



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the President's Desk



This has been a very different Summer so far. Canoeing on the French Broad River in Asheville, NC., waking to thunder storm on Galveston Bay, the sky and bay the same color gray except during a flash of lightening. Watching fog roll over Twin Peaks in San Francisco and realizing I am going to be so cold in my shorts and tee shirt.

Spending time with one of my oldest and dearest friends and hearing of the death of one taken to soon, an old flame calling my name in The Castro and the sense of relief that after 12 years we had a private moment and the hug was pretty wonderful. There was always so much to say and the years fly by in a blur.

Just at a time when for whatever reasons I was feeling a sadness I got the gift of seeing many friends and getting to hear their laughter. I saw many wondrous sites on my journeys and it all has restored my sense of

well being. What made me sad and hurt my feelings no longer matters.

With a Tubing trip and the Summer Splash party and with a Beer Bust thrown in for good measure I am back to my old self but with a twist; I now have ever more memories and stories to tell.

Whit and Michael, Seth and Hector, Chris and Richard, Tom, David, Denny and Garry, Harry, Steve and Peter - thank for being there and sharing your wonderful souls.

Now, we have so much to do as a Club. Back to The Woods 2 planning, adding food at The Cock Pit, I could rattle on and on.

I did realize on my different journeys, Austin is home and I could not have found a better partner . I love our life together.

As I look over this, Woodrow and Poquito snore out their approval as only a 'Spawn of Satan' variety of Pug can.

Hugs,
Ed Burlison

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Dive-In Movie

Saturday, August 26th at 3:30pm

Grab your towel, sunscreen & a beach or lawn chair and head on over to Joseph Smith & Tom Strauch's place for a Dive-in Movie Pool Party in their big saltwater pool. Beer, food, fur & a funny movie are on the menu! Please bring a potluck dish to share with your bear brethren and let's end the summer with a splash & a laugh!

August Birthday Bears

Harry Boudreaux.....8/4
David Jackson.....8/4
John Kilman8/6
Ferenc Kopolyay8/16
Jon Miller.....8/19
Rene Thomas.....8/24
Bob Preston8/28

Bear's Day Out Adventure — Saturday, August 5th

Everyone into the Pool!

Saturday, August 5th at 1 pm

After breakfast today [wait an hour - you don't want cramps], let's all meet at the Barton Springs Pool for a refreshing afternoon dip. For adults, it's only \$3 and it's always about 68 degrees! What a way to cool off! Food and drinks are not allowed inside the pool area but a concession stand is right

nearby. An old-fashioned bath house/changing room is available with shower. Pool floats are welcome! Come on in, down the stairs and head left to the deeper end for some outdoor fun & frolic! Parking for Barton Springs Pool is located in Zilker Park off Riverside Dr. about. halfway between Mo-Pac and Lamar Blvd.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 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! And afterwards, go dive into Barton Springs! See Page 1 for the details.

Sunday, August 13

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the Chain Drive (504 Willow Drive, Austin, TX 78701) from **5pm — 9pm**. Join the Bears for **\$0.50** draft beer. Come on down and end your weekend enjoying the afternoon with your Bear Brothers.

Saturday, August 19

Bear Breakfast at 10am at **Austin Diner**, 5408 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78756, (512) 467-9552. This "2nd breakfast" for the month has become pretty popular. Join us for some great breakfast cooking and lots of Bear Brotherhood!

Friday — Sunday, August 18 – 20

TCC Activity Weekend. Come up to the TCC Landsite at Buzzards' Peak, camp out, and help with projects. It's a great weekend get-away and you can help improve the landsite.

Wednesday, August 23

Bear Coffee. Join your Bear Brothers for some friendship, fun, and caffeine. This month we are going uptown to **Central Market North**, located at 4001 N Lamar. Their phone number is (512) 206-1000. Central Market North has a coffee bar, as well as great groceries. Enjoy a cup of java and plan your next dinner party! See you there at 7pm.

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menu! Please bring a potluck dish to share with your bear brethren and let's end the summer with a splash & a laugh!

Sunday, August 27

HOT Bear Fur Frenzy. Join us from **5pm — 9pm** at **The Cockpit Club** (2nd and San Jacinto, formerly Dicks Deja Disco). This is a new event, at a new bar, and we're excited about it. There was quite a turnout last month! We'll be serving beer on the back patio with plenty of Bear Brotherhood!

Thursday, August 31

Bears Night Out dinner will be at **Buffet Palace**, 1012 W. Anderson Lane, (512) 458-2999. Join the Bears for some great Asian Buffet cooking this month at 7pm.

Saturday, September 2

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

Lube Wrestling Event

Your tireless secretary would like to apologize for missing a few "HOT Bear Happenings" in July. Sometimes keeping up with you bears is a full-time job! Thank the hairy gods, I have more and more help as we have a Communications Committee off the ground. Some of you might have received an e-mail from "CommBear" — which is the committee's e-mail address — as this great group of guys is helping me answer general questions from potential and existing members. I have a couple of things I would like for you to consider. First, if you feel a need or (ill-advised?) desire to volunteer some of your time to support the H.O.T. Bears, please consider volunteering to serve on one of these committees that are forming to support the elected officers. There is someplace for you, I promise!

Second, if you feel that you are missing e-mails from the club, please contact me at info@HeartOfTexasBears.org. More than likely, the e-mail address is bouncing for one reason or another. There have been some delivery issues on our end, and sometimes a telephone number doesn't work so I can't get in touch with you. We're moving into what looks like a fun busy time in the ol' bear calendar, and I truly don't want anyone to miss out.

Thank you and sorry about the scintillating sound-byte of a title; I just wanted to make sure I had your attention!

Hugs,

— Mickey Ferguson

— HOT Bear Secretary

New Mem-Bears Welcomed

Food was catered. Chairs & flowers were arranged. Photo albums were displayed. Name tags were printed & worn. No, this was not the latest fabulous gay display at the downtown Convention Center. Instead, it was the New Member Social held at the home of one of our long-standing members, Bud McMullen.

In the afternoon heat of Sunday, July 30th, Bud, a long-time H.O.T. Bear and former board member, opened his home for a small casual soirée designed to bring the newest members of our brotherhood together to meet & greet the board members and each other.

According to the records kept by our secretary, Mickey Ferguson, we have had 56 new members join The Heart of Texas Bears over the last year. A good number of them showed up that afternoon to get out of the heat and enjoy some light snacks & beverages, listen to and meet our board members personally and

generally get to know one another in a different setting.

This was Bud's brainchild and he worked with the board and our Social Director, John Snyder, to get everyone invited and everything organized. Everyone got a chance to speak and introduce themselves with fun little ice-breaker games and a couple of bears even won some door prizes - some sexy new t-shirts and boxers from TapeLenders.

Afterward, most everyone headed on down to The Cockpit for our monthly Fur Frenzy, where our president, Ed Bursleson, grilled up some hamburgers as the draft beer flowed. Smiles on everyone's faces assured us that our new and current members had a great time! The board would like to extend big bear hugs & thanks to Bud for his efforts to make our club more like our family.

— John Snyder, Social Director

The View from



TO DO LIST:

- Get tent out of storage
- Test air mattress
- Check flashlights
- Polish boots

• **SIGN UP FOR BACK 2 THE WOODS 2**

Back to the Woods was filled with memorable moments. There are too many images to fit on these pages, but among what is here: Opening ceremonies, field games, contests, cocktail parties, tent city, odd sightings, Bruno's behind, camaraderie, candlelight dinner, the wine served by a french maid, The Big Show, body painting, The Sacred Dance, closing ceremonies. **We are well over 1/3 full** at the time of this writing. If you want to attend Back 2 the Woods 2, go online to heartoftexasbears.org and sign up as soon as you are able. We would hate for you to miss it!

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August

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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13 5-9p: Bear Bust The Chain Drive 504 Willow Street Austin, TX 78701 (512) 480-9017	14	15	16 7:30p: HOT Board Meeting – North	17	18 TCC Activity Weekend	19 TCC Activity Weekend 10a: 2nd Breakfast Austin Diner 5408 Burnet Road Austin, TX, 78756 (512) 467-9552
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