

Get together of “telephone enthusiasts” of Western-Europe on August 26, 2023 in Arnhem, the Netherlands

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Fig. 1 - Welcome by Joop Siebelink of the Telefon museum



Fig. 2 - Pizza time: a perfect occasion for networking!



Fig. 3 - A group picture at Telefon, Arnhem, NL



Fig. 4 - Dial Repair Workshop

Before “corona time” we had a get together in Steenhuffel, Belgium with a lot of people interested in the history of telephony (see report in the *THG Journal* winter 2019-2020, or *Singing Wires* of April 2020).

At that time we had interesting conversations with like-minded people from several western European countries. Now that corona can be considered as “past”, we wanted to repeat it. This time we asked our Dutch friends if we could possibly do this in a Dutch telephone museum.

And so we ended up at Museum Telefon (see www.telefan.nl), in Arnhem, the Netherlands, near the German border. This museum is located in a building of the Dutch public telephone company KPN, where a number of volunteers set up both exchanges and telephones.

Visitors were shown around by knowledgeable volunteers. But the

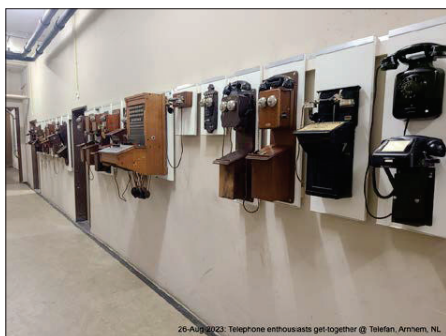


Fig. 5 - Wall with wooden telephones, (most of these were donated by the TCI Editor) most important thing was “networking,” exchanging ideas with others who have the same hobby.

We had an interesting Dial Repair Workshop where expert Arwin Schaddelee showed how to



Fig. 6 - Several generations of automatic telephone exchanges repair broken dials.

Among the attendees we saw German, Dutch, and Belgian citizens. Unique guests included one visitor from Poland, one from Ireland (THG editor John Mulrane),



Fig. 7 - Manual exchanges

and one from the United States (*Singing Wires* editor Remco Enthoven).

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Unusual acoustic “string” telephones, particularly those with magneto-signaling and/or speaking/listening tubes. • Also, primitive homemade acoustic telephones, the stranger the better. • Acoustic telephone literature, such as catalogs, flyers, etc. • BLUE North Electric 7H6 Galion desk (or wall) telephone. • BLUE Western Electric 302 with BLUE plungers dated 1941 or earlier.

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