

Hello All,

I want to thank those who read along with us occasionally and especially those who went all the way. It was a good opportunity for me to review this basic material, some of which was prepared 20 years ago. I enjoyed it.

For those who didn't read along, all is not lost. If you are ever interested in reading Old-Time Telephones – or even parts of selected chapters – the Telephony 101 notes that are in the TCI library will still provide a nice introduction to that material. Just go to the following link where you will find file names that begin with chapter numbers.

<http://www.telephonecollectors.info/index.php/telephony101>

Eventually I will add an errata file for the book in the Telephony 101 folder in the TCI library. The errata will contain a list of errors that I'm aware of in the book. I'm glad to say that we found surprisingly few errors as we read through the book. However, there are some other (minor) typographical errors in the table of contents, and one little grammatical error on the rear cover that we didn't mention in Telephony 101. I will get all these together in a list.

Regarding errors, there is still a mystery in my mind. I have a faint recollection of finding a circuit diagram in the book in which a coil section was not in the right place or was mislabeled. My recollection includes the thought that the error was minor because the circuit was still okay functionally. This makes it harder to find since it does not jump out at you like a big mistake. I will keep looking before issuing the errata, but if you know of a circuit diagram that might have an error in it please let me know.

Finally, let me offer an opinion about your success in studying the fundamentals of telephone technology. If you can still pass the test we took after finishing Chapter 7 (00c Telephony 101 – Pop Quiz after Chapter 7) and if you really understand the standard local-battery circuit (Fig. 15-1 on page 99) based on these fundamental principles, then you have joined a very small group of people who really understand telephones. This is a big achievement. Everything else in the book can be used as reference material to look up when you need it. There is a good Index on the last two pages in the book.

Thanks again, and ciao.

Ralph