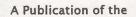


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Still Snubbed by Most Media

LP Gun Rights Rally Draws 1000+

by Richard G. Combs

The Denver Libertarian Party's 2nd Annual Right to Bear Arms Rally drew over 1000

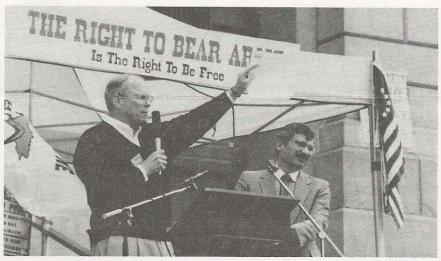
people, according to the Denver Police Department. The event, co-sponsored by the Firearms Coalition of Colorado and the Colorado State Shooting Association, began at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, and continued for nearly three hours.

"We're quite pleased," said rally organizer David Segal. "We tripled last year's turnout and matched the crowd at the recent Salt Lake City rally. It's still far short of the crowd they had in Tallahassee, but Florida has at least four times Colorado's population."

The crowd was addressed by a plethora of speakers, including five members of the state legislature (Reps. Penn Pfiffner, Drew Clark, Michelle Lawrence, and Charles Duke, and Sen. Jim Roberts, all Republicans), two candidates for governor (Republican Dick Sargent and Democrat Frank Arteaga), and two Republican candidates for U.S. Rep. David Skaggs' 2nd district seat (Sharon Klusmann and the aforementioned Rep. Lawrence).

State LP chair David Aitken presented the

rally's featured speaker, attorney David Kopel, with the CLP's 1993 Friend of Liberty Award for his outstanding accomplishments in defense of firearms freedom. Kopel, head of the Independence Institute's 2nd Amendment Project, vehemently denounced governments running amok and terrorizing their own citizens, but warned that "talk of the continued on page 4



Republican gubernatorial candidate Dick Sargent (left) affirms his commitment to gun rights, as rally emcee and former Denver LP chair David Segal surveys the crowd. Photo by Richard Combs

Burned by the Media

Turnout Good for Springs Hemp Rally

At least 700–800 people attended the Pikes Peak Hemp Coalition's all-day rally on April 17 in downtown Colorado Springs. The event, co-sponsored by the El Paso County Libertarian Party, lasted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It featured several bands on a Cannabis Action Network tour and a variety of speakers, including several libertarians.

Featured LP speaker Jeff Wright linked the hemp cause with the firearms freedom issue. He pointed out that the LP was sponsoring a rally in Denver that same day supporting the right to bear arms, and that this was an example of the LP's continued on page 4

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The state convention, April 29 – May 1, will be covered in the June issue. Don't miss it!

From the Editor

by Richard G. Combs

The week before the Right to Bear Arms Rally, talk radio star Ken Hamblin urged his audience not to attend. Like last year, only a few hundred people will attend, he said, and it will just be an embarrassment to the gun rights movement. It would be better if everyone just stayed home. He then went on to knock the LP as a useless, ineffectual organization.

Well, we had our rally anyway, and, despite Ken, tripled last year's crowd. What if we double or triple our numbers again next time, Ken? Would that be enough so that you aren't embarrassed to attend?

More to the point, Ken, you, of all people, should know that you don't let an opinion poll tell you what to stand for and you don't subject your freedom to a popular vote.

Richard M. Nixon, RIP

Most people will remember Dick Nixon for Watergate. Some will recall "the China card." Old fogey libertarians like me will always think of him as the unwitting father of the modern libertarian movement in general and the LP in particular.

My first major foray into political activism was at the 1968 Republican convention in Miami. I tried to drum up support for Reagan among southern conservatives, arguing that Nixon was an unscrupulous pragmatist who was only paying lip service to the principles of individual liberty and limited government. It took a while for me to realize that most other conservative Republicans were only paying lip service to these principles as well.

In 1971, after watching conservative Republicans preside over the final repudiation of gold, the re-institution of wage and price controls, and the authoritarian crushing of dissent against imperialism, the fledgling libertarian movement decided it was time to give birth to a new political party. It would probably have happened eventually in any case, but we can thank Richard Nixon for making it happen when it did.

To the Editor:

Thank you for publishing information on talk radio programs around Denver.

You may be interested to know that the Rush Limbaugh program can also be heard in its entirety an hour later (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) on Greeley station KFKA-AM 1310 in many parts of the Denver area, as well as along the northern Front Range.

The Libertarian Party needs to pressure Congress to kill the proposed bills presently in committee in the House and Senate that would re-establish the Fairness Doctrine. The "Fairness in Broadcasting Act of 1993" is S-333 and HR-1985. These bills are nothing more than a blatant attempt at censorship, and would shut down many of the shows listed in Larry Hoffenberg's guide.

Terry Donze Wheat Ridge



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Affiliate News

— Aurora —

Aurora Libertarians have chosen a new meeting place: the Country Buffet, at 1026 South Sable (one block north of Mississippi). Meetings are still at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

The April meeting featured Janet Misinger of the LaSalle Organization. LaSalle promotes a curious mixture of New Age mysticism and Constitutionalist/Patriot ideas.

---- Boulder -----

A FIJA group formed recently in Boulder, and plans to begin distributing FIJA flyers at the County Courthouse soon.

Judd Ptak is continuing to spearhead efforts to influence the County's mountain zoning and waste disposal policies. A videotape of a panel discussion about the BCLP's alternative zoning proposal will air on local cable TV sometime this month.

—— Denver ——

To get everyone in the right spirit for the Right to Bear Arms Rally, the April meeting of the Denver LP featured a showing of Ron Paul's half-hour video "Pursuit of Happiness: Gun Ownership."

At the May meeting, the Denver group will begin gearing up for the People's Fair. The LP booth at this two-day event is always busy, and lots of people are needed to help staff it. Since this is one of the bigger outreach efforts in the state, volunteers from outside Denver are encouraged to help. This year's People's Fair takes place June 4 and 5 at the Civic Center Plaza, Colfax and Broadway.

----- Jefferson County ----

Organizers of the Jefferson Forum speakers series and the Independence Institute have agreed to jointly present some of their speakers in the future. The Independence Institute is a Denver-based libertarian-leaning think tank.

FIJA activists distributed their 1000th flyer this month in front of the Jefferson County Courthouse. So far, the group has



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received no opposition to its efforts. Volunteers are still needed to pass out flyers at other courthouses.

Southern Colorado Libertarian Party

Party members in Colorado Springs sponsored an outreach booth and spoke to the crowd at a local hemp rally on April 17th (see story on page 1).

A group called "Sons of Liberty," dedicated to "the reestablishment of constitutional government," held its first meeting on March 31st, and 100 people showed up. According to El Paso County libertarian activist Jeff Wright, Sons of Liberty has a lot in common with the Libertarian Party. He and other libertarians have been discussing the possibility of joint activities with the founders of the group.

Paul Prentice and Jeff Wright presented and discussed libertarian ideas at a recent Pikes Peak Mensa meeting. They are actively looking for other groups that are interested in hearing the libertarian message.

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Arms Rally Draws 1000+

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cartridge box is irresponsible." He insisted that there were enough people in the crowd to "change the face of Colorado politics at the ballot box."

Also featured were talk radio hosts Marty Nalitz (KNUS-AM 710) and Dr. Norm Resnick (KHNC-AM 1360), the obligatory history lesson by David Kopel (what "well-regulated militia" really means), and hard-hitting libertarian oratory by Len Jackson and Bob Glass that had the crowd cheering.

The LP's three tables were busy all afternoon, generating a fistful of requests for more information and over \$250 in sales and donations. The Election Commisssion table, arranged for by the LP, registered over 30 voters.

Despite the size of the turnout and the many "name" politicians participating, most of the media ignored the event. KCNC-Channel 4 aired the story on TV, and the Rocky Mountain News ran a story. Both described the crowd as "hundreds," but otherwise provided fair coverage. The Denver Post and the other three network TV affiliates snubbed the event, despite pleas by cellular phone from the rally. Sister radio stations KBCO and KHIH briefly mentioned that "dozens" of gun rights supporters had attended the rally.

Organizer Segal asked that anyone knowing of news coverage elsewhere send a clipping or, if broadcast, a brief description to the CLP office.

Someone in Police Chief Michaud's office took the rally very seriously, indeed. Several police cars were visible from the west steps of the Capitol, where the rally took place. Out of sight of the crowd, behind the Capitol, at least seven more "units," a SWAT team, and police dogs were kept at the ready throughout the rally. One officer told an inquiring LP member, "There's obviously no need for us to be here. I guess someone in the Chief's office just over-reacted."

The post-mortem assessments of the event identified several goals for improving the next one, including:

- 1. Make it shorter and snappier.
- 2. Improve the PR effort and the media coverage.
- 3. Significantly increase the turnout yet again.

Turn Someone into a Libertarian Easily!

Know people you think could become libertarians if only it were presented to them properly? Call, or have them call, Sandra Johnson right away at 973-0594. Her next Seminar 1 starts on May 3.

Seminar 1 is an Advocates for Self-Government program for introducing libertarian ideas to non-libertarians in five weekly 1½ hour meetings. *More than half* the people who go through Seminar 1 become libertarians!

The new Seminar 1 will meet on the five Tuesdays in May from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Denver West Office Park. Do someone you know a favor, and make that call!

Hemp Rally Scored a Hit

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consistent defense of the rights of the individual. He also urged support for Doug Bruce's Amendment 12, noting that failure to pass the measure would almost surely doom future hemp initiative efforts.

The LP booth was well-visited, and distributed lots of literature, including a brochure Wright prepared especially for the event. More than 30 people asked for membership applications, and new campus contacts were identified at Colorado College and Pikes Peak Community College.

Although the rally was one of the largest in Colorado Springs in recent years, it was completely ignored by the media. Afterward, Wright challenged the *Gazette-Telegraph* for its failure to report the event. He won an admission that they had erred, and a promise to make it up in the future. They will give Wright a chance to respond on behalf of the LP when the other two parties air their views in the paper.

Note to Bill and Hillary:

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Libertarian Guide to Talk Radio, Part 2

by Larry Hoffenberg

Last month, we reviewed the major daytime (Mon.-Fri.) sociopolitical talk shows that can be heard in the Denver area. This month, we look at the evening offerings. We'll conclude next month with the shows for insomniacs. Drop me a line c/o the CLiPboard if you challenge (or agree) with my assessments.

The Gene Burns Program

Any program which proudly proclaims that it is "...made possible by a grant from the First Amendment to the United States Constitution" is must listening. Best known to radio audiences in the Northeast, Boston-based Burns is a cardcarrying member of the LP, and he is not afraid to bring the libertarian perspective into discussions. Burns is wellinformed on the issues and he prides himself in challenging callers to re-assess the foundations of their viewpoints.

Showtime: 10:00 p.m.- 1:00 a.m.

Station: KHOW 630 AM

Origin: Nationally syndicated (tape delay)

Rating: * * * *

The Bob Heckler Show

Relative newcomer Bob Heckler offers some of the most thought- and action-provoking discussions on the air today. Bob urges listeners to call their elected officials, and he often gives the home phone numbers of legislators over the air (from "The Pink Booklet"). Essentially a Constitutionalist with many libertarian leanings, Bob espouses self reliance, limited government, and free market solutions to problems. With a bit more polish and discipline, Bob will have a long and promising future in talk radio.

State LP Chair David Aitken was well received as a guest last October, and again on one of Heckler's recent live "Town Hall Meeting" broadcasts (April CLiPboard, page 1). Heckler helped promote the Right to Bear Arms Rally, and had organizer David Segal on the show.

Showtime: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Station: KNUS 710 AM Origin: Denver based

Rating: * * * *



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The Marty Nalitz Show

Marty follows Bob Heckler in the schedule and often follows the tone set by Bob. However, Marty's show is slower paced and less effective than Bob's. Marty enjoys bantering with his program engineer Layne more than with guests or callers.

Marty is one of the few hosts to bring a religious perspective to mainstream talk radio.

Showtime: 10:00 p.m. - midnight

Station: KNUS 710 AM Origin: Denver based

Rating: * * *

The Michael Reagan Show

The Gipper's son carries on the conservative Republican message with a standard but effective program. Mike has modeled his father very well, being an articulate and persuasive communicator in his own right.

Showtime: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Station: KTLK 760 AM Origin: Nationally syndicated

Rating: * * *

The Rick Roberts Show

With all due respect to the competent Roberts, this show just isn't a match for the competition in this time slot. One of Roberts' problems is trying to build a cohesive audience when this show is preempted by Nuggets and/or Rockies games several times a week.

Showtime: 8:00p.m. - midnight

Station: KOA 850 AM Origin: Denver based Rating: * * 1/2

The Claudia Lamb Show

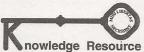
After half a year on the air, the insipid Ms. Lamb still doesn't have an act together. She talks a lot, but doesn't say much of anything. If she wasn't a lead-in for The Gene Burns Program at 10:00, you wouldn't even know she was on the air.

Showtime: 7:00p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Station: KHOW 630 AM Origin: Denver based

Rating: *

Note: Apparently KHOW heard of Hoffenberg's criticism in advance. I understand they've dropped Claudia Lamb and moved Gene Burns up in the schedule - Ed



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RANDOM NOTES

Political Action Seminar Coming to Ft. Collins

"Political Action for Modern Freedom Fighters," a 2-day seminar for new and old activists will be held in Fort Collins on June 25 and 26. The seminar is being presented by the American Liberty Leadership and Organizing Workgroup (ALLOW). Joseph Knight, Director of ALLOW, will conduct the seminar, with the Nevada LP's Tamara Clark as special guest speaker.

Friday evening, June 24, Knight will present a free program entitled "The Politics of Freedom – An Introductory Presentation of the Libertarian Party." This presentation is open to the general public as well as seminar participants.

The seminar itself consists of three sessions. You must attend the first to attend the second. You must attend the first and second to attend the third. Topics covered include:

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Help Needed at Upcoming Gun Shows

David Segal has arranged for free tables for the LP at several Tanner gun shows in the metro area over the next few months. Now we need volunteers to staff them. Call Segal at 296-4059 to find out when there's one convenient to you, and sign up!

Local LP Leaders to be on Radio Show

Brandt Swanke and Kevin Wilkerson, chairs of the Jeffco and Boulder Libertarian Parties, respectively, will be guests on the John Loeffler show on Monday, May 2. The show airs from 5 to 7 p.m. on KRKS-FM 94.7 in the Denver area and KGFP-FM 100.7 in southern Colorado.

Fourth of July Flyers Available

David Aitken has colorful red, white, and blue generic LP flyers. They need a new address and phone. Call Aitken at 831-4334, or the CLP office at 837-9393 to find out more.

Kudos to ...

- Michelle Bethke, who has been working in the CLP office every Monday, processing information requests and phone messages, mailing out membership cards, and generally helping Membership Director David Bryant with his growing work load.
- Patrick Lilly, who suggested CLP membership cards and had them printed. They look great! If you joined or renewed recently, you should be getting your card soon, thanks to Michelle and Patrick.
- Michelle Bethke, again, for providing the CLP with some great new bumper stickers (see Curio Shop ad) that were hot sellers at the Right to Bear Arms rally, and for showing up at the rally with at least two dozen terrific-looking signs she'd made.
- David Segal, who organized the Right to Bear Arms rally, acted as master of ceremonies, and did an excellent job of promoting it on local radio.
- Jan Duncan and Larry Hoffenberg, for the great job they did staffing the extremely busy LP tables at the RBA rally.
- ♦ **Jeff Wright**, whose tireless organizing efforts have created a surge of 15 or 20 new memberships in the Colorado Springs area recently.
- ♦ Colette Wright, Mike McKinzie, Pat Lilly, and Alan (whose last name got lost somewhere in our hectic news room), for staffing the El Paso LP booth at the Pikes Peak Hemp Coalition rally April 17 in Colorado Springs.
- ♦ Larry Hoffenberg, who had 2 letters printed in the Denver Post Business Section's Fax Forum—one on what to do with Stapleton, the other on the income tax.
- Robert Seeber, who made the same venue with a letter about the income tax, and suggested voting for Libertarian candidates.
- Clark Marley, whose letter appeared in the March 26 Rocky Mountain News. It criticized the media for focusing on the scandals and finger-pointing of the Repubs and Dems, while ignoring real alternatives like the LP.
- Max Winkler, whose essay on electronic surveillance in parole, probation, and community corrections appeared in the April 11 Rocky Mountain News.
- Marvin Segal, United We Stand America coordinator for the 1st congressional district, and David Aitken, CLP state chair, who testified against Senate Bill 187, an economic development bill, in front of the House Business Affairs and Labor committee. That there was opposition to it was enough to kill it, according to State Representative Penn Pfiffner, a member of the committee.

Know someone (maybe you) who wrote a letter, manned a booth, made a speech, distributed literature, or got mentioned in print doing something for the cause? Tell us about it or send us the clipping. We'll do the rest.

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- 3 Ft. Collins 1st Tue. Breakfast Club, Wally's, Oak Street Plaza, 7 a.m. Speaker. (303) 484-8184.
- 4&18 CSU Campus Libertarians, CSU Student Center. Bruce Lockhart, (303) 223-7504.
 - 9 Ft. Collins 2nd Tue. Discussion Group, 7 p.m., Mary Margaret Glennie's, 1317 Lakewood Dr. (303) 484-8184.
 - 14 Ft. Collins 2nd Saturday Shootist Society. (303) 484-6824.
 - 15 Boulder LP, Old Train Depot, 30th & Pearl, 7 p.m. (303) 443-1870.
 - 16 Ft. Collins 3rd Mon. Social, 7 p.m., Mary Margaret Glennie's, 1317 Lakewood Dr. (303) 484-8184.
 - 17 Aurora Libertarians, Country Buffet, 1026 South Sable, 7 p.m. (303) 755-4843.
 - 18 Jefferson Forum, Lakewood Library, 10200 W. 20th Ave., 7 p.m. Speaker: Dwight Filley, syndicated columnist and former LP candidate for Congress, "Absurdities and paradoxes in government." (303) 424-9687.

<u>June</u>

- 7 Denver LP, Village Inn, 890 S. Colorado, 7:00 p.m. Speaker or video. (303) 871-8824.
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 - 20 Ft. Collins 3rd Mon. Social, 7 p.m., Mary Margaret Glennie's, 1317 Lakewood Dr. (303) 484-8184.
 - 21 Aurora Libertarians, Durango's, Iliff & Havana (tentative), 7 p.m. (303) 755-4843.
 - 22 Jefferson Forum, Lakewood Library, 10200 W. 20th Ave., 7 p.m. Speaker from VOCAL (Victims of Child Abuse Laws), "False allegations of child abuse." (303) 424-9687.

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