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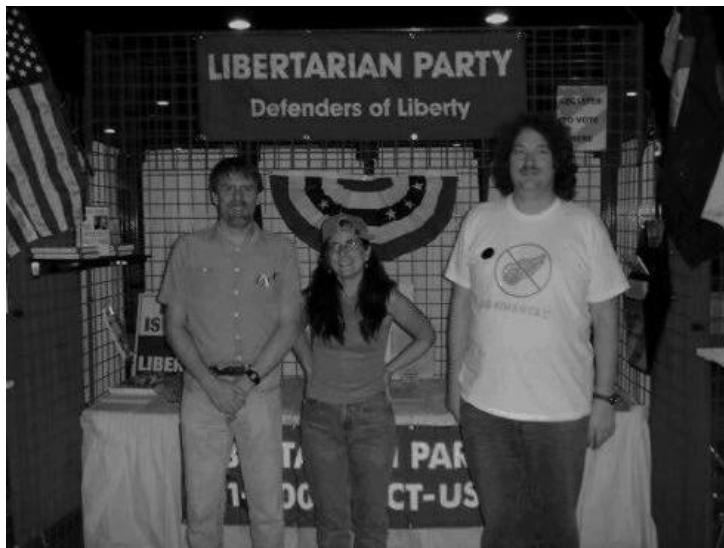
The Boulder County Gun Show

by Joe Johnson

Have you ever wondered if you were alone? Truly alone? You know what I mean, you are walking through the woods, perhaps on a path through 'open space', and you know that there are other people who have walked down this trail before, and no doubt more will follow, but you look around, and you see no one, and begin to think that you are all alone. Well, that is what a pro-Constitution person who, living in Boulder County and, dare I say it, owning a gun (who is not a conservative), feels like. Well, if you are one of those people, I want to tell you to look over that next bluff, or around that next turn in the trail, because you ARE NOT alone! On February 17&18 the LPBC set up an outreach booth at the Boulder County fairgrounds in Longmont for the annual Wasatch gun show. And I am happy, nay, VERY happy as well as proud to report that we a GREAT response!

The booth was staffed exclusively by LPBC members. Saturday morning Jon Ford and Jeff Andersen set the pace for the weekend with a new membership, a new registration, and a bumper sticker or two sold. Then in the afternoon, Tony Middleton and I (Joe Johnson)

kept the action going. Even Tony's wife was there for support, and she's not even a Libertarian! Sunday morning came, and the ever vibrant Ralph Shnelvar brought two relatively new members of the party to 'show 'em the ropes'. And show them he did. By the time they were relieved by Elizabeth Bennett and I, the donation box was filling up!



Chuck Wright, Elizabeth Bennett and Greg Woods showing off the LP booth.

I have been coordinating the outreach booth at shows all over the Denver/Boulder/Ft Collins area for over a year now, (more than 20 now) and I can say that no group does it (selling Liberty) like the LPBC! This was with out a doubt our most successful show to date.

At most shows we lose money, but we keep going because it is important that

we continue to reach potential new members. This show however is one of only a few that we actually turned a profit by being there! So what were the numbers? We gathered three new dues paying members to the party (County, State, and National combo membership), two trial memberships, five new

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Letter to the Editor

By Chuck Wright

[Chuck sent the following letter to the Editor of the Daily Camera February 20th]:

Dear Editor:

Dr. Gary D. VanderArk M.D. laments that "over 580,000 [Coloradans], or more than 15 percent of the state's population, are uninsured. At least another 12 percent of Coloradoans are underinsured, placing them at economic risk in the event of a catastrophic illness or injury." (Guest Opinion, February 18th, 2001). Dr. VanderArk goes on to state that, "the average Coloradan with an income of \$30,000 or less for a family of four has no disposable income left to spend on health insurance after paying for essentials such as food, housing and transportation."

Dr. VanderArk fails to mention that the average Coloradan spends more on taxes than on food, clothing, shelter, transportation, and health care combined. If the government would lift its heavy foot off of our collective throats by eliminating the federal and state income taxes, and Social Security and Medicare taxes and thereby down size government, most of the uninsured and underinsured would be able to afford health care. And the few that still couldn't would be able to seek private charity from a citizenry now able to keep everything they earn.

If you're interested in getting government off your throat and returning government back to its Constitutional limits, join the Libertarian Party. For more information, see our web site at <http://www.lp.org/> or call us at 1-800-ELECT-US.

Sincerely,

Chuck Wright

On March 1 1790 -

The first U.S. Census was authorized by Congress.

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registrations (we would have had more but we ran out of registration forms), and a half dozen requests for more information as a result of administering the 'World's Smallest Political Quiz'.

I want to personally thank all of the volunteers that worked to make this show such a glaring success, and a special thanks to Greg Woods, Bruce Waters, and Tom Parker, who set up the booth on Friday night. Without their efforts, we would not have been able to do this show, and as you can see, that would have been a tragedy. I had, as I always do, a great time at this show, meeting new people, and welcoming them to the Libertarian party, but most of all, I enjoy getting a chance to swap recruiting skills with the other volunteers, so to all of you, Thank-you. But perhaps the highlight of this show was when a vendor came up to me after the show and said: "Thank-you so much for giving up your time to help make people aware that we have a choice - the game's far from over". The message was loud and clear, you may look around you and think that you are alone -- you're not!

If you would like to help at upcoming shows, please contact Joe at Joejohn@us.ibm.com

February LPBC Board Meeting

Summary of Secretary's Minutes from the 2/8/01 Board Meeting

Members present: Lori, John, Tom and Bruce.

There was a discussion regarding the Boulder County gun show, principally finances.

Treasurer report: We have \$1174.59 in total assets, down from \$1232.80.

Membership report: We have 56 members, with 50 voting.

Editor report: Most of the articles come from mining the web pages. The question was once again raised: How do we get people to contribute articles?

Chairman's report: Lori mentioned that she is an administrator rather than a leader and needs direction. She's a member of the Second Amendment Sisters and is becoming more active.

Ralph Shnelvar was asked to be the new Monthly Dialog coordinator. He is considering it.

The Boulder Creek Festival is being considered as an outreach event, but needs volunteers and money. The newsletter and Monday meetings were considered good places to recruit volunteers.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Every Monday, Noon:
LPBC Weekly Lunch
Hunan Garden
949 Walnut St.
Boulder, CO
303-442-2772

Monday, March 5th, 7pm:
David Friedman
"The Case for and Against
Government"
CU Campus UMC Forum Room

Thursday, March 8th, 6:30pm:
Monthly Board Meeting
Cheng's Garden
480 W. Dahlia St
Louisville, CO
303-668-8898

Sunday, March 11, 1-5pm
Media Relations Class
Independence Institute
Golden, CO
Contact Ron Bain for details at
303-443-9179 or ron@i2i.org

Sat & Sun, March 17th & 18th, 9-5
LP Outreach Booth
Tanner Gun Show
Denver Merchandise Mart
Denver, CO
Contact Joe Johnson for details at
303-604-9153(H) 303-942-4051(W)

*For more info about all LPBC events,
contact Lori Van Buren: 970-278-1158
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www.lpboulder.com*

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Day Phone: _____ Eve Phone: _____

Email address: _____

If you wish to be a voting member, please sign and date the following pledge:

"I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the *initiation* of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Choose a membership plan above and enclose a check or money order payable to the LPBC for the amount listed. Send to: LPBC, PMB #427, 2525 Arapahoe Ave., E4, Boulder, CO 80302. *Thank you for your support!*

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