



ATCA  
P.O. Box 1252  
McPherson, KS 67460

Chartered  
1971

AN INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATED  
WITH THE MUSEUM OF  
INDEPENDENT TELEPHONY OF  
ABILENE, KANSAS  
620-245-9555

Official ATCA Web Page: <http://www.atcaonline.com>

VOLUME 44, NUMBER 9

NEWSLETTER

September 2014

Check our website at [www.atcaonline.com](http://www.atcaonline.com)

Address change?? Send it to: ATCA, P O Box 1252, McPherson, KS 67460

Send all ads to: ATCA, 2440 W. CR 150 N., New Castle, IN 47362 Email ads to [j.huckeby@comcast.net](mailto:j.huckeby@comcast.net)



**O**ur ATCA webmaster, Chuck Eby, is looking for volunteers who can work on the ATCA webpage. The board has authorized the purchase of additional web space in order to implement added features. We are seeking members who are at least moderately proficient in MySQL data base, html and/or php, java script and other web design programs. If you can help, please email [chuck9@atcaonline.com](mailto:chuck9@atcaonline.com) so we can start a conversation.

### Tired of working for someone else?

If you want your passion for phones to become a means of making a living, then contact us.

Our 40 plus years has made this a "shovel ready" business.

Pay phones, candlesticks, wood wall, new and old parts.... just waiting for you to buy.  
Talk to us... we are ready to retire!

Ron Knappen #45  
PO Box 70  
19813 E. Mill Rd  
Galesville, WI 54630  
608 582 4124  
608 582 2263 (Ron)  
[phonecoinc@aol.com](mailto:phonecoinc@aol.com)  
[www.phonecoinc.com](http://www.phonecoinc.com)

Mark Johnston  
[mark4589@hotmail.com](mailto:mark4589@hotmail.com)  
Weekday: 410-970-7067  
Cell: 443-244-2825

#### GRAY PAYSTATIONS WANTED

8A, 13A, 14J, 23C, 23J Aluminum  
Coin Drawer for Gray 23J Aluminum  
23J Parts Wanted: Everything that is attached to the back plate, contacts, hook, contact board etc.

#### WE PHONES WANTED

#10 Candlestick Nickel Finish marked "10" on the perch.  
#10 Candlestick BLACK with "10 PATENT APPLIED FOR" on the perch.  
#22 with a Marked or Unmarked Perch, Black or Nickel Finish  
#140 AL non-dial stick.

#### 302s WANTED

1936  
1937 1-37, 3-37  
1938 9-38  
1942 10, 11 or 12-42  
1943-45 w/Metal Housing  
1954 3-54

#### WE CANDLESTICK PARTS WANTED

Threaded Receiver caps for 122 OST, 143 and 144 Receivers.  
1- Transmitter, \*229\* or 7 digit, Black  
1- Black Transmitter Cup with solid lug and hole for transmitter wire.  
Lug that attaches the base to the stem on model 22 sticks.  
Glass or Porcelain Mouthpieces with W E threads.  
Candlestick Advertising Attachments.

#### WE DIALS WANTED

4H or 5H dated IV-37, 6-45  
6A dial Dated 3-54

New old stock (original NE mfg) made likely in the 1960's or 1970's Original 21B keys \$19. ea. labeled 21-B-44, N42 862.

Each is numbered with this 5 digit number. Also a few original 29S keys \$19.00

There are few accumulations of payphones available and we care not to continue wheeling and dealing in them. Once we are void, the end will likely be, until then, we may acquire "inventory" which would help us complete our now incompletes (such as top or bottom housings, coin gauges and a few other parts.

.....Ron Knappen #45

Mark Treutelaar [emberridge@yahoo.com](mailto:emberridge@yahoo.com)  
414 425 1622

#### Wanted

I need dial card retainer rings for Western Electric dials in quantity . I can also use AE

Also looking for 29s Payphone locks .  
**For sale** #2HB #2 AA and #2AB nickel finger stops with screws \$24.99. I also have a small amount of plain ones with no engraving.

WE 202 bottom screws, new \$5 each New brass AE type 38 handset bands, newly plated. Get rid of those dented ones We also have AE40 handset caps with chrome bands... New \$55 Used originals in nice shape \$45

A locked cash box, no keys and Paul Vaverchak's work lives on.

A short while back I was faced with a real dilemma. I had acquired a new item for my collection and I was consumed with restoring this telephone to my liking and hanging it on my wall in the collection room.

My latest addition was an 1890's Gray silver dollar pay station in walnut or cherry, (I'm not sure yet) . This wooden pay station is the earliest I have had with the arched top porcelain instruction sign and the rectangular patent date plate having a short list of early patent dates that I have seen.

My dilemma was that the coin drawer was locked (with coins inside) but no key was included with the set. I have heard of other members who have these pay stations and were missing keys as well. While there has been some discussion around how to enter metal coin collectors and some of the three slot pay stations I don't recall ever hearing anyone discussing entering these wooden pay stations.

I was told by other members that these locks cannot be picked and I was out of luck. A fellow collector, Gary Zaperelli had recently picked up a super nice and early Gray #2 pay station with battery compartment and he too had a drawer locked with no key. Like me, Gary had tried the local lock smiths who said "sure I can get it opened" only to find they would have no more success than previous lock smiths who have tried . As Gary experienced, after the lock smith failed to "pick the lock" they would offer to drill out the old Corbin lock and replace it with a reasonable replacement. "This lock is over100 years old!" Gary exclaimed, only to be told by the lock smith "well then, you'd better find a 100 year old lock smith to work on it!" As shown here these old Corbins are extremely hard to find because they have a 1 1/2" diameter face as opposed to the more common 1" face.



This is where Paul Vaverchak comes in. Paul, as many of us know, is Mr. Locksmith and telephone key guru. With is recent passing we have lost a real asset to our club and collectors organization. It was maybe a month or so before his passing that I called him and asked him for advice on my lock. Paul said over the years he has only found one of these locks so replacement is not an option as for drilling it out "he would rather drill the individual who would even suggest that option. Because his hands did not follow his will and his eyes were gone he said there was no way he could do it for me. He also said I would have to find a good lock smith, a person who really knows what he is doing with these old locks. Besides himself he said he only knew of two other fellas he would even recommend to look at the lock (great, here I am in California and there are only two people who could work on my lock!) Paul said there was a fella he knew in Philadelphia and one other out on the West coast in California!!!!

The person he knew out on the West coast is Bob Heilemann. Bob lives about 220 miles South of me but fortunately, Bob's shop is on the way to my mom's house so a trip to see mom was high on my upcoming list! I contacted Gary Zaparelli who lives reasonably close to Bob's shop so we were both excited that we finally found someone who could work on our locks and make a key for our pay stations. I contacted Bob and he agreed to look at our pay station locks. Gary had arrived at Bob's shop before I did and I was impressed to see Bob hard at work on Gary's pay station. Bob started with a cold steel blank, cut the horizontal groves and then began working it into the lock and twisting the blank in order to get pin impressions. That process worked itself over and over, again & again as he slipped the blank in and twisted. Because I had come a long distance Bob offered to work on my lock so I could get on the road, Gary agreed and the process continued. It turns out that the last pin to the rear on my lock was broken and had fallen in a down ward position. Bob told me the only way he could first repair my lock and then make a key was for me to remove the lock from the wooden phone and cast iron lock box, a task easier said than done as I would soon find out. I began to remove many parts and wooden panels on the set to get to the coin box and lock. I discovered that the back board is held onto the metal cash box with a square nut and a tapered head bolt from the inside. The two side panels have round head bolts with square nuts on the inside of the cash box so access to unscrew these items just wasn't possible. **So access to unscrewing these items -**





The screws holding the lock to the front panel are from the inside of the metal cash drawer and cast iron safe box, in other words, I couldn't get to any of the screws and nuts to remove the box or the lock. Considering my options and with a lot of planning I decided to drill out the screws from the back of the back board saving the nuts which would allow me to remove the cash box from the back board. The back board was attached to the side walls by tapered head screws which was no problem removing. Working from the back of the backboard I carefully punched a center hole on the screw end and drilled out each screw. I was successful and have since had two replacement screws made and saved the old style square nuts.



The metal cash box was free from the backboard!! But now the lock was still encased in the cash box. My only option left to get to the lock and its holding screws was to drill one or two holes into the back of the cash box and then using a long slotted screw driver to remove the four screws holding the lock in place. Once I drilled the holes through the back of the cash box I simply kept drilling forward and through the cash box sheet metal thus aligning the holes which allowed me to slip the screw driver in and remove each of the four retaining screws.



I was able to slip a small mirror into a slot in the box, hold a small mag light and hold a long shaft screw driver ( a pretty good trick since I only have two hands). Once I removed the four screws the lock fell back and drawer slid open. It was off to Bob's shop for the necessary repairs.



This last photo is of my restored Gray #2 Silver dollar pay station. Even though I had to drill two quarter inch screws into the cash box it was necessary in order to open the box, repair the lock and have keys made, with the backboard in place the holes are not visible.

Even though he was in poor health, Paul Vaverchak was able to assist two collectors and continue his work with collectors and telephone locks by putting us in contact with Bob Heilemann who he had confidence in. As it turns out Bob had two NOS 1 1/2" Corbin locks that have gone on to two other collectors with silver dollar pay stations missing a lock. If you have a lock problem I highly recommend you contact Bob. He is a great person to deal with and has a passion for old locks. Bob Heilamann can be contacted at 1427 Lincoln Boulevard, Santa Monica Calif 90401 or his telephone number of 310-562-5095. Bob even does Email at [locksmann@earthlink.net](mailto:locksmann@earthlink.net).

Good luck with your projects, John Dresser



**What Is It!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Ever Seen One?**

By Tom Adams ATCA #213 9/1/2014

I seriously doubt it. This phone's cabinet modeled after American Bell's Type 68 was produced by the Kundtz Company and specially equipped by Western Electric Company for Theodor Kundtz, a cabinetmaker who was born in Unter-Metzenseifen, Hungary (Medzev, Slovakia) in 1852 and in 1871 at age 19 immigrated from Hungary to Cleveland, Ohio.



He eventually became a manufacturing tycoon. By the turn of the century, he had 2,500 employees working for him. He began working as a cabinetmaker and soon established his own businesses producing sewing machine cabinets for White Sewing Machine Co., school furniture, fancy carved interiors for churches and designing and manufacturing automobile bodies for many different companies in the early 1900's. By 1915 Kundtz owned five plants in Cleveland and a lumberyard in Lakewood (northern Bunts Road area).

He built a magnificent mansion at 13826 Edgewater Drive that resembled a baronial castle. It was located on his 5-acre Lake Avenue estate, and built during a four-year period from 1898-1902. It was inspired by the grandiose castles of Europe that its owner had seen as a boy. The "castle" was Lakewood's largest and most elegant mansion. It was built on property that originally extended north from Lake Ave. to the lake. It included a ballroom, a bowling alley, a music room with dozens of stained-glass windows, a third-floor ballroom, a five-story tower and eight fireplaces. It was adorned with woodcarving masterpieces.



*Second Presbyterian Church, Washington, Pa., Nicklar and Rodick, Cleveland, O., Architects*

**CHANCEL  
FURNITURE  
AND PEWS  
BY KUNDTZ  
CRAFTSMEN**

*Detail of Reredos*

An interior of permanent beauty is assured when Kundtz craftsmanship is specified for the chancel furniture, pews and decorative wood carving in any church. Kundtz craftsmen carry on the Gothic tradition that reredos, pulpit, clergy chairs and pews must always remain an integral part of the architectural design. The Theodor Kundtz Company maintains an architectural division of planning and designing for the builder and the architect.



He had every room finished in a different kind of wood, these included walnut, sycamore, maple, cherry, quartered oak, satinwood and mahogany. He sought out highly skilled craftsmen from his factory to hand carve interior decorations and make the furniture, and engaged artists to bedeck walls and ceilings with murals. It was the most elegant home in Lakewood.

This special telephone is made from SATINWOOD, a beautiful light-colored hard wood, having a rich, silky luster, sometimes finely

mottled or grained, the produce of a moderate-sized tree, *Chioroxylon Swietenia* (natural order Meliaceae), native of India and Ceylon. Satin-wood was in request for rich furniture about the end of the 18th century, the fashion then being to ornament panels of it with painted medallions and floral scrolls and borders.



Note the angled back made for mounting of the phone. There was a desk and book case set, that sold at the same auction where this telephone was sold. It was VERY elaborate. The outside edges of the book case and desk had huge lions facing out away from the pieces. I purchased the phone in 2004 from the person who bought it at auction. I'm 99% certain this set would have been mounted on the desk or close to it and the transmitter attached to the desk similar to a vanity. The following are photos of a Western Electric Type 68 top box used on Silver Dollar paystations and other cabinet style telephones for comparison.



Information for this article was taken from the "The Lakewood Historical Society" in addition to other internet sources.  
<http://lakewoodhistory.org/kundtz/>



Has a piece of wood missing from corner



John Huckeby  
2440 W. CR. 150 N.  
New Castle, IN 47362  
765-686-0189 j.huckeby@comcast.net

***NEED! transmitter and cup  
for  
an International candlestick***

HERB MCCARTNEY, # 279  
Rome, GA 30161  
ray706@bellsouth.net  
706-235-9972

**For Sale**

Telephone publications & promotional package. This grouping includes LEGACY & PROMISE, the story of Southern Bell; Copy of original manuscript of American Tell T & T Co, the first System annual report dated 3/29/ 1884; Booklet HOW THE TELEPHONE WORKS, JUNE/1979; Bellsouth Coloring book for emergency 911; SBT&T Hammond large world map; and reprints of the 1881 Atlanta and the Rome, Ga 1898 first directories. In addition there is a large assortment--at least 40 telephone advertising and promotional items--such as pens, pencils, rulers, balloons, key chains, etc. At least 30 different. Nothing such as pens or balloons, etc are guaranteed to operate. For example of different promotional items only. \$ 10.00

The Telephone Book by H. M. Boettinger. New, in original box. Never opened. Additionally there is a soft back used copy of The First 100 Years by Brooks. \$ 10.00.

Twelve copies of 1950's and 60's SOUTHERN TELEPHONE NEWS, Employee magazine of Southern Bell. They are: 1956--Oct, Nov & Dec; 1963--Jan & Feb; 1964--Apr, May, Jul, Oct, & Nov.; and Dec 65 and Jan 66. \$ 18.00

Four copies of SCENE, Employee magazine of Southwestern Bell. Nov & Dec of 1976 and Feb & April of 1977. \$ 4.00

All items PLUS Media Mail Shipping. NO paypal.

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

Dial repair six dollars flat rate plus major parts. Calibrate your analog touch-tone pads and clean the switches \$5. Postage extra.

***FOR SALE***

500 – Desk model rotary dial-New-Colors:Brown,Cherry,Green \$75.00  
554 – Wall model rotary dial-New-Gold Color - \$48.00  
2554 – Mini wall touch tone NEW-Colors Ash-\$98.00,White-\$145. Yellow-\$165  
Ivory \$145.Blue & Green - Recondition-\$125  
2575 – 2 line digital dial#2575. New-Colors:Beige,Black,White,Brown-\$85.00  
SC1810 – 3 line mechanical hold, wall, rotary dial-Reco-\$59.00  
SC2810 – 3 line mechanical hold T.T. Wall-Like New-\$89.00  
Touch-o-matic – Western Electric up to 5 line rotary dial desk-\$ 235.00 or best offer.  
Touch-o-matic – Western Electric up to 5 lines touch tone dial desk--285.00-or best offer.  
Connecticut Steel – Army phone made of steel. Rotary dial antique-\$35.00  
GTE 80R – similar to 500. Rotary dial desk type, antique white\_New in Box-\$55.00  
ITT Trendline rotary dial(Like W.E. Trimline) White, New In Box (NIB) Desk \$22.00  
ITT Gold Desk – Trendline Touchtone- \$\$29.00  
Western Electric Trimline Touch Tone-New-Colors: Red,Ivory,Blue,Turqise,Beige-\$75.00  
?? Sign “Bell System- Pay Phone”  
For info,  
Please call or E.Mail  
718-961-2929  
TelAntique@aol.com

**Wanted**

**Top boxes, bottom boxes and transmitter boxes with burl wood front.**

John dresser  
22584 Veronica Dr  
Salinas, Calif 93908

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

**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**

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.

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

**ANTIQUe TELEPHONE COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION**

P.O. Box 1252

McPherson, Kansas 67460

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NONPROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE

**PAID**

NEW CASTLE, IN

47362

PERMIT NO. 22



**Board Members**

Dennis Fowler, 238.....2015  
9418 Sandstone St  
Houston, TX 77036  
713-774-4262  
dcfowler@sbcglobal.net

Craig Stanowski, 4249..2015  
354 Seaton Drive  
Oakville, ON L6L 3Y1  
CANADA  
905-825-2955  
maxtwo@cogeco.ca

John Decker, 2684.....2016  
9634 Greenbriar Dr.  
Cleveland, OH 44130  
440-888-7192  
steelsupplyjohn@gmail.com

Al Ilekis, 1002.....2016  
204 Lawton Rd  
Riverside, IL 60546  
708-442-8676  
Ilekis@aol.com

Barry Huckeby, 3566...2017  
10406 Hardwood Ct.  
Freeland, MI 48623  
765-749-9479  
huckfamily5@att.net

Norm Mulvey, 379...2017  
310 Thorntown Ln.  
Canton, GA 30115  
770-844-6277  
normsteel@aol.com

**President**

Tom Herwer, 18...2014  
71 Vancouver Lane  
Port Townsend, WA 98368  
360-344-3449  
mox-nix@cablespeed.com

**Vice President**

Lynn Graves, 372...2014  
5700 Xenon Ct  
Arvada, CO 80002  
303-431-1615  
lggraves57@msn.com

FOR TRADE



Western Electric GN4676 (picture) for a WeCo light grey 1554; or a Nevada Bell 8" hubcap sign; or any 2 of the following 8" hubcap signs: Pacific Telephone, Southwestern, Northwestern, Indiana, Wisconsin, Southern California, C&P. Will also purchase these items if trade not desired.

Chuck Hensley

510-339-1758

cihensley@aol.com