



Alabama Liberty



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Join us at the LPA Convention 2002!
Carla Howell, LP Chairman Dr. James Lark,
and Dr. Jimmy Blake in Birmingham!



Carla Howell



Dr. James Lark



Dr. Jimmy Blake

Where are you going to be on April 13th and April 14th? If you are not at the LPA Convention, you are going to be missing the gala event of the year! This is going to be a once in a life time opportunity to meet Libertarians on the forefront of activism from around the US. Don't miss out on the camaraderie and the fun! Don't miss out on the biggest social affair for those who demand liberty!

more details on next page

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Libertarians IN the Debates!

John Sophocleus, Libertarian candidate for Governor has already participated in a televised debate with Riley, Windom, Riddle, and James. The Democrats decided not to participate after Seigelman declined.

The next scheduled debate is for Saturday, April 6th. The Alabama Associated Press Gubernatorial Debate at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Tuscaloosa will take place at 10:00 AM.

"In the beginning of a change the patriot is a scarce man, and brave, and hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot"

--Mark Twain

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Special Guest Speaker Carla Howell!

She was the 2002 LP candidate for Governor of Massachusetts, she won 308,860 votes in her Libertarian 2000 bid for U.S. Senate, challenging 38-year incumbent Ted Kennedy. "Campaigns and Elections" magazine recognized her campaign as the most successful third party U.S. Senate race in 2000. Her campaign raised over \$821,362 from 5,106 individual donors. Her campaign activated 726 volunteers.

Carla is the organizer of the Massachusetts ballot initiative to end the Massachusetts state income tax and is also the Libertarian candidate for Governor of Massachusetts!

Chairman of the National Libertarian Party, Dr. Jim Lark!

Dr. Lark will be returning to Alabama and will be discussing the current state of the National Party as well as the direction that it is headed!"

Councilman Dr. Jimmy Blake!

Dr. Jimmy Blake is the former Chairman of the LPA and ex-Birmingham City Council Member. He will be telling us about the upset of the Century in Birmingham politics! In addition Dr. Blake will be discussing Libertarian ideas and power within the Republican Party.

Join Us in the Libertarian Event of the Year!

Scheduled to be in attendance:

Chairman and Candidate Mark Bodenhause

Vice-Chairman Matthew Givens
 Administrator Mike Rster
 Regional Chair Freeman Presson
 Regional Chair Steve Dow
 Candidate Alan Barksdale
 Candidate John Sophocleus

Candidate Lyn Curtis Adams
 Constable Kevin Andrews
 Constable Dan Bowden
 Candidate Floyd Shackelford
 Candidate Dick Coffee
 ...and many more!

Libertarian Party of Alabama Convention 2002 FAQ

Who can attend?

Anyone can attend the Convention. However, to vote in official Convention business, you must be a current member or have joined at least 30 days before the Convention.

I don't agree with everything the Libertarians stand for — will I be welcome?

Of course! In the end the real question should be — do you believe in smaller government? If you believe in smaller government and greater personal freedom, come and join us! Do you honestly expect the Republicans or the Democrats to reduce the size of government? Does anyone agree with everything that these political parties represent? Of course not! If you sincerely believe that the Constitution was more than a good idea — come and participate in the next American Revolution!

Exactly when and where is the 2002 Convention?

This year's convention will be held on Saturday, April 13th from 1-9pm and Sunday April 14th from noon-5pm at:

The Radisson Hotel
808 20th Street South
Birmingham, AL 35205
(205) 933-9000

It is located on Southside just down the street from UAB and on the corner of University Blvd and 20th Street. For more information about directions, please call. Although the hotel is fully booked, rooms may become available from time to time. Be sure to mention that you are with the Libertarians, we have negotiated rates of \$79.00 for single or double. There are dozens of hotels in the area (Red Roof, Howard Johnson, etc.) so if you are having a hard time with reservations or just need a suggestion call us at (205) 328-8683.

What will happen at the Convention?

- * Saturday morning start with Bylaws discussions.
- * Dr. James Lark will be our keynote speaker.

- * Dr. Jimmy Blake will be discussing Birmingham politics and Libertarianism in the Republican Party.
- * Complimentary dinner buffet from 5-6 PM with
- * A presentation by Carla Howell during dessert
- * **Saturday evening** will be concluded with Candidate stumping and socializing. We will also have breakout sessions for campaigning.
- * **Sunday noon** will commence with candidate nominations and voting.
- * Executive Committee Officers will be elected.
- * Delegates to the 2002 National Convention in Indianapolis will be elected.
- * Closing comments by the incoming Chairman.
- * PRESS CONFERENCE

How much does it cost?

Register NOW for best prices. The following rates are for **both** days:

Current Members	received before 3/31/02	\$65
	received after 3/31/02	\$75
Couples	received before 3/31/02	\$110
	received after 3/31/02	\$125
Full Time Students		\$25
Membership (1 year)		\$25
Non-members:	Add	\$25

Please note: There is NO CHARGE to attend the business sessions of the meeting, so if you just want to come to the bylaws debates or vote for a candidate, you are WELCOMED! We encourage you to contribute in any way you can.

What is the Convention cancellation policy?

Cancellations received before March 31, 2002 will be refunded minus a 50% processing fee. Cancellations after March 31st will not be refunded. All refunds are issued after the Convention.

Who should I contact about more information?

Call Mike Rster, the LPA administrator at (205) 328-8683 or email at Gallatin76@aol.com.

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Convention details continued

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Convention 2002
Libertarian Party of Alabama
2330 Highland Ave
Birmingham, AL 35205

or fax a registration to the LPA at:
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email: _____

YES! Count me in at the Convention!

Attention those interested in speaking publicly on Liberty:



We have formed a group of public speakers and are looking for additional volunteers. These people would have the responsibility of presenting the libertarian message at various speaking engagements. For future candidates this is a wonderful time to get some practice in as well as free exposure.

The first step for all those interested is going to be to find a local chapter of Toastmasters and attend their meetings. That is unless you have extensive speaking experience.

You can find their local meetings at:

www.toastmasters.org

In Birmingham, for example, there are almost 20 clubs to attend, each with different meeting times and places. The list is hyperlinked for your convenience.

We will also be having our own meeting at the convention on Sunday. This will be to find out specific preferences and determine who is appropriate for the venues available. For those interested in training or speaking please email me or call me at Gallatin76@aol.com or call (205) 328-8683.

"THE PRICE OF FREEDOM IS THE WILLINGNESS TO DO BATTLE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME, AND WITH UTTER RECKLESSNESS." — ROBERT HEINLEIN

What Is OPH?

Operation Politically Homeless is a fantastic means of discovering libertarians. Using the world's smallest political quiz which asks issues-oriented questions, one can determine one's place in the political spectrum.

And if you searching for Libertarians—it is easy to get them interested and involved in the only political party that agrees with them!

"It's easy and fun. Anyone can do it. Time and time again OPH has proven itself. Wherever it is set up, it greatly outdraws competing booths.

"Why? Because, unlike a mere literature table, OPH actively engages passers-by. It catches their attention. It's fun (for both Quiz-takers and booth operators), and only takes a minute or so.

"Because it incorporates the World's Smallest Political Quiz, OPH quickly opens the minds of people to the idea of a new political spectrum that includes libertarians. It makes it quick and easy to explain what libertarianism is, and how libertarians differ from conservatives and liberals."

— Scott Kjar

JOIN THE OPH TEAM!

If you are interested in helping out with an OPH or just want more info, contact:

Mike Rster gallatin76@aol.com

Paul Frankel stark9@hotmail.com.

BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

**1st MONDAY NIGHT OF THE MONTH
7 PM AT STATE HEADQUARTERS :
2330 HIGHLAND AVENUE
(205) 328-8683**

Executive Committee Minutes — January 13, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Bodenhausen.

The minutes were read and approved with amendments.

Treasurer's Report: We have a balance in checking account #1 of \$1,605.67 and checking account #2 \$3,313.36

District Reports:

Birmingham. Freeman reported that the guest was David Langum of the ACLU of Alabama, also a law professor at Cumberland. There was good attendance at the meeting and a nice discussion of the issues.

Huntsville. The meeting was held at the Piccadilly in Madison Square Mall with 15 people present and an overall good meeting took place.

Mobile. Mark Bodenhausen visited and there was a good meeting in Mobile.

Selma. Kevin Andrews reported a good meeting/Christmas party and that he is currently working on a history of the LPA.

Auburn. Scott reported that there were going to be Operation Politically Homeless Booths at AU on Jan 22 and Jan 23. Dick Clark also mentioned that he is currently working on a benefit concert for the LPA that is tentatively scheduled for April 20, 2002.

Montevallo. Amy Wood spoke of the opportunities for candidates at the university and encouraged everyone to come and visit the university for campaigning and outreach.

Secretary's report. Margi Crook was unable to attend the meeting due to poor health. She sent a Report on Theresa Wilson and her current status in Alabama Corrections.

Vice Chairman's Report. Matthew Givens spoke of his activities with SB36 and the eventual passage of the bill into law. However the bill in its final version affects the LPA only minimally. Matthew has scheduled a couple of speeches to non-libertarian groups in the immediate future.

Chairman's Report. Mark Bodenhausen had call and spoke with the Governor's attorney as to SB36 but apparently to no avail. He also reported that our political signs were not printed due to the printer awaking to an "unexpected anniversary."

He reported that the signs should be available very soon however. He also has been in contact with Birmingham City Councilman Joel Montgomery about various issues and has high hopes for his occupancy on the council.

Administrator's Report. Mike Rster reported that the Billboard was up but had received minimal response. He added that the next step would need to be getting the political signs put up. Kevin Andrews requested an exact legal definition of political signs and their place on the highways. Mike mentioned the need to avoid a "sign war." He also spoke of the upcoming Convention for April 13th and 14th. Currently our guests include Dr. Jimmy Blake, James Lark, and possibly Eli Israel. Mike also spoke of the meeting that he and the Chairman attended with CH; the focus needing to be proactive activities as opposed to passive outreach; in addition the ideas that we need to be a safe alternative for people wishing to be in politics. There was discussion as to the Registered Voter list and the proposed price tag by the Alabama office of over \$30,000 for a CD of registered voters in the State of Alabama.



Old Business. There was extensive discussion as to making the LPA database available but secure to our candidates. After much commentary the decision that the candidates with certain provisions would have access to the database. These provisions required a signed contract and included a destroy date as well as penalties for abuse.

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“If it is to be, it is up to me!”

We will be searching for candidates until the last minute. How about making a real difference? Can't run an active campaign? No problem. Your mere presence will give the voters a REAL ALTERNATIVE.

If you want to run for a county, state, or congressional seat and will run an active race:

- Call us immediately and leave a message. Leave your name, address, email address and telephone number.
- Fill out an Application for Nomination.
- Mail the form to the State Headquarters.
- Contact your Regional Chair and inform them of your intentions to run. If you are not sure who your Regional Chair is, please call us at (205) 328-8683 or visit:

www.al.lp.org/districts.htm

Join us at the Convention!

Time is running out!



The Republicans and Democrats will have already chosen their final slate...but we have one more chance...

The DEADLINE is on April 14th, 2002
at the State Convention

“Remember — you can make a big difference by running. No one else shares your perspective, your priorities and your vision!”

Mike Rster — Administrator

PS You are not alone — visit page 9!



A Message from the Administrator

Dear friends of liberty:

Fortune happens to those brave enough to be in the right place at the right time. 2002 is such an opportunity for the candidates of the LPA.

Our candidates can focus on their respective races. They do not have to worry about ballot access nor do they need to worry about filing fees.

With our approach of filling every spot that we possibly can, we intend to again accomplish the goal of reaching 20% thus maintaining Major Party Status! In addition we expect growth in terms of members as well as financial support. With our shotgun approach we expect to hit the target.

But a vital ingredient is needed... You!

Libertarians in Alabama...I am calling you...I need each citizen that calls themselves a Libertarian to get involved! Volunteer one night with your regional chairman, help reach new friends with an OPH, donate supplies, or join the Pledge Program.

Folks, no more talk — its time to get involved.

Support a candidate — our candidates need both financial support as well as emotional support. None of us can stand alone, most especially a candidate. Why not attend a supper club meeting, a rally, or an event in support of a candidate?

2002 can be a fantastic year for us! How about becoming a part of history?

Mike Rster



Libertarian Party of Alabama BEQUESTS

For those who wish to make a profound difference in the struggle for liberty... we offer the LPA Bequest Program. A bequest is a gift made through a will. Bequests may include cash, marketable securities, closely held stock, real estate, or tangible personal property.

To ENSURE that the ideas of liberty will brighten future generations of Alabamians even after you are gone please consider the joining the LPA Bequest Program. You do not have to write an entirely new will, you can add a codicil to an existing will.

**For more information please call.
1-205-328-8683**

TAX TIP! The IRS and the Justice Department are near agreement with American Express Co. to expose records from customers who pay their bills through banks in the Bahamas, the Cayman Islands and other tax havens, the Wall Street Journal reported on Friday.



The IRS will compare customers' transactions with their tax returns, for the purpose of identifying and possibly prosecuting the estimated thousands of taxpayers who are believed to have used a scheme involving offshore accounts and credit cards to cheat on their taxes. MasterCard International Ltd. is also in negotiations with the government.

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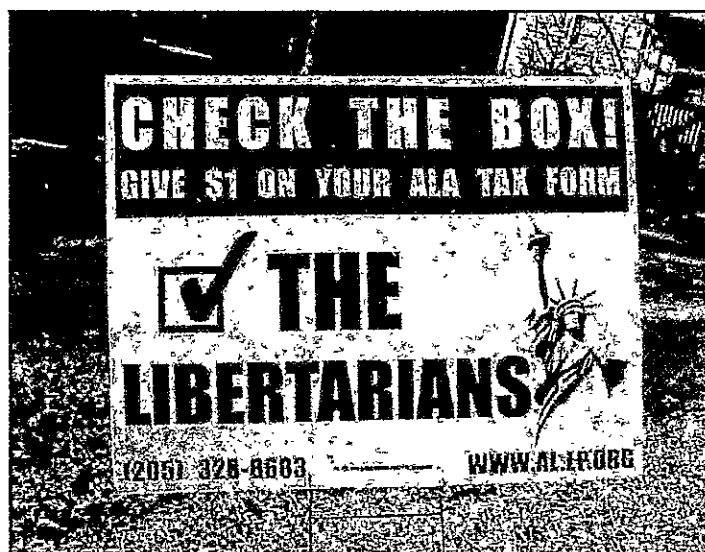
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EC Minutes continued

SB36. Due to its minimal impact the EC members decided that there would no additional action on SB36. Chairman Mark Bodenhause said that he would call Senator Holley regarding the law.

Candidate interviews and discussion:

John Sophocleus and Scott Kjar spoke of their intense campaign and many activities scheduled for the next few months. Dick Coffee is also in the process of preparing a healthy campaign. Chair Mark Bodenhause spoke of the winner in a public race is the person with the most experience in public activities. Gene Ponder spoke of his upcoming race and discussed various aspects of what he envisions that the campaign would include.



Put up a Sign of Liberty!

We are proud to offer to our membership political signs in support of the LPA. They are available 24 hours a day at the State Headquarters. For your convenience they are located on the side porch. Please give us a call and tell us how many you need before you come by.

These signs were made with a lot of sweat and tears. The cost is not insignificant, so we have to insist that if you cannot put them up to please bring them back! They will do no good in your basement.

Please focus on all good streets with exposure but avoid the interstates and highways! Currently the signs on the freeways are being removed quickly by the highway crews and other candidates. Additionally, a ruling by the Attorney General has made placing these signs on the right-of-way illegal.

We are also organizing sign crews! Join us in putting up signs of liberty around the state! Get in touch with your local Regional Chair.

I challenge every Libertarian to put up one of these handsome signs on your front yard!

We have the largest group of Libertarian candidates in the HISTORY of the LPA...will you join us???

Lyn Curtis Adams — announced Lt. Governor
 Jeff Allen
 Greg Bacon
 Alan Barksdale
 Christle Bennett
 Don Billoni
 Mark Bodenhause — announced Secretary of State
 Dan Bowden
 Blaine Burgess
 Dick Clark
 George T. Clarke
 Dick Coffee — announced US House #1
 Al Driggers — announced AL House #25
 Joel Dunn
 Josh Elliot
 Eric Ender
 Mark Fate
 Adam Gilman
 Greg Graves
 Carol Hagan
 Chris Hansen
 Dr. Mark Hayden
 C.D. Hillman
 Charles Johnson
 Jeff Johnson
 David Langum
 Robbie Lacy
 Brian Lee
 Horace McCoy
 Tony McLendon
 John Martin
 Wilson Myers
 Darren O'Brien — announced Sheriff of Elmore County
 Gene Ponder
 Franklin Reeves

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Keep Current with LPA Email Lists!

The LPA maintains two email lists: lpa-announce and lpa-discuss.

The announce list is used for general announcements. Although posting is restricted to officers of the party and members of the Executive Committee, anyone may subscribe. This list is generally low volume.

The discussion list is for in-depth discussion of issues directly related with activism and philosophy. It is open, unmoderated, and high volume.

The method for subscribing to lpa-announce is to send an email to:

lpa-announce-subscribe@egroups.com

To subscribe to discuss replace announce with discuss in the above email. To unsubscribe replace *subscribe* with *unsubscribe* in the above email. You will get a welcome and additional information from yahoo groups as well.

Candidates, continued

Mark Ruocco
 Floyd Shackelford — announced US House #2
 John Sophocleus — announced for Governor
 Kevin Stringfellow
 John Turner
 Johnny Wales
 Dennis Weldy

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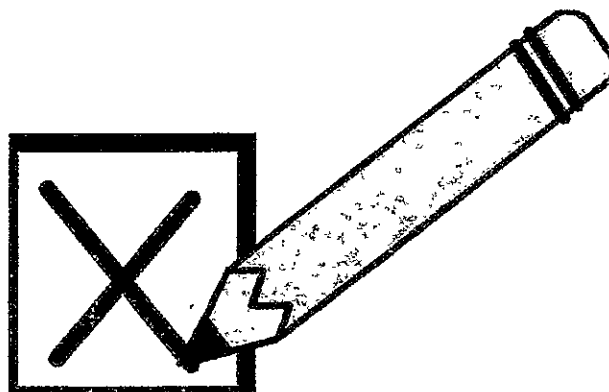
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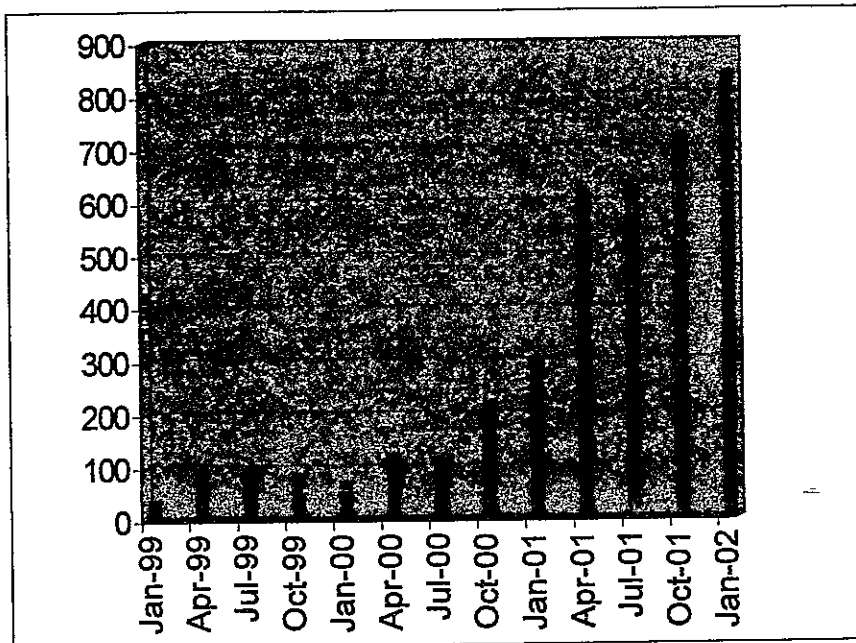
2002: A Critical Year for The LPA!

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April-99	95
July-99	95
October-99	85
January-00	70
April-00	120
July-00	110
October-00	220
January-01	300
April-01	620
July-01	620
October-01	724
January-02	839



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Expiration Date: ____ / ____

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Signature: _____

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LPA Events - March/April 2002

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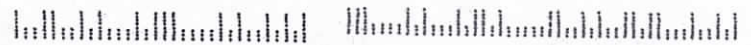
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	11 Birmingham S/C	12 Anniston S/C Montgomery S/C	13 Auburn University OPH	14	15	16
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24 Birmingham Volunteers	25 Birmingham Volunteers	26 Florence S/C	27 Huntsville S/C	28	29	30
31 Birmingham Volunteers	1 Birmingham Volunteers	2	3 Mobile S/C Auburn University Movie Night	4	5	6 Auburn Hemp Alliance Concert Auburn University
7 Birmingham Volunteers	8 Birmingham S/C	9 Anniston S/C Montgomery S/C	10 Auburn University OPH and meeting	11	12	13 LPA State Convention — Birmingham
14 LPA State Convention — Birmingham	15 Tax Protests Birmingham & Auburn	16 Anniston S/C Montgomery S/C	17 Auburn University OPH meeting	18	19	20

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Meeting Calendar

Auburn University Libertarians call Dick Clark. (334) 502-8650

Anniston/Gadsden/JSU Libertarians meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Village Inn restaurant in Jacksonville, AL. The restaurant is on the north side of the town square. Contact Terry Bonds at tbonds@nti.net for more info.

Greater Birmingham Libertarian Supper Club meets from 6:30 - 9 pm, the second Monday of each month, at Jim N' Nicks BBQ at 220 Oxmoor Rd.- just off I-65. Please call Freeman Presson at (205) 930-9001 or (205) 328-8683 (voice mail) for confirmation and more info.

Birmingham Libertarian volunteers meet every Monday of the month except the 2nd Monday (supper club) at "The Lair," party headquarters at 2330 Highland Ave. Check with Mike Rster (Gallatin76@aol.com, 205-328-8683 voice mail) for more info. Sessions start around 7pm and go until ?????

Florence Area Libertarians meet at 7pm at Barnhills Buffet, 201 Cox Creek Pkwy., Florence, AL 35630-1572. Call Jonny Letson at 256-757-7035 for additional information.

Huntsville Area Libertarians meet at 6:00 pm on the last Wednesday of each month at the Piccadilly Cafeteria in Madison Square Mall. Contact Steve Dow (StephenDow@aol.com, 256-772-0888) for more information.

Mobile Area Libertarians Contact: Dick Coffee (Naturalchi@aol.com, 334-479-1000) for more info.

Montgomery Area Libertarians usually meet at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month at O'Charley's, 2690 Eastern Bypass, Montgomery. Contact Matthew Givens (334-272-5009, m3corps@earthlink.net) for more info.

Selma Area Libertarians usually hold their meetings in the evening at the home of District Rep Jack Andrews, with scheduling to accomodate the members' schedules. Please contact Jack (334-874-8959, kevinandrews@mindspring.com) if you are interested in attending.

Tuscaloosa Area Meetings. Contact Holden McAllister at (205)758-7491 (holden@dbtech.net).

Wiregrass Libertarians Meetings. Email electFloyd@fwshackelford.com or contact Floyd Shackelford at (334) 735-9428. Wiregrass Libertarians meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the back meeting room of the Barnhill's Country Buffet, 1117 Highway 231 S, in Troy.