

Show Me Freedom

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Hancock Keynotes Convention

May 21, a day of seminars to hone candidates' communication skills and campaign strategies was capped by Mel Hancock's convention dinner address to a capacity crowd. He was greeted by a standing ovation.

The respect generally accorded the 8th District Missouri Congressman by Libertarians was, if possible, enhanced by his ringing affirmation of constitutionally limited government and his acknowledgement of Libertarians who assisted with the first Hancock Amendment effort in 1980 - in particular, the late Ogden Scoville of Springfield. Scoville's death in 1992 during his senatorial campaign deprived the MoLP of a dedicated and gifted leader with a wealth of political experience.

Congressman Hancock's support for core libertarian principles is demonstrably not just lip service. He has consistently been rated among the most libertarian members of the House in terms of votes on key issues involving economic freedoms and support for the Bill of Rights. And any citizen concerned about the motivations of our elected representatives would have to be impressed by the enormous amount of time and effort the Congressman is devoting to the Hancock II initiative at the state level while simultaneously seeking re-election to federal office.

The principle he is defending with Hancock II is the constitutional right to control government by voting on tax increases. This right was violated in 1992 when Governor Mel Carnahan and the Democrat legislature passed the largest tax increase in Missouri history without a public vote (jokingly, Hancock threatened to sue Carnahan over his use of the nickname "Mel" which occasionally fuses voters). Hancock II would plug the loopholes that allowed this to happen, and also prevent the state from imposing unfunded mandates on lower levels of government. What this really boils down to is whether we choose to have a government "for and for the people" - or the politicians.

Opponents claim that giving voters a say on any tax increase that would allow growth in revenues to exceed

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US Senate Debate



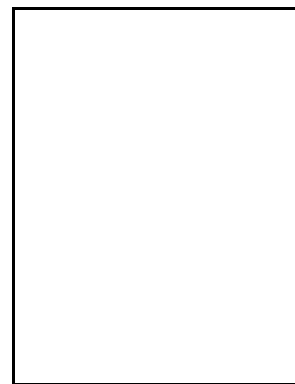
Bill Johnson

About 40 Kansas City area Libertarians and their guests came out to meet the two hopefuls for the only contested spot on our fall ticket of over 50 candidates. Voters who take the Libertarian ballot in the August 2nd primary election will determine which one will face the Republican and Democrat candidates - most likely former Governor John Ashcroft for the Rs and 5th District Congressman Alan Wheat for Jackson County Executive Marsha Murphy for the Ds.

In the opinion of your editor, we would do best with Wheat as the D. Both of our candidates have excellent records on opposition to taxes. Bill Johnson is a tax protester so sincere in his convictions that

he is willing to provoke the potential wrath of the IRS. Rickey Jamerson deserves kudos for his successful effort to get St. Louis City government audited, personally collecting 5,000 of the 10,000 signatures required for the initiative. Margaret Kelly found \$20M in waste and fraud and a license collector was removed from office.

Either of our candidates will doubtless draw anti-tax Republican votes away from Ashcroft, who supported the Proposition B \$340 M/year tax increase that was soundly defeated at the polls. Wheat is such a notorious tax and spender that "new" Democrats who are unable to stomach him and yet fear the intolerant religious right baggage of the Rs may also be forced (in conscience) to select the Libertarian.



Rickey Jamerson

But don't be tempted on that account to pick up the Democrat ballot in August. Apart from strong and proven opposition to taxes, the two Lib candidates' positions and campaign strategies are very different.

Rickey Jamerson, for example, would prefer to see Marsha Murphy as his Democratic challenger. Mr. Jamerson would then be the only black in the race and would therefore attract more traditional Democrat votes. Jamerson's

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om the Editor... / Jeanne Bojarski

he true Libertarian tradition, the person who bitched the most
ut a party function not being done to her liking was summarily
in charge of that function. As the new Editor of SMF, I pledge
get this newsletter into your hands not less than bi-monthly, and
nsure that anyone who sends in their 15 bucks will
mediately get on the active mailing list. If not, Asst. Editor
gh Emerson of Columbia is hereby authorized to publicly
ouce and depose me (and take over the responsibility -
IM...).

give the former administration full credit, this task will be
le far easier than it has been in the past since the newly elected
asurer and database coordinator Karl Wetzel lives near me
we can coordinate writing, production and mailing functions.
viously, these responsibilities were scattered across the state,
king it extremely difficult to predict the final result. But when
got it guys, it was great - and **former Acting Sec'y/Editor**
ve Hoscheidt, Tres./DB Bob Schmedake, and Chair Phil
rras are to be commended for their efforts in the face of
siderable logistic hurdles.

e JUNE issue of SMF is going out with the aim of being timely
eporting the Convention news and reaching anyone who has
r given any \$\$\$ to the MoLP. In future mailings, we may be
re or less discriminating about the recipients. To be sure to get
ir SMF regularly, send \$15 to MoLP, PO Box 32731, KC,
64111 TODAY.

/ing been handed the baton just a week ago, my editorial policy
d the format of the newsletter) is still very much in the process
ormation. **YOUR SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME**. In
icular, your Letters to the Editor, essays, articles, news reports,
are actively solicited. This issue was largely a one-person
rt simply because of time constraints. We want your input for
August issue! Local party leaders can report goings-on for the
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to fax), or by leaving an extended message on the KC or LP
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at the statewide hotline number 1-800-838-1776. The
opinions expressed herein are generally hers unless
otherwise indicated.

Phil Horras remains chair, operating out of the **Springfield** par
headquarters at 1-800-838-1776. Call him with all complaints.

Charles Kempf of Balwin (St. Louis) takes over as **Vice Chair**
officially in charge of **PR and Outreach**. He will be coordinatin
with Phil to get out broadcast faxes of state party news across the
state.

Karl Wetzel of North Kansas City is the new **Treasurer and**
Database Coordinator. Karl is to be commended for taking on
critical job that entails a lot of effort and little glory. **Cap'n Bob**
Schmedake is retiring so he can better track how many F15s get
lost over the Carribean and otherwise insert some common sense
into how our national defense is run, as well as better attend to h
local **Advocates for Self Government** chapter. Cap'n Bob was
responsible for the 1994 Convention, which was run with militar
precision (except for some complaints from New Yorkers about
"Libertarian infants running wild" in the hotel during the Friday
nite reception). - *Ed. Comment*: "Libertarian infants" regularly
surpass all others of their age cohort in self-sufficiency, including
being able to run wild before walking.

Yours truly, **Jeanne Bojarski (Jeanne Bo)** is the new **Secretary**
taking over for **David Hoscheidt** who has moved out of state.
Hugh Emerson of Columbia will serve as **Asst. Editor**. Jean
Bo & Hugh regularly communicate between KC and Columbia v
messages enclosed in bottles thrown into the Mighty MO.

Notes from around the State

In **Benton County**, **County Chair Art Macon** is running for
Sheriff and has sent a letter to Attorney Jay Nixon requesting ar
investigation of the illegal "sieze & keep" tactics of the current
Sheriff's office. Before doing so, Art sent a letter to the press and
party leaders for his own protection. He had heard that the Sherri
department is out to "bring Macon down." Art is building an
impressive organization in Benton and is willing to help activist
in neighboring counties get started. His group will be running a
Libertarian Party/Campaign booth at the Jubilee Days in Warsaw
on June 11, followed by a BBQ Independence Day celebration
replete with the singing of Revolutionary War songs, tentatively
scheduled at the Warsaw Community Building for July 2 at 2PM
Call Art for details, (816) 438-9670. **US Senate Candidate Bil**
Johnson will be attending the events.

Chair of the Jefferson County party, Marianne Gassman, wa
presented with a plaque at the State Convention for "outstanding
local party growth." JeffCo ran **Francis Duckwork for State**
Senate; he received 11% of the vote, a party record in a 3-way
special election. Marianne has done a fantastic job of developing
alliances with local political and issue groups to give the Libs a
well-deserved reputation for effective action on local public polic
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Officers Elected at Convention

imilar kudos are due to the **Higgins** family of **St. Louis County**. May not be generally known that **Jim Higgins** was responsible recruiting the bulk of our record 6 congressional candidates, including a full slate in the 3 St. Louis area districts. Part of the reason we can be confident of bringing you a SMF regularly is the these filings generated for the MoLP. A coup for Jim and the party was his recruitment of **Greg Tlapak** to run for the **8th District Congress** seat from the **Cape Girardeau** area, where we have never been able to get much going. Greg, a 37 year old commodities trader, is determined to use his candidacy (and his own funds) to build up the visibility of the Libs in the bootheel.

Donna Higgins, St. Louis County Chair, is just as devoted to party building as her husband. When I stayed with the Higgins while attending a Joe Knight campaign seminar, I arrived at breakfast table on Sunday morning to find LaDonna sifting through tomes of Missouri Election Law so she would be prepared to handle the withdrawal/replacement of one of the candidates who is planning to move out of district.

the **St. Louis City party**, organized by **Jim Morrison**, plans to run a TV commercial in November supporting all of the St. Louis area candidates including a slate of 4 for city races that the Rs have abandoned. Jim will make the nomination (a Liberty Bell ring) & script available to any candidate(s) who wish to run similar commercials in their local areas. Call the St. Louis City party hotline at: (314) 567-1000. The City Party, which publishes the ST. LOUIS LIBERTARIAN newsletter, is helping to start up Lib clubs in the West Park and Carondelet townships.

the **Buchanan County** (St. Joe area) Libertarians chaired by **Mike Bozarth** have been promoting their 3 county candidates at meetings of the American Citizens' Council, a Perot offshoot group. The meetings sometimes draw over 100 people. Mike recently sent out the first issue of an area newsletter, and continues to write his ON LIBERTY column for the St. Joseph News-Examiner. Despite a pending trial on bogus drug charges, he has also started a consulting business, Bozarth Texico at 1301 Frederick. Reach him there between 7am-7pm at (816) 364-5533.

the **Mid-Missouri Libertarian "Tigers"** (Columbia) are moving beyond "cat herding," to a two-pawed attack on party building and support for **Mitch Moore's 9th District Congressional** campaign, according to **party secretary Hugh Emerson**. Their first local newsletter produced by Hugh will come out the first week of June, coinciding with the kick-off of their local membership drive. **James Givens** and **Kevin Goodwin** are **Chair** and **Vice Chair** of

the group, with **Mitch** serving as **Treasurer**. They meet every fourth Sunday of the month, 2pm, at the Heidelberg. Call (314) 449-3318.

Jackie Bradbury, Campaign Manager for "I Like Mike" Hurley for 38th District State Rep., raised over \$400 to help support MoLP candidates at a fundraising dinner held while Nat Com was meeting in KC. She stipulated that any individual candidate who receives contributions from this fund must have raised at least \$500 on his or her own. The Hurley campaign should be congratulated for their generous support of other Lib candidates. Call (816) 561-7227.

In Kansas City, **KC Metro Libertarian secretary/treasurer Don Lerner** is organizing candidate forums for the group's next two program meetings. They will feature candidates for 5th District Congress in June and candidates for County Executive in July. No Libs are running for these spots, although there is a slate of 7 Lib candidates for Jackson County Legislature (3 running in 2-way races). The **Jackson County Party** (which is comprised of many of the same people) is concentrating on promoting their slate. Yours truly occasionally put out a county-published newsletter, THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE.

Kay and Harld Shiel, founders and officers of the Northland group (Clay & Platte Counties), are throwing a Meet the Candidates B-B-Q and picnic Saturday June 11 at 6:30. All local area and state Lib candidates have been invited to attend. Kay & Harold's event tend to be very successful ones, with over \$400 raised for local party activities at their garage sale the first week in May.

Yours truly, accompanied by **Jackson County Chair Grant Stauffer**, and **U.S. Senate Candidate Bill Johnson**, attended a party thrown by **Frank and Georgia Umbaugh** of Mirabile (**Caldwell County**). Most of the town car pool out. Frank was eager to introduce us to friends he thought would be interested in the Lib message. **Clinton County Chair Tom Marco** and wife **Judy** were also there to discuss founding a Clinton/Caldwell group with Frank. Bill Johnson will be speaking at a town meeting to be held at the local school on June 14. Call TOM at 816: 632-4503.

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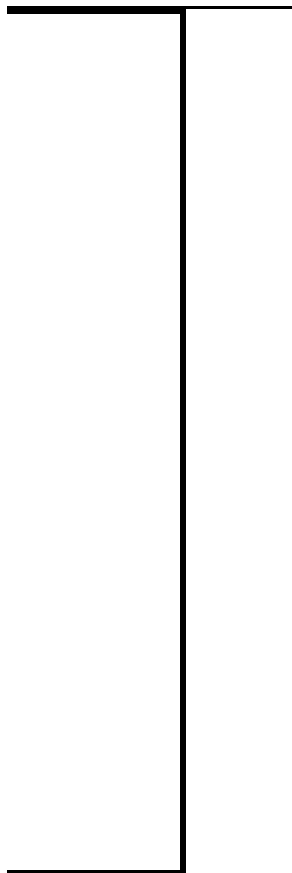
Hancock II Unanimously Endorsed

At the May 22 business meeting, the Convention unanimously resolved to **endorse the Hancock II Committee's** tax limitation ballot initiative. By a closer vote, other initiatives were opposed:

Acorn Campaign Finance. Limitations on individual contributions would hurt minority party candidates and independents, while favoring incumbents with sophisticated mechanisms for breaking up and channeling larger contributions. The Party favored disclosure vs. limitations as the best means of making voters aware of whose votes are being sold.

Philadelphia II. This initiative wants to establish a means to bring initiatives to the national ballot (or so I understood from the petitioner). Further questioning and reading of the fine print revealed that the measure involves a new taxes to pay for citizen representatives to attend world congresses. Let them go on their own nickel.

asthead Madness / La Donna Higgins



The St. Louis County Board of Elections sends a newsletter to its election judges and workers, and also to committeemen and women of all three parties. In previous issues of this newsletter, the masthead consisted of the state seal of Missouri flanked by an elephant and donkey. **Dean Hodge, 80th Dist. State Rep Candidate**, sent a letter to the Board of Elections in late April, complaining that as an established party, we should also be represented or that the other symbols should be removed.

This matter was addressed at the Board's May 20 meeting, at which they passed a motion to remove all party symbols. As **St. Louis County Chair I** represented Dean Hodge at the meeting and congratulated the Board on their action. I also pointed out that removing the party symbols was a good decision due to the potential confusion: the MoLP uses the Liberty Bell as the party ballot symbol rather than the NLP's Statue of Liberty logo, since the Democrats use a (rather sad) version of Lady Liberty as their

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mbol (see above). Yet the Board of Election's newsletter masthead showed the traditional Democrat donkey. And what if re parties should gain ballot access, requiring the addition of yet re symbols?

omission of the same nature occurred recently when a pamphlet tributed by the League of Women Voters in St. Louis neglected ist our committee people. Former **MoLP and St. Louis untly party Secretary David Hoscheidt** drafted a letter politely esting that this information be included in the next release of brochure.

hough many Libertarians are angered by such omissions, it is t to approach the situation politely and with tact. It is much re likely that the cause was ignorance rather than a deliberate mpt at favoritism or censorship. Gentle reminders will build credibility and improve our image with the public.

Comment: We fully agree. And urge you, whenever you ice such an omission, to do something (polite!) about it - the re "they" (press, political organizations, etc.) hear from us, the re likely they will be to reflexively include us in the future.

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On April 8, the **St. Louis Area Libertarians** hosted a free publi lecture entitled "Setting Yourself Free from the IRS." **Michael Babcock** spoke on legal methods that can be used to avoid the income tax. He backed up his statements with specific provision of the Internal Revenue Code and with US Supreme Court decisions. He also related some of his own dealings with the IR The event attracted a crowd of approximately 60 people.

The group's May outreach meeting addressed the issue of "Outcome-Based Education (OBE) - Good for our Children?" **D Frances Shands, Associate Professor Emerita of St. Louis University**, described the provisions of OBE, a new curriculum required to be adopted by all MoLP school districts (so much fo local control!). OBE was part of HB 380, which also involved tl largest tax increase in Missouri history. It's so nice to know tha we will be paying bureaucrats so much more to dictate to teacher how they run their classes and essentially deny parents any input Among the 40 attendees were a number from the local United W Stand organization.

During the May 27 business meeting of the **St. Louis Area Libertarians**, **Charles Kempf** was elected **President**, **Brad En** **Vice President**, and **Jim Higgins** **Secretary**.

Martin Lindstedt continues to crank out his lively and informative **SOUTHWESTERN MISSOURI LIBERTARIAN** news letter bi-monthly. I know of Libertarians as far afield as Independence who have sent Martin \$20 to make sure they don't miss a single issue (contact Martin Lindstedt, Renegade Intellectual, Rt 2 Box 2008, Granby, MO 64884). With their newsletter, several regular public access TV shows, and good coverage in the local media, the **Southwest Missouri Liber-tarians** are doing a great job of outreach. The club is anchored t the LP Headquarters office in Springfield donated by **Rob Lurve**; and operated by **Chair Phil Horras** and **U.S. Senate Candidat Bill Johnson**, with assistance from **Newton County Chair Mai Lou Graham** of Joplin. You can call anytime from anywhere ir the state for help with anything (HA HA GUYS) at 1-800-838-1776.

Gone - But Not Forgotten

Three former officers of the St. Louis Libertarians have moved away. Last fall, **Ken Bush** began petitioning, lobbying, and otherwise spreading the Libertarian message across the country. Oklahoma, Louisiana, Ohio, and Illinois have all been visted by Ken in the last five months (you may have noticed a photo of tax protestors in Ohio taken by Ken in the June LP News; he helped organize the event which was covered by local TV and CNN). Ken's exact whereabouts at the moment are unknown, but Wyo-ming, Indiana, and Florida are all possibilities.

In April, **Terry Inman** left for Miami. **Dave Hoscheidt** has moved to Bloomington, IL. Former LP activists **Dave and Me-lissa Carr** now of New Orleans returned for a visit with old frien during the convention.

Make Your Own Decision!

The two contenders for our U.S. Senate slot were featured in a one-hour interview on KMOX radio (St. Louis) on June 5. By the time you get this newsletter, it will be too late to tune in to Vince Schoemehl's AT YOUR SERVICE. However, St. Louis members recorded the show and are making the tape available. **Send \$5 to MoLP, PO Box 3231, University City, MO 63130, Attention: Jim Higgins..**

Hancock (cont. from P.1)

With in personal income would lead to disaster - such as the lapse of our educational system. However, one would have to station who is really benefitting from a system that spends roughly 10 times per student (in areas such as KC) than private schools which graduate a far greater proportion of students at higher levels of achievement - is it our children, or the education bureaucrats?

Congressman Hancock pointed out that the tax limitations imposed by Hancock I - although not entirely successful - resulted in the "disaster" predicted then too but in economic growth. He has raised personal income for every man, woman, and child in the state by \$250 - or \$1000 for a family of four. Hardly what the average Missouri resident would regard as a catastrophe.

Congressman closed his speech with an appeal for help in gathering the 70,000 signatures still needed by the July 8 deadline to ensure that the measure appears on the ballot in November. Opposition by the tax and spenders is mounting (see the St. Louis Post Dispatch article reprinted in this issue). Those present were bonded enthusiastically by taking petition forms and making contributions. Please do the same by calling 1-800-769-3813.

Candidates note: if you personally collect 250 signatures or more, Hancock II Committee will furnish a letter of commendation, send news releases to the media you specify, and after you win the primary, endorse your candidacy and assist with fundraising if possible.

3 Senate (cont. from P.1)

It is to broaden the base of the party in the urban areas by virtue of its minority status and the fact that many minority voters are not fiscally conservative and not impressed with their generally liberal leadership (Mr. Jamerson remarked that blacks in his area are more to Wheat as "Buckwheat"). He has been concentrating on going to convince his existing political network in St. Louis, through his Chairmanship of the Good Government Committee, to vote L in August. If he wins the primary, he plans to "walk across the state" along I-70, concentrating on the 3 urban areas (St. Louis, KC, and Columbia) which control about 40% of the primary vote.

Jamerson's appearance in KC was his first before a Libertarian group. He feels the "hard core" Libs will vote for Johnson as being

more Libertarian on issues such as drug legalization. To give him credit, he stuck to his guns on his call for 1000 more black FBI agents to fight the drug war when questioned about crime in KC, even though he knows this draws considerable flack from Lib pararegulars. His views on tax increases, accountability from government officials regardless of party or ethnic affiliation, and other issues such as state-run gambling in St. Louis (NO) have certainly set him apart from the crowd of traditional liberals and pork barrelers. Because he has built a political base in St. Louis his views are regularly publicized by the local media. (Info: 314-351-1491)

Bill Johnson is running a more classical Libertarian outreach campaign. An independent contractor from Norwood, MO and world traveller, he comes across as a missionary on a quest to share with voters his personal insights about the tragic consequences of socialism/totalitarianism in third-world countries and the "creeping" socialism here in the US that robs individuals of both their traditional American freedoms and their self-respect.

Bill Johnson is using profits of his independent contracting business to fuel the early stages of his campaign. He has invested some of this in computer, phone, & broadcast fax equipment for the LP Headquarters in Springfield. His savings also allow him for a while - to freely travel the state to speak to any room of "10 more" libertarians (or potential libertarians) who care to listen to him (call 1-800-838-1776 to make an appointment). For example he will be speaking at the Mirable (pop. @ 200) school on Flag Day through meeting with local activists Frank Umbaugh (Caldwell) and Tom Marco (Chair, Clinton County) who are the only known party members in their respective counties.

Johnson has attended all the forums to which he has been invited along with meetings of groups like United We Stand (& spinoffs like the NAACP, the World Affairs Council, and Families Against Mandatory Minimums. News articles about his candidacy have appeared not only in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, but in the St. Joe News Telegraph and News Press; Springfield News Leader; and Columbia Daily Tribune; more are on tap in KC, Joplin, Hannibal, and with organizations such as the Freedom Road Riders. He plans to hit the local news media hard right before the primary.

The question of who can best represent the party and has the best strategy for doing well in the election and spurring party growth is one that will, this time, be decided democratically at the polls. Don't forget to cast your Libertarian Party ballot vote on August

According to the Clinton budget itself, as government health care and social security costs continue to increase the deficit, "today's toddlers are likely to pay in taxes half of what they earn in their entire lives." And, the net tax rate would "eventually reach 82%." --from the NY Times