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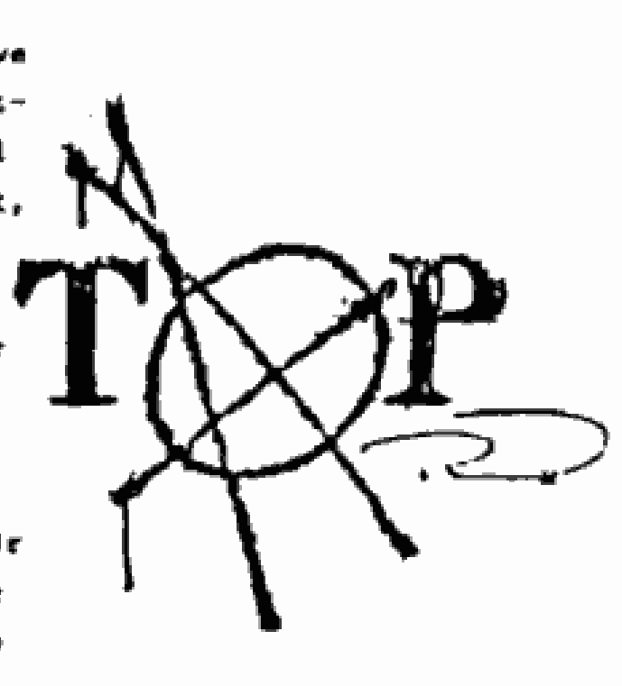
Greetings to one and all from the staff at TAP Magazine. I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for the lame content of issue #98. We have been very busy with school and did not have very much time to put into the last issue. On the other hand, TAP is free and we don't appreciate complaints from people that don't support us by sending in articles and information. Hopefully all readers will like this issue much better as we actually had more time to devote to it's publication. #100 will be k-rad, k00l dood! We urge all non-subscribers to subscribe asap as if you don't, you might miss the issue.



As part of our ever continuing struggle to better the world and TAP, we have put up a fancy bbs. Modemers can call the board and get into all the fun that bulletin boards provide. They can also send E-mail to most of the TAP staffers. PredatOr has a news release in this issue and he will give all the details for the board. For those with no means of calling the bbs, we are always on the lookout for letters via snail mail (USPS.) You can send in any letters, quesitons, comments to our Post Office Box as listed elsewhere in the issue. Enjoy!

Aristotle (Editor)

The TAP Bbs 502-499-8933

We now have a bulletin board system online for our readers to call and share information. The Bbs is running on an IBM system using WWIV 4.11 software. We are networked to many other bbs's around the country. Message topics range from regular music subs to bombs and explosives to online game hints and tips, plus the usual information on hacking and phreaking. We even have a TAP RAP sub netted to other boards. We have a few rules on the system. No profanity is allowed on the network subs. And we cannot have illegal codes or credit card numbers on the system. That is asking the feds to come and take the system. Which of course they would. All subscribers to TAP get higher then normal access since the bbs is basically for YOU. I let just about anyone on the bbs.

We have an ad in 2600, so there should be a large volume of callers and information soon. System usage runs about 50% now. So 50% of the time the bbs is idle.

I also have a few other bbs's for you to call where i can be reached. Try The Eagles Nest at 502-491-4493, they carry a TAP RAP sub along with our Bombs and Explosives too. The Red Phone Bbs at 201-748-4005 is home to Activist Times Inc. You can obtain the latest issue of ATI there. Also The Anarchist Express 213-831-1471 is highly recommended for text files of all types. The bbs also supports 14.4k modems.

If you call any system and have a problem getting access just mention TAP magazine and say you got the number there and you should get access. Also these bbs's may be down for various reasons some of the time. As in me writing this file takes the bbs off line, so if you can't get through don't give up.

We are looking into getting a multi-line system for regular callers, and TAP subscribers so both can use the system. One line for regular users and the other for readers. Or something similar to that effect. Good inexpensive software is the major problem. Most companies want about 300 bucks for their program. If you have any info on multi-line bbs's send it into TAP care of PredatOr. If you have any problems about the boards you may also contact me through TAP Magazine.

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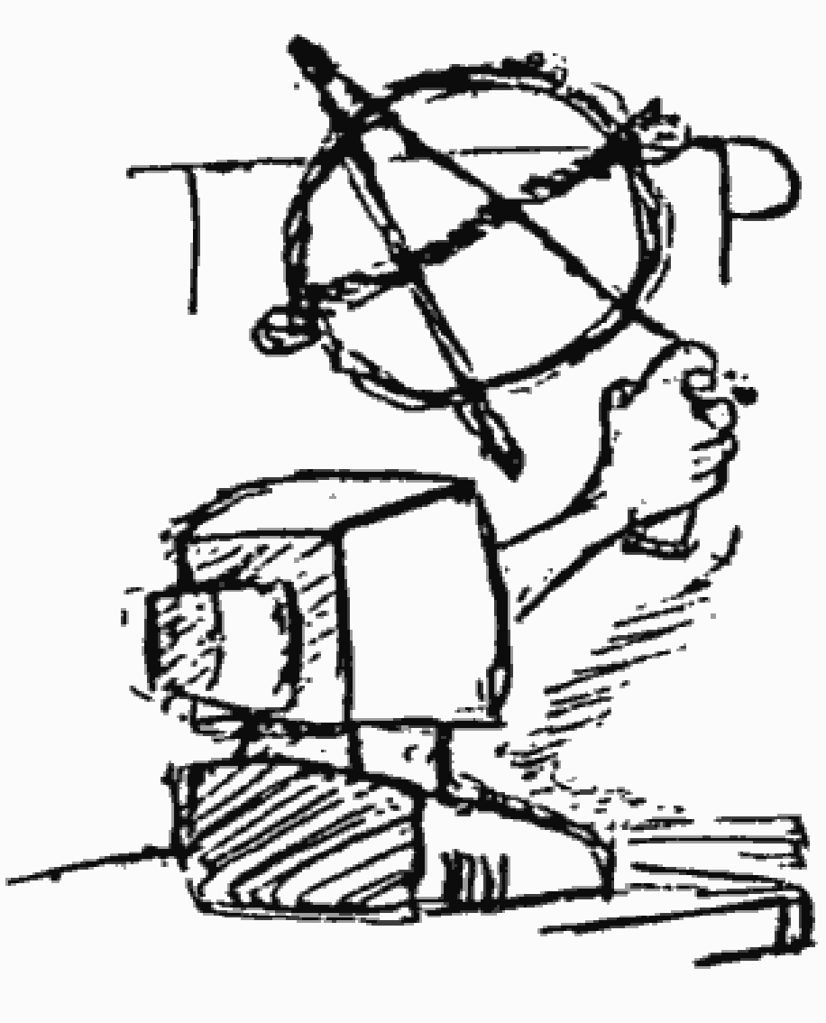

TAP Review: Iron Feather Journal
By Aristotle

The Iron Feather Journal is a magazine in the same format as TAP. Iron Feather is puts it together with the help of various people. In the latest issue, #9, there were the following stories:

- Evil Bush Clone Rulez U.S.A.
- Pigs Kill! (All about evil cops.)
- Interview of Hazor of Beyond Force. C64 prgmr.
- Immortal Flash #1 (C64 Pirate ratings.)
- Europeon Commodore contacts. Various Groups.
- Group News (News from the C64 Pirate groups.
- Info on Gas Grenades.
- Ledhead (Article on common drugs.)
- Copy of Short Wave Radio Hacking (From Phrack.)
- Article on Satellite info. By Bootleg.
- Boom & Laff (Poor Man's James Bond reprints.)
- How to mail without a stamp.
- Schematics for a T.V. Jammer.
- Article on Hackers.
- Hacker's Manifesto by The Mentor.
- Urinalysis: How to screw it up. By Gizmo Stress.
- Letters to IFJ.

Aside those articles, the IFJ also has misc comments, poetry, comics and fancy pictures. It is kind-of like TAP but then again it is different. I would say that it is a MUST for C64 owners that like to trade programs. For the average person, I still recommend it as it is very entertaining and interesting. You can get the magazine by sending $2 for each issue to:

Iron Feather's Journal
P.O. Box 1905
Boulder, CO 80306-1905

On TAP by PredatOr

We have been getting tons of mail lately about why we put out TAP magazine. I am going to try and explain our motives for TAP, and some of our goals. I will also have some random thoughts on what the future has in store for you, the readers.

Aristotle and I have been into computers and phones for many years now. We didn't pioneer anything or become computer programming experts. We just had an interest in computers and telecommunications. After running across many text files on hacking and phreaking we became more interested in the computer underground. Building on this, and jumping into the future a few years Aristotle obtained a set of TAP magazine. We became interested after reading, in why it had stopped publication. We found many reasons. Most all the people we contacted had their own personal reason TAP quit publishing. They were all different from each other. Well we decided that since we liked it so much and no one person could say why it went under we would pick up where it left off. That was issue 91, all we had to do was make an issue 92 and get it out to people. Summercon 89 helped in this and we had a start. We ran across a lot of flack for not being original and the like, but we wanted TAP, not some other name, not another magazine. TAP was to important to let die.

We are not putting out TAP to become rich. We do not do it to make money in any way. As you see by each issue being free. Postage is all we need. Readers have sent in donations which help us buy paper, envelopes, and rubber stamps to make putting our address on envelopes easier. I see a point in the future where we will have to charge because sending out 1000 or more copies an issue will be a challenge on a budget of $0.00

The format of each issue changes slightly because we have more or less info for each issue. This means one month is can be 4 pages and the next it will be 20 or more. Sometimes we don't have any info at all to publish since people don't send us much unless we beg. This makes a delay in the next issue by weeks. While we look around ourselves for info to put in the next issue. If you think the issue is too small, it's free and what did you send in to be included in the issue? Think about that next time you want to complain about the size.

TAP is going to be carrying regular columns that will be in each issue. One is going to be a letters section. So if you have any questions write them in. Hopefully the readers will answer them and we can get some useful info. There will

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also be an explosive section. I DO NOT know if any of these will truly work. I am not about to personally mix a bomb in my backyard to see if it works before I print it. We are also going to have a classified section where subscribers can ask for info, sell products, or anything along those lines. We aren't sure about a charging a small fee or not yet. But we will let you know. TAP t-shirts, buttons, coffee mugs, pens, pencils, and ball caps are being looked into. This may offset the need to charge for issues if everyone buys their own official TAP product. If you know of a company that makes products like this send us some info on them so we may inquire about costs.

Since i have some space here i will make a plea for some much needed items. We need very badly, a desk top publishing program for the IBM computer. If we had one of these issues could be completed in about one day. With printing also included. This would make TAP arrive at you door, or mailbox much faster, and more often. We also need a good mailing list program to keep track of all our subscribers. Please send these in if you can.

TAP Magazine will continue to be published from us until we can't possibly continue due to some serious reason. So get involved and help out in any way you can. Write an article, send clipping from the paper, send us some copy paper. Just help out in a little way because it helps us out a lot.

PredatOr

Using RINGBACK in the NPA (502) by PredatOr

Ringback is used by the phone company to test a line to make sure it is working. Anyone can do it from their own home phone. The format is as follows. NXX-XXXX. Where NXX is the ringback prefix, and XXXX is the last four digits of the calling station. (your phone number) Some exceptions to this are non Bell-Systems exchanges like (GTE, et al.)

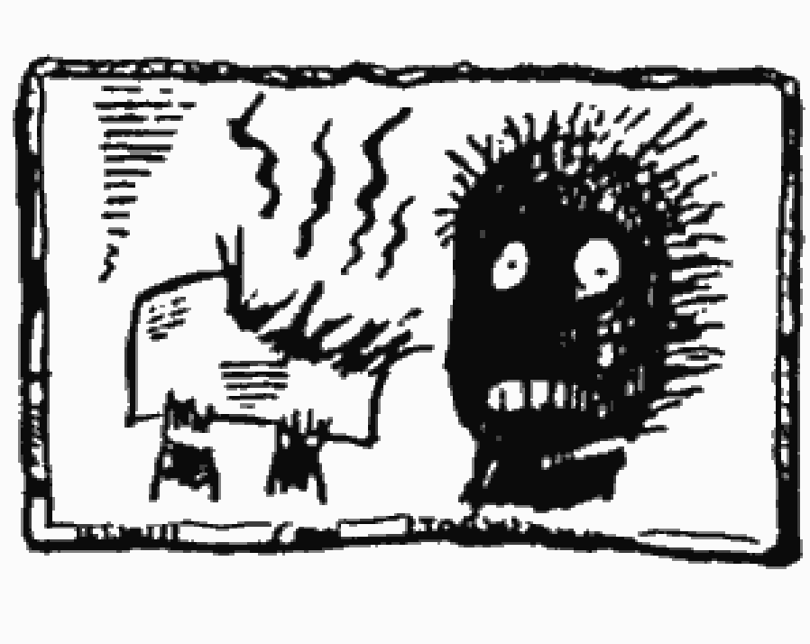
The following are ringback prefixs listed in decreasing order of use.
958 - 959 - 750 - 350 - 270 - and 820

Examples: NPA-NXX-XXXX / 502-958-1234 You do not need the area code, just use the format NXX-XXXX in example NXX = 958 ringback prefix and the XXXX = the calling stations last four digits.

If the correct ringback code is dialed an ESS "dialtone" will be heard. At this point a DTMF test is available if the calling line has touch tone service. Press 1234567890 in a 15 second period and a double burst of a single tone will interrupt the "dialtone" to indicate proper functioning. If a wrong digit is hit the test will reset in 15 seconds with a single, single tone burst.

To activate ringback: Flash the hookswitch like using call waiting and the dialtone will be replaced with a single tone. Go on hook and the station will ring. Pick up the phone and the single tone returns. Going on hook again or pressing a key will terminate the procedure, but flashing again and hanging up will allow the procedure to be repeated.

This text file is for informational purposes only. But everything works, and Ma-Bell really can't do anything to you for using ringback so have fun.



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Dear TAP,
You wanted information on ringbacks. The way to get it to work in Hartford, CT follows: You must be using the fone of the ringback and also the numbers I have only work on payphones. Dial 991 or 993-XXX and hang up 3 times then a few seconds later it will ring forever.

Sincerely, AT&T

Dear TAP,
I once found the number to a recording that said "Please deposit .25 cents" Is there anything I can do with it? Use a red box with it maybe?

Imaginary.

Imaginary. What you found it probably a test number. We have heard that number before but have failed to do anything with it. It is probably just the recording that is routed to a payphone when a deposit is needed. If anyone has any other info on this or any other number, please write in to TAP.

Dear TAP,
How do I get back issues??? Why did you decide to go with the smaller magazines? All my older ones are of the larger 8.5x11 and fit nicely into a 3 ring binder. The new ones of course do not.

Keep up the good work!! West Allis, WI

West Novak, You can get copies of issues 1-91 from Pete G. Pete sells his sets for $100 and they contain all the extras like schematics and indexes that were supplied to original subscribers. As for the quality, Aristotle requested a sample and Pete sent in issue 3, which was one of the cleanest that he has seen. If you decide to order a set from Pete, tell him that you saw his address in TAP #99 because he promised to send us a free set if we get him 10 sets sold. Issues 92+ are not available yet but we will tell you as soon as they are. Special consideration is made to people that contribute to TAP though. Pete's address is:

Pete G.
PO box 463
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

Dear TAP,
What is the deal on this classified?

B. Redneck

Redneck, The person selling the facts is selling some info on how a person can change your answering machine message to accept all toll calls. The scam works by fooling the operator into thinking that the call is legitimate and that the machine's owners are accepting all charges. The prospective phreak would probably get the machine to answer the phone by saying "This line accepts all toll charges." or "This line will accept all collect calls." This scam is most popular with voice mail hackers. They will use the mail box to accept the charge when the box's dialup is not an 800 number. Another popular use is to use the machine to accept third party charges. You could place a call and have it charged to your home phone, which would acutally be the answering machine.

Anyone can get free phone calls
with your answering machine.
Get the FACTS. $8.88

Ads like this have been appearing in newspapers all over the country.

Hacking the IRS Criminal Lab Team By BillyBob

Recently I came upon a newspaper article that in effect was propaganda for the IRS criminal forensic laboratory. In this article, a man named Thomas F. Bushing explained some methods his elite lab team uses to catch people trying to cheat the IRS. The part that interested me was the section on how the team analyses ink and paper to determine if the ink or paper was tampered with. Thomas explained that the team can tell the age of ink and paper by looking for certain chemicals that are manufactured in the paper and ink for the purposes of quality control. Hmmm, I thought, this elite lab has failed to mention something rather important. What if they don't have any ink to compare or paper to analyse?? What do I mean by that? Well, if one makes a copy of the paper, the ink will not be on the final copy to be analysed. And if there is no ink to be compared, then there can be no original paper. One can really screw up the feds chances by only sending in copies of altered papers. Keep the originals somewhere safe so that the IRS cannot get ahold of it.

If you are worried about typewriter fingerprinting, there is a way around that also. When the paper in the above paragraph is copied, the image is distorted a bit. Well, you can distort the tell-tale fingerprint from the printing device by making reduced copies and then sending those in. If the copies cannot be read with out difficulty, tell the IRS to get their elite lab team to analyse it to find out what it says.

The article mentioned above was published in the April 8, 1990 edition of the Courier Journal and was written by Robert D. Hershey jr. of the New York Times News Service.

How to get TAP for FREE

As always with TAP, all subscriptions are FREE. You only have to pay for postage. To get an issue, send in one 25 cent stamp for each issue wanted. If you want a 5 issue subscription, send in 5 stamps. We like to get subscriptions in orders of anything under 10 stamps. That will keep you from getting pissed if the staffers get abused by the feds and we cannot continue TAP.

BACK ISSUES ARE AVAILABLE for $1 each. We are offering back issues starting at issue 92 and up to our latest issue published. Current issues are offered for free. See above paragraph for free issue info. To order back issues, send us a note telling what issues you want and include $1 in CASH for each issue wanted. We only accept paper money in U.S. currency. This means no coins, checks, money orders, or foreign currency. Anything other than paper money will be thought of as a donation which will go to help publish the magazine. We have reasons for doing this and we would appreciate your cooperation. Send all orders, subscription correspondence, and or letters to:

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