It is important that we understand the basic fundamentals of the Pay Phone before attempting to abuse this noble species.

Fig. 1 shows the standard, or "old" version. More plastic parts are used on this model, making the coin returns, for example, very attractive targets for cherry bombs. Note three slots for depositing money. A nickel, when dropped, produces a "ding", a dime makes a "ding-ting", and a quarter, you guessed it, makes a "gong". The sounds are heard both by you and the operator when they occur. Money deposited during a call on this phone drops several seconds after you hang up, on a pulse by the operator, who can send it to you by coin return, or to them via the coin box.

Fig. 2 shows the phone the Bell people designed to eliminate YIPL. (So they thought!) To prevent us from tape recording the dings and dongs, this model uses "beeps", and you can't even hear them. BUT, if you call a friend and stick in money while you're talking, he will. Thus, he can record them.

Fig. 3 shows you how to directly record the tones from the phone at your friend's house. Using a microphone doesn't work well enough. Never play beeps into an old phone, or dings into a new one, because the operators know. Operators know the prefix (first three digits) of the phone you're on, and they know if you're at a pay phone. They know when to suspect something if you're not careful, and they sometimes put stakeouts on booths frequented by yippies. Keep moving around. See issue #17.

The polarity of the pulse the operator sends to drop coins determines where it will go. If the incoming wires of a phone you know are exposed, you can reverse the crucial two and get money back each time she tries to collect it. There are only 4 wires, and the ones to reverse are usually black & yellow or black & red. This only works till the collecting dude comes and finds the box empty. See issue #15.
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A word about this. If someone has to make an emergency call, think of what pouring the shit down the coin slot would have done. A good way to use monkey warfare is to keep thinking, "How can I fuck the pigs, and help my sisters and brothers?" It then becomes obvious to glue the lock on the coin box, so they can't collect. And if you jam up the entrance to a parking meter slot, people can park there for free and have a ticket-saving excuse.

NEXT ISSUE: LETTERS, QUESTIONS, ANSWERS, INTERVIEWS, AND MORE.

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