MPE: While at FEE, I presented the MPE idea to John Williams, Robert Sirico and Richard Eberling. It was awful! They chewed me up, and by the end I was beginning to have serious doubts about my by-now-somewhat-suspect brainchild. Clearly this idea of a Masters Program in libertarianism was either deeply flawed or my presentation of the ideas was deeply flawed. I resolved to try again.

The next day I presented the ideas to Bob Anderson and Howie Baetjer, and asked John Williams to sit in, keep quiet, and see if I could do a better job presenting than the night before.

Hopes dashed. Another rout. I'm glad they all like me and what I'm doing with the Advocates, so at least I didn't feel personally bruised.

UPSHOT: I decided to discard the idea of a comprehensive MPE and try to design something more modest.

I liked the look on the grandfather's face so much I got permission, via a translator, to take his picture.

One thing led to another. The white girl is the daughter of Jed Smock, a firebrand Christian preacher who specializes in open air college rallies. We traded books. He's bright, very free enterprise (takes the FREEMAN). I'm hoping a) I can help him become a libertarian; b) he can help me learn to speak at large college rallies.

Got so excited talking with Jed that I almost missed my flight to ...

**COLUMBUS, OH**, July 19. Gave the Black Belt Libertarian speech to an energetic bunch of Ohio libertarians at the LP convention. Had a short visit with major Advocate contributor Bernie Baltic, and met Bonnie Kaplan for the first time. Impressive lady. Then Steve Dasbach drove me to ...

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN.** Another into-the-night discussion of strategy, this time with Steve, Brad Warren and Charlie Kennedy.

Sunday, July 20, I gave the full Black-Belt Workshop to an audience of 10 libertarians. It was fun doing it with a small group where we could do more exercises and respond to everyone's questions. That night, finally, a good night's sleep.

Monday AM did an interview-by-telephone with the Indianapolis News, then Jim Ridenour drove me to ...

**LAFAYETTE, IN**, July 21. Barbara Bourland and Karen Benson did a fine job organizing the Intro Event, and we had 35 attendees. Afterwards they treated me to applebutter pizza. I was surprised - it was good.

The next morning Barbara phoned the paper and secured an interview. Not only did we have a good interview, on the way out the City Editor volunteered he has been a libertarian for ten years!

Walter Weeks, Purdue engineering professor and chair of the Indiana LP, and I had a great conversation (of course, strategy for the movement) while driving me back to ...

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN**, July 22. I managed to get in a nap before Brad took me to the hall to give the Intro Event. Surprise - only 23 attendees. Our second case this tour of a major audience shortfall. Organizer Steve Dasbach and I analyzed the situation and figured out the problem: he lives over 100 miles from Indianapolis. Lesson: don't try to host an Intro Event from out of town.

One thing for sure: I enjoy being on tour. During the drives and meals I'm listening to libertarians tell me how they came to these ideas, what they've done, what outreach methods have worked for them and what hasn't. During the flights I practice one-on-one skills. During the pre-speech nap I search for a better way to present some part of the speech that night. During the speech all systems function at 100+ percent to try to do a better job than the night before. During the evaluation session after each speech I'm listening hard to find out what people like and what could be improved. And I enjoy staying in people's homes; it makes it bearable, where, for me, using hotels would make it unbearable.