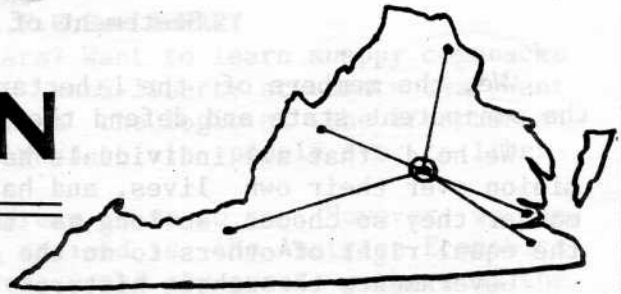


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THE EDITOR'S CORNER

WHO NEEDS YOU?

We do! Your editor could use YOUR help with the newsletter, for example. Have you sent in any photocopy-ready articles, ads or ??? Send 'em in!

Do you have a collating machine? How about a stapling or folding machine? Bring them on! They would sure make our job of getting this newsletter to you easier!

Have you joined us for any of our newsletter mailing parties? The more, the merrier, as they say! More is less, also: The more people you have the less work there is for all.

Or: Have you ever tried licking 400 stamps all by yourself? <<<<<< YEEECCHHHH! >>>>>>! If there were three people doing it, it surely wouldn't be as tasty.

See the calendar for the next newsletter party. And, I'll see YOU there!

---your humble editor

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Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they so choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to do the same.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the state has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual; namely, 1) the right to life—accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; 2) the right to liberty of speech and action—accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and 3) the right to property—accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all governmental interference in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives or property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders, and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

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DEADLINE for all submissions (ads, articles, news, etc.) is the 10th of every month.

AD RATES

Classifieds and personal ads .15/word; 1/8 page-\$4; 1/4 page-\$7; 1/2 page-\$13; full page-\$25. 10% discount for camera-ready or multi-issue ads. We will be glad to arrange for any of your typesetting needs.

RETURN OF THE A.P.E.S. LIBRARY

Want to receive a MILLION dollars? Want to learn snappy comebacks for collectivist rhetoric from your anti-liberty acquaintances? Want to be able to more eloquently discuss the logic of the libertarian philosophy? Want to learn the best ways to win people over to libertarianism?

The fulfillment of that first dream is up to you. However, we can help you with the rest. Now being revived is the Austrian Economics and Philosophical Society, with great works by great authors of the great Libertarian-Free Market-Austrian school of thought. The library will be set up in Jim Turney's office at 824 West Broad St. in Richmond.

Applications are now being accepted for the position of librarian for the library. Duties will include the rediculously simple tasks of keeping tabs on the library's inventory (approx. 200 books and growing slowly...) once a week. This entails sending out notices to holders of books that are overdue. I am betting that you will find much of your check-in/check-out transactions occurring at Third District meetings. Total time per week will probably be about one to two hours. Most of the bookkeeping and mailings of notices can be handled before or after the District meetings, so other activists, including myself can help out if necessary. The librarian will have access to the Libertarian International computer at LPVA Headquarters in Richmond to keep records of fines owed, books out on loan, the name and address of the loanee, etc...etc...etc...

Grand opening will occur next month or sooner if we get a volunteer for the librarian's position before that time. If you are interested in helping out, please send notice of your interest to LPVA headquarters soon. Also, any submissions/contributions to the library are more than welcome.

---editor

LIBERTARIANS HOST TALK SHOW

Burke Pond and Lisa Welke, Arlington LPVA activists, will host the talk show "Afternoon Report" on TV channel 56, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm, during the weeks of October 8th and 15th. Starting October 22nd, they will host "morning Report" from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. These shows feature a call-in format and the phone number is (703)-560-3730. Channel 56 is carried on several cable systems outside of the Washington area and it specializes in gavel to gavel coverage of the House o' Rats... er, House of Representatives. Congratulations, Burke and Lisa!

---Cynthia Messina

BUSINESS, AS USUAL

Pious full-service gasoline station owners and dealers in the People's State of New York have recently given the poor, neglected motorists there a paternalistic "helping hand." They got the state soviet (legislature) to pass a law requiring all gasoline only stations to have a tire pump, either coin-operated or free.

As a mechanic of some experience, I can tell you that an air compressor will never pay for itself, with or without coin operation, if used ONLY for pumping up tires, which would be the case here. The full service stations, however, get more than their money's worth from THEIR compressors because they can use them in ALL aspects of their auto service.

Therefore, who gets to pay for the increased costs forced on the gas-only stations? You guessed it! Poor Mr. and Ms. Motorist get the honor of footing the bill. Where? At the gas pumps, which is where the full service boys really wanted them to pay, anyway. Why? Because of the price advantage the gas-only stations had (and still do but to a lesser degree. And watch them try and find other things to force on the gas-only companies---and you & me.).

AND-CUT-UP-INTO-LITTLE-PIECES-PARTS

And here's something now lurking here in Virginia, among other things:

The VA General Assembly recently decided that convenience store companies that own their own refineries which are located in Virginia [Whew! Can you say that in one breath?-ed.] may NOT install Gasoline pumps on them if they so desire, unless the property on which that convenience store is being built was already a gasoline/service station! So what other kind of a---ine laws can those donkeys dream up?

This law is disturbingly, blatantly directed at one company in particular: The Southland Corporation, the parent company of the very successful 7-11 chain. Southland recently purchased Citgo Company, and its refinery just happens to be in Virginia.

The supporters of the bill come from you-know-where: full-service gasoline station owners and their ilk. And their reason for shackling 7-11 was simple: 7-11 has such a high volume at its convenience store gasoline pumps that they can charge a very low price. And at the same time, a look at the octane ratings for their gas reveals that 7-11 is offering BETTER fuel at the lower price in comparison to their competition! Double jeopardy for the poor neglected... competition.

If any of you need something to write letters to the editor about, jump on that one. There are millions of other topics you can write about, also. Find them!

---mischevious Marc

LPVA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

OCTOBER 7, 1984

RICHMOND, VA

Submitted October 8, 1984 by Cynthia Messina, Secretary, LPVA.

Members Present:

Jim Elwood, Chair; Henry Thrasher, Vice Chair; Cynthia Messina, Secretary; Paul Hite, Treasurer; David Saum, Membership Chair and NatCom Representative; Marc Montoni, Newsletter Editor; Alton "Buddy" Mountjoy; Al Anders, Fourth District Chair Proxy.

Brief Account of the Meeting:

1. CALL TO ORDER: The October 7th meeting of the State Central Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 12:30 PM, at the LPVA Headquarters in Richmond, Virginia.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Past Secretary Scott Bowden being absent, the minutes were read by the Chair, and approved unanimously, without correction.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul Hite reported \$750.00 had been sent to the Foundation for Free Campaigns and Elections for our pending challenge to Virginia ballot laws. \$304.20 was allocated for newsletter and Fundraiser printing and mailing. \$20 was received for renewals, leaving a balance of \$500.00.
4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: David Saum reported that corrections had been made to nearly 10% of the mailing list, and that many new prospects had been brought in from the National Headquarters and the Bergland Campaign. Plans are being made by Dave Pendleton, who maintains our list, to transfer the records to a Kaypro computer and floppy disk format.
5. NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT: David Saum reported recent discussion of the National Mailing List and how it can best be used by state and local campaigns.
6. LAWSUIT: FFCE has filed necessary papers and a hearing is pending on our lawsuit against the Commonwealth of Virginia. A Writ of Mandamus has also been filed to allow write-ins for Presidential elections, and this should be decided within two weeks.
7. PUBLICITY: The Chair stressed the need for coordination of activities for such projects as Letters to the Editor and the write-in campaign.

