



Summer 2011

Meetings

Austin NORML

1st Wednesday at 8:00pm
The Flamingo Cantina
515 E. 6th St.
Austin, TX

Dallas NORML

Last Saturday at 7:00pm
2408 E Trinity Mills Road Suite 108
Carrollton, TX 75006-1944

Houston NORML

3rd Thursday at 7:30pm
West Gray Cafe
415 West Gray
Houston, TX 77019

Texas Legislation

Texas had two bills in the legislature this year but neither made it out of committee. HB 548 which would have made an ounce or less a Class C misdemeanor did get a hearing and all the testimony was favorable but Committee chair Pete Gallego would not bring it up for a vote.

HB 1491 which would have provided an affirmative defense for did not even get a hearing in the committee it was in. Lois Kolkhorst was the committee chair that showed she does not care about patients being able to tell their side of the story about their medicine.

Texas was recently ranked the 2nd worst state to get arrested in and it doesn't look like it will be changing anytime soon as our legislature only meets every other year and it is too late in the session to make it for a floor vote as it would have to go through another committee once it gets out of the initial committee.

With the violence continuing across the border and our budget in crisis our representatives continue to ignore the cost savings and violence reduction better marijuana laws would affect.

HB 548 would have an estimated savings of \$500 million dollars per year.

420 Fests

420 again had multiple celebrations throughout the Houston area. Our 420 Fest at the Last Concert Café was one of our best attended festivals and everyone enjoyed the hemp fashion show. Thanks to Jodi James (below) for coming over from Florida as well as all the volunteers that helped out manning the tables and providing talent.

We also had an information table at the Texas Hippy Connection down in Seabrook for their 420 Fest as well speaking at the 420 event Herman put on in Jersey Village.



March To Austin

We had quite a few people make the trip from Houston to Austin to march on the capitol. Russ Belville from the NORML 420 Daily Audio Stash was one of the speakers as well as Greta Gaines, Austin City Council candidate Chris Bailey and Presidential candidate Gary Johnson. Waco and DFW NORML also had marches. DFW NORML debuted their Truth Enforcement Vehicle (below)



Art Car Parade

We will be in the Art Car Parade again this year and for the 3rd year in a row our theme will be the tricked out ambulance “Cannabis to the Rescue”. This will be the 6th year we have been in the parade and it is one of our premier events of the year. The Orange Show which puts on the parade has been very accepting of our message we are trying to promote to the greater Houston area. Here are some pics of our previous entries.



The Art Car Parade is on 5/22/2011 on Allen Parkway near downtown starting at 1PM. Get there early to check out the cars and contraptions. We are entry #206

TUNE IN

Cultural Baggage/Century of Lies

Sunday's at 6:30pm

KPFT 90.1fm

<http://DrugTruth.net>

Drugs, Crime and Politics

Every other Wednesday at 8:30pm

Houston Mediasource

Channel 17 in most parts of Houston

<http://hmstv.org>



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