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"Lighting the Fires of Liberty One Heart at a Time"

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AUGUST IN REVIEW

- Metro East Libertarian (MEL) members, Don Stover, Jan Stover and Ron Clark joined other Libertarian Party of Illinois (LPI) members in this year's DuQuoin State Fair Parade on Friday, August 26, 2005. This is the second parade in which MEL's new banner was proudly carried. The three members also participated in the Fair's Operation Politically Homeless Booth organized by the Southern Illinois Libertarians (SIL). MEL member Miles Bateman joined the group on Sunday.
- On Saturday, August 27th, the State Organizing Committee (SOC) met in Carbondale and among the many topics discussed were state party membership and dues. In a unanimous decision, the SOC voted as of October 1st, 2005, that membership in the Libertarian Party of Illinois (LPI) will be FREE! More details on this important subject will be discussed at this month's MEL meeting.

SEPTEMBER NEWS - CELEBRATE MEL's 1st YEAR ANNIVERSARY

- Metro East Libertarians will be celebrating the chapter's 1st Year Anniversary at this month's meeting on Wednesday, September 21st at 7:30 pm in the Garden Room at Southwestern Illinois College. Guest speaker Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) Librarian, Loretta Lopinot, will be speaking on "Banned Books Week" (Sept. 24 – Oct. 1), Freedom of Speech, Freedom to Read, and the Patriot Act. There will also be a display highlighting U.S. Constitution Week (Sept. 17th - Sept. 23rd). Mark your calendars and join MEL members as they celebrate their first year and their continued efforts in the fight for Liberty!!!

A Quick Look at OCTOBER and NOVEMBER ...

- Oct 13th: LPI Convention "Early Bird" Registration Deadline. To find out more about the Convention and to register online visit <http://www.lpillinois.org/>
- Oct 19th: Election of new officers will be held at the regularly scheduled MEL meeting. MEL dues for the new year will be collected at this time.
- Nov 3-4: MEL member Miles Bateman will deliver the Invocation to open the Illinois General Assembly. He will be opening the House of Representatives on the 3rd and the Senate on the 4th.
- Nov 11-13: LPI Nominating Convention "Take Action for Freedom" will be held in Springfield at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center (formerly the Renaissance Hotel).

Don't miss this month's Special MEL meeting ~ Wednesday, Sept 21, 2005 at 7:30 pm
held in the Garden Room at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville.

For more information on MEL visit: www.mel-lp.org

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LPI-MEL/> ● <http://libertarian.meetup.com/217/>