TAPR?

- Ever heard of a TNC?
- Interested in general packet radio information?
- Interested in high-speed packet operations?
- Interested in other types of digital communications?
- Interested in experimenting or Spread Spectrum?
- Interested in keeping up-to-date on national digital and packet issues?

Then TAPR is for you!

Goals

- Support Research and Development efforts in the area of amateur digital communications
- Disseminate information on packet and digital communications
- Provide affordable and useful kits for experimenters and hobbyists
- Advance the amateur art of communications through publications, meetings, and standards

Membership

Membership in TAPR includes a subscription to the quarterly published Packet Status Register newsletter. PSR has been published since 1982 and is recognized as an authoritative source for up-to-date user and technical information on packet radio. Much of the material in PSR is timeless. Back issues may be obtained from the TAPR office in four year volumes. Membership in TAPR is $20 per year for the US and possessions, Canada, and Mexico. Outside North America is $25 per year.

Join over 2500 other digital operators — Join TAPR!

History

If you have used a packet radio TNC, then you are already a part of TAPR history.

The TNC (Terminal Node Controller) project grew from a discussion in October of 1981 at a meeting of the Tucson Chapter of the IEEE Computer Society. A week later, six of the attendees gathered and discussed the feasibility of developing a Terminal Node Controller that would be complete and available to amateurs at a modest cost. This was the genesis of the Tucson Amateur Packet Radio Corporation or TAPR.

On June 26th 1982, Lyle Johnson, WA7GXD, and Den Connors, KD2S, initiated a packet contact with the first TAPR unit. The project progressed from these first prototype units to the TNC-1 and then finally to the TNC-2 which is now the basis for most amateur packet operations worldwide.

TAPR was founded in 1982 as a national organization with interests in the areas of packet and digital communications. Today, TAPR continues as a membership supported non-profit [501(c)(3)] amateur research and development organization. TAPR currently has more than 2500 members, worldwide. TAPR continues to develop kits for the amateur community and is working actively on publications and communications standards.
TAPR is on the World-Wide-Web!
TAPR’s Home Page is located at URL:
http://www.tapr.org

TAPR FTP Access
TAPR Information and the TAPR Software Library are now available via anonymous FTP. You can access the library by ftp access to 'ftp.tapr.org'. Login as 'anonymous', with a password of 'your_account@internet_address'.

TAPR can be reached via the Internet: The Automated Information Server that TAPR provides allows anyone to request information on TAPR, products, newsletters, and many other files. To find out more about this service, send an e-mail message to listserv@tapr.org with the subject line "Request" and the following text in the body of the message:

help (for a brief set of instructions)
list (for a list of TAPR Mail Groups)
get tapr taprinfo.txt (or info on TAPR)

In the above message example, "help" retrieves a brief set of instructions for info, "index -all" retrieves a list of available files by topic and "taprinfo.txt" retrieves a text file containing information on TAPR and what TAPR is all about. If you want to retrieve several text files with one message, use a separate line for each "get filename" request.

TAPR maintains several SIGs (Special Interest Groups) on different topics. To get the latest list of SIGs, send an e-mail message to 'listserv@tapr.org' with the subject line "Request" and the following text in the body of the message:

list (for list of mail groups on TAPR.ORG)

To request the information on any mail group, send an e-mail message to 'listserv@tapr.org' and in the message text include:

information listname (listname is the name of the mail group)

When you are ready to subscribe, send e-mail to 'listserv@tapr.org' with the following command in the message text:

subscribe listname name (listname is the name of the group, name is your name)

List should be the name of the mail list you want to join and Your Name should be both your First and Last Name.

Current SIGs include:
NETSIG Regional Networking SIG
BBSSIG BBS SIG
HFSIG SIG on HF Digital Topics
DSP-93 SIG for those that are building DSP-93
APRSSIG SIG on APRS
SS Spread Spectrum and several Kit Support Groups!

Name: ___________________________________________ Call: _______________
Address: _________________________________________ Apt: _______________
City: ____________________________ State: ____________ Zip: _____________
Home Phone: (       ) _____________ Work Phone: (       ) _____________
• Number of years: _______ • Is this a renewal? (Yes/No): ________________

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