



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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March 2000

Out of Town Events

March 2000

- 1-5 Bear Essentials 2000, Sydney, Australia
Harbour City Bears, Inc.
bear@gmp.usyd.edu.au
Coincides with the Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade
- 10-12 LUEY (Let Us Entertain You), Houston, TX
Houston Council of Clubs (HCC)
- 24-26 Bear Hunt 2000
Las Vegas, NV
BlackJack Bears
www.blackjackbears.org
- 30 Texas Bear Round-Up
March 30th – April 2nd
Dallas, TX
The Dallas Bears
www.dallasbears.org/roundup
214-521-5342 x880

April 2000

- 13-16 Bear Jam 2000
Nashville, TN
Music City Bears
www.musiccitybears.com
615-664-2393
- 13-16 Spring Thaw 2000
Seattle, WA
Northwest Bears
www.nwbears.org
- 14-16 Bear Camp 2000
Columbus, OH
Columbus Ursine Brotherhood
www.infinet.com/~cub/bc00.htm
- 28-30 Out of Hibernation VI
Indianapolis, IN
www.hoosierbears.org

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Candidates Needed For April Elections

When: Sunday, April 9th, 1:00 pm
Where: Austin History Center O'Henry Room 9th and Lavaca

We are taking nominations for all four officers positions for our upcoming April election. On Sunday, April 9th, the HOT Bears will elect a new board of officers to

manage our affairs for the year starting July 2000.

I know several of you have considered running for an office. We need our members' input. This is your chance to run our organization and make a difference in the local community.

Nominations need to be submitted by

Thursday, March 9th, names can be submitted by e-mail or postal service, or personally (in writing) to our Secretary, Rafael J.

All nominations will need a second to be accepted. The nominees names will be announced in the April Bear Briefs.



Bears Day Out And First Saturday Brunch

When: Saturday, March 4th, 10:00 am
Where: Hoover's Cooking 2002 Manor Road (512) 479-5006

Bears Day Out for March will be, weather permitting, a hike out to McKinney Roughs, one of LCRA's newest parks just outside of Austin.

Nineteen bears came out for the last brunch, and there was plenty of room for more. If you haven't made it to one of our brunches, I hope you will check out this fun event.

When we're done, we'll leave for a nature hike at McKinney Roughs, just 13 miles south of Austin on Hwy. 71. (Look for the windmill.) The entrance fee is \$3.00 per person.

This park borders a two mile bend of the Colorado river, where steep rolling canyons give way to sandy bottomlands and loblolly pines grow alongside cactus and wildflowers. The land is host to hundreds of species of mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles.

Eight miles of trails are open to hiking, including a self-guided nature trail. The park also features an environmental learning center. Come on out and enjoy an afternoon outside the city for some fresh air with your fellow bears.

There is a special program on March 4th. Beginning at 6pm they have "An Evening with the Stars." Telescopes and a brief intro to astronomy provided. Bring flashlight, star charts and binoculars. Fee is \$5.

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April 2000

- 28-30 Millennium March on Washington (MMOW) Washington, D.C. Bears will march together on Sunday**
www.planetout.com/mmow/
- 29 Great British Bear Bash April 29th – May 1st Manchester, UK**
www.paws.org.uk/gb3.html

May 2000

- 5-7 Bears on the Bayou Houston, TX**
www.bearsonthebayou.com
- 19-22 Bears In Paradise St. Petersburg, Florida**
www.westfloridagrowlers.com
- 25-29 Bear Pride 2000 Chicago, IL Great Lakes Bears**
bp@glbears.com

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Bears Night Out

When: Thursday, March 30th, 7:00 pm
Where: El Mercado
 1702 Lavaca St.
 (512) 477-7689

¡Bears Night Out goes Tex-Mex in March!

This month we will meet at El Mercado at 17th and Lavaca. Several of our members will testify to the great quality of their dinners.

Our January BNO brought out 21 bears. Let's see if we can beat

that turnout this month. Dinner with a margarita and some bear friends is a recipe for a great evening.



Bear Bust Returns

For March, we're happy to announce the return of the Bear Bust. On Sunday, March 12th, we will resume our monthly second Sunday gatherings at

the Chain Drive from 4 - 8pm.

Due to liability concerns by the Chain Drive, the HOT Bears will no longer be serving beer.

Beer will still be available at the back bar. Tickets for the 50/50 raffle will be available. You could walk away with a bit of cool cash.

Bears at the Movies

When: Tuesday, March 21st, 7:00 pm
Where: Call TeleBear or check the web

Bears at the Movies is a new event for our HOT Bear calendar. The date will change

each month to help fill out our events.

Several HOT Bears showed up for our first Bears at the Movies gathering in February at the Alamo Drafthouse.

For March, it will be on the 21st (giving

time for those of you who went to LUEY to rest up). Check out our web page or TeleBear after March 17th for this month's movie selection.



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The HOT Bears are grateful for the continuing support of the following people and companies. In consideration of their long-time contributions, please support those who support us.

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Austin, TX
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Austin, TX 78756
(512) 454-0555

The Summit House
Bed & Breakfast
1204 Summit Street
Austin, TX 78741-1158
(512) 445-5304
<http://summit.home.texas.net/>

HOT Bears Invited to AGN Party

The Austin Gay Nudists (AGN) have invited the HOT Bears to be guests for their March 25th party. Dan Leeper has opened his residence to us, with the

understanding that this is a nude event once you walk in the door.

The theme will be "Hard Hat... dress as your favorite Homo Depot fantasy man."

Dan is providing lasagna; guests should bring a salad or dessert. For directions, contact him at:

amexdan@realtime.net



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August 2000

- 4-7 **Bears in the Keys 6**
Key West, Florida
www.BearsInTheKeys.com
- 4-7 **FurFest 2000**
Fredericton,
New Brunswick, Canada
East Coast Bears
- 18-20 **Motown Bear Cruise**
Detroit, Michigan
Motor City Bears
www.MotorCityBears.com

October 2000

- 6-8 **OctobearFest 2000**
Denver, Colorado
Front Range Bears
www.FrontRangeBears.com
- 19-23 **Bear Bust 2000**
Orlando, Florida
Bears of Central Florida
www.bocf.com

March Birthday Bears

- 3/5..... Ed B.
- 3/11..... Russell A.
- 3/11..... Malcolm D.
- 3/12..... Thad G.
- 3/28..... Jim D.
- 3/29..... John F.

A big Woof to each of you!



HOT Bears Invited to Join TCC

The Texas Conference of Clubs (TCC) has invited the HOT Bears to join their membership. TCC members include the Houston Area Bears, the C o w t o w n Leathermen, Dallas MC, and the Leather Knights.

TCC is having a meeting at their Buzzard's Peak camp-

ground near Cameron on Saturday, April 15th at 1pm. They have requested our presence at this meeting, and to help with an "activity weekend."

Membership allows the HOT Bears to use the campground, but we will also have responsibility to help with occasional clean-ups of the property.

If you haven't been there, the site is less than two hours from Austin. The campground features showers, flush toilets, and a kitchen. The site is quite secluded, and is clothing optional.

Watch for more in the April Bear Briefs.

Togo Party Moved Back to April

HOT Bear members Ron and Steve, acclaimed for their famous toga parties, have moved the Ides of March event back to Saturday, April 8th.

After last years frigid weather, they decided that moving the event back a few weeks would be judicious.

Mark your calendar, get your toga cleaned,

and watch for more details in the April Bear Briefs.



HOT Bears to Host Cocktail Party at TBRU 2000

The Dallas Bears have invited us to host a cocktail party at one of their hospitality suites during this years Texas Bear Roundup (March 30th - April 2nd).

As there is usually a large turnout of HOT Bears at this annual event, we should show our numbers. If you

want to volunteer for this effort, contact us by e-mail or TeleBear.

Details are still being worked out. Watch for more on our web page later in March.

TBRU is always a blast. Let's hope the weather allows for a pool party this year!

Bring your club hats and T-shirts, and we'll see you there.

If you've not registered yet, there is still time. Go to:

www.DallasBears.org



Member Message...

Jamie B. writes that he is starting a magazine in the near future called "CUB." He will be looking for

models, photographers, erotic writers, or anyone willing to pitch in a hand at helping him get the magazine together.

If you're interested, contact him at:

slipperybear1@hotmail.com

March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3	4 Bears Day Out McKinney Roughs Park Brunch 10am Hoovers 2002 Manor
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