



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From The President's Desk

When I was a kid growing up in the East I used to look forward to the month of September for a couple of reasons—it was my birthday month and I knew that summer was headed out and the vibrancy of fall, with its splendid color show, was soon upon us. Now, after last year's catastrophic events in New York and Washington, I can't look forward to September in the same way. It's a time of

reflection on how different the world has become in just one year! I hope you'll take a moment out of your busy day and remember September 11, what it all meant, and how it changed your life.

For the Bears this month, we have quite a few activities that I'm sure will please a variety of tastes. We have a planned trip to Tow, Texas to visit Falls Creek Winery. And

then I thought I'd kick off what will hopefully be known as "Pasta Sundays" (see calendar for details)—perhaps having it on a quarterly basis of just kicking back, having some pasta, conversation, libations and fun. After all, isn't that what this Club is supposed to be about?

Also, I have to compliment Chuck Dunn and Kirk Lammert for putting

together the article about the Texas Council of Clubs—a group of some 15 Clubs located in Texas that support and promote Buzzard's Peak—a private campground organized and run for the enjoyments of all the club members. If you love to camp (with a tent that is!) then this is must reading.

Bud

Bears Day Out — a tour of Fall Creek Vineyards

When: Saturday, September 7th, 10:00 am
Where: Austin Diner
5408 Burnet Road
Followed by: a day trip to Tow, Texas

We had over 30 Bears at our August breakfast and it just seemed we were adding table after table as more guys came in to enjoy the friendship.

This month, a trip to Fall

Creek Winery will begin right after breakfast. Tours begin at noon.

Directions: take 183 North to 29 West to 261 North. At Bluffton go North on Rt. 16 into Tow.

The winery is 2.2 miles north of the post office and there will be signs. It's about a one and a half hour drive.

Visit the winery's web site for a map (www.fcw.com).

Bear Beer Bust

When: Sunday, September 8th, 4 – 8pm
Where: Chain Drive
504 Willow Rd.

Once again the beer bust proves to be popular with the Bears.

Last month we had nearly 25 members participate. We

still need more bartenders so log on to the website learn2serve.com and take the test. We'll be happy to put you behind the bar!



Bear Bar Crawl

When: Friday, September 13th, 7pm
Where: Oil Can Harry's
4th & Colorado

Yes, you read that right! The Bears and the preppies — that ought to scare the hell out of the disco dummies but you never know — we just might

stir their chili!



Birthday Bears — September

Carl F.....9/8
Allan D.....9/12
Karl G.....9/12

Bud M.....9/12
Kirk L.....9/15
Jesse P.....9/17

Ed H.....9/18
Lee T.....9/20
Leonard S.....9/21

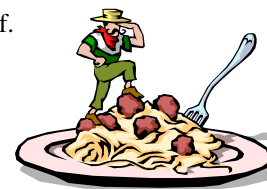
Jack Landers 9/26
Mike Hall..... 9/29

Bears Night Out – Tree House Italian Grill

When: Thursday, September 26th, 7pm
Where: Tree House Italian Grill
2201 College Street

With 30 members voting last month at BNO, this family-owned Italian restaurant won out. Todd Kinney says it's the best Italian for the bucks he's been to in this city — and that's saying something for a former San Franciscan!

Oltorf.



Tree House is located on the corner of Congress and Live Oak, one block north of

Pasta Sunday at Bud's

When: Sunday, September 22nd, 2 – 5pm
Where: Bud' House

President Bud is kicking off what he hopes to be a quarterly event by serving three different kinds of pasta, bread and salad. Members are requested to bring their favorite sauce (can be heated quickly) and their favorite drink. Choose any of the pastas, throw your sauce over it and grub down!

Kirk's Birthday and New Housewarming Pool Party!

When: Saturday, September 14th, 4pm – ?
Where: Kirk and Max's new house in Temple

Our Treasurer, Kirk, will be celebrating his birthday and his and Max's new home and they promise it will be a fun time.

Food and drinks will be appreciated but they ask that no gifts be purchased as "we have all the stuff we need!"



What is the Texas Conference of Clubs (TCC) ?

It's come to the attention of the current board that some of our members don't know that the Heart Of Texas Bears belong to a statewide organization called the Texas Conference of Clubs (TCC), or if they do, they don't know what that means to them. I hope to clarify this in some small way by this article.

From the Texas Conference of Clubs website, the purpose of the organization is to "promote the brotherhood of motorcycling, leather-levi and Western culture, and to encourage asset sharing by the various member clubs." Maybe you don't feel that we're included in that statement, but trust me, we are.

The major benefit that we get from being a member of the TCC is access to what is known as the Landsite, or Buzzard's Peak. This is a 31-acre landsite with some developed space that can be

used for club events, camping runs, or just to go camp for a while. It's a clothing-optional site (yes, you can go camping naked in the woods!!) with modern amenities available such as hot showers, flush toilets, and a fully operational kitchen and walk-in cooler. There is also a covered pavilion called the "Pole Barn" with a functional stage and the list goes on and on. This site was developed and is continuing to be developed and maintained by volunteer labor from the member clubs. Every month, there is a "Activity Weekend" scheduled. This is the weekend where things get done around the site (electricity gets run, grass mowed, weed-eaters run, general clean-up, firewood cut, etc.). However, that doesn't just happen on activity weekends. That is a continuing process. The activity weekends are just the only officially scheduled times.

Runs are hosted out at the site all year round and are posted on the TCC calendar at their website. One of these runs that doesn't get much press and needs to is the LVL/PWA runs in May and September. These runs are set up so that PWA folks and volunteers get the chance to have campout fun when they normally don't due to financial or medical reasons. This run is free to all PWA personnel, \$25.00 for those who would like to volunteer. Included in the run is Friday evening dinner, three meals on Saturday, and Sunday brunch. There are medical personnel onsite for this run as well as availability of an ambulance should that become necessary.

There's a lot going on at the TCC Landsite all year round. Because you're a HOT Bear, you are a member of the TCC as well!

Check out the website and see what you might be missing!

The Texas Conference of Clubs website is:
www.texasconferenceofclubs.com

The LVL/PWA Run web page is:
www.texasconferenceofclubs.com/pwa20011.htm

— Kirk Lammert



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Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar Now

Saturday, September 21st

Gay Day at Six Flags
Arlington.

Friday, September 13th — Sunday, September 15th

Cowtown Leathermen's weekend at Buzzard's Peak for the first 119 people. It's \$75 in advance with **no** sales at the gate. See their website for details:
cowtownleathermen.com.

Sunday, October 13th

Teddy Bear Picnic

Our HOT Bears Quarterly Meeting will be held in the Dick Nichols Park picnic pavilion, 8011 Beckett Rd. in South Austin, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We'll supply the dogs, burgers, buns, plates, cups, forks, and soft drinks — you supply a potluck dish and any other beverage. Pins, T-shirts

and caps will be available for sale and we hope to see as many members as possible.

Saturday, October 5th

Bears Day Out will include a day trip to Fredericksburg for Oktoberfest! Plenty of beer and brats.

Friday, November 8th — Sunday, November 10th

Texas Gay Rodeo Association (TGRA) is in Austin at the Travis County Expo Center. For more information and tickets, call 214-346-2107 or go to www.tgra.org.

Rainbow Skate Nights

When: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, 8 - 10 pm (Sept 11th & 25th this month)

Where: Skate World Northwest, 9514 Anderson Mill 258-8886

For \$6 you can skate your butt off or out! If you have your own skates, bring them; otherwise the \$6 includes rentals of skates.

Proceeds from Skate Nights benefits Austin charities.

Cowbear Steak Night at RCC

When: Thursday, August 15th, 7:00pm

Where: Rainbow Cattle Co. 5th and Lavaca

The best deal in town — only \$5 for a good steak, salad, veggies and a potato. The crowd on a Thursday night increases because of this dinner, so come on down.



More pictures from the
Austin Pride Parade
June 1, 2002



WOOF!

September

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Labor Day</i>	3	4	5	6	7 10a: Bears Day Out
8 4-8p: Bear Bust	9	10	11 8-10p: Rainbow Skate Night	12	13 7p: Bear Bar Crawl at Oil Can Harry's <i>Cowtown Leathermen at Buzzard's Peak</i>	14 4p-?: Kirk's Birthday Party and Housewarming
15 <i>Cowtown Leathermen weekend at Buzzard's Peak</i>	16	17	18	19 7p: Cowbear Steak Night at Rainbow Cattle Company	20	21
22 2-5p: Pasta Sunday at Bud's house	23	24	25 8-10p: Rainbow Skate Night	26 7p: Bears Night Out at Tree House Italian Grill (2201 College St)	27	28
29	30					

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