



Bear Briefs



February 2001

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

HEART OF TEXAS BEARS—FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. As most of you already know, Rafael J. resigned as president on Jan 6th, 2001. I have assumed the role of president and appointed Jack L. as your new Vice President. Most of you know Jack through his hearty Bear Hugs and high energy. I look forward to working with him and his input into our Club. As sadly as we will miss Rafael J. on the Executive Board, he has agreed to help out with the Bear Bust and other Club activities. Working with the Executive Board and the help offered from you as members have made this transition a very easy one for me. Thank you.

The Events and Bear Runs have started. Marcus and I went to Fiesta Del la Osos in Tucson, AZ and had a great time. We promised to come back with more Austin Bears next year and I highly recommend this event if you have never been to a Bear Run. I was surprised

with the number of Bears that sought us out with stories of living in Austin, coming here on business or knowing someone in the club.

Texas Bear Round-Up in Dallas is another great run. We have a contestant entered for the first time, our own Mr. HOT Bear, Keith R. And we will be hosting a Cocktail Party after the contest—rumor has been spreading that this is not a Cocktail Party to miss. Contact Jim M. if you wish to sling drinks.

Marcus and I will once again be heading to International Bear Rendezvous in San Francisco. Last year we participated in Club Day and had a great time meeting Bears from all over the world.

This is the first time I have worked with Roy C. on the Bear Briefs, having been president for less than two weeks. I hope no one is expecting a Mission Statement or what my goals are for the next six months. Outside of getting to know

some of you better and making the Club as fun as possible. I will do my best. Have a great month and I look forward to seeing you all at the events we have posted on the calendar.

Hugs,
Ed



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BEARS AT THE MOVIES—POTLUCK JANUARY 13TH

Scott C. hosted a lively bunch of 17 HOT Bears for the January Movie and Potluck. Also in attendance was

a guest of Scott’s from DFW. The movie was “Mystery Men” a sly parody of Superheroes. Once again

there was plenty of good food, good company and fun all around. Let’s keep these movie nights going!

FROM THE DESK OF THE HOTB SECRETARY—GARRETH H.

The first of the year always brings a time of reflection and a time of anticipation for the upcoming year. As I look back over the last six months as an officer, I feel a satisfaction that we made a difference for the HOTBs.

While we have had our share of triumphs, we have also had our failures too. For the most part we were an inexperienced Board that had to stumble our way through as we made a new path for the HOTBs this year. But, through the inexperience, we also have had the freedom to grow and do things that have not been done before because we were not bound by tradition, experience, or expectation—giving us room to forge our own path of unique ideas.

While I have enjoyed meeting members I may not have known before, I have to admit the best part of being an officer this year has been my relationships with other HOTBs, and, even more specific, with the rest of the Executive Board. I wish I could have a picture from every Board meeting in which we laughed, joked, teased, and supported each other through daily struggles as well as issues with the HOTBs.

As we look forward, I am excited to announce it is time to start looking for our next leaders for the HOTBs. It is time to start nominations for officers. We need aggressive leaders with fresh ideas, and the ability to plan events well ahead of the monthly cal-

endar. If you are highly organized and motivated to serve the club, we need you to be in office. You have the opportunity to meet new people and put names to faces. You have the challenge of changing the things you don't like about the HOTBs. Hopefully, your experience with the Executive Board will be as rewarding as mine have been.

Nominations must be in by 1 March 2001. They can be emailed, or written and mailed to the post office box. Please nominate people you think would be comfortable accepting a position on the Executive Board as well as have innovative ideas for leading the club for the next year.

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Secretary, HOTBs



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February Events

BEAR BREAKFAST—FEBRUARY 3RD

Join the HOT Bears for Breakfast at 10 a.m. This time, we'll be trying out a new spot, Fran's. Marcus

and Ed tried Fran's recently and report it's worth the trip! Fran's is located at 6412 Cameron Road—

where Cameron Road intersects Hwy 290. They are busy on Saturdays, so be prepared.

BEAR BAR CRAWL—FEBRUARY 8TH

Meet the HOT Bears at 'Bout Time, 9601 North IH-35, at 7 p.m.

Why a bar crawl? The idea is to select a bar once a month for a Bear Inva-

sion. Our first assignment for Jack L. was to gather some information on the local bars for a Bear Bar Crawl. Tough assignment, eh? Jack went over and

above the call of duty (bar tabs are *not* club expenses) supplied us with some great information concerning drink specials, happy hours, etc.



CELLULIOD NIGHT—FEBRUARY 10TH

Join our HOT Bear President Ed B and former HOT Bear Vice-President Marcus M. for a potluck and celluloid night on

February 10th! Bring your favorite dish and a movie. If no one brings something good, It's Pee Wee Herman Retrospective!

These movie and potluck nights have been a real success and let's keep up the good work!

ANNIVERSARY PARTY—FEBRUARY 17TH

HOT Bears Jamie and Glenn have invited the HOT Bears to celebrate their 25th Anniversary together! Jamie and Glenn have once again opened their home for this event. The pool will be open

for use so bring a towel.

This will also be a potluck event so bring your favorite dish to share with other HOT Bears. Bring your recipe as well for we are working on a "Cookbook to

Satisfy Your Bear" as a club fundraiser.

More details will follow on the web site and Telebear.

BEAR'S NIGHT OUT—FEBRUARY 22ND

Romeo's at 1500 Barton Springs Road will be hosting Bear's Night Out this month. We

will begin at 7 p.m. Romeo's has been scouted out by some of the HOTBs and the reports are good.

Romeo's offers a wide range of Italian dishes to satisfy a Bear. Woof!

BEARS AND DOGS IN THE PARK—FEBRUARY 24TH

With the rains and cooler than normal winter, this spring in the Hill Country should be spectacular! Maybe February is pushing it a bit but I am sure all of us and our dogs could use the fresh air. What better setting to socialize in

that McKinney State Falls State Park located 13 miles southeast of Austin. Travel on US Highway 183 South to Scenic Loop Road, then proceed 2 miles West to the park entrance at 7102 Scenic Loop. The park staff is more

than helpful in directing you to the site we will choose. So pack a picnic lunch and load up the hounds. Even if you don't have a dog, you are welcome to join us. No Cats Allowed.

IT'S BEAR RUN SEASON!

It's that time of year again! The Season is Open for Bear Events and Runs. The HOT Bears are participating in the Texas Bear Roundup (TBRU) in Dallas this year. Your participation is vital to our efforts! This year we will be hosting a cocktail party after the Mr. TBRU

contest in the host hotel hospitality suites. We already have an events coordinator, Jim M. He and a few other Bears are planning quite a night for the cocktail party that will be the talk of the town for months to come! Contact Jim or the Executive Board to help out with this event.

TBRU is a great way to interact with other Bears and clubs from Texas and around the World. Attendance is limited so get your application in now. More information and an application is on the TBRU web site at www.dallasbears.org.

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BEARTHDAYS AND NEW MEMBEARS

Wish the following HOT Bears a Happy Birthday this month!

Mark L..... Feb 14
Aldo W Feb 15
Jon K..... Feb 20
Ed A..... Feb 24

We must be doing something right as the HOTBs has seen an increase in renewals and new members. Please take the time to welcome and to get to know these guys!

We have had a couple of renewals in January and we welcome Jeff K,

John F, Michael H, and David D back into the bears.

We have two new members from Waco: Darrel B and Michael C. Garreth actually met them at the Bear Bust in January (it was Michael's birthday--Happy Birthday, Michael), and they are a couple of nice guys. They have a house and a boat in Waco and have invited the bears up for a party sometime, so, look forward to a road trip to Waco when the weather warms up!

OUT-OF-TOWN EVENTS

February 15-19
International Bear Rendezvous
Bears of San Francisco
San Francisco, CA
www.bosf.org

March 1-4
Let Us Entertain You Weekend

Houston Council of Clubs
www.lueyweekend.com

March 29-April 1
Texas Bear Roundup VI
"A Bear Odyssey"
Dallas Bears
www.dallasbears.org

BEAR BITS...

ALBAAT Ink Cartridge Fund-raiser – The HOTBears have decided to try a recycling/fundraising idea. Most of us have inkjet printers, so it should be easy to do and does not cost anything. We can get \$1 for each empty ink cartridge we collect from a company called ALBATT. So far, we have not set up any bins anywhere for dropping off your used inkjet printer cartridges. If you have used ink cartridges, please bring them to any Club event or drop the Club an email and we'll figure out a way to collect them. If you have a good place to put a collection bin, please let us know. Tell your friends and coworkers about it and get them to donate their cartridges too. It beats sending them

needlessly to the landfill and it puts a few dollars in our hands for Club expenses.

Bears in the Kitchen– Do you have any favorite recipes suitable for bears? Please send them in via email or USPS and we will compile them for sharing. We may even put out a Bear cookbook. Every bear enjoys good eats so dig up those recipes and send them in!

Bears at the Rodeo!—A memBear, Tom S., is interested in getting a bunch of folks together and going to see the hunky Toby Keith when he performs at the Austin Rodeo, on Wednesday, March 7th at 7:00 PM. The tickets should be somewhere

between \$20 and \$18 ... the more folks we can get together, the more of a price break (on the handling charges) we'll get. If you're interested in attending please contact Tom S. by e-mail at TeddyBearBaron@yahoo.com or by phone at 512.302.5083. Please contact him by Friday February 16, 2001. Yee Haw!

Bears in the Damron Guide—The HOT Bears will appear in the upcoming edition of the well known Damron Guide.



February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 Bear Breakfast Fran's, 6412 Cameron Road, 10 am
4	5	6	7	8 Bar crawl 'Bout Time, 9601 North IH-35, 7 pm	9	10 Celluloid Night at Marcus & Ed's, 7pm
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 IBR Feb 15 -19.	16	17 Jamie and Glenn anniv Party, 7 pm
18	19 President's Day	20	21	22 BNO Romeo's, 1500 Barton Springs Road, 7 pm	23	24 Bears and Dogs in the Park McKinney State Park, Noon
25	26	27	28			

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