

Subject: April '07 Newsletter - May Mobile meeting - Officer Candidates anyone?
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May 9th State Meeting in Mobile

May 16th & 17th Seminars in Birmingham by Betco

Mississippi Expo May 10th & 11th

Regional Conference in Myrtle Beach - Oct. 21-23, 2007

Our meeting in Mobile on May 9th, is coming along. Sponsors are Laurate Capital and Ruffin Building Systems. Our thanks to John Mark Church, who will also be speaking to us on buying and selling properties, and to Ruffin Building who may have a few words to impart also.

There will be several question and answer periods at our meeting and we really DO want you to participate. Ask questions of the panel, officers and entire membership and expect some good answers. We are at the meeting to learn, be entertained and learn things, often from each other. Come prepared to share your knowledge, ask questions and learn answers that will help you.

We will have speakers on a variety of topics, including Officer Tony Calderaro of the state ABI. He will talk about Meth Labs in storage facilities. He has a dynamite presentation on what you should look for to prevent bad things from happening on your property.

Tripp Pankey will tell us about his high tech cameras that allows him to not only record multiple locations with various cameras, but to see them in real time on his portable blackberry. You will enjoy this information. There is much more. Put the date on your calendar now and make hotel reservations. Our web site, <http://www.alabamassa.org/meeting-may-9-07-mobile.htm>, has hotel contact info.

Your board will be presenting a slate of candidates in the fall, for the elections coming due in November, IF we have some to recommend. If YOU have anyone in mind that you would recommend for one of our offices, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, please send me email with your suggestion. Certainly if YOU would be willing to serve, submit YOUR name. We need a few more board members also. I will also ask for names at the meeting.

We are planning to be a part of a South-Eastern Regional Conference to be held in Myrtle Beach on October 21-23, 2007 with North & South Carolina and Georgia. Since we are participating, it would be held in Gulf Shores in 2008 to make it easier for our State people to attend. We will participate with a deposit of up to \$3,000 (they will bill us) and we will have that amount refunded

from the proceeds as well as a percent of the profits, based on Alabama participation in the event.

Also plan to attend the Mississippi conference after our May meeting. They are meeting in Bay St. Louis at the Hollywood Casino on the 10th & 11th. See <http://www.msssoa.org/page5.html> for the web page on their meeting.

A NEW feature has been added to our "Members-Only" pages. It is a link to all the electronic newsletters that have been sent out in the past several years. If you are a new member or just want to browse old items, go to the members section and click on the link for the listings, or go directly to <http://www.alabamassa.org/members/members-newsletters.htm> to sign in and read them.

One of our members, BETCO, is part of an all day, 2-day, seminar in Birmingham May 16th & 17th at the *Sheraton-Birmingham hotel*. Their partner company, The S&W Group, and Betco are putting on a two subject, two-day event. Here is the link for more info: <http://www.betcoinc.com/seminar/> You must register to attend.

Please support your organization and point others to the web site. www.alabamassa.org Many have renewed, but a few still have not. Please send in your renewals ASAP. You will get your '07 decal. The membership sign-up form is on the site and we need to get at least 8 more members before May '07. If you have renewed and not received your decal (within 2 weeks), please let us know.

That's it for the April newsletter, which will also be posted on the web site soon.

**Best regards,
M.D. Smith, President**