

Telephones

The First

March 7, 1876: Alexander Graham Bell's U.S. Patent, No. 174,465 for the telephone is granted.



Words Heard

The first telephone call occurred in March 1876 in Boston, Massachusetts, when Alexander Graham Bell phoned his assistant, Thomas Watson, in a nearby room and said "Come here Watson, I want you."

Someone to Talk to

The first telephone directory, consisting of a single piece of cardboard, was issued on February 21, 1878; it listed 50 individuals, businesses, and other offices in New Haven, Connecticut that had telephones.

Source: "The Phone Book" *Failure Magazine*



In the Area



Conceived in the late 1940s, area codes were not established until the introduction of New Jersey's 201 area code in 1951. The area codes we use today are an evolution of the original "North American Numbering Plan." Initially there were under 90 codes.

Codes were dished out based on population. The areas with the largest populations received codes that were quick to dial on a rotary phone. New York was given 212, Los Angeles 213 and Chicago 312 while more rural areas like Texas and Kansas were given 915 and 913.

Source: Mashable

Last but not Least

On February 1, 2005, Mink, Louisiana, finally has telephones. The rural settlement was one of the last places in the nation without phone service. BellSouth spent \$700,000, about \$47,000 per phone, to extend 30 miles of cable through thick forests to Mink, which is about 100 miles south of Shreveport.

Source: www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=2884970



Going Mobile



Motorola was the first company to produce a handheld mobile phone. On April 3, 1973, Martin Cooper, a Motorola researcher and executive, made the first mobile telephone call from handheld subscriber equipment, placing a call to Dr. Joel S. Engel of Bell Labs

Source: http://www.cellular.co.za/cellphone_inventor.htm

Record Call

The largest telephone conference call included 16,972 participants in an event organised by Broadnet Teleservices (USA), in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, USA, on 12 December 2012. All the participants were on the call concurrently for at least 10 seconds.

Source: *Guinness Book of World Records*



Mobile Riches



The most amount of money paid for a mobile (cell) phone number is 10 million QAR (then £1.46 million; \$2.75 million), by an anonymous Qatari bidder for the number 666-6666 during a charity auction hosted by Qatar Telecom in Doha, Qatar on May 23, 2006.

Source: *Guinness Book of Records*

Collections

The largest collection of telephones belongs to Michael Phillips (USA) and consists of 1,135 telephones as of August 6, 2011. The collection is housed in Greenville, South Carolina, USA.

Source: *Guinness Book of World Records*



Cutting Cords

Nearly one-half of American homes (47.4%) had only wireless telephones (also known as cellular telephones, cell phones, or mobile phones) during the first half of 2015.

Source: *National Health Interview Survey: Wireless Substitution: Early Release of Estimates From the National Health Interview Survey, January–June 2015*

Mobile World

In 2016, 2.04 billion mobile phones will be sold around the world and will grow to 2.2 billion in 2020.

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A Moment of Silence



When Alexander Graham Bell died in 1922, all telephones stopped from ringing for one full minute as a tribute to the creator

Source: <http://www.telephone-interpreting-service.com/early-telephone-fun-facts>

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