The feds have taken over airport security. If you want to fly, get ready to run fake safety feel-up. It’s become an embarrassing nightmare version of the Beach Boys' “Surf City,” except it’s “two goons for every boy” (and we’re all paying for them).

The Penn & Teller crew (made up entirely of freedom fighters) was having so much trouble at the airport that we decided to get off the road and “sit down” at the Rio Hotel in Vegas. One-nighter gigs used to be way stupid fun and we all loved the road, but getting to be typical of the real world was not what we expected as we start each day. Penn Cameron isn’t exactly a comic, but he’s an actor who’s very funny. We all remember him as “Chainsaw” in Summer School (if you don’t think you remember him, TiVo it one of the dozen times it’s on cable this week). He’s kept working since then and you’ll see him in guest star roles on TV and in movies. (I hope he’ll forgive me for still loving the work he did as a teenager.) Dino is one of the funniest people I’ve ever met and, on top of that, he came up with the perfect piece of political performance art that you should try yourself the next time you fly. He had the Bill of Rights printed on pieces of metal the size of a playing card, and he sells them to flyers on his website, www.securityedition.com. Get it? When you carry one through airport security, you set off the pig’s wand.

“Do you have any metal in this pocket?”

“Oh, yes, it’s my constitutional rights. Here you go, take them.”

And you hand it to them. That’s it. You don’t get arrested. It’s a personal piece of performance art.

Dino sells the “Frequent Flier Pack” of five cards for 15 bucks. I’m best buddies with him, so I get them stupid cheap. I give them out to everyone. Hey, it’s worth a few extra bucks every time you fly, even if it’s just to remind yourself of what you’re giving up.

I had a pig say to me, “I fought in Vietnam for those rights” and I said, “Yup, and now you’re taking them away. Read them again on your break.” Did it make a difference? Probably not, but it’s funny.

Dino’s girlfriend just got the idea of printing the Fourth Amendment on the bottom of socks, so the website may soon have a line of sportswear.

We can laugh all the way to the police state.

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