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Colorado Libertarian Party
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* ----- Calendar ----- *

5/7 - Wyoming State Convention in Cheyenne. See details.

2Nd Wednesday - Cocktail Party. At Victoria Mason's, 1270 Logan #8, (Carriage house behind main building, look for blue light) in Denver on May 11th at 7:30 pm. It's potluck; please bring some chips/dip or vegies to munch on. Need directions? Call Victoria at 831-1620.

4Th Wednesday - CLP Board meeting at the office.

5/27-29 - State Convention in Fort Collins at the University Park Holiday Inn. See details.

6/4-5 - People's Fair in Denver. Volunteers needed for the Burger booth and David Aitken's campaign booth. Please call the office, Charlie Stogsdill (burgers) or David Aitken today.

6/11 - Colorado Union of Taxpayers holds its annual breakfast at the Huddle Restaurant, I-25 and 104th, Northglenn - 9am sharp! Call 987-6024 for reservations. Guest of honor is Congressman Hank Brown.

* ----- Ron Paul Visits Denver! ----- *

Ron Paul, LP Presidential Candidate was in Denver March 29-31. About 80 people heard him speak at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds at a function hosted by the Colorado Union of Taxpayers. Dr. Paul not only discussed economic issues, but was also forthright in reviewing his positions on civil libertarian issues such as drugs and abortion.

A smaller group of about 30 attended a reception at the Universalist Church.

Dr. Paul was the guest on the Peter Boyles show on KNUS and was interviewed by several area newspapers.

* ----- News from Delta County ----- *

Ron Bain is stirring up Delta County! He is putting together a county organization. An organizational meeting turned up 9 interested citizens and it looks like they'll be tackling the planning commission first.

* ----- Wyoming Needs Your Help! ----- *

The Wyoming State Gov't is requiring the Wyoming LP to hold a state convention IN Wyoming, so they're having one on Saturday, May 7th at the Holiday Inn in Cheyenne, from 1 to 3pm and they need bodies! Please show up and support our neighbors to the north. Andre Marrou, our VP candidate will be there. Need a ride? Call the office!

If you'd like to ride up with David Aitken in his Alfa, make a \$50 donation to his campaign. We'll put the top down, weather permitting, and stop at FB Foods first to pick up a gourmet lunch! Call him at 831-4334.

* ----- Ezzard Lawsuit ----- *

With a wonderful touch of irony, the Democrats got hurt by one of the rules set by the state government. Martha Ezzard, who switched from the Republicans within the last year, wanted to run for Congress. (Ezzard did not explain how she could tell the two parties apart or why she thought a change would affect anything). In announcing for Congress she encountered the government rule that mandates a waiting time of one year before the primary before being able to run under a different party banner. The reaction of her campaign was to sue the state to permit the process. Since our Party has faced the same problem, we offered to sue with the Democrats, to submit an affidavit, or to file a "Friend of the court" brief. If the Democrats get the right to select their own candidates without government approval, logic would state that we would too. The Democrats declined to take our assistance, however, because, as their attorney pointed out, "the Secretary of State's rules screw the third parties more than they screw the major parties, so we (the atty's representing the Democrats) can't risk clouding the main issue with third party considerations". The lawsuit will turn on the First Amendment issue of being able to select your own candidate; if the Democrats win, then your Party plans to proceed with its own suit.

* ----- Talk Radio! ----- *

Dwight Filley and Doug Anderson had a chance to appear on talk radio during the last few days of March. Dwight filled in for a missing guest on KNDK (1390), and Doug was interviewed on KNUS relative to his role as Election Commissioner and the Pena recall election. Way to go, guys!

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* ----- Thanks ----- *

Grace Reed and Hazel Barrett went to Boulder and copied down the names of 97 Boulder Libertarians! Mucho Thanks!!!

Neal Lafon printed last months CLIPboard. Doug Anderson, Victoria Mason, Geoffrey Lloyd, and David Aitken folded, stapled, and labeled it.

Dwight Filley took the picture of the Ron Paul sign. Good work, Dwight.

New and renewed members during the month of April - Harold Hamilton, Geoffrey Geauterre.

David Sparks, who does all kinds of printing nights and weekends, did an excellent job on "Who Is A Libertarian?" for David Aitken's campaign, at a very reasonable price. Call him at 399-3953.

* ----- Greeley Comes Alive! ----- *

Jeff Kelly of Greeley will be running for the 4th Congressional seat which takes in most of the eastern plains section of Colorado! Way to go Jeff!

* ----- 1988 State Convention ----- *

The state convention, a combined convention for Colorado, Wyoming, and Alaska, will be held May 27, 28, and 29th in Fort Collins. The featured guest is Walter Block, Senior Economist at the Fraser Institute in Vancouver, BC. Ron Paul Presidential candidate, may be there on Saturday afternoon. Russell Means, Indian activist, former contender for the LP presidential race, and founder of Freedom Is For Everyone (FIFE), will address the convention on behalf of Andre Marrou's VP campaign.

It's at the University Park Holiday Inn, 425 W. Prospect Rd., Fort Collins, Co 80526. Rooms are \$44.08 per night. Registration - 4/16 - 5/20, \$65.00; 5/20 -, \$75.00. Send checks for registration to the hotel.

Individual event prices - Lectures - \$15, Lunch - \$10, Dinner - \$15. Please call Mary Margaret in Fort Collins (484-8184) by 5/20 to reserve a meal.

* ----- Want to have the 1989 State Convention ----- *
* ----- In your Home Town? ----- *

At the 1988 convention in May, we will decide where to have the 1989 event. Our choices depend on you being willing to make a presentation to this year's convention, telling us how you will organize and run it, and what kind of benefits will accrue to the Party. Contact the office for details.

* ----- 1988 Convention Issues ----- *

The following issues, among others, will be discussed at the business meeting during the convention in May.

1. Constitution and By-Laws Changes.
2. Should we charge for subscriptions to the CLIPboard if an individual is not a dues-paying member? How much?
3. Ratify candidates for 1988 November ballot.
4. Board of Directors elections.

* ----- Constitution and By-Laws Changes ----- *

No changes in the Constitution are recommended.

Recommended changes in By-Laws are:

1. Article I, Section 1 - PARTY AFFILIATES: Remove the words "ratification of the" and insert "a", so the sentence reads as "The petition shall include a Statement of Principles."
2. Article III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS: New section to be titled Section 3: Any active member of the Party may attend the Board Meeting as an "alternate delegate" at the request of that Board Member, who, temporarily, cannot attend. No alternate delegate may represent more than one board member at any board meeting.
3. Article VIII - MEMBERSHIP:

Remove Paragraph one.

Insert new Paragraphs one, two, and three, and make current paragraph two into paragraph four.

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The Article will read as follows:

Applicants for membership in the Party will qualify for membership by 1) being a registered Libertarian voter in the State of Colorado, and/or 2) paying such fees as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

Application by voter registration may be made by 1) a signed affidavit, or 2) a letter of affirmation, postmarked, or hand-delivered, 45 days prior to the State Convention.

Any current member of the Party, in good standing, may challenge the validity of the application. The burden of proof of invalidation shall be upon the challenging member.

No membership in any other organization, including the National Libertarian Party, shall be required by any applicant for consideration for state Party membership.

* ----- CLP Elections ----- *

At the state convention we will hold elections for the Party leadership. There are five positions open - Chairman, Campaigns, Membership, Communications, and Finance. This party will only be as successful as the people who do the work. Please volunteer to accept responsibility to get the job done. The positions of State Chair and Finance Chair MUST be filled in order to maintain our status as a political organization.

1. The party Chairman is responsible for seeing that the various legal requirements are met, and conducts the board meetings. Public relations, media contact. Maintain contact with elected Libertarians. Maintain contact with Republican and Democratic party officials for candidate debates, etc.
2. The Campaigns chairman is responsible for finding candidates, seeing that legal requirements are met, and making sure that candidates are well-organized. Prioritizes races in terms of resource allocation.
3. The Membership chairman's duties are to see that membership renewals are solicited and processed, and to find ways to recruit new members. Membership chair plays a key role in a financially healthy party.
4. The Communications chairman is responsible for

publishing the CLiPboard, handle speaking engagements (but not necessarily speaking), media contact, news releases, and conduct letter-writing campaigns.

5. The Finance chairman pays the bills, handles the pledge program, raises funds, and generally sees that the Party operates in a business-like manner.

Ron Bain has announced he will be running for Communications Chairman; he's a news editor for the Delta County Independent on the western slope. David Aitken will be running again for Finance Chairman.

* ----- Aitken State Rep. Race Heating Up ----- *

Thanks to Ernie Wykoff and Judd Ptak for assembling and labeling the mailing of "Who Is a Libertarian?" and the World's Smallest Political Quiz. 1064 Of them are going to unaffiliated voters in District 6 along with a suggestion to change their party affiliation to Libertarian if they agree with the libertarian ideas.

Our loan program is growing. We've received \$6800 in zero interest loans to help finance the campaign. The funds will be invested, the interest only will be used to fund the campaign, and the money repaid in November. Call David Aitken (831-4334) for details.

* ----- Ron Paul, Andre Marrou Petitions ----- *

The only way we will have a Libertarian presidential candidate on the ballot in November is if we collect signatures of 5000 registered voters. Please do your part by getting 5 or 10 from friends, neighbors, clubs you belong to, and co-workers.

The voting district referred to in the petition is the State of Colorado.

Due to the niceties of the legal system, you cannot sign a petition for which you are the circulator and have your signature count! Please sign someone else's petition (and they can sign yours).

The petitions are due in the Secretary of State's office on August 2nd. However, since the number of signatures turned in by members may be less than that required, we need several months notice to make up the difference. So, please

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return your petitions by April 30. That will give us 90 days to make up the difference.

Extra petitions are available from the office.

"Incentives" for petitioning may be discussed with Bill Fargo at the office. Volunteers are needed to pre-check signatures for validity.

If you are a notary and are willing to notarize ballot access petitions for free or reduced cost, please call the office.

* ----- Hamburgers!! ----- *

One of the major fundraising efforts of the CLP is our hamburger booth at the People's Fair in Denver. This year the fair is June 4th and 5th. Our profit is usually over \$400 and we need a committed libertarian to organize this fundraising event as well as others to man the booth. This profit will go towards campaigns and finding new libertarians. Please call the office or the Party Chairman for details.

We will also have an information booth in conjunction with David Aitken's campaign. The People's Fair is our chance to influence over 400,000 people. Please make a commitment today!

Charles Stogsdill is organizing the burger booth. Please help him have a successful event by volunteering a couple of hours of your time. His phone number is in the contacts section.

* ----- Registered Libt Drive Makes Progress ----- *

Doug Anderson's drive to collect the names of registered Libertarians from all the counties has resulted in names from 7 of the 65 counties in Colorado. About 80 percent of the names are people we had never heard of before. A few of these new people have become dues-paying members or pledgers. Have you?

* ----- 1988 Campaigns Announced or Active ----- *

Candidate	Office	Status	Phone
David Aitken	State Rep Dist 6 - Denver	Active	831-4334
Geoffrey Lloyd	RTD Dist A - Denver	Announced	733-7962
Jeff Kelly	US Cong. 4th Dist	Announced	353-0217

* ----- Registered Libertarian Summary ----- *

Here's a summary of the number of registered Libertarians throughout the State. If your county's not on it, please go down to the County Clerk and Recorder's office, buy the list, and send it to us.

Adams	39 Eagle	3 Denver	135
Arapahoe	61 Jefferson	96	
Boulder	97 Summit	3	

* ----- Finance Report ----- *

During the past year, we have reduced our expenses substantially by moving the office to a more central and less expensive location. All of our bills are current. The summary below covers the 10 months ended 3/31/88. Rent and phone costs in the future should be lower than the average for the period below because of the office move. Printing expense is so low because we get much of that done for free.

Income	Expense		
Membership	\$ 1230	Office Rent	\$ 1711
Pledges	\$ 2373	Phone	\$ 1044
Sales	\$ 30	Postage	\$ 825
Donations	\$ 738	Office supplies	\$ 46
		Publications and	
		Membership (incl Natl)	\$ 541
		Printing Expense	\$ 257
Total	\$ 4371	Total	\$ 4424

* ----- Congratulations!! ----- *

In June, Dwight Filley, former State Chair, solid Libertarian, and all around good guy, will forge the ties that bind! Congrats!! Will he produce any little libertarians? Only time will tell!

Libertarian organizational meeting set for Delta and Montrose counties

The Delta-Montrose chapter of the Libertarian Party will hold an organizational meeting in Delta on Friday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Colorado Bank & Trust annex.

"We chose April 15, Tax Day, intentionally," stated organizer Ron Bain, of Olathe, "to illustrate our general opposition to taxation."

The Libertarian Party, formed in Colorado in 1972, is the nation's largest third political party. Its platform calls for a return to free market economics and the gold standard, a non-interventionist foreign policy, decreased governmental control over individual lives, and minimal levels of voter-approved taxation.

"Most people on the Western Slope seem to think like Libertarians to one extent or another," Bain said. "But until last year, there had never been a formal Libertarian organization on the Western Slope."

In May 1987, Kim Benham of Fruita and Steve Thurman of Grand Junction founded Mesa County Liberty, the first Western Slope affiliate of the Colorado Libertarian Party. Both men have agreed to attend Friday's organizational meeting for the Delta-Montrose chapter.

Also invited to the meeting is David Aitken, state finance chairman for the Colorado Libertarian Party and a Front Range candidate for state legislature.

There are two registered Libertarians in Delta County and at least one residing in Montrose County, but Bain said he expected at least 25 people to attend Friday's meeting.

"I think many will come out of curiosity and to hear more about our presidential candidate, former Congressman Ron Paul of Texas," Bain remarked.

Paul bolted the Republican Party last year to join the Libertarians and seek their presidential nomination, which he received in September 1987 in Seattle. He is joined on the Libertarian ticket by vice-presidential nominee Andre Marrou, a former Alaskan state legislator.

"I'm predicting that Ron Paul will have as great an impact on the 1988 popular vote as any third party candidate in recent history, including John Anderson in 1980 and George Wallace in 1968," Bain stated.

Petitions that will help Paul gain access to the Colorado ballot will be available for signing at Friday's organizational meeting.

"People shouldn't consider third parties to be lost causes,"

Bain commented. "Most Americans don't affiliate themselves with either the Republican or the Democrats - that's because the two-party system has failed utterly and people are looking for an alternative."

One of the Delta-Montrose chapter's first goals, Bain said, will be to oppose the addition of any further zoning, land use regulations or other interference with private property rights in either county.

"In Mesa County, their local planning commission threatened to destroy a man's home, that he'd built with his own hands on his own property, because he had failed to go through the red tape procedure of getting a building permit," Bain explained. "This is an example of county planning gone wild, and is an example of what we need to avoid. I hope to invite the man - his name is Paul Ferris - to speak at one of the upcoming meetings called by the Delta County Planning Commission to discuss a master plan for the county."

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* ----- Voter Registration ----- *

In Colorado, you can register to vote as a Libertarian.
Doing so helps promote the libertarian movement
by letting elected officials know there's an alternative.
Call the Election official in your county for details.

* ----- Party Officers and Contacts ----- *

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