



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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The President's Corner

What can I say - but it has been an UNBELIEVABLE month!

Two very good activities happened this month.

First a group met at ASA and did a ton of clean-up. We trimmed trees - dug flowerbeds - rakes leave - swept the parking lot and had a great time.

Thank you Marcus for organizing this effort. We will plan another one in January to do some planting. If you know of anyone that will donate plants please let us know. We want plants that do not require much work. There were just a few of us - hopefully next time we will have more volunteers. This was a way to show ASA that we really do appreciate them letting us use their building for our quarterly meetings.

Then we had the UnRun. Thank you to Ed Burselson and John Cowart for their work and chairmen of the events. And an even bigger "thank you" to their hubbies for supporting them. Thank you to Steve Rison for hosting the private party at your house on Friday night. I also want to thank Jack Landers and Mike Hall for helping to get the printing for the events. There are so many others to thank

also. Just know you are all part of making a great weekend event. Also to all the sponsors - THANK YOU!

We had officers from the surrounding Bear Clubs to be on the judging panel. They were all impressed with the work we had done. We also got praises from the attendees for having a good relaxed weekend event. They all liked the parties at member's houses. That gave everything a personal touch. The pictures on the web site tell the story - lots of smiling faces.

I also want to thank 'bout Time and Chain Drive for their support. Hope you will have us back next year!!!

And there will be a next year!!! The board met last week for a de-briefing and we will do this again next year.

Again THANK YOU to all those involved with the weekend. It would not of happened with out your support.

The one thing I really want every one to know is that this event was completed with lots of teamwork and lots meetings and dedication. There was no drama -we all worked together. That does not happen in all the clubs or even in our work environments. WE should all

be very proud of that! The other clubs noticed. We have a request from a group in the coastal area that wants us to help them set up a club - The Coastal Bears Club. That speaks very highly of our club.

For those of you that did not make any of the weekend events - you missed a great time. We had guys from all over Texas and several other states. I hope next year we can count on your attendance and support.

We have lots of events scheduled for December. Please see the schedule!

And last but not least - I want to thank the board members for all the work they did to make the UnRun and H.O.T. Bear Contest a big success! Relax for a few days - then we get started again!

Have a Happy and Safe Holidays!

*Leonard Schlueter
President*



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Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 4

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at *Trudy's North Star Restaurant & Bar*, 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78757, (512) 454-1474. Join us at Trudy's for their great breakfast buffet!

Sunday, December 12

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the Chain Drive (504 Willow Drive, 78701) from 4pm — 8pm. Join the Bears at our home bar for **\$0.50** draft beer.

Thursday, December 16

Bears Night Out dinner will be at *Mangia Pizza*, 3500 Guadalupe, (512) 302-5200. Join the Bears for some great pizza this month at 7p. After dinner we'll walk across the

street and wander down 37th Street to see all of the Christmas lights! Be sure to dress warmly.

Saturday, December 18

Tom Bolt is hosting a Christmas party at his house from 6:30pm — 11:00pm. It's a pot luck party and BYOB.

Sunday, December 19

Holiday Open House at Leonard Schlueter's house. From 2:00pm - 6:00pm. Please bring a snack type food and if you want "hard liquor" please bring that. Soda and punch will be provided.



Volunteer Opportunity

I am personally volunteering every Wed. around 6 p.m. on behalf of the HOT Bears to pick up muffins, pastries and rolls from four Starbucks and Mozart's coffee house in the NW part of town to deliver the following day to ASA food pantry. If anyone else is interested in helping me do this, please call me at 346-9111 — there will be days when I can't because I will be out-of-town on business.

The following locations are donating and are the pick up places:

- Starbucks on Exhibition just south of 35th St.
- Mozarts at the east end of Enfield and Austin Blvd.
- Starbucks at 5th and Lamar
- Starbucks at the corner of San Antonio and Enfield
- Starbucks on Lamar just south of 45th (north of Central Market).

It takes about 45 minutes to pick up the pastries, and ASA opens at 8:30 am to be delivered the following morning.

Bud McMullen

December Birthday Bears

David Davila.....	12/22	Phillip Reese.....	12/21
Rick Davis.....	12/11	Steve Virostko	
Peter Langlois.....	12/18		

A Big Thank You for a wonderful UnRun and HOT Bear Contest!

The annual Mr. HOT Bear Contest, in my opinion, was a huge success. This year we added three new awards. In addition to Mr. HOT Bear, we included Mr. HOT Grizzly Bear, Mr. HOT Polar Bear and Mr. HOT Bear Cub. And we raised over \$1000 in 30 minutes for Doug's House.

We had fourteen contestants this year, double the entries of last year. AND... the Chain Drive reached capacity 10 minutes before the contest started! If you attended the contest, you know what that was like! Congratulations to all the contestants....you were fantastic!

And a big congrats to our winners:

- Mr. HOT Bear** – Shannon Landry of Austin
- Mr. HOT Grizzly Bear** – Peter Reid of Austin
- Mr. HOT Polar Bear** – Rick Davis of Austin (aka Gretchen Clinton Schmellen of Cuero)
- Mr. HOT Bear Cub** – Pooch D'Angelo of Austin.

I would like to thank Donald and the entire staff of

the Chain Drive for allowing us to hold our contest at The Chain Drive. I would also like to thank all the members who signed up for the Contest Committees. Each and every member of the committees was on time and very effective in getting things set up and

Worth, San Antonio and Houston, were very gracious and focused on their task at hand.

I would also like to thank Rick Davis for, once again, serving as a very effective Backstage Manager. His guidance and patience with the



Shannon, Pooch, Peter, and Rick

removed very quickly! It wouldn't have happened as smoothly without you! The judges, Former Mr. HOT Bears, Thomas Brabandt and James Daniher, along with our guest judges, Officers and members from Dallas, Ft.

contestants did not go unnoticed.

Mr. HOT Bear 2003-2004, Steve Cronin, was extremely helpful to me all through the entire weekend. And thanks Steve for getting us a real stage! What an improvement!

The contest, part of the first ever HOT Bear UnRun, was a huge success. I feel the UnRun as a whole was just as big a success. That is why I have to congratulate my co-chairman of the UnRun, Ed Burleson. Ed handled all aspects of the weekend that took place outside the Chain Drive, while I handled everything at the Chain Drive.

I want to also thank our sponsors: TapeLenders Video, The Leather Chest, Dr. Chocolate, Lobo Austin, Chain Drive and our newest sponsor, Bannonmedia.com!

Our monthly Beer Bust was held on Sunday Nov. 14th from 2-6 pm. A big turn out was expected...and they were there! Thank you to the Central Texas Boys of Leather for providing great burgers and fixins during the Beer Bust!

I hope you had the chance to attend all or some of the events. It was a big success!

Thank you for making my job a little easier!!

John Cowart
Chairman, Mr. HOT Bear Contest
Co-Chairman, HOT Bear UnRun

December

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<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 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast (Trudy's North Star, 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, 78757 512.454.1474)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 4-8p: Bear Bust Chain Drive 504 Willow Street Austin, TX 78701	13	14	15	16 7p: Bears Night Out Mangia Pizza 3500 Guadalupe Austin, TX, 78705 (512.302.5200) After BNO: Tour Lights on 37 ½ St.	17	18 6:30-11p: Christmas Party at Tom B's.
19 2-6p: Holiday Open House at Leonard's.	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	1 New Years Day

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