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THE RNC800!

Newsletter of the Community RNC Arrestee Support Structure (CRASS)

Welcome to the sixteenth edition of the CRASS newsletter!
Check out the amazing array of information below. And remember...
WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!

Next CRASS Meeting:
Sunday, March 29th, 12:00pm-2:00pm
Hosmer Library, Minneapolis

MONDAY, MARCH 16: LOTS OF TRIAL CALLS THIS WEEK!

Lots of people are appearing in court this week, so take some time to join them and show them support if you can make it to downtown St. Paul during the day. The Ramsey County Court House is located at 15 W. Kellogg Blvd in St. Paul.

Monday, March 16: 9am

Judge Fetsch's court: 4 people, including CRASS's own Tiana Johnson. Fetsch has publicly announced that these trials are a priority for him, so these people will be seen. Let him and the prosecutors see the community support these rad folks have!

Judge Wilson's court: 2 trial calls for misdemeanor cases, same day and time. Show these folks some love as well!

CHANGE IN BI-WEEKLY CRASS MEETINGS

At the spokescouncil earlier today, we consensed upon changing up our biweekly meeting structure to streamline our meetings. The spokescouncil and general assembly will meet together. We'll now be meeting every other Sunday at Hosmer Library for 2 hours. Our next meeting is set for 12-2pm on Sunday, March 29th. Come join in on the fun!

FRIDAY, MARCH 27: CRASS TABLING THE MANIFESTSTATION CONCERT IN MPLS

SUBSTANCE presents...Manifeststation

featuring Sage Francis, Building Better Bombs, B. Dolan & Cecil Otter of DOOMTREE and SFR, and the God Damn Doo Wop Band.

A show to launch Substance as an organization and continue the Ripple Effect, started during the RNC, merging music, arts, and activism. Come check out the cool bands and the super-duper rad CRASS table with all kinds of free lit!

Friday, March 27th, 2009

First Avenue, Minneapolis**18+ (Main Room), \$13 in advance, \$15 door, 8pm***** All Ages Pre-Show at 7th Street Entry, 4pm, \$7, featuring Cecil Otter, The Battle Royale, Big Cats and El Guante of Tru Ruts**Tickets and info at: www.manifeststation.orgContact: info@livewithsubstance.org

Partners: Global Exchange, Will Steger Foundation, CRASS, HECUA, Honor the Earth, Oxfam Action Corp, Knowmore.org, HIRE MN, Blue Sky Guide, YEA MN

- To volunteer, contact info@livewithsubstance.org, or kiley@livewithsubstance.org- If you work with an organization that would like to be involved, email katie@livewithsubstance.org**SATURDAY, MARCH 28: TOUR DE FLETCHER COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE**

CRASS is proud to co-sponsor an amazing community bike ride in support of the RNC 8...

the TOUR de FLETCHER: RIDE FOR THE RNC 8*Part of the Saturday, March 28 National Day of Solidarity with the RNC 8*This first week of spring, get on your bike in solidarity with the RNC 8! Reclaim the sites of last fall's RNC raids in the *Tour de Fletcher*.

Join us on this legal, fun ride visiting and reclaiming the sites of Sheriff Bob Fletcher's pre-emptive raids. Put the brakes on bogus terrorism charges! There'll be activities, speakers, surprises, and more ways to ride with the RNC 8, eight members of our community facing possible prison time in response to their effective political organizing. Whatever the weather - we ride together!

Here's the schedule - Come for all or part of the day:

- **10:30am: GATHER @ Powderhorn Park in Minneapolis, by the rec center**
- RIDE to...
 - 3500 Harriet Ave.
 - 3240 17th Ave.
 - 2301 23rd Ave.
- **12:30 (approx.): LUNCH at or near Walker Church, 3100 16th Ave. S - a sliding scale fundraising event for the RNC 8 legal defense.** After lunch, if you're up to it...
- 2:00: RIDE to 949/951 Iglehart Ave and 627 Smith Ave (the convergence space) in St. Paul
- Stay tuned for possible events in the evening!

Brought to you by Friends of the RNC 8, CRASS (Community RNC Arrestee Support Structure), the RNC 8 Defense Committee, and supporters like you!

For more info on the RNC 8, including background, legal updates and downloads: www.RNC8.org. Other events on the National Day of Solidarity: www.RNC8.org/M28. Contact Friends of the RNC 8: info@rnc8.org.**CRASS WORKING GROUP UPDATES****Civil Litigation (Sue the Bastards!):** We're still collecting intake form to get people connected to the work being done to sue those bastards! You can find the form at <http://www.rncaftermath.org/resources/civil-litigation-forms/>. For more information, contact us at suethebastards@riseup.net.**Court Solidarity/Media/Outreach/Pressure (Omnibus):** Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 18 @ 8pm, Coldsnap office. Email our listserv for Court Solidarity/Media/Outreach/Pressure (rnccourtsolidarity@googlegroups.com) for more information.**Courtwatch:** We need you in the courts! Email us at RNCcourtwatch@gmail.com to get involved. Or join us at our next meeting: Tuesday, March 17 at 6pm at Caffetto on 22nd and Lyndale in Minneapolis.**Felony Support:** For more info about Felony Support, check out our little space on the web at

<http://www.rncaftermath.org/arrestees/felony-info-and-support>

Fundraising: We're working on scheduling a benefit show and could use some help finding a venue. If you have any suggestions or want to help, let us know! Come to our meeting on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30pm at Mouse's apartment. Email rnc08fundraising@gmail.com if you want to hang out with us.

Hospitality: Helping arrestees survive their stay in the Twin Cities while fighting court charges. Offer housing or find some for yourself at www.nornc.org/stay. Coming into town to fight your charges? Need help paying for your travel? Apply for funding through the Travel Fund at <http://www.rncaftermath.org>. So far, we've reimbursed more than \$5,000 of travel expenses to and from the Twin Cities for people fighting their charges. We'd love to help you too! E-mail rnc08hospitality@riseup.net for more info.

The Spokescouncil: The spokescouncil is made up of the bottomliners from each of the working groups, and is also open to anyone who wants to be involved. We plan the agenda for the general meetings, share information between the working groups, and formulate proposals to bring to the general meetings. We meet every other Sunday with the General Assembly, and the time and location of our meetings is posted on <http://www.rncaftermath.org>

The Zine Project: Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 18, 8pm at the Blue Nile Restaurant in Minneapolis. We are still looking for people who are interested in writing, editing, interviewing, archiving, illustrating and all kinds of other rad projects that will bring this publication to life. Email us at crasszine@riseup.net or check out <http://www.rncaftermath.org/get-involved/crass-zine-project> for more info. Also check out our snazzy Facebook group: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=66014266468>. You don't have to live in Minneapolis to be part of this project -- email us to get involved!

OTHER GROUPS AND THINGS

Coldsnap: Coldsnap is continuing with their regular schedule for open office hours. And they're looking for more volunteers for the office, so email coldsnapoffice@gmail.com if you can help. And don't forget that the jail support hotline number--651.356.8635--is always open for your jail support needs. If you have general questions, please call during normal daylight hours.

Dave Mahoney's Posse: Dave Mahoney, 23, was temporarily in the US and due to return to his home in England before the new year. He was arrested by the FBI during the Republican National Convention (RNC) in September 2008, and has been charged with 3 counts of aiding and abetting 2nd degree assault and 3 counts of terrorist threats, for an incident that has the loosest connections imaginable to a so called assault. He still has a posse, so check 'em out and show some support: <http://www.helpdavemahoney.blogspot.com/>

Support Dustin: Dustin Matchett-Morales's felony sentencing was on Thursday, February 5. Judge Flynn gave him 60 days in the Ramsey County jail, 5 years of probation, a mandatory DNA sample, a requirement for full-time work or school after release, and restitution for the broken bank windows (the final amount is still to be determined). With credit for good behavior, he was released from jail last week and did not serve the full 60 days!!! We're so happy that he is free and once again part of our community. For more information about Dustin, visit <http://supportdustin.wordpress.com> or email supportdustin@riseup.net.

Help the Milwaukee Three: The MK3 (Christina Vana, Dave Mahoney, and Karen Meissner) set up a blog due to the similarity of their cases, but also because of their solid friendship. They hope that, like the RNC 8 and other friends and arrestees, their solidarity with one another can be an inspiration over the stories of police infiltration, informants and cooperation stemming from the RNC. The MK3 share affinity on many levels and enjoy working within their communities towards a life free of all forms of domination. For more information, check out <http://helpmkethree.blogspot.com>

RNC 8: The RNC 8--Luce Guillen-Givins, Max Specktor, Nathanael Secor, Eryn Trimmer, Monica Bicking, Erik Oseland, Robert Czernik and Garrett Fitzgerald--are still facing four felony charges (two with terrorism enhancements). To get up-to-date information, check out their website at <http://RNC8.org> and sign up for their announcement listserv.

Free the Texas Two: During the Republican National Convention in Minnesota last September, law enforcement conspired to repress people and free speech through brutality in the streets and entrapment and trumped up charges in court. Like many activists before them, the Texas2 fell victim to an FBI informant and provocateur. David McKay and Bradley Crowder of Austin have been held in a federal holding facility in Minnesota since

September. David has been released into his father's custody and is back in Texas until his re-trial begins while Bradley is still in custody awaiting his sentencing. For more information, visit <http://www.freethetexas2.com>

RANDOM ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have local RNC-related events going on in your community, email us and we will include them in this section of our newsletter.

Pretty Please: *This is our oh-so-clever section for volunteer requests and general begging.*

Please give us your money at <http://www.rncaftermath.org>

Please set up benefit shows or other rad events in your hometown.

Please volunteer to work in the office at coldsnapoffice@gmail.com.

Please give us free office supplies (especially printer paper).

Please fight your charges.

How to Contact Us

<http://www.rncaftermath.org>

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Send checks, courtwatch forms, and inspirational messages to CRASS c/o Coldsnap- P.O. Box 50514, Minneapolis, MN 55405

Coldsnap jail support hotline: 651.356.8635

CRASS working groups: Contact info is in their blurbs.

Yay! You made it all the way to the bottom of our fabulous newsletter. Thanks and way to go! Send us feedback and suggestions. We're here for you.
