

Ave Atque Vale

For those of us who aren't Latin scholars, that means "Hail and Farewell!" I co-edited TAP for 1½ years, and in that time we got it into pretty good shape, tho the number of volunteers has been disappointing. We've learned a lot, met a few great people, some good people, a lot of mediocre ones, and a number of yo-yos.

I could have gone into editing TAP full-time. But it would have meant staying in or near Fun City and the (rotten) Big Apple has become, in Heinlein's words, "an Abandoned Area". Too much effort is required to protect oneself against one's fellow humans. So I'm in the land of Roger MacBride's Young Pioneers, where "40 Below keeps the riffraff out". Coincidentally, it's Birch country and I don't mean trees. If you want to really learn about conspiracies, ask a Bircher (but don't tell him you smoke or trip).

One of the ways we've been advocating to Fight the System has been to reduce - eliminate? - your dependence on it. Produce your own food, power, shelter, clothing and grow your own entertainment. Here I can attempt that.

We have from time to time recommended certain books. One which has nothing to do with Fighting the System is called God Drives a Flying Saucer by R L Dione, Bantam Q7733. It describes some interesting theories about THE SYSTEM. You may have some trouble finding it. I believe it will be worth your effort.

My apologies to those who have written me and are still waiting for a reply. Be patient. I probably still have your letter and will try to reply eventually. Mail for me will be forwarded. I'll continue to offer articles, etc. when time permits.

People often close with "Pax". I prefer "Si vis pacem, parabellum" (If you want peace, prepare for war)

Excelsior!
(Higher)
Jim Phelps

Update from England

Where CAMA and IAMA exist on your exchange, the operator will know the number you're on, so you can forget methods like giving the # of a large business (or your exchange) as your own number when making operator connected calls, or booking a call for a later time to a pay phone # from a domestic phone and being at the pay phone at the right time to receive it. If the operator has to ask your #, it probably means you haven't got CAMA or IAMA. On Velros (spelling?) that haven't, these fraud methods will work (e.g., here in UK). Sorry if anyone was misled by my piece in #43.

NYC has voice-response validation for CC calls. The "card" I was using was that of a large corporation. The operator asked me the area code on the card and after what seemed like an age, the computer came back with "valid, valid, valid". This was after a month of using the same "card" in Detroit, Chicago, Montreal, Cleveland, etc. with no hassle. So either I was lucky and picked a number to which a card was issued or the machine doesn't connect to an actual data base of all cards issued.

CB here is freaky. A friend who has a full wave aerial has been talking to Italian and Portuguese Amateur DXers. From 3:30 to 5:30 afternoons conditions are sometimes so good you can hear US trucks! That's 5000 miles on 4 watts! Got any good plans for a linear? 100 watts should do. A pair of 5 watters cost \$195 (\$355), so if you come to UK, just bring some CBs. You can sell them easily at 300% profit. Mobiles are unobtainable - putting a battery in a transceiver or connecting up a mobile CB is illegal here. There is a network of CBs in London only, but mostly used by criminals.

Just watched the last episode of The Prisoner again - ten years old and hasn't dated a bit.

Please tell your readers not to miss I, Claudius when it comes round to you. A trifle slow at first, it builds up into a fantastic crescendo. The best thing ever to have been on telly, it's the story from Augustus to Nero and is so deliciously perverted it's wonderful. Unfortunately, the American version has been extensively cut. I was really sick and angry when I read what they'd done to it. Nothing America has ever done has angered me so much. Among other cuts was a vital last scene where you see Caligula's face, dripping blood, after he's eaten the fetus he's cut out of Drusilla.

Depravo

Bloody awful! PBS had the balls to show Valerie Perrine delightfully bare in Steam Bath, but I guess this was "really too much". It should also be on Canadian TV, which is relatively uncensored compared to gutless ABC, CBS, and NBC.

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In my personal correspondence with Mr. Phelps, he has accused me (and rightly so!) of being an ego-maniac because I never mention him in TAP. Mr. Phelps has been physically absent from TAP for well over a year now but he lives on here in Libertarian spirit! I truly miss that Libertarian bastard and all the fun we had arguing over TAP policies. Ever frugal (cheap!), he would spend hours washing Elmer's Glue off 1¢ stamps. I would retaliate by sending out one issue of TAP ordered by a reader in the largest envelope we had! Those readers fortunate enough to have visited the TAP office during his reign know the fun, labor, and love that "Jim Phelps" put into the pages of TAP. It is with heart-felt thanks that I hereby dedicate this issue of TAP to our "Jim Phelps". Everything in this issue was either written, commented on, or typed by Mr. Phelps. The opinions expressed here are his and do not necessarily represent the opinions or views of TAP or its staff. All names have been changed to protect the guilty! This intro should destruct after reading. Good luck "Jim".

#47's article on radar detectors was great! Who did you steal it from? However, there's a new police radar which operates only momentarily "as needed". What is needed by us to combat it is a radar jammer - which will indicate that your car is going 55mph (or whatever speed you like) no matter how fast you are actually going. Sept. Car & Driver has a description of such a jammer. It is a 100mw transmitter broadcasting 10,525,001,727 Hz. Now will someone PLEASE come up with a debugged schematic and printed circuit board layout?!

Running at sub-light speed (because I was towing a B Sedan Volvo racer) while everyone was passing me at Warp 2 to Warp 4, I heard a "public service" announcement on the radio. A State Fuzz informed listeners that "The law is 55, regardless of traffic speed. Just because the stream of traffic is exceeding the limit, is not permission to speed." But EVERYONE (including the "authorities") agree that the speed at which 80% of traffic is moving should be the speed limit. Economy results from streamlining and efficient engine design, not arbitrary limits. C&D urges us to "Vote with your Foot".

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New Radar Gun To Become The Motorist's Foe

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The police here have just upped the ante in the high-stakes poker game between themselves and motorists.

Assistant State Patrol chief Gerald Kittridge said this week that the Patrol is purchasing a new anti-speeder weapon—a radar device that he claims will obsolete the radar detectors that have made the radar cop's job almost impossible to perform.

Kittridge said radar detectors are so numerous that they are "totally disabling" the radar now in use. The new "KR-11" units purchased by the Patrol use a tiny microprocessor and are equipped with "hold buttons" which shut off the signal when they are depressed. The operator can cut off radar signals until he sees a car he believes is violating the speed limit, then release the hold button. In about 1/100 second, the speed is calculated and displayed.

Kittridge declined to state how many of the units the Patrol has ordered, but he did say that several local sheriff and police departments are buying the KR-11s as well.

Each one will cost the taxpayers of St. Paul \$2500.

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Hi:

I've gotten back into Amateur radio after being inactive for about eleven years, and it is amazing the progress that has been made in many things that should be of interest to phone phreaks. Although not cheap, remote control of phones is quite easy and quite possible on little used frequencies in the 450 Mc bands (using split channels) and once the remote phone is dialed, full touch tone and blue box control would be possible. I discussed this with another phreak in San Francisco some time ago, about a group of phreaks getting together to share expenses on such a project. If such a unit was moved periodically, detection would be difficult.

The thing that really interests me, though, is the very real possibility of learning the microwave operating frequencies, and the satellite operating frequencies, and building equipment to break right into the microwave long distance equipment. With the proper radio transmitter, connected to a BB, you would be able to seize a long distance microwave line with a 2600 Hz tone, without going through the C.O. at all. This would make detection almost impossible. **BUT WE NEED THOSE FREQUENCIES.** I'd be very glad to work on such a project with anyone who'd like to give it a try!!!

Ever since the wife and I got busted we've played it super cool, but it doesn't mean that I've given up by a long shot. Enough for now; keep up the good work.

Agent 948

Dear TAP

I was just rereading #39. I'll bet that if someone wrote the John Birch Society a nice letter (300 Concord Ave, Belmont, Mass) they'd be glad to help you "fight Communism" by sending you some of their "stamps".

Want an amusing book to read? Try the "Viking Process" by Norman Hartley. It couldn't happen? Knowing the things AT&T has done, I wouldn't bet on that.

I wonder - could the push button light switch from a refrigerator door be used for an off/on switch for an extension phone? That way if someone else used the extension, they couldn't forget to put the switch in the "off" position when done.

See Page 122 of Jimmy Breslin's book How the Good Guys Finally Won (the only funny Watergate book). It turns out that Tip O'Neill, the House Majority leader, is an ex-phone phreak.

Another book that's good for killing a couple of nights is Pipe Line by Milt Machlin (Pyramid). It's a novel but some of it is based on fact. One thing the author brings up is the possibility that OPEC did what it did largely at the urging of America's oil companies! i.e. the companies whose oil wells are in America. By jacking up the price of Arab crude, their oil suddenly became very competitive in price and, of course, any they sold to the Japanese, etc. would bring in 6 times the profit it did before.

Agent 038

Verrrry interesting! Whenever any of our readers can't locate a book mentioned in TAP, check Books in Print or Paperback Books in Print, available in almost any library and in most large bookstores

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Too often foreign aid is
when the poor people of a
rich nation sent their
money to the rich people of
a poor nation.

Bars and stripes

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) — Georgia prison officials may have outsmarted themselves a few years ago when they decided inmates should wear blue jeans and cotton work shirts.

Now many prison visitors are wearing the same thing and it's causing a problem. Corrections Commissioner David Evans says too many inmates are mingling with visitors and walking out of the state prisons.

Inmates who escape "don't even have to go to the trouble of finding other clothes," said another corrections official. "They fit right in."

Evans told the Board of Offender Rehabilitation at a meeting Wednesday that inmates will have to switch back to more distinctive garb. He suggested white uniforms with a blue stripe down each pants leg.

INFORMATION WANTED

Alright, technophreaks. We're interested in some info on the following:

Pay cable TV: liberate video! HBO etc. What decoding methods do they use?

2600 Hz muting of calls: sources claim that by using this tone you can 'black box' calls. Is this true? Where?

Microcomputers and fones: Recently saw an ad for IMSAI 8048 CPU which showed a picture of a home experimenter hooking it up to (gasp) his fone! Lots of fun could be had here - call forwarders, finding WATS extenders codes, etc. What are you doing to spread the digital revolution?

Blue and Black Box detectors/defeaters:

How? Where? Rumors abound - What's this about tones being used to detect black boxes?

"Greasy Kid Stuff" Information Wanted

That's what all you superadvanced electronics types will call my request for info on a build-it-myself inverter. 12v DC (auto) input and 110-115v AC 60Hz output, with 500-600 watt capacity. Wave form anything that'll operate AC-only stuff. Sure, I could buy one, but that's no fun. Any info on winding my own transformer, inverter theory, and of course, a debugged schematic would be appreciated. Maybe I'll be able to come up with a way to use it illegally.

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