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## North Texas Antique Telephone Show

Time is running out to send in your registration for the upcoming North Texas Antique Telephone Show. Don't miss out on your opportunity to be a part of this inaugural event. We hope to see you in McKinney, Texas on May 18.

**EVENT:** First Annual North Texas Antique Telephone Show

**DATE:** May 18, 2013.

**PLACE:** Stonebridge United Methodist Church  
1800 S. Stonebridge Drive  
McKinney TX, 75071  
(McKinney is a northern suburb of Dallas)

**TIME:** Exhibitor set up starts at 8:00am.  
(You must be registered to enter at 8:00am).  
Buying and selling is allowed at 8:00am. Doors open 10:00am for non-exhibitors and non-collectors. Show will end by 3:00pm

**COSTS:** Registration: \$10.00  
First table: \$15.00  
Extra tables: \$20.00 each  
General admission for non-registered: \$5.00

Registration form and details will be available on the web site: <http://reddialtone.com/ntats.htm>

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For a map: <http://goo.gl/maps/6EIyi> <http://goo.gl/maps/6EIyi> GPS coordinates: 33.185,-96.7146

Plan on attending the first telephone collector's show in north Texas in over 20 years.

## 2013 National Show Shipshewana, Indiana Farmstead INN August 30 & 31

Friday, August 30  
Unloading & set-up: Noon - 5 pm  
**No selling during set-up**

Friday, August 30  
Meal at 6 pm  
Show opens at 7:45 pm - 10 pm

Saturday, August 31  
Show opens 8 am - 4 pm  
Auction - 1 pm

NOTE: If you have advertising signs for sale other than telephones, you are encouraged to bring them. They will be tagged and placed in a reserved section as the Amish are very good buyers of advertising signs. (see page 8 for registration info)

Hotel Registration  
260-768-4595  
request ATCA block

**National Show.....Farmstead Inn, Shipshewana, IN..... August 30-31, 2013**

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**FOR SALE**

- ☐ 1. Tele-rest new in its box adjustable telephone shoulder cradle. H.H. Renneker san diego 9 , california, with a picture of a man using One on his fl handset. Frees both hands while phoning. Metal and Plastic, black, clamps on. \$35
- ☐ 2. Rest a phone new in its box, with a picture of a woman using one on Her fl handsets, leaves both hands free, plastic, black, clips on. \$30
- ☐ 3. Receive-ease, telephone shoulder rest, type g1, with a picture of a Woman using one on her g handset, black plastic, new in its box, Advertising law motor freight inc. Nashua, n.H., Snaps on. \$30
- ☐ 4. TELSTAR COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE, BELL TELEPHONE LABORATORIES, Paperweight wood base with plexiglass and a satellite sticking our the Outer space. \$90

**FOR SALE**

- ☐ NOS Western Electric S3N switchboard cords, 5' 6" long, slate, with 309 plugs, used on 608 cord boards. \$3 each
  - ☐ WE D4BC cords, used. These are coiled mounting cords, which are quite rare.They have lead lengths and strain reliefs that make them usable for 302's and 500's. Black. Total of four. Three are in good shape (\$10), one is badly stretched out (\$5), but can probably be re-coiled on a rod and heated, which would be worth the effort on less common cords such as these.
  - ☐ Reliable R-66E4-25-G terminal blocks. These allow you to add a female Amphenol type connector to a raw ended 25 pair cable. NOS, no covers, have eight, \$5 each.
  - ☐ (5) no name G handsets, black, with extra long hardwired cords, appear to be unused, but a little scratched up from storage, no transmitter or receiver elements, \$5 each
  - ☐ (2) S-C G6 amplified handsets, black, as removed from service, dated in the 70's. \$5 each Thanks!
- Jeremy J. Walters

**FOR SALE--**

Three Gray Silver dollar Paystations.  
☐ The first one is the Six foot Paystation with the 'Mickey Mouse' ears In Quarter sawn Oak, This Phone is 100% original. it has the wrong top box on it, but that is easily Remedied. This phone was cleaned in the 1950's and has literally been in a time capsul til now. I Inspected all three of these phones and have determined they are 100% original- No Replaced parts Original Coin Chutes, Original Vault with 2 keys, Original Tags Absolutely beautiful piece. ☐ The next Paystation is a Walnut S.D. Paystation, Again 100% correct, it has a Type21 Topbox, Original Tags, Original Cast iron Coin chute, again a very beautiful Piece. It Does not have an Armrest, It has an area on the left side where the holes are drilled for it, but I Believe it has never been installed. ☐ the last payphone is the cast iron

silver dollar payphone- i heard that These were used In alaska on military bases- anyway it has the original coin chute, the Original Tag, and a metal top box will go with it.  
*Interested parties can email me for photos--only ask if you are serious. About owning these.*  
Thanks--John I

**FOR SALE**

- ☐ WESTERN ELECTRIC Black handset cords H4BF, all approx. 4 feet in length for early WE 500 Desk sets. Nearly all are dated in 1955. \$6.00 each or \$195 for all 43.
- ☐ A few show signs of storage (dirty) and some have taken a "set" after nearly 50 years and need to be hung up with weights to allow the plastic to Re-form. Other than that, the conductors are still supple and these would complete some person's early #500 color or black phone restoration. All plus postage. Dick Pitzer (937) 901-1560

ROBERT F. KISH.  
933 Leray Street # 213  
Watertown, New York 13601

**WANTED:**

- ☐ Bank of western electric line and cutoff relays (would like 2 ) ea-29 And ea-35. Must not be damaged and would like the covers also.
- ☐ Still Looking for a tone plant also. Email me at rkish2@verizon.Net or call 315-785-9108.

**BARRY ATCA #1262**

**WANTED**

All, I am in need of a lock for a Gray Half-dollar paystation. Back in the day I would have checked with Odis Levier but not sure who would have one now. I have the coin drawer, just need the lock that goes on it. <http://atcaonline.com/pictures/?id=369432533>

CHUCK HENSLEY  
510-339-1758  
[cihensley@aol.com](mailto: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.

JON KOLGER NO. 561  
6906 Meade Drive  
Colleyville, TX 76034  
(817)-329-5262  
[jkolger@gte.net](mailto: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?

STEVE HILSZ #22  
P.O. Box 429  
Salome, AZ 85348  
(928) 859-3595  
JYDSK@TDS.NET

**FOR SALE**

Like-new ITT black handset plastics (no elements) with a coiled cord. These were from a company that installed different handsets and these take-offs were put into storage. These are offered for use with payphones, etc. The handset cords are spade-ended so can be used for various other phones. \$3.50 each. I also have some Bell System F-1 handsets complete with elements for \$5 each. Postage extra. I am still repairing dials, six dialers plus major parts. THANK, JOHN. THE CANDLESTICK PHONE & BOX YOU SOLD VIC ARATA TURNED OUT VERY NICELY.

GEORGE PSALTIS  
gpsaltis1@gmail.com  
864-574-0035  
730 Moonridge Dr  
Spartanburg, SC 29369

**FOR SALE:**

Former member would like to sell his entire telephone collection. He has over 200 telephones – wall phones, stick, etc as well as some parts – magnetos, receivers, etc.

RON CHRISTIANSON #822  
P O Box 43  
Cave Junction, OR 97523  
Home phone 541.592.4123  
Email 4123@frontiernet.net  
Web http://www.museumphones.com



**FOR SALE OR TRADE:**

Western Electric Repeating coils (see photo)

RON CHRISTIANSON #822  
P O Box 43  
Cave Junction OR 97523  
Home phone 541.592.4123  
Email 4123@frontiernet.net  
Web http://www.museumphones.com

**FOR SALE:**

Western Electric/Bell System Crimp On Strain Reliefs. Six pairs (both ends). Made for cloth and rubber cords. \$15 to your door.

DAVID FRIEDMAN  
(310) 837-3089  
mommabirdie@netzero.net

**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!

**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

MIKE DONOVAN 2958  
636 W. Rio San Pedro  
Green Valley, Az. 85614  
520-625-1608 Hm  
520-260-1582 Cell.

**WANTED.**

1. Security Lock that mounts on the back cover for a Gray coin collector. 2. A set of arms for a Gray coin collector that attach a stick phone to the housing. The set I need is the one that has different size arms, one shorter than the other.

**ITEMS FOR SALE.**

1. Western Electric 354 wall set in black. This is a manual set with original dial plate cover and straight handset cord. Very nice condition. \$50.00  
2. Western Electric 302 in Ivory. This set has straight cloth cords and some slight fading. There is a small crack in the back where the mounting cord comes through. \$100.00  
3. Kellogg dial candlestick converted to manual use. It has the original dial hole cover. No receiver, mouthpiece, or cords. \$75.00  
4. For sale or will trade. Large six foot building sign. Mountain States Tel. and Tel. and American Tel. and Tel. on the sign. There is some damage on the porcelain. Pics available. \$250.00. I will also trade it towards an original Gray 23D or for a candlestick phone of equal value.  
5. One T key for a single slot. \$5.00  
6. Victorian era type speaking tube. I believe this one is a later model. \$95.00  
7. Western Electric F-1 handsets. One ivory and one rose beige. Ivory is \$40 and rose beige is \$50.  
8. Western Electric type 1001 metal handset. \$10.00  
All plus shipping.

JOHN DRESSER ATCA #406  
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831-484-1961  
22584 Veronica Dr.  
Salinas, Calif 93908

**WANTED**

Top boxes and telephones with a crank on the front door  
Transmitter boxes  
Top boxes with burled wood front doors.  
Need a National bell long pole receiver. Thanks,

BRUCE PATTERSON 1226  
23 South Berlin Pike  
Lovettsville Va 20180  
540 822 4730  
bruce@phonewizard.com

**WANTED**

Oxford Grey WE 500, Clear 500 any brand.

MARK TREUTELAAR  
414-425-1623  
emberridge@yahoo.com.

**WANTED**

Stromberg Carlson 1177 or 1178 handsets .I need 12 handsets.

**WANTED**

Original 10G keys WE 1234g touch tone 3 slot payphone  
Older lead coin chute for payphone  
Cast coin gauge for 3 slot payphone  
Backboard from early WE payphone such as 161A 162A etc  
Old WE 2 coil coin relay  
Other payphone parts Thanks Mike

MICHAEL MITCHELL  
mdmzoila@hotmail.com



**FOR SALE**

Kellogg dial stick with extension ringer , asking \$175 plus shipping.

RON KNAPPEN  
608 582 2263

**WANT TO BUY:**

For 1880-1892 Ericsson wall phones: One crown and 2 bottom covers. These are narrower than the post-1914 models which are steel w/wood front panel. Repros welcome

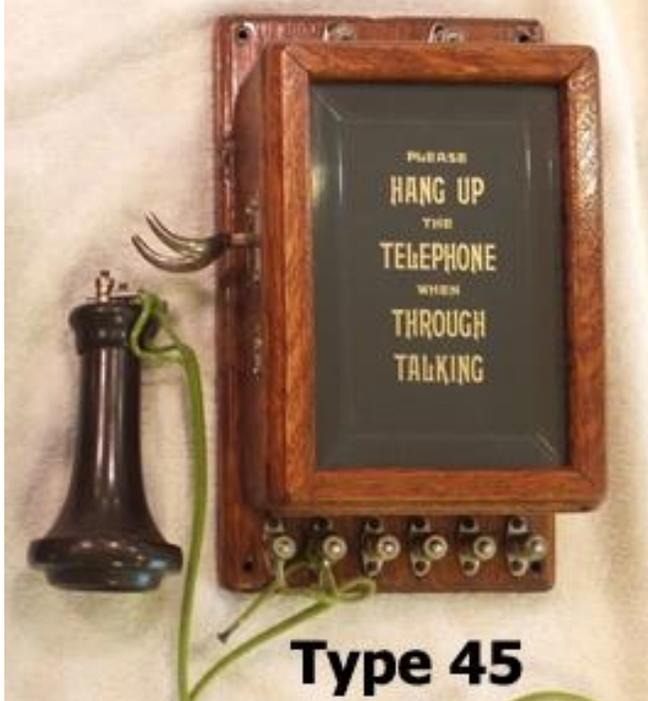
RON AND MARY  
phonecoinc@aol.com

**FOR SALE**

Around 800 different payphone SIGNS (in color) on 92 pages in a 440 page Payphone History Sequester Special: \$19.00  
We offer entire business for sale. Over 85 different genuine 1892-1983 telephones and parts. We do restorations. Free catalog. Lower prices on items in January advertisement.  
Ericofone accumulation \$41,000 (down \$1000 ea. month).  
Oslo phones \$12.00 ea. 5 @ \$10. ea, 600 @\$3.00 ea.  
Gray 5-line 564 desk phones \$8.40, 2 or more \$3.90 ea.

**Western Electric Glass Front Type 45  
& Type 32 or 67 wired Top Boxes**  
By: John Dresser ATCA # 406

I would like to share a couple of my favorite and very unusual items from my collection. The two pieces pictured are Western Electric glass front top boxes. It took me 35 years to put these two pieces in my collection and I'm still fascinated by them each day I walk past my collection and look at them.



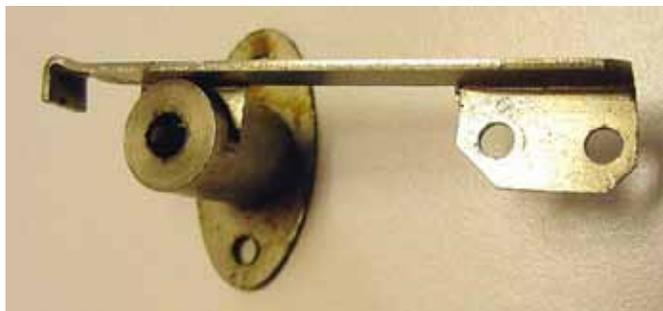
These original pieces were made by Western Electric in the mid 1890's and appear to have been used primarily in the Mid-West where I believe most of them have been found. There are so few of these boxes known and even less documentation available telling us of their history.

What is known has been gleaned from bits of information such as pictures of these boxes in use in advertisements and noted in one undated Western Electric parts catalog of subscriber station apparatus. If anyone has any documentation on any of these boxes I would like to hear from them because the few collectors who have these boxes would appreciate any additional information we can acquire about these unique and scarce Western Electric glass front boxes.

I saw my first W. E. Co. magneto glass front top box at the San Mateo ATCA show in the mid 70's. From that day forward I had wanted to have one but both styles would elude me for the next 35 years!

I acquired a magneto version of this box about 5 years ago I was extremely pleased to finally own one and never thought that I would also have a chance to acquire its companion, the local battery style top box with the gold leaf fancy lettering instruction card!

As stated there were three types of the Western Electric glass front top boxes made. Two were magneto driven, one used on exchange metallic circuits, the other on bridging circuits. The other was a local battery powered unit used as public stations in lobbies and booths. The sets have similar construction features beyond the norm of standard Western Electric equipment of the times. The design of the large glass panel required changes in the way these boxes were traditionally made.



First off, the locking mechanism was redesigned from the standard door lock and its key way was moved from

the front of the box around to the side. The new narrower wood design of the front door with its desirable mitered corners required that the wood on the front be strengthened by adding spline inserts. With the addition of these inserts of opposing grain the door joints were very strong.



The boxes have beautiful oversized glass panels up front utilizing as much space as possible.



Another major change and one I would think was contrary to the American Bell way of thinking, their

brand was moved (out of necessity, because it wouldn't fit) from its usual prominent location up front to side of the box. Later boxes without the glass had the brand back up front.

These prom queens of the wooden box arena had additional decorative upgrades on the inside such as a nickel plated switch hook & hook mount, a large oversized magneto gear and parts that had been nickel plated, and a second, inside plated switch hook escutcheon.



The ringers on the mag boxes were 1000 Ohm, 1517 & 1518A ringers with full nickel plate with long ringer mounts. The binding posts were the mid 1890's knurled ring style again sporting a little more nickel plating and fancy knurled workmanship.

Many of the features on these boxes are unique but not specific to these three boxes. The unusual side lock can be found on a few other Western Electric boxes. I have a walnut type 72 box with the side lock but the stamping is on the front and it has a standard wooden front door. The large oversized gear magneto is found on Western Electric vanities, floor tandems and some

top boxes as is the unique ringer unit. The oversized magneto in these boxes was a special mag with a third contact leg sporting a brush spring with platinum points which rode on a commutator and provided a sort of oscillating current.

Of the few boxes of the types that I know of, all of them are made from quarter sawn/ rift cut white oak. I have never seen a walnut glass front box but I have seen a walnut Western Electric sunburst tandem which could have had one of these glass front top boxes on it. At the time it had a standard Bell walnut top box similar to a type 21 box.

The beautiful local battery glass front box has a fancy gold leaf lettered instruction card informing the user to "please hang up the receiver when through talking". It also has the cross grain spline inserts to further strengthen the corner miter joints.

I know of about 8 of the magneto versions and maybe 4 of the local battery boxes in private collections.

The type 67 wired Magneto box has a small wooden 25 Ohm resistance coil made up of two wooden disks and silk wound German silver and is tucked away inside the box behind the switch hook. The glass front boxes have been found on Gray six foot floor tandem pay stations, Gray vanity pay stations, sunburst vanities such as Roy Basci's magnificent vanity which can be seen on page 76 of Mountjoy's book and on sunburst wall mount tandems. There were probably a number of other applications but everyone I have seen pictures of have been of American Bell telephones or Gray stations and all of the boxes are well marked out with American Bell patent date and manufacturer stampings.

I recently learned from one of our ATCA members, (Tom Adams) that these local talk battery boxes used a #13 induction coil and were found mainly in public lobbies & booths where they were being used for outgoing calls. These boxes had no signaling generators for outgoing calls and no bells for notification of an incoming call. They were likely used in a booth or other private setting and an attendant or switch board operator would notify the caller of a connection. These boxes have been seen in advertisements on a fancy sunburst wall set, Gray pay stations & wall hung cabinet sets in a booth.



A picture of this sunburst tandem in a booth can be seen in Ron Knappen's payphone history book on page 332 and is also shown here. A picture of Tom Adams beautiful six foot Gray pay station equipped with a W. E. Co. local battery top box is shown on the first page. Each of these W. E. Co. glass front boxes have been well marked with patent stampings, manufacturers marks and binding post connection stamps with the exception of the local talk battery box pictured on this sun burst cabinet wall set. It is completely unmarked without any lettering or numerals present. The box shows no signs of ever having been sanded and is fully equipped with Western Electric and American bell hardware. I would like to learn more about these beautiful & unique boxes and would enjoy hearing from anyone who might have something related to these boxes and their design.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tables \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 each \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

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Spouse & Family \_\_\_\_\_ Names \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ No Fee  
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Meals \_\_\_\_\_ \$17.00 each / 2 for \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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