



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the Desk of the President



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season, attended lots of parties and sales. Marcus and I figured that when the Christmas party was in full swing we had about eighty Bears in the house. At some point during the party I stood off by myself and observed the crowd. I am amazed at the talent, intelligence and wit this group possesses as a collective. And of course I am impressed no one got "shanked", slapped or scratched. I did get one report of a pushy guest and I've said it before guys, No means no and if someone is so socially retarded that they do not understand that, then you are not going to hurt their feeling's by telling them to "fuck off". Or, say "thank you for the attention but I am not interested until this rash clears up, I do hope its not contagious". What ever it takes. You can tell me about it and I can talk to the person in question but just think how empowering it would be to yawn in the persons face and say "you bore me".

It is all about respect. I personally feel that if we respected each other just a little bit more cell phones would be banned from the road ways, you could stop a movie and tell the person behind you in a theatre that you paid for the entire seat and that includes the back that they are tap dancing on and mothers

would removed that wailing demon to the parking lot until such demon realizes that it is not acceptable to make peoples ear's bleed. Oh, don't get me started.

And here I wanted to write a nice little column about the new year, new beginnings, the direction we are going in the Club. We do have a quarterly meeting coming up and we have discussed involving more members, streamlining some operations and just making the Club better.

And I hope many of you will make plans to be at the TCC quarterly meeting, yours truly is running for Landsite management as is Peter Reid and Steve Klinger is running for Chairman of TCC. Plus we'll find out if we have the go ahead on our meditation garden plan. Being a member of the Texas Conference of Clubs is one of the perks of being a member of the HOT Bears and if you have not been to Buzzards' Peak your missing out on a part of your membership. Hopefully this freakishly warm weather will hold out because I am planning to spend the night when I go up and the HOT Bears is going to fix supper for the group that night.

So, Happy New Year, I hope this will be the best one ever for us all! And a special happy birthday greeting to Steve Rison, I love you buddy.

Hugs,
Ed Burlison



January Birthday Bears

Steve Rison.....	1/2	Gary Rogers.....	1/23
Robert Logan	1/13	Ron Sheaffer	1/24
Peter Reid	1/19	Michael Rowley.....	1/25
Lance Blankenship.....	1/22	Don Hill.....	1/30
Robert Lightner.....	1/23		

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Quarterly Business Meeting **Sunday** **January 8**

Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 7

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, January 8

The **HOT Bears Quarterly Business Meeting** will be at 1pm at the *Austin History Center*. The History Center is downtown at 9th and Guadalupe. We held our meetings here a few years ago, and now we're going back again. Join us, hear about upcoming club events, and share your ideas! Remember... it's **your** club. Bear Beer Bust will follow the meeting at the Chain Drive.

Sunday, January 8

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.

Wednesday, January 18

Bear Coffee. Join your Bear Brothers for some friendship and caffeine downtown this month. We're going to *Little City* on Congress (916 Congress Ave, Austin, 78701, 512-476-2489). See you at 7pm.

Thursday, January 26

We're going south this month for our Bears Night Out dinner. This month we're going to *Marco Polo* for some Chinese food. They are located on the IH-35 frontage road at Oltorf (2200 South IH-35, Austin, 78704, 512-445-5563). Join us there for dinner at 7pm.

Saturday, January 28

Bear Movie Night. Peter Reid is hosting a movie night this month at his apartment complex clubhouse. Bring along a pot-luck item and/or something to drink (BYOB). Snuggle up with your Bear friends for a good movie. The fun starts at 7pm!

Saturday, February 4

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at *Trudy's North Star Restaurant & Bar*.

Sunday, February 12

Monthly **Bear Beer Bust** at the Chain .



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January

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Years Day TCC Fire & Ice	2	3	4	5	6	7 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast Trudy's North Star, 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, 78757 512.454.1474
8 1p: Quarterly Membership Meeting at Austin History Center 4-8p: Bear Bust The Chain Drive 504 Willow Street Austin, TX 78701 512.480.9017	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 7p: Bear Coffee Little City Espresso Bar & Café 916 Congress Ave. Austin, TX 78701 (512) 476-2489	19	20 TCC Activity Weekend	21 TCC Activity Weekend 1p: TCC Winter Mtg. TCC Landsite
22 TCC Activity Weekend	23	24	25	26 7p: Bears Night Out Marco Polo 2200 S. I-H 35 Austin, TX, 78704 (512) 445-5563	27	28 7p: Bear Movie Night Peter Reid's Home
29	30	31	Austin History Center - 810 Guadalupe Street (9th & Guadalupe), Austin, TX 78701 (512) 974-7480 View the latest calendar information for this month and future months on the HOT Bears web site			

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