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## April @ a Glance

- Drinking With Atheists (DWA), Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 P.M. @ Killkenny's Irish Pub
- Bible/Babble Study, Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 P.M. @ the Yost residence in Broken Arrow
- Social Dinner, Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M. @ Beck's Fresh Mediterranean Restaurant
- FreeOK Social Dinner Fundraiser, Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 P.M. @ Tom and Misty's House (There will be a required minimum donation

## Quick! Hide your Eggs!!

This isn't just about Easter bunnies and baby chickens, even though they're both cute and delicious. In light of the recent attempt of our state lawmakers at passing a personhood bill, the Atheist Community of Tulsa needs to stand up, speak out, and be counted. It's turning out to be a very politically and religiously polarized year, especially here in the Bible Belt. It's time that we unbuckle and "let Reason take the wheel". (2012 ACT slogan?) Our government needs to see that we are an active and growing demographic, and that our votes will make a difference. We are now less than three months away from FreeOK. It's go time.



What did we learn from this guy at the Reason Rally?

It's difficult to ride a T-Rex into a port-a-potty, even if you're Jesus.

April's official monthly meeting topic will be "Atheists in Foxholes", in honor of Pat Tillman, a professional football player and self-proclaimed atheist who was killed by friendly fire while serving in Afghanistan. The meeting date of April 22 will mark the eighth anniversary of Tillman's death. We will also present a video of our own Atheists in Foxholes and thank them for their service and bravery, both overseas and at home. (We will again be offering free chair massages to those who have served our country. Everyone else is welcome to pay, and the proceeds will be donated to either our ACT general fund or the FreeOK fund.) After the meeting, we will drive to our designated Adopt-A-Highway location to collect trash in celebration of Earth Day. I expect to see each and every one of you godless heathens there!

of \$50 per person.)

- Skeptics of Oz, Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 P.M. to Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Forum Theater in Wichita, Kansas
- Official Meeting, Celebration of Foxhole Atheists, Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00 P.M. @ Agora Coffee House
- Atheists Adopt-A-Highway, Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3:30 P.M. @ Highway 169 Northbound between 21<sup>st</sup> St. and Admiral
- Unholy Rollers Bowling, Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M. @ Sheridan Lanes Bowling Alley
- Food and Coat Drive is ongoing through the month of April. Please bring your donations to any event you attend and an ACT representative will make sure your items make it to those in need.
- Please remember we will be concluding our Food and Coat Drive on May 3, when we will also be having a blood drive for the National Day of Reason. Sign up for the blood drive at any ACT event or email an ACT board member.

## Get Connected

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## Community Outreach - Adopt-A-Highway



Adopt-A-Highway



It's that time of year again! Springtime, Earth Day, and Adopt-A-Highway are back! Excitement is in the Oklahoma air! (Warning: excitement may smell like the Arkansas River. Try to hold your breath.) Regardless of the fact that last month was the warmest March on record, we will be out and about and picking up trash in the Oklahoma daytime. We have a two-mile stretch of highway to cover, so we need a large group of hard-working volunteers. It should only take an hour or so to complete, and we will most likely be carpooling from the Official Meeting at Agora Coffee House. If for any reason you are unable to stand the heat, you can always help by bringing an ice chest full of bottled water or an air-conditioned vehicle for everyone else. Due to safety concerns, we cannot

allow any children to participate in this event, even though they are closer to the ground and have way too much energy. We suggest you wear appropriate clothing (that means no flip-flops) and bring plenty of sunscreen and bottled water. The ACT orange vests will be provided, thanks to Deborah Dyer. And remember: "Two hands working can do more than a thousand clasped in prayer." Let's show those crazy Tulsa drivers how it's done!

## Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2012

Meeting began at 1:15 P.M.

Meeting led by Eric Yost

Discussed recent events and Reason Rally

Announced need for FreeOK donations and sponsors

Discussion topic, "Secular Women"

Welcomed new members

Announced post-meeting gathering at Monterey's

Meeting ended at 2:35 P.M.

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## Last Month's Featured Event - Reason Rally



Even though most of us were unable to attend, our featured event for last month is the Reason Rally in Washington, DC. Nearly a dozen members of the Atheist Community of Tulsa were among the crowd of over 20,000 people that gathered at the National Mall on Saturday, March 24. (That number does not even include Westboro Baptist protesters, either.) The inaugural event featured notable speakers such as Richard Dawkins, Hemant Mehta, Adam Savage, Bill Maher, Annie Laurie Gaylor, and

Nate Phelps, to name only a few. (Some of those same speakers will be at FreeOK this year!) And in case you were wondering, that's a picture of William Poire' with our own Seth, better known as The Thinking Atheist. (I'm fairly sure the bottom picture is a fake, since I cannot see any actual baby dishes on the table.) For more Reason Rally pictures, check out our ACT Facebook page or Meetup.com. The incredible turnout of secularists in Washington has made us all the more excited about FreeOK 2012. We'll definitely be bringing our "A" game this year! Be sure to bring yours!