



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the President's Den



Welcome to the dog days of summer. By now, the rain will have stopped and we will have moved onto diving in the pool, floating down a river, or swimming in Lake Travis.

Last month, Bud hosted a new members social. As each of the 25 new members introduced themselves, I was struck by the diversity of our membership. Among the new members, we have: a 19 year old musician, a well traveled artist, a married man with well-traveled children, a business man, a retail worker, a student, some new to Austin, some old time residents, some from neighboring towns. Diversity in our club adds strength and I welcome each and every new member and whatever contribution they wish to make—however large or small.

After the new members social, Ed and Marcus hosted a Dive In Movie. For those who are not familiar, a "Dive In Movie" involves setting up a large screen outside so that

members can sit in the pool while watching a funny film while sipping beer. To me, this is one of the things our club does best: Members open up their homes, and invite the club over. Indeed, by the time you get this issue of the Bear Briefs, Steve will have had his annual Summer Splash, we will be gearing up for a campout and toobing at Gary and Denny's, Bud will be setting up for his Ice Cream Social, another dive in movie will be in the works, Leonard will be getting ready for his housewarming party, Lee will have his book release party, and we will be gearing up for the Rodeo in September. Adding our beer busts, dinner, breakfasts, coffees, there are so many events that it's hard to get to them all. However, I hope to see many of you there.

Old and new members, along with their guests, all getting along and enjoying each other's camaraderie and respecting each other's diversity is the mark of a great bear club. Thanks to all of you who make it happen!

As always, email with concerns, comments or suggestions to keep it going.

-Peter

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Old Fasioned Ice Cream Social

What better way to face the hot days of summer than slurping down a good old-fashioned ice cream specialty banana splits, sundaes topped with whipped cream and a cherry, ice cream sodas, root beer floats, and, for you East Coasters, real chocolate egg creams?

Mark your calendar for Bud's
YOU SCREAM FOR MY ICE CREAM

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SOCIAL on Sunday, August 26, 2007 from 2:00-5:00pm at Bud's house.

Here's the deal: guests are asked to bring a pint of their favorite ice cream and Bud will supply the dishes, spoons, scoops, napkins, toppings, sprinkles, hot fudge, caramel, whipped cream and cherries!! If you have an ice cream maker, make a batch ready for eating!



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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, August 1

HOT Bear Board Meeting. Join the officers for their monthly board meeting at 7:30pm. Your input will help make the Club better!

Saturday, August 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!

Friday, August 10

Guerilla Queer Bar. Go to www.smokingbanana.com to find out when and where the next "invasion" takes place and what the uniform will be for that takeover.

Saturday, August 11

Guadalupe Tubing! With all of the rain earlier this summer, the tubing trip has been rescheduled to his weekend! Come join us for a tubing trip down the Guadalupe river starting at 11am. But wait! Gary & Denny have invited the HOT Bears to camp at their homestead on Friday and Saturday nights. **Please see** the article below for more information and a schedule.

Sunday, August 12

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.

Friday — Sunday, August 17 — 19

Activity Weekend at the TCC Landsite. At 1pm on Saturday the TCC Summer Meeting will be held in the pole barn.

Saturday, August 18

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!

Wednesday, August 22

Coffee With Da' Bears! Join your Bear Brothers for some friendship, fun, and caffeine (Note: caffeine optional). This month we are meeting at **It's A Grind**, located on 620 at Anderson Mill Road. They offer some tasty snacks and exciting coffee drinks. See you there at 7pm. There number is (512) 918-8500.

Saturday, August 25

Join Lee and John for a Book Release party; 8-11pm. No book buying required. Just fun! Liquid refreshment will be on hand. Bring your favorite dish and come have a blast! See the article on the next page, and your Member's Only calendar for details.

Sunday, August 26

Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social. From 2pm to 5pm. See the article on page one and your Member's Only calendar for details.

Thursday, August 30

Bears Night Out dinner this month is south. We're headed to **Cannoli Joe's**. It's Italian and it's a **buffet!** Ya gotta love that. See you there at 7pm (Bear Time). [4715 Highway 290 West, Austin, TX, 78745 (512) 892-4444]

Saturday, September 1

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

Saturday, September 8

Housewarming Party at Leonard's house! Games / Movie / Food. Details in the next **Bear Briefs**.

Guadalupe River Tubing — Rescheduled

Come for the tubing trip, come for the weekend, or just stay one night (Friday or Saturday). It's up to you! **Please note** that tubing on the Guadalupe river is a **physically demanding** activity in the hot Texas sun. If you have **any** concerns that you cannot carry yourself, your tube, and any thing else you bring along (such as an ice chest) down the river for the full five hour trip down the river, then we'd prefer that you stay and participate in the Bear Brotherhood with your Brother Bears in the cool of Gary & Denny's air-conditioned home during the afternoon. Tubing not required — y'all can just visit too! Here's our itinerary:

Friday, August 10

Come pitch your tent at Gary & Denny's starting at **2pm** on Friday. We'll have a group potluck dinner at **7:30pm**. BYOB. Stay the night or just come for the potluck.

Saturday August 11

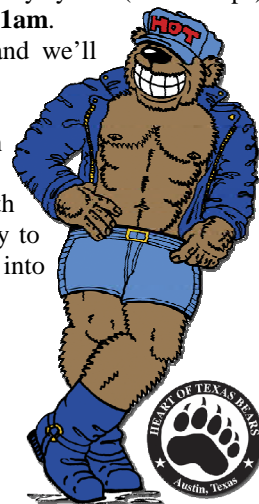
We'll do a group breakfast on Saturday morning starting at **9am**. Bring breakfast foods to cook up and share with everyone.

Gather by **11am** at Gary & Denny's home for tubing on the Guadalupe. There is a **\$10** charge for renting the tubes. Bring sunscreen and drink. Sorry, no glass or polystyrene (coffee cups) on the river. We'll leave for the river at **11am**.

We should return by about **4pm** and we'll have a cookout and bear fellowship.

Sunday August 12

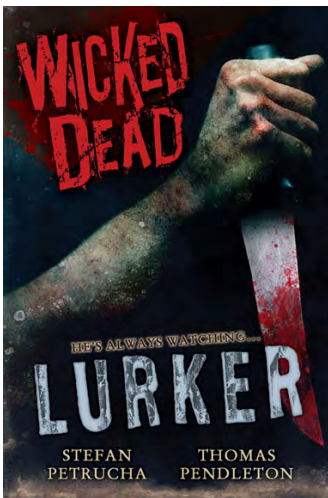
We'll do a group breakfast on Sunday morning. Bring breakfast foods to cook up and share with everyone. With the fuel of a good breakfast, it'll be easy to break camp, pack up, and head back into town for the Bear Beer Bust!



August Birthday Bears

Harry Boudreaux.....8/4	Jon Miller.....8/19
David Jackson.....8/4	Lee Pendleton.....8/21
Jeremy Ernst.....8/12	Douglas Richter.....8/21
Joe Quinn.....8/14	Jeffery Anderson.....8/29
Ferenc Kopolyay.....8/16	Bruce Hamilton.....8/31

Come Celebrate With Lee and John



Saturday, August 25th. 8p-11p

Lee has two novels coming out in August and we are gonna celebrate! It is a book release party — no buying required. Just fun.

Liquid refreshment will be on hand. Bring your favorite pot-luck dish and come have a blast at Lee and John's apartment clubhouse

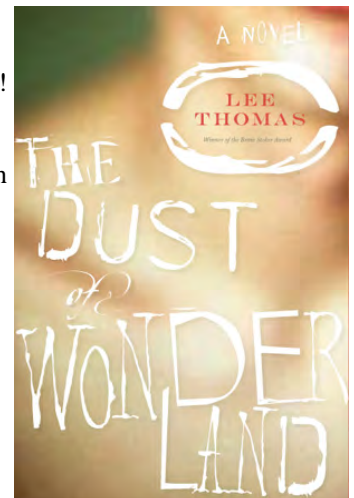
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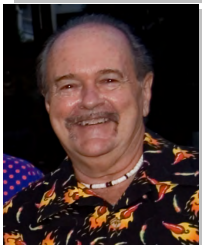
THE AUTHOR

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Hawaiian Shirt Theatre Club



Our Group "The Hawaiian Shirt Club" attending Friday August 17th, 8 P M... I'm not collecting for this performance... just show up with...\$10.....call if you want to get together as a group.....wear a Hawaiian shirt....let's show our solidarity....Thanks Rob Blanchette

The City Theatre Company presents:
HARRY THE HOMELESS HOMOSEXUAL EXPLAINS THE MEANING OF LIFE
a solo play. Written and Performed by Alex Garza.

Set in Austin, Texas, this solo performance tells the story of a gay homeless man named Harold, who constantly struggles to pick himself up from rock-bottom. Garza first created the character for a series of monologues he developed for his 2005 one-man play entitled *PULSE*. In this performance, Garza portrays Harry as well as characters from Harry's life, and incorporates a blend of humor and serious moments to portray the life of a man who has been through hell and back, and despite his constant misfortunes, fights hard to maintain his dignity, and more importantly, his hope.

Dive-In Movie Party



August

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Book Release Party: Lee & John's Please RSVP to jcpdt@yahoo.com Guadalupe Tubing, Gary & Denny's Home			1 7:30p: HOT Board Meeting	2 ACE Wknd	3 ACE Wknd	4 ACE Wknd 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast Trudy's North Star, 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, TX, 78757 (512) 454-1474
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