



# Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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## From the President's Desk



### Happy 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary HOT Bears!

I have been a member for seven of these years and an officer for four and a half years. I have enjoyed each office and term, except for that forty-five minutes in 2000 and don't get me started on that six hour meeting up at Buzzards Peak. I have seen a lot of changes, most of them good and I have seen changes in people, again, most of them good. During this time only one member has died and many friends are now spread out across the country. People come and go, friends last forever. A handful of guys have decided the Bears weren't for them and a few left angry and hurt, I wish them all the best. We are a social group of like minded people, not a Drama Club. I really hate using that word because I have learned when I see it, the people using it are the drama generators of the universe. I will now wash out my eyes before continuing.

There.

We have a lot going on this month and one of my all time favorite events is right around the corner...TOGA! As a grown-up I didn't think I liked dressing up in costumes until I moved to Austin, now I fear there is an entire closet of "stuff". One year I thought my purple striped Toga was the deal, until I saw the pictures and

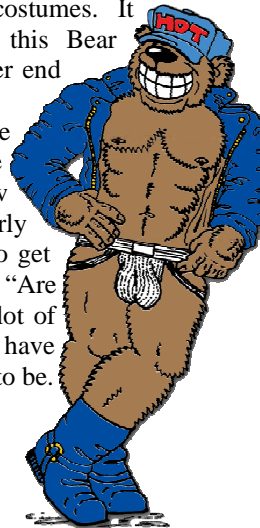
realized it was see-through when my picture was taken and before it was bumped up a month I am sure I looked like a Roman Smurf because I was so cold in my skimpy garb. Toga is one of those events that we, as a Club, are invited too and there is always a great cross section of people to meet and get to know. Steve Rison does his part in keeping Austin Weird, thank you Steve!

As I write this I am trying to type with one hand and pack with the other and I look forward to regaling everyone with stories of a wild TBRU.

TBRU, Toga, The Clubs 9th Anniversary, The Easter Show with the Austin Baptist Women...speaking of costumes. It goes on and on. Will this Bear agenda in Wooferton ever end I ask you? I hope not.

I do know for me personally when we have the elections of the new officers at this quarterly meeting it will be nice to get in the back seat and yell "Are we there yet"? I have a lot of fun within this Club and have hopes that the best is yet to be.

Hugs,  
Ed Burleson



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**Sunday, April 1st!**  
**Quarterly Business Meeting**  
**and Officer Elections - see page 2**

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

The **HOT Bears Quarterly Business Meeting** will be at **1pm** at the **Wyndham Garden Hotel – Austin** (formerly named The Woodward Hotel). The Wyndham Garden is located on I-35 at the Woodward exit. Their address is 3401 South I-35 (78741) and their phone number is 512-448-2444. They are a HOT Bears sponsor and are providing us a meeting room for our Quarterly Meetings. Join us, hear about upcoming club events, share your ideas, and **vote** for your next HOT Bear Board! Remember, it's **your** club. Bear Beer Bust will follow the meeting at the Chain Drive.

### Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

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

### Saturday, April 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, April 8

Bear Beer Bust is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday this month because the **Austin Baptist Women** are putting on their **Easter Show** at the Rainbow Cattle Company on the second Sunday! Their annual charitable event, "**GospelFest**," starts at 8pm. It's a benefit for TGRA and the Texas Rodeo

which will be held in Austin this September. You don't want to miss it. There will even be a surprise performance by some HOT Bears... the "**Oso-Premes!**"

### Monday, April 9

**Rainbow Rollerskating** A monthly rollerskating event for the Austin gay and lesbian community. Held at Skate World, 9514 Anderson Mill Road, Austin, 78729 (512) 258-8886. You can rent skates or bring your own. Additional donations that night go to charity. Visit **main.org/rainbowskate** for details.

### Wednesday, April 11

**Bear Coffee!** Join your Bear Brothers for some friendship, fun, and caffeine. This month we're going to **Café Caffeine**. They are located on West Mary. Join us at 7pm! (909 West Mary St., Austin, 78704 512-447-9473).

### Saturday, April 14

Steve's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual **Toga Party**. **Steve Rison** has graciously invited all of the Bears to attend the party. Bring your toga, a potluck and something to drink (if you don't want beer). Keg beer provided. The festivities begin at 7pm. *Don't miss it!*

### Saturday, April 21

The Heart of Texas Bears' 9th Anniversary Party!! This year's party is at the **Chain Drive**. We'll have catered food, drink specials, and more. The fun starts at 6pm. Don't be late!

### Thursday, April 26

Bears Night Out dinner this month is a buffet! Bears love buffets! We're headed

to **China Star**. It's located at Hwy 290 at IH-35. Their address is 6134 E Highway 290, Austin, 512-706-4545. Hope to see you there at 7pm (*Bear Time*).

### Friday — Sunday, April 27 — 29

**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 to improve the landsite and enjoy some time in the woods with some great guys. If you do not want to camp, stay in the bunkhouse or TCC Trailer.

### Saturday, April 28

2nd Bear Breakfast at 10am at **Austin Diner**, 5408 Burnet Road, Austin 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!

### Saturday, April 28

**Eeyore's Birthday Party!** An Austin tradition for years. This is the 44<sup>th</sup> annual party in Pease Park. A group of Bears went together last year and had lots of fun. Visit **eeyores.sexton.com** for details.

### Sunday, April 29

**HOT Bear Fur Frenzy**. Join us from **4pm — 8pm** at **The Cockpit Club** (2nd and San Jacinto). We'll be serving 50¢ beer on the back patio with plenty of Bear Brotherhood.

### Saturday, May 5

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

## April Birthday Bears

William Braddock .....	4/2	John Snyder.....	4/19
James Patterson .....	4/6	Jerry Evans .....	4/24
Mickey Ferguson .....	4/17	Kevin Baab .....	4/30

# Anniversary Party!

The Heart of Texas Bears is celebrating its 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2007 beginning at 6pm.

We are inviting other bear clubs from around Texas to join us in our celebration.

After considering several options, the Officers have decided to host a party at our home bar, Chain Drive. The Club is purchasing catered BBQ (several meats) and is asking you to pay a minimal amount for the meal. Plus, the Chain Drive will be having drink specials all night long and the HOT Bears will be having raffles, prizes and awards throughout the night.

Mark your calendars now!! Don't miss this huge party and celebration!





## The View from Buzzards' Peak



### We are making a lot of improvements on the TCC Landsite.

I am happy to report that WiFi is going to be in and working by Lonestar. Lobo and Lee have been working with Hal to get the system up and running. All of the materials for this have been financed by donations, along with labor provided by many other members of TCC. On-going costs will be met through a combination of user fees and donations.

We have planted about 200 saplings. As some of you may know, we have a serious problem with blight killing our older oak trees. To insure a forest, members have planted over 200 saplings of various blight resistant trees. It will take three to seven years for these to become evident, but planning now will ensure a green future. TCC has also received a donation of 10 crepe myrtle trees by PWA Holiday Charities. They have also donated a large oleander bush planted as a memorial for one of their members. Placements of these will be around field perimeter and kitchen area, providing some flowering color in season to be enjoyed by all.

The TCC Trailer is getting a facelift. On the exterior, we have already repaired and replaced the deck and improved the steps. We have added a small roof covering for the front door (for rain), as well as a small shelf for a small bar. The entire trailer will get a new coat of paint. Landscaping with native plants will also make it a more inviting place to stay. For the interior, we have a new mattress and new carpeting. We will paint the inside and give it a good cleaning. Again, this will be ready by Lonestar.

A day camping fee kiosk has been installed near the front. The HOT Bears donated 70% of the materials; others donated the rest. Eric and I built the structure. Tom, Harry, and Ed are working on a collection box and hope to have it ready for installation soon. The kiosk will also have the various TCC policies posted for day camping. It was deemed an important thing to have to help protect TCC from lawsuits arising from any unfortunate accident that might arise. Unfortunately, we live in litigious times. It would be horrible if a lawsuit shut the campground down- or even worse, we lose the land.

With new construction happening all over Milam County, new driving directions to the landsite are being created. Complete with photos of landmarks, the new instructions will aid new visitors to the landsite find their way.

A plan is in place to add another, small, bathroom and outdoor shower back in the Compound area. It is being funded by member donations. It is hoped that it will provide some relief to the overburdened toilets and showers already installed. Anyone

who camps out in this area is going to appreciate a toilet that is an easier walk- especially late at night.

Activity Weekend for this month is April 27-29th. Come on up and enjoy the wildflowers in bloom, warm evenings, and the potluck dinner on Saturday. It's free to any HOT Bear members and their guests.

I encourage you all to get up to the landsite for events or a quiet weekend away. It is your facility and one of the great advantages to being a member of the HOT Bears. For additional information, go here: [TexasConferenceOfClubs.com](http://TexasConferenceOfClubs.com) or email me: [flyfish\\_peter@yahoo.com](mailto:flyfish_peter@yahoo.com). Please put "TCC" in the subject line.

*Woof & Peace.*

— Peter

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>1p: Quarterly Membership Meeting / Annual Elections: Wyndham Garden Hotel</b> <b>4-8p: Bear Bust The Chain Drive</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>7:30p: HOT Board Meeting – North</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast</b> Trudy's North Star, 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, TX, 78757 (512) 454-1474
<b>8</b> Easter Sunday <b>8p: Gospelfest 2007 - Austin</b> <b>Babtist Women</b> <b>Rainbow Cattle Company</b>	<b>9</b> <b>8p-11p: Rainbow Skate</b> Skate World Austin 9514 Anderson Mill Rd. Austin, TX 78729 (512) 258-8886 (Rink Info)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>7p: Bear Coffee</b> Café Caffeine 909 W. Mary St. Austin, TX 78704 (512) 447-9473	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>TOGA XII</b> <b>Grayrock South</b> <b>Steve Rison</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Discipline Corps / TCC</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Discipline Corps / TCC</b> <b>6p-10p: HOT Bears 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> <b>The Chain Drive</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Discipline Corps / TCC</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>7p: Bears Night Out</b> China Star 6134 E. Hwy 290 Austin, TX, 78723 (512) 706-4545	<b>27</b> <b>TCC Activity Weekend</b>	<b>28</b> <b>TCC Activity Weekend</b> <b>1p: TCC Spring Mtg</b> <b>10a: 2nd Breakfast</b> <b>Austin Diner</b> <b>11a-Dark: Eeyore's Birthday Party</b>
<b>29</b> <b>TCC Activity Weekend</b> <b>4p-8p: Fur Frenzy</b> <b>The Cockpit</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>The Wyndham Garden Hotel</b> 3401 S. I-35 (S. I-35 & Woodward St.), Austin, TX 78741 (512) 448-2444 <b>Eeyore's Birthday Party – Pease Park</b> – 1100 Kingsbury, Austin, TX, 78705 NO PARKING - SEE WEB <b>Rainbow Cattle Company</b> – 305 W. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, TX, 78701 (512) 472-5288 <b>Austin Diner</b> – 5408 Burnet Road, Austin, TX, 78756 (512) 467-9552 <b>Chain Drive</b> – 504 Willow Street, Austin, TX, 78701 (512) 480-9017 <b>The Cockpit</b> – 113 San Jacinto, Austin, TX, 78701 (512) 457-8010				

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