grime from many years storage off the phone and correct a few small issues on it.

I'm not sure what the original finish is or how it was applied, but I'm absolutely positive it is factory original. The copper flashing can be seen on the inside of the transmitter which probably hadn't been apart in 100 years. It was also visible on the inside of the base underneath the fiber board contact strip. All the screws were

completely finished with the same coating. Maybe they fired the parts in copper with oil, who knows, but I've not seen it before on a telephone.

The hook was slightly bent and needed to be straightened. Notice the burnt orange finish with streaks of copper running through it



The transmitter insides are rather interesting.



Note the double set of contacts on the collar.





Top of base prior to cleaning, copper visible inside



An interesting read from an early Phoenix Catalog

Phoenix Interior Telephone Company

INCORPORATED NOVEMBER 27, 1894.

IN issuing this the second edition of our complete telephone catalogue, we wish to call particular attention to a few essential points as embodied in the construction of the high art telephones of our manufacture.

Believing that those who invest their money in independent telephone exchanges in competition with the "great monopoly" are well served only when they have the very best instruments that science has up to the present day placed within their reach, we have since our organization catered only to that class of telephone users who wish in purchasing their equipment to have instruments that can be relied on at all times and under all circumstances to give the most exacting service, and that will continue to be effective not for one month or two months, but as long as the materials of which they are composed will last. In its best form the telephone of to-day calls for precisely the conditions of manufacture that have characterized the Phoenix Interior Telephone Company's factory since its foundation, namely, the genius to originate, the intelligence to practically apply, the skill to construct, severe inspection of each individual part, reputation that must be maintained at any cost, and a guarantee that means something. Thus the buyer of our telephones always feels that the money he has paid is money well invested and secures for him also the

satisfaction of knowing that he has the best in telephone construction that money can buy or that skill can produce. In fact, our trade-mark is everywhere accepted as a

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guarantee of superiority in quality, workmanship, durability, and attention to details, beyond which there is nothing to expect. It is acknowledged by the trade generally that in the field of strictly high-grade telephones, those that are made to give enduring service, that will not pack or get out of order, the product of our factory is second to none in the world.





Individual station numbers (shown on left) show the copper flashing covering the threads.

The original wooden base was missing and was duplicated as shown in the catalog cut above. The below photos show the front and side views of this beautiful copper flashed Phoenix Desk set cleaned and ready for display with the mouthpiece, receiver and new base cover.



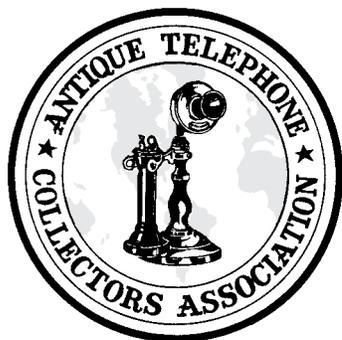
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Happy Holidays, ATCA members! My name is Kristen Reynolds, and I am your new office manager. While I have no knowledge of antique telephones, I do have a love of antiques in general. The home that I share with husband, Brian, and children, Dan – 16 & Lindy – 13, contains quite a number of antiques, including 2 telephones. So, I



think it is pretty neat that I get to work for a group that loves to collect and preserve the history of telephones! I spent the previous 22 years of my working life as an occupational therapist, so while I'm on quite a learning curve right now to learn this job, I commit to doing whatever I can to support you, the members of this fantastic club.