



MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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LPM MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO RISE!

At the Executive Committee meeting on July 16, Membership Chair Ben Bachrach reported that membership in the Libertarian Party of Michigan has risen to 470 from 438 at the Convention in April. This is a new record. Michigan membership in the National LP is up to 644 from 523 at year end, in increase of 27%. This is fourth among the states and we are closing in on Texas for third place. Texas' rate of growth was 12% for the same period.

The Party's financial condition continues to improve, reported Treasurer Dave Nagy. Assets rose to \$6,747.56 and the only liabilities are funds owed to our local groups and the National LP, around \$900. We are developing a new budget to reflect the best ways to enhance our influence and growth.

STATE HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE

The STATE HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE is looking for fund-raisers, paid on a commission basis, to raise money for a state Libertarian Party office. Dan Marsh has signed up, others who are interested are encouraged to call David Thompson, State Headquarters Chair, at 810-476-4637.

Not a fund-raiser but want to help? The Committee will be meeting at the August 6 state picnic in Brighton. See you there!

LIBERTARIAN HATS IN THE RING

Seven Libertarians have announced their candidacy for non-partisan public office in the November, 1995 elections.

Glenn Barr is running for the Walker City Council in a very active campaign. Glenn is Chair of the Libertarian Party of Western Michigan.

Alexander Bolt is running for the Lansing City Council in an aggressive campaign featuring TV commercials. He is a member of the Mid-Michigan LP.

Michael Brinkman is after a seat on the East Lansing City Council. He is Vice Chair of the Mid-Michigan LP.

Steve Butler, a member of the Western Mich. LP, is a candidate for Grand Rapids City Commission, Ward 2.

Phil Geno, Vice Chair of the Ottawa Co. LP, is running for Grand Haven City Council.

Robert Toepfer, an activist in the Jon Coon campaign, is running for Warren City Council.

Walter White, member of the National LP, is running for Milan City Council.

If you are running, but not on this list, call James Hudler, State LP Campaign Chairman, at 313-475-9792.

THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN'S STATE PICNIC will be hosted by the Livingston County LP on Sunday, August 6, from Noon to 6:00 PM at the Silver Fox Estates Homeowners Assoc. Pavilion, Brighton. A Libertarian Advisory Council meeting is planned for 2:00. Call Andy Sallee for directions at 810-437-8129. Cookout grills are available, alcohol is OK.

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LOCAL MEETINGS

The following local libertarian groups meet regularly. Most are dinner meetings. Your contact is listed in the Directory.

Washtenaw Co. meets at Dominick's, 812 Monroe, Ann Arbor, every Thursday, dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30. Some meetings with major speakers at U-M Union.

LP of Mid-Michigan (Lansing area) meets at Sneeker's Restaurant, 600 Homer, Lansing on the second Thursday of the month.

Western MI LP (Grand Rapids area) meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the basement of Pizza Hut at 44th & Kalamazoo Streets, Kentwood.

Kalamazoo-Calhoun LP meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster in Portage.

Livingston CO. LP meets on the second Monday of the month at Mexican Jones Restaurant, 675 Grand River, Brighton, 6:30 PM.

Macomb Co. meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Fire Escape Restaurant, 621 N. Walnut, Mt. Clemens.

Oakland Co. meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Oakland Co. Commission Auditorium in Pontiac.

Ottawa Co. meets the second Friday of the month at 7:30 at the China Garden Restaurant, 133 Washington, Grand Haven.

Wayne Co. LP meets on the first Tuesday of the month at La Trattoria Restaurant, 13736 Michigan Ave., near Schaefer in Dearborn.

Metro Detroit Libertarians is a supper club with a featured speaker and is one of the oldest libertarian groups although not a part of the LPM. It meets on the fourth Monday of the month. Call Tim O'Brien at 313-562-5778 for the location which varies.

If your group is not listed above, why keep it a secret? Let us know when you meet.

From the Chair
by Emily Salvette

How is your campaign going? We have many candidates in non-partisan city council races this fall and their campaigns are going very well. More good news: many Libertarians are already working on their '96 campaigns. They know hard work now will ensure success in November '96. If you want to be a candidate or want to help get Libertarians elected, here are a few things to do right now.

First, **join a local Libertarian organization.** We are going to win races on the local level in '96. I predict that we will win in an area where we have a strong local organization that meets regularly, publicizes itself well, and has become visible in the community. Strong local groups can recruit good candidates, provide campaign volunteers, and raise money. In other words, they can support a winning campaign. If you are not involved with the affiliate group in your area, I urge you to join. Your help is needed to build this campaign support system. If you are in an area without an organized affiliate, consider starting one. We'll be glad to show you how.

Second, **get involved in local politics.** Go to city council or county commission meetings and, if possible, speak publicly on important local issues. Write letters to your elected officials and to your local newspaper. Let people know who you are and that you are interested in your community. In most places, that's all it takes to become "a player" in the local political scene. Apply to serve on public commissions, committees, or boards. These volunteer jobs give you valuable public service credentials that look good on a candidate's resume. Even if you don't want to run for office, your participation in local politics strengthens the libertarian "voice" in your community which increases credibility and visibility for our ideas. This means more votes for Libertarian candidates.

Third, **start talking.** Tell people what you are doing and ask them to help. Talk to friends, family, co-workers, or whomever about next year's election. Tell them you're a Libertarian; get them familiar with our ideas and candidates. Invite them to local meetings and ask them to join the party. If they would make a good

candidate, ask them to run for office on the Libertarian ticket. If you plan to run for office, ask people to support you with both their time and money. It is never too early to start a campaign, never too early to ask for volunteers and money.

One request: If you are running for office, call the state campaign chair, James Hudler at (313) 475-9792. James keeps the "official" list of Libertarian candidates and can also help you with filing requirements, campaign finance forms, and other candidate-related questions.

And, a comment about "wasting your vote": You won't waste your vote on a Libertarian candidate if that Libertarian gets elected. So, help! Get off the couch and walk a precinct. Get out the check book and make a contribution. There is nothing magical about how someone gets elected to office: it takes people, time, and money for Republicans, Democrats, AND Libertarians. Don't waste your breath on the wasted vote argument, get busy.

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

PROFESSOR HARRY VERYSER of Walsh College was the featured speaker at the June 26 meeting of Metro Detroit Libertarians in Dearborn's La Trattoria Restaurant. Veryser is also Chairman of the 10th District Republicans. Harry served on the first LPM Executive Committee in 1972-73.

Professor Veryser outlined the history of the US monetary system since the Civil War. His theme was that US monetary changes generally arise out of war. Examples include the introduction of greenbacks during the Civil War (they promptly depreciated against gold) along with Lincoln's ending of free banking via outlawing state bank currency; the Federal Reserve System's expansion of money to finance World War I; and the Viet Nam War's ending of silver coinage by Johnson and Nixon's cutting of the final ties of the dollar to gold. (Notice how Republicans and Democrats sort of alternate turns at debasing money.)

Veryser speculated that since the US Government cannot raise taxes any more nor print more dollars, it may be reduced to seizing private property such as pension funds and forfeiture claims.

Veryser's talk was informative and stirring with his usual wry humor. Although he is a Republican, his libertarian leanings were obvious

Richard Ask, our LPM contact in the Grand Traverse area, took 20.7% of the vote in his run for the Traverse City School Board, up from 13% the last time around. Although he was not elected, his 50% increase was impressive. He was the only candidate to oppose the big millage increase.

Ottawa Co. LP held its Adopt-A-Highway event on July 15.

Libertarians of Macomb Co. will be hosts of the 1996 LPM Convention in the Detroit area. County Chair Stacy Van Oast is already mak-

ing plans and lining up volunteers to man the necessary functions. The dates and location should be announced some time in August.

Livingston Co. LP will discuss Second Amendment violations by Government at its August 14 meeting and Ayn Rand and Objectivism at its September 11 gathering. Both events will be held at Mexican Jones Restaurant, 675 W. Grand River in Brighton.

LP of Washtenaw County will have a booth at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival August 18-20. This is a most pleasant event in a park setting with lots of history and crafts featured. Volunteers are needed to man (or woman) the booth. Call Richard Clark at 313-482-9563.

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Thanks to Ben Steele III, Mark Owen, and Mike Brinkman for their guest columns.

All opinions expressed herein are those of the authors, and may not reflect the position of the Libertarian Party of Michigan, unless, of course, Emily wrote it.

A Crazy Scheme

by Kevin Bloom

Imagine, if you will, the prospect of being paid to increase liberty. Doing something you enjoy for eight hours a day, rather than selling the best years of your life to people much less intelligent than you are. Many major and minor lobbying groups, as well as political organizations, pay people to reach out to the public, increasing their membership and spreading their opinions. Why not us?

We've never had the funds to increase our membership by the use of massive tv and radio ads, which might make us a political force to be reckoned with, even if the advertising only put our ideas before the public. My proposal to remedy this situation is to create a libertarian center, on 10-40 acres of land. The building itself would be a monolithic hemisphere, which would cut costs from traditional construction as well as go up in three days. The building would house a few offices, and a 1000 seat auditorium.

Income would be generated by concerts, lecture series, and debates by opposing points of view on major issues. Given 50 events a year at \$10 per ticket at maximum occupancy, the gross proceeds would be \$500,000.00 per year. With 350 events, the gross income would rise to \$3.5 million. With higher ticket prices for major draws, the income per show would also rise.

I believe that this project could be funded by 100 libertarians and like minded people, who would own the facility and share in the benefits. These individuals would pledge to contribute \$1000 over a period of two years, which should be affordable to any interested party. Additionally, no funds would be spent until 100 individuals had agreed to support the project. Any funds collected would be placed in a trust account at a local bank, so that interest would accumulate for a reasonable time, say a deadline of one year to find all 100 members. I envision the legal arrangement as a co-operative, with each member having a vote. Voting by proxy would of course be allowed.

At the moment, I'm looking for four other libertarians who think this sounds like a good idea to form a study group. I'll take responsibility for raising the funds and finding a lender, but the interest needs to be there first. If you're interested, give me a call at 313-213-2074.

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Tales From the Front

by Mike Brinkman

With less than 5 weeks until the August 8th city primaries, I thought I would give everyone an update on how my campaign for East Lansing City Council is progressing. It seems like only yesterday it was May 16, 1995, the date on which I filed my nominating petition. I recall waiting in eager anticipation to see if I had met the 50 registered voter requirement (I had collected 75 signatures). Later that night at the City Council meeting, it was revealed to me by another candidate that I was to be among ten other citizens who decided to do their civic duty. Unfortunately, only six shall remain after the August 8th primary. I intend to be among those six.

Since that fateful Tuesday evening, my life has been swept away by the maelstrom of a political campaign. But such are the sacrifices an individual must make when they seek to serve the public in office. There have been city council meetings and work sessions, candidate questionnaires from special interest groups, calls from other candidates, and calls from people in the community I have never met before. Not to mention planning of fundraising events and letters (they took 20 hours to stuff & sort!), all of the report filing, record keeping, and trips to the bank to deposit contributions from my supporters.

Never before have I been so excited about any project I have been involved in. I am now trying to fit at least 40 hours a week on my campaign in between my days off of work. Campaigning involves so many aspects. I have been reading any article pertaining to East Lansing from many newspapers in the area, in order to really be aware with what is going on in the community. A bit later this month, I plan on doing some research on the city's history, so I may develop an even greater appreciation for the area.

I am also finding that many traditional Libertarian issues, like gun control and victimless crime, are not necessarily the same ones confronting a small community. Local governments lack the ability to have any kind real influence on such issues. Therefore the focus of my campaign shall be property rights for individuals, lowering taxes, and privatization of local government operations. These are issues which I have been studying and attempting to find practical applications for East Lansing with rather good success.

I believe many of the problems confronting East Lansing can be solved by people in the community, without involving government intervention, which only serves to place broad restrictions on individual liberty. I shall use my leadership position as a City Councilmember toward limiting the size and scope of government while helping the community help itself. I would like to see residents and MSU students work together on projects to create a community bond from which they may mutually benefit. These projects would, of course, be entirely up to those in the neighborhoods, and free of most government infringement.

I am a disciple of the Jeffersonian principle "That government which governs least governs best." We shall see on August 8th whether the good citizens of East Lansing agree.

Leadership Conference

by Mark Owen

The LPM held its summer leadership conference June 24th at the Kalamazoo Best Western. The goal of the conference was to give local leaders a chance to exchange ideas and a better idea of how to run an effective growing local party. Members from seven different LPM affiliates attended.

Kalamazoo was chosen as the location of the leadership conference since the Kalamazoo-Calhoun affiliate is our newest. Two of their officers attended, and they seem to be off to an excellent start. Many topics were covered at the conference. Methods of attracting new members was one of the focuses of the meeting. Another was the do's and don'ts of newsletter writing. Information for using the state party as a resource for the locals was also covered. The conference was a definite success in making the LPM a more effective organization. Attendance was a little sparse, but for a 90 degree summer day it was well attended. If you missed this conference, we are planning to have another next winter. Be watching for more details.

Privatize and Localize the War on Drugs?

by Mark Owen

The "War on Drugs" that really began in America with the fundamentalist prohibition movement in the 19th century is a crusade without end. Like Don Quixote, the prohibitionist crowd fights a war in a manner that is counter productive to its goals and is really quite destructive, all in the name morality. Passing detrimental laws to make people feel better about their morality is irrational. America's current "War on Drugs" has done little to lower drug use, while costing tens of billions of dollars annually and turning America's cities into black market war zones. No one is arguing that illegal drugs are good any more than one would argue that the excessive use of alcohol, fatty foods or salt is good. The problem is that more than doubling America's prison population in ten years, creating a black market situation that leads to thousands of deaths a year and destroying the constitution are not

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ideal ways to solve a problem. The federal government should stay as far away as possible from the drug question. It is local communities and private companies that are best equipped to deal with this problem. Without a more rational drug policy, the hemorrhaging in America will continue with no end in sight. A more prudent drug policy in America would contain these traits: Local governments would decide which if any drugs could be sold within the confines of their jurisdiction. This would be no different than dry counties that exist in many states today, or legalized prostitution that exists in some Nevada counties. An area like Wayne County Michigan (Detroit) could allow the legal sale of various drugs which would quickly bring an end to the underground drug economy in that area saving many lives. Drug lords in other countries would lose their sources of revenue as would America's extensive criminal class. Less expensive drugs would also decrease the need for theft to acquire drug funds and would help bring abusers above ground so they could be helped. The streets of Detroit could be made safe again and the drug trade funneled to concentrated red light districts. On the other hand, a city like Holland, Michigan with a population that would be quite opposed to this sort of policy could choose to keep their county free of any drugs they deemed inappropriate. Anyone caught selling these substances could be subject to substantial fines and sentences in the county facilities. Simple possession would have to be handled quite differently and would have to be determined by weight and substance, and the characteristics of the local populace. This would allow localities to control their own policies and make them responsible for their enforcement. The private sector

would be the most efficient place to deal with drug abuse. Employer/employee relationships are based on voluntary contractual agreements. No one is forced to work for a particular employer and employers should be free to choose their employees. Companies should also be free to test prospective employees for drug use or current employees that seem to be a problem. This is really nothing new, but it could be a new area in which to focus more resources and have a real impact. This is the most effective angle we can use to steal the thunder from the big government prohibitionist movement. Just arguing freedom for vice will never work. We must change the paradigm in order to catch the enemies of liberty off guard. A superior position that helps alleviate prohibitionist fear and still furthers the cause of liberty. The privatization of the "War on Drugs" could be the answer to ending the current counterproductive and destructive "War on Drugs".

Action is the Key to LP's Success

by Mark Owen

The Libertarian Party of Michigan continues its impressive growth, with new membership records being set each month. In the last two years, the number of active dues paying members has more than doubled. The targets we set for this year's growth have already been met. We must not let up. It is time to get more Libertarians to become active so we may hasten our rapid growth. New local groups continue to be set up throughout the state. The Kalamazoo-Battle Creek area recently formed our newest addition, while Livingston County and Lapeer County are also quite new. We are also working on forming local parties in the Tri-Cities area, Traverse City and Flint. Our Lansing area contingent has made dramatic strides in the last eight months. Mike Brinkman has done a

great deal in producing a quality monthly newsletter and in arranging quality speakers for our meetings. His campaign for East Lansing City Council is probably the most vigorous local Libertarian campaign the Lansing area has ever seen, already raising several hundred dollars. Alex Bolt is also running an aggressive campaign for a city council seal in Lansing. Bob Broda, LPMM Secretary, has been a great help with a number of projects. Frank Lessa has been a great asset in Mike Brinkman's campaign and Patty Lundy, LPMM Treasurer, has been assisting the Brinkman campaign. These are the type of volunteers that make the LPMM an effective party organization.

We still are in great need of more volunteers. Even donating a few hours a month from 5 to 10 more LPMM members, would greatly enhance our group. Get involved now, we need your help! We need volunteers for the 2nd Annual Brass Roots rally in August. People are also needed to work at other local events. Local Libertarians need volunteers to assist them in their bids for office. Aggressive action is required to win the battle for liberty, and this battle begins with you.

Munro Speaks Freely!

Bill Munro, a land patent consultant and talk show host on WPON in Pontiac, is willing to speak to local libertarian groups about land patents and how they can be used to protect individual property rights. Call Bill at (810) 623-1120 for more information, and a free sample of Bill's speaking. Recommended by Emily.

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Helmet Law Modification Bill Tabled Until September

by Ben Steele III

House Bill 4628, sponsored by Representative Timothy Walberg, would amend Michigan's mandatory motorcycle helmet law to apply only to those under the age of 21. Many believed 1995 would be the year a bill of this sort would pass easily. The bill got a good start, passing the House Transportation Committee on Thursday, May 18, by a vote of 11-2. A lot of very negative press followed, and when the bill came up for a third reading on the House floor on Thursday, June 15, only 48 yes votes were counted (56 were needed to pass). Rather than send the bill to another committee, its sponsor decided to table it until September, when the second semester of the '95 Michigan Legislature will go into session.

Governor Engler has promised to veto the bill, and Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus has promised to stop it in the Senate. Several appalling amendments have been suggested, such as: if a motorcyclist carries extra catastrophic insurance, he or she can ride helmetless (Rep. Eric Bush); and bikers must donate organs (Reps Lynne Martinez and Sandra J. Hill).

The facts simply do not support helmet laws. The overall fatality rate of states with mandatory helmet laws is significantly higher than that of states which give motorcyclists the freedom of choice. The "public burden" theory is also unfounded. Assume that helmets are effective in preventing head injuries (no solid evidence exists). Transportation-related head injuries account for 50% of head injuries in this country. Automobile accidents account for 45.5% of all head injured patients and are responsible for 37.1% of all fatalities involving head injury. If the goal is to

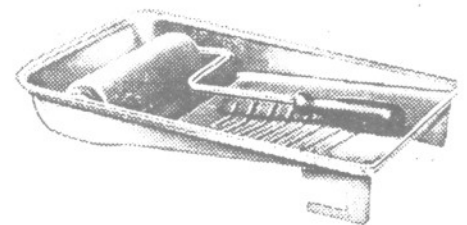
protect society from the cost of head injuries, why does no one suggest that automobile drivers be forced to wear helmets?

Even given the above mentioned "justification", this would be deplorable, and so is the mandatory motorcycle helmet law. Considering all this, one must wonder why anyone would support a helmet law. To control the number of motorcyclists, perhaps? Motorcycle registrations have dropped as much as 40% in many states after mandatory helmet laws have been instated. The Bikers' Rights Action Group of Michigan would like to see a complete repeal of Michigan's mandatory motorcycle helmet law but we realize that the chances of this happening are small. Therefore, we would like to at least see HB 4628 succeed, thereby giving adult motorcyclists the right to make decisions about their own personal safety.



We realize that this bill will not succeed without the help of non-motorcyclists, and ask that Libertarians across the State of Michigan contact their Representatives, Senators, and the Governor and ask them to support House Bill 4628. For more information about how you can help or to obtain a list of all State Reps who are in opposition to this bill, call Ben Steele III at (517) 288-5616.

{Ben is the newsletter editor for the Bikers Rights Action Group. To get a copy of their excellent publication, call Ben.}



THE FEDERALES

By Keith Edwards

I do a lot of speaking before high school and college classes and have noticed this year that perhaps the greatest impact on the students has come from my discussion of Waco and Ruby Ridge. This occurred even before the recent re-emergence of these events. When talking to others about libertarianism, you might want to use this issue in your discussion.

There are 53 federal agencies with the power to carry guns and make arrests. One of every 10 police officers is a federale. The BATF has 4,200 employees and a budget of \$385 million, and it enforces laws on alcohol and tobacco which are legal and firearms, some of which are legal and the rest should be. Others include FBI, IRS, FDA, DEA, Secret Service, Marshals, postal inspectors, most of whom enforce laws that should not exist. Customs Service exists to prevent us from bringing our own property into the country sans extortion, postal inspectors harass those who seek faster, better service through alternatives instead of doing a better job of protecting postal employees from attacks by their fellow workers.

What has happened is that the US Government has "Mexicanized" America, granting police and the military the power to smash down doors, push people around, steal their property (civil forfeiture), shoot their dogs, stomp their cats to death and kill them. These federales do so without fear of punishment. Has Lon Horiuchi paid for assassinating Vicki Weaver at Ruby Ridge? Has Larry Potts been jailed for being the "brains" (or no-brains) behind Ruby Ridge?

The federales are out of control. We may presume that there are no honorable BATF agents. Those with honor would have resigned after Ruby Ridge and/or Waco or publicly protested the actions of their agency. We should treat all such federales with suspicion. Their agencies should all be abolished or disarmed. The guilty should be sent to jail. The federales should be driven from our lives.

BRASS ROOTS RALLY

The second annual BRASS ROOTS Rally will be held on Saturday, August 19, at 1:00 PM on the East steps of the Capitol in Lansing. This was a tremendous success last year with thousands attending. Bring a spent brass cartridge from a gun you'll never give up. (Note: do not bring firearms to thos family event.)

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Vendors: at last reports, booth space is still available. For more information, call 1-800-555-GUNS.

AN LPM MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY?

At the June 24 Local Leaders' Conference, interest was expressed in publishing and distributing a directory of Libertarian Party of Michigan members. The directory would include name, contact info, Libertarian position held, occupation, skills or interests. It would be sent to all LPM members. Of course, members would have the option to be listed or not. Before we spend time, money, and risk offending some libertarian's sense of privacy, we want to know what you think. Help us by completing and returning the survey below.

Yes, an LPM directory is a great idea! _____
Besides contact name & contact info, it should include:

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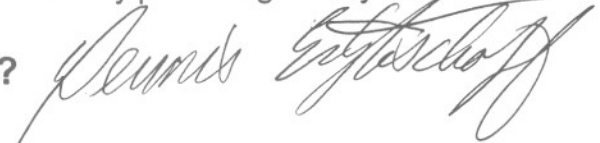
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Since 1979, I've been involved in Libertarian politics. I've been involved while residing in Texas, Florida and Michigan. I'm to a point in my life where I want to see Libertarianism, in a political sense, actually achieve some great measure of implementation. The leviathan of statism needs to be reduced and the people need to hear this message from a Libertarian perspective. How does the message get out there? It's simple. MONEY SENDS THE MESSAGE!

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January 21 in western Wayne County.

March 17 in Washtenaw County

Libertarian Advisory Council Meetings:

August 6 at the picnic. See page 1.

November 19 at Jon Coon HQ, 549 E. Marshall at Hilton, Ferndale.

February date to be determined.

Thursday, August 10. Amnesty International, hosted by Jo Ann Taylor at Dominick's Restaurant, 812 Monroe St., Ann Arbor.

Thursday, August 24. Presentation by the American Civil Liberties Union, hosted by Geoff Foster at Dominick's. Dinner ta 6:30, Presentation at 7:30.

Thursday, August 31. Presentation by Randym Jones of Huron Valley Greens: "Market Based Solutions to Ecological Problems." Dominick's, same times.

Thursday, September 7. Presentation by the Michigan Militia, hosted by Brett Cashman at Dominick's.

Thursday, September 28. "Libertarian Perspectives on the Middle East Crisis" by Doug Friedman, Ann Arbor Libertarian League Co-Chair and former Chair of the New York City LP. Held at the Michigan Union at 7:30 PM.

Thursday, October 5. Debate on gun control at Michigan Union, 7:30 PM. Details to be announced.

April, 1996. Annual Convention of the Libertarian Party of Michigan, hosted by the Libertarians of Macomb County in the metro Detroit area.

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