

Hello All,

Starting November 1, I will begin “teaching” a course called Telephony 101. I use the word “teaching” loosely because the course will consist mostly of reading assignments followed by questions and answers, but without lectures or exams. This will all be done on the TCI list server and will consist of going through my book, *Old-Time Telephones* (2nd Edition). Reading assignments will usually proceed serially through the book, but sections of the Appendix will be covered as needed to understand basic concepts of voltage, current, resistors, condensers, coils, etc.

Questions about the reading material covered can be sent to me and I will try to answer them. Participants who want to remain anonymous or who think their questions are too simple (rarely the case) could reply directly to me off the list, but others would be encouraged to ask their questions right on the list by replying to my e-mail giving the reading assignment. I plan to answer questions openly on the list, protecting the privacy of those who want it. This kind of discussion goes on all the time on the list, and others not reading along with us might chime in with comments from time to time.

Our amigo, Oscar Hernandez, has recently bought the book and will be our principal student. Oscar and I have discussed this, and we will proceed through the book at his pace. When Oscar is ready to move on to the next reading assignment, that's when we will go on. When Oscar has had enough and doesn't want to go into further detail (perhaps in Chapter 16 or 17), then Telephony 101 would end unless someone else wants to keep going.

No registration or cost would be involved and you are already on the TCI list server, so you would only need to get a copy of *Old-Time Telephones*, 2nd Edition. We have scheduled the start of the course for November 1 so there will be time to buy the book if you don't already have it. The book can be bought on line at amazon.com, abebooks.com, oldphoneworks.com, phonecoinc.com, schifferbooks.com or from other book outlets.

Although I do not need to know who will be reading along with us, I would be interested. You could drop me a line at oldtimetelephones@goeaston.net.

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