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Jefferson Area Libertarians Fight Theft of Property Rights

Edited by Marc Montoni
From a Release by John Munchmeyer



John
Munchmeyer

History doesn't repeat itself -- politicians merely repeat each other.

A measure to steal away the right of property owners to use their own honestly-acquired property as they wish was defeated a few years back, in no small measure due to the efforts of the Jefferson Area

Libertarians. Like a bad penny, the idea has popped up again; and again, the JAL has mobilized to fight it.

JAL chairman John Munchmeyer says the proposed new rules will make it extremely difficult for property owners to leave property to their children. Under the proposal, property may be subdivided only once every ten years! This is obviously ridiculous for estate planning. If a parent has four children, they must start subdividing forty years before their death!

And you thought the Soviets were amusing with their "five year plans".

Munchmeyer goes on: "The ordinances

are far too ambiguous and will be arbitrarily enforced. For example, if I have a level area on my property surrounded by 'critical slopes', and I have been planning to grow crops and build a home there for the last twenty years, under the new rules, I may not build a driveway to access the home, but I am allowed to build the same driveway to the access the field. Whether or not the driveway is built will depend largely on some bureaucrat's like or dislike of me. It is also worth noting that "critical slope" is nowhere defined in the proposal.

"Third, government possesses a unique quality known as the 'Reverse Midas Touch' and this legislation may actually produce the opposite effect of its intentions. Restricting the use of the average citizen's property will lower its value, making it ripe for the picking by developers who know very well how to "grease the machine" and acquire building permits by exception. Development in the targeted areas may actually increase.

"Fourth, the rules are not uniform in their application. The mountain statute's proposed ban on construction only affects lots of record created after 1980. Allowing the County to backdate legislation so it effectively changes the rules for some and not for others, while reaching back twenty-six years, is a foolish and dangerous

precedent.

"Fifth, enforcing the new ordinances will be extremely expensive. The quantity of requests for permit by exception will undoubtedly increase, and processing all of them will require a substantial increase in county staff. This cost will have to be shouldered by the taxpayers. These expenses are in addition to those already incurred in drafting the proposals, and the price tag of facing the legal challenges which will undoubtedly ensue.

"Sixth, the legislation is not necessary. The County's Comprehensive Plan works hard to find an excuse for this chicanery. It banter about erosion, water, forests, mud slides, plants and animals, and other 'scare tactics'. It says that residential property threatens the forest industry and 'A number of highly visible structures constructed recently have occasioned public concern...', providing no more details. What is missing in the Plan is any kind of solid case that there is or will be a problem. Additionally, most

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UPDATE: Wood To Debate Wolf and Feder

Just three months to the election!

Wood campaign manager Tony Torres announced that Libertarian Bill Wood has been invited to participate in two debates with incumbent Republican Congressman Frank Wolf and Democrat Judy Feder in October.

Bill has graciously accepted and agreed to participate in the debates. There is no word at this time as to whether the fourth candidate in the race, independent candidate Neeraj C. Nigam of

Sterling, has been invited to participate in these debates, but it is likely that he will also be included.

The first debate is sponsored by the League of Women Voters and is expected to take place on Tuesday, October 17 near Dulles airport. The other is a luncheon debate on Friday, October 27 sponsored by the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and will be held at the Best Western in Winchester.

The Wood campaign is also planning appearances at Hobnob in the Valley on September 8th in Winchester, Centreville Day on September 16th, and the Sterling Festival on October 8th.

The campaign web site was recently updated with new information regarding Bill's stands on the major issues of the campaign.

A fund raising letter was recently mailed and

will probably already be in recipients' hands by the time this publication reaches everyone's mailboxes. The campaign hopes to get a big financial boost from this appeal, which is being sent to current LP

www.WoodForCongress.com

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Memo From The Chairman



Leonard Harris

The Libertarian Party held its 2006 National Convention this past Independence Day weekend in Portland, OR. I had the honor of being a Delegate to the Convention. Aside from being an intense few days with hundreds of Libertarians, the Convention provided me with an excuse to take my first road trip across the US. Somehow I convinced work to give me a month off. Also somehow I convinced Shaun Whelden to come along and provide his car. Counting Virginia, we went through 25 states and drove about 8,000 miles.

One would think having two Libertarians traveling that much would be a recipe for trouble. Fortunately this was not the case. We did see some interesting things (both good and bad). This trip also provided me an opportunity to observe first-hand how more or less free other states are compared to Virginia.

Across America

We encountered some really disturbing things. By far the most disturbing was crossing from OR to CA where everyone had to stop at some kind of customs inspection station. The "inspection" was about as useful as the security checkpoint before crossing Hoover Dam where the U.S. Marshal just waved to everyone as they passed by. We did have a little more interaction with the CA inspector, but in the end he waved us on by (I guess it was a good thing I didn't tell him that Shaun speaks Arabic and that we both belong to a terrorist organization known as Gun owners of America).

There were other disturbing things. Oregon forbids you to pump your own gas. 48 other states and even DC are not this crazy. Then there were red-light cameras in Albuquerque. Virginia recently eliminated these things and I'm surprised to find out we seem to be leading the way. Finally also in New Mexico, if you refuse to have your car searched at a routine traffic stop, the police apparently will hold you until they can bring in dogs to sniff your car. (Fortunately that last one we only read about it in a local paper instead of experiencing it first hand). These of course were the most visible things we encountered.

On the bright side, the American spirit of free enterprise continues even in the most

repressive states. We were never more than a short drive from a hot meal (although the golden arches barely qualifies as food). Every little town had some place for us to buy supplies at cheap prices (even if it was a Wal-mart). Communication technology from my cellphone to my new-fangled mobile broadband Internet connection worked in almost every state. All of this in spite of heavy regulation in many states. Imagine how much better things would be without the regulation.

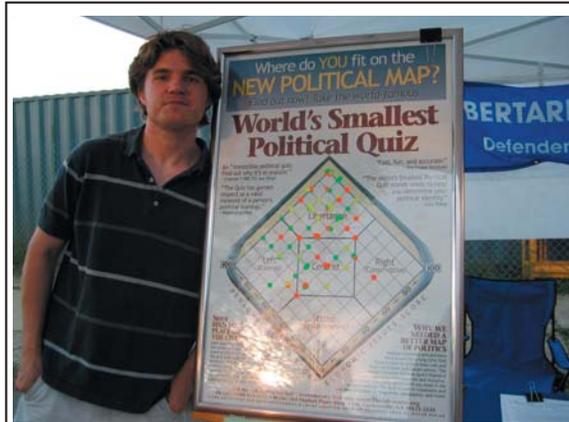
Also of note, there were only a few states where we would have had to invoke the McClure - Volkner Act in order to carry our firearms. If we had taken the trip just five or ten years ago, our VA Concealed Handgun Permits would have been almost useless outside of VA.

While there are clearly some serious problems, the trip renewed my optimism for the future of the US. But what about Virginia specifically? For a number of years we've been at a crossroads. The Republican controlled Senate and the Democratic Governor both seem intent on taking VA down the path of bigger government and less freedom. On the other hand the House of Delegates has

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On the Trail of Liberty

Talking to Voters at Events Across Virginia



George Walker (VTLP) shows off the group's Political Survey (Photo by Liz Bowles)



Jean Helms (LPBC) and a high school student (Photo by Liz Bowles)



New River Libertarians Win 'Most Patriotic' Award at Parade

NRLibertarians sponsored an entry in the Blacksburg Independence Day Parade and received a First Place award for "Most Patriotic"! Congratulations and thanks to the New River Libertarians and guests who participated in the event:

- Allen Meek (NRL) - Provided truck (and drove it) and posters
- Shawn Meek - (NRL) - Costumes, decorations, and walking
- Lauren Meek (NRL) - Lady Liberty
- Matt Wright (guest) - Rider
- Kirsten Weeks (guest) - Rider
- Eric Weeks (guest) - Rider
- Liz Bowles (LPBC) - Costumes, decorations, and walking
- Jeff Bowles (LPBC) - Walking and en route repairs

It was great fun, even though it *literally* rained on our parade!

(Photos by Liz Bowles)



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County School Board (1 county) - Arlington (4-yr term)
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City School Board (3 cities)
Town Council (10 towns)

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VL Hero Award

By Jim Lark

This is the eleventh in a series of articles designed to recognize the efforts of volunteers who are tireless in their work for liberty.

The intent is to change the culture many of our "best and brightest" face within the Party, to one which gives stellar volunteers the praise and appreciation they are due.

This issue, *Virginia Liberty's* editorial staff hopes all Libertarians will join us in a loud round of applause for:

Jeff Bowles

It didn't take Jeff long to become a major contributor to the Libertarian Party in general and the LPVA in particular. His first Libertarian activity was to attend a speech (along with his wife Liz and son Brad) by this author at a meeting of the Roanoke Valley Libertarian Party in May 2003. From that point forward he and Liz (a previous VL Hero honoree) have become pillars of the LPVA.

Within a few weeks of attending that RVLP meeting, Jeff and Liz organized the first meeting of Libertarian Party of Botetourt County.

Within six months of the RVLP meeting, he was elected (as a write-in candidate) to the Mountain Castles Soil & Water Conservation District.

He is currently the only elected Libertarian in Virginia; he now chairs the Soil & Water District to which he was elected.

Meanwhile, the LPBC grew from two members to fifteen and obtained official affiliate committee status. He has served as treasurer of the LPBC since its founding. Also, he helps organize and participates in LPBC outreach activities, such as annual Tax Day rallies, Independence Day parade marches, and Bill of Rights Day celebrations.

In addition to his heavy responsibilities at the local level, Jeff has worked well at the state and national level. He was elected to serve as LPVA vice chairman at the 2006 state convention in Charlottesville. Prior to this election, he served as chairman of the Sixth Congressional District Committee.

In 2004 Jeff and Liz were major contributors to the success of the LPVA petition drive to place the LP presidential candidate

on the ballot. When Steve LaBianca's job situation forced him to resign as the Virginia coordinator for the Michael Badnarik presidential campaign and move to Florida, Jeff and Liz immediately stepped up to become the coordinators for the campaign. Jeff was a major contributor to the very successful campaign tour of Virginia by Mr. Badnarik in September 2004. (Mr. Badnarik praised the tour effusively in *LP News*.)

Jeff and Liz frequently travel to assist efforts by other local LPVA organizations. In particular, they have been of great help to the Roanoke Valley LP, the Lynchburg Libertarians, and the New River Libertarians. In addition, it is not usual for them to travel to assist Libertarian efforts in Charlottesville and northern Virginia.

Jeff ran for mayor of Fincastle this



Jeff Bowles

spring. Although he did not win the May election, his campaign generated good publicity in Botetourt County and the greater Roanoke area.

Jeff and Liz have done great work to build a strong local group in an area where there was nothing. Their example should be an inspiration to all of us.

On behalf of the LPVA, the writers and staff of *Virginia Liberty* express our heartfelt thanks to Jeff for his fine work for liberty, and wish him and his family all the best.

Congratulations, Jeff!

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been working to keep the government from growing and in some limited cases restoring some of our lost rights.

2007 will be an important election with the entire General Assembly up for election. Imagine if we had a few Libertarians in the House of Delegates to advocate that the government not remain its current bloated size, but working to actually reduce the size of government. Imagine if a Libertarian was in the state senate, perhaps that would shake up the anti-freedom crowd that dominates that body.

Now is the time to start working towards a victory in November 2007. If you are interested in running, you should contact your Party leaders. Also if you don't have an active local affiliate, now is the time to start one. The LPVA will be happy to provide as

much or as little help as you need.

Finally a few thoughts about the National Convention itself. The Delegates acted upon a number of important issues.

Much of the platform was removed. This is not as bad as some may think. Almost everyone would admit that much of the old platform needed to be reworded (a few years ago, the LP of Prince William went as far as to renounce the platform). Most of what is left in the platform relates only to Federal issues. This leaves the state and local parties free to develop their own platforms on their issues. No longer will voters be turned away by poorly worded "extremist" language in the national platform. Also our candidates will be not have to defend themselves on issues which may have nothing to do with the office they are seeking.

The other major item at the National LP was dues. I am happy to report that we still have zero dues and that the LNC has been stripped of the power to raise dues. We will not have the dues crisis that we had earlier this year when the LNC tried to double dues to \$50.00. The Convention also instated a "sustaining" membership category. To be in this category costs \$25.00. However it is only used for determining how many delegates states get at the next National Convention and in a few other minor places. This means that we still can easily recruit members into the National LP by having a person sign the certification and send the info to LPHQ. Therefore we can continue to build a large vibrant political organization.

All of these positive changes do not mean we can sit back and wait for hordes of

people to sign up for the LP. We all have to work on bringing more people into the Party, building local affiliates, running candidates, and making a difference in people's lives. As I mentioned above, now is the time to start your local affiliate as well as run for office. All you have to do is contact someone in the LPVA Leadership (<http://www.lpva.com/organization.htm>).

Yours in Liberty,

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It's Time For Sime: Summer Brings Campaign to 24th District Voters

By Lindsey Burke

Highlighting the fact that the campaign is in full-swing, the Sime for State Senate team participated in several Independence Day parades and other activities during the past three weeks. The activities began on July 1st, with campaign staff and volunteers walking in the annual Crozet parade. Armed with "Sime for State Senate" balloons, fans and literature, the campaign team greeted voters and children as they watched floats pass by.

On July 4, Sime, along with campaign staff and volunteers including Lindsey Burke, Jim Lark, John Munchmeyer, Tina Munchmeyer, Mary Robinson, Joe Rudmin, Gaert, Kathryn and Lauren Sime as well as Arin's children Drew and Josh, walked in both the Staunton and Harrisonburg parades. Campaign scheduling manager John Munchmeyer arrived early-around 6:00 a.m.-to inflate balloons emblazoned with "Its Time for Sime". Working the Staunton parade in the morning (in Gypsy Hill Park) and the Harrisonburg parade in the afternoon, the campaign happily exhausted its supply of balloons, fans and literature. Attending the parades provided Sime the opportunity to meet with 24th District voters and hear their concerns.

On the morning of Saturday, July 8, Sime spoke at the monthly Albemarle/Charlottesville Republican Break-

fast. After a brief anecdote about seeing President Ronald Reagan when Sime was a child, he noted that "Richmond loses sight of the effect their laws have on the people", and that he will always bear in mind that his votes will directly affect the people of Virginia. At the conclusion of Sime's remarks, which emphasized real eminent domain reform, lower taxes, and responsible elected leadership, he entertained questions from the audience. Sime was asked about the transportation funding issue, including a comment Senator Hanger made, that it makes no sense to set aside the



Sime speaks at the Albemarle/Charlottesville Republican Breakfast

transportation fund for transportation when there is no money in it. Mr. Sime responded to the Senator's comment, "It's like saying I don't need to lower your taxes because I've already taken all your money". The speaking engagement gave Sime the opportunity to converse with area Republicans and listen to their concerns about policy direction in Richmond.

After the breakfast event, campaign members headed to the "Waynesboro Extravaganza," held at Ridgeview Park. Sime and campaign staff spent the afternoon meeting voters from the Waynesboro area and beyond while handing out balloons to children.

On July 19, Sime along with his wife Lauren and campaign staff members Lindsey Burke and John Munchmeyer, attended the inaugural fundraiser in DC for a new PAC: Virginians for a Conservative State Senate. The event was a successful one for

the campaign; many new contacts were made and interest in the campaign was heightened. Attendees at the reception made it clear that they want a change in the 24th District, and that VCSS will watch the Sime campaign very closely.

On July 20, Sime addressed the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership's High School Leaders Program in Charlottesville. He opened his remarks by discussing the many similarities he and several of the students in attendance possessed - from attending the same high school to scouting. These remarks were followed by a discussion on a wide range of topics, from Sime's experience as a concerned citizen addressing the General Assembly in Richmond to his experiences on the campaign trail and running as a "third party" candidate. He also touched on eminent domain, the mechanics of campaigning, and the importance of running a clean and ethical campaign.

After speaking, Sime entertained numerous questions from the students. Questions ranged from what Mr. Sime sees as

the major issues he would like to change in Virginia, to his ideas on transportation and school funding. When asked about his stance on gun control, Sime stated "the motivation of crime is much better dealt with than the tool used to commit the crime", and followed up by saying "the right to bear arms is an essential element to a free society".

Several exciting campaign events are forthcoming in the next several weeks. Team Sime will attend numerous upcoming county fairs, including the Augusta County fair (Aug. 8-12) and the Rockingham County fair (August 14-19). (Evidently this will be the first time the LPVa or an LPVa candidate has conducted outreach at these events.) The campaign is also planning an exciting neighborhood fundraiser in Crozet for late summer, which will provide great music, food, and entertainment.

Arin Sime resides in Crozet with his wife Lauren and sons Drew and Josh, and is the owner of two small businesses. He faces incumbent Senator Emmett Hanger in the November, 2007 election.

More information on the Sime for State Senate campaign can be found at

www.arinsime.com

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of the proposed mountain rules are already contained piecemeal in various parts of the current county code.

Munchmeyer believes the proposed ordinances violate property rights.

"We need to send a strong message to politicians and bureaucrats that government should stop attempting to run our lives. Similar legislation was proposed and defeated in Albemarle County in 1998, and defeat needs to happen again. Concerned citizens should to contact their Supervisor and tell them to scrap these proposals," Munchmeyer concluded.

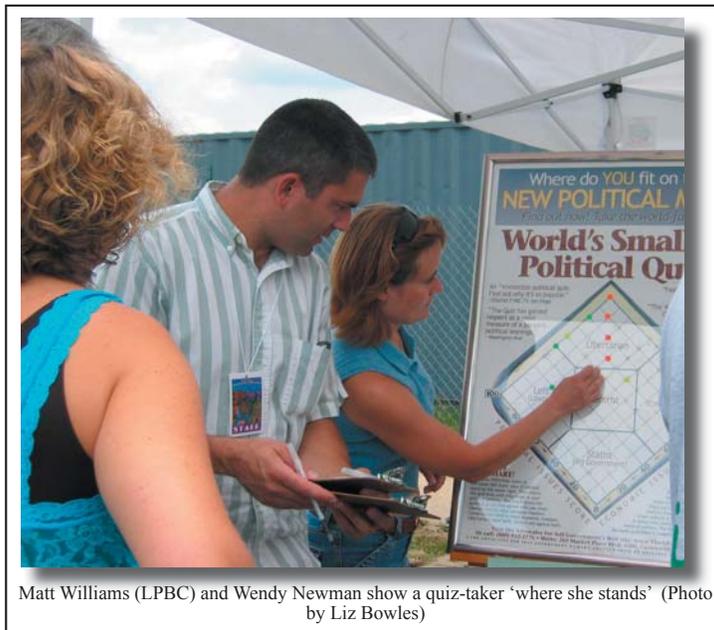
One wonders how many times politicians must be sent a message before it sinks in that "we really mean it this time."

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members throughout Virginia. If you are one of the recipients (or even if you don't receive it for some reason), please give generously. Contributions can be made online by visiting www.WoodForCongress.com.

One important component of our Voter Identification Project is the list of Registered Voters. We will be using a telephone survey to identify libertarian-leaning voters from the in a targeted town within the district. This information will be used to target these voters with a concerted campaign to win their votes on November 7th. Volunteers for this project are still needed. We will be asking a simple five-question survey of selected voters. The questions are quite painless, and the entire survey shouldn't take more than a minute. If you would like to help with this effort in your spare time, please contact me.

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Matt Williams (LPBC) and Wendy Newman show a quiz-taker 'where she stands' (Photo by Liz Bowles)

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'Zero Dues' Altered by National LP Members

By Marc Montoni

Most readers heard some of the debate over the past year about "eliminating dues" that made its way into the National LP last year.

A little-known fact was apparently lost in the debate: national LP membership was free and always had been since the founding of the Party. In Article 5 of the national LP's bylaws, members of the national LP were defined as "those persons who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals."

For a time back in the eighties, the national LP even marketed this "free membership" option in the form of "instant member cards", which were available through the national party's literature catalog. This author was an employee at LPHQ when we were still offering "Instant Member" cards in bundles of 100 via the LP literature sales catalog. It was a simple postcard with a tear-off part that you kept, which was a wallet-card sized thing. It said what any membership card would say, had a place for you to sign it, and the other side had the statement of principles.

The part you didn't keep was a standard business-reply post card. The membership statement was there with a place for you to sign it, and of course it had space to enter

name, address, and other contact info. Being business reply, it was even free for the signer to mail.

After several years of marketing "free" memberships, the LNC looked at the effectiveness of doing so -- and determined that normal prospect lists (i.e. names gathered at gun shows and college fairs and the like) had a better "conversion" (i.e. free members becoming donors) rate than the "Instant" names. As a result, the LNC decided to stop marketing the category.

People could still join as free members, but other than filing the signature in a portable file box with the signatures of others and noting on the national LP database that the person had signed, free members were not pursued further. As stated, response rates were generally extremely low. [Interestingly, earlier this year, LPHQ staffers stated that "conversions" of the newer 'free' members generated so little return on investment that they would not be contacted in the future.]

Throughout the nineties, there were still a few people who took advantage recruiting free members.

I was one of those folks; as I was involved in rather intensive member-recruiting efforts for over a decade. The last signature only or "free" member this author recruited and submitted to LPHQ was in January 2005. A month later, that person donated.

The LNC could not eliminate free

memberships, because they were written into the bylaws. They were under no obligation, however, to market the option; and they didn't.

Fast forward to 2005.

A new movement to "eliminate dues" sprang up, even though we already had the free membership category (and in fact as of March 2004 there were over 26,000 free signature-only members (people who had signed the pledge but never donated) on the national database (source: LPHQ membership report, March 31 2004)). The leaders of this movement claimed that requiring the payment of dues was a barrier to more people becoming affiliated with the Party; and they proposed removing the barrier by setting dues at \$0.00.

This proposal was passed by the LNC at its August 2005 meeting and was to be effective as of January 1 2006.

That decision was effectively reversed by the national convention in Portland, when LP members chose to create the "sustaining membership" category. The power to set minimum dues has essentially been removed from the LNC.

Strangely, the LNC's adoption of zero dues caused only one concrete change: it increased the number of people who counted for national convention delegate apportionment from about 15,000 (i.e. people who had donated at least \$25 to the national LP

in the past twelve months, or those who are life members) to over 125,000 (i.e. the total number of people who had ever signed the membership pledge).

The Portland convention overruled this. Now, national delegate apportionment is once again based on the "donated at least \$25 to the national LP in the past twelve months, or who is a life member" standard, exactly as it was before January 1.

In addition, the membership added another restriction -- national LP title holders must now be sustaining members of the Party. Prior to the convention, one could hold an LNC title (even chairman of the Party) and not even be a member. No more.

So, as of the end of the national convention, the definition of national LP membership has basically come full circle. The National Convention re-established minimum dues of \$25. Minimum dues can no longer be altered by the LNC; although the LNC is still free to establish premium membership categories with additional benefits.

In addition, members of the Libertarian Party of Virginia met in convention on April 22, and established an entirely independent, LPVA-only membership structure. In essence, it says that LPVA members are those

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24th District

Where in the ~~World~~ is Arin Sime?



7/4 - Staunton and Harrisonburg Parades



7/15 - Meeting Greene County Taxpayers



6/21 - Talking Eminent Domain with the Peales



7/8 - Waynesboro Summer Extravaganza



7/1 - Crozet Fireman's Parade and Fair



7/8 - Speaking to the Albemarle Republicans

Thanks to all those volunteers who helped us have a great presence in 3 parades, several news articles, another TV clip, another radio interview, and more!

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July 8 SCC Meeting

Summarized by Marc Montoni

The State Central Committee is the policy making body of the LPVA.

The most recent regular meeting of the State Central Committee (SCC) was held on Saturday, July 8, 2006, at the North Park Branch Library, Henrico County, VA. The meeting was called to order by vice chairman Jeff Bowles at 1:09 PM. Other LPVA officers in attendance or represented by a designee included Marc Montoni (Secretary), and Jon Walker (representing the absent chairman).

Under LPVA rules, Libertarian Party Congressional District Committee Chairs

are entitled to a voting seat at SCC meetings; or they can delegate the SCC duty to any other LPVA member. District Representatives in attendance included: Kathy Mullin (CD1 chair); Tom Blanton (CD3); Don Tabor (CD4); Liz Bowles (CD6); George Marchenko (CD7); Steve Dasbach (CD8); Jim Lark (CD9); and Bill Wood (CD10).

The following is a list of actions taken at the meeting.

- **Approved** the Proposed Agenda with minor changes, and the Draft Minutes from the April 22 SCC meeting; both PASSED without objection. [Editor's Note: *Official Minutes are available by download from the LPVA web site or by requesting a printout from the Secretary.*]

- **Re-certified** as officially-recognized local committees all current affiliates except Harrisonburg-Rockingham LP (HRLP).

- **Re-certified** HRLP on a conditional basis through 12/31/2006.

- **Confirmed** the Chair's appointment of Jim Lark as the Convention 2008 Chairman.

- **Approved** setting formal responsibility for monitoring and maintenance of the LPVA's 800 number with the chairman of the Membership Development Committee.

- **Approved** a formal policy on data release to third parties with written member permission.

- **Approved** a request to the Treasurer to study moving LPVA accounts over to BB&T due to their principled stand on denying loans to entities engaging in eminent domain abuse.

- **Approved** an initiative to study the possibility of legal action to address current Chesterfield County government policy, which permit the advertisement of certain political parties but not others on the County government's taxpayer-funded web site.

- **Approved** the establishment of LPVA dues in the amount of \$25 per annum, with a reduced rate of \$5 for current students.

- **Approved** official Resolutions of the SCC congratulating Jim Lark, Steve Damerell, and Bill Redpath for their election to positions on the National Committee and other accomplishments.

- **Selected** September 9th, 2006, as the next meeting date, with the 16th as the backup; with the North Park Branch Library in Henrico as the preferred meeting place. The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Dues (cont'd from P. 5)

who are in accord with the LPVA's Statement of Principles, and who have paid dues, if any. The new structure directs the SCC to set dues between \$0 and \$25. At the last state committee (SCC) meeting (July 8), dues were set at \$25.

The debate over all of these changes has led to much confusion about who is and who isn't a member. However, as of the national and state conventions, the matter is decided until the next conventions.

As of right now, if you wish to be a free member of the national LP, sign the membership pledge and send it in. To get any of the benefits, however, become a sustaining member.

To become a member of the LPVA, you must decide if you're in accord with the LPVA's "Statement of Principles, and pay the required dues.

There is a new form to use for state LP membership (see page 8). You are

free to join either National or LPVA, or both. Members of the LPVA have the following privileges:

- 1- They may vote in the conventions of the LPVA and its affiliates.
- 2- They may serve in elected leadership positions within the LPVA.
- 3- They will be counted as members of the LPVA.
- 4- They will receive the state LP newsletter.
- 5- They will be on the official notification list for LP events within the state.

The LPVA leadership thanks the many friends of the LP while this debate waxed and waned. We now look forward to getting it behind us and towards moving on to politics at the ballot box.



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CANOPY: 9x9 tent/canopy. STORAGE LOCATION: Charlottesville. Call Jim Lark, 434-973-5958, or email <JWLark@dellmail.com>.

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DISPLAY BOARD, TABLETOP: 6' length. Dark Blue in color. STORAGE LOCATION: Alexandria. Call Dana Johansen, 703-960-9120 or email <JohansenDR@starpower.net>.

If you have useful trade-show type items you'd like to add to this list so they can be offered to other LPVA activists, please email Marc Montoni at <Freedom@LPVA.com> or send a postcard with the description of the item and your contact information to: Montoni, PO Box 28263, Richmond VA 23228-0263. Please indicate whether the item belongs to you personally, the LPVA, the local LP, etc.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME: "Tax Man and His Tax Slaves" costume (Requires 5 to 10 people). STORAGE LOCATION: Roanoke. Call Andy Akers, 540-387-1094 or email <chester89@yahoo.com> to inquire.

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BANNER: STORAGE LOCATION: Fincastle. The banner (blue, with 800 number; also have a tubular frame which supports banner above a standard table). Call Liz or Jeff Bowles, <liz_bowles@hotmail.com> or 540-473-3510.

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Libertarian groups around the state

By Marc Montoni

Richmond & Vicinity

CHARLES CITY COUNTY: Charles City County Libertarians. Donny Smith, <CharlesCityCo@LPVA.com>.

METRO RICHMOND: Weekly Social Hour, every Friday. Location varies; please consult RichmondLiberty.org for this week's location. 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Sponsor: Richmond Metro Libertarians. <RichmondMetro@LPVA.com>.

HENRICO COUNTY: Meeting dates and times vary. For more information, contact Henrico LP chairman Leonard Harris, <Henrico@LPVA.com>, or 804-266-6572.

RICHMOND: City of Richmond LP. Meeting time & location varies. Jon Walker, <RichmondLP@LPVA.com>, or 804-915-7175.

COLLEGE: VCU Libertarians. Steven Latimer, <VCU@LPVA.com>.

Roanoke Area

BOTETOURT COUNTY: Botetourt County Libertarians. Monthly meetings, 3rd Mondays, Sept through May (no summer meetings), 6:00 p.m., El Rancho Viejo Mexican Restaurant in Daleville VA (North 220 off I-81 exit 150B). Jeff Bowles, <Botetourt@LPVA.com>, or 540-473-2030.

CRAIG COUNTY: Libertarian Party of Craig County. Doug Lucas, <CraigCounty@LPVA.com>.

FRANKLIN COUNTY: Franklin County Libertarians. Charles Pasley, <FranklinCounty@LPVA.com>, or 540-721-2012.

MARTINSVILLE: Martinsville Libertarians. Re-forming. <Martinsville@LPVA.com>.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY: New River Libertarians. For residents of Montgomery, Giles, Pulaski, and Floyd counties. Monthly meetings are usually every first Tuesday, Bogen's Restaurant, 622 North Main St, Blacksburg at 7:00 PM (social hour starts at 6:00). Please contact Jonathan McGlumphy, <NewRiver@LPVA.com>, or 540-231-3708. Also see the NRL website at www.NewRiverLibertarians.org

ROANOKE COUNTY: Roanoke Valley Libertarian Party. For members residing in Roanoke, Salem, and Roanoke County. Monthly meeting, 1st Mondays. 6:30 p.m., Roanoke County Public Library, Hollins branch, 6624 Peters Creek Rd. Directions: 540-561-8024. Greg Ewing, <Roanoke@LPVA.com>, or 540-767-1776.

COLLEGE: VWCC: Libertarians of Virginia Western Community College. <VirginiaWestern@LPVA.com>

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COLLEGE: VT: Libertarians at Virginia Tech. Jonathan McGlumphy, <VT@LPVA.com>, or 540-231-3708.

Tidewater Area

ACCOMACK COUNTY: Accomack County Libertarians. Bob Hutchinson <Accomack@LPVA.com>.

GLOUCESTER & MATHEWS COUNTIES: Local LP Now forming. Kevin Arden, 804-693-4004 or <Gloucester@LPVA.com>.

NORFOLK: Tidewater Libertarian Party. 2nd Monthly meeting, every third Saturday, 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, 9 a.m. for the meeting. Picadilly Cafeteria in Norfolk by the Military Circle Mall. See the TLP web site TidewaterLP.com. Tom Cantrell, <Tidewater@LPVA.com>, or 757-460-4017.

SUFFOLK: City Of Suffolk Libertarians. Ken Taylor, <Suffolk@LPVA.com>, or 757-923-1285.

VIRGINIA BEACH: Tidewater Libertarian Party. 1st Monthly meeting -- every first Saturday, 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, 9 a.m. for the meeting. Old Country Buffet, 1952 Laskin Rd, Virginia Beach, VA. See the TLP web site TidewaterLP.com. Call Tom Cantrell, 757-460-4017, or write: <Tidewater@LPVA.com>.

COLLEGE: W&M Libertarians: <WilliamAndMary@LPVA.com>

Charlottesville Area

CHARLOTTESVILLE: Jefferson Area Libertarians. For residents of the cities of Charlottesville, Waynesboro, Staunton, and the counties of Albemarle, Augusta, Fluvanna, Greene, and Nelson. Quarterly business meetings and special meetings: time and location by announcement. Monthly "Happy Hour": at Mellow Mushroom restaurant (1309 W. Main St.), second Thursday of each month, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Please call Arin Sime (434-996-5226) or Jim Lark (434-973-5958), or write <JAL@LPVA.com>.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY: LP of Cumberland County. Contact: Dwight Baker, <Cumberland@LPVA.com>.

ORANGE COUNTY: Orange County Libertarians. Don Ober, 540-672-2793

COLLEGE: UVA University Libertarians. ALSO: UVA Students for Individual

Liberty. Contact the Liberty Coalition, <Liberty@Virginia.edu>, or 434-982-5016 (voicemail).

Northern Virginia

ARLINGTON COUNTY: "NOVA Libertarian Social Hour", every Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., The Sports Pub, 529 23rd Street South, Arlington. Call Marianne Volpe, 703-960-2973, or write <mvolpe@starpower.net >.

FAIRFAX COUNTY: LP of Northern Virginia. Monthly meeting, 3rd Mondays, 6:45 p.m., Harvest Moon Restaurant, Falls Church. Also sponsors monthly Potluck parties, always on the Saturday before the regular meeting. Geoff Allen, 571-214-8356, or <LPNOVA@LPVA.com>.

LOUDOUN COUNTY: LP of Loudoun County. Monthly meeting 4th Tuesdays. Location TBA. Call Chuck Eby, 703-855-8767, or write <Loudoun@LPVA.com>.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY: LP of Prince William County. Contact Kathy Mullin, 703-221-9875, or <PrinceWilliam@LPVA.com>.

COLLEGE: GMU College Libertarians: Meeting time & location varies; call Chuck Eby, 703-855-8767 for information, or write: <CollegeLibertarians@LPVA.com>

Shenandoah Valley

HARRISONBURG: Harrisonburg/Rockingham LP. Reorganizing. To help, call Joe Rudmin, 540-433-0197 (h) or 540-568-2784 (w), or write <HRLP@LPVA.com>.

PAGE COUNTY: Page County Libertarians. Dave Switzer <Page@LPVA.com>. or 540-843-2057.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY: Shenandoah County LP. Meeting time & location varies; call or write for information. Nancy Young, 540-477-2520, or write: <ShenandoahCounty@LPVA.com>.

WINCHESTER: Libertarian Party of the Blue Ridge. For residents of Winchester, Clark/Warren/Frederick Counties. Monthly meetings normally held on the third Tuesday of each month. For precise location of each month's meeting, or for other information, call or write Bill Wood, 540-955-0733, or <BlueRidge@LPVA.com>.

COLLEGE: JMU Libertarians. - see info for Harrisonburg (above) or write <JMU@LPVA.com>.

Peninsula

ESSEX COUNTY: Northern Neck Libertarians. <NorthernNeck@LPVA.com>.

FREDERICKSBURG: Fredericksburg Area Libertarians. JR Stevenson, 540-775-7722, or <Fredericksburg@LPVA.com>.

Southwest Virginia

BUCHANAN COUNTY: Buchanan County LP. William Little: <BuchananCounty@LPVA.com> or 276-963-4091.

LEE COUNTY: Lee County LP -- email <LeeCounty@LPVA.com>.

COLLEGE: ASL. Libertarian Society at Appalachian School of Law. William Little <WLittle@ASL.edu> or 276-963-4091.

Lynchburg and Vicinity

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LUNENBURG COUNTY: LP of Lunenburg County. Steve Kirkpatrick, 434-696-1714 or <Lunenburg@LPVA.com>.

LYNCHBURG: Lynchburg Libertarians. For residents of Lynchburg and surrounding counties. Monthly meetings, 2nd Mondays, 6:30 p.m., T-Bone Jack's, 8210 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg. Dave Overstreet, 540-587-7597 or <Lynchburg@LPVA.com>

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We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor.

Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life -- accordingly we support the prohibition of the initiation of physical

force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action -- accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property -- accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals.

People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others.

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