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MORE CANDIDATES URGED TO FILE

LPM to Reconvene for State House Nominations on AUG 6

The Libertarian Party of Michigan will hold its "Second Semi-Annual 1984 Nominating Convention" in conjunction with an LCC meeting at Headquarters on Sunday, August 5. The second nominating convention will be limited to nominations for state House candidates and has resulted from a June Michigan Supreme Court Decision which overturned the redistricting plan hastily adopted earlier this year (when recalls weighed heavily on legislators' minds).

The LPM has been the innocent victim of this partisan powerplay and State regulations which required our nominations in May. Although special provisions appear to have been made due to the novelty of the situation, the Election Division, Secretary of State, Attorney General on up are reluctant to put anything in writing. LPM secretary, Tom Jones, expressed concern over challenges from outside of government agencies, such as from other candidates, which has happened recently in a situation involving the "Demopublicans." Jones also notes the "chaos" which the State throws itself into! There has been considerable confusion about filing dead-

lines from the press, legislators, and other nonlibertarian candidates.

NOW, the LPM can take advantage of State chaos by nominating MORE State House Candidates. Please come forward now to join our slate of State House Candidates and show them that we're prepared to take advantage of "Republicratic" infighting. CONTACT LPM HEADQUARTERS BY PHONE TODAY SO WE CAN GET THE PAPERWORK COMPLETED BY THE AUGUST 6 DEADLINE.

LPM PETITIONERS ON THE ROAD AGAIN

One-time Michigan Bergland Coordinator, Kurt Weber, was hired as petitioning crew chief on David Bergland's recommendation. He hit the petition trail late in June and has assisted in at least two states so far. Kurt's additional duties as "crew chief" include waking the crew as he did daily with Bergland during the May tour.

Denise Kline spent 4th of July "vacation" assisting with Maryland's Sam Grove for Congress ballot drive.

LPM PICNIC AND LCC MEETING

The Libertarian Party of Michigan Picnic was held, in combination with a special LCC meeting, at Murray's Lake Club in Canton on Sunday, July 8. The LCC called for a special convention to be held in Lansing on Aug. 5 to nominate state house candidates. Chuck Dawson was also recertified for the special election in the 21st State House District, although the governor had been reluctant to call for a special election again. The traditional auction was held and fun was had by all.

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GOOD GOVERNMENT?

By Alan Burris

Libertarians are not concerned about having "good government," for there is no such thing. It is a contradiction in terms, like "good evil." In fact, the more the public is outraged by government inefficiency and waste--and by government taxation and regulation that is unjust, complicated and burdensome--the better the chance for liberty. We want to dismantle the "system," not make it work.

Neither are we concerned about having efficient government. If we are forced to pay for government, let us hope that we get as little government as possible for our money.

Thank God we don't get all the government we pay for.

Will Rogers

What we demand is our liberty! If some government is unavoidable, it must be kept to the absolute minimum.

Our forefathers risked everything in the American Revolution to establish that a monarch had no hereditary, or any other right to rule. Before that time the king's "divine right" was as unquestioned, as sacred a concept, as democracy and the right of majorities to rule is today.

Until Tom Paine's 1776 pamphlet, "Common Sense" shattered that illusion, the American colonists thought that their problem was only that the king's ministers were bad, and needed to be replaced by "good" ministers. When they realized that the problem was the system, not the men, they rejected monarchy and declared independence. Unfortunately, they thought that the solution was a different system--democracy. So the oppressive foreign rulers were replaced with oppressive domestic rulers.

The same misconception exists today. Most people still think that our only problem is the need to elect better rulers.

But now we know that there is no such thing as a "good ruler." What is wrong is the system of rule. Democracy is not the solution. Its only value is as a means of achieving liberty.

No one has the right to rule other human beings! What is unjust for one individual to do, is no more just if done by an individual "in the name of the state." If liberty is to prevail, we in our turn must lead the attack on the ideas that enslave us. **We must rip the mask off government for all to see its naked evil!**

We no longer believe that it is just for one man to govern two men, but we have yet to outgrow the absurd belief that it is just for two men to govern one man.

Charles T. Sprading, 1913

No human being, nor any number of human beings, have any right to make laws, and compel other human beings to obey them. To say that they have is to say that they are the masters and owners of whom they require such obedience.

Lysander Spooner



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GUEST COLUMN:

FREEDOM OF THE OPEN ROAD— The Saga of a Short Mobile Protest

By Brian Wright

It was one of those early June days where the heat and moisture conspire, giving southern Michigan the thick feeling of a coastal Texas town. Thankfully, a breeze of sorts began its weak counterpoint as I leaned my two-wheeler away from the heavy, Wednesday morning traffic into the Bob Evans parking lot.

Fellow cycle bum, I. David Gravlin, soon arrived, and as our respective country-boy breakfasts quickly vanished, we both expressed enthusiasm for the journey ahead.

We recalled our last such outing nearly two years ago where we and righteous

riders Hollander and Bilby formed a small yet spirited libertarian rearguard in two thundering columns of ABATE brethren set out to wreak vengeance upon the slick, slimy Lansing vermin that had excreted the helmet law.

[For those who have drawn an impression of motorcycle groups from Brando's The Wild One and/or Life magazine's celebrated "expose" of the Hell's Angels, the spectacle of 500 bikers simultaneously converging on the state capitol in protest may conjure up an image of Ghenghis Khan's unwashed hordes raping, looting and burning their way through some helpless village.

Well, believe it or not, virtually all motorcycle clubs are composed, not of thugs, but of people who simply love to ride.

Secondly, since ABATE—standing for A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (or American Bikers Aiming Toward Education, for the more image-conscious)—represents all who resist

mandatory helmets and other similar infringements on personal freedom, more than just your type-cast Harley aficionado participate in such bold events.

Finally, if one were to really typify the membership of ABATE, one would easily conclude that they are the same kind of people who actually fought the American Revolution. I'm proud to be one of 'em.

So much for Hollywood.]

Dave and I pulled out and arrived at the Tel-Twelve Mall gathering spot with some time to spare. As I dismounted, surveying the hundred-odd bikes for signs of Chuck Dawson, Wayne Hollander, or Al Sim—all having said they might join us—up rolled a black, custom 750 Honda with passenger. We welcomed Pat Fourshe and his lovely lady, Kim, to our libertarian contingent.

We now had three bikes and four riders—same as '82.

Gentlemen, start your engines.

I don't know how many of my fellow LPM members have any notion what it's like to start the engine of a big Harley-Davidson, much less kick one over. They really don't "start," they erupt. The heavy four-stroke V's emit a low-pitched, gut-pounding rumble that harkens back to the origin of the species.

One may imagine the effect of nearly 100 such machines revving up amidst the din of surrounding traffic. At this point, I was content to slap on the lid in order to reduce this cacophony to a dull roar. As it turned out, the Southfield cops, so graciously blockading Telegraph for our grand exit, insisted that

helmets be worn as a condition of departure.

We left the city along 696, contending with start-up jitters, encroaching truck drivers, excavated passing lanes, and normal rush-hour congestion—including freaked-out motor-

ists whose driver training had not prepared them for this. And we certainly felt apprehensive of what lay ahead. After all, most of us would soon execute a conscious decision to break the friggin' LAW.

I had fallen in close to the rear of the formation alongside another Yamaha Maxim carrying an academic-looking pair from Ann Arbor. Dave and Pat rode their Hondas just behind.

I had struck up some talk with a A2 couple and was eyeballing the additional features of his bike vs. mine—including his lady friend's imprudently bare legs—when we passed the intersection of M-59 near Howell.

There on the entrance shoulder I noticed a bright object which produced a moment of temporary blindness; as my vision cleared, there in the middle of Livingston county, astride his big Gold Wing—menacingly dragging on a cigarette—stood Mr. Alexander "banzai" Sim proudly sporting a psychedelic Hawaiian shirt and bright blue Bermuda shorts.

I may not be good, but I'm slow. About a mile down the road I dropped back and yelled to Dave, "That was Al!" Dave, who had received minor radiation burns from the sight, looked over sardonically and replied, "I know." Like who else would it be, dummy?

We were about five miles from Nickerson Farms,

where traditionally the helmets are doffed, when Al pulled up beside me, Beach Boys a-blarin', sans helmet. You had to be there: here we had a highway full of rough, leather-clad, year-'round Harley hardasses flying down the chute obediently wearing their helmets, with some guy straight out of a fruit juice commercial playing the righteous outlaw. A couple of guys in back were shamed into taking off their helmets right then and there.

As usual, the scene at Nickerson Farms was entertaining. Most people, being politically unaware, don't bother to schedule the annual ABATE helmet law protests. So when a small army of bikers roars in for a pit stop, it's cause for some concern. Still, everyone handled it well.

A few bikes got gas.

Al took pictures.

We socialized a bit.

The faint scent of marijuana remained in the air as most of us removed our helmets and rolled back on the highway.

At last, the object of the trip: to ride free. Sure we're all going to Lansing to demonstrate our resistance to specific legislation, but by openly defying this law we claim a simple right that no group of people may deny us.

Does one need a law to breathe?!

And this was breathing: feeling the wind on face and hair, the warmth of the sun, the sounds of riding, and experiencing this incredibly expanded sense of sight created an exhilaration that should be the essence of the American soul.

What monsters would cripple us with helmets?

This time no cops directed traffic upon our arrival in Lansing. So, much

to the chagrin of several motorists, some lead bikers exercised an ad hoc parade permit and stopped enough cars to allow us all to pass in formation.

Most of the cycles parked surrounding the capitol, while we left ours on a nearby side street. Better late than never, longtime scooter-freak and lone-wolf, Monroe county libertarian, Chuck Dawson, pulled up just as we were battening down the hatches.

We detoured by the LPM office and spent some time talking with the intrepid Denise Kline, scarfed down a couple of beers, then made our way to the capitol grounds.

People were milling about and eyeing the customary ABATE literature and paraphernalia set up on tables along with the large-scale legislative district maps. Al and Dave decided to become members and procured several copies of the inimitable "Helmet Laws Suck" stickers, as well some of the less flamboyant, "Let Those Who Ride Decide."

Chuck and I walked around and examined all the beautiful machinery that had landed near such a repulsive building. Dave and Al split and were last observed verbally harassing public safety personnel.

The rally began.

The leader of Michigan ABATE, Jim Rhoades, climbed to the podium and, through the loudspeaker that had been set up at the top of the capitol steps began to address the assemblage. We

noted Pat and Kim near us, but determined (from the absence of day-glo apparel) that Al and Dave had elected to avoid this.

Rhoades, an LPM member, was truly eloquent in expressing our purpose here

and in denouncing the several laws aimed at eliminating our freedom to ride.

"The fundamental issue," he proclaimed, "is not simply the right to ride free, but the principle of individual rights itself!"

"We are the last of a dying breed . . ."

It seemed all too true.

After the remaining speakers had had their say and as the faithful departed, this sentiment stayed with me. Chuck and I had lost track of the others. This failure to connect with the remainder of our contingent and, thus, losing the trail to an ensuing party only served to accentuate a vague feeling of desperation that had been gnawing at me all day.

There weren't as many this time.

Grayer colors sprinkled thinning hairlines of a larger number of participants.

Those who came here just as our LPM active: hanging on by a thin thread, striving valiantly to ignite the dying embers of the fire of liberty.

Can one achieve a coalescence of those who love freedom as life--if not to base productive action yet undiscovered, then for some sort of heroic last stand? Yes. How?

We rode on and enjoyed a late lunch in Swartz Creek.

I rode home pensively but hopefully.

PETITIONERS NEEDED

Bergland for President and The LP National Office are still hiring petitioners to assure ballot access in many states. Contact them or Denise Kline at LPM Headquarters for more information.

HONOR ROLL

James Hudler, Gwen Stillwell, Aaron Speck, and Gary Bradley contributed much assistance in coordinating the office when Denise's 4th of July vacation became extended due to a series of car problems. Joel Hamkins also lent a hand.

LPM Secretary, Tom Jones, has been extremely diligent in pursuing the legal and practical ramifications of the Michigan Supreme Court's decision on redistricting. To make up for the duplicative paperwork and other inconvenience in reconvening for nominations, we hope to gain more State House candidates before the new Aug. 6 deadline. For example, Macomb County Chair, Virginia Cropsey, has refiled for all of the original House candidates within her county and added three more to the tally. Thanks to all of the State House Candidates who are again filling out, notarizing, and returning forms to LPM Headquarters for filing at the State level for multi-county districts. To cooperation of county officers and candidates in filing in those cases in which the State House district lies entirely within one county is also greatly appreciated.

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TO BE OR NOT TO BE . . .

When is a contract not a contract? According to Wyoming Justice of the Peace Gerald Murray, a contract is not a contract when it involves the exchange of sexual favors.

During the first week of March, Murray dismissed a breach of contract suit filed by Al Hamburg because the contract was for prostitution and therefore was "illegal, improper, and non-binding." Hamburg had agreed to sell his car,

valued at \$300, to a women in exchange for \$100 cash and 50 sexual favors. In his suit, Hamburg claimed that the defendant stopped making payments after 33 sexual favors--even though he had given her a chart that let her keep track of the payments.

Hamburg, who has run for Congress seven times as both a Republican and Democrat, but has never made it past the primaries, labeled the decision, "out of line with the times." He argues that the contract was made between consenting adults and is no different from any common marriage agreement.

Hamburg has filed for a new trial; this time he will invoke his right to have a jury hear his case.

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ELECTION LAW?

Libertarian vice-presidential candidate Jim Lewis joined Denise Kline and other "third" party representatives in testifying before the House Elections Committee on H.B.4710 on Tuesday, March 20. Lewis reminded the Representatives of Ninth Amendment unenumerated rights in Michigan and U.S. Constitutions as he stressed the primacy of political expression in the American tradition. Kline noted the questionable legitimacy of elected officials who rule despite low voter registration and turnout due to the apathy engendered by the lack of alternatives. In earlier testimony, she had addressed Constitutional requirements of equal protection and "least drastic means" of regulation, as well as expressing concern about the enormous costs to taxpayers

of checking the tenfold increase in signatures for each candidate and party, the cost of challenges in the certification process, and the high cost of litigation to Supreme Court levels that this legislation would certainly engender.

As a result of the diligence of "third" party representatives, many of whom had been notified by Libertarian attorney, Richard Winger of California, or by Kline, H.B.4710 has been sent back to subcommittee by Chairman Rep. Griffin, who noted that the Bill would not pass if he called for a vote of the Committee that day. Vigilance is still required to preserve improvements, such as a shift to petitioning by county instead of township pages, and to prevent more stringent ballot access requirements from being imposed.

LIBERTARIANS FOR GAY AND LESBIAN CONCERNS

By James Hudler

The 1983 PresCon delegates saw the reactivation of the group called Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns. The group was originally founded during the 1981 National Convention but fell inactive under the former National Coordinator Bob Waldrop. George Meyer, a convention delegate from Pennsylvania, was elected as the new National Coordinator. Mr. Meyer, also editor of the L.G.L.C. Newsletter, described his priorities for L.G.L.C. as follows:

"My top priority is to publish the L.G.L.C. Newsletter on a regular bimonthly basis to update L.G.L.C. members and friends on the gay political scene. Other activities in planning include gay community outreach, a network of local L.G.L.C. contacts and a Board of Advisors to L.G.L.C. made up of prominent Libertarians." George Meyer.

The National L.G.L.C. address and newsletter address is L.G.L.C., P.O. Box 75841, Washington, D.C.,

QUOTABLE CROPSEY

Libertarian 9th District Senatorial candidate Virginia Cropsey made the "Quotables" column of the Detroit News, page 1B Macomb edition on Jan. 19.

Commenting on remarks that her opponents, Kirby Holmes and Mary Ellen Parrott have served in Lansing and she hasn't, Virginia was quoted as saying "Politics is a lot like prostitution in that experience is not necessarily a virtue".

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LIBERTARIAN WEEK has been tentatively set for September 24 through September 30 to coincide with a Michigan visit planned by David Bergland for September 24th and 25th. Virginia Cropsey was appointed Chair for Libertarian Week. County groups should begin to consider activities for the week dedicated to expanding and celebrating liberty.

LPM CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS for 1984-1985 have been scheduled for Sundays:

August 5
September 9
November 18
January 13
March 3 and
April 14

Meetings will be at 1:00 at LPM Headquarters until further notice.

THE MIDLAND COUNTY LP meets regularly at Paddy's Pub. For details contact Janet Parkes at (517) 631-9737.

Organizations, or groups of interest to Libertarians, will be announced free of charge in the MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN, 112 W. Allegan, Lansing, Mich., 48933. Announcement does not necessarily imply LPM endorsement.

WASHTENAW COUNTY MEETING:
Place: Jo Jo's Restaurant near Briarwood Shopping Mall. Tuesday, Aug 21, at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. prior to meeting. Agenda: Speech by Mr. David Raaflaub, Libertarian Party Candidate for Michigan Supreme Court.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY LP meets alternate Wednesday's at WMU. For more information contact Mary Ruwart (616) 375-4959 evenings or (616) 343-4737.

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THE METRO DETROIT LIBERTARIAN SUPPER CLUB meets regularly Southfield. For dates and times please contact Michael Palonus at (313) 561-1690.

JACKSON COUNTY MEETING:
Wednesday, Aug. 5 and Sept. 12. Both are at the home of Marilyn Hudler, 6606 South Jackson Rd., Jackson. For information: (517)784-4982.

WAYNE COUNTY LP meets the first Monday of each month at the Ram's Horn restaurant on Telegraph just north of Plymouth Rd. Dinner is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:30. Contact Mike Palonus at (313) 561-1690.

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