



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the Desk of the President



You know, I was going to start this letter with a greeting to our happy campers but I figure Peter Reid has it covered. Then I was going to make some outlandish statement on God's wrath but we had lunch and she said that sending hurricanes into populated areas wasn't really her department. Seems there is a squabble in Parks and Recreations, something about painted rocks and an ego maniac.

I did live in New Orleans back in the early eighties; why I am still alive is still a great mystery. Great mysteries isn't her department either. I was out of control back then but I did take time out to fall madly in love with that city. It was strange to see a dead body on the news just blocks from where I lived near City Park. New Orleans is a city of intense moments and I have sights, sounds and smells etched in my mind forever. I know where Monkey Hill is, I have ridden the bus that takes you to the Cemeteries instead of a street, I always checked out the driver before boarding. I survived Full Moon Madness at Jewels Tavern on Decatur and, visiting a friend at Mercy Hospital, I saw KS lesions on a young mans face for the first time. There is magic in that city but watch out for broken glass.

I know the next time I go back it will be very different; I also pray Disney doesn't get their hands on it. If I was in charge of rebuilding New Orleans the first person I would beg to help me would be Teresa Heinz Kerry and then I would ask a dollar from every person that did something out of the norm on those streets during Mari Gras. I wonder about some of the faces I remember, but I don't worry about old friends, they all died a long time ago in another disaster.

Laissez les bon temp roulez! Which means "Let the Good Times Roll"!

Hugs,
Ed Burleson



Welcome to Back to the Woods Oct. 7 - 9

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The Heart Of Texas Bears presents

The 2nd Annual

H.O.T. Bears

UnRun & Contest

November 11-13, 2005

Friday Nov. 11 - Registration @ Chain Drive
- Bear Party - TBA

Saturday Nov. 12 - Mr. HOT Bear Contest
10:30 pm @ Chain Drive

Sunday Nov. 13 - Farewell Party
& Beer Bust @ Chain Drive
2-6 pm

More
Information
Coming
Soon



The Most POPULAR
Bear Event in
Central Texas!

Upcoming Events

September 30 — October 8

aGLIFF. The 18th annual Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival will be held at the Arbor Theatre from the 30th through October 8th. With a large and diverse selection of films and shorts, there is something for everyone. Some of our favorite HOT Bear "Dive-In" movies were first shown at the film festival. Visit www.aGLIFF.org for details.

Saturday, October 1

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!

October 7 — 9

Back to the Woods... A HOT Bears run at Buzzards' Peak. The HOT Bears will be hosting a run at the TCC Landsite at Buzzards' Peak near Cameron, Texas. Three days and two nights camping under the stars with Bears in the woods. \$110 cash at the gate. All food, drink, entertainment, and a run pin included. For more information, please email: bttw@HeartOfTexasBears.org

October 7 — 9

The Leather Knights of Dallas are hosting a run called Camelot XII. This three day run is a fundraiser and will be held at the Dallas Eagle and Club Dallas. There will be shows, games, food, and lots of fun in the three day schedule. Visit www.L LeatherKnights.org for more information. For an application contact info@HeartOfTexasBears.org.

Sunday, October 9

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the Chain Drive (504 Willow Drive, Austin, TX 78701) from 4pm — 8pm. Join the Bears at our home bar for \$0.50 draft beer. Come on down and end your weekend enjoying

the afternoon with your Bear Brothers. If you're driving back from the landsite after "Back to the Woods" and don't quite want the fun to end, drop by the Chain Drive and share more fellowship with the Bears!

Friday, October 14

Bear Bar Crawl. Join the Bears for an evening downtown at **Charlie's** (1301 Lavaca, Austin, TX 78701 — 13th Street and Lavaca). Come out and relax with the Bears after a long, hard work week! Charlie's has a \$3 cover on Friday nights until 8pm (then it's \$7), but they have \$1 well drinks and beer. It's been a long time since the Bears visited Charlie's. Let's go have some fun there!

Saturday, October 15

Bear Breakfast at 10am at **Austin Diner**, 5408 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78756, (512) 467-9552. We decided to have a 2nd Bear Breakfast in the month. Join us for some great breakfast cooking!

Wednesday, October 19

Bear Coffee. Last month we had about a dozen Bears show up at **Spider House** for a nice evening of coffee, snacks, and conversation. This month we'll try **Ruta Maya** on South Congress (3601 S. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78704). They are located at **Penn Field** and offer a selection of food, teas, specialty drinks, and, of course, gourmet coffee. We'll see you there at 7pm.

Sunday, October 23 — HOT Bear Quarterly Business Meeting

This quarter's business meeting will be held at Marcus and Ed's house. The afternoon events start at **1pm** with a "Closing the Pool Party." Bring your swim trunks and a towel. The Club will provide burgers and hot dogs. Please bring a potluck dish and something to drink. At **3pm** we'll have the business meeting.

And, no, the meeting will not be held *in* the pool!

Thursday, October 27

Bears Night Out dinner this month is south at the **Texican Café**. They are located at 11940 Manchaca Road, Austin, TX 78748. They serve a fusion of Texan and Mexican foods. It's an "El Paso style" Tex-Mex. Join us there for dinner at 7pm.

Saturday, November 5

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!

Friday, November 11 — Sunday, November 13

Join us for the 2nd Annual **UnRun** weekend and **Mr. HOT Bear Contest**. Last year's *UnEvent* was *UnBelievable*! We raised over \$1,000 for charity during the Mr. HOT Bear Contest and the Chain Drive was *packed*! This year promises to be equally entertaining, starting with a special Friday night Bear Party. Details to follow. Check the website for updates.

Sunday, November 20

Dessert Contest at Bud's. Bud is hosting another fun dessert party / contest at his house from 1pm — 4pm. The last one was for Valentine's in 2004 and was *rich*. Bring a homemade dessert for the contest. There will be a judging and Bud will present the winner with two tickets to any Zach Scott performance. This party is open to members and guests but only current dues-paying members can qualify to win the prize. All desserts must be homemade and Bud requests, that in order for it to be a truly deserving contest, there are at least 15 entries.

October Birthday Bears

Sam G.....	10/1	Gary W. McLeod.....	10/20
James McKenney	10/3	Ed Casler	10/21
Tom Leger	10/8	James Maxwell	10/21
Kevin Bourque.....	10/15	David Davila	10/22
Max Schubert.....	10/15	Joel Christie.....	10/29
Ray Hayworth.....	10/17	Chuck Dunn.....	10/30
Steve Klinger.....	10/18	Robert Sanchez.....	10/31
Ted Dittrick.....	10/19		

Quarterly Meeting
Sunday, Oct 23!





The View from Buzzards' Peak

Welcome to Back to the Woods!

Welcome

I am glad you made it to the Landsite. We have a great weekend planned with of entertainment, cocktail parties, and food. Contained in this issue of Bear Briefs is a run schedule of event. I hope you will participate in as many as you like. A good run is only as good as the attendees that make it. The myriads of volunteers who have prepared the site for your enjoyment have only set the scene. It is now up to you to make it your own. Beware! If I see you not having fun, then I will personally call you out and get you involved.

Be Yourself

The TCC landsite is a place where you can be yourself. In the outside world, there is discrimination, anger, and mistrust. Within these gates, it is open to all people. Run naked through the campground! Yodel at the moon while wearing a dress! Or go off and clear your head and meditate on Buzzards' Peak. Walk while embracing your partner and stare at the stars above. Check out the compound for fellowship. All is possible in this magical place.

Who is here?

We have attendees from all over the State and a few from farther away. Many are from other member clubs. In addition to The HOT Bears, we have members of Trinity River Bears, Cowtown Leathermen, The Bad Boys, Austin Gay Nudists, Lonestar Leathermen, Firedancers, TCC Independents, and others. About 50% of attendees are folks who have never been to TCC Landsite before ("Landsite Virgins!"). So, while you are here, introduce yourself and make a new friend.

The TCC regulars

There are the regulars here as well. Hal and Jim will be cooking Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday. Jim is the guy with the impressive white beard. Past permanent residents of the landsite, they are regulars attendees and cook at a many of the

runs. They live locally, so if you need anything, just ask them. Another long time resident of the campground is Diane. Past Vice Chairman of TCC, she participates in most of the runs. Ask Diane to share some stories of past runs and the early days of the landsite. She is one of most open-minded people I have ever known and has a long established history with alternative lifestyles here in Texas. She truly has gone her own way. You will also meet Danny, current TCC Chairman. His partner Todd is doing the music for the weekend. Danny is also a long time member of TCC and will no doubt give us a greeting and participate in as many games as he is able. Bo and his partner are in the "Taj Mahal" above the Pole Barn. No doubt that Bo will be dressed in his cowboy boots & pink thong or an outrageous outfit for his cocktail party or while attending Saturday dinner. His campsite has more colored lamé than a dress for Aretha Franklin! You will meet David Parker at check-in. Current Treasurer of TCC, he is the owner of *Bricks II* in Houston. If you find yourself in a game of Dominoes with him, watch out! — he is fierce! Dan Murdock is ex-military and will be policing the place for trash and emptying the large garbage cans all through out the weekend. As a strong member of Land Management, he knows where things are and can answer most of your questions when it comes to this place. He was part of the early group of folks who started TCC over 20 years ago.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE TCC LANDSITE, STAYS AT THE LANDSITE!

While here, you will see things that might be unexpected or not part of the "normal" world outside our gates. Give room to people who are enjoying themselves— or ask join in on the silliness. Exercise some discretion after the weekend is over. Take home some good memories and tell your friends the kind of time you had— but leave out some of the details (and names) and let their imagination fill them in. Curiosity is good— and perhaps it will motivate them to attend Lonestar, Back to the Woods, or another run next year!

Again, Welcome to the HOT Bears: Back to the Woods. Our first run at the TCC Landsite is going to be a blast!

WOOF!

Peter Reid
Back to the Woods Chairman
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H.O.T. BEARS - BACK TO THE WOODS

We have a great weekend planned for you!

• Friday •

- Noon Registration opens at the entrance.
- Noon Cocktail Party Welcome at the registration desk.
- 5pm Dinner serve yourself subs and drinks from the walk-in. available until it runs out...
- 8pm Registration closes late arrivals see Peter
- 8:30pm Opening Ceremonies in the Pole Barn.
- 9pm Cocktail Party by Austin Gay Nudists
- 10pm Cocktail Party by Lonestar Leathermen

• Saturday •

- 7am Early Risers coffee and self-serve breakfast
- 8am Registration Opens by the kitchen
- 9am Morning music
- 9am HOT Bear Breakfast
- 10am Announcements
- 11am Cocktail Party
- 11am Flinging Shoes (Horseshoes) meet at the fire pit
- 11am Crochet in the Woods meet at the flagpoles
- 11am Domino Tournament meet in the pole barn
- 11:30am Ball Swinger meet in the field
- 12:30pm HOT Bear Lunch
- 2pm Cocktail Party
- 2pm Flinging Shoes finals
- 2pm Crochet finals
- 2pm Domino Tournament finals
- 2pm How Many Can You Fit? meet in the field
- 3pm They Do WHAT in the Woods? meet in the field
- 4pm Campsite judging
- 4:30pm Cocktail Party
- 6:30pm Cocktail Party by Miss Lonestar '03 and Miss Lonestar '05. at the TajMahal
- 7pm HOT Bears in the Woods Dinner
- 9pm HOT Bear Show in the PoleBarn- bring your own chair, dress in your underwear!
- 10:30pm Cocktail Party by Heart of Texas Bears

• Sunday •

- 7am Early Risers coffee and self serve breakfast in the kitchen
- 9am Morning Music
- 9:00am HOT Bear Breakfast
- 10:30am Closing Ceremony & Awards in the Pole Barn

October

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>* Sunday October 23 - Quarterly H.O.T. Bear Membership Meeting: 3PM at Marcus Montemayor & Ed Burleson's home</p> <p>HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH</p> <p>"Closing The Pool Party" at Marcus & Ed's starting at 1PM. Bring your swim trunks and a towel. Please bring pot luck; burgers and hot dogs will be provided.</p>						<p>1 aGLIFF 2005 Bound By Desire 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast Trudy's North Star 8820 Burnet Road Austin, 78757 (512) 454-1474</p>
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<p>9 HOT Bears Back To The Woods @ TCC 4-8p: Bear Bust The Chain Drive 504 Willow Street Austin, TX 78701 (512) 480-9017</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 TCC LVL PWA 5-7p: Bear Bar Crawl Charlies 1301 Lavaca Austin, TX 78701 (512) 474-6481</p>	<p>15 TCC LVL PWA 10a: Bear Breakfast Austin Diner 5408 Burnet Road Austin, TX, 78756 (512) 467-9552</p>
<p>16 TCC LVL PWA</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 7p: Bear Coffee Ruta Maya 3601 S. Congress Ave Austin, TX 78704 (512) 707-9637</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 TCC Discipline Corps Retreat</p>	<p>22 TCC Discipline Corps Retreat</p>
<p>23 1p: "Closing The Pool Party" at Marcus & Ed's FEATURING: 3p: Quarterly Membership Mtg.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7p: Bears Night Out Texican Café – South 11940 Manchaca Rd. Austin, TX, 78748 (512) 282-9094</p>	<p>28 TCC Activity Weekend</p>	<p>29 TCC Activity Weekend 1p: TCC Fall Mtg. TCC Landsite</p>
<p>30 Daylight Saving Time Ends TCC Activity Weekend</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>View the latest calendar information for this month and future months on the HOT Bears web site</p>				

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